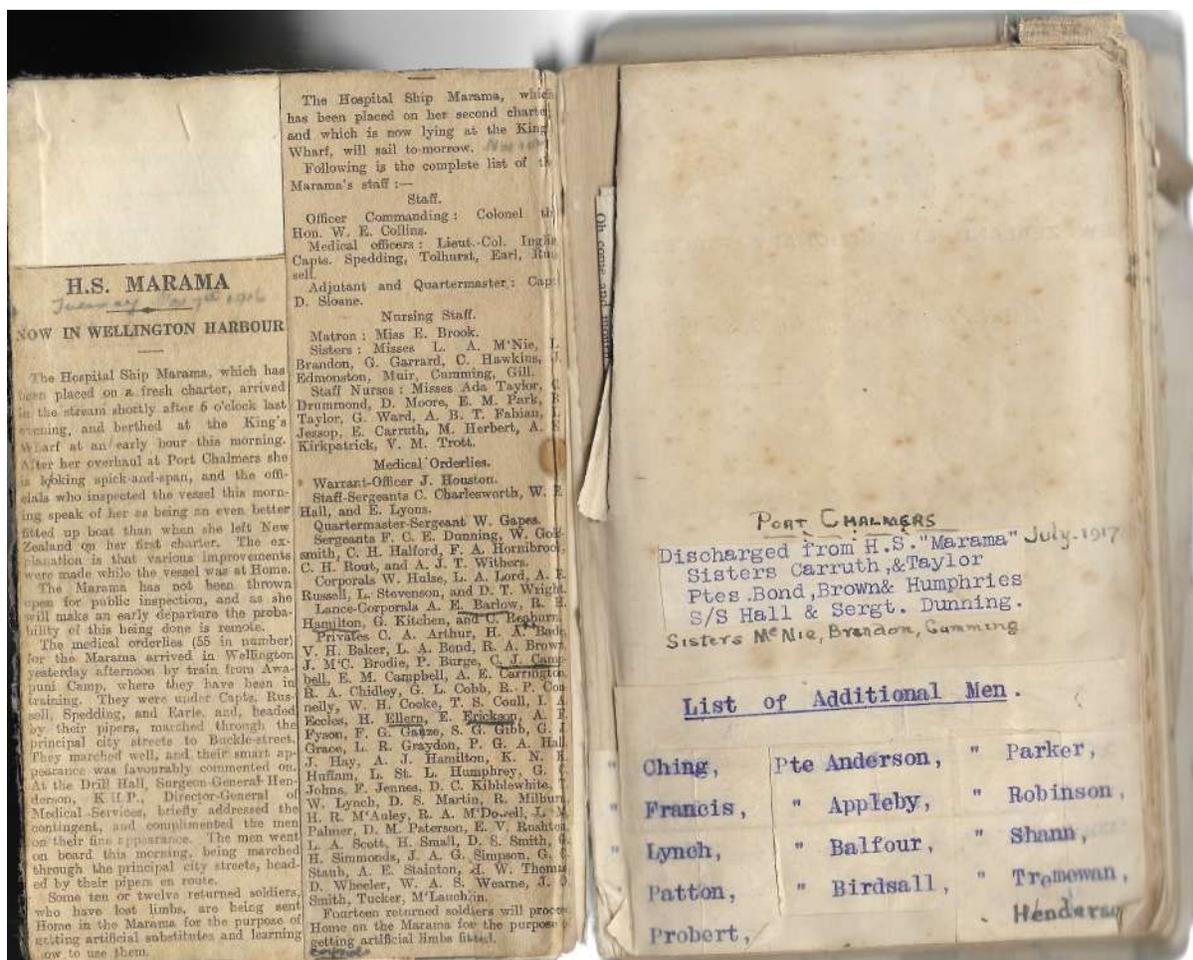


Henry Alfred Bade Diary 2: 1916-17,
2nd Commission, Marama 2nd Charter

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DIARY ENTRIES FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES



Attachment 1: List of "Marama" medical personnel (partly newspaper cutting) from front of diary.

Editorial notes are in italics

MARCH 1916

March 6th 1916

Finished Chapter I of this War
1st Charter of "Maheno" Hospital Ship

JULY 1916

Wellington

Tuesday July 18th

Starting Chapter II, Marama H. Ship

Reported back for duty at Awapuni Medical Corps camp at Palmerston Nth where there goes on an elaborate system of training red cross men, some think it is too strict, for we have seen parades such as begging (compulsory for Soldiers tobacco fund at Palmerston Show) and letter writing in answer to Governors invitation to his residence for an evening, and other equally as strange, yet on the whole, the training and camp got us very fit & well.

Saturday July 29th

Left Awapuni Camp to work in Trentham (Cottage) Hospital where I met several of our old Maheno Sisters.

AUGUST 1916

Tuesday Aug 29th

Left Trentham Hospital for Awapuni Camp, where all the privates ex-Maheno have been called up too.

SEPTEMBER 1916

Tuesday Sept 5th

All the N.C.O^s ex Maheno have been called into camp to-day

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.						
CHARGE REPORT AGAINST		PRIVATE H. A. BADE,	"MARAMA" SECTION.	OCTOBER 2nd., 1916.		
Place of Offence	Date of Offence	Offence with which charged.	Witness.	Punishment awarded and date.	Signature of Off. disposing of Cas.	
AWAPUNI	2-10-16	Not being alert on guard.	Cpl. D Wright.	Admonished. Oct 2/16.	<i>B J Dudley</i> for Lieut. Colonel, CAMP COMMANDANT.	

Attachment 2: Charge report on Croxley Dickinson Bond paper against Private H.A. Bade, "Marama" section: charge 'Not being alert on guard', Awapuni, 2-10-16, witness Cpl. D. Wright, admonished by Major B J Dudley.

NOVEMBER 1916

Tuesday Nov 7th

The whole Marama Company left Awapuni by the 7.23 a.m. train for Wellington, arriving there at 12.13 noon. Owing to the Marama not having arrived in Wellington yet we were marched up to the Buckle St. drill hall where we had a few words of praise given to us by General Henderson then had our dinner there. I, being one of the mess orderlies, we were not allowed out until about 4.30, when we were told to parade at 7 p m fully dressed in our new pantaloons which was the first time that we had put them on, we always before had to dress to go out in the "bloomer" fashion. I went home and Alf Stainton came with me, it turned out to be a nasty wet evening, Myrtle came to our place with the intention of staying with the children while Trice was away but Alf invited her to go to the Governors & Lady Liverpool's reception with him, which was made possible through M^{rs} Green undertaking to see to the children. We got back to the 7 o'clock parade just a few minutes before when we literally had to throw ourselves into our other clothes, we left Buckle St. about 7.20 and when we got to the Governor's gates we were dismissed and were joined by our ladies Trice & Myrtle. Met M^{rs} Gaze at the gates so they would not be quite so strange in the high class Company inside. There was quite a number of ladies there this time, the Orphans club supplied the items on the programme just before the programme commenced. Lord Liverpool said a few words of advice to us also telling us that the Marama was going to Bombay to pick up wounded men from Mesopotamia and take them to England with us, after the concert we had refreshments and a chat with one & the other, then Alf & Myrtle came home with us for the night, we left Government House about 10 p.m. I was allowed home for the night.

Wednesday 8th

Alf S. and I reported at Buckle St. Alf at 8 and myself at 8.45. the whole company were parade and were marched about 10 o'clock through the rain through the principal streets of Wellington headed by Awapuni pipers band, when we got down to the Ship we had to wait in one of the wharf sheds until the Governor inspected the 1st Charter men and gave each a silver badge then they walked off and we took over the Ship.

We had a little bit of manoeuvring getting as we all thought best beds and positions then everybody dropped into their right places we had nothing else to do until dinner time when I was mess-orderly again. After dinner we just hung about until 5.30 when we men were given leave until 10.30, we married men were allowed to sleep home and had to be back by 9 in the morning. We were all struck by the roomy sleeping quarters in comparison to the Maheno also each man having locks also there being a separate room for a mess room also a general room for recreation and writing.

Thursday 9th

Arrived on board about 9 A.M.

I had a quiet morning just doing a little tally checking on the wharf until dinner time. After dinner I polished buttons preparatory to going on leave at any moment. Capt Blackburne came on board to see me and quite a number of our mens relations & friends came on board, we had tea at 5 p.m. and while we were in the middle of it the parade call went to tell us that there was leave again until 10.30 and the married men could stay home the same as yesterday, I got the job to-day of Major Duttens orderly. A lot of the nurses came on to-day.

Friday 10th

Arrived again on the Ship at 9 a.m. after being Home for the night, a good many people came down to look over the boat and see the crew off. Those that came down to see me and say good bye were Dad Barnes, Harry Barningham, Mr Murphy, Mrs Green, Mrs Conway. These two with Trice & the children I took over to view the Ship. Myrtle also said good bye, His Exc came on board to say good bye. We had our photograph taken (the whole staff) with His Exc in the centre. I paid for one to be sent home 3/-, we left the wharf for to anchor in the stream about 10 minutes past 5 p.m. Trice Leila & M^r Conway & Myrtle stayed to the last & waved till we got right out I had a splitting head ache & turned in early to bed.



Attachment 3: Photo entitled “Taken as Marama was leaving Wharf Friday Nov 10 1916” which seems to show wife Beatrice with daughter Leila behind her at front of crowd.

Saturday 11th

Reveille is at 6 a.m. Parade and roll call 6.30. Physical drill until 7. when I, being one of the mess orderlies had to fall out.

Breakfast at 7.30, washing up takes a good while, Wards were allocated to-day. I am in Ward G, away down in the lowest deck in the darkest quarters, we had dinner at 12. After washing up I lay down until we were all called up by the bugle, the Governor came on board to give us leave until 9 o'clock Monday Morning. It was about 3.30 then, & the Janet Seddon [*Janie Seddon*] was to come over & take us off at 4.15 pm, we went over to the Wharf with the Governor and before we were allowed off the Janet Seddon, word came that they had managed to secure more firemen which is the cause of the vessel being delayed, this altered our leave, we have now to be back on the wharf at 10 in the morning. I hurried up & caught a tram for Berhampore and surprised them all by coming in, for about 1.30, Trice & Clarice were rowed over to the Marama by M^r Belt in one of the Torch's boats. I managed to get down into the little boat with them and wished them good bye probably for the last time we thought, lots of little yachts came sailing round us during the afternoon. Mrs Cooper came up home to say good bye, Trice & I went to bed very late & very tired.

Daily Routine

6 AM.	Reveillie
6.15	Quarter warning
6.30 - 7.30	Roll call & physical drill
8	Mens, Sergeants & Officers mess
8.30 - 9.30	Wards (cleaning)
9	Orderly room
9.30 - 10.45	Parade
10.45 - 11	Free exercise
11 - 11.45	Instruction in Wards
11.45 - 12	Free exercise
12 - 12.45	Instruction in Wards
1	Mens, Sergeants & Officers mess
1.45 - 2.45	Lecture by Officers
2.45 - 3.30	Free exercise
3.30 - 5	Instructions in Wards
5.15	Retreat
6	Mens, Sergeants & Officers mess
7.45	Staff parade
8.30	First Post
9	Last Post
10	Lights out
10.15	Rounds

Routine orders issued by William Collins, Colonel, Officer Commanding troops
Nov 11th 1916

- 1 Orderly Officer - Captain Spedding
 Next for duty - Captain Russell
 Orderly Sergeant - Sergeant Halford
 Next for duty Sergeant Hornibrook
 Orderly Corporal Corporal Wright
 Next for duty Lⁿce Corp Barlow
 Orderly Bugler Bugler M^cAuley
 Next for duty Bugler Wearnes

2 Governors Message

The Hon Colonel Collins

I cannot permit His Majesty's New Zealand Hospital Ship Marama to leave this Dominion without on behalf of Her Excellency & myself, wishing you, your officers, Nurses & personnel a happy & successful voyage, many of you have already been on service before and I feel convinced that all ranks will always maintain the high standard of efficiency, which has been gained by the New Zealand Hospital Ships

Signed Liverpool
Governor
and Commander in Chief
of the Dominion of
New Zealand
10th Nov 1916

3 Ward Master

Sergeant Halford is appointed ward master to C Ward Vide appendix Standing orders

There are convalescent patients in C Ward being taken to England for limbs.

Sunday 12th

Got up about 7 a.m. cleaned buttons had shave and breakfast and left home about 8.30 to walk down to the Janet Seddon where we all who were on leave had to assemble, Trice, Leila & Laurence came along a little way with me and we had a good view of the Marama lying out in the Harbour at anchor. The Janet Seddon left the Wharf at about 10.15 and a very few minutes after we had a roll call to see if every one was on board, then we went to our quarters until dinner time, (12 o'clock) at 12.30 we lifted anchor for to begin for some of us, our second term on active service, the weather was good.

In the evening we had an impromptu Church service made up quickly conducted conjointly by Majors Gilliam & Dutton there was about 26 there which was very good
Our Orchestra helped in the music

Monday 13th

I had been put as orderly for Ward G which is right at the bottom of the Ship and has not the usual conveniences of the Wards. I had been working in the ward until morning smoko when I was

transferred into the operating theatre under Corporal Wright & Sister M^cNie.

We started prayers again at 7.55 for 5 minutes. For physical drill, this morning we had a route march around the top deck.

This Ship is more comfortable for the staff by a long way than the Maheno for it has as sleeping quarters more roomy and which has lockers for each man, the mess room is upstairs in the mid-deck and we also have a recreation room on the top deck also allowed the top deck for exercise.

I am off mess orderly to-day, a new batch of men taking over. The weather is fairly dull we have been passing through a few light showers, during the afternoon we had a lecture by Colonel Collins on the Geneva Convention as it affects we Hospital Ship people, the much debated question, whether we are allowed to carry a sword, revolver, or any other firearm was settled to-day when we were told plainly that they must not be found in our possession, we were also told that the Hospital Ship could not carry anyone apart from its own personnel, not even a nurse or medical man, other than sick or wounded, neither could the Ship carry a stationary Hospital.

I found my boots which Myrtle hid under my mattress while she was being shown around the ship by Alf Stainton.

Several of our men are sea-sick almost all of them being the new men, also some nurses are sea-sick.

Tuesday 14th.

We started cleaning up the operating theatre in real earnest to-day scrubbing the floors etc.

We passed through a school of whales spouting all over the place, there must have been scores of them and it was the first time that I have seen a live whale, we also saw flocks of little sea birds large numbers being to-gether.

We had our first ambulance lecture to-day by Lieu Colonel Inglis, just revising the structure of the body.

We were issued with sheets to-day, just fancy sheets on "Active service". We held our first Bible Study to-night beginning at 7 p. m. in the Cabin of Major Dutton and 8 men attended, in the middle of it the parade call was blown and we had to go but came back again.

There was a tobacco issue to-night.

Wednesday 15

The Operating theatre have taken over the dressing room which we cleaned out to-day. I have to fall out at physical drill time to get the room ready for sick parade at 8 AM. We are not allowed to have kits, boots, boxes or anything on the floor of our sleeping quarters.

I finished reading my first book for the voyage called "The Family Cupboard". We were ordered not to go to the dispensary for a pill or anything in the shape of medicines for ourselves without the doctors orders.

It is a fairly cool day.

The lecture to-day was by D^r Tolhurst.

Guard (night) was introduced to-day consisting of 6 men & 1 corporal, and they are on from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m.

Men were practising songs in the evening

Thursday 16th

The sea got up fairly rough to-day.

The Sisters were vaccinated

We passed between Tasmania and a number of islands, including Banks, and Barren Island.

A good number of men and nurses were sick.

We were issued with a new towel each.

I started reading "Holy Orders" a book by Marie Carelli.
The wards are being fully equipped.
Four new men are told off as Ships police, consisting of a Lance-Corporal and 3 men

Friday 17th

The Staff had their clothes washed by Laundry
The Heavy swell continues also the sea-sickness
I wrote to Amy Grason & Vera
Wanted a reel of thread, had to requisition for it and got it

Saturday 18th

I put on the pair of underpants that were washed yesterday and it was laughable for they now would only properly fit a boy, but necessity - you know the rest.
This has been a fine day & everybody is bright and cheerful again. The dress order on the ship is now slacks and jerseys and shoes with no head gear, hurrah.
I had a chat with Chaplain Dutton about our bible class & other things.
I wrote to Mum to-day

Sunday 19th

All unnecessary work in Wards off for the day, meaning only sweeping wards and securing all movable things because a heavy swell was on.
A compulsory Church service was held at 10.30.
Tobacco issue to-day
Pay Parade when we could draw all money that was due to us, but I drew none.
Combined Church service in the Evening when very few attended, at the morning parade Major Dutton preached in the evening Major Gilliam.

Albany

Monday 20th

We arrived at Albany at 9.30 a.m.
There was general leave for the Ship Coy until 10.30 excepting the guard of six men and a N.C.O. I was one of the first guard, being relieved to catch the 4.30 pm motor launch belonging to the Hosp Ship for the Shore, having leave until 10.30. I just wandered round, going a good way up both hills on each side of the Town. I was much struck by the rare pretty flowers, I was also interested in the number of wild flowers growing in the streets of the place, flowers that I had never seen before, I got into conversation with 2 School teachers who told us something of the life of the place, I noticed a convent & R.C. School, and there is a couple of sea baths enclosed, one being a Municipal baths. There are some monster rocks in Albany, the School has 400 attending and the population of the place is about 7000.
There were 2 Australian destroyers in the Harbour named the Yarra and the Paramatta, our Ship took on coal & water, I wrote two letters, one to Trice and one to Jim Stevens, I bought ½ dozen post cards and had supper before catching the 9.30 launch for the Ship, hoping to get a mail but was too late, I received 2 photos of Trice, Leila & M^r. Conway & Myrtle from Geo Kitchen, it was taken from the Ship as she was leaving. Albany has a very nice Harbour and is a naval coaling station.
I spent 1/- altogether.

Cablegram from the Governor of N.Z.
----- Hope all are well and flourishing -----

Tuesday 21st.

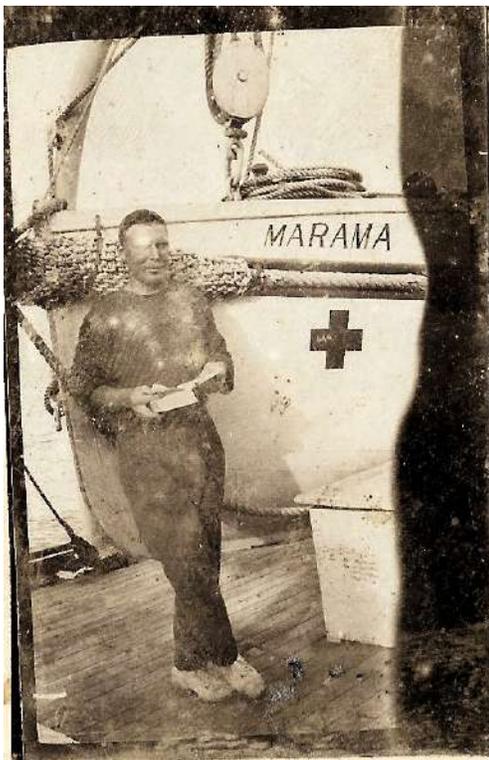
Wals birthday
We left Albany about 5.30 a.m.
We sighted land all the day.
Orders allow us now to wear short trousers.
Was issued a scissors for use.
We had our Bible study meeting to-night in the patient officers sitting room which is larger than the Majors cabin --- 12 attended and the Subject was Jesus as a teacher.

Wednesday 22nd

There was a big swell on
I had a bad head ache
Was on night guard from 8 p.m.
A good many were sea sick

Thursday 23rd

Sea, a little better
Off guard at Reveille, free till 9 a.m.
Tobacco issue
There was a parade to see if we shaved when quite a lot of the men were unshaven including myself.



Attachment 4: Photo entitled "Taken on the Boat deck of Marama", showing man by lifeboat reading on deck.

Friday 24th

Orders came out that men were allowed to sleep on deck - aft.

Letters are now being Censored by Captain Tolhurst.

We got an issue of light khaki drill uniforms, - I took one suit.

We have to put our puttees on tied up at the top, - most of us adopted the other style because it looks best.

Saturday 25

We received an issue of 2 underpants 2 singlets (light) 2 suits pyjamas and 2 pair socks, 1 shirt

The weather is getting hot and a number of men slept on deck last night but they were aroused early as the washing down of the decks begins at the region of 4 AM.

We had boat-drill with a new kind of life belts made of kapok.

We had a Concert this Evening

Sunday 26th.

Reveille at 7 AM. instead of 6 and Breakfast at 7.45. We only had to go to our work to do only necessary work. Church service was at 10.30 when the sermon was taken from the story of the good Samaritan, emphasising that part, where the inn keeper was told to take care of him, the injured man. A communion service was held after when 36 non-conformists stayed.

A combined Service was held in the evening when very few came owing to the hot weather.

I did a little writing & reading in the afternoon.

Monday 27th

We have to wear our slouch hats now whenever we are on deck owing to sun-stroke.

Tobacco issue

Physical drill in the morning was cut out.

Tuesday 28th

Our destination was altered from Colombo to a place called Guam no one seems to know just at present where that is

We had our bible study class again and 11 attended, the subject was Jesus' teaching about God.

taking for our reading John XIV.

A flying fish about 1 foot long came on board during the night and quite a number photographed it.

There was a double ships inspection Colonel Inglis in the first, and the Ships Captn & Colonel Collins in the 2nd.



Attachment 5: Photo: "The fish that came on board"

Wednesday 29th

We crossed the Equator about 3 p.m.
The Sisters and Officers had a party to-night
I received an issue of Medical corp badges, 1 cap & 2 collar badges.
I did a little sewing.
The weather is much cooler

Thursday 30th.

Physical drill appears to be off
We had a trial embarkation practice at 2 pm.
3 of our L^{cc}. Corps were promoted to Corporals Reaburn Barlow & Hamilton.
The N.Z.M.C canteen has now been open a few days and the men take advantage of the ice-cream & soft drinks
I wrote to Henry Rochfort and Myrtle.
I went on Guard at 8 pm being on first shift from 8 till 1 AM.

DECEMBER 1916

Friday Dec 1st.

Came off guard at Reveille
Passed Cape Comorin lighthouse during the night.
Saw the first land since last Monday week, this being the Indian coast
We are now in the Arabian sea.

Saturday 2nd

We had a lecture of special interest to men warning them of the special Eastern temptations and diseases.

Alf S, and I sitting on our deck chairs on the Boat deck witnessed a beautiful sunset which reflected half way round the circle of the horizon

A little grey fantail bird evidently a shore bird came on bird tired out.

Sunday 3rd

The usual easy day

Church service at 10.30

We started a service in the Evening but owing to the hot weather and everybody writing letter only about ½ dozen attended, so it closed after singing a couple of hymns and a prayer.

Bombay

Monday 4th

We arrived at Bombay early in the morning and anchored out in the Harbour at about 8 a.m. We passed hundreds of dhows (or fishing boats) as we were coming in, there were 4 other Hospital ships in before us but were alongside in the Docks. We did little work and were just waiting for the word for leave but were not allowed to go ashore until we got helmets, which were sent for, and only came on board about 2pm, we were then paraded and got one each and were given leave until 10.30 excepting of course a guard of 12 who were doing 12 hour shifts from 6 till 6, we went ashore at about 3 and mostly kept to the centre of the Town owing to limited time, there is a European and Native quarter to the town, we had afternoon tea at one place and thought the pure tea lovely after the tea on board. We got a few post cards but found that there is not much variety, we were in the Army and Navy Co-op Stores which is a monster building and you can get mostly anything, the management of it is different to what you see in Aus or N.Z. You buy a thing and get a docket, a boy takes it and wraps it up and goes downstairs to the counter at the shops entrance, where you pay and draw your parcel.

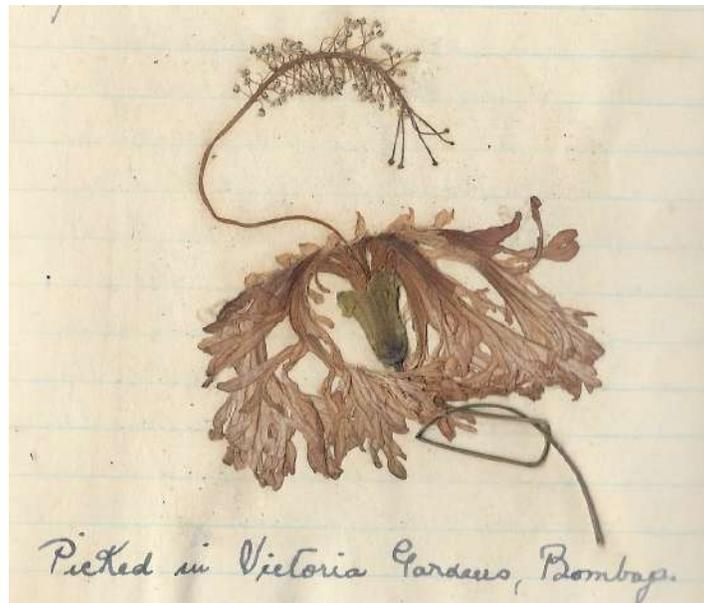
We went to the Y.M.C.A for tea and enjoyed it, about 7 courses for about 1/9 than we walked about a little and was shown around Taj Mahal Hotel, a gorgeous place of 500 rooms. We saw a building which is built like a Mosque but I believe was a Museum and is now Lady Harding Hosp for Soldiers, just across the road from it is another big Hospital which it is said is going to supply us with convalescents for England, we saw many large buildings such as the Scotch Church, Seaman's Homes Municipal Buildings, Town Hall Victoria Station, Our launch left from the Ballard Road Wharf each time, Alf had to leave us after being on shore for a little over an hour for to go on guard.

Tuesday 5th

Reveille at 6. Roll Call at 6.30 and prayers at 8, a parade shortly after then we had leave until 10.30 excepting the guard of which I was one and had to go on at 6 p.m. but not before I had gone to a larger extent all around Bombay. I was doing a little orderly work for Majors Dutton & Gilliam for which I was given 6/- I had to take their bags to the Y.M.C.A. then go to the Raj Mahal where Major D left his belt on the previous evening, then he dismissed me and I joined Alf Stainton, A. Hamilton, G Kitchin, & V. Rushton in 2 taxis to take us to the Tower of Silence, Malabar Hill, the Hanging Gardens which overlooked the King of ----'s Bungalow. We also had a beautiful view of Bombay from the Hill. Then we went to the Victoria Gardens and Zoo which is in it, then we went

back to the centre of the City and had a light lunch, the taxi ride cost 16 Rupees for five of us for 3 hours, after lunch we bought some more post cards and then went down to the Markets and into the native quarters, where Alf took a lot of photographs, as we journeyed round we saw many of the places that I have gathered P. C^s of. I caught the 5.30 launch for the Ship and came on guard at 5.55 pm. We are getting coal aboard and blackfellows are everywhere, one is struck again by the number of beggars and here you see the caste distinctions denoted by markings on the face such as a red spot or 2 red stripes or white stripes or a yellow dot and other face markings. Alf & I took off our boots and viewed from the outside the interior of a Mosque. Tram conductors are very slow and often 2 in one car working. There are no rickshaws here, people travel about by taxi, Garry (*Gharry*) or tram cars. We saw several women sweeping the main wide street of the City. They squatted down with brooms like Adam must have made, it was here again that I saw native fuel (cowdung) and in some quarters very low shelters made of sugar cane sacks. The Ships here seem to do all loading & unloading out in the Harbour.

There are some Hindoo women amongst the men coaling our boat they do the same work as the men and only get half their pay, 1 rupee they carry full baskets of coal on thier heads



Attachment 6: Pressed flower labelled "Picked in Victoria Gardens, Bombay"



Attachment 7: Photo: "King Edwards statue, Bombay"



Attachment 8: Photo: "Women street sweepers in Bombay"



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ONE ANNA.

FROM	TO	
1	1	SASSOON DOCK.
2	2	Grant's Bldg.
3	3	Museum East.
3a	3a	Museum West.
4	4	Ballard Pier.
5	5	Bori Bunder.
6	6	Cr. Market.
7	7	Dhobi Talao.
8	8	Carnc. Bnd.
9	9	PRINCE'S DOCK.
10	10	Girgaum P. Ch.
11	11	Pydhonie.
12	12	Nall Bazar.
13	13	C. P. TANK.
14	14	Cor. of Gt. Rd.
15	15	Charni Rd. Jn.
16	16	GRANT ROAD.
17	17	Foras Rd. Ju.
18	18	TARDEO.
19	19	Two Tanks.
20	20	J. J. Hospt. Jn.
21	21	MAZAGON.
22	22	Parsi Statue.
23	23	JACOB'S CIRCLE.
24	24	Byc. Bridge.
25	25	V. Gardens.
26	26	Lal Bag.
27	27	PAREL.

Attachment 9: Photo: "Our Guide in the Bombay Zoo" (left)

Attachment 10: Bombay Ticket (One Anna) listing all stops from Sassoon Dock to Parel (right)

Wednesday 6th

I came off guard duty at 6 AM. and laid down to sleep but owing to the bustle of men getting ready to go on leave I obtained very little, after dinner I got ready to go ashore & got there about 2 pm. Archy H & I went to the P.O. and on the way We met a Presby^m missionary who has been in Bombay 30 years, he is in charge of a College, where any religion can go if they are willing to accept the reading of the bible, we had a long chat with him and he asked us to tea but owing to other arrangements we did not go, he also told us that he would show us through the college and the work amongst the young widows and their children if we could manage to get off, I asked him something of Ramabai's mission where I desired to go as also the Poonah Mission. I had applied for extension of leave to go down as it needed a whole day, M^r. McOmish for that was the clergymans name, told us that the plague was raging in Poonah, that, and the almost impossibility of being able to get extra leave, led me to abandon the trip, much as I would have loved to have seen it. Just in the street in front of the P.O. thousands of pigeons were being fed, they appear to be sacred for there was with them two loose cows and the drinking founts for the birds were stone and appeared to be permanently fixed in the road.

We then went out to Colaba, passing the big cotton green as it is called where they buy and sell cotton for Bombay is the 2nd largest cotton port and on the Colaba point is the military forts & buildings and Church etc. the Baptist Church is here and is the only one in Bombay, I met Rev Blackaby who took me across to the Missionary's Home where they stay when resting or passing through. I met Miss Bishop who is in charge of it and 2 other Homes also a Miss Pringle and M^{rs} Thompson from M^r. Eden Auckland. M^r. Blackaby has just come out to India and relieved M^r. Hubbard has gone or is going to Mesopotamia. The Baptists are not working amongst the natives

here in Bombay. We had evening tea which corresponds with our afternoon tea, for dinner is at 8.p.m and they left to go to the prayer meeting held in the Church and we went back to the City. We had a look about to see if we could get some cheap brass things for a memento of the visit & I got 2 small vases and a brass "cobra" candlestick. The water carriers who take the place of street water carts were very quaint. He carries water in goats skins and sprinkles from them.

Thursday 7th

Colonel Collins young married daughter lives here in Bombay.

We were put on to get our ship cleaned up inside ready for inspection by the Governor of Bombay at 5 p m & it was very dirty too for we had been coaling for a couple of days.

We knocked off work at 4 p m to get shined up and put our serge uniforms on also service boots and cap and to be very sure to have the Governor of NZ^{'s} lanyard we wore riding breeches, we felt uncomfortably hot in these clothes.

The Governor of Bombay and Staff and ladies inspected our H Ship at about 5.30. I was a guard on the gangway, he came over in a nice steam launch with brass rails etc.

After it was over, we were paraded & given leave until 10.30 pm. I had had enough of Bombay but had to go ashore to the Y.M.C.A to get Padre Duttons belt. I came back immediately, while waiting for the ships launch I went along the street and heard a native military band playing "Tipparary" it was also the first time that I saw a band of drunken Indians. Their behaviour was quite equal to drunken whites, another item of interest was the people sleeping on the footpaths on the streets where the tram (electric) runs.

I wrote to Trice

Friday 8th

About 100 patients, all walking cases came on board about 8 a.m. and were distributed between B, C, N.C.O^{'s}, Officers & H Wards.

We left Bombay about 1.p.m.

Night guards are off

I did a little washing

There was a tobacco issue

I received a letter to-day from Rev McOmish

Goldsmith is now working in the cookhouse during meal times

Alf Stainton is on night duty

The gardener of Bombay is another item of interest, he squats down and digs about an inch of earth at a time.

Saturday 9th

Reveille at 6. a.m.

Wards at 6.30

Sick parade at 7

Breakfast at 7 Patients' at 7.30

Prayers at 8

Patients medical inspection 9

Orderlies dinner 11.30

Patients " " 12

Orderlies tea 4.30

Patients " " 5.

Staff parade 7.45

Night orderlies 8

Officers & Sergeants 8 AM. 1pm 6.30pm
mess
First post 8.30
Last " " 9.30
Lights out 10
We are having a fine trip

Sunday 10th

There was an alteration in the routine
Reveille being at 6 instead of 7, roll call at 6.25 instead of 8.30, breakfast at 7.
Church parade at 10.30 where we were joined by the patients, we were allowed to wear any uniform
as long as it was a complete one, this was supposed to be a concession to us.
Chaplain Gillam preached the Sermon.
We held a Church service in the Evening when Major Dutton preached
A wireless message told us that Germany had taken the Romanian Capital "Bucharest"

Monday 11th

2 minor operations held in operating Theatre
Finished reading "The Lamplighter"

Tuesday 12th

We came in sight of land to-day - "The Arabian coast."
I wrote to Rev McOmish of Bombay, also to Sister Hillier
We had no bible study meeting again to-night which makes it a fortnight since we had one
There are now regular hours for drawing stores, not the haphazard way we used to.
There was a double inspection again.

Wednesday 13th

We were to go to Aden to pick up patients but there were none, else we would have been there about
2 p.m

Thursday 14th

We received fresh fruit to-day for a change
Tobacco parade
We passed through "Hells gate" in the early hours of the morning and contrary to expectations it
was quite cool weather with a much heavier sea than I expected.

Friday 15th

The water or rather sea is much smoother

Saturday 16th

We passed a shipwreck which ran up on a reef whereon a lighthouse is, in the Red Sea
There is a Concert to-night
The Bugler will only sound each call once now instead of twice
I wrote to Trice

Suez Canal

Sunday 17th

Laurence's birthday, he is 4 years

We saw Mount Zion from the distance

We had Church service in the morn at 10.30 but no service in the evening

We had a very easy day.

I was Church warden

We anchored at Suez at 3.15 pm. No one went ashore and we left to go through the Canal about 6.30 pm.

We put no sand-bags on this time

We did not sign on as the Ships crew on this occasion.

I wrote to Joy and to Leila

Fresh fruit again to-day.

Port Said

Monday 18th

We awakened at Reveille to find that our Ship had stopped in the Canal owing to a heavy fog, we passed several very large camps and this time they were manned by white soldiers in place of Indians which were here on our last trips, we were greatly struck with the miles and miles of flooded country all along the Canal, we had to tie up on 2 or 3 occasions during the night, it was a very cold night in Comparison to what we have been going through, we passed through Port Said end of the Canal this time in daylight and some or much of the view was new, we saw a large number of pyramids of pure salt and close beside the Canal was a large concentration camp, women and children of prisoners, we saw a flying ship and when we got to Port Said, we noted the large number of large ships of all kinds amongst them were 2 monitors one of which was painted yellow also a flying machine ship then when we anchored about 3 p.m. we were very interested in the large number of small --- or trading boats, amongst those about our ship I bought an afternoon tea set, 42 pieces packed for 12/6, our officers and sisters went ashore but we received no leave.

The boys were swimming in the water again waiting for coins to be thrown in. Several Australian & N.Z. soldiers came to have a look around, we carried through the Canal two Sisters, one came over with us in the Maheno, Sister Holmward. I wrote to Trice.

The lights on our ship and all lights in this Port have to be darkened owing to Enemy air-craft.

Tuesday 19th

I was on Guard from Reveille and put my time in very enjoyable by watching the traders of different kinds calling their wares and the people on board bartering and buying it, and very often not buying and had no intention of doing so, just seeing how far down they can beat the boat-men down. The monotony was broken a little by a party of Italians coming alongside in a little boat and singing songs in their own language, there were 2 men with instruments and 2 young ladies, they got a fair amount of money, then every now and then a sea-plane would go up and scout around and not for fun either as we are in the War Zone. A patrol of 6 motor boats went out and later returned, these can speed up to 30 knots and they carry a gun to chase submarines. I couldn't help laughing to-day over an experience that 5 of our men had over buying an afternoon tea-set, they intended getting it less than I did, for I had paid 12/6 and they thought that by making an offer for 5 sets that

they would do it, so they bartered him down to 8/- then they took it, paid for it and because it was less than they expected they began to think it was odd, and they were suspicious then they gave it to him back and in disgust the men offered the sets for 6/- each and they would not take it although they wanted it, later they were sadder and wiser when he was gone.

We did not get leave we were told by Cp^m Sloane because the Military Officials ashore ordered it, for there had been trouble I think with the Australians.

We left at 12.20 noon and we came off guard immediately afterwards, when we got to the Mediteranean we were convoyed by four minesweepers that carry a gun each, they kept with us until dark when we went full speed again for we had only been going about four knots. We had no bible class again to-night but John Brodie & I went into a quiet place and had a little prayer meeting.

A couple more Sisters came on board to go to England with us. I did no work this Afternoon.

Alexandria

Wednesday 20th

We arrived at Alexandria alongside of the Wharf this time about 10 a.m. being about 10 hours longer than we usually took before, owing to extra precautions. We had to pass through a boom of mines into the Harbour, there was two Hospital Ships here and 2 or 3 torpedo boats and 2 or 3 smaller war-ships also an American war-ship and quite a lot of sailing vessels too, we got leave after dinner and I went into the centre of the City and on to the Australian Records office which is shifted into Huts near the Waterfront, as are N.Z. records of the one or two companies that are still here, such as the Mounted's and a few N.Z.M.C. I learned a little about Amy's brother Charlie, then strolled around the streets looking in at shop windows and bartering with men selling sticks about the Streets and similar practises, I then went out for a train ride to Nouziah, I was greatly surprised to see all the very nice vegetables in the gardens (market) as I passed along, when I came back. I bought a silver-mounted walking stick for 3 shillings and 2 piastres, bringing the price down from 6/-. I then went with 3 others, Brodie, Arthur & Russell to the Y.M.C.A. for tea, indulging in bacon & 3 eggs and 2 cups of tea for (8¼^d) eight pence farthing which does not seem much out of the way. Then we went back and round again, then went into the Scotch Church and in the room underneath where they have a piano in the recreation room for the use of soldiers.

We had a cup of coffee and something to eat. John Brodie my mate was all in his Scotch glory here. When we left the City for the Ship we got along alright until we got almost to the Ship when we found the Wharf gate closed and we had to go back over the Canal bridge for to walk back 10 gates, for we had to get through gate 18 instead of 28 gate, we got on board about 10.25 very good boys, then everybody had lots to tell of what they saw.

There is lots of things that one can tell, an interesting item is the long gown or dress the men wear, and the veil on the women, some wear white ones some wear black, then the horrible smells in the streets away from the centre, and the Streets and Houses and Hotels that are blocked (or out of bounds) for soldiers.

The information I got about

P^{te}. C Grason -- was -----

Died of Septicaemia in N^o. 2 Aust^m Stationery Hospital on 21/5/16

Buried 22/5/16 in the Military Cemetary T.E.K. his grave is 39

Officiating Chaplain Milton R. Malley.

Everything is much cleaner in Alexandria than in P^l. Said & Suez.

We come to the land of flies again -----

----- Egypt -----

The soldiers have to pay the tram fares here now, before, they rode free because they wouldn't pay. We have deviated from Awapuni dress, in that we now wear slouch hats ashore and plain spiral

puttees and private boots, the slouch hats are worn without chin straps down under the chin.

Thursday 21st

We coaled here and took on water.

We took on a number of nursing Sisters (Queen Alexandria) of the 18th stationary Hospital who are being taken to Malta, this is contrary to Geneva Convention. I was put in charge of the Mess orderlies until we get to England. I started at noon. We took on about 350 patients which fills all our cots (540) all but 20. A Ward is being used by the Sty Hos. Sisters to sleep in.

We had to shift all their luggage (and there was plenty of it) down to the 2nd operating theatre. I am out of the O. Theatre for the time being.

The coalies walk up one plank with a basket of coal on their heads and down the other with the basket emptied.

I wrote to Amy Grason.

We received Christmas & New Year greetings from His Ex and Her Ex

We left Alexandria about 4.45 p.m.

(written vertically in margin:)

I was called up at 10 p.m just as I got to sleep to attend an operation for appendicitis and got to bed 1 a.m.



Attachment 11: Photo: "Loading wounded into Marama, Alexandria" (1) (left)

Attachment 12: Photo: "Loading wounded into Marama, Alexandria" (2) (right)



Attachment 13: Colour Press Bureau illustration entitled: "Motor Ambulance"

Friday 22nd

There was a general moving around fixing up mens rooms for patients, we had to shift our mess room and go into a smaller one which is not so convenient in other respects either.

Our patients have all donned the regular blue uniform of soldier patients.

I sold 5 tins of cigarettes for 2/6 and 1/- for 3 others that I sold some time ago.

The lights were not darkened at Alexandria

Saturday 23rd

Morning prayers have been cancelled

There are a lot of N.Z. nurses who came on at Alexandria going to England, one or two that I have noticed who came over as a passenger with us on the Maheno to Egypt.

I wrote to Trice and Harry Wilson

Valetta, Malta

Christmas (Sunday 24th) Eve

We came in sight of Malta about 7 a.m. and tied up at the Admiralty Dock Yards in the Grand Harbour just a few minutes before 10 a.m. A great deal of care is taken for to dodge mine fields and submarines and we had to go through a narrow passage and as we were getting in to our berth we passed several booms of mines.

We noticed that there were not nearly as many men-o-war ships here this time, and we did notice 4 submarines N^o. 7B 9B and 11B and a big one in front of our Ship E11 where all men are D.C.M. men. She was the submarine that went up the Sea of Mamora through the Narrows.

This place is well protected for all along the forts on the sea front you can see guns pointing seawards. Yet for all that a large number of ships of different kinds have been sunk just outside Malta, one was in the dry dock just alongside of us with a torpedo hole in her.

We were given leave from 1 to 3 p.m. and as mess orderlies we made the dirt fly off the dinner dishes so as to be quite ready about 1 and we just about did it, we could only get out of the Docks one way and that was through the main gate. We took a small boat over to Valetta, we first went to Floriana to just have a word with Adjutant Martin whom we found still here, he said that during the height of the Salonika business that there were as many as 20000 soldiers in Malta that is wounded sick and well, we left him and went up the hill through the gate into Valetta, Strada Reale, into one or two shops for my 2 companions wanted to buy although it was Sunday, there were some shops open but most of the were kept by Indians who can be recognised by their peculiar black caps.

We went through S^t. Johns Cathedral very hurriedly for our time was nearly up, then called in at a Malta lace shop where post cards could be bought for two pence a dozen cards, we then went along to Bar[r]acca gardens and down the lift into a small boat and over to our ship where we got aboard about 3 o'clock.

We put off the English nurses of the 18th Stationary Hospital and left about 4.30 just as we were having tea.

Although Church service was up in orders to be held at 10.30 a.m. it was cancelled owing to getting into Port about that time.

Decorations were going on to-day for Xmas.

Carol singers went around the different Wards.

Christmas Day

We had a treat of bacon and eggs for breakfast and spent our off time after washing up drawing stores and nuts and drinks for Christmas dinner, every man was allowed a bottle of beer or stout or cordial or a bottle of wine between four.

The dinner was Scrumptious and it is hard to believe that we are on active service in full swing in our duties, what did we not have for dinner, fowl and mutton and baked & roast potatoes, cauliflower and peas plum pudding & sauce and jelly.

It was amusing, the carving of the duck, I was struggling cutting up the hens or ducks when one of the other mess orderlies suggested pulling it to pieces by hand which was much quicker and easier. It was a long wash up after dinner.

For Christmas tea we had ham, and mutton preserved fruit and cake and prunes almonds and chocolate.

There was a good many under the influence of drink at the end of the day, including some of the sisters.

All the staff received from the Wellington Patriotic Society a tin of tobacco and a tin of cigarettes in a little bag.

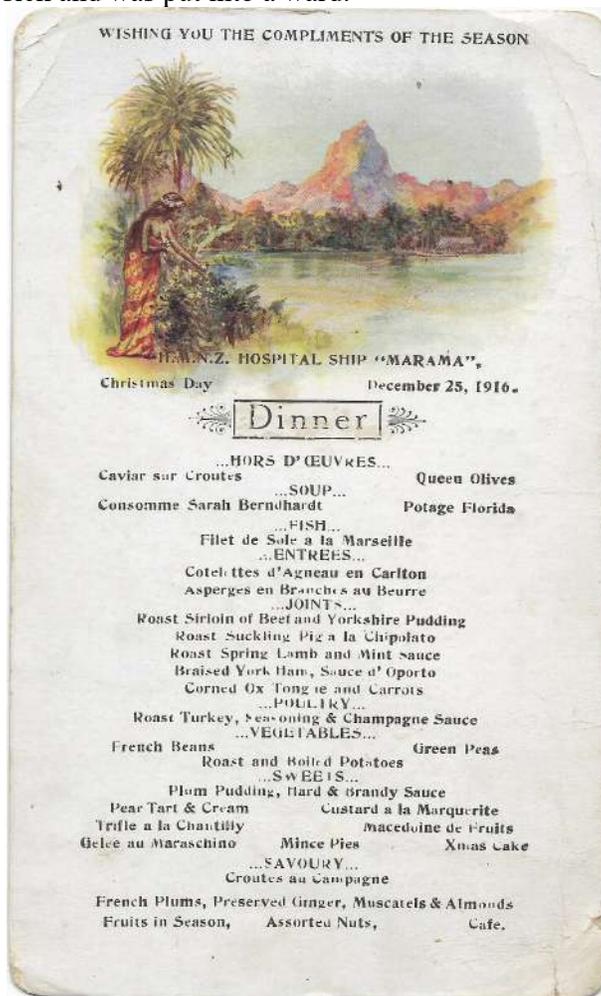
I received a Dominion Safety razor from Sister M^c.Nie and Greetings.

I received 13 Maltese post cards from Harold Thomas for a Christmas box.

Early in the morning two men Tucker & Jen[n]ess went around playing Christmas Carols.

In the morning a warship (destroyer) came round our Ship, in some official capacity although we are some distance from land.

Our wireless operator is sick and was put into a ward.



Attachment 14: H.M.N.Z. Hospital Ship "Marama" Christmas Day Menu December 25, 1916, cardboard with colour New Zealand scene.

Boxing Day

We kept along the African coast all day passing 2 or 3 ships

I had a headache

About half a dozen of our men have been sick so far.

I had my hair cut to-day

One of the patients took on the job of wireless operator, having done some of it before

Several on board have colds showing that the weather is cooler.

I had my razor done up by P^{te} Staub the hairdresser for 1/-

Wednesday 27th

We passed along the Spanish Coast for a long time to-day, and it was a pretty sight to see the Serra Nevada snow capped mountains in the distance and the Sun shining on them.

P^{te}. Erickson was promoted to Corporal.

Heard that a French Battleship was torpedoed in Mediterranean, not far from us.

Gibraltar

Thursday 28th

We stopped at Gibraltar about 1.10 a.m for about 10 minutes when a small boat came alongside we presume with a Pilot. A good many of us got up to see how things looked but could only see Town lights and several searchlights then we went to bed again.

We are beginning to make things fast in case we get rough weather in the Bay of Biscay.

Friday 29th

We passed Cape Finisterre Lighthouse about 7 in The Evening.

We received a message from Hon Allan with greeting and asking us to join N.Z. in prayer on Xmas day at 8 AM

Saturday 30th

We passed into the Bay of Biscay which behaved itself quite decently only having a slight swell causing no one to be seasick we passed a smashed life boat

We were paid to-day £ 1.0.0 and 7/- from Lord Liverpool for a Xmas box

We were put on Fatigue carrying up Officers luggage from the Hold and such bulky luggage and boxes there was too

I wrote to Walter Rochfort

Southampton

New Years Eve 1916

We passed out of the Bay of Biscay into the English Channel.

At about 2 oclock we sighted the Isle of Wight, passing a Warship that was being towed in by about 4 trawlers, we also saw over them an airship, then we anchored or stopped at the Isle of Wight for a pilot we passed several trawlers with torpedo nets as we were getting there, then we went up to the

Docks at Southampton, passing Ryde on one side and Portsmouth on the other, then Cowes of Regatta fame where we saw a seaplane come down into the water to go to the seaplane house. We passed several ships at anchor including a hospital ship, in the same dock as us lay 2 more hospital Ships and the Aquitania lay in the next dock we go alongside about 5 o'clock and very soon after (about an hour) all of our patients went off which was done very quickly, then all the wards were stripped of bed clothes ready for washing, at about 7.30 we were given leave until 10 pm. We went for a walk along the tram track and through the Bargate and back we had a little refreshment in a crummy house.

I posted 5 letters and sent a telegram to Henry Wilson and another to Bob Griffiths at Brokenhurst. We felt it very cold indeed as we were getting into the Isle of Wight.

We were struck by the strong forts built out in the Harbour, they are round and one can see the guns sticking through as we were passing.

We noticed in the Southampton paper of today Massey's & Wards photos and Massey's speech.

We also passed Netley Hospital which has 10,200 beds also we passed Osborne House where Queen Victoria lived.

JANUARY 1917

New Years Day 1917

Boat left the Wharf at 6 a.m. for Anchor.

Cleaning up Wards was the order of the Day.

Meals were all later going back to the "no patient" hours.

I saw as many as four seaplanes at one time.

We are told as many as four Hospital Ships come in here every day (Southampton).

We had an impromptu Concert.

We were issued with Railway warrants entitling us Soldiers to travel half fare on all railways in the United Kingdom.

We all drew for an extra one as there was a few over and I won an extra one.

There was an inspection at 5.30 by the Colonel.

I saw a large number of sea gulls feeding from the refuse from our boat after dark.

We were paid £1 up till the 20th of the month.

Received another cardigan jacket.

Tuesday Jan 2nd 1917

The whole Company was given leave from about Midnight on the 9th with the exception of a guard which consisted of all the Corporals and privates cut up into 10 parts and a tenth had to go on for each 24 hours which made it awkward as those nearer the Centre had to come back to the Ship from where they were and do their guard and go away again if they wanted to. I was on third guard but am going to do the 2nd one for Vic Baker so that he can go home and see his father and Mother. We went off the Marama in life boats tugged by one of our launches, when we got ashore we found that the tickets or warrants were of no use as they were not stamped and after a lot of bother we were taken by our first officer to get it fixed up he being willing to sign it and as we were going about to find the right place we came across the Colonel who fixed us up then we had to make arrangements to get us back to the Marama which was lying about 7 or 8 miles out in the Port, we were told that we would be allowed to go across with the dispatch and mail boat. We then went to the Southampton West Station and took a train to Brighton which cost me 7/9 with the concession rate of the Warrant we found that owing to the omission of the stamp, the Sisters and Matron missed their London train. We caught the 12.22 train and changed three times before we got to our destination at a few minutes after 3, we first went down to the Beach and was greatly interested in what we saw,

everything on the beach is made for people pleasure. There are two big piers which are full of shows of all kinds to catch a penny numbers of which I have never seen before and there are several band stands. We paid 2^d to go out and even at this time of the year there was a good crowd listening to the band which was playing in a large enclosed place of glass. Then we went for a walk along the promenade but only looked at the sand not even going on it by proxy. There are many enormous Hotels facing the sea. Then we went and had some tea, which cost me 11^d for you pay for what you eat over here, the sugar is all brown and tastes much like pepper in the coffee. When we came out it was just about dark and all shops are darkened so walking about trying to see a new place in the dark although it may be interesting for that reason, it is not quite as nice as daylight; of course the Towns are all darkened on account of Zeppelins, we walked about a little, then I left the others with the intention of meeting them by the 6.25 train back to Southampton. I then went on to M^r & M^{rs} Pears of 62 Preston Road Brighton, having a letter of introduction from M^r Conway to them. They were very kind to me, and wished me to stay or come down on Sunday to stay. I could only stay with them time enough for to have a cup of tea and a piece of cake. I learned there about Harold that he was in France and had been about 12 months, he must have been in England 2 months before that, they are expecting him any time on leave. We noticed in the shops the many little china things with the Brighton coat of arms on.

We left Brighton in the train that goes a few minutes after 6 pm for Portsmouth arriving there about 7.45 and the train going to Southampton leaves at 9.15 so we had a walk along the principal Street of Portsmouth and had supper in the Sailors Rest getting a faggot mash roll and coffee for 7^d. We lingered about the Station until the train arrived and left getting into Sth Hampton Docks about 10.20, we went to a boarding house for lodgings they said 5/- each for the four coming down to 4/6 but we thought that it ought to be cheaper so we left. We knew that our ship could not be reached until 9 in the morning but we had the spirit of mischief knowing that we had the fall back of the Lodging house for 4/6 so we went along to the Aquitania and pleaded a tale to see if we could not get lodgings on her but the military policeman said that no one was allowed on board, they are very afraid of something happening to her for she is a monster 47000 tons, we are told that she is not a success as a Hospital Ship.

The M.P. took us to a Medical something place and they took us to a R.A.M.C (Docks) barracks where we were fairly comfortable and got to sleep somewhere about 1 a.m. for the men did not seem restricted to any hour.

We learned that Butter was 2/4 and to get white sugar was quite a ceremony and you could not get more than 2lb at a time.

A private (soldier) gets 1/- a day and he keeps 3/- a week and his wife if he has one gets 4/- of it. She gets another 8/6 a week making 15/- for the Husband & wife, in Contrast to N.Z.'s £2.2. The first child gets 6/- a week and the rest 2/6 a week.

We passed one of the largest Wireless stations in the World and saw away in the distance the old Victory's masts. We also saw a large Aerodrome & a number of airships outside their sheds, we passed Suttons nurseries a very large place

[Book No. 5.]

25. NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

PASS (for Leave of Absence).

THE BEARER, No. 2/753 *of the* *of the*
Ad. Marama Corps, has permission to be absent from *Ship*
 Camp
 Parade

from *9 am* o'clock* *JAN - 2 1917*
 until *10.30 pm* o'clock* *Jan 11*

Recommended by *John Hunter*
Southampton *William Collins*
 [Camp or place.] Commanding.

, 191 * Here insert date.

Attachment 15: Jan 2, 11 1917 leave pass, Southampton

Wednesday Jan 3rd

We awakened and got up in our barracks at 7am and dressed, tidied up our beds and had no wash but went down stairs and had a pot of tea (not a cup) but rather a basin and a piece or two of bread and butter, the other men had bacon.

We went round then and caught our motor patrol boat, we saw quite a number of motor patrol boats, we got to our ship at 10 a.m. an hour late for guard for which we were sorry for for the other guard did not leave the Ship until after dinner.

I received a telegram from Jeanie Wilson and a letter from Bobbie Griffiths.

I wrote to Trice.

Thursday 4th

On guard again doing my own this time.

The 3rd guard arrived in the mail motor boat, about an hour late, the 2nd guard went off in the same boat, 2 other men came later in another motor boat.

We settled down to do guard properly for it was not very strenuous and the time passed very quickly.

About 2 pm Alf S and I went on shore with our launch to get our Marama mail if there was any for us but when we got it it was all old letters mostly to the 1st Charter men, it came via Vancouver.

Captain Earle came back with us to relieve Captain Spedding who has been on board all the time. I expected Bobbie about 3 pm and I felt disappointed thinking that I could not see him as I was on board out at anchor.

I got ashore in the launch but had to be back to it at 3.15 so I could not wait any longer at the Dock gates therefore I do not know if he came or not.

Alf Stainton told me that he stayed at the Shakespeare Hut Gower St and when I looked I found that was Harry Wilson's address that Jeanie sent me.

We had to send our address when we are away to Colonel Collins every 2nd day for the 1st four days then every day for the rest of the leave so that we could be called up if we were wanted in a hurry his address is ----

Albemarle Court

Albemarle St.
off Picadilly
London

We are not allowed to wear our slouch hats here in the Awapuni fashion with a dint from front to back but have to wear them in the Baden Powell style, it is an order from the G.O.C.

Friday 5th

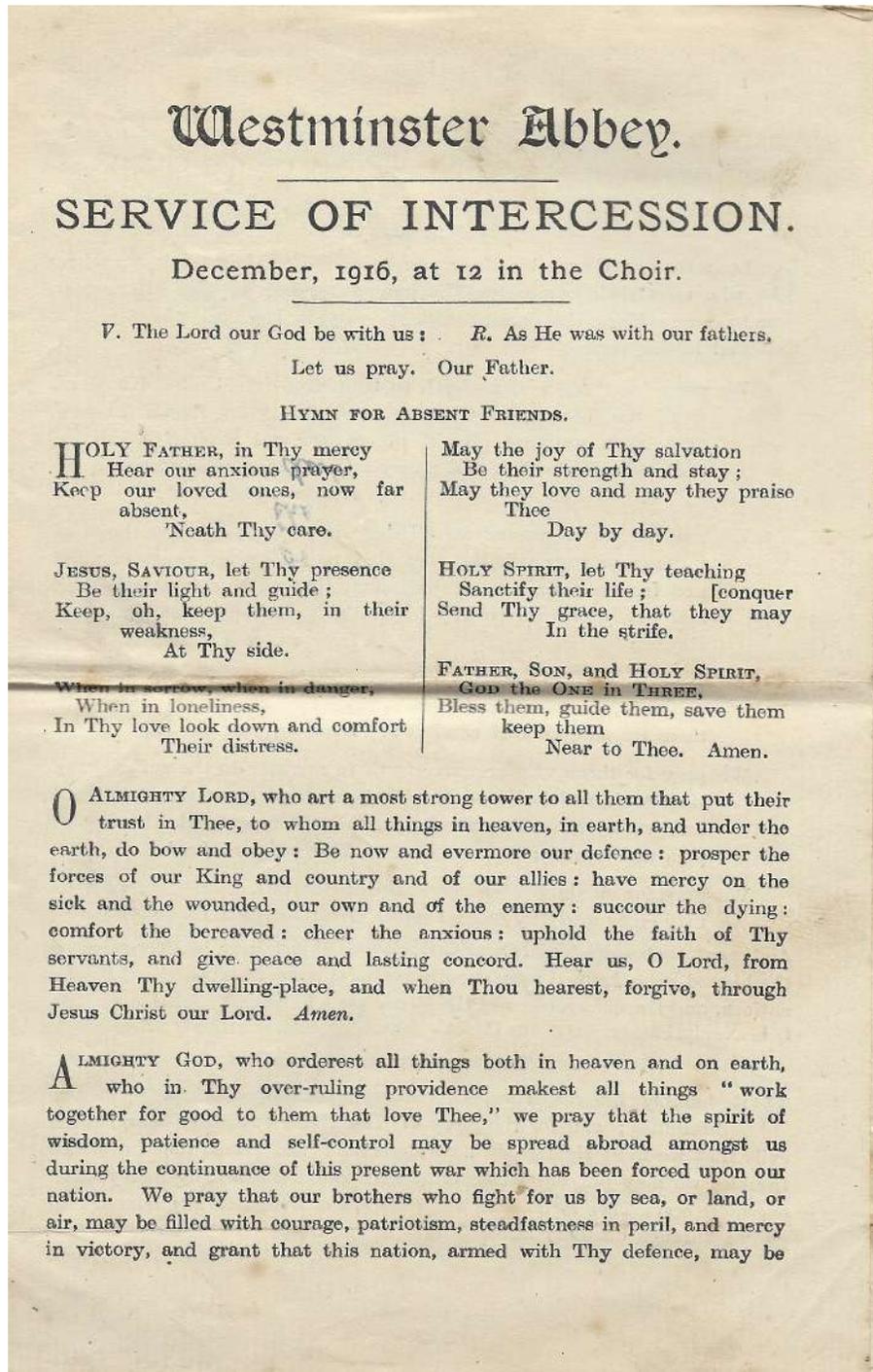
The Marama came up to the Wharf about 10am when we were relieved by the new guard. I took a car for the Southampton West S^{tn}. catching 11.3 train for London where we arrived about 1.30, where we met three N.Z. Volunteer Sisters who told us to go to Shakespeare Hut where Harry Wilson is 2nd in charge. It was a lovely sunny morning after a heavy frost, the bare trees caught ones eye quite different to our Australian and N.Z. ones. We passed several forests in the train and noticed the height of the trees after our trees, the farming district that we went through was very pretty and they use almost every yard of ground up. We had dinner as soon as we arrived 1/1 it cost us, for in the Restaurants you pay only for what you eat. There are 2 large firms in London the A.B.C. and the biggest Lyons and Co who have Restaurants everywhere, we went up then to book our bed and breakfast which cost us 2/-. We got a cubicle which holds 2 beds each and are very comfortable. I met Harry Wilson and he was glad to see me, he is second in charge and has received word to prepare to go to France in the YMCA work. He was playing the piano when I saw him first, we then walked up Tottenham Court road up Oxford St along Regent St which is the West End then to the Strand and had tea, went along then to Fleet St. where Alf S. left me to meet Bond. I then went back via Holbourn to the Scaler Theatre where I saw the Battle of the Somme & Colonial pictures then back to Hut where we went to bed late. Alf & I are in the same cubicle.

Saturday 6th

Alf, Hall & I went along Oxford S^t Regent S^t, down to Gaunt & Co in Conduit S^t. where we made enquiries about getting medical Corp buttons made, for this is one of the largest button & badge makers in England and their Works are in Birmingham, we had to wire to there and we also wrote. We went then to Trafalgar Square where we had to meet Bond and while waiting we had an experience with a London guide who came up to us and told us that he had to meet 3 other soldiers there and was to show them to the "Changing of the guards in S^t. James Palace" but he says any 3 will do so come along it is just nice time, he did all the talking unbidden so I coolly calmly and collectedly said he wouldn't take us, we then went through S^t. James Park to see the changing, they have two bands to escort them, we walked with them for awhile going past Buckingham Palace we went as far as Victoria Station and took a bus to Westminster Abbey, where I went into the Church House to again enquire of M^r. Brett who I learned later was still in Smyrna. Alf was to meet me in Westminster Abbey where I went after my business was done and I lost Alf for the day. I stayed to the Service which was just beginning and I enjoyed it, afterwards going around the left part where I saw David Livingstones monument. I met Will Wright of the U.S.S. Coy in the old Chapter House. He was wounded through the leg in the Somme struggle, I waited about hoping to pick up Alf. I saw a girl feeding the tame pigeons in front of the Cathedral or Abbey I should say. I went through the Houses of Parliament, then had dinner & took an underground to London Tower where I went through again and bought some post cards of the place which cannot be bought anywhere else. When I came out I did a speck of first aid for an Australian had fallen down of the curbstone and cut his head. He was taken to the Hospital insensible. I then went over the Tower Bridge then took a bus to Whitechapel Road where the Jewish town is and I also saw the London Hospital which is a very large place, then I took a long underground ride to Oxford Circus then to Central Y.M.C.A. and stayed to the Concert where I met a London Volunteer Sister whom I got into conversation with, then I went back to Shakespeare.



Attachment 16: Ticket to Tower (free admission)



Attachment 17: December 1916 Westminster Abbey Service of Intercession, p. 1.

delivered from the present danger and kept in the peace promised to all whose "minds are stayed on Thee," through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A FEW VERSES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE.

Let us pray.

O LORD GOD OF HOSTS, by whose permission nation riseth against nation, who usest their swords for Thy judgments, and at Thy will makest war to cease: Bring this present strife speedily, in Thy good pleasure, to a just and lasting peace; *Hear us, good Lord:*

We pray for those who go forth to fight, from the United Kingdom, from the Dominions Overseas, and from the Indian Empire, that Thou wouldest give them courage and wisdom in danger, protection in conflict, and mercy and forbearance in victory; *Hear us, good Lord:*

We pray for our King and for all those upon whom do rest the chief burdens of responsibility, that they may be given peace of mind and fearless soundness of judgment, that all things may be well and wisely ordered to Thy honour and glory, both at home and abroad; *Hear us, good Lord:*

We pray for those who suffer,—the dying, the wounded, the sick, the prisoners, the mourners for the fallen,—that Thou wouldest be with them for support and comfort; *Hear us, good Lord:*

We pray for those who are gone forth to minister to the suffering, to their souls and bodies,—that Thou wouldest grant them skill and tenderness and endurance in patient watching to the healing of pain and sorrow; *Hear us, good Lord:*

We pray for all those who have fallen in the war, that they, with us may enter into Thy eternal rest; *Hear us, good Lord:*

And grant, we beseech Thee, O our God, that all things may be over-ruled to the blessed issue, beyond mere earthly peace, of restored brotherhood among nations, and the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom. All this we ask, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Attachment 18: December 1916 Westminster Abbey Service of Intercession, p. 2.

Sunday 7th

Got up later than usual for you get meals or food at any hour day or night in the Y.M.C.A. huts, for men are coming back from France at all hours. So we had breakfast then walked some of the way and rode the rest in a bus to Spurgeons Tabernacle where Alf and I heard D^r. Dixon preach his sermon, was a New Years one and was "Be of good Cheer", we afterwards went up and shook hands with him we then went along to Petticoat Lane or rightly Middlesex St. where the Jews trade for it is in their town you can buy almost any thing there and all the stalls are trucks that extend down

both sides of the Street packed close together, quite a lot of women were walking down too observing and buying, we went back to get something to eat and Alf had a joke with one of the waitresses about coming as a guide for us to Hyde Park where we went next going down Rotten Row where the toffs ride we walked through the Park which seems a very popular walk and where we saw a search light and aircraft gun station. There was a lot of soap box orators there too in the P^k. Then we went back to Shakespeare to tea and Alf came along a little way and I went to Westminster Chapel to hear Campbell Morgan who is going to Melbourne & has resigned his Pastorate here. While I was enquiring where the Chapel was I met 2 ladies who took me with them into their pew and afterwards took me to their home right over in Battersea where we walked although it was raining all the time. This is the first time I have been in an English home, they gave me supper and asked me to come again, M^r Smale giving me his card. I went back by bus home to Shakespeare, the oldest Church in London we passed and it still has the old Bible chained to the wall and is in Chelsea where the old Chelsea barracks and Infirmary is also the Duke of Yorks School, also the Electric Lighting Power House of London is alongside the river that we passed over to go to Battersea

Will Members of the Watchers' Prayer Union renew their membership for 1917? The Secretary will be in the office at the close of each service.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1917

THE WATCHERS' PRAYER UNION
of the London Missionary Society.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH
PRAY FOR INDIA.

MORNING WORSHIP AT 11.	EVENING WORSHIP AT 7.
Invocation and Lord's Prayer. <small>(Congregation please join.)</small>	Invocation and Lord's Prayer. <small>(Congregation please join.)</small>
Hymn 725.	Hymn 245.
Responsive Reading. Psalm xxxiii.	Scripture.
Chant 94. <small>(Choirs follow lyrics in Congregational Hymnal.)</small>	Anthem 5. "They that wait upon the Lord."— <i>G. J. Elvey.</i>
Scripture.	Prayer.
Prayer.	*Offertory.—Offerings last Sunday, £31 Or. 10½d.
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Hymn 364. (1st Tune.)	Sermon by Dr. G. CAMPBELL MORGAN.
Sermon by Dr. G. CAMPBELL MORGAN.	Hymn 242.
Hymn 331.	Benediction.
Benediction	Voluntary. ALLEGRO IN C.— <i>Smart.</i>
Communion Hymns—481 and 495.	
Voluntary. "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD."— <i>Handel.</i>	

At the Organ—Mr. JOSIAH CLARKE.

NOTE.—The Hymns are not announced. The Congregation is requested to rise and unite with the Choir in the Service of Praise.

* WE BESPEAK THE SYMPATHETIC AND PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION OF VISITORS IN THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Attachment 19: Watchers' Prayer Union of the London Missionary Society Sunday January 7 1917 Westminster Chapel Morning and Evening Worship sheet

Monday 8th

We got word from Colonel Collins that our leave had been extended two days.

We went down to N.Z. Headquarters where I enquired about Walter Rochfort who had gone to France in September and was alright. I also got another half fare railway warrant and my leave pass endorsed by Major Dawson. Alf went for a shave and Jock Hay and I waited about an hour and a half for him and we lost one another again so we had dinner and went into the National Gallery where we could only see old pictures as they are using most of the Gallery for War purposes as is also the Tate Gallery where we intended going to next, we then walked along the Strand and Fleet St. to S^t. Pauls where Jock left me. I stayed to the 4 o'clock Service but could not say that I enjoyed it for it was too High Church. I would ten times prefer Westminster Abbey than S^t. Pauls. Holman Hunt's picture the Light of the World is in St Pauls. I had the experience of being put out by one or was it two of the Vergers for they close the building at dark yet a simple intercessory service was just begun at S^t. Dunstons Chapel near the front steps inside and they were singing (just a few) "When I survey the wondrous cross" then I went back to the Hut, where I met 2 Belgians one belonging to Antwerp and the other to Brussels. They could speak English fairly well although they had been here only a few months they had been wounded and were in the Belgian Hospital almost opposite.

Tuesday 9th

Four of us went to the Zoo and I could not help noticing how much of it one could see under cover for it is Winter and the animals that cannot stand the cold are in houses heated up. It is a fine zoo and everything is made to look as natural as possible. I met my little friend the squirrel again, then we went to see the Lords Cricket Ground where the most important cricket matches [are held]. While in the Zoo refreshment room having lunch, one of my overcoat buttons came off and a waitress volunteered to sew it on and I modestly allowed her to do so. I then went to N.Z. headquarters and got a new felt hat with a stiff rim, then back to the Hut for tea, afterwards going out to the address Mr Barnes gave me, 7 Hilldrop Crescent off Hilldrop Road Holloway Nth where I quite enjoyed myself and interested them telling them all I could of Mr Barnes and his people. I found out that Mrs Andrews was Mr Barnes Sister there were three daughters and a son there and there is one who enlisted in Australia where he has been 4 years. Their names (the girls) are Minnie and Florrie and ----- they came along to see me to the train (one is a war bride) and invited me to come again. Snow fell again to-day. Lords is now used as an officers training camp. There is a tremendous lot of Hospitals in and about London. I bought 30 post cards types of London.

Wednesday 10th

We went to Sth Hampton Row and bought one or two presents and post cards then went along to Westminster Hall and heard General Booth speak, he took for his subject people with different characteristic weaknesses that they have settled down to saying that they cannot help it. The General said that they ought to give those hindrances to God which is the correct way. There were a lot of Salvationists and others there altho it was 11 o'clock in the morning they were holding what they called "2 days with God" the General speaking at each meeting at 11. 2.45 and 6.45. Tuesday & Wednesday the meeting lasted till 1 pm. We had conversation with several people outside then went and had dinner up to the High Commissioners office in the Strand along to Arlington S^t. ----- just to get an experience ----- back to Shakespeare where we had tea and left to catch the 7 pm for Southampton. Alf Stainton took a snap of Harry Wilson and I and Rushton but it is to be seen if it will come out alright as it was in the dark.

Received a letter from the Bishop of Gibraltar telling of M^r. Bretts whereabouts and how he is, he is still in Smyrna

Thursday 11th

Got up fairly late and scraped a cup of cold or nearly cold tea as there were no official mess orderlies on board and went to Southampton along the Canal walk (the ditches) and bought a set of Medical Corps buttons also buying some post cards that is how I knew that the Pilgrim Fathers left from here and there is a monument to remember it. Also there is a Titanic memorial. I then caught the 2.15 pm train from Southampton West to Brockenhurst (Tin Town) where I met Bobbie Griffiths and Compton (Ken). Bobbie had his half day and was writing to Amy G. when I showed myself to him he took me in warmed me up by the fire then fed me and partly clothed me, giving me a scarf and new hat 2 good handkerchiefs and some tooth paste then both of them took me through the historic New Forest, it was just about there that William Rufus was shot by Walter Tyrrell and is where the King hunts and we pass the old Kings residence coming along as we do in the train. There are 3 N.Z. Hospitals in Brockenhurst. We had lots to tell one another and Bobbie gave me a bible to take home for Amy. They came to the train to see me off at 7.40 when I left for Southampton.

Friday 12th

Received a letter from Trice which was the first one she wrote somehow or other I got it after the first one she wrote. I also received one from Amy. We had a very quiet day and were expecting to get leave again for a few hours to visit Southampton. I am still carrying on as P.M.O.

Saturday 13th

Received a letter from Walter Rochfort in France in answer to one that I wrote and posted in Southampton. He is well and likes being in the Field ambulance in the trenches. Morrison and Tidy Falla and Jim Olds are with him.

We took on patients to-day starting at about 11 AM. for the first batch and at about 2.30 pm for the 2nd batch.

I was helping carrying the stretcher cases to the Wards for there were a good many, we filled the ship up, even taking a few more, we have 538 patients and there are 520 cots.

We left Southampton at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 14th

Church service at 10.30. I was Church Orderly but owing to the congregation consisting of 2 patients 2 privates Sergeant Major and Colonel Collins, it was concluded in about a quarter of an hour.

It was announced that owing to the room (social hall) being otherwise used that the evening service would be dispensed with.

Learned that Will Wright of the U S S Coy was amongst our patients.

All our patients are New Zealanders.

We are having a fine trip so far, our Ship being very full of coal she is riding the waves very well.

We lost one of our mess orderlies who has been taken away to look after mental cases making us short.

Monday 15th

This was quite an eventful day for at about 1 pm we picked up an open life boat with 13 men on her, one being dead, died of exposure. Their Ship the Brookwood had had 2 torpedos fired into her 500

miles from where we picked them up in the Atlantic, this ship was a coal boat bound for Port Said and they were shelled in the life boat by the German submarine also.

This happened at 4.30 last Wednesday evening nearly 6 days before, we gave them a cheer when they came alongside. They cheered back.

When they got on board they nearly all collapsed, then an hour later a submarine crossed our bows, causing more excitement for we could not tell whether it was an enemy one or our own, there was a high sea running. The dead man was buried at sea about 4.45 pm, the ship stopping for the occasion. Another mess orderly was taken away to-day leaving 3 of us.

Four photos of rescue of crew from Brookwood Lifeboat:



Attachment 20: Rescue of life boat crew in Bay of Biscay 1: When first sighted (left)

Attachment 21: Rescue of life boat crew in Bay of Biscay 2: When first sighted (2) (right)



Attachment 22: Rescue of life boat crew in Bay of Biscay 3: Alongside, stretching out hands to catch hold of Marama's rope ladder

Attachment 23: Rescue of life boat crew in Bay of Biscay 4: Last man leaving little boat

BRUSH WITH A SUBMARINE.

The voyage of the hospital ship to New Zealand was an uneventful one. Some excitement was raised when the vessel was in the Bay of Biscay, on January 15, when a lifeboat was picked up containing twelve men and the body of another, who proved to be part of the crew of the steamer Brookwood, which had been sunk five days previously by fire from a German submarine. The rescued men had been in the lifeboat for five days, and had been without water for many hours. Their only food was a few water biscuits. They stated that another lifeboat was afloat containing survivors from the Brookwood.

Not long afterwards a submarine was sighted, but the hospital ship was not interfered with. The second lifeboat was not discovered, although a sharp lookout was kept.

THE ROLL.

The names, occupations, and addresses of the men for the Auckland district are:—

Commissioned Officers.—Captain P. McNab, Lieut. W. Scott-Higginson, Second-Lieut. S. Bongard, Second-Lieut. J. G. Gasparich, Second-Lieut. A. R. H. Turner.

N.C.O.'s and Men.—John Anderson, Corporal M. Anthony, Chas. Arns, A. J. Blaikie, A. Boler, F. T. A. Howell, L. B. Boyd, W. Buchanan, A. Byers, W. Campbell, A. A. F. Condy, Lance-Corporal P. W. S. Catchpole, W. T. Chiplin, W. C. N. Codlin, A. F. Cockhead, F. W. J. Collins, R. B. Cooper, R. M. B. Crowther, W. H. Davidson, E. Davies, Lance-Corporal H. H. Davison, H. C. Davy, E. H. Deery, Lance-Corporal R. S. Denvers, R. M. Donaldson, Lance-Corporal C. Doyle, E. Dunn, W. E. Dwyer, E. J. Edwards, J. Flynn, W. J. Forsyth, G. H. R. Funnell, W. Gamble, C. F. Gibbins, R. Godley, Corporal E. Griffiths, F. T. Hampshire, T. Harris, A. Harris, P. Harrison, J. A. Ashley, E. Heap, A. Heskett, W. H. Hewett, T. Hokai, S. T. Hollington, Corporal K. A. Hooten, T. S. Humphrey, W. A. Innes, S. Isaacs, A. H. Jack, Lance-Corporal H. Johnston, E. Jones, L. I. Keat, C. S. Kelly, W. S. Kelly, E. W. Kent, A. A. King, P. Kinita, H. Lomas, J. H. Lang, R. McDermott, W. J. McDowell, Lance-Corporal G. E. McEvoy, P. L. McGrath, A. McMillan, P. Maku, N. Masson, P. A. Mays, Sergeant J. E. Mays, J. Morgan, H. C. Morton, J. O'Brien, G. E. Oldbury, J. V. Oliver, W. Ormsby, T. Paora, J. L. Petersen, J. R. Plummer, L. Presland, H. A. Rapson, Lance-Sergeant W. Rankin, H. Redfearn, Lance-Corporal E. Reeve, R. Rere, B. Rogers, H. A. Rogers, V. E. V. Roscoe, H. Royal, F. Saies, A. Saies, P. Solomon, Lance-Corporal A. Stanley, Lance-Corporal J. A. Stanton, Corporal J. A. Stewart, H. A. Stowell, C. Stuckey, P. Tairua, K. Tamou, D. N. Taylor, — Timms, C. M. Turner, Lance-Corporal J. C. Verner, G. E. Whalstrom, Sergeant S. Ward, A. E. Warner, Lance-Corporal T. S. Webb, A. C. Wells, J. S. Wilson, W. F. G. Wilson, W. H. Werth, J. V. Wrenn, R. G. Young.

Attachment 24: Newspaper cutting entitled 'Brush with a Submarine' reporting the hospital ship picking up the lifeboat from the Brookwood at the Bay of Biscay on 15 January 1917

Tuesday 16

One of our patients in C Ward was one of our patients in the C Ward of the Maheno when we came home from England to N.Z. last time, his name is Pte Westfield.

There is also a patient in H. Ward who is a son of Fernandez the Fish Merchant in Lampton Quay.

Wednesday 17th

We are just about out of the Submarine area.

I did some washing.

I finished reading the book "Uriah".

Thursday 18th

We passed the island of Teneriffe, which is one of the Canary group.

There was a tobacco issue

We have five men sick.

There is a fairly high mountain in Teneriffe

Friday 19th

Heard of some of the experiences of the members of the shipwrecked crew that we picked up, from the Chief officer of the Brookwood.

Saturday 20th

There is a Maori I think his name is Tauri who also came home with us wounded in the Maheno. He also is on this Boat. He was shell wounded in the Somme fighting.

Dakar

Sunday 21st

We were surprised to learn this morning that we were to call in at Dakah [Dakar] which Port we arrived at 11 AM. for to put off our shipwrecked men, some of our officers went off first in our motor launch, then during the early afternoon 3 or 4 orderlies went off with the men, 2 of them being on stretchers owing to their frost bitten feet. Two or three small boats came about our ship one had post cards for sale and sold out the others were African blacks who dived for money. I bought 2½ doz post cards, the town is fairly pretty and the Harbour has a breakwater and is in a very large Bay. There are two small islands as you come into Dakah on which are forts.

Orders were up that there should be Church service but it was put off.

I am afraid that parsons although taking services is their business and hasn't happened once a week since we have been away, they get lazy. They, on this ship anyway do very little during the week.

The Officers have come to the conclusion that the men need some stimulant as they are getting run down, so they are allowing them Ale or Stout or Port wine and at tea to-night I had to deal out the cursed stuff and I got into more trouble than enough because they could not get enough and this excuse and that anyway I have asked them not to give the stuff to me to serve out again I hate it even to touch it.

We left Dakah again at about 5 pm.

We gave the shipwrecked men three hearty cheers as they left the ship & the first mate was quite

broken up as he got to the shore.

Monday 22nd

The Ship stopped early this morning because the steering gear went wrong and she had to be hand steered a good part of the day when the engineers righted things again.

There was a tobacco issue.

We have had a very pleasant trip so far and the weather also has been pleasant up till now.

Finished reading book "The Attic Guest".

Tuesday 23rd

There was a rumor to-day that there was a German raider two days ahead of us.

There was a bit of trouble over the Orchestra to-day rather a heated one.

There was a very important inspection to-day including the Colonel, adjutant and Captain of Ship.

There was quite a joke over the adjutant saying "just a little sand soap, just a drop of water and a bit of rag and it makes all the difference."

Wednesday 24th

Passed the equator to-day during the afternoon.

There is a lot of gambling with cards amongst the convalescent patients and also amongst our own officers who ought to set an example.

There was another beer, stout and wine issue for tea and it was left to the mens honour to divide it up equally but strong drink causes more cheating and thieving than almost anything else, some of course had more than their share knowing it was wrong while others had none.

Thursday 25th

We are now in the Southern Hemisphere and altho it is hot the weather is not unbearable as there is a nice breeze blowing, of course we are wearing as little clothes as possible, I am wearing shorts, a thin woolen singlet, a pair of white shoes and a belt and smile, I was lying out in the Sun to-day and got slightly sun-burnt ---

There was a tobacco issue.

Friday 26th

The weather is getting much cooler, to-day to be almost able to say that it is comfortable.

There is another promotion to-day. P^{te} Cook to be Lance Corporal. This makes one Non-com to every 3 men of the Staff.

P^{te} Bond is being invalided home as he is taking fits again to-day and yesterday. Fred Gaze and Corp. Hamilton are both ill in the Ward.

Saturday 27th

Concert in Evening

Sunday 28th

We had Church services both morning and evening again, Major Gilliam preached in morning & Major Dalton in Evening.

I was Church Orderly in the Morning.

Monday 29th.

Passed S^t Helena Island during the night.

There was a tobacco issue.

I gave the painter 2 tins of tobacco to paint my name and number on my kit.

Tuesday 30th

The weather is getting a little cooler.

There was boat drill this afternoon.

I did some washing.

Tom Lynch is now working in the Cook house and is getting extra duty pay.

Bond took another fit to-day.

Wednesday 31st

The sea is very rough and quite a number are sea sick.

FEBRUARY 1917

Thursday Feb 1st

Sea much calmer.

Tobacco issue.

Friday 2nd

We passed Capetown about 9 am and saw the historic Table top mountain in the distance, it is a beautiful day, we saw no houses from the Marama and the only sign of life was a couple of fishing boats a little way from land.

----- An important -----

wireless message was received on board to-day. It was that the Foreign Office Official states that the German Government claim to have conclusive proof that our hospital ships have been misused to transport munitions and troops. At the same time Germany declares that the traffic of hospital ships within line of Flamborough Head Terschelling, Ushant, and Lands end will no longer be permitted, The British Government have decided that if the treat is carried out reprisals will immediately be taken.

Saturday 3rd

A wireless message to-day read that Germany allege that the Britannic carried 2500 British soldiers not invalids. The German press is issuing similar falsehoods with a view to manufacturing pretexts for the latest methods of warfare. Never since the beginning of the war have any but invalids and hospital staff embarked on any British Hospital Ships. I query this. [*See entry for 21 December 1916*]

We saw the largest school of porpoises that ever I saw to-day, there must have been hundreds in it.

Sunday 4th

We made very slow progress to-day as it was not intended to get into Durban until early on Monday

morning.

We passed slowly quite close to the town of East London it was much larger than I expected and was prettily situated on the coast, it is a modern place and looks laid out on the town planning principal.

We had church morning & evening. I was Ch orderly in the morning. There was a good attendance at both services, Major Dutton's sermon in the Evening taken from "Jesus the carpenter" was very good.

I wrote to Walter Rochfort.

Durban

Monday 5th

We arrived at Durban about 10 a.m.

After dinner the walking patients were allowed leave until 10 p.m. while the cot patients were taken to a Hospital ashore by British or S.A. ambulance men in motor ambulances.

The night orderlies were allowed leave until 8 pm and at about 3 p.m. we got leave until 10 pm. I went ashore by myself and took a car (electric) to the Post Office. Soldiers ride free on the trams, I met Archie Hamilton & Kibby and we took the long round tram ride to the Zoo and viewed Durban from the Hill. The green trees bushes and flowers were lovely. This is about the cleanest & most up to date places that I have seen, as far as I went all the streets were asphalted macadamised ones, and the Zoo was a very nice one, the houses of the animals were so well made. The Zoo is also free to soldiers as was also the pier on the ocean beach where we went for a tram ride, this is also very striking and is lit up by electric light at night. There are two or three Y.M.C.A Huts & buildings where soldiers can get cheap refreshments. In the evening we went to the the pictures in the Town Hall in the evening when we witnessed the making of the Natal Republic in 1838. I bought some Post Cards and views, some of the post cards were 2 pence I spent about 5/-.

I received 2 letters from Trice

- 1 " " Amy G
- 1 Xmas card from Rita Harris
- 1 letter " Horrie Thomas
- 1 " " Cal & Ern Hayhow

The rickshaw men and their dress amused me again, as did also the native police and their blue uniform.

Tuesday 6th

We had leave again from about 10 am. until 10 p.m. I bought some curios (2 ostriches eggs and a pottery vase) for 5/-.

I went for a tram ride to Umbilo about 4 miles around the Harbour, we passed along through the Hindoo's quarters where their shops and dwellings are also a Mosque. I went for another tram ride around the circuit Musgrave St. & Marriott Road, stopping up on the highest hill for a while to look down on Durban because of the good view from Berea. I went then into Mitchel P^k. where the Zoo is and sat down for awhile then went back to Y.M.C A Hut for tea, for you get almost everything for a penny, tea or coffee 1^d each so are tomato or other sandwiches and cakes and salads or boiled eggs. All the ladies that do the work and entertain the men are volunteers and give as much time as they can to the work and almost all the fruit and eatables are free so one can easily make a meal for 5 or 6 pence. I went down again at dusk to the Ocean Beach and saw the mixed bathing and surfing. I was much struck with the tram track there on the Esplanade for the place is a lawn with just the rails that are not covered with grass then there are lovely rockeries and also a childrens paddling pool. I came back from there to the Wesleyan Hall, where they are also open all the while

for soldiers but the tea and cakes are free and ladies also there are volunteers. I enjoyed myself there for the evening being entertained by singing and recitations finishing up with supper. I said good-bye & got home just before 10, getting back to the Ship by Rickshaw 1/-.

Wednesday 7th

We had leave from about 10.45.am until 2 and the night duty men until 4 pm. I had lunch at Wesleyan Hall and then bought some curios a snuff box and spoon and a hair pin which is also used as a handkerchief also a native waist belt or part of a full native dress only a small rectangular piece of beading is missing. I also bought a book of typical native post cards. I went for a tram ride then with Corp Erickson to Overport where I saw some green bananas on a tree. I like the pretty green shade of the bushes and trees in Durban.

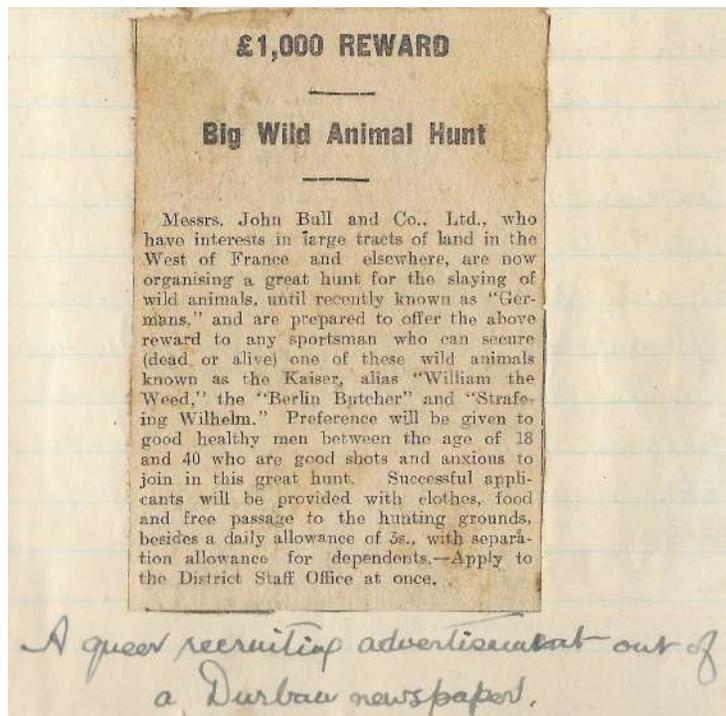
The wounded soldiers and staff were entertained by the people of Durban at the Zoo yesterday and the Mayor gave a little speech, I did not know of it till late as did others.

The people of Durban have been very good to all of us and everybody speaks nothing but praise for them and everybody enjoyed the little stay here. I think that Durban is the cleanest city that I have ever seen also cleaner morally, and altho there are as one man said (altho I think he overestimated) 5 natives to 1 white (there are 32000 whites in Durban) there is no begging like in India & Ceylon and other places that we have been in. The tram men get from 1/- to 1/4 an hour and the conductor if he has been 3 years gets the same money as the motorman and they get 1 day a week off and get half pay for it. Durban is one of the largest whaling stations and already this season they have captured 90 whales. Just lying alongside of us is an historic war monitor, for it was the first one used by us in this war, for it was used on the Belgian coast in 1915 and later in the Riflici [?] River, also on the other side lay both the ships that we loaded wounded from Anzac by the Maheno into while they were anchored at Lemnos, there names are the Nile and the captured German prize the "Derflinger".

We left the Wharf for N.Z just about 6.45 after waiting for absentee patients a long time for our advertised time for sailing was 5 p m. Just as we got away an orderly came into sight with a patient and our tug had to go back and get them and when the tug came with them there was two other patients that had come along late, we went right out then and so far about 6 or 7 patients are known to be left behind.

I spent 23/10½ here.

I came on board at 2.45 and soon after helped to carry our patients on board for they were brought back to us from the Durban Hospital where they were in the meantime, we loaded right up with coal even to putting a lot on the Boat deck.



Attachment 25: Durban newspaper recruitment advertisement with comment underneath: 'A queer recruiting advertisement out of a Durban newspaper.'



Attachment 26: Mail notice newspaper cutting advising henceforth no names of ships or dates, with comment underneath: 'This shows the precautions taken in South Africa during the War.'

Altho soldiers are not allowed to enter Hotels I am sorry to say that quite a number of patients as well as men of our staff got enough drink to make them drunk. It was raining when the Marama left and quite a number of Durban people came to see us off which pleased us, we gave them 3 hearty cheers and they returned them.

Thursday 8th

There is a very heavy sea swell on and quite a number of patients and our men are sea-sick again.

Friday 9th

The swell is still on and the ship is going much slower than the average distance.

The weather is much cooler.

Saturday 10th

Colonel Collins had the letters C.M.G. added to his name

Sunday 11th

This is the roughest day that we have experienced so far the waves were breaking over the top deck. It has been miserable trying to get about for you would slide backwards and forwards as often as you would walk yet for all that it caused a good bit of fun one way and another through things being broken and one and another getting wet through.

There was a short service in the morning. I went to bed about 6 pm. We only went 221 miles up till noon to-day from noon yesterday which is the slowest so far.

Monday 12th

The weather has surprised us by being calmer to-day & we are glad.
Tobacco issue.

Tuesday 13th

I was taken out of the mess-room for to-day to help in the operating room where there were 8 men operated upon, the doctors started at 9.30 and finished about 4.15 pm.

There were a lot of complaints in the mess room to-day regarding meals both at dinner & tea time. One of the patients in E. Ward died at 4.30 a.m. and there was a funeral service at 4 pm when he was buried.

The ship got into better time to-day doing 295 miles which is the best since Durban.

Wednesday 14th

We call the ships voluntary orchestra "Rapperty's conscripts" because they are compelled to practise of an evening under Sgt Goldsmith by Col Collins orders, they had an orchestral concert this evening.

The weather is quite settled again and one was able to sleep down in the "Glory hole" fairly cool during the night

I bought 3 photos of the ship wrecked crew as we got them

Thursday 15th

The Ship got up to 320 miles for the days travelling, getting back to her full speed.
There was a tobacco issue to night.

Friday 16th

Competitions were started to-day for those on board. There is a quoit tournament, also euchre, balls, and draughts. I entered in the draughts tournament. There was an Orchestral concert in the Evening.

The Marama went slow again for some hours owing to something connected with the machinery going wrong.

Saturday 17th

Our Ship went 329 miles to-day which is the most for a long time.

I played my man in the draughts and [won] my two games straight out.

The weather is continuing very nice.

We all have a cake of Lifebuoy soap issued to us to-day.

I changed my old Maheno pyjamas pants for others.

They have shifted a lot of men out of their bunks in our quarters preparing for 12 new orderlies at N.Z.

I was working in the operating theatre for 2 hours 1.30 to 3.30 while 2 operations were being performed.

Sunday 18th

It seems almost amusing how some important military things are carried out: as for instance which must be explicitly obeyed, yet we have had to put up daily for about 3 weeks Bugler So and So Bugler of the day and Bugler So & So next for duty when one of the Buglers has been ill in one of the Wards and has been unable to carry out his duties yet his name is always put up.

We had Church Service at 10.30 this morning, I being at my appointed position, Church orderly.

There was there about the largest number so far this trip. Major Dutton preached.

Monday 19th

It was a lovely day and quite a smooth sea

I wrote to Eva

" " " Mum

and sent 3 post cards each to Carl and Ern Hayhow last night

I played a man in the draughts competition this morning winning 2 out of 3 games, the other game I lost. I also played another man in the evening winning 2 straight out games which puts me in the semi finals.

There were two cases in the Orderly room to-day one between the orderlies and one of the patients in D Ward he was fined 10/- and leave stopped in Albany.

The other was in connection with a pair of boots between two orderlies nothing transpired as it seems the boots might have been taken in mistake

Tuesday 20th

Last night was the first night for some time since that I put any covering over me at all and it was only a single sheet.

I played my semi-final game in the draughts tournament and won two straight games this afternoon.

Also this evening at 6 o'clock I played Sergeant Ward for the final in the Competition, he won the first game and I won the second two games and thus won the tournament and was congratulated by quite a large number including the Colonel.

I saw a whale spurting to-day.

In the tournament I won 10 games and lost two games and I think that very good.

Wednesday 21st

Men are beginning to whistle and sing again, it is very noticeable how men unconsciously do this when they are getting near a Port.

The men of our staff have a joke between themselves, they call one another Miss So & So or M^{rs}. So and So and it sounds really funny and one cannot help but laugh.

I went on Staff Parade to-night at 7.45 to report on the Mess things being lost, with a hope to remedy it.

Thursday 22nd

The men in H. Ward and Isolation have got up a little draughts tournament between themselves. We came into sight of land (Cape Leeuwin) about 2 pm.

There was two concerts to-night one was in A. Ward and the other in B & F Ward.

Albany

Friday 23rd

We got into Albany Harbour & anchored about 5.45 a.m.

I received 2 letters from Trice

" " " 2 " " " Myrtle

" " " 1 " " " Amy & photo

" " " 1 " " " Lou inclosed in Tr.

" " " 1 " " " Connie Harris

Also a photo of Amy & her Dad.

I heard that M^{rs}. Whitchell was dead

" "" " Lou was M^{rs}. McLean & was married Dec 16th (1915)

I heard " M^r. Stephens had left our Church & M^r. Jarvis was being called.

I heard also that the Council had cut out £1.5.0 a week on account of us getting Childrens allowance making it only up to ordinary pay that we receive.

The patients went ashore at dinnertime until 6 oclock Albany time (the clocks having been put on an hour owing to day light saving bill).

I went ashore at 2.30 and we also had to be back at 6 p.m.

We received a reception from the ladies of Albany in the Town Hall. I had tea & cakes. I have eaten more fruit than for a long time to-day. It was a relief to even get out of serving one meal which was the tea meal. The people of Albany, especially the ladies have been very good to all and have given a large number of cases of different kinds of fruit for use on board ship.

I was one of a dozen who were sent ashore again at about 9.30 pm to act as picket for there were about 50 patients who did not come on board at 6 pm but we were unable too find more than 2 of them and later we learned that they had gone on board with a tug boat and none were missing, it was after 12 when we got back, very tired.

It was a pitiable sight to see so many patients dead drunk, with crutches and no arms and no legs. It was about the worst sight I have seen yet in that respect. During the day one patient pushed another into the sea from off the Marama, but it sobered although it wet him.

An amusing thing was the hide & seek with the stewards as they came back from shore after having sneaked leave for no leave was given to the crew.

I sent a letter from here to Mum, Eva & Carl Hayhow.

Saturday 24th

We left Albany at about 5.45 a.m. and passed the N.Z. Troopship "Mokoia" as we passed out of the Heads she passed in.

I finished reading D^r. F. B. Meyers book "Love to the Uttermost" and I think it one of the most helpful books for Christians to read.

Sunday 25th

We are in the Great Australian Bight and the sea is almost without a ripple but there is a slight swell on.

The patients in some of the Wards are giving the Sisters presents they did so in B & F Wards this dinner time.

There was Church service at 10.30 when quite a goodly number turned up when Major Gilliam did not preach but gave up a lecture on the War, it was a disappointment to some of us.

I was Church Orderly.

There was a Volunteer Service in the evening which was very enjoyable especially the hearty singing. Major Dutton preached a good Sermon.

Monday 26th

The sea is still smooth.

We are getting plenty of fruit now.

I went up to the Adjutant enquiring about my going into Home Service preferably in Trentham.

There was tobacco issue.

Tuesday 27th

We were paid to-day for 20 days

I received £1.0.0.

We passed very close to Cape Nelson

We passed several ships.

Also Cape Otway.

I had two small fatigues to do during the Afternoon.

I washed some clothes in the Evening.

Wednesday 28th

We passed very close to Wilson's Promontory and were able to see the very large rocks (islands) sticking high out of the Water particularly one rock.

I was surprised at the number of islands at the South of Victoria in Bass Strait that we had to pass through.

The Marama did 340 miles to-day which is about her record for the trip.

There was a Concert to-night on the Main deck and the best item was given by the Maoris when they gave a "haka".

The prizes won in the recent tournaments were given out to-night.

I received a draught board but it only had 8 sets of men, for winning the recent draughts tournament.

MARCH 1917

Thursday March 1st

The Marama went 354 miles for the 24 hours up till noon to-day which was better than yesterdays record.

There is a Concert in E Ward to-night and there is to be a tableaux and they have a stage and foot lights.

The sea is still keeping beautifully smooth.
Our fatigue jobs amounted to three for this day "a record".
Tobacco issue.

Friday 2nd

The patients received their kits from the pack store and there is beginning to be excitement as they change their Hospital blue suits for Khaki preparatory to going ashore in N.Z.

Saturday 3rd

I put in a written application for Home service.
I wrote to Louie (M^{rs}. McLean)

Auckland

Sunday 4th

We saw the land of New Zealand when we got up this morning and passed the various lighthouses and township en route, we were at the North Cape about noon and got to Auckland Harbour about 8.15 pm and anchored about 8.30 for the night.

A mail came on board and I received

a letter from Trice
" " M^{rs}. Green
" " Myrtle

The people knew that a Hospital Ship was coming in but did not know it was the Marama.
Our men were very excited and noisy and we got to sleep late.
We had an ideal trip from Albany.

Monday 5th

We got along side the Queens Wharf Auckland about 6.30 am. Quite a number of people came down at that early hour to meet the Boat.

All the morning was spent with boarding the patients and also several of our men who are discharged Bond Brown and Humphreys also Sisters Taylor & Carruth.

None of the personnel were allowed leave until about 2 pm when the Auckland men alone were allowed leave, later by much pleading some of the rest got leave, I was off from 2.30 until 5.30 when I went to the P.O and sent a wire to Trice then took a tram to Ella's where I gave her a surprise when she saw me. I saw the three children for Jack was at work. I left Ella's a few minutes before 5 p.m and went up to see Sister Le Gallais at the Auckland Hospital, then I went back to the Ship where I arrived a few minutes after 5.30.

The Ship left Auckland about 8.20 pm, hundreds of people coming down to see us off, Jack being amongst them. I had a few words with him.

There was a reception given in the Harbour Boards Shed in the morning at 11.30.

Tuesday 6th

This was an uneventful day as we had just a run down the Coast & passed Gisborne & White Island in the distance. I packed my things ready for to take home if I should get enough leave from the ship at Wellington.

Wellington

Wednesday 7th

We got into Wellington Harbour somewhere about 1 p.m. and got alongside Glasgow Wharf at 1.30 and barricades were put up so that no one, not enough [*even?*] relations could get alongside the the ship. There must have been 2 thousand people waiting. All the Wellington patients were put off, then the Wellington portion of the staff were allowed leave from 2.30 until 5 when we had to be back. Those that came down to meet me were Trice, Leila, Stanley, Joy, Beatrice & Lawrence, Myrtle, Amy, Mrs Green, Mrs Conway, Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Harman & Mrs Barnes. Trice, the children, Amy and I went straight up home, when I left again at 5.30 getting down to the ship about 6.20, Trice & Amy came down to the Boat with me where Myrtle joined us, we were told then that leave was until 7 p.m. We went then on to the ship and sat talking in chairs until 8 p.m. then we went down on the Wharf until 10, when all of us had to go on board, the Boat left at 10.30, Trice & Amy waiting until the last.

There was joy at Home when I opened up the presents & curios.

Good seas continue with us.

Lyttelton

Thursday 8th

We arrived at Lyttelton at 11.30 am and the Governor & Lady Liverpool came on board immediately. I was on Guard for this Port & was one of the guard of honour to His Ex.

When Christchurch patients went off, leave was granted to the Staff until 6 p.m.

There was a good reception given to the returned Soldiers and our Staff at Christchurch during the Afternoon.

A good gathering was on the Wharf when we came alongside to welcome loved ones home.

The Governor who had gone off to the reception came back on board at 9 p.m. and came with us down to Timaru

We left Lyttelton at 10.30. Not many people were down to see us off.

Timaru

Friday 9th

The Marama arrived in the Anchorage at Timaru at 6.30 and came alongside the Wharf at 10.30, the wharf was barricaded off and thousands of people were waiting to welcome us as this was the first time that a Hospital ship had ever been to this Port, several people fainted in the crush.

I cut a cutting out of the Timaru papers telling of our doings in this place

The Marama left at about 10 p.m.

We received leave from 12.30 until 9 p.m.

Port Chalmers

Saturday 10th

The Marama finished her first part of this Commission when she arrived at Port Chalmers at 7 p.m. We were told to have our kits packed and ready to go off at a moment's notice so as to proceed on leave so that the Nth. Island staff could catch the 11am train which connects with the Ferry Boat at Lyttelton, but we were disappointed for there was nothing done as yet concerning our leave, we waited & waited until it was too late to catch the train, all things were stored away out of the wards as the ship was going to be painted. After dinner we were given leave until 5 pm to-morrow when we were to know about leave to go home.

We have gone about 28000 miles so far.

We all went into Dunedin & I looked for Finlays at their old address, but they were not living there now but I got a clue as the people in the house knew where Harry Finlay lived. I then went up to the Y.M.C.A. to see M^r. Drew who was glad to see me, then I went up to see M^{rs} Drew at 291 York Place, then I went out to Musselburgh to enquire of Finlay's address and they sent me back close to Drews again to 36 Russell S^t. where I found M^r. & M^{rs}. Finlay and Kate who were very pleased to see me, I left late and caught the 10.14 train for P^t. Chalmers where I had to shake down as mattresses and things were put away but I made myself comfortable as did 3 other men who also came back.

[On leave till 21 March – Dunedin-Christchurch-Wellington-Christchurch-Dunedin]

Thursday 22nd

I am in charge of the mess room again and we had our meals on board again, there is a lot of changes on board, including a new Ships Captain & first mate and stewards also a dozen or 15 new orderlies, sisters M^cNie, Brandon & Cummings have gone off the Marama to take up other positions. Sister M^cNie is going to England in the Corinthic which is being converted into a troopship, as is the Arawa. Segrief, our R.C. Chaplain is off also.

We left P^t Chalmers at about 7 p.m. with some men short but picked them up in the stream later. This is my 3rd. trip from N.Z. in this War (Chapter III).

Friday 23rd

Our work or doings is assuming normality.

We had a long hair and whiskers parade to-day.

It is raining a little to-night.

The men had a sing song to-night Chaplain Moloney, joining in and playing for them

Saturday 24th

Several of the new men were sea sick.

We were issued with cigarettes & tobacco.

We had a route march also.

The men had a meeting over the Canteen funds and sent a resolution by Corporal Cork to the Adjutant and almost immediately there was a full parade called and we were lectured by the Adjutant who told us a lot of lies about the Canteen but we were told that there was £1 so far. The Sgt. Major is taking names for Ch. Choir.

Sunday 25th

Reveille this morning was at 6.45 instead of 6, Breakfast at 7.30 and roll call at 8.30. We had Dental parade at 9.15 for we now have a Captain dentist and a Sergt dentist mechanic on board, the parade was continued at 2 p.m.

Church parade was at 10.30 and we had to attend in full dress, I got out of Church Orderly this time. The new men were given Governor's lanyards at the Ch Parade.

There was a volunteer church service in the Evening when only a few attended Major Gilliam preached.

Monday 26th

We passed Tasmanian Coast, sighting it late in the morning

We have now amongst us seven

---- H E B R E W S. ----- presumed.

We have physical drill in the morning first thing and again at 3.45 pm but I am exempt as mess orderly.

Tuesday 27th

Identification discs were issued to those who needed them.

Tobacco issue this evening

I wrote a letter to Vera

Wednesday 28th

A lot of the men are getting their hair cut right off close and do look queer

Thursday 29th

Concert in Evening

Wrote to Trice

Friday 30th

There was a pay parade to-day but I did not draw any saving it for future

wrote to Mum, Myrtle & Amy.

Finished reading book "Seven little Australians"

Saturday 31st

We arrived at Albany about 8 a.m. after 8^d.13½^h from the time that we left P^t. Chalmers. There was light showers during the day.

Leave was granted to the Staff from about 10 until 7 pm for the Ship was supposed to go away at 8 p.m.

I went to Town by the 2pm launch from the Ship which left on the hour during the day and on the ½ hour from the Shore.

I enjoyed myself the best that I ever did in Albany for when I got ashore I met Fred Gaze and we went up to visit M^r. Reeve the Baptist pastor here and had a short chat to him, we noted that M^r.

Radford laid the foundation stone of the Baptist Church here, he being a former pastor.

Note at bottom of page: (Came in contact with my friend "The Swallow" again)

We left him for to parade and march up from the Post Office to the Town Hall where we gave a free Concert, and the Town Hall was comfortably full altho the notice had only been given at 1.30 and the Concert was at 4. The town crier (the place is getting more like London every day) went around the Streets and called out the notice. After the Concert which the Albany people seemed to enjoy, some ladies a M^{rs} Foster and Miss Turpin whom I met before when I was here, invited me up to (tea*)

*Note at top of page: (*salad with rich cream)*

which was to be in a hurry as I then had only about an hour and 10 minutes to go to their place and have tea & get back to the Launch, we had some singing while the tea was being prepared. However the 7 oclock launch & life-boat trailer was full so I caught the 8 launch, yet some men were left behind in Town.

A sea lion quietly was eating fish about our ship in the open sea.

We left about 11pm.

We got 4 new stewards & 1 ships boy.

APRIL 1917

Sunday April fools day

This morning one of the night guards came to the top of the stairs of the "Glory Hole" and called out the names of the men who defaulted yesterday by coming on board late etc. and told them to report to the Sergeant Major at once, they jumped out of bed directly and awakened the S.M. They went to him every few minutes.

This was an April fool joke and we all laughed how well it worked out.

These defaulters went up to the orderly room at 9 a.m. and have had their leave stopped at Colombo.

We passed a large ship this evening which we older hands took very little notice of but the new ones are all interest just as we used to when first we went out.

We had Church service at 10.30 and Cpl. Gillam preached rather a good sermon (on almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian).

In the evening we had a voluntary Church Service, when Chaplain Dutton preached from Psalm Chapter 100 verse 3 The Lord he is God. Quite a lot of the Sisters came to-night which is unusual.

Yesterday at our Concert a collection was taken up for the Patriotic fund it being the last day of appeal when £7.12.0 was gathered.

Received new pair of braces

Monday 2nd April

We had boat drill to-day when I went to the new boat I am now in on the opposite side of the Ship N^o. 8.

We had tobacco parade.

Adopted no underpants again as the weather is getting hot.

Tuesday 3rd

Deck quoits competition commenced for the whole staff, for prizes presented by the Countess of Liverpool, we are playing with the Officers too.

Our Bible Class commenced again to-night which was held in the Officers sitting room at 7.30 when 12 attended. Major Dutton took for his subject the blind man in Mark VIII 22 - 26 emphasising -- friends brought him to Jesus & (prayed) besought him to touch him, the man did not desire himself to go but he had need and finally prayer and practical help was successful.

Wednesday 4th

Sold some cigarettes for 1/6

Thursday 5th

Tobacco issue -- 6^d pocket money ---
Concert in Evening
Wrote to Sis Hillier

Good Friday 6th

Church service at 10.30 on the top deck and we were allowed to put on comfortable dress because of the boiling hot weather.
After Church the Bible class members had their photograph taken on the boat deck with Major Dutton our leader sitting in the centre.
At 7.30 we held class meeting when 18 attended which is the biggest attendance so far.

Easter Saturday 7th

We had a more than ordinary boat drill and fire drill to-day when the whole ship joined in.
I wrote to Amy.

Easter Sunday 8th

Church Service was held to-day on the top deck and we were again allowed to put on the most comfortable clothing I went to Church with shorts.
After Church service we held Communion when 25 non-conformists stayed.
There were several tropical showers to-day.
We had the usual non compulsory Church service in the evening.

Apr. ---- Easter Monday ----- 9th

We crossed the line about Reveille time this morning
It was a cool day comparatively speaking, we had tropical showers nearly all day long.
In the evening there was a play entitled "The Bing Boys" when all the actors were part of the Ships company, the dresses, wigs and all were made up on board.

Tuesday 10th

Wrote to Trice.
We came in sight of Ceylon at about 5.30.
The weather is still much cooler & I have not nearly so much heat rash upon me so far.

Colombo

Wednesday 11th

It took us 10 days 17½ hours to get here.

We spent all night putting in time for we could have put into Port Colombo at daylight but we had to put in time until 3.30 pm and we ultimately got in at 4.30 and it was lightning and thundering, "Good O" which made the air cooler. When we got in we found the Maheno there, she having got in earlier in the day. She was homeward bound with patients, we learned that the Maheno stuck in the sand in the canal

Jim Mitchell & Fisher came on board in evening.

No leave was granted this day.

Thursday 12th

We had roll call at 6.30 when leave was granted as soon as the passes could be made out, but we mess-orderlies had to get the breakfast and wash up just the same. I went ashore by the 10 o'clock launch.

I just walked up, in and about the narrow streets in the native quarters. I had a look through a Cingalese Church and went up the steeple which is very high and I had a very good view in all directions of Colombo which showed how pretty the place really is, the red roofed buildings blended with the green cocoa-nut trees, then I went to Cinnamon Gardens to find the Baptist Church. I first found the Baptist Mission School, and as I was enquiring, at one of the bungalows near by of a gentleman & lady who were sitting on the verandah when I was walking away they found out I was from N.Z. by my badges then I learned that the lady belonged to Christchurch and had been in Colombo 4 years, she asked me the names of the nurses and found out that Sister Park a particular friend of hers was on board, she showed me two photographs of her and there was no mistaking them being the same lady, she gave me a note to take to Sister Park, this lady & gentlemans name was M^{rs}. & M^r. Watt and they lived in Kingsley Road Cinamon Gardens Colombo. When I left, they invited me to come again and they also gave me two iced glasses of refreshing lemonade I then went to the Baptist Mission School where M^r. Ewing was in charge but found it shut owing to holidays for 6 weeks then I went to the Baptist Church & Sunday Sch. where M^r. Wood was in charge he also was away owing to holidays but I looked through the buildings. The road that the Church is in is called Baptist Chapel Road so I presume that it has been there a long time, I then went into Liptons tea blending place which is immediately opposite and saw one of the head men, wishing to have a look through it but they were so busy getting a mail off that we made an appointment - for next day. Lady Havelock Hospital is here and is a very big place. I took a tram to the Centre of the City where I met several of the Maheno men that I knew, we learned that the Maheno has about 350 patients.

I looked in at several Curio shops and was tempted to buy one or two things, it was fairly warm on shore and we had to wear our helmets but were not allowed to wear shorts, we were given leave from early Thursday morning until 10.30 Friday night. We heard that this place is under martial law, and all lights are out in the Town at night, also on the Ships showing out to sea. This has been adopted a fortnight ago owing to the raider sowing mines and causing 2 ships to be sunk quite close to Colombo. There were greater signs that a war was going on here this time for there were several warships of different kinds and 3 or 4 troopships with troops upon them, the one immediately opposite us was full of Indian soldiers. While I was up in the Cingalese Ch. Tower I saw the Australian Hospital Ship Kanowna come in, the Indian troopship is the captured German prize "Derflinger" on which we loaded all of our Gallipoli patients on one occasion. I couldn't help looking at the two men who row the coal laden barges. They have long poles with a round blade from a foot to eighteen inches in diameter and they go about 20 yards a minute or a long way in a

long time.

I stopped one of the Australians on their H.S. Staff and asked if any of their men came from Fairfield and he himself did as also did one or two others. Four Russian destroyers came into Port to-day presumably from Port Arthur. They are different to ours and have two funnels wider apart our destroyers have two larger and one smaller funnel. This is the hot part of the year in Colombo or Ceylon I should say. I saw some lovely maiden hair ferns in M^r. Watts garden they say that they grow much like weeds, there being no wind to hurt them. I was especially struck by one kind called the king maiden hair fern. I saw some chameleons and a small monkey at large. We meet here again our old friends "The Crew" also some sea hawks. The several curios typical of Ceylon are ebony elephants, coconut ornaments such as vases held up by ebony elephants, and catamarans (native boats) and carts drawn by two oxen with two wheels. Several of our men came home drunk after the day ashore and as usual we have to put up with their foolery for they come home so late that they wake us all up then they kick up a row.

Ships are only allowed in this Port & out between 10 am and 4.30 pm because the track has to be trawled for floating mines first.

There is a lot of shipping here and very large boats amongst them.

Friday 13th

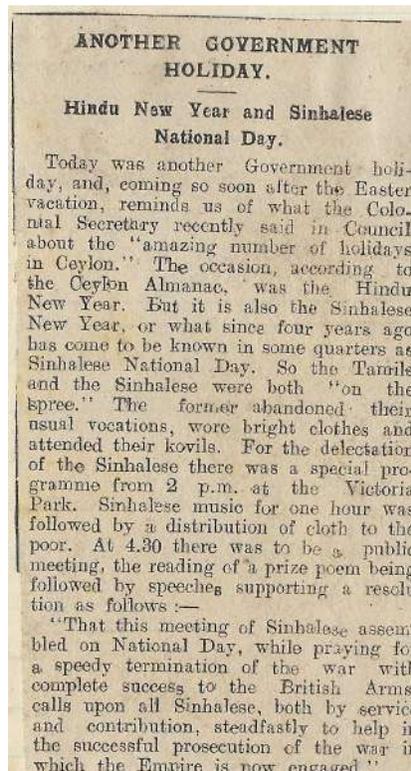
Our first batch of letters are being sent home by the Maheno "per favour" so we are fortunate as H. Ships are not allowed to take letters.

I got up about 6 am and had a shower but the cold water has been hot lately. I slept on the floor last night under a fan, some of our men went to Kandy yesterday and some more are going to-day, we learned that the Sergeant Major's motor car killed a little Hindu boy of 6 years and they have to stay in Kandy to the inquest. I went ashore by the 2 o'clock launch.

The ships do not coal at night very much owing to the darkness.

Rickshaws only carry 1 person here not 2 persons as in South Africa, there are a great number of rickshaws here.

This is the Hindus and Buddhist New Year.



Attachment 27: Newspaper cutting from Colombo newspaper entitled “Another Government Holiday: Hindu New Year and Sinhalese National Day”

I walked on and on, through the native quarters, and one notices that shops that sell the same kind of wares are together. I was interested in the Dairies and looked in several. The cows are Indian cattle. They are in cemented sheds and all the yards are cemented and plenty of water is used and they are kept very clean they are kept in all the time. I met a man who took me in to his place and gave me afternoon tea, he is a property owner and has been out here for 35 years. He brought me into where I thought a band was playing and when I got in there was 7 or 8 women playing upon a kind of drum and under it was burning some cow dung or something. I dont know whether it was for religious or festival purposes. I was interested in the serious cricket that some native men indulged in, they had a home made bat and a soft ball and bowled under arm. I visited a meat and two vegetable markets. Meat can be bought the best for 3^d a lb and vegetables are very cheap. I could have bought 100 limes for 6 pence, working oxen can be bought for about 100 Rupees. The Maheno went out about 2.30.

I wrote to Trice.

I came back to the Ship about 7.30.

I was also told that white men can always get a job here at about 500 Rupees a month.

House rents of an ordinary bungalow £10 a month.

Saturday 14th

We had no shore leave to-day.

We left Colombo at about 3.15 pm after being here nearly 3 days.

We are bound for Bombay.

We received 15 patients on board at 2 oclock, one being a mental case, they are naval men.

~~One of the Sisters, Sister Trott was thrown out of a motor car and received a good shaking.~~



Attachment 28: Chambre de Commerce de Marseille 50 Centimes emergency note

Sunday 15th

Compulsory dope taking begins from to-day, otherwise known as taking a grain of quinine twice a day, I do not know why, but presume that 'prevention is better than cure'.

I was caught late on parade for the first time at roll call at 8.30 am, being exactly 3/5 of a second late.

Church was held in the morning at 10.30 on deck and in the evening in the general room.

I wrote a letter to Trice.

Monday 16th

One of my mess orderlies was changed to-day.
There was a vaccination parade at 4 pm.
Tobacco issue at 5.30.

Tuesday 17th.

Had a little fatigue job to do, for to shift a piano from C. Ward mess room up to the Captains bridge where the Officers and Sisters were going to have an afternoon tea party.
We had embarkation of patients practice at 2 p.m.
We had no bible class meeting owing to there being an impromptu Concert in the evening.
I now have to attend Staff parade where complaints & suggestions are made.

Bombay

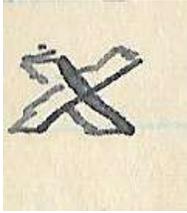
Wednesday 18th.

We were 4¼ hours short of 4 days coming from Colombo to Bombay.
I am on first guard going on at about 10.30 a.m.
We anchored in the anchorage at Bombay where we arrived about 11 am.
The men were given leave from 12 noon until 10.30 at which time the last launch leaves the shore for the Ship.
A launch (Ships) is time tabled to run every hour.
The Marama had to slacken speed during the night or we should have been here much earlier for when we awakened she was quite still.
We now are amongst "the dhows" which are a peculiar shaped ship with sails, trading boats were alongside of us almost as soon as we stopped.
Although I am on guard I had to get dinner for the few who remained on board also the guard.
We made the 8th Hospital Ship when we arrived, there are also several war ships here too.
The track for shipping has to be trawled for mines every morning before ships can come into Bombay owing to the likelihood of floating mines.
At 6 p.m. I came off guard and caught the launch for the shore. I went to see my missionary friend Rev McOmish at Gawalia Tank R^d. where I arrived about 8 p.m. It was a good long ride in the electric tram car. I had an experience with the tram conductor owing to my not having Indian money and later on an Inspector came on and was quite willing to make an Anna out of the exchange but I was unwilling, eventually he gave me 2 Annas change for my threepenny piece. This Inspector I noted put the money into his pocket not into the Conductors bag.
I had dinner with M^r McO. and it was a stylish affair and we were waited upon by his boy who has been with him for 30 years. Boy is the term given to the natives that are in the Whites employ.
After tea we had family worship together M^{rs} McO did not come down so I did not see her for she was not well.
I left the house about 9.45 and M^r McO came down to the tram to see me off and wished me to come again and see him. I got down to the launch just before it left for the ship and it was a good thing I did for no trading boats leave the shore after 7 pm now. Some men got C.B. for coming late.

Thursday 19th

Reveille and roll call at the usual times and after the Orderly room (for several men were before the Orderly room because of some disturbance on shore) about 9.30 we were granted leave. The launch got to the Shore about 10.30 and I went all alone through the Native quarters just to note all the strange things (in our eyes) in the shops etc. It would be hard to remember all the things one saw, I

saw a native schoolmaster with his dozen or so school children, he was an old man with a long beard and when they broke up at dinner hour they each grabbed his hand pressed it to both sides of their foreheads and then ran off after kissing the hand. The little thing for holding their reading books are peculiar and are two pieces of wood about a foot long and about 8 inches wide and fixed like a cross in the centre.



They place the books in one of the angles.

I saw some oxen going round and round pulling a beam after them, in a small space of about 10 feet, something like a chaff cutter horse worked. They were blindfolded (the oxen) so that they could not see where they were going. They were grinding oil.

I went into several Mohammedan Temples one especially being very large and beautiful and the washing fount a large one had gold-fish in it. I of course had to take my boots off. I may have been naughty but I remember on one or two occasions I wondered if my boots would keep there. When I came out of each Temple, they always expected a backsheesh, which someone I know did not give. Most of the native shops are built about 3 feet above the road and have no fronts in them and the goods are generally brought to you to look at as you stand on the road. In some quarters all the shops of a kind are together which is called a bazaar. One man I came across in a shop had 2 wives and 7 children but no money, how would that do in the Colonies?

Sometimes a shop would be in a shop, for instance a man may occupy a case about the size of a piano case and squat in it and sell his wares as he squats. Most of the people sit on the floors and ground, they wear no boots and in most trades they use their toes to hold things in. M^r. McOmish told me that Bombay cannot accommodate all its population that is one reason why people sleep in the streets another reason of course is that they are too poor. One is struck with the large number of beggars some of them are badly deformed but others are quite capable of working.

I came across a Gymkana round about an open reserve where was side shows and lollie stalls.

I had an experience amongst some of the children beggars, I could not help but act kindly towards them, which was taken advantage of and very soon instead of the two that were begging off me first there must have been a score, and I could not help smiling at one young lad running a blind man for all his worth to get to me so as to get some of the money that he thought I was giving, very soon these children caught hold of my hands then feet and legs and if I had not begun to get harsher they would have been all around my neck it would seem like. I had a hard job to get rid of them and even afterwards whichever turning I took some of them would be ahead of me so I had to start off one way, then retrace my steps to ultimately get rid of them.

Here the tables are turned and instead of seeing Christian Churches and very few heathen Temples it is numerous Temples & Mosques and an odd Christian Church. I have come across Methodist, Baptist & Prebyterian but there are others.

I saw some pretty white squirrels in Bombay at the goods terminal of the railway.

Friday 20th

Things went on much as an ordinary day after coaling ship. Cleaning up was the order, a large number of natives came on board to clean up the paint work owing to the dirty coal.

Leave was granted from about 4.15 pm until 9.15. I had had enough of Bombay, so I volunteered to help with the mens tea, then wrote up my diary.

I finished reading the book Wheat & Tares.

Our Officers and Sisters went to Elephantine Island yesterday in the launch as a picnic party.

The Colonel's daughter was on board to-day.

Saturday 21st

Left the anchorage at about 6 a.m. and went into the Alexandria docks, Bombay and at 9.30 took on patients, who had been wounded in Mesopotamia. They had limbs off and signs of wounds of almost all kinds were noticed amongst them, there were several mental cases and five R.A.M.C. orderlies came on board to look after them.

Just before dinner, the men concerned in the disturbance ashore the other day went off to go before a Field Court Martial which is the highest military court and is before a General of the Army.

We left the Docks about 12 noon for the stream awaiting the trial.

There is a strong current in the Harbour.

Meals are now back to the usual patients on board hours, 7. 11.30 & 4.30 for Orderlies.

Sunday 22

We left Bombay very very slowly and only put the Pilot off about 11 altho leaving the Anchorage at 8. a.m.

We had Church on the main deck again in the morning when very few attended. A service was held at 7.30 in the Social room.

Sister Trott met with a motor car accident she was thrown out and received a pretty bad shaking, she was in bed for two or three days.

Monday 23rd

A lot of the men have diarrhoea, one or two have enteritis, the adjutant has it too.

One of the patients in A. Ward died this afternoon and I helped to carry him to the Morgue. He was buried at 5.45 when the bugler blew the last post.

There is allotted hours for the barber to hair cut and shave and gives the Staff from 4 to 4.20 pm.

There was no staff parade to-night owing to the Adjutants illness

Tobacco issue.

Tuesday 24th

Wrote to Vera and Mum

At Staff parade to-night I got into trouble owing to some keys being lost that I was in charge of.

Anzac Wednesday 25 Day

A memorial service was held to-day at 2 pm when the General room was packed and I sweated so much that my clothes were wet through, as it was so hot.

A surprise boat drill was sprung on us to-day so as to test us. This was the first occasion that it was done.

Thursday 26th

Another boat drill to-day but our stations are altered and we are to be the last of the people to leave the ship.

A Concert was held on the deck to-night.

Aden

Friday 27th

We arrived at Aden at 6.30 pm and almost immediately 18 patients came on board and one black man a native Christian who was on his way back to British East Africa.

Aden is only a very small town and is slightly inclined to both the East and the West as far as the buildings are concerned, viewing the residences from the Ship a large number seem to have no paint upon them at all but they seem to be stone houses, for Aden seems to be built on a rock and on hills and hardly a scrap of green is to be seen. It looks so barren.

It is a fortress and as you go in you can see the forts with the guns looking out, in different places. One is struck by a look-out and signal station on the pinnacle of a high rock which looks something like a Castle. There is a big wireless station and also a ship which seems to be specially built for a high tension wireless station. One is struck when nearing this place with the precautions that are taken against the likelihood of a raider being about, for first of all you come across a warship or two then an examination boat sticks the ship up, then the Pilot comes on board and takes the ship in. All the ships' lights have to be put out in the Port at night but the town is lit because it is hidden from the sea.

Some men here at least paddle their own canoe, for we came across them doing so with only one paddle and selling shells and fish on board.

The Turks are only 9 miles from here and we hear that they are cut off. There is a plague or epidemic of some sort in Aden just now.

There were 4 warships while we were here. Our Officers went ashore about 8.30 p.m. The Hospital is painted blue and white and looks a very nice building, we could see what we took for 2 Churches. There was a clock with faces each side, high up on a hill and could be seen all round.

I wrote a letter to Trice & sent it ashore.

It took us 5 days 10½ hours to get here from Bombay.

All the water used is condensed sea-water.

Saturday 28th

We saw a lot of camels on the shore and they looked so funny pulling the small vehicles they being such big things. The men wear white clothes.

We left Aden about 11.30 a.m.

We had quite a lot of trading boats around us until we went, they had mostly cigarettes and tobacco for sale.

We received no leave but were anchored close to shore.

We passed several islands after leaving.

There was a tremendous stock of rumors came on board here.

The sentence of the late Court martial was received here. Corporal V[?]-R was reduced to the ranks. Banjo P. received 52 days d[et]ention & R. M^cA. received 48 days detention.

Corporal Campbell (promoted from private to-day) has been made Ward master of D & E Ward.

We could get no post cards here as the Government will not allow the sale.

After leaving we zig-zagged a lot and proceeded slowly.

We were here 16½ hours.

Sunday 29th

We passed through Hells Gates about mid-night last night and the twelve apostles during the day.

I got a surprise this morning when I was getting the mens breakfast ready. I was sent down to the Cook house where I spent the day. I was unable to go to Church this morning.

The sea was slightly rougher to-day.

I have been struck by all the different kinds of sea gulls to-day we came across brown gulls with white beaks.

Went to Church in the evening when Major Dutton preached from "If the Son shall make you free then are ye free indeed."

Monday 30th

I wrote to M^{rs} Biggs and Rita Harris.

MAY 1917

Tuesday May 1st

It has been much cooler to-day.

We have come across quite a lot of ships this time in the Red Sea.

I wrote to Trice & Connie Harris.

Wednesday 2nd

We passed Sinai Peninsula to-day and came into the Gulf of Suez about 11 o'clock, we passed where the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and it could have been possible to see the Mount Sinai if it had been fine.

I wrote to Amy and Florrie Wilcox.

Suez – Port Tewfik

Thursday 3rd

We arrived at Suez about 2 a.m. and came alongside the Docks about 9 a.m. and all our Sisters got word to go off and be off by the noon train when our men gave them three cheers, they do not yet know their future, only all Hospital Ships have to put off their Nurses. The Kanowna also put off its Sisters. We were to go through the Canal at 11.30 which was altered and our going is not yet known. Rumor says that we are going to load patients on Saturday and go to England via the Cape for safety as several Hospital Ships have been sunk in the Mediterranean Sea, as all day there has been a feeling of uncertainty. Over 300 patients disembarked here and only a few for England are left. We got no leave as Suez is out of bounds owing to plague.

I was on the disembarkation fatigue and carried the patients and kits by proxy as the RAMC men did the work. In the evening we pulled across to the coal Wharf, ready for coaling.

I received a letter from Andrew from France.

Finished reading "Daniel Quorum".

" " " "The Straight Gate".

Friday 4th

We are coaling alongside the coal heaps and it is a very dirty job indeed as the coal dust is blowing in clouds into the Ship.

Leave was granted after dinner until 6 p.m. to go ashore but only in Tewfik as Suez is out of bounds owing to plague and Captain Tolhurst told us that rats are dying in hundreds there.

There are 2 damaged ships in Dock here. One was torpedoed and the other mined outside Aden, the torpedoed one was outside Port Said.

The labour (Egyptian) seems to be better organised now
We have to put on warmer clothing now.

[Book No. 6]

NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

PASS (for Leave of Absence).

THE BEARER, No. Pvt Bade of the Ship
H.M.N.Z. HOSPITAL SHIP "MARAMA" Corps, has permission to be absent from Camp
Parade
from _____ o'clock*
until 6 pm o'clock* 4

Recommended by _____
Bade [Camp or place.] William Collins Commanding.
4/5/17, 1917 * Here insert date. Colonel.

H.M.N.Z. HOSPITAL SHIP "MARAMA"

Attachment 28a: Leave Pass for Private Bade, H.M.N.Z. Hospital Ship "Marama", 4.5.1917, signed by Colonel William Collins.

Saturday 5th

Just before dinner we were told off (2 of us) to take a patient out of D Ward who was shot through the groin, in the Ambulance to the Government Hospital Suez and as it is at the other end of the Town, I was able to have another look through Suez. As it is out of bounds we had to come back in the same Car. We passed a French Hospital, the volunteer nurses in the G.H. were big lumps of women. We came across our veiled women again (Mohammedans). We got off at the Indian Hospital, Port Trefik [Tewfik] and passed some neat little houses where the British officers live, also we passed a Hospital for wounded & sick Turkish prisoners with a barbed wire fence around it. Then we came along the Avenue which was very pretty and runs along the Canal. It was here we saw the first Trefik [Tewfik] shops of which there were very few. From the Ship I thought that there was only a few houses but when I looked around this place I found it a fair sized village. In the Hospital they had a monkey for a mascot an Arabian Gorilla and I was interested in the way it acted when it was being punished for breaking away, it cried and pleaded not to be thrown into the sea which is the punishment for this offence. There are a great many soldiers (Indian) in the Hospital. Then we walked along the docks and saw the torpedoed Neutral (Greek) ship, and the mined one, then made our way through the Station to the Ship again. Cleaning up ship was started for it was in an awful mess after coaling.

The torpedo made an awful mess inside the Greek ship when it exploded.

Sunday 6th

Cleaning up ship was continued with and an O.C. Inspection was made at 2 pm and just afterwards an address was given by the Colonel congratulating everybody on the quick and clean way the ship was cleaned. About 4 p.m. one train load of patients came on board and about 6 another load came, making 380 who came on board.

They were mostly convalescent.

A big batch of promotions were made to-day.

There was no Church at all.
We now have to do all the nursing without Sisters.

Monday 7th

We left Port Trefik [*Tewfik*] (Suez) at 6.30 a.m. for Durban en route for England we have now on board 430 patients.

Alf Stainton is Corporal in charge of all the night orderlies acting the same as the ordinary night Sister and Corporal Brodie is on night duty under him.

Ellerm is now Sergeant, Eccles is Corporal and L/C G Kitchin is now Corporal Wright, Stevenson, Campbell, Barlow, Lord & Russell are Sergeants and S^{gt}. Hornibrook is Stf Sergt.

I wrote to Trice from Suez and sent photo of Bible class home. Tobacco issue.

Tuesday 8th

We passed 4 destroyers making for Suez.

Wednesday 9th

Had my hair clipped short with a part clipped down the centre
I slept on Deck, which is my 1st time. I have now lent to me a stretcher bed.

Thursday 10th

Tobacco issue

Friday 11th

I was put into the cookhouse to-day and gazetted as cook with 2/6 duty pay, I had been 5 months less 10 days in charge of men's mess.

We stopped for a good while last night and took soundings

We passed out through Hells Gates

The Red Sea is 1341 miles long & 239 wide.

Saturday 12th

We are continuing on with our perfect weather trip but the ship has been doing much slower runs these two days barely reaching 300 miles, this was owing to precautions taken.

Sunday 13th

I missed the morning Church service as we had to prepare for dinner during service time. We passed close to a Peninsula this morning.

Padre Dutton is ill in bed, the hot weather being too trying for him.

I went to Church in evening and the patient officer (chaplain) took part.

Monday 14th

Tobacco issue

I wrote to Nellie and Mrs Finlay

Tuesday 15th

We passed across the Equator about 4 p.m. making my fifth time.
I slept in my bunk in the glory hole again after having slept on deck four times. "There's no place like home".

Wednesday 16th

Concert in General Room in the evening

Thursday 17th

Tobacco issue
We were abreast of Zanzibar to-day

Friday 18

In Mozambique Channel between Africa and Madagascar.

Saturday 19

Bing Boys was again played by the Amateur theatricals of the Marama it was given both in the Afternoon (matinee) and Evening.
The guards for Durham are out (10 of them) and I am off.
I cooked my first dried hash to-day.

Sunday 20th

Went to Church in the Evening when Major Dutton again took part in the Service

Durban

Tuesday 22nd

Arrived in Durban at 11.45 a.m. taking 15 days 5¼ hours from Suez. Leave was granted about 4.15 to Staff and the patients had to be back for tea at 6 an hour later than usual, so I had to stay behind to help cook their tea, then went out about 6.30. Leave was until 10.30. I went up to Wesley Hall and stayed to the Concert which is given every evening to Soldiers and Sailors between 7 - 9 p.m. I had a chat with one or two workers, one having worked in Wellington. I got back to the Ship early. There is a lot of Soldiers in Durban, the Shropshires are on their way Home from Hong Kong having been relieved by the Middlesex. It is a perfect day.

Wednesday 23rd

Leave was granted from about 2 pm without a pass until 10.30 and the patients had leave from 2 till 9 p.m. I went ashore at about 3.30 and went for a tram ride to Umgeni then went to the pretty esplanade and back to the "Hut" and had tea and back to Post Office then went down to the Beach where I had to pay my first train fare as I was riding during rush hours in the tram service, other times are free to Soldiers, I went back to Wesley Hall and wrote 5 post cards, 1 to M^{rs} Barnes 1 to

Amy, 1 to Myrtle, 1 to M^{rs}. Conway and 1 to Trice. I stayed to the Concert again and went home early. Our cot patients are all in the Hospital ashore for the time that we are here coaling.

Thursday 24th

"Victoria Day" is an important holiday here and flags are flying everywhere We were all invited to the Durban Races, but of course I did not go, but went for a tram ride to the Zoo where there was some Sunday School picnics, I went down to the Ocean Beach after tea at the hut, then I came back to Wesley Hall where I again stayed to the Concert and renewed my acquaintance with people (helping) whom I met before when we were here.

Friday 25th

Our patients were brought back again this morning as was also Paterson who had been sent ashore for to do detention at the Military prison for again breaking ship.

We left Durban at 12 noon and a few people came down to see us off.

We expected letters but did not get any here. We spent 3 days in Durban.

2nd Anniversary of our going into Trentham.

Saturday 26

The sea began to get up rough and several patients were sea sick.

Sunday 27th

Last night was "A wild night at Sea". We shipped a good many seas but at 9 P.M. a big sea washed over the ship and swept 2 men off into the sea and although the ship turned and stood by for a good while, there was no signs of any one for they had no life belts on and a tremendous sea was running. Their names were P^{te} Cobb of our staff and a patient Officer named Harrington, immediately afterwards all hands were ordered off deck and outside doors were shut so that everyone was shut in. Doors were broken also the red cross at the side, crockery was broken and all kinds of things were shifted and broken.

There was a gloom cast over the Ship. Corp Hulse and Bugler Wearne had narrow escapes, one patient was washed off the top deck and was washed back on to the lower deck. We travelled only 103 miles.

Monday 28th

It is surprising how it is possible for to have such a fine sea after the one yesterday.

A Memorial Service was held to-day in the Saloon at 2.45 p.m., the R.C. and Protestant joined together and the 3 Chaplains took part. Lieu Harrington was an R.C.

Cape Town

Tuesday 29th

We arrived in Capetown at 10 a.m. and came alongside the Wharf, the Kanowna arrived about 2 hours afterwards, we took almost a day longer than we should have, owing to the storm.

We had leave from 2 p.m. until 10, the patients had leave until 6 p.m. I took the train from the Docks to Capetown which (train) is free to Soldiers. I then walked up the main St. then through the

Avenue passing the House of Parliament and Museum and Cathedral and several other important places, I noticed the skeleton of a large whale outside of the Museum, then I walked around the hill gradually getting higher, then seeing some silver leaf trees growing up the side of Table Mountain I went up and picked some off myself, it was 4.15 pm when I plucked them, I had a lovely view of Cape Town from the hill and I particularly noticed a lovely motor drive through an Avenue which went all around the Mountain. I came back through the Natives quarters which I found out later was "Out of Bounds". The natives in Capetown are all properly dressed and wear boots too. I went back to the main Streets and bought some postcards then went to the Y.M.C.A and had tea then I picked up Alf Stainton and went back to the Ship with him by the 7.45 train for he is on night duty. We had not to get the patients tea.

Wednesday 30th

115 patients came on this morning at 10.30.

The old patients were given leave about the same time.

I had leave from about 1.30 p.m. but chose to lay down for awhile.

I went ashore about 4.30 and walked around about the Hindoos quarters and came across 2 or 3 Mission Houses.

In the evening I went to the Salvation Army Citadel where 2 Officers were married by Commissioner Eadie, Ensign & M^{rs} Ingold were the young married couples name. I left there and caught the 10.20 train (last train) for Docks.

There were 2 Chinese troopships from Singapore lying alongside of us, they wore a blue uniform and quaint cap, there is also lying next to us a Japanese emigrants ship bound for Brazil, and there are whole families Mothers, Fathers, sons and daughters & they seem very cheerful.

Capetown lies at the bottom of Table Mountain, it does not lie deep but habitation continues for miles along the water front, there is a lovely asphalted motor drive around the Mount, and you can take a shilling return ticket in the electric tram which goes out to Camp Bay round the mount.

It was a cold dull day and the Table Cloth (mist) on the Mount looked very pretty.

We learn that a convoy leaves here every month and is escorted by 2 warships.

I wrote a letter to Trice on the silver leaves that I picked myself.

I caught a cold.

Thursday 31st

We left Capetown at 3.30 p.m. and got into fairly rough weather when we got outside.

Anniversary of Boer War peace.

This is Union Day here.

JUNE 1917

Friday June 1st

Tobacco issue

Sunday 3rd

Kings Birthday --- Boat drill at 9 AM.

I went to Church in Evening, when Major Dutton took for his Sermon

--- Do thyself no harm ----

Monday 4th

Tobacco issue

Wednesday 6th

Boat drill 3.30 P.M.

Thursday 7th

We passed the Kanowna early this Afternoon although she left 27 hours before us.

Friday 8th

We crossed the Equator about 7.30 AM.

We also passed two ships convoyed by a Cruiser, one was behind the other, a concert was held in C. Ward in the Evening, all performers wore costumes.

Saturday 9th

The Concert was given again this afternoon. It was hot in the Cookhouse this morning.

Sierra Leone

Sunday 10th

We had a tropical downpour last night.

We got to Sierra Leone about 3.30 and anchored at 4.30.

This is the most picturesque place that I have ever seen, such lovely green trees, coconuts being amongst them.

We passed an ideal beach in a cosy nook as we were going in, the green grass came down to the beach and coconut trees for shade. There is a boom of mines as you go in.

A big ship was grounded on one of the sand banks outside.

Altho there is some pretty bungalows mostly the houses are of the hut species.

The defence quarters are big buildings of 4 stories are on top of a hill.

I learn that there are very few vehicles but there are trains running thro the main streets.

The natives are very polite and can speak good English.

We started to coal almost as soon as we got there.

There was 2 4 funnelled warships here when we got there.

Also 2 larger oil fuel boats (neutrals) captured, they have 4 masts each

There is also a captured neutral, with parts on board covered over with timber, also other war material.

I posted a letter to Trice from here.

There was no Church Service to-day



Attachment 29: Sierra Leone stamps: halfpenny, penny, penny-halfpenny.

Monday 11th

The Officers (patient also) and Will Hulse and one or two other non-coms went ashore this morning.

I got ½^d, 1^d, 1½^d stamps of Sierra Leone.

We came across canoes again slightly different, carrying mostly 2 men.

Natives have a different style of boat here to what we have seen before, the sail instead of being high are wide and low.

I bought a work basket for 6^d.

We left at 4.45 p.m. for England.

Quite a lot of ships are in the Harbour.

Sierra Leone is one of Britain's oldest Colonies and has a population of 35000

Post cards (poor ones) were 3 pence each.

There was a lot of lightning just after leaving Sierra Leone and another big shower.

Tuesday 12th

Patients have now to carry life-belts when they go up on deck.

Our life-boats also have their covers off. A good breeze is blowing, much to the benefits of the cooks.

Wednesday 13th

I saw some peculiar pink things yesterday hundreds of them, they were a couple of inches above the water, and appeared to have a long black tail. A concert was held in the evening.

Thursday 14

Tobacco issue.

Friday 15th

We passed out of the Tropic of Cancer also passed Teneriffe in the evening.

A series of Concerts (promenade) are being held in the General room

We received an issue of 2 pair sox, 2 suits pyjamas, 2 suits underclothing, 2 shirts. bought pr. riding pants for 10/-

Saturday 16th

Received new pair of slacks

We had boat drill about 3.45 & lowered the boats, the Ship having stopped

Passed Madiera Island in Evening

We are now in the War or danger zone

Sunday 17th

Did not go to Church all day

Tuesday 19th

Was paid 16/- Canteen funds

Concerts in Evening still being carried on

Wednesday 20th

We passed some wreckage this morning

Patients are ordered to wear life belts as we are in a particularly dangerous part

We came in sight of Scilly Islands about 1 p.m. and Lands End a little later which is the most southerly part of England

I have been spending several evenings getting off letters for Trice, Beatrice, W. Rochfort, J. Duncan and M^r. Conway and Andrew.

It is bitterly cold a storm coming on as we are getting near to England.

Avonmouth; travels to London, Glasgow

Thursday 21st

We arrived at Avonmouth at 9 am and went into Bristol Docks, we put off our patients which took from about 10 to 6 pm, the longest time that we have been so far. I am glad that I have seen England in Summer time for it has given me a good impression to see everything green, the fields looked very beautiful going up the Bristol Channel.

We left Bristol Docks about 7.30 and arrived at Newport at 8.30.

The people here do not need to light up until 10 pm and it is light until 11 pm.

No mail is here for us yet

Friday 22nd

Reveille at 6 a.m.

We loitered about waiting for leave as the Ship had been cleaned up and there was an inspection by Col Collins & the Captn of the Marama at 11.30. Dinner was at 12.

Parade was at 2 o'clock telling us of 10 days leave and a free Railway ticket anywhere but there was no money on board to pay us.

Col Parkes came on at about 6pm with the money and Sgt. Charlesworth came back about 7 to pay us if we needed the money.

I went on guard with others about 2 p.m.

We came alongside to coal about 3 p.m. and I had a great pleasure in the way they coaled lifting up 10 ton trucks (railway) and shot them into the holds or shutes.

I am doing Vic Bakers guard for him to-day and he gives me £1.

Saturday 23rd

Came off guard at 7 a.m. and left the Ship about 7.30 to catch the train for London, we found out that there were a number of Docks in Newport, we passed the big suspension bridge, the first one that I have seen, then we took the car outside the dock gates for the Station. It was on these cars that I first saw women drivers on the electric cars. We expected to catch a train at 8.35 and found out that it went at 9.15 a.m., then we walked down the street to have a look at the place. They were collecting in the Streets for the wounded soldiers. We caught the train and arrived in London (Paddington Sth.) about noon where I met Carrington. We had dinner together and then I left him and went out again to see M^{rs} Andrews and found all her daughters home for it was Saturday. I left there and caught the 4.35 train from Euston for Coventry, arriving there about 6.45 and went out to Earlsdon and surprized Jinnie Wilson by coming in suddenly and without warning and she was

pleased, she is on night duty at Hillcrest doing Hospital work so after having tea and talk I went along with her as she was going to duty and I was allowed to look through, it holds 60 patients. I was tired and glad to get to bed when I got back to Shaftesbury Rd.

It is very hard to get potatoes & sugar here.

We are told that lady carpenters are sent to France to work, also lady clerks to relieve soldiers in the offices for to go and fight.

--- Trices Birthday ---

Sunday 24

Arose very late (8 a.m.)

Went to Church at 11am at Queens Road Coventry Baptist Church and heard Dr Dakin preach and afterwards introduced myself to him, I also went there to the Sunday School in the Afternoon but only found the elder scholars, the young children going to the other Baptist Churches at Cow Lane and Lord S^t. I said a few words in the combined Mens & Womens Bible Classes united.

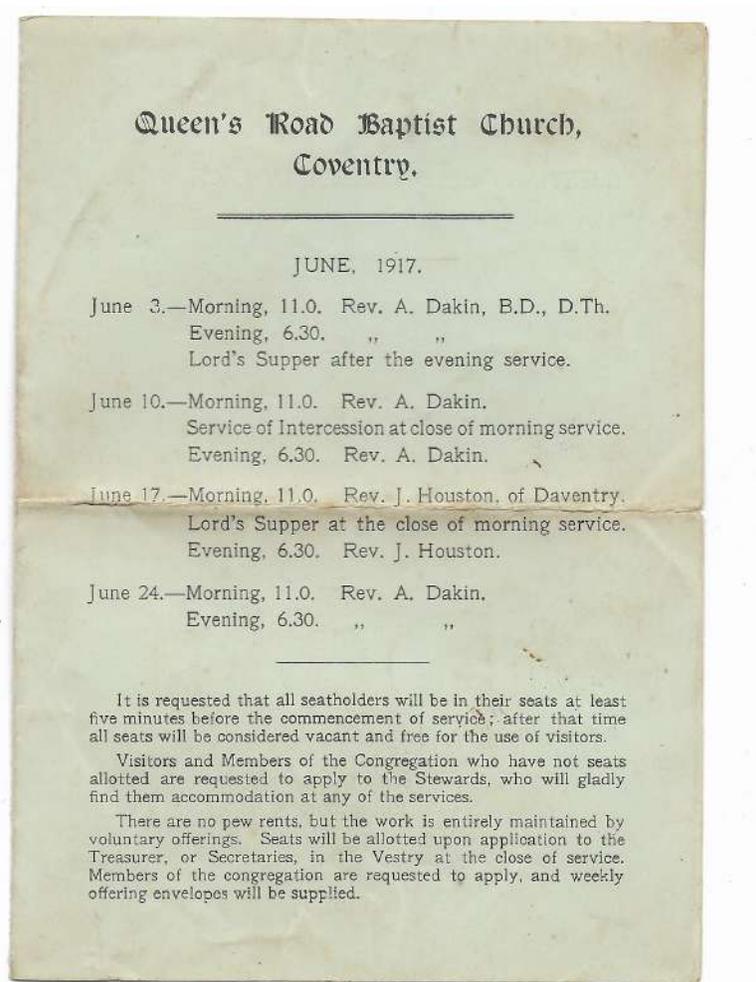
Jinnie & I went to the same Ch at 6.30 in the Evening, after I went with her to the Hospital, it rained a good lot to-day.

Mr Dakin's Even Sermon "Quit ye like men".

The Postmen and Post women do one letter delivery on Sundays and some Hotels are open on Sundays.

I have now seen some fruit growing on trees in England.

Harry Wilson is in Camp at Manchester in the Artillery (N.Z.)



Attachment 30: Queen's Road Baptist Church, Coventry, June 1917 programme

Monday 25th

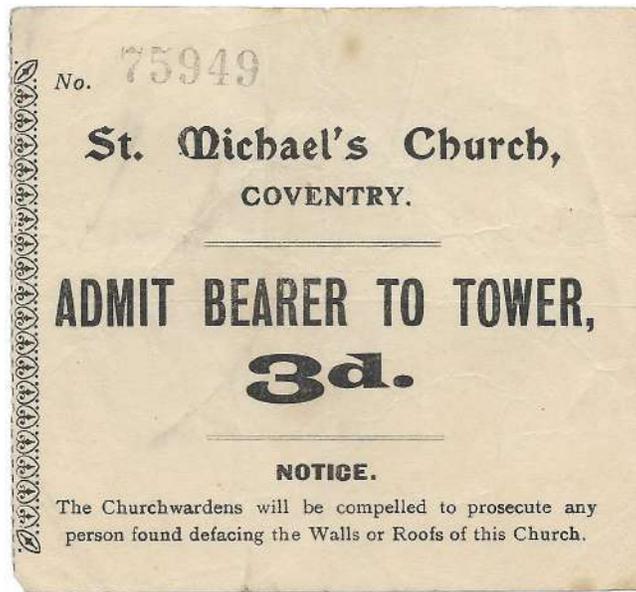
Got up about 8 and waited till Jinnie came home, she was expecting to change into day duty to-day but it was put off until to-morrow. I left home at 10 and went down to Broadgate and visited Holy Trinity and S^t Michaels Churches and went up into the steeple of S^t. Michaels and had a beautiful view of Coventry from all directions and I could see the large works of the bicycle works of Dunlop, Triumph, Humber and Rudge which are now munitions works.

I also visited S^t. Marys Hall which is the Corporation buildings and I saw in there the statue of Lady Godiva and outside were the old stocks of about 1300 something date. I then had a lay down in Grey Friars green and went over to the Y.M.C.A but altho I waited awhile to see someone to make enquiries, no one came so I went out. I had lunch at the Geisha tea rooms. It was here I saw the figure of "Peeping Tom" in an Inn in the Main St.

I saw a milkwoman with riding trousers and leggings on and a felt hat with a light blouse, the only thing to tell she was a woman.

There are lady tram drivers in Coventry too.

I bought some post cards of the place.



Attachment 31: St Michael's Church Coventry admission ticket to tower, 3d.

Note: The 1907 'The Story of Lady Godiva and Peeping Tom' Coventry Souvenir brochure, kept separately from the Diary, was probably purchased at this point.

Tuesday 26th

I caught the 8.3 a.m. train for London. Jinnie got off early and got down just in time to say good-bye. I am taking a parcel home for her for her Mother and Father.

I got into Euston Station London at 10.3 and went to Shakespeare Hut, put my belongings in the cloak room, had something to eat and went for a walk around visiting the Strand again, going along Fleet St., Cheapside and into St. Pauls Cathedral, going into the Crypt this time. A Service was going on when I came out so I stayed to the finish. Then I went back to the Shakespeare and had something more to eat and, out again visiting West End, I bought some books for 11/- for the children and went back to the Y.M.C.A. Hut, got my things and left for the 6 pm quick train for Newport but I was unable to get to Paddington S^m. in time as all the buses that came along were full. I caught the 6.30 train which went a longer way round and in which I had to change at Bristol where I had to wait $\frac{3}{4}$ of a hour. I got on board about 11.30 pm. very tired indeed.

Wednesday 27th

I got up about 6.20 and we started our guard which I am doing for Small at 7 a.m. but as I did not come on my spell until 9.15 till 2 p.m it was free and easy and I could do as I liked until then, and as I was very tired from yesterday I was glad to rest.

I received some letters which I should have received last trip, 3 were from Trice, one from Leila 1 from Myrtle, 1 from Laurence 1 from W. Rochfort and 1 from Harold Conway.

Women are cleaning up the Ship this time.

There is talk of a foodless day.

Thursday 28th

Received letter from Bobbie G. in answer to mine written here.

Did guard for Palmer.

Friday 29th

Did guard for Probert

Saturday 30th

Heard that W. Rochfort was killed by a shell & Falla wounded.

[This will be Hugh Toneycliffe Falla, who was with Alfred Bade and Walter Rochfort on the 'Maheno'; autographs of both Rochfort and Falla are in the 1915/16 diary. See entry for 6 July.]

Took Coulls guard. I was sentry go from 7 to 11 a.m. when Fred Gaze and I went to Cardiff, the capital of Wales by the 1.40 train, it is only about 20 minutes run from Newport. I saw the Castle and the beautiful City Hall and the Markets also took a tram ride to Roach Park where there is a lake also I went to Victoria Park. I bought a few postcards some in Welsh Costume.

I had a cup of tea opposite the Station in the Y.M.C.A. Hut. Then I caught the 7.30 train for home or rather Ship. I saw the suspension bridge work. I saw some girls today who belong to the national farm workers they have a uniform of light Kahki stuff & wear trousers and leggings and a long coat. They get 18/- a week but 15 is taken for board.



Attachment 32: Newspaper clipping photo with caption "PTE. W. ROCHFORD, of Christchurch, Died of Wounds."

Attachment 33: Photo of soldier, most likely Walter Rochfort.

JULY 1917

Sunday July 1st

Did Tremewans guard. I took my sentry go from 11 pm to 3 a.m. so as to go to Church all day. I went to one Baptist Church in the morning and another in the same road in the evening (Commercial Road). There are about 4 Baptist Churches in the one street one being in Welsh. I enjoyed Rev Donald in the evening better than Rev Evans in the morning. Rev Mr Donald's text was "do good unto all men". The people in the evening Church were very good to me, I introduced myself to the Pastor and afterwards M^r. Little, a floating society Endeavourer took me home and his mother gave me supper and asked me to come again, I quite enjoyed the evening. I got back just in time to do my guard or rather sentry go, after Church in the morning I went along Cardiff road passed the Royal Gwent Hospital and into the lovely Belle Vue gardens where there is a pretty glass house and a few birds in a café. I lay down there for a while and had 40 winks, then I walked up the hill to the 3rd Western General Hospital where I was kindly shown round by an orderly and a nurse who I showed round the Marama. I met also another nurse and her sister in charge who would not let me go until I had a cup of tea even though the acting matron might come along for the nurses are not allowed to talk to the common soldier. This sister who was very nice objected to the disciplinary red tape.

Patterson one of our staff who is ill is in this Hospital.

This was one of the fine days so far that we have had since being here.

Monday July 2nd

Our leave is extended from now until next Saturday 7th. July.

I am doing Vic Bakers 2nd guard.

George Kitchen and I went to the Commercial Rd Baptist C.E meeting, it was consecration meeting and the subject was "Jesus the servant of all". I was asked to speak so I got up and spoke a few words on the subject also giving them a greeting from our Society but I do not know where to find it as they only gave the text but not where it is to be found. After the meeting which was started about 8 pm we went up with M^{rs}. Little and her two sons up to their home and had a little music and supper. We caught the last train for the Docks.

Tuesday 3rd

I am free from guard to-day so I caught the train at Newport for Bristol where I was met by M^r. Little who showed me around Bristol pointing out the old historic places. I learned that the heart of Bristol was taken up by a Castle and old walls of it can still be seen at places, also a moat. A river "Avon" runs under the City. I saw the Cathedral College Green, University, Victoria rooms where a baby show was being held as this is baby week. I took a motor bus to the Suspension bridge and went down the rocks railway and up to the Observatory and to Clifton Downs and saw lots of other places of interest. We caught the 9.45 train for Newport.

You have to go under the river Severn going by train from Bristol to Newport Mons.

Received £1 fat [*fatigue duty?*] money.

Wednesday

Took on Parkers 2nd guard.

Received a letter from Trice dated May 9th 1917 also 1 from Leila inside.

The girls working in the Docks here have gone out on strike.

I was granted leave by the Orderly Officer to catch the 7.51 p.m. train for Glasgow as I had finished my 4 hours sentry go, earlier in the day.

Going to Glasgow I had to change at Pontypool and also at Crewe where we arrived in the region of midnight.

At Preston two young ladies awakened the soldiers to give them a cup of tea & sandwiches.

Thursday

I arrived in Glasgow about 8 am & had a cup of tea & a sandwich which is given to soldiers in a free buffet on the station. I then went up to the YMCA rest at Mitchell S^l. the place that W. Rochfort & I received such enjoyment in about 20 months ago. I finished my breakfast there, then went out to Loch Lomond by tram and also had a trip over it in a motor launch. Coming back to Glasgow I went to look for Finlay Drive and after a bit of seeking I found it, Rev Keith Ewan was away having a holiday but M^{rs} Dow gave me tea and made me rest for awhile when I felt quite at home with her, she asked me to come again.

I had a bit of a look round the streets again then went to the YMCA. Rest again then caught the 10 pm train for London.

Friday 6th

Anderson travelled with me and we had plenty of room in the carriage for a sleep, Burge also travelled from Glasgow by the same train.

We got to London about 8 a.m. so I went up to Gower St and put my O'coat & haversack there and Alf Stainton whom I met at the Hut went out for a walk. I bought some NZ Medical Corps buttons for 3/6. I left Alf and went out to Rev W.H. Bretts brother to make enquiries of him in Smyrna.

I only saw M^{rs}. Brett who was very kind to me and gave me dinner and asked me to stay to 1 o'clock to see her husband who was very late and as I was intending catching the 2 pm train I had to go without seeing him.

I promised to write to them, they belong to the Baptist Church and M^r Brett is choir-master and leader of Young Mens bible class, I learned that Rev Brett is still in Smyrna and that the 2 Miss Tarners are with him.

I caught the 4.50 pm train for Brochenhurst arriving there about 7 pm, I went up to the main Hospital where Bobbie was last time I visited here but found that he was down in the Officers Hospital at Forest Park but I found Falla and was able to get all the particulars of W. Rochfort's death. I learned that they (both) had gone down to draw rations about 6.30 p.m. and when they were coming back a shell burst and hit Walter on the head, he lingered till next morning but only once became semi conscious when he repeated the verse of some hymn.

Falla received a wound on the head & leg and was at first a serious case but is now about out of danger, Falla had just written a letter to me, telling particulars so I took it, Walter died June 19th 1917.

I then went down to see Bobbie whom I met on the roadway as I was getting to the Hospital, we had lots to say to one another, he showed me round and brought me to Lieu Pattrick who had been wounded and I met Sister Park. Sister Edmondston was also here but I did not see her. I left Bobbie about 10 pm when he came along a little way with me. I had to wait more than 1½ hours for a train to Eastleigh, then change to a train for Salisbury, change again for a train for Newport. It was a glorious day and I am getting tired as I have been travelling all the time from Wednesday sleeping in the trains at night. I saw several air craft as I travelled about to-day, I changed trains again in Bristol getting breakfast at the Sailors & Soldiers Rest. I got to Newport to our Ship at about 8 am on Saturday and laid down.

Saturday 7th

After getting back to the Ship at 8 am I laid down and in the afternoon I went to Town and into the Markets then I went to "Little Switzerland" which is a lovely walk and a very pretty place when you get there.

I had a cup of tea on Stowe Hill and was told that I could not have 2 as it was not yet 6pm such is the food restrictions.

I walked up and down the Main St a few times in the evening and met some friends who invited me home to Supper and I left there at 11 p.m. just getting back to the Ship in time as our leave finished then. A lot of men were in London and viewed the big German air raid at 10 a.m.

Sunday 8th

We got local leave again to-day & 4 of us went to Rev Donalds Baptist Church. Afterwards M^{rs} Little took Fred Gaze & I home to dinner, Fred stayed in the house during the afternoon which was wet and M^r Little who is Superintendent went to Sunday school. I took a class of girls and afterwards I said a few words in the Prayer Meeting when quite a number stayed. I went back home to tea with M^r Little and we enjoyed ourselves there. I went to Church again. I like M^r Donald very much. I did not take my overcoat so I got a little bit damp. M^{rs}. Little invited me to Supper but I did not go.

Monday 9th

Our leave was extended again till Thursday July 12th at noon.

Went again to C. E. meeting, afterwards I went with M^{rs}. Little to her home and had supper and missed the last car to the Docks, so I did not get to the Ship until about midnight.



Attachment 34: 9 July 1917 'Daily Mirror' cutting "What Londoners saw in the sky on Saturday" showing photographs of the German "raiders in flight over London" with a handwritten notes that this happened at "10.30" on Saturday morning and that it is Monday's newspaper.

Tuesday 10th

I stayed on board all day

Wednesday 11th

M^r. Little looked over our boat
M^{rs} Howell & party also looked over.

Thursday 12th

Did George Graces guard for 10/- making my 10th guard.
I went up to Newport to do some shopping for Captain Earle.
M^{rs}. & M^r. Little came on board to have a look over the Ship and a friend of theirs.
Leave with its 2 extensions expired to-day at noon making 20 days in all.

Friday 13th

Cleaning up wards and ship and preparing beds for patients is the order of the day.
We left Newport at noon and arrived at Avonmouth again at 2.30.
We had our Ship painted and cleaned outside & in.

Leaving Avonmouth

Saturday 14th

Patients started to come on about 11am and continued coming on until 4.30 p.m. when we threw off our lines and left Avonmouth Lock. Our new orderlies came on board too, making 16 in all including Bobbie Griffiths.

There is a great number of cot cases amongst the 570 patients that have come on board and of course more work for orderlies as the patients are not so convalescent as on former loads, they are nearly all of those men that were in the Messines "smack up".

When our ship got out into Bristol Channel it went round and round several times presumably to test the compass then we went off to N.Z.

Captain Tolhurst has joined the Waltham-on-Thames N.Z. Hospital.

We had boat drill while the compass was being tested.

Sunday 15th

The Sea got up a little rough and one or two of the new orderlies were sick including Bobbie.
I went to Church in the evening when Padre Gilliam preached a good Sermon on "Resist not the Spirit" "Grieve not the Spirit" and "Quench not the Spirit".

Monday 16th

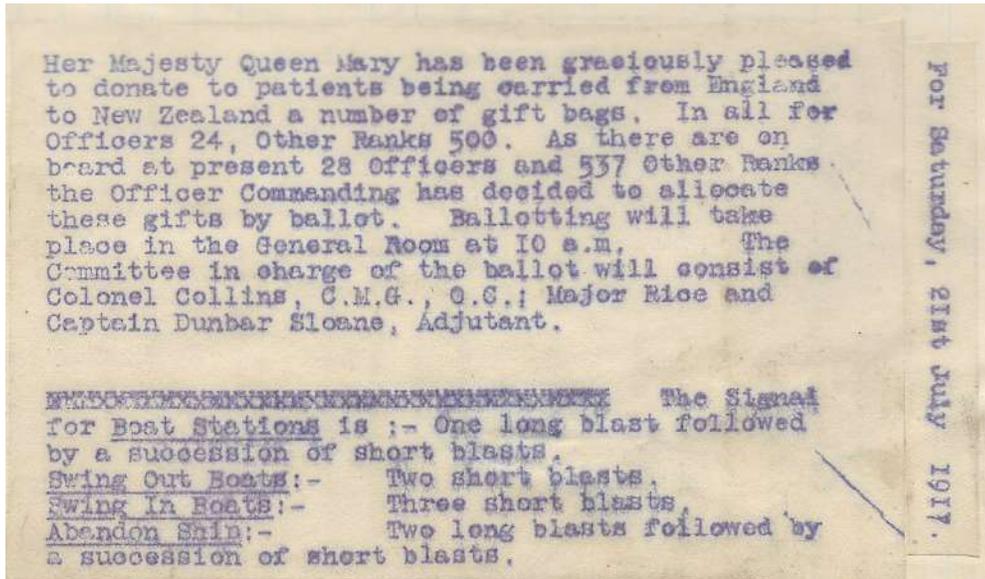
We passed a big school of whales.
There was tobacco issue.

Tuesday 17th

Several seas came through the portholes of the cookhouse and I stopped two.

Wednesday 18th

Had the photo taken from the Marama as we said good bye enlarged by Sergt. Stevenson.
Passed the Azores or Western Islands during the night.



Attachment 35: Orders for Saturday 21 July 1917, including a report that Queen Mary's gift bags will be distributed by ballot because they total 24 for officers and 500 for other ranks, whereas there are 28 and 537 on board.

Sunday 22

Leilas Birthday -13 years -
Went to Church in Evening when Major Dutton preached on "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"
It is getting warmer again.

Monday 23

We are passing through a lot of sea weed.
An Orchestral Concert was held to-night in C. Ward.
Tobacco issue

Tuesday 24th

We passed into the Tropics.
I was issued with 2 pair of working trousers.

Thursday 26

We passed several islands belonging to the West Indies,
also had 2 tropical showers, one being a specially heavy one.
I have been perspiring heavily since we got into the tropics, I did not think that sweat would flow so

freely for when I come out of the cook-house at dinner time there is hardly an inch of dry clothing on me.

Saturday 28th

Pay Day for those who needed pay & had not overdrawn in London.

Colon

Sunday 29th

Arrived outside of Colon (America) about 8.am and came in through the breakwater and alongside of Coal Wharf about 8.30 am.

The coaling system here is an eye opener and each crane can coal 1000 tons an hour very few men are used and everything is done automatically and driven by electricity.

Leave was given to Staff and patients about 2 pm until 8.30 pm and we had to go off by our launch and another to the main pier. I spent my time looking around the streets, I was interested in the mosquito netting houses, the population as mostly blacks (West Indian) and they can nearly all speak English which is taught in the Schools at Colon & Cristopal. The natives dress well and are very polite. I came across a Salv^{tn} Army open air meeting and listened awhile then I went around to the English Church (Christ Church by the Sea) and altho the singing was nice (mostly natives) the Service was the highest of the high.

American Soldiers guard this Port, mostly Porta Ricians, I exchanged one of them with 2 buttons and later I exchanged a Dutch Man-o-warsman, off the Zeeland with a N.Z. button.

I helped to get the patients on to the Launches, so I was one of the last back to the Ship. I had an experience again with a refreshment room. I went with Geo Kitchen to the Y.M.C.A. to tea, and after waiting for about ¼ hour our orders were taken, and altho Geo's was a more elaborate order, he was attended to twice and I not at all and after waiting another half hour giving my order about twice again, I was not served, it almost seemed that I had to save my tea money.

As we got to Colon we began to see more trees than we have seen for a long time, and amongst them was the old coconut tree again. I also saw Bananas growing out in the open. Colon used to be a swamp & unhealthy but now it is fairly healthy. It has a Hospital & Quarantine Hospital also a wireless Stn and a powerful searchlight.

There is also a big RC Church in Colon & I enjoyed the Chimes in the evening.

It rained once or twice or thrice during the day, they get plenty of rain in these parts.

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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

PASS. No. 30

Regiment H.M.N.Z. HOSPITAL SHIP "MARAMA"

No. 3/753 (Rank) Pte (Name) Bade a.

has permission to be absent from his quarters, from

to 8.30 PM
(Date of expiration in words, not figures.)

for the purpose of proceeding to

(Station) Bala

(Date) 29 JUL 1917

Commanding CAPTAIN N.Z.
Adjutant H.M.N.Z. Hospital Ship Marama

This Pass bears the Orderly Room Stamp of Unit or Depot, and dates thereon have been altered.

NOTE CAREFULLY INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF.

Attachment 36: 29 July 1917 leave pass for Colon, Private Bade, to 8.30 pm, NZ Expeditionary Force HMNZ Hospital Ship "Marama", signed by Capt. Sloane

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS ON LEAVE.

It is your duty as a New Zealander to at all times endeavour to maintain the honour and good name of the N.Z. Forces by—

- (1) Appearing in public smartly and correctly dressed.
- (2) Saluting all officers.
- (3) Civility and courtesy to all.
- (4) Conducting yourself as a soldier and gentleman.
- (5) Avoiding drink and immorality.
- (6) Readily showing your pass to the police when called upon to do so.
- (7) Not overstaying your leave.

If you require medical aid you should apply to the nearest military hospital and notify your O.C.

Board and lodging in London can be obtained at the New Zealand Hostel, 17, Russell Square, or the N.Z.Y.M.C.A., Shakespeare Lane, near British Museum.

You are warned against risking infection of Venereal Disease and thereby rendering yourself unfit to serve your country.

Should you, in spite of the above warnings, be so foolish as to risk infection, you must report within 12 hours to the N.Z. Medical Orderly, 17, Russell Square, London, or the nearest military hospital.

Those who contract Venereal will be returned to New Zealand for segregation until cured.

Attachment 37: Instructions for New Zealand Soldiers on Leave, reverse of leave pass.

Monday 30

I got leave from about 2 pm until midnight. We were to have left to-day but now we are to take on Stores here.

At 5.30 a.m. we pulled over to the main wharf.

I walked about and around the Town of Colon & Cristopol again.

I saw the Washington Hotel & all the buildings connected with it then went along the drive & passed the searchlight and Colon Hospital & Quarantine Hosp then the wireless and back through the centre of the Town and soon went home about 7.15 pm altho I had a pass until midnight. When I got back I found that the military band was playing at the Ship's side and quite a lot of people were down there.

There was also an entertainment in town in aid of our Hosp Ships wounded. I got some post cards of the place.

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. N.Z.
A/5

PASS. No. 30

H.M.N.Z. HOSPITAL SHIP "MARAMA"

Regiment.....

No. 3/753 (Rank) Pte (Name) Bade Fa

has permission to be absent from ~~his quarters~~, from the ship, from Midnight 30th to Midnight 30th

(Date of expiration in words, not figures.)

for the purpose of attending to

(Station) Colon (Date) 30 JUL 1917

Adjutant H.M.N.Z. Hospital Ship "Marama" CAPTAIN N.Z. E.C.

NOTE CAREFULLY INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF.

This Pass is of no value unless it bears the Orderly Room Stamp of Unit or Depôt, if dates thereon have been altered.

Attachment 38: 30 July 1917 leave pass here for Colon, Private Bade, to midnight, NZ Expeditionary Force HMNZ Hospital Ship "Marama", signed by Capt. Sloane.

Balboa

Tuesday 31st

We left Colon about 6 am to go thro the Canal, and people at all the Towns and Stations en route greeted us and cheered us and 3 bands played to us during the few moments that we would be passing them, (at the Gatun Locks which is a marvellous concern, for the Ship is raised higher in each lock) the band played several selections as we were waiting and crowds of people were down to welcome & farewell us as did others, all thro the Canal accordingly as they got the chance, we arrived at Balboa about 4 pm and tied up until 7 pm when we left for N.Z.

Thousands of people came down to see us and would have had us all off to entertain us but we belong to the military. 2 bands were here to greet us and play to us, lots of people came on board and they were eager to get any sort of a memento of the visit, this was the first Hospital Ship that they have seen.

I received one or two coins.

The Ships too, greeted us with their whistles and ours answered in return. The people of Balboa gave gifts (lots) of tobacco & cigarettes fruit and magazines galore, the American soldier wears a hat like ours also having a colored pugaree denoting the different units but the pugaree is a cord not as ours is.

AUGUST 1917

Wednesday Aug 1st

We were passing a portion of the Nth American coast when we got up this morning.

Thursday 2nd

There was a tobacco issue to-day

Friday 3rd

We crossed the Equator again at 7.30 a.m.
and passed the Galapagos I^{ds} in the Afternoon

Saturday 4th

Joy's birthday
Third Anniversary of the Great War.

Sunday 5th

Went to Church in Evening
The Marama did 358 miles from noon yesterday until noon to-day which is the most she has done during this Charter.
The paralyzed Maori in C. Ward died about 9 p.m.

Monday 6th

The Maori was buried to-day about 9.30 a.m. when the last post was played.
We are taking the accustomed dose of quinine again.
Sports & competitions are being started and the Staff are participating

Thursday 9th

An Entertainment was given in F Ward to-night

Friday 10th

We are about half way from Panama to N.Z.
A concert was given in C Ward to-night

Saturday 11th

We shipped a sea in our Cabin during the night, almost passed out of the Tropics.

All the patients are being boarded preparatory to being boarded in Auckland.
A Concert is being held to-night in the General room but cancelled.

Sunday 12th

Out of the Tropics

We passed some of the islands of the Low Archipelago one was named Maugarewa Ind
[*Maungareva Island?*].

I went to Church in the Evening when the patient Chaplain preached talking pretty straight to the men.

The Staff had their photos taken for the Governors Diary.

Monday 13th

The Marama steamed 343 miles to-day
We are now in touch with Auckland, thro wireless.

Tuesday 14th

The run was 350 miles
A concert was held in D. Ward

Wednesday 15

The run was 347 miles.
The night orderlies have been shifted to sleep on the Main Deck aft.
The patients are now allowed on deck without their life belts.
I wrote to Trice

Thursday 16

I wrote to Myrtle & M^{rs}. Brett.
The weather is fairly rough and the Ship only went 290 miles.

Friday 17

It is still rough and the Marama again only registered 291.

Saturday 18

Finer again to-day & we've got up to 337 miles
A Concert was held to-night.

Sunday 19th

The sea has got up very rough again and the propeller goes for a race at times
Pay Day. I was paid £15.5.0 it being my first pay for the whole of the trip and included half my extra duty pay.

Monday 20th

Which was not as the clocks were put on 24 hours to get to N.Z. Standard time so we went to bed

on Sunday night and got up on Tuesday morning.

Tuesday 21st

We expected to get to Auckland late in the afternoon but owing to the bad weather we only steamed 182 miles to-day.

There was a farewell Concert in the General Room also one in the N.C.O^s Ward or a kind of local Concert the other being for the General Public.

Auckland

Wednesday 22nd

We anchored in Auckland Harbour about 11 this morning and came alongside about 1.30 p.m.

I sent a letter to Trice, Myrtle, Laurence and M^{rs}. Brett (England).

I also sent a telegram to Trice some of it being in Code.

Trice replied saying all was well and the feast was ready.

I received about 20 letters here 8 from Trice, 2 from Amy, 2 from Myrtle, 1 from M^{rs}. Palmer and 1 from Kate Finlay, 2 from the little girl Harris, 1 from F Thomas, 1 from Lou, 2 from Joy 1 from H. Rochfort.

I telephoned to Jack Emery from the Ship and got on to him at work, later he came down to the Ship with Ella and I was glad to see them.

Boarding patients was going on on board Ship until mid-night, I could not get leave only Auckland men, and they only till 6 pm. from 3.30 pm.

204 patients went off in Auckland.

Thursday 23rd

We left Auckland at 1am for Wellington and encountered heavy weather and owing to it we have had to give up the idea of getting to Wellington on Friday afternoon.

There is excitement owing to nearing Wellington and kits are being packed. I am afraid that I am participating in the excitement.

Friday 24th

Wellington

Saturday 25th

We anchored in Wellington Harbour at 4.30 a.m. and at 7 am we went up to the Wharf.

We, cooks, got up early so as to get ahead of the breakfast and it was a good thing for the Wairarapa men had to get breakfast at 6.45 so as to catch their train.

Trice, Leila, Stanley, Beatrice, Joy & Laurence, also Myrtle, Miss Tomlin & Amy were down to meet me when we came alongside. I was given leave from about 9 am until 4.15 pm so I went up Home bringing some of my luggage with me. Myrtle came up Home as did Amy & Bobbie & Mrs Green came over to see me, then about 3.30 I left for the Marama, Joy coming down as far as the tram, we met Myrtle & M^{rs} Conway on the way. Also Arthur Hellier came to see me while I was at Home, our Boat left Wellington about 5.30.

We put off about 155 patients.

Sunday 26th

We arrived at Lyttelton about 8 am and left again at 11.15. Several people were there to see us on the wharf, Arthur Withers met his wife there who has a little daughter. There was snow on the hills around Lyttelton. A 4 funnelled Japanese man-o-war was lying at Lyttelton and 4 of their officers had a look over our ship. His Ex came on board there and came down with us to Port Chalmers.

Port Chalmers

Monday 27th

We arrived in Port Chalmers at 6 am and almost immediately afterwards the patients went off. About 10 o'clock His Ex gave us all silver badges with Maheno 1915-16 and Marama 1916-17 upon them.

At 4.30 we were given leave and caught the 5.15 train for Dunedin. About 60 of us are billeted at the Leviathan Hotel in Dunedin & several are billeted in P^t Chalmers.

In the evening I went to Findleys and found M^r & M^{rs} Findley at Home, Kate having gone to Gerties place.

I went to bed about 10.15 pm. Archie Hamilton & I occupied N^o 64 Room.

Tuesday 28th

Got up about 20 minutes past 6 am and had breakfast and caught the 8.15 train for P^t Chalmers arriving at the Marama about 9 am. We were pottering about until about 1 pm when we were given leave so as to catch the 1.15 train for Dunedin. We had dinner when Fred Gaze and I went for a train ride to St. Clair and we found that soldiers could ride on the trams 6 sections for one penny.

At 4 o'clock until 5.30 we all attended a little function given us in the Savoy by His Ex. Afterwards I came back to the Levi, had tea and wrote a letter to Trice and M^{rs} Little England.

Wednesday 29th

Went to work again by the 8.15, got to the boat at 9 & had Roll call at about 9.20.

Worked about until 1 pm when we went to different P^t. Chalmers Hotels for dinner and went back again to the boat and knocked off to catch the 3.15 train for Dunedin. F. Gaze & I after tea went down to the Hanover S^t. Church but found that there was no mid-night service on Wednesday, so we walked along Princes S^t. and heard 2 boys bands playing in the Street. Afterwards we went to the YMCA to see Mr Drew but he was off for the night, but we were shown about the YMCA building, then we went Home to our Hotel.

Thursday 30th

Same Routine but did not finish until 5 pm or thereabouts. We had a lecture suitable to men during the afternoon by M^r Bligh.

Went up to the YMCA again and found Mr Drew there and spent the evening with him, Fred Gaze & Phil Burge also coming in.

Friday 31st

Work was from 9 till 4.30 pm again, when we were dismissed until Monday morning at 9. Went to Findleys in the evening, stayed there a short while and walked across to Mornington to see Annie (Findley) Dixon at No. 3 Glen Road and found her out for the evening but stayed with Mr Dixon for a while then went home by the Caversham car. Wrote to Trice.

SEPTEMBER 1917

Saturday Sept 1st.

Went out in the morning to find Cooper Bros but did not find them yet I learnt their proper address after dinner. I did not go out again.

Sunday 2nd

Got up at 8.15
Received letter from Trice.
Breakfast at 9.
Went to Church in Hanover S^t in the morning. S.S in the Afternoon going with M^r Drew's bible class and had to say a few words, then went to the YMCA to the strangers tea and there also had to speak about my H. Ship work then I went to Church again afterwards going up to Drews. I had dinner with the Rev Grey and family.

Monday 3rd

Was paid £6.0.3 being paid up to the 20th of the month, this included ½ extra duty pay up to the 31st of August.
We went to a social and dance at the Early Settlers Hall given by the Mayor of Dunedin.

Tuesday 4th

i.e. growing pains?
I had discomfort very bad so I did not go out after tea.

Wednesday 5th

Was told that there is no option to go into civil employment.
Called in at M^{rs}. Findley's on my way to Annie (Findley) Dixon's where I spent the Evening.

Thursday 6th.

I went out to Ashley Cooper's (late of Fairfield Park) who lives in Musselburgh Dunedin, and enjoyed myself, he is married and has two children. Bertha Cooper that was also came in and we spent the evening together. Bertha married and has 3 little children.
I received a letter from Trice.

Friday 7th

I am on guard 10 am till 10 am to-morrow.

The Staff were dismissed so as to catch the 3.15 pm train for Town so as to attend afternoon tea given by the Dunedin Ladies club at 4 pm in Dunedin.

I wrote to M^{rs}. Rochfort.

Leave was given for weekend at dismissal to-day.

Saturday 8th.

Was relieved off guard so as to catch the 9.30 train to Dunedin.

I went to the Botanical gardens in the afternoon.

In the evening I went up to M^{rs}. Gertie (Findley) Smith's place & stayed until almost 10 pm

Sunday 9th.

Went to Church in morning and M^{rs}. Drew invited me home to Dinner.

I went down with M^r Drew to the Sunday School after tea which I had at the Hotel. I went to Church when Rev Elliot of Auckland preached. After Church Rev Grey and his wife invited 4 of us home to Supper.

Monday 10th.

Our staff were invited to Fullers Vaudeville

I went to the Salvation Army's Social annual when Mayor Clark presided & Com[missioner] Hodder spoke, and the Children of the Middlemarch Home went thro drills & action songs.

Tuesday 11th

I stayed in to do some writing.

Wednesday 12

Stayed in again.

We received a batch of letters from Cape Town & elsewhere 8 letters in all.

Also one from Trice just written, inviting me to Amy & Bobbies wedding.

Thursday 13

I went to the Dunedin Competitions at night.

Friday 14th.

Mr & M^{rs}. Ashly Cooper took me to the Competitions again.

Saturday 15

I was on Guard but got back to Dunedin by the last train from P^t. Chalmers.

The other men got weekend again.

Sunday 16th

Went to Hanover S^t. Baptist in morning and Salvation Army in the Evening afterwards going home to Supper with M^{rs}. Raper & Children.

Monday 17th

Went out to Musselburgh to spend
~~I stayed in~~ the evening with M^r & M^{rs}. Cooper. Bertha joined us there.

Tuesday 18th

Called on M^r. & M^{rs}. Findley to say good bye went to social in Y.M.C.A where I said good bye to M^r. & M^{rs}. Drew.

Wellington

Wednesday 19th

Left Dunedin for Wellington starting our 3 weeks leave receiving also an (any station to any station railway ticket) also a Boat ticket. The train left at 8 a.m. I reserved a seat and when I got to Oamuru M^{rs}. Cullen joined me having her reserved seat facing mine. We left by the S.S. Maori about 7 pm.

Thursday 20th

We arrived at Wellington about 7 am having had a good passage. Trice & Laurie met me and M^r. Cullen met M^{rs}. Cullen. We quickly got home when I learned that M^{rs}. Griffiths was staying with us.

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OCTOBER 1917

Awapuni

Wednesday 10th

Got up a little earlier than usual and prepared myself to leave about 11.30 am so as to get my pay and catch the 12.45 pm train for Awapuni. Trice Laurie & Amy came down as far as Lambton Station with me.

Quite a number of our men went up with the same train.

I arrived at Awapuni about 5 pm and had tea at the Canteen. We had to sleep in the Birds Grand Stand.

Thus ends my 2nd page or chapter of my history in this War.

Thursday 11th

We did not get up for Reveille but paraded for inspection at 9.15. We were put thro squad drill but

all were tremendously stale.

We went for a Route march thro Palmerston in the Afternoon and I can say that we were fairly stiff at the finish.

Wellington, Trentham Camp

Friday 12

We received word about 12.10 to be ready at 12.45 pm for to go to Trentham on duty. We caught the 2.2 pm train for Wellington. I wired Trice and she met me at the Station at 5.45 and we both walked up to Lambton to catch the 6.14 pm train for Trentham arriving there about 6.20.

Saturday 13th

I with several others were draughted over to the Racing Club ward to get it ready to receive patients, later I was put on to get the tea for the Sergeants mess and later still I had to go on night duty making a real day of it.

Sunday 14th

I had a look around Trentham Camp to-day, viewing trenches e^{lc}. then climbed the hills, and at 7 pm going on night duty again.

Military pay and other monies received in the Army

1915

May 25 th to June 23 rd	£23. 5. 0
Corporation half pay	6. 8. 6
June 24 th to Dec 31 st	148. 0. 6
Corporation " "	30. 0. 9
Presented in England by Col	5. 0. 0
Doing V Bakers Guard	<u>1. 0. 0</u>
	213.14. 9

1918

Jan 1 st to Dec 31 st	£282.17. 6
Corporation pay	22. 8. 0
Guard pay	6. 0. 0
Miscellaneous	1. 0. 0
Extra duty pay July 1 st to Dec 31 st)	<u>23. 0. 0</u>
	335. 5. 6
Corporals pay	<u>18. 5. 0</u>
	350.10. 6

1916

Jan 1 st to Mar 6 th	£50. 3. 0
Corporation pay	10.14. 6
July 18 th to Dec 31 st	128.13. 0
Corporation pay	<u>26.19. 6</u>
	216.10. 0

1919

Extra duty pay Jan 1 st to 31 st	£ 3.17. 6
	143. 4. 0
Gratuity	<u>51. 3. 0</u>
	200. 4. 6

Miscellaneous 2.11. 6

1917

Jan 1st to Dec 31st	£282.17. 6
Corporation pay	59. 6. 3
Extra duty pay	7.15. 0 359.18.9
Paid for doing guards	9. 0. 0
Miscellaneous	<u>2.10. 0</u>
	371. 8. 9

£1 per day for 1358 days ~~£1355. 8. 6~~
1358. 0. 0

Fat money 5. 6. 0

1363. 6. 0

['Fatmoney', added in pencil, probably refers to fatigue duties]

