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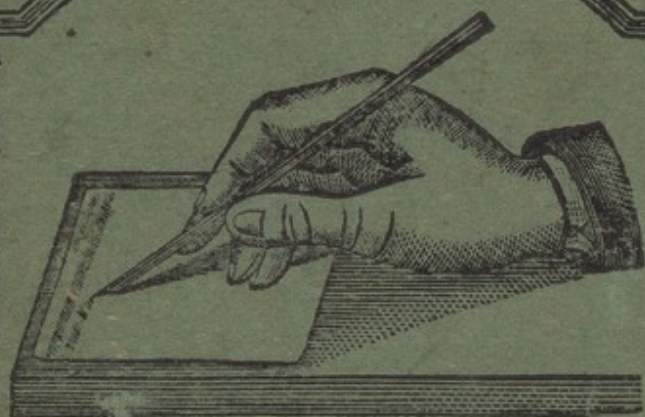
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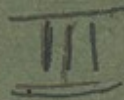
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EXERCISE BOOK



SCHOOL,

Private Diary



WRITTEN BY

J. W. Beach Capt-Rome

Commenced

Finished

S. A. War

May 31. to August 28th. 1900.

1900. Continued from similar green book I (Cont. 2nd)

May 31st 1900. Thursday (cont'd) All machinery huge & fine. It is no joke getting the gold out - it is not fine & you do not see it in the quartz - only small pyrites which glitters like gold. This is a large mine & employs about 8000 hands. It was unusual to see it all idle & quiet. As well as extracting water the pump into the mine and into the workings. Did not reach Hopt^l till after 5 (one man died). Let them off loaded all. Fine Hopt^l electric light. Friend means when finished they gave us some cold meat & bread & butter & tea in the Hopt^l kitchen. A.I. as we had finished nothing since we left breakfast. Croghan went to see his brother's house & office, luckily not looted. Started for camp about 8 from other side of town on Butte road - another block of transport down steep hill, we got lost at first, but were put into right line - passed by the Dev^l then H. S. S. house of 11th Dec^r finally found it about 6 miles out - after 11 hrs got some food & gave some to P. M. also blankets, as the 7th Hopt^l had broken down in the dark some miles behind. Men & baggage about all night - terrible confusion. Dust & mud bath. Very hilly out of town, big drop to camp.

June 1st Friday. Halting. Hard goodness. Croghan & Day rode in ^{to camp} I went later in spider with mot. to arrange about admission of about 20 more out of the Dev^l. Found Hopt^l crowded & men lying about outside & sent off loading. Fixed up for my lot. Lunch at Grand National Hotel - good - clean cloth, etc. Beer 4/6 bottle. Fine town. Down in the Drown - further - suburb on hill. With good villas & roads running along. Like hill above King's R^l at Head. Some shopping after hit most of shops shut & streets pretty empty. Nearly all Germans & Jews - "Only men in ville". Went to Head Club. Very good. Saw Warden's Club near Park Street fine (sports). Back to Hopt^l men all taken in confusion. 11th Dec^r woman behind with F.H. Drift with Pearce Resident M.O. met Kendall Franks - known near Hopt^l not so badly looted as he feared china glass, furniture all gone - but furniture not much.

Wedding party given by the donors gave most of the furniture out of his house. Some fine market gardens near our camp. We departed at only 14 yrs old & railway at 6. Off to name for Pretoria.

Saturday, June 2. In again about mid with C. & M. - lunched in D. room. met Tucker who married C's wife's sister. Very nice chap & more. Gave me a little bit of gold in return after my previous. Shopping, etc. C. & I stayed to dine with them. Jolly evening. Muriel's persuasion of K of K's staff lost his way & came to the lights about 10.30. Quite lost with great relief especially by Tucker & other of the chaps who had had to keep waiting long & felt for him & no. Had a bad time all getting & was threatened with being put over board. Tucker manager for Ekshapen prop. kept back a lot of gold in the plates for the 2. with 2 cleared up 120,000 = his money. Back to camp about 2. Whisky 10 bottles Tucker, Irish.

Sunday. Early start. Long as Tucker had promised to take us over some mines. Not very long, mind, in some of the 1. Pretty camp. edge of the river. But about 1.5. Had a lunch. Not much known about Pretoria as to us. Warm. Very hilly country all about - almost like Devon only more & more. But some gardens about & a good lot of the river. Cold evening.

Sunday, June 4th Happily cold snap this morning early. Early start for Pretoria. Fighting began about 5 miles out. Rows on ridges. no gun or naval gun or 7th Dr. in action near crest of a ridge. Several Coys (15) & baggage etc. thickly massed in road behind Naval gun under cover of the hills. All came for about an hour. Then some got a gun or two to bear on the naval gun & rather over shot it. so that 7 or 8 shells fell bang among the above details. I was away about 1/2 mile on left finding at pos. of our Battⁿ for P.M.O. & I felt the rather pleased at being away from the B.C. It looked as if we had got away & were not to be killed. However only 1 man hit slightly - 1 soldier was wounded, & a hole right through the front corner of his tent was. Between Baker & D. river. Pie's of shell was picked up in the air. You should have seen the details then & scot path down hill. A couple of bullets can make a

Boats had fallen back about 1000 yds to another similar very steep rocky pos. across a very deep ravine. Went down night. no more. suffered for our sheepfold.

Thursday 14. Nearly to shot. stand fast. sick & w. 42 back under Neeron about 3.30 to Distillery shot. no odds. tried first; in pool (small) ev. no good. Cold m. very warm day. Pretty place well watered valley. Hoping head. But hear J. Ham about M. J. have got hold of war pt & Lager.

? Found a bail. Orders out in evening to return.

Friday 15th. Back about 9.30. along main road. not long way we came. Saddle drift near March's farm (fine farm wood) - at Hotel here Neeron had stayed the night till the 42 as no train had come. He left for Victoria by road shortly before we came up. Part some old robes over our old camp & Distillery drift. to camp near top of hill outside first. close to rail. Here we shall be here some time. Cold.

Saturday 16th. Better cold. wind. a sun not out till nearly midday - perished. Mules made road a new last night that I turned out of Aust. about 11 & slept on ground away. Packed tent & got household goods out once more. Must close at 10.20 sent only little card home. wrote Graham about wages on sheep & sent long letter.

asked Capt. Mot. to dinner. he couldn't come as last but we had great spread. Soup, onion beef, potatoes, peas, & peaches & nutmeg. Went in after lunch & got some more hay for men. did some shopping. Tea at Club with Bunt of Lepeland & Phillips. Glad to hear Halloway out of danger. w. night the above. good luck. warm weather back.

Sunday 17th. Very cold. dull. Hard a fine sleep in bed today again. Day in. Bunt coming to lunch. He is now Dimman's Secy. Did not turn up. Dr. apt. walked about a mile near farm to see North & L. & L. - near towards Distillery. Fine day. also J. Ham. Saw spirit & Dimman also new marks at Aust. Hospital (Xy) asked him to dinner. Wet evening. lot of rain stopped after dinner.

Monday 18th. Went station 10.20 see Graham in from job. Saw Che on train for home. Cheble also going soon during with us to night. 2 P.m. from train & J. S. W. art. Saw carriage. shot at by Boer. Close range Neeron spirit near Rhenoster on 14th. perfectly killed high & low. & ces. 2 killed. Hapt Graham wounded, etc.

J. G. Hogben
c/o R.S.O.
Airedale Station
Johannesburg

Remained at the station. Checked the staff. Who was in train at time should be valued. Hunted by bullet. Also J.S. Coy in rail above ditto. Name signed. Says does have taken nearly all the mail. Left 8 photos for the vicarage. back to land. Wrote report for P.M. a nice report. Cough very fit.

Tuesday 19th. Wrote report for P.M. on met and in field. etc. Walked in afternoon. Went to H.Q. P.O. no letters. Have 2 new bags & new gun. Picnic. Also some thousands new coats. Wrote long letter home for mail & sent by post to J. Cheate left the morning.

Wed. 20th. Orders in middle of night to be ready to move at short notice possibly at daybreak. Emergent, arrived at 4! but as there were no orders were not moving. Stayed till about 6.30. Went really did not move at all but no leave to go in. Influence later in afternoon & home & I drove in to see home (Mrs. Wainwright) & I in Vols. H.Q. Love home & met us. Nice chap. St. Marys. Heavy rain night.

Thurs. 21st. Cloudy & cold - moving at 8. to March's drift (about we crossed the other day) - Very cold. Walked most of way. Nice brownie near river. Time of a cast in evening but first not taking. Got wet for my trouble as heavy storm came on about 4.30. & continued till about 9 or 10. Rained a bit more here. Poor bygone! We had left the night before at 6.30. and about 7.30 and

Friday 22nd. Still dull & hunting. P.M. & I walked to Lake Fabrichen stat (Distillery) about 3 miles. I have shown a way, to see about train for road, etc. Found the long unbroken, iron shelter for Waterval. Dared this 'Mark's place' for home ground & woods. Have one Ode probably many on. Saw General in afternoon. He Ode more to Donkerbosch & a. about 5 miles on. ~~the~~ line of hoppers - other Ode & gun, etc. except 1 Ball's remain here. Our shelter material to go with us which looks bad for getting back. Were for Coughy way. Return on Sunday, wait to get to next bus. Have seen de Wet has surrounded to better. Two summer for Both passed this here to day. Have more work to do.

Saturday. 23rd. Across drift along Middlebury Road about 4 1/2 miles to Donkerhoek farm. on slope up to ridge - by kloof sheltered by gravel fern in the Monday figlet. Rail way pass some miles to our left. & Wolmarerum farm (big house mine above) about 1 mile to our left. nice camp. plenty of room - good openings. some trees. P.M.O. & I walked up to Dabakul farm just above. Saw Hollander schoolmistress. neutral. Got leave to drive in to Pretoria to meet Croghan to-morrow.

Sunday. 24th. Left 9.30 in afternoon with Day. met 15th Bde & remainder of Div. crossing drift to new camp near Errol Fabrikken. Saw Robinson & Macdonald. Saw Crooke L. at old camp near P. soil nearly all clear from his & Louis' Hops. Saw bird. Then up to Stat. about 12.30. train just in. C. has brought whisky & cigars. very fit. Lunch at Transvaal Hotel with Crooke. great lunch. Started back about 2.40 for the 15 miles drive having in hand Crook's to come (also Hermy's) Crooke bringing in most of the stuff. we took one car which & the cigars. One very very laggy - blue all night. arrived about 5. cold for last hour. C. etc. of new. hold-jug of train. actual work. And cabinet meat. Francis Russell Japh & ourselves landed troops in clove. Arrived at 9.15. A mail up & a camp set to us. 2 ovs bags destroyed.

Monday. 25th. C. & Her. back about 6.30. as he leaves 10.30. 2 ovs mts. killed & had to be changed. Eventually got off all right. Mail not to night - & we hope in to day. Both De la Rey & Nassau said to be in front of us with about 5000. Coomate that bridge on Delagoa line over escarpment R. reported to be blown up by us. Wrote for mail home. Received mail of May 12 (no 114). So there are missing between thanks to de Wet. Got Shu. & Gram. 3 ltr. mail. B.M.J. 2 alk & 1 ltr. Budget & a Standard. P.M.O. left for Div. 11.20. at E. Fabrik.

Tuesday. 26th. Rode with Day to last Fabrikken to see P.M.O. about 6 miles. but mud was rather worse in front of us. Rode about 3. up to top of ridge in evening very steep rocky & top shabby forest. grand views both ways. Sawly trip Campbell back to Bloem for company hit. to buy my two little boxes. Cold night. Saw a Koenig & a partridge.

Wed. 27th. Fished in morning. no good. Too cold. Day climbed a tree & of quartz, no gold. Went out with gun with Beeson evening, saw nothing. P.M.O. came over. said there was some snuff in Pretoria Road.

Thursday, June 28th. Out with Bevon & Day early after stem-bred about 4 miles near rail way. No luck, but I shot a Korean quail which we saw several. Back to breakfast about 11. About a dozen sheep feed by me two years in kaffee to my right. Not at all plain where Bevon were seen many. Bathed up kaffee in evening. 1st number of Putnam news - China affair, etc.

Friday, 29th. Driest day, cold wind in morning. We have a nice little hut for our kitchen. Several other shacks erected. Washed up kaffee after noon with Sheldrake.

Saturday, 30th. Off 8 am with convey 25 But. to S. Fakhien in ambulances. for 10:30 train. a bit late. got there in about 2.0 pm 18th Dec. with young Robinson. Only 5 ambulances to meet us, so it took 3 journeys. I to David Hark (lands of justice) & one to School House. from good building. City of Hark 300 cases at present. some 600. Mined 3:30 train back. So I returned the 6 men & they stayed about at at with the 20 students. I went to see Proby's new in house with Cummings & others near school house. O. is well with minor but joint. fall for horse. Put me up. great lunch till after 11. Fine job. no carpets. little furniture, but a home. Paper chair in apt. - hear great for made course. great most started. all kinds of animals. especially water pipe, etc. 4 cas. 1 dollar bone 1 rub. 1 other.

Sunday, 1st July. Driest day. Saw men off by 8:30. I went till after noon, so as to see Croghan. I.F. & R.F. & 14 & 66. Back to station - also 30 nurses & some nurses. 2 Gen. Hark. O. no. Wilson round School H. Hark the m. rather pretty. went up to meet C. at 12:30. waited. eventually came in 4:15 with a lot of remotes. I think captured at S. Fakhien here in delay now of the 24 horses in yard. Our train back very late. 5 minutes of 3:30. & delayed at Alto stat. Roadside post 3/4 he should collect at S. Fakhien & then 6 miles down. Very cold. I had with me. & others we came in hand with a mail for 11 Dr. Hark. Drive out Macdonald & a collection. Trip full. Cold night. Paid Day 1/2 he leaves early, to move to go with C. to get 5.

Monday 2nd July. Mail up about 12. rather mixed. only one thing sent.

Teller mail - 1600. London. S. Fakhien. & Ant Ellen all about 31st May. Took home 28th May. Ligan. Lepool 30th.

Sh. & O. am. May 19th & 26th. 2 B.M. May 26th & June 2. (so in mining May 19th). Standard 22 & 29. J. Ellen mail May 26 pm 2.

Post { Pears. War Pitt. May 26. 20 replies. 3 mails. & look as tho' a lot of them had been also destroyed. And had to them. Wrote letter card for mail. remotes.

Tuesday 3rd July. In s. packet to Pienars Pat with 25 more sick for Dr. Picked up another 25 for 18 Dec at S. Fakhien. got the lot in & was met by 10 amb. 6 Dr. F. Y. 4 rd 2. New conductor came.

Old sound about 10. pm.
with v. my & inf'd means to
effect part. in the all and all
to be ready to be at some of them
to stand to see at 6. a.m.
out just killed -
hobby can of it!

The Inf. 7. ones take from lying down. two times great born.
So got whole away one trip. Day Day. leaving to day for J. H.
Did some shopping. Book shall go at that. But can't get it.
I am late as usual more than one hour. Cold young bad.
Took out a lot of mattresses, etc. for P. M. & small Hosp. at
E. Feb.

Wednesday 4th. Lot of fighting in China. Got some stamps.
Went out shooting with Rev. & La. Lar. with
a lot but got no shot. Warm before back to bed. Sack
||| More mail in. missing me of 19th May. Let H. & Dran.
2 sphere & spear. Let. Am. J. L. M. Standard.
Letter from home. 2 boxes of P. for W. Jan. Good by.
Walk up Middlebury Road coming to our adv. pockets. Some
sniping most days. Letter will come.

Thursday 5th. To E. Feb about 9 with 6 bad cases for P. M.
Took. See Mac D. Love & P. M. Hosp. building with
a number of small rooms 3 each. Had case Canadian
sent. all. hit. Int. Def. upped a day or two ago sent
beyond Ont. Clearly chief. They some shattered in the
chance. Did not check but rode off with leg badly
wounded. Could not make home so well. Got another
bullet thru shoulder & another thru the thigh. Horse
3 wounds. Got 1 1/2 miles & was brought in. Let them know
in Pretoria so some one should come at a tale or my get
first thought. Had luck. Can't explain paid at every
day this week. Got it hot. Gas I collected all
the lead in my neighborhood. Very cold, went a
little & then fix me up when name. But before? He.
Only name that calf. don't count. So said. No.
Pal tied a bandage round. Flew man don't go for
any. A ripper. (Lot of running in morning).
Sail about 2. Profit came in. Walk in camp up
Kloof. Miller. On that finished.

Friday 6th. Work at pay last. Writing home letter. Zens
fining at intervals. Mail of about June 7th in 12 am.
No 18 letter. Span. Span & Dran. Letter from Amos to
A. M. Brown. Sent to E. Feb at 2. Back later.
Letter from Jack. (Telegram to Bloem).

Saturday 7th. Sent 25 to P. M. Port for Pret. Saw about
the my bucket then morning

After dinner played hat 7. Work. was 9/- Sunday.
Friday 13. 8 rounds by gun morning. shooting at 5000 yds. at
a level wagon near wood. No news. Afternoon walked up
Down hill again. Saw 5 in gun. 500 yds still. about 1/2 mile
(6 in gun taken 1000 ft) 5 in also old naval pattern. Taken
up. 20 ft. went about 3 feet. Got a lot more shells for
Boreani. Beautiful cold fine every night. good moon just now.
Sharp wind. No word of more.

Saturday 14. Peaceful. No gunning. Walk up Down Koppie after dinner.
Got some snags but Boreani's little camera. but shutter not work.
perfectly & perfectly all sports. Cold - wind. No shot F.H.
after dinner. Sun also there.

Sunday 15. Cold wind. Pay out 1/2. No little bread just above
our camp. Quiet. Walk evening to McVittie's camp then on towards
C. Port.

Monday 16. Mild. 40 rounds for naval guns 8.7ab. at the
Flagpole side C. Port. sent a help alone camp but could not see
the boys then. Took some photos. Up Koppie - evening (photo)
1/2 mile back near Coldwater Koppie - good target. No shot F.H.

Tuesday. Off at 7. with ambulance. to afford aid to M.D. & G.L. detail.
C. Port. Great v. fine - several of yesterday's Liddell's but a few
left. Took out of other side. Fine crops - some photos.
Cand home. At 3 P.M. came out to other side past a lot of pos.

a lot of M.D. went round by right & another lot from
Edendale left. to see if Boreani still in hot. nothing
happened. Left 5. Smiling then moving for left
side of port: evidently cleared. Boreani brought up a gun
by Edendale yesterday & fired 18 rounds. Saw M.L. Liddell.
Looked for place where we tore up rails for gun. Did
not at the top gun. but here it was about 2 miles at
C. Port on inside.

Wed. 18. More sick to C. Port. for Porton 18th Bde. for M.D.
to stay home as mail does not leave till Thursday now.

Peaceful. Up Down hill in evening. to fetch 3 shells I
found there. Brought back 4 very heavy & rough on
the fuzes. Played Pigquet with M.D. after dinner.

Thursday 19th. Strong wind blowing last night woke me
up. Fine morning warm. Great excitement.

Australia M.T. 7 am. can't be true. Chit. "Rec'd
40 fowls - property of 20220.

S^r J. Atkins, Lieut. Colonel

105th M.T. Feet.

God Save the Queen."

Walking to the post.
Held on light. In the middle
This the top of the hill.

Tuesday 24th about 16 miles to Newk horse spirit.
Great memory. Thro. Dorking post along mid. R.D. undulating.
but good trail. Lots wild fowls. Very few houses. Deep soil (mostly)
drift. R. about 2 snaps. Biv. just beyond. French
train of transport. Prob. mail will come at; put to Van
der Merwe state with Lord R's train this morning - good by.

19 miles to immer to Salmond. Plate very large. Many deer.
Wed. 25th. About 12 miles to Rosman's kraal. Started at
6.30 with 2 const. of which for St^h St^h St^h about 5 miles. Found
about 60 or 70 already there waiting at start: under one Hunt
Snap. J. J. Ham. Dev. Bridge just beyond start: badly broken - will
take some time. Welsh Regt (18 Rth) left to guard or work.
Back to old camp then on to atul col. caught then up about
will go this dpt. where they had halted some time. Within
miles & collected 3 sheep. Began to rain as we left & rained
pretty solid all ev. & night. so every one was soaked; &
some poor luggers got no transport in that night. killed a lot
of ven. with a wet.

Thurs. 26th. Orders march 6.30. put off. eventually marched 12.
Short march only about 4 miles to Hart's kraal station. good fowls.
Good deal of looking. I got a very big pig. Good sheep & also
coal pit. Coal about 10 feet - good surface. Good country now.
Orders all changed we are to march about 12 m. to
Duy St^h St^h & hold there. Salmond at a. White in t
be held by 18th Rth. Pick a fortnight. we have naval & sugar
guns M.S. & R.G. with us also Salmond. J. Ham. & Bobs
Then gone back to Pa. from to go down to Free state. Our
mail has not turned up. hear it has been collared. But from
my blooming breeches. Cold day & very raw night.

17th Friday. Start 7 for Duy St^h St^h should have near drift (snaps
& men standing across path) about 7.8 miles, then along line
about 6. Very hilly, undulating, mostly, much brush. Good
farms about. in dly separated. Bought 8 goose eggs at
farm where we halted near line. Found sized at at B. & P.
brand of band. listed & stone. 5 or 6 coal mines in
area quite close. French 6th. Night raw. Deer
very heavy.

28th Saturday. 7. Hark. moving into fine large airy goods shed.
Dev. & 5th staff on. Horses about start. Stone opened
R. not much there got a bottle of chit. See. Some taken
all good stuffs. They left pretty wet on day taking two

Long Term. 1 hour. 20 over. Viljoen was convinced
 said to have plenty of supplies. Near Deneb has occupied
 middle bay, nearly here from 9 hours. Very little wood
 about. Got an engine - no fuel. making some out of
 brother. One all night to Dalmat. also 16 miles a few
 here. Great day in day. got on tent up. Hear it was
 worse than there was a plot at job. to murder the 11 and the
 Racer & seize the same. Hollander & more police. a woman
 split on the shore to an officer. all of which showed out when
 then who say the soldier as they were being asked to the
 that. Her mail gone. But de V. & from up at Deneb
 C. de V. said to be home in. I don't know here
 camp very comfortable. Built little over yesterday. Big
 Sunday. 27 July. Fine morning. Ch. pt. near start. Took snap
 of trolley trucks running between this & Dalmat. 1 Cold
 & 83 Batty left yesterday to day for Dalmat. R. about 12 m.
 further in every thing quiet. Her mail is all in. after mail
 & at mid head. also next one in Pretoria. Went on to look
 mine behind start. nearly full of water. not working in
 hump. Saw two plain gold discs used for 200 m.
 loaded small camera. Very heavy dew night. Saw some
 R. 2. a Swynne. Hunter from Deneb. Dis.
 Monday. 28 July. Fine. no news this morning. Starting here letter
 wrote Jack. Took snap shots of Coyne & trucks. Brown
 came back to M. bay. No sign of mail yet. Walked
 about 3 miles along line in evening.
 Tuesday. 29 July. Mail closes to night. 20 fine long letter.
 2 Cold. left the morning to follow 1st & 1st unit go on
 to M. bay. Off morning that Prieseloo & 5000 hours have
 surrendered at M. bay. Brown went shooting blots
 & at first shot his horse (7 m) bolted & followed the buck.
 & the riding some miles he could not catch it. Part of mail
 in this ev. by trolley train. I got home letter also from morning
 & Craig.
 Wednesday. Aug. 1st. Oole Carew gone in by train to Pre. to con-
 fer with Robt. Took snap of coal mine near them of a lot
 of diesel oil in Ann. Col. camp, they got 6 yesterday. They
 have a jolly nice sport. manner. well organized also a Dayhand
 just like manner but 2nd rather better. They do...
 great experiments in firing bullets, etc. Brown got home back
 found by M. D. Met Col. Hamilton asked him about Os-
 borne now convalescent. He says bridge at Olijfontein
 1. is the biggest in the Transvaal. middle pier quite 80 ft high.

8 bulldozers.
man when I left 3
days. Big part
are I'd think you
to wear the nose.

Gross launched.

The Italian comments were doing the demolitions & they had the case of dynamite wired under the pier, just ready to go off. Got a message R. to handline of cart. f. took McEwen, he gave up by R. the wire. Rode with Gini & took to West End State & mine about 5 m. W. big mine to place about size of this one, pub. etc. Got covered powder & jelly powder.

proven.
Tuesday - 2 in Aug. - Cleaned house & prepared cartridges -
Wrote out to other men half night (approx. 10.30) about 4 nights
afternoon with Mrs. held a day fall at evening. One of the
recent boys he told them was that L. Kelly had come, and that
L. Kelly had gone to Lake Town in a balloon. A m.d. sent was
he wounded this, high about 8 miles N. of Lake in about
1.30. not very bad. Head. Bounded. Cattle. 9th letter
to Mrs. in Bloomington. pretty fine. Her are
on off to-morrow. wrote morning snips.

on off to snow. Wrote morning memo.
Feb. 2nd Aug. Marched 7. Scott, Ravel S. R.R. etc. Leaving
Suez. 3 guns & 8 H.R. behind - to El Jisr R. about 12 n
mile march. got in after 12 n. Cool misty day - crossed road
bridge. (1st own orange R) took snaf. Camped just beyond.
Cold & R.R. etc. about a mile away at Stat. To mid ft
to snow. Fished. No cat d. broke road. Met Schreiber R.R.
has looked about Mill & Gaden. No news

Sat. 4. Day very cold morn. white frost. Off at 7. to Middlebury about 12 miles. warm later dusty long miles. In & long straight place a bit bigger than N. except. Camped other side close to Bridg. Ref. Ch. Frank's Doc here. his son is holding a part of about 30 miles - some 15-20 cows in. about 1000 in M. J. Saw Hunt & Downer - landed with them, wife home. 2 men also Col. Lister R. G. & Kinnel 1st. have good land. 16th co. 1st 2 cold here. brs. near market Sq. Sold by Stat. 1. Out. Hook with Fresh. (M. J.) here. Train with paper trucks up to day. 5 mch. shell this tree killed 3 & w. 5 boxes fragrant scattered. Went to tea. Wall round - some stone pretty casts.

Sunday. 5th. Parade service in church near. Same day went to
Capeland's house near & had a buck. Whel. & burst coming to dinner.
Mail out to night in total so wrote home letter. Sea at Capeland's
house, back round. Great dinner. Soup chicken. Pot de force
Cherry brandy, coffee. Read young about. Spent battle

Monday 6 - Walked round looking for stores - Several good places but pretty well cleared out. Got some matches, candles, salt, meat, mackerel, meal. No bacon, milk, nor jam. Tea with Cape land.

Draw shot at between
clands R & DKH. 1st.
1 man killed. 1 w. 2
horses shot. Shot at
a person who was
killed.

Thinner - No more damage
to be done to the Railway
as I shall want it
for my advance.

old evening. Walk to road bridge. Lyden b. rd. home and get
Tuesday. 7th. Cold biting wind. fine day. Mail up. Some letter of
about July 5. No 22. Also papers, etc. 2 mails. 2 S.p. & D.
22 & 20. Buphar. June 16th. C.S. 2d. mail 30th. Alop.
2 parcels. Beerbury clothes. Letter speaks of parcel from
J. Ma. (not come). Letter from Jack July 19. Standard. 30th.
2 B. M. J's. Walk in apt. & dinner with Sam & Copel.
Wednesday. 8th. Very cold night. Half an mil of ice on Mos basin
in middle of tent & mine outside nearly solid. Stevenson
P. No. 112. up looking round. Papers full of the Dundell C.
interior very pretty ready for C.M. on Gillan Lake Rd. M.C.
who stole some cutting yesterday. Up to state. To see man
cut head - crutch. Train. Butler coming to Hamilton.
More summer in P. in fine state. Black & white of
C.S. Walk in evening. Time to dinner - cold again.
Thursday. 9th. Ice as yesterday. but soon warm after sun
up & hot later. No more for us at present. Lark. Campbell
arr. from Bloomp. brought my tin trunk. also some cloth for
Co. 2 & two cases for me. containing a lot of bundles
shirts, socks, pipe, tobacco, soap. Hal. cab. hand kps
more than we had for 10th. Sister in law - very good.
also a few other things. chocolate. cocoa. etc. also, etc.
Mail out. sent my letter card. as time short &
prob. catch some mail as last. Not a bad place.
very quiet rather pretty. D. Morhead joined Ham. Hosp. today
he was practicing in this place before the war. & as the Doc. asked him
to come mental under Red & he went & was around lady soon 3 mos.
He says the Doc. losses at Colours were 8 K. 17 us. He was also at Helms
etc. He says they lost about 5 DK at Clondelagh & a good many in 6th Jan.
They had very little buttermilk, he only saw me come die. They treated him very
badly. D. & I would give him peace. no food etc. food must which
was plentiful. hardly he had 3 days. soup. from P.M. with alcohol.
but he had to look look at the d. & I would. he wait for us any meat so
considering they were "then" why did you give him meat you d. & I would
so he soon had enough of being treated like a dog & get a pair to Delany
B. Cav. at P.M. are fighting to day & we are ordered to be in
readiness to go out if wanted. about 10 m. out. Butler left Standard
dinner Monday & is working up the bridge. 5. packed up &
Hamilton. Called on Padie to try & get bag of Photo paper, but not in.
walked over to Amos Colours. ~~from~~ Mail of 16th July is around just
going at. Man in over at Capelands after dinner. Forth back
letter from Patricia - could not get any stores. saw my photo of
no Styer.
Friday. 10th. Frost again. not so hard. new cord to come in place of
shoebat. Hear 2 cars. killed yesterday. Got Ray chag. up. May.
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Camera (Jail) sent on
28th or 29th May
direct for Hesper Matthews.

called on father & got leave to use Photo. dark room. Had a formal
round in it great disorder. Took 2 photos of middle bay. 5x4.
new roll beginning no 20. Got home letter & B. M. P. also Pri.
box for S. M. A. mail. envelope. spirit lamp. chocolate. biscuits.
very good of her. Not quite so cold to night. *Smith - sudden.*
Sat. 11th Copeland gone to Pretoria. Strong wind blowing all day &
most of the night also. very dusty. C. M. on Hillam C. P. M. S. for
Hart. Lumber case. filed gently. Had another formal round Photo.
place. found some Kodak & hypo. Paid M. Shookout. Went to tea.
Dellery has given Lanning the book. Got Sh. & Diam. 5th to pay.
after dinner developed 1st of Photos. not bad. 3 fogged. Like
Beaver Co. 7 for Smith. Sol. Pretoria has arrived.
Sunday. 12th Still rather windy. 4 messes arrived last night. also lot of
Hosp. stores. I. wind cold. Went to tea & we had a walk
round. I saw field of Boer women. from Pic. to Belfast yesterday & today
(3 days) sent away in cargo. I plot to be back before. Got Sh. & Diam. 5th to pay.
very cold ev. & night. Like Beaver Co. come on for Pret. camp
alongside us.
Monday. 13th Cap. Macnab back for Pic. bought me a dozen for Payer
for 500 for dinner, etc. Cold wind. Saw P. M. S. G. M. S. has
come to be P. M. S. middle bay & to catch. Stop. 2000 lbs.
no news of my post. Went home for mail. Did some work in
aft. at Photo. Dark room bad. not light. fogged some of the
plates. got some P. O. O. Sent with Smiley & Hamilton.
Tuesday. 14th Cold night. Hot day. Copeland back last night. Lashed
cheque for £100. F. Payer & paid M. & his charged 8 boys.
Went to see water supply. good again for each pit. Tea with
Copeland. Printy some photos. set rather thin. Watched to Stat.
Over to Copeland's after dinner. Mett. & hotel. chas. De Wet
got 1 gun & some weapons. off.
Wed. 15th Half Sect. 4th went on to Pan Stat. to relieve Mr. J.
I am in M. C. other half & am to go daily 9.30. about 12 m.
nly. Saw section over this to day. His people have not been
heard. Got some Lany stuff for Elmer. Up to Stat. to
see & Photo. trace of Boer w. & child. took 2 snaps of a
nice boy. Never boy with people etc (for occasion). Elmer &
Lobe. So the. Will after dinner to him; saw post river; &
also. Forwarded mail letter after dinner. also to S. M. A. Jack
(for Photo. stuff, from a basket) & Longford. has 2 Sen. Pret.
Thursd. 16th Other half Sect. gone on to Pan also. so my ride in van.
Printed some photos. Copeland & Hamilton will write off to
M. M. A. forward to 4th Cav. 8th. Tail of case vol. M. C. denied
with us. Good year for Pretoria. Payer & de Wet had a day's
armistice. Payer asked de Wet to dinner & they had a most festive
evening. Next day at it hammer & tongs again!

The only thing that interest the Port. people now is the plot.
 Fri. Grenadine & 1st coll. came on this evening, also S.A.C.
 Friday 17th. Went on to help Gornley who is fixing Hook. Then taken
 over to Ham. so spent middle of evening & night. More party
 who as the personnel are unwilling & not fit. More party
 2 big full plate near middle of day. A course of mos. for Antel
 French's events looked to day. he's boy very keen. Just
 out of hospital. Very hot day, oppressive. developed another roll
 of film in apt. gave long time with Rodinal. but detail not very
 good. Letter for brother.
 Saturday 18th. Went to see two poor women wounded by Kaffori
 day. Friend came in & though from other (at this) chest 2
 bullet. I tried & pointed the 4 by way of M. by of Colley's lake.
 Dever came in. I took him to the photographer & he got some stuff.
 Very hot. Over to Gornley after dinner. Permit & Friend 18th.
 Left this morning. to am. Wandupate. So coming Sunday.
 We first. If soon now.
 Sunday 19th. Hot. Saw about 70 cases in margines. Don't come
 out. no mail in yet. Painted out about 24. & paper
 yard on to floor. Slaves came in. We are off to morning at
 9.30. Packing up.
 Monday 20th. Marched to Pan. about 12 m. E. 2 Salt 2
 & 2 large guns & C.A. etc. Polly came on train west. Wanda
 fort. Hot road. dusty. monstrous. brown &
 burnt red. Great camp near Stat.
 Tuesday 21. Marched 7. Wanda fort. about 14 m.
 Not so hot. Great. brown d. monstrous. Great camp
 round dry pan. water scarce.
 Saw Guinea & Horpe. Halting here. Nois strong for at
 night. shot 2 yesterday. Pack up.
 Letter for Jack. Home. If + Dran. Buy. Ill. mail.
 (Film 6. Rodinal. Hypo. & carbon. Book for Jack.)
 who put box of trophies all right. Writing letter
 card to him & home. as mail out to m. morning.
 Wednesday 22. Took photos of glass & re-sequenced, but not
 successful. several of them stuck badly & were spoilt.
 Revoir to middle with 11 mil. wall in w. by. stat. to see water
 supply. good but very small. Saw a boy herding cattle. father 4 other
 men. Saw about 3 1/2 m. a. Now he says constantly in a out there.
 Boy at 2 mil. arr. with Dal. F. Hook. Polly, C. & stuff up by evening
 train. Saw Mayall. Tied with shipper weight. two along at 40 lbs.

Got
home
after.

Aft. Belfast with
mo. matches &
current high place
photo - child
etc. Low Tom
under shell fire.

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saw lot of them truly E for his small parties of birds
and on them with his 4.7. making fair shooting. My J. Cat loose
about 4.20. when shells were capped. put up here as usual
4th the advanced. Scots had, & we had many first & am
right. along mountain ridge. No one only about 1000 yds back
across deep valley. We followed up along lower edge of ridge
& bullets came very freely over us, as 1st was hit with
5 in. d. gun. near us. hit the chest below heart with lead
I dropped to & we carried him along. A few & had
a little further. A bullet hit one of our men in the head
Jeffrey bullet nearly spent. did not penetrate far, free
bleeding. 2 9th then brought in & I warned. got the
under cover of big ox waggon & dressed. as Capt. Campbell
was getting dressed, out of panini. they came a bullet
through its side & we found it within. a few minutes
another man nearly hit an bigger panini. Packed up
& returned down down. A bullet hit the ground within
a yard of me so that I was able to pick it up.
him already, getting dark. moved further up a panini
of F. Hook joined us. got a Scots 5 in. d. bullet up the
top of head. bad. brain. I dressed him.
conscious. Another shot the liver (Bren) died after
being hit in. Detached out with 4 amb. now dark
& we got 5 1 Cold. with Hooker. & 5 2 Cold with Hook
Robinson got on with his A.C. & we got all in
about 8.30-9. I did not
Sunday. 27. Started 6.30 with 5 amb. to Stat. at 7
3 1/2 miles with wounded. One man died. 22 altogether
3.1 Cold. 5.2 Cold. 10 Scots. 1 Bren d. 1 Scot d.
Robinson had 1 Bren w. & 1 Cold w. 20 cas.
not so bad. 184 Bde 1 K. 10 W. (1 M. played).
Near 7000 Victor main old powder patch
of mine badly hit pelvis. Took all to racking
Stat. in route for R. by ex left bed over.
Rough to camp near on about 1 mile stopping
2000 then long to us. Should have had
Cold. quite close to us as we returned. Still all
day 20 cas. Took photo of mine & a way they
very well to E. got saw some from then

Hamilton Cav. Hook. camped just above us. moved on after
frigid in Sept. about 3. no more, so had a wash badly wanted.
Better mossy, not as cold. some lightning. Hooker's horse killed by
shell. no other cas.

Tues. day. Aug. 28th. Off 6.30 to Sweet hope. N. went about 2 miles
then halted for long time - for friend to move on his baggage
thru us. then on over a drift. then another long wait till
about 2 o'clock. Baggage train moves. like a snake read
horizon. best ways & curving are used to get round corners
of hills - deep valleys. with logs. Hardly any farm
houses - miles between them. Some fine pine trees in
front of us. Trained on across the more drifts & then to
camp. Picturing Little N. like lower Himalayas.
Oliver captured in F. State. with £25,000. Butler fought
Tuesday & captured them a lot - he is a no right.
Noble shot with him. had a battle time - 19 men 1 off K.
40 w. 35 dead down in one place. machine gun
detachment. June. all K. One chief got gun a bad
or made off. plenty sheep. but was shot. Muzzey of
previous day. evening milder. Want a better badly
now since Wed. 22. Hear friend is at
N. of Macleod's - on Lydney Rd. We to move on there
to-morrow & he is to Waterbury. Hope we keep them.
Picked up long thin chipmunk - large, near old camp. No
more. & French piece of 6 in shell. very thick gate
two inches & very heavy. Mildew down outside.

Wed. 29th. Rev. 4. am. 7.5. 5.0. Did not get up.
Heavy Sept. mist & a little rain. Long hill top of ridge
where friend got lost night. terrible bad descent. other side
baggage empty, drag ropes, worst place seen yet. Very steep
& very rough. Down at deep valley. Fine mountain scenery
rather like lower Himalayas but not wooded. There food
on top - took some shots, bad light & mist. In place
for long time & with pits & ladders. They fled before friend
found ahead of us. his baggage behind. Great cloud
of trumpet & tub. Saw in South. Baller & other
Crew & attack Helix at 11. However. Now off
it & fled. few shells for friend & a little only.
Very steep hill up after valley. at top found a new
dead. No more 17th. off 7.5. full of smoke & a
bit. We buried in Mayall ready service. Down long
hill into fine open valley. Most killed getting down.
Milder along the

next 3 days - from small note book.

Thursday, Aug. 30th 1900.

Early start following cavalry. Lots of halts - finally reached ^{Waterfall Boer} ~~Wet~~ above Waterfall On der. Not much opposition, some sniping from crags opposite. Very deep fall, 1000 feet or more between the two Waterfalls, regular death trap. Kloofs & crags opposite were searched with Shrapnel, also Pom-poms & volleys. but did not affect the solid army snipers. Scenery quite like lower Himalayas.

Approached on Waterfall down heights, gunning continued.

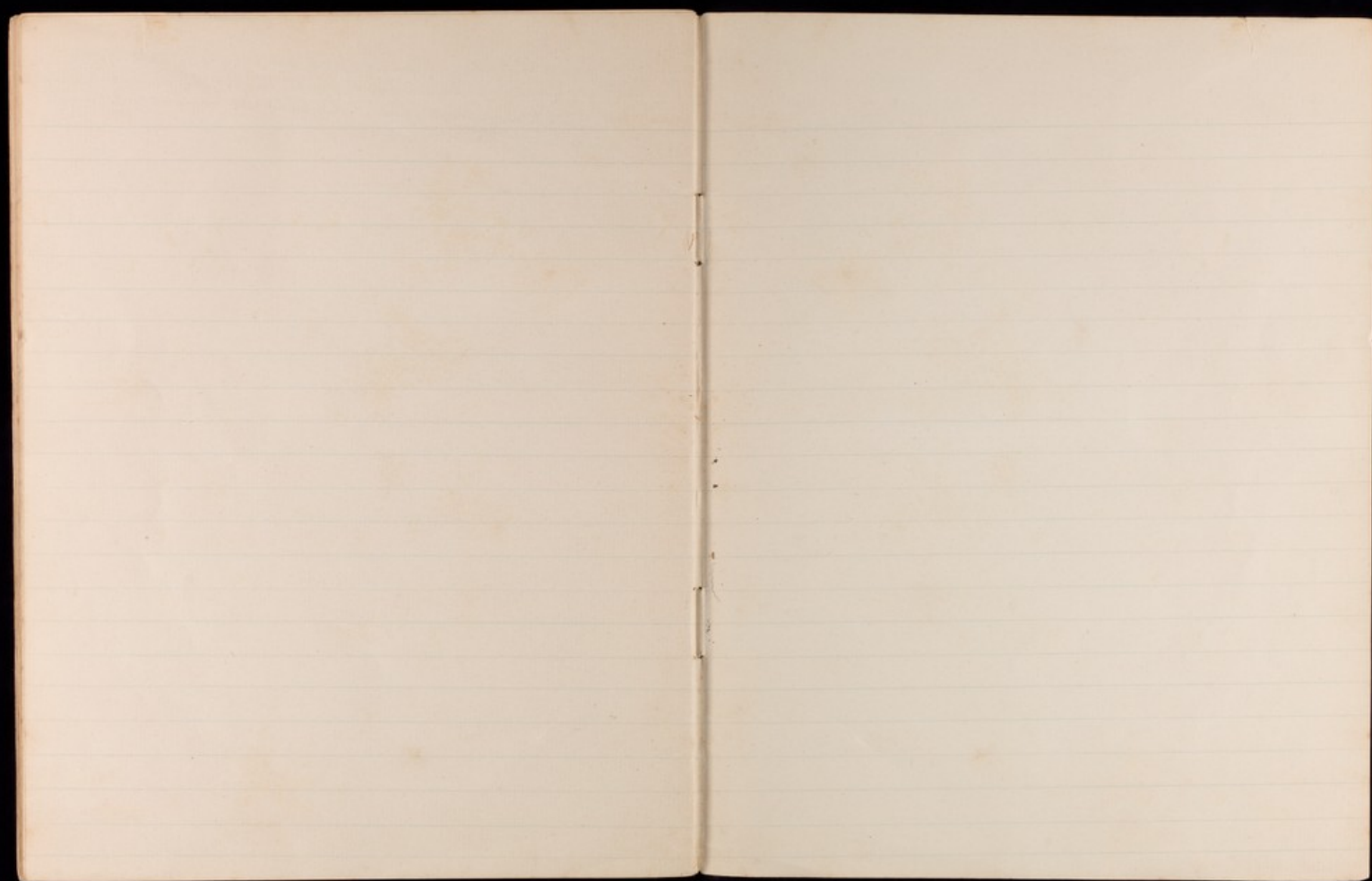
In the afternoon our pris men released from Boer (P.W.).

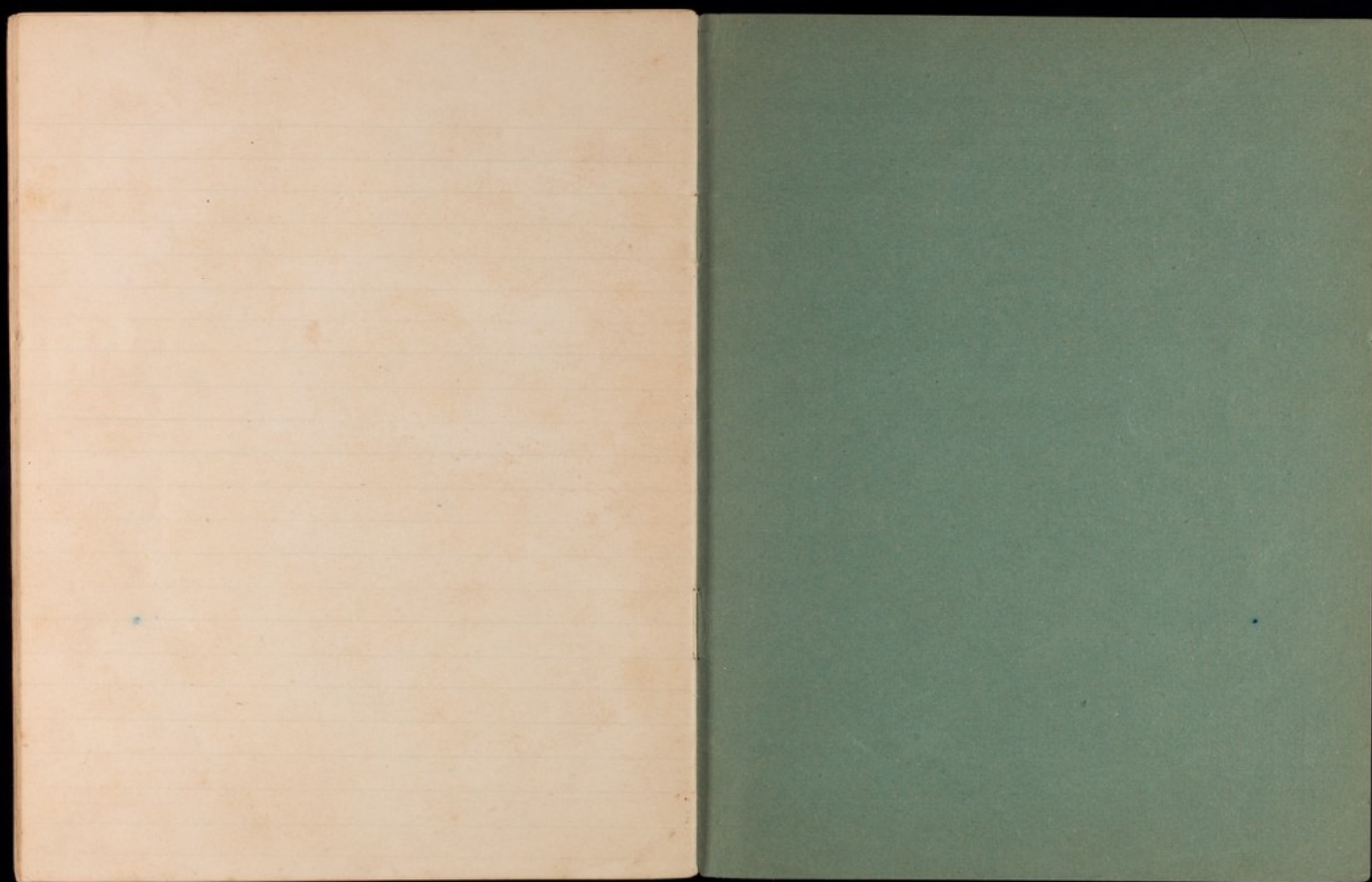
Camp at Kooitzedacht - about 10 miles down the valley, began to come up mountain path from W. Oeder, to the left of so called road - straggling up in a long drawn out line, number about 1800. Camp formed for them about 1 1/2 miles back & rations issued. Very glad to get back, some had been pris men for 10 mos. (Nicholas's kept, hat all). Told us rations at Kooitzedacht for a country Weekly issue - 2 1/2 lbs flour, 2 1/2 lbs mealie meal, meat about 4 oz. & a little coffee. Looked fairly well - but very ragged. They had been moved to h. from Pretoria on our approach to that place.

About 6 pm. P.M.O. (Col Magill) - Crooke Lawless ^(1000 ft) self accompanying, started out with a party to go down the steep track & help any stragglers or weak. We got more or less lost on the kind of blundered about - but did not find any. Got back mid night, dog-tired - no dinner but got some bread & cheese with Crooke's.

Friday, Aug 31st - Halting. Got a halt, first for a week & clothes washed. Rode after French with a message from Magill. French trekking back to Machododorp & Belfast. About 11 am Magill came to them Co 2

→ said that Gen. Buller had sent orders that the Beers
Coy (9th to 16th) should go down to the P. W. Camp at X. to get
the sick prisoners of war, who had not been able to walk
away with the rest.





ARITHMETICAL TABLES.

Numeration Table.

Units	...	1
Tens	...	10
Hundreds	...	100
Thousands	...	1,000
Tens of Thousands	...	10,000
Hundreds of Thousands	...	100,000
Millions	...	1,000,000
Tens of Millions	...	10,000,000
Hundreds of Millions	...	100,000,000

Sterling Money Table.

4 Farthings	...	1 Penny
12 Pence	...	1 Shilling
20 Shillings	...	1 Pound
2 Shillings & Sixpence	...	1 Half-Crown
5 Shillings	...	1 Crown
5 Shillings	...	1 Half-Sovereign
20 Shillings	...	1 Sovereign
21 Shillings	...	1 Guinea

Arithmetical Signs

+	Plus	Sign of Addition
-	Minus	Sign of Subtraction
x	Sign of Multiplication	
÷	Sign of Division	
=	Sign of Equality	
∝	Sign of Proportion	
°	Degree	minute second
′	So is	

Troy or Goldsmiths Weight

For Gold, Silver and Jewels.

24 Grains	...	1 Pennyweight
48 Pennyweights	...	1 Ounce
12 Ounces	...	1 Pound

Apothecaries Weight.

For Mixing Medicines.

20 Grains	...	1 Scruple
3 Scruples	...	1 Dram
8 Drams	...	1 Ounce
12 Ounces	...	1 Pound

Avoirdupois or Grocers Weight.

For all goods except Gold, Silver and Jewels.

16 Drains	...	1 Ounce
16 Ounces	...	1 Pound
14 Pounds	...	1 Stone
28 Pounds	...	1 Quarter
4 Quarters	...	1 Hundredweight
20 Cwt.	...	1 Ton

Hay and Straw Weight.

36 lb Straw	...	1 Truss
56 lb Old Hay	...	1 Truss
60 lb New Hay	...	1 Truss
36 Trusses	...	1 Load

Long or Lineal Measure.

12 Lines	...	1 Inch
12 Inches	...	1 Foot
3 Feet	...	1 Yard
2 Yards	...	1 Fathom
5½ Yards	...	1 Pole
40 Poles	...	1 Furlong
8 Furlongs or 1760 yds	...	1 Mile
3 Miles	...	1 League
60 Geogr Miles	...	1 Degree
59½ Deg	...	1 Degree

Cloth Measure.

2½ Inches	...	1 Nail
4 Nails	...	1 Quarter of a Yard
4 Quarters	...	1 Yard

Solid and Cubic Measure.

1728 Cubic Inches	...	1 Cubic Foot
27 Cubic Feet	...	1 Cubic Yard
24½ Cubic Feet	...	1 Solid Perch
11½ Cubic Feet	...	1 Solid Perch

Imperial Heaped Measure.

8 Gallons	...	1 Bushel
3 Bushels	...	1 Sack
12 Sacks	...	1 Chaldron

Corn or Imperial Dry Measure

4 Noggins	...	1 Pint
2 Pints	...	1 Quart
4 Quarts	...	1 Gallon
2 Gallons	...	1 Peck
4 Pecks	...	1 Bushel
5 Bushels	...	1 Quarter
20 Bushels	...	1 Last

Square Measure.

144 Square Inches	...	1 Square Foot
9 Square Feet	...	1 Square Yard
36½ Square Yards	...	1 Square Pole
40 Square Poles	...	1 Last

Table of Motion.

60 Seconds	...	1 Minute
60 Minutes	...	1 Degree
30 Degrees	...	1 Sign
12 Signs or 365°	...	The circle of the earth

Table of Time.

60 Seconds	...	1 Minute
60 Minutes	...	1 Hour
24 Hours	...	1 Day
7 Days	...	1 Week
4 Weeks	...	1 Month
365 Days	...	1 Year
366 Days	...	1 Leap Year
52 Weeks	...	1 Year
12 Calendar or 13 Lunar Months	...	1 Year
Ladyday	...	25 March
Mid summer-day	...	21 June
Michaelmas-day	...	29 September
Christmas-day	...	25 December

Days of the Month.

Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November,
All the rest have thirty-one,
Excepting February alone,
Which has but twenty-eight days clear,
And twenty-nine in each Leap Year.

MULTIPLICATION TABLE.

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Twice	1 are 3	1 are 4	1 are 5	1 are 6	1 are 7	1 are 8	1 are 9	1 are 10	1 are 11	1 are 12
Times	2 are 6	2 are 8	2 are 10	2 are 12	2 are 14	2 are 16	2 are 18	2 are 20	2 are 22	2 are 24
3	3 are 9	3 are 12	3 are 15	3 are 18	3 are 21	3 are 24	3 are 27	3 are 30	3 are 33	3 are 36
4	4 are 12	4 are 16	4 are 20	4 are 24	4 are 28	4 are 32	4 are 36	4 are 40	4 are 44	4 are 48
5	5 are 15	5 are 20	5 are 25	5 are 30	5 are 35	5 are 40	5 are 45	5 are 50	5 are 55	5 are 60
6	6 are 18	6 are 24	6 are 30	6 are 36	6 are 42	6 are 48	6 are 54	6 are 60	6 are 66	6 are 72
7	7 are 21	7 are 28	7 are 35	7 are 42	7 are 49	7 are 56	7 are 63	7 are 70	7 are 77	7 are 84
8	8 are 24	8 are 32	8 are 40	8 are 48	8 are 56	8 are 64	8 are 72	8 are 80	8 are 88	8 are 96
9	9 are 27	9 are 36	9 are 45	9 are 54	9 are 63	9 are 72	9 are 81	9 are 90	9 are 99	9 are 108
10	10 are 30	10 are 40	10 are 50	10 are 60	10 are 70	10 are 80	10 are 90	10 are 100	10 are 110	10 are 120
11	11 are 33	11 are 44	11 are 55	11 are 66	11 are 77	11 are 88	11 are 99	11 are 110	11 are 121	11 are 132
12	12 are 36	12 are 48	12 are 60	12 are 72	12 are 84	12 are 96	12 are 108	12 are 120	12 are 132	12 are 144