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*My Travels in New Zealand
& Home again*

In my last account of my travels in New Zealand. I finished by giving you an account of how we were situated at Pukehina. I shall now give you a short Account of how we fared after leaving Pukehina. After we had got our dinner on the 21st of Feb. 1866. we got orders to strike our tents & pack them up Ready for Carrying away in the bullock Cart. it was drawn by four bulls. they are the travellers. I had often noticed their Speed While I was at Tauranga. they always seemed to go at a Speed. whether they were going up the hill or down the hill or crossing a River or Swamp.

2 when we had got all the tents
Ready for Carrying away. we
Packed our things into our Knapsack
Pack. but our belts & Knapsack
on. I took our Rifle & went out
With the Redoubt. Ready for a
Company of the 12 Regiment who
had come to Relieve us marching into
the Redoubt. we then marched up to
Tauranga their we joined 5 more
Companies of our Regiment. who were
all ready for going on board a
Steamer. which was waiting ready
for us. it was called the Lady Bird.
when we had all got on board. &
our luggage it was about 5 o'clock
in the afternoon. Some of the civil
natives that we had traded with
were on the shore watching us
after we had got out to

3 Sea the Pilot left us. the evening
was a very fine one. so we
had Pleasant sailing. the steamer
was only a small one. so we
had to Pass the night as best we
could with our clothes on. for
there was not bunks sufficient
for half of us. I was sea sick for
a few hours during the night.
but with walking about I soon
got over it. I had very good coffee
for my Breakfast the following
morning. which we got before
7 o'clock in the morning. Some
dry Bread & Coffee. which tasted
as sweet as honey to me. we
got into Auckland harbor
about 8 o'clock in the morning.
landed about 9 o'clock in the morning
of the 22 day of February 1865.

4
when we had all landed. we marched
to Albert barracks. when we got into
the Barrack Square we halted with
our Knapsacks. after we had got
our dinner we got orders to take all our
Knapsacks to gather. the Colonel who
had given this order we though had
been thinking as we had been thinking
that as the Sun was so very hot.
it was to much for any man
to march 9 miles with a full
sack on his back. the Knapsacks
were taken with horses at 12 o'clock
we started on the march. from Anokim
to Ahahuhua we marched along
we should see the Settlers houses
scattered about. & their land well
cultivated. A few of the Richer
Clap had large gardens round their
houses. well stocked with fruit
trees. especially Peaches & Apples.

5
we got to Ahahuhua at 5 o'clock.
the houses we had to live in were
made of wood. in the centre of each
house there was a space about 2 yards
wide. the whole length of the Room.
it was neither flagged nor boarded
nothing but the bare ground to
stand on. on each side of the
Room 2 yards wide & 2 feet above
the ground. it was boarded. the
whole length of the Room. this was
our bed & it answered also for our
table & chairs. we had two Sheets & two
Blankets & 1 Rug. it was a very hard
bed & the blankets were well stocked
with sand flies. so it was very cold.
we got a good night's sleep for 3
hours rest during the night time
every time we wanted to wash
ourselves. we had to go & squat

6
of A Mile. down to the sea
shore. we had come to Staten
to wait for the ship getting ready
to take us home. the Colonel picked
over us. was a tyrant. he had us
out at drill at half Past 5 o'clock
in the morning. in heavy marching
order. for 2 hours. then we Paraded
again in the forenoon & some time
he gave us 3 or 4 hours in the
heat of the sun. & he took a
delight in seeing men flogged. he
would tell the men who were
flogging that they were not striking
hard enough. the last 2 men I saw
flogged was on the morning of
the 10 day of march 1866. one of
them was flogged for being drunk.
When they are going to be flogged.
they are tied to a triangle. that is

Pieces of wood about 3 yards
long each of them. they meet
to gather at the top & are spread
out at the bottom. the man who
is going to be flogged has his boots
& shoes & trousers on. his hands
are tied to the top of the triangle &
his legs are tied at the bottom
one to each side leg of the triangle
all the soldiers who are not on duty
stand round the triangle with
their Bayonets fixed. the doctor &
Colonel stands on one side. the
bugle Major & the 2 men who is
going to flog the man. stands
on the other side. when all is
ready the Bugle Major counts 25
in slow time & every time he speaks
the man strikes. until he has
counted 25. then the other man takes
the whip. & the bugle Major counts

other 25. after the man as got floged
he has his back washed with salt
& water all the time I was at
atahuhu. I had a little of Diarrhea
& I should eat very little. I got very
thin and weak. so one morning
I put my name in the sick Report.
when I got to the doctor. I was a little
excited. so my pulse beat quick.
my face was red. when he had
felt my pulse & looked at me. he
told me that I was screaming. & that
there was nothing the matter with
me. when he told me I felt my
blood warm but I dare not say
anything. I went out to drill the
following morning. when I got back
to the hut I lay down on the top of
the wood bed. & I was a good while
before I had strength to rise up again.
the next day we had general

inspection. before going on board
ship. we were inspected by gen
Pute. we were formed in a
line front & Rear rank. I was
the Rear rank. there was one
in the Centre & the bugle band
in two lots one at each end. when
the general came to inspect us.
I got the word to Present arms.
has he commenced to inspect us
that end he started at the band at
that end played the general salute.
I has he got nearer the Centre the
other commenced to play the
salute. I has he got to the other
the other played the same. when
got to where I was I was from
from head to foot. they stopped
& looked at me. I expected being
placed under arrest but they passed
on I said nothing. we made

we had to wash the deck &
bullworks with salt water to
keep the deck clean during the
day time. we had all our down
clothes to wash. 2 or 3 weeks all
noncommissioned officers who
were in charge of companies
had to send a certificate every
Monday & Thursday morning
certifying that all the men in
their companies had changed their
shirts & coats that morning. when
the weather was fine very cold.
Neither the noncommissioned
officers nor the men liked to
wash their clothes. for we had
to have them washed before
7 o'clock in the morning. just
fancy getting up out of a
warm hammock & going on
deck to wash your clothes.

when you have got them
half washed over comes a wave
& puts you to the shun. & you
have no more clothes to put on
then you would do as we
did. that is. where your shirt
or straight if you should
one morning after the
certificates had gone to the
Colonel. he sent for all of us
noncommissioned officers when
we got to the post he said.
where is the mens clothes you
have certified to have been washed
this morning. their shirts
have been 12 or 3 hundred
out to dry but there was no
5. he said. do you know the
punishment I should give ^{you} for
telling me lies. I not doing
your duty. I should Reduce

gave to the Ranks. I give you
50 lashes besides. but I will
look over it this time. but if
it occurs again. I shall give
you the full Punish ment.
We thought he should keep
his word. so we did our duty
afterwards. one night when I was
on watch from 8 to 12. at 10
o'clock the Captain was Relieved by
the 1 mate. the Captain went to
his bunk to sleep for the night.
but he could not sleep. he
was so much troubled that
he got up & looked at his Chart.
& where he was at 12 o'clock
at noon. when he looked
at the Sun. with an instrument
he had for the Purpose of telling
him by looking at the Sun
with it. what Part of the globe

the ship was ⁱⁿ then he
looked at the direction ^{we}
been sail. since noon. & the
speed we had been sailing
we had A Strong Breeze 3/4
Breeze. & the ship was gaining
the Rate of 18 Miles per hour. &
he had Reckoned all up. according
to his Reckoning we were sail
direct for a large Rock. & in
minutes more the ship would
have struck the Rock. I got
to the bottom. so he came Run
on deck & called out about
ship. there was something
his voice. which made us all
quick to the Ropes. & in less than
5 minutes we were sailing
in the opposite direction. this
the work of god may your
friends. to save us from

water grave. some of us
felt thankful to god. for his
loving care for us. others
cursed & swore at the Captains
Neglect as they called it. on the
morning of the 8 day of June
1866. we saw land it turned
out to be a large mountain in
the western islands we should
see it right above the clouds.
Soon after dinner. the Captain
Signaled for a Pilate. he came
in a little boat. & when he got
to the ship he called out what is
your cargo. the Captain said gold.
we looked at each other when he
said gold for none of us knew
that there was any gold in
the ship. only money. where are
you from. New Zealand. where
are you bound for England.

then he came on board. & took
Command of the ship. until
we got into the harbour of
town of Auckland. in the western
islands. & we cast our anchor
in 80 fathom of water. the
Pilate then asked the Captain.
he had a Certificate from the
doctors of Auckland. certifying
that there was no fever
in Auckland when he left
there. the Captain had no
Certificates to show the Pilate
he ordered him to hoist his yellow
flag. as a signal that there
was fever on board. when we
were all well & hearty except
2 or 3 who were a little sick.
when the yellow flag was hoisted
on a ship. there was no one
allowed to go on shore. the

officers begged hard of the
Governor for to let them go on shore.
but he stood firm to the
laws. they brought us fresh
meat & vegetables. & fresh water
& coals. & all kinds of birds &
other things for sale. if any of
the officers tried to get into
their boats. they pushed them off
from the ship. the officers &
Captain were so enraged because
they could not go on shore.
that we weighed anchor the
following morning & left the
Place. one Sunday morning
while the senior officer was
reading the Prayers to us. we
could see 6 Wales. it was
a Pleasant sight. they moved
like a man, like a machine.
first their head went down

into the ^{water} then we should
their back. then their tail
& when their head came up
again. they sent the water
Right up into the air. like
a fountain. so we sailed
Plymouth Sound on the 2
day of June 1866. sailed on
again on the 25. sailed
into Spit head on the 27
of June. while we lay in Spit
head we should see a stone
house. in the isle of Wight
we landed in Portsmouth on
the 30 day of June 1866. a
being on board 110 days
we marched to Clarence
Barracks. while I was
Portsmouth I went on
over men who had been
transported. there was the

about 11 hundred of them
in Ports mouth. Soon after
7 o'clock in the morning.
they marched out of their Prison
into the dock yard. to work.
there was about 20 of them
in a gang. A Keeper to each
gang. as they marched Past
me. I saw that some of them
had one foot of their crop.
one Colours ^{side} of the side another
Colours. I asked the Reason of
this it was told that they had
done some thing wrong.
while they had been in
Prison. I where marked so
that any one should tell
them. I saw others that
had chains up each side
leg & round the waist.
this was for trying to Run
away from Prison.

I got my discharge on the
5 day of September 1866 I
went from Ports mouth to
London that night I stayed
in London all night &
I came home on the 6 day
of September 1866 I say
my travels

