






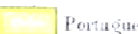
# East African Campaign Diary

## - Tanzania & Mozambique 1917-1919 -

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AFRICA

English Miles  
100 200 300 400 500  
Kilometres  
200 400 600 800

REFERENCE TO COLOURING			
	British		French
	German		Portuguese





P. W. Probert

Diary of  
B. E. A. Campaign.  
1917-18.

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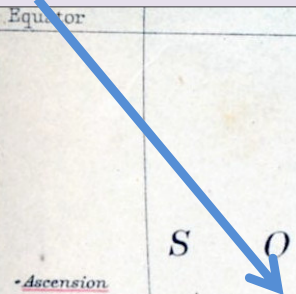


Whilst travelling between Lumbo  
Mnapo in an open railway  
truck, my coat caught fire, I just  
saved my diary in time.



# Route Map of **Percy Probert's** East African Campaign Travels: **1917 - 1919**

**Freetown, Sierra Leone**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Aug - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1917**



**Tanzania (223 Days)**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1917 - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1918**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918 - 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1919**

**Mozambique (230 Days)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1918 - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918**

**Durban (30 Days)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sept - 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1917**

**Cape Town**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1917**

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# Campaign Travels (I): Oct 1917 - Feb 1918 & Oct 1918 - Jan 1919

## British East Africa

### Dar-es-Salaam

26<sup>th</sup> Oct - 4<sup>th</sup> Dec '17

28<sup>th</sup> Oct - 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan '19

### Kilwa

24<sup>th</sup> Oct '17

### Dysentery - Lindi Region

7<sup>th</sup> Jan - 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1918 (33 days)

### Lindi

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - 16<sup>th</sup> Dec '17

28<sup>th</sup> Jan - 28<sup>th</sup> Feb '18

14<sup>th</sup> Oct - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

### Ndanda

17<sup>th</sup> Dec '17

21<sup>st</sup> Jan '18

### Mtawa & Mingoya

22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Jan '18

### Mtimbo & Mbarakwe

19<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December '17

### Massassai

17<sup>th</sup> Dec '17

10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Jan '18

### Matshemba Region

29<sup>th</sup> Dec '17 - 9<sup>th</sup> Jan '18



# Campaign Travels(2) : Jan 1918 - Oct 1918

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In Portuguese and  
British East Africa

## Lindi

28<sup>th</sup> Jan - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb '18  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Ndanda

11<sup>th</sup> Oct '18  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Massassai

10<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Ngomano

9<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Chomba

8<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Medo

6<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Balama

5<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Port Amelia

21<sup>st</sup> Feb-14<sup>th</sup> July '18

## Malaria - Port Amelia

2<sup>nd</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> July 1918 (33 days)

## Lurio River

20<sup>th</sup> Sept '18  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct '18

## Mecuburi

19<sup>th</sup> Sept '18  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept '18

## Chinga

8<sup>th</sup> Sept '18  
17<sup>th</sup> Sept '18

## Nampula

3<sup>rd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug '18  
18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Sept '18

## Murrupula

19<sup>th</sup> Aug '18  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept '18

## Monopo

17<sup>th</sup> July '18  
3<sup>rd</sup> Aug '18

## Lumbo

15<sup>th</sup> July '18  
17<sup>th</sup> July '18





Myself "Joe"

DSM.  
1-1-19

SPECIALLY MANUFACTURED FOR  
ABDULHUSEIN MAHOMEDALL  
& CO.,  
ZANZIBAR.

1917.

312<sup>th</sup> day      16<sup>th</sup> Aug.      1<sup>st</sup> day  
Service      Thursday.      Active Sea

We have been served out with ammunition & are now considered to be on "Active Service". All is excitement. Had breakfast at 1.30 a.m. at St Caths, then off to the station an hour later. Capt Priestley (Geologist to Capt Scott's Antarctic Exped). Lt. Hardy-Smith.

R. S. M. Newlands & a crowd of fellows from St. Caths. gave us a 'send off' at the station. Left Worcester 3.45 a.m. Arrived Devonport Dockyard at 11 a.m. Via Gloucester, Bristol, Exeter, Dawlish & Teignmouth. At Exeter we had bumper tea with "the compliments of the Mayoress of Exeter". The Dockyard was full of activity. Transport officers rushing about, loading of stores etc, destroyers & cruisers loading coal, waterplanes skimming the water &



aeroplanes flying about. Our boat, "H. M. T. Ascanius", was awaiting us. We got on board about 1.30 pm.

Besides our section, there were R.F.A. Hussars, R.F.C. R.E. (land signals) A.S.C. & A.P.O. About 2000 in all. With wonderful order & method, we were quickly installed in our places.

Table 49, place for our kits behind us, & a hammock ready for hanging just overhead, all compact, but rather too much so. First experience at sleeping aboard ship & in a hammock.

17<sup>th</sup> August.

313.

Friday

2.

Up at 6 am. Wanted to make a start on voyage, as long as we are not allowed ashore. Watched embarking of motor cars & cycles. Observation balloons at work. At 6 pm. we started off down the "Sound" & anchored off

Plymouth Hoe, along with 5 similar vessels. Food on board, excellent.

18<sup>th</sup> August.

Saturday

3.

314.

Glorious day. At 10 am. we set sail. Six transports, with an escort of 7 destroyers & cruisers, 2 waterplanes & an observation balloon, attached to a cruiser, which returned later in the day. During the afternoon an accident happened. The chief gunner was inspecting a gun which was apparently out of order. Whilst he was in front of the muzzle, the gun went off, blowing him to pieces, only his legs being left on board. Towards evening sea became rough. Nearly everybody sick. Glad to get in my hammock, which is the best place to get when feeling sick. Rather a queer sensation, all the hammocks swaying to & fro. Slept O.K.



19<sup>th</sup> August.

316.

Sunday

4

My first Sunday at sea. Most glorious day. Sea calm. Feeling A1 after previous day's rough sea. Just after the usual boat parade, we had a little excitement. Two submarines suddenly made their appearance, but disappeared as quickly. Two destroyers with marvellous quickness fired at them, & gave chase. About a mile away one submarine came to the surface & was immediately fired at & sank. The other was chased off. Soon afterwards we met 5 merchant vessels coming from America to England, with cargo. Without doubt these subs were waiting for them.

There was no service aboard. Nothing settled yet as regards arrangements. I was often thinking of the services at Portsmouth & Longhope. Afternoon

& evening were delightful, perfect weather & a glorious sunset, during which, about 1000 fellows on board were singing hymns. Fine effect.

Up until now a great deal of gambling has taken place, some gaming from morning until night. Glad to see it has to stop. Now a punishable offence. 325 miles.

20<sup>th</sup> August.

317.

Monday

5.

Another glorious day. Two destroyers returned during the night. Passed through shoals of porpoises, also passed two whales, blowing away, not far from our boat. Huge monster. Wonderful expanse of sea. No land to be seen. Beautiful sunset & appearance of new moon. Fellows turning their money over etc for luck. Weather so nice, slept on deck, whilst lying down



watched the "Plough" & shooting stars wondering if you could see them at home. Most agreeable sleeping out. Have decided to abandon hammock & camped quarters down below, weather permitting. 256 miles.

21<sup>st</sup> August.

317. Tuesday 6.

Our escort has left us, as we are out of the danger zone. A great number of flying fish about. General order issued:- No boots to be worn, only shoes, slippers or bare feet. Although most of us have shoes or slippers, we prefer going bare-footed. It is quite nice. Getting into a warmer climate. 275 miles. Glorious sunset & moonlight night.

22<sup>nd</sup> August

318 Wednesday 7.

Dull morning, followed by a

drizzling rain. Cleared up at 11 am. afternoon intensely hot. All changed into Khaki drill. Had a salt-water shower bath. 253 miles.

23<sup>rd</sup> August

319. Thursday 8.

A week has elapsed since we left Worcester. It seems months. We were awakened at 5 am. by firing from our boat. We don't know the reason of it. Unable to find out. During the afternoon boxing was indulged in, for those so inclined. After tea there was a concert on deck. Enjoyed it O.K. The worse the singer the more we clapped. Moon exceedingly bright. 275 miles.

24<sup>th</sup> August.

320 Friday 9.

Our section inoculated for Enteric. Nothing much doing. The same routine of reading, sleeping, eating



+ singing. Sun getting intensely hot. Have taken to sun helmet. After tea there were some boxing competitions. Glorious moonlight night. We seem to be leaving the "Plough" behind

25<sup>th</sup> August 263 miles

321.

Saturday

10

Spent a couple of hours this morning watching flying fish, rising in shoals just off the bow of the boat. Weather very hot. Spent afternoon reading.

263 miles

26<sup>th</sup> August.

322

Sunday

11.

Lonely morning. Had a nice service on deck at 10.30 am. The Major acting as Chaplain. The rest of the day we had to ourselves as usual. Another service (unofficial) was held after tea.

263 miles

27<sup>th</sup> August.

323

Monday

12.

Time beginning to hang. Hence did a little washing for myself. Had a salt water shower bath afterwards. Getting intensely hot & practically no breeze. Got overcast towards night. Sun set at 6.40 pm, quite dark by 7.30 pm.

256 miles

28<sup>th</sup> August

324.

Tuesday

13.

Awakened at 2.30 am. by a thunder-storm. Got our blankets wet. Used our great coats & slept on until 5.30 am. Still raining. Cleared up by 11 am. Spent afternoon drying our blankets. Boxing competitions in evening. Glorious sunset & moonlight night. Just at sunset the heavy-armed transport sighted a German raider. Went off after her. Could hear firing in the distance. Raider however got away.

243 miles



29<sup>th</sup> August.

325

Wednesday.

14.

Expecting to sight land. Glad to anticipate a change. Had medical inspection. Our lifebelts, which we always wear on the voyage, are put away for a while. Great relief for they are hot. Everybody straining their eyes for land.

247 miles

30<sup>th</sup> August.

326.

Thursday.

15

Great excitement. Land sighted at 5.0 a.m. Visible to the naked eye soon after 6 a.m. Breakfast was a most hasty & disorderly meal. We were jumping up from the table every minute to peep through the port holes. By 8 a.m. we were quite close to land, shortly afterwards we anchored off Freetown. My first sight of Africa. Quite a fine morning. The town looked

picturesque. There appears to be no regular streets but buildings here, there everywhere. The town has hills on three sides of it & the sea in front, thus making it hemmed in. Before long we had natives in their frail boats, selling fruit & coconuts. It was quite delicious to have land & people to look at. The natives kept us highly amused. One canoe had written on it in chalk "God is the best". Today is a gala day on board. "Sunday" rations & a grand concert on deck at night. No lighting restrictions now, hence <sup>boat</sup> lit up. Concert was first class, mostly 'pros'. Concert brought to a speedy conclusion, before the last item was given, by a torrential down-pour of rain. It appears it is the rainy season here. Got to bed at 10 p.m. which is a change from 7 to 7.30 p.m.



During the day 19 R.F. left the boat to take up duty at the Fortress as search light operators. After sunset no boat enter or leaves the harbour. A chain is drawn across, which when touched by any vessel gives the alarm by electricity. 180 miles

31<sup>st</sup> August

327

Friday

16

Freetown covered in mist, which gradually disappears by 10 am., but hills still covered. Raining on & off for the most part of the day. Convoy of boats with escort arrive from Australia via The Cape for England. There are now 27 large vessels & 2 cruisers, besides smaller craft, anchored off Freetown. Grounds of canoes with natives selling their wares at excessive prices. They know we are not landing, so taking advantage. Had nice "fish" tea at

night. The boats look pretty lit up.

Freetown looks picturesque with lights scattered here & there. The day ended in torrential rain.

1<sup>st</sup> September

328

Saturday

17.

Another wet day. Sierra in a cloud nearly all day. This does not prevent villagers from across the bay, going to market in their frail canoes. Dressed in most gaudy colours, mostly big stripes

2<sup>nd</sup> September

329

Sunday

18

A terribly wet day, on account of which we had no service. Spent the greater part of the day reading. Cleared up beautifully at 5 p.m. Sierra looked so green & fresh. At 5.45 pm we weighed anchor & started off again. "H. M. S. Kent" the cruiser, which fought in the 'Falkland' battle & sank the 'Dresden'



was our escort. We felt quite safe.

Just outside the harbour we passed one of the "Elder-Dempster" boats on the rocks, which stranded there just 3 years ago, whilst escaping from a German submarine. The last I saw of Sierra was the sun setting behind the hills, with palm trees standing out on the horizon. Then a cloud came over & covered the whole place.

3<sup>rd</sup> September

330

Monday

19

Out of sight from land again.

Getting towards the Equator. Not getting hotter as I anticipated, but rather cooler, than it was before reaching Sierra. It is the rainy season - the winter for this part of the globe. The sun is still hot, but a cool wind blows. It's dark early, thus making a long night. 231 miles

4<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday

20

331

Glorious sunrise. Cool morning. Early in the day we crossed the line. Getting tired of the food which is good enough, but lacks variety. We long for some tasty dishes. Could do with some apple pie & cream. Everybody is going to have a good 'tuck in' at Durban. Lovely sunset. After dark the water disturbed by the travelling of the boat is phosphorescent. Quite a pretty sight. 277 miles

5<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday

21

332

Day & night now are practically equal. Light from 6am to 6pm. Got up at 6am. Very overcast. Soon cleared up. Today we start the 3 days sports, which are being held on a large scale. The afternoon devoted to pillow fighting on a



I pole over a tarpaulin of water.  
Great fun, in which both officers  
& 4 men take part. Also walking the  
greasy pole over the same water.

This sort of thing is a pleasant  
break, as the voyage is getting a  
little monotonous. The most glorious  
sunset I have ever seen. From the  
time the sun tipped the horizon to  
complete darkness with stars shining  
just half an hour

254 miles

6<sup>th</sup> September

333

Thursday

22

Had another inoculation for something  
or other. Sports continued in the  
afternoon. Inoculation did not interfere  
with them. Weather fine but rather  
cool. Shower after tea

275 miles

7<sup>th</sup> September

334

Friday

23

I have a cold, hence after the usual

boat parade I remained below for  
the day. Finished letters for Nancy &  
Spridd. Reading "The Cloister & The Hearth".  
Sports continued but I did not attend.  
Slept down below for the first time  
since 19<sup>th</sup> August. Will be glad to  
land again.

278 miles

8<sup>th</sup> September

335

Saturday

24

bold rather bad. Had some medicine  
for it from M.O. Very overcast & a cold  
wind blowing. We passed St Helena  
(a good distance west of it) during the  
night. Our deck has now assumed the  
appearance of a tailor's shop. We have  
to make one pair of "slacks" into a  
pair of "shorts", similar to football  
knickerbockers. The boat seems to be increasing  
speed. Hope to reach Cape Town  
towards the end of next week. Sea  
fairly rough tonight.

286 miles



336 9<sup>th</sup> September Sunday 25

According to date, I have been in the army eleven months. Rather cold & overcast, hence service at 10.30 am was held on our deck. Major again acting as chaplain. The only thing to outward appearance to remind us of Sunday. Lovely afternoon & evening. After tea there was an unofficial service on 'aft' deck. Handed in letters for posting at Cape Town. 265 miles

10<sup>th</sup> September Monday 26

Very rough sea & a keen wind blowing. Cold enough for overcoats. Had a lecture on "General hints on health in B.F.A." by one of the doctors; after tea we had a successful whist drive on our deck. During the day, did some sewing & repairing. 278 miles

338 11<sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 27

Wrote to Armstrong & Ossie. During the night the wind blew a hurricane, & this morning the sea is terribly rough. Sea sickness renewed amongst troops I escaped. As we got into our hammocks at night, the boat was rocking terribly & the wind howling. 243 miles

12<sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 28

Clear, but a cold & windy day. Rough sea. Four dolphins, keeping up with the boat for the most part of the day, also several sea gulls, evidently not far off land. Hope to reach Cape Town Friday. We have been building up hopes on landing at Cape Town for a day. To have a general look round & a "tuck in". Have heard no one will land until we reach Durban. Great disappointment



Had another whist drive tonight.  
was not far off getting a prize. <sup>204</sup> miles

13<sup>th</sup> September

340

Thursday

29

We have been on this boat four weeks.  
Expecting to sight land anytime.  
Distinct improvement in weather, but  
still fairly cool. Beautiful clear  
evening. New moon. Saw the "Southern  
Cross" for the first time in my life.  
Learnt the way to play cornish  
whist. \_\_\_\_\_ 265 miles

14<sup>th</sup> September

341

Friday

30

Glorious sunrise. Up earlier than  
usual. Excited at idea of seeing  
land again. Have still a faint hope  
of landing at Cape Town for a few  
hours. Beautiful weather, but rather  
too cool for sitting out long. Saw a  
few albatrosses, a great number of Cape

pigeons, also had a good view of a  
shark. About 200 5th African troops  
on board, who have had their discharge  
from the army, & are now returning,  
greatly excited at rearing home again.  
So should I be. It is 6 pm & still no  
land in sight. Glorious sunset. Boat  
going slower, expect to get to port  
in the morning. \_\_\_\_\_ 241 miles

15<sup>th</sup> September

342

Saturday

31

at 6 a.m. on going on deck, we saw  
land in the distance, & very shortly  
we had a most beautiful panoramic  
scene. Table Mountain & a range  
of high & rugged peaks standing  
out as black as ink, against a  
lurid red sky, which turned to  
orange colour then yellow with a  
tinge of purple. I watched the sun  
make its appearance from behind



Tahle Mountain, the physical properties of the latter, became clearer to us as we got nearer to land <sup>as</sup> the sun rose. We reached Cape Town at 9 a.m. Beautiful & warm. Disappointed at not landing. No time, as we sail again later in the day. Cape Town & adjoining sea side resort, Sea Point, simply lovely. Tahle Mt being wonderful. Interested in various types of people on the quay. We left at 6 p.m. The lights of Cape Town & Sea Point & the searchlights, made a pretty picture as we left at dusk. Felt a little homesick on leaving land again for the high seas.

16<sup>th</sup> September

343

Sunday

32

Weather beautifully warm. No official service. Preparations for

disembarkation beginning. Had a service after tea. From where we are, looking south, <sup>there</sup> ~~that~~ is no land until the Southern Polar regions. Quite a number of birds following the ship. Hope to reach Durban Tuesday or Wednesday. 238 miles  
17<sup>th</sup> September.

344

Monday

33

Today we are all busy cleaning up & preparing for disembarkation. We have given our hammocks & blankets in, hence we have to sleep as best we can. That is neither here or there. Everybody is in high spirits tonight. Wind & tide is behind us, hence we are making a good pace. Owing to side wash, the boat is rocking terribly. We all fall against each other at meals, first one way then the other. The singing & jollification on board



is almost riotous. We land tomorrow.  
Going to have a good "tuck in" <sup>336</sup> miles  
18<sup>th</sup> September

345 Tuesday 34

Excited all the morning. In sight  
of land all day. Got into Durban  
harbour at 3 pm. Got on a "lighter"  
eventually, landed & got settled in  
tent at  
a camp by 7 pm. after tea, we  
went to a Y.M.C.A. concert. Felt  
almost intoxicated with delight  
at being on land again, & a  
top top concert in the bargain.  
Slept soundly first night on  
African soil. 301 miles

19<sup>th</sup> September  
346 Wednesday. 35

Up at 6.30 am. Lovely balmy morning.  
First glimpse of surroundings by  
dawnlight  
delightful. Greatly interested in  
"rickshas" & the gaudily dressed

Kaffirs. Had a short march. Finished  
duty? at 2 pm. Went for a walk  
along the Esplanade, thro palm &  
fir groves & went along the prom.  
Watched surf bathing. Looks O.K.  
Hope to try it. Hospitality of Durban  
lavish. Free car rides, teas, concerts  
And tea at "The Hut" followed by an  
excellent concert. Was shown over the  
G.P.O. Went back to camp in a  
ricksha. Could stand this for  
duration.

20<sup>th</sup> September  
347 Thursday. 36

Spent morning in Y.M.C.A. letter writing.  
after which Vickers & I had a photo  
taken in a ricksha as a novelty.  
after dinner went for circular car tour.  
40 minute ride, through principal  
streets, out into the residential quarter  
through orange & lemon groves in full



# PLAN OF DURBAN.

## Durban 1911

### REFERENCE :

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Floating Dock.   | 11. Telephone Exchange.     |
| 2. Addington Hospital.  | 12. Theatre Royal.          |
| 3. Police Station.  | 13. Albert Park.            |
| 4. Town Hall (Municipal Offices,<br>Library, Museum & Art Gallery). | 14. Electric Power Station. |
| 5. Public Baths.  | 15. Technical Institute.    |
| 6. Post Office.   | 16. Bulwer Park.            |
| 7. Market House.  | 17. Berea Park.             |
| 8. Railway Station.   | 18. Mitchell Park Zoo.      |
| 9. D.L.I. Hall.   | 19. King's House.           |
| 10. Fire Station.   | 20. Sutton Park.            |

Municipal Tramways thus : ———





Got back to camp at 11.45 pm, instead of 10 pm. Got in through some back railings, quite a party of us. When we got into our tent, to learn that the order to embark was cancelled. Other units to go, but ours not to go yet. Great rejoicing. Sat up talking until 1.30 next morning. Had light from a shaded candle split most peacefully.

22<sup>nd</sup> September

349

Saturday

38

Easy morning. after dinner took the car as far as the marine parade. Later on indulged in sunbathing. Delightful. Tea + concert in the Hut. Weather became slightly cold + overcast with strong wind

23<sup>rd</sup> September

350

Sunday

39

During the night a very strong wind

blew down half the camp. Fortunately our tent didn't suffer at all. Went to service at the Wesleyan chapel, both morning + evening. after dinner we went on the car to "Umbilo". Went over pineapple, orange, banana + mango plantations. Had pineapples + oranges from coolies. after evening service, went to Orchestral concert in the Town Hall at 8.30 pm.

Magnificent Hall with fine Organ

24<sup>th</sup> September

351

Monday

40.

Rather cloudy day. after duty went to the Zoo. Very interesting. Shook hands with the white monkey. after return to town went to the Museum. Exceedingly good. Had an extra "high tea", finishing up with "Banana Split" - a delightful dish of Ice cream, cream, fruit juice + bananas. Concert in hut. Wet evening.



25<sup>th</sup> September

352

Tuesday

41

Dull morning. In order to justify our existence at the camp, we went for a short march. Got as far as the 'prom'. got dismissed for ½ an hour. On return journey had some tea & fancy cake in a lady's garden. Got beautifully clear in the afternoon. Went for the circular ride again. Had tea at the Wesley Hall & Concert at 'The Hut'

26<sup>th</sup> September

353

Wednesday

42.

Dental parade at 2 pm. Dentist a good bit of a 'butcher', hence I dodged it successfully. Went sunbathing. Had tea at Wesley Hall. Concert at 'The Hut'. Fruit salads we get here are delicious, also each day, more fruit than we can manage. Feeling very fit & strong.

27<sup>th</sup> September

354

Thursday

43

Glorious day. Dodged the dress parade 10 am. went to the Port instead. Went sunbathing after dinner. Beautiful sea front. Had a 6 course dinner at the 'Savoy'. Played Pingpong at the 'Army & Navy' Club. Extra good concert at the Hut. Two singers, two humourists, violinist & elocutionist.

28<sup>th</sup> September

355

Friday

44

Rained during the night & early morning. No parade today, only for those for the dentist - my sympathies. Cleared up by 10 am. Went to the Art Gallery. Evening to the Hut for tea, Wesley Hall for Concert.

29<sup>th</sup> September

356

Saturday

45

On guard. My first bit of duty here.



Duties simple & easy, but it meant being unable to leave camp for 24 hours. Did some washing & mending. Went to the Y.M. concert at night.

30<sup>th</sup> September

357

Sunday

46

My guard finished at 10 am. Glorious day. V. & I went to Bulmer Park Baptist Church. After service we were asked to dinner by a Mr Phipson. Had a walk afterwards, returned to tea. Evening service, & returned for supper. Mr & Mrs Phipson & family exceedingly nice. Had a special invite to go for a picnic on following day.

1<sup>st</sup> October

358

Monday

47.

Today is a Bank Holiday here. Up at 6 am. Polished up, ready had breakfast by 8 o'clock. Although we are not

allowed out of camp until 2 pm we walked out quite openly at 8.15 am. in order to catch the 8.30 am train, as arranged yesterday. We travelled to "Winklespruit" a delightful seaside & country place 30 miles from Durban. Had a delightful time. Also had a trip up the Ammanazoti River, noted for its scenery. Returned to town by 8 pm. Finished up at Mr Phipson's for supper. Driven back to camp in motor car. Everything O.K. Nothing noticed re being absent all the morning.

2<sup>nd</sup> October

359

Tuesday

48

Rather damp day. In the afternoon went to a special show of "African" pictures at the Art Gallery. There met a Mr & Mrs Smith, who invited us to dinner for next evening.



Pictures were excellent. One picture depicted "Table mt" just as I saw it at daybreak from sea. Beautiful painting. Had tea & concert at the Hut. During the evening had a thunderstorm & torrential rains. Got back to camp to find it flooded out. Tent is also blown down. Spent the night on a table in the YMCA.

3<sup>rd</sup> October

360 Wednesday 49

Beautiful morning after the storm. Everything soon dried up. After dismissal, met Mr Brandman at the Lower Hall. He showed me the organ & also played for me. I also had an hour's play on it & also an invite to practice any afternoon excepting Fridays & Sundays. Afterwards took a walk down Indian quarters. Very interesting. Motored from the

Hut to Mr Smith's. Had dinner, billiards & music, - quite enjoyable. Exceptionally nice people.

4<sup>th</sup> October

361 Thursday 50

Had an easy morning, eating tangerines & sleeping. After dinner went to the 'prom' & later indulged in surf bathing. Sea & concert at the Hut. Getting intensely hot.

5<sup>th</sup> October

362 Friday 51

Had a letter from Mr Phipson, requesting our presence for dinner. Again an easy morning, afternoon, surf bathing. Dinner at 6.30pm. Had a good time. Did some tricks during the evening, which were much appreciated.

6<sup>th</sup> October

363 Saturday 52

Still beautiful weather. Watched naval



manoeuvres in the park being taken for the picture shows. Surf bathing. Big dinner party at Mr Rhipson's. I was called upon to entertain the party. Also had games & then supper.

7<sup>th</sup> October

364

Sunday.

53

By arrangement, went to the Presb. Church with Mr & Mrs Smith. Heard the Rev. McPhee. Exceedingly clever & learned man. Had dinner at Mr Smith's. Then a quiet afternoon in the garden. Very interested in 'silkworms'. Had a few specimens of silk. Left here & went to Mr Rhipson's at 3.30pm. Had a walk with them, then tea. After the service we returned for supper. Met the Pastor also Mr Hughes late of Lechford, the latter remembers father very well. We had a most enjoyable chat.

8<sup>th</sup> October

365

Monday

54

Very hot day. Today completes my first year in the army. Celebrated it by dodging the march (nothing like discipline!!) & having a nap in the Y.M.C.A. Surf bathing in the afternoon. Spent the evening at our "Durban home".

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9<sup>th</sup> October

366.

Tuesday.

55

Another nice day. Programme almost the same as yesterday. Met Mr Morgan who was with us at Winklespruit.

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10<sup>th</sup> October

367

Wednesday

56

After duty, went to "Umgeni" to see the mosque & did a good tour of the native village. An old Indian woman greeted me with "Salaam Boss". Had afternoon tea & dinner at Mr Rhipson's.



Three Miss Phipson's V & I went to a grand concert at the Town Hall. A work for Orchestra & Chorus being beautiful. Returned for light supper. an excellent day.

$\frac{1}{3}$  11<sup>th</sup> October

368 Thursday 57

Rather a damp day. Had the sad duty to perform of acting as bearers at the funeral of an R.E. W/T fellow who had returned from B.E.A. ill & had died at the hospital here. Seems so sad to be buried thousands of miles from home. No friend to follow the hearse. Neither of us knew him. We were simply there because he was of the R.E. W/T, the same as ourselves. Spent the afternoon letter writing. We were warned early today to be ready to embark the following day. That order was cancelled at 2 pm.

Delighted. Still more time at Durban. The more we get the more we want. Had afternoon tea & dinner at Mr Phipson's. V & I took Mrs Phipson a bouquet of choice flowers as a little appreciation of her kindness. She was exceedingly pleased. As usual had a most pleasant evening. Poor Lucas taken to hospital.

$\frac{1}{4}$  12<sup>th</sup> October

369 Friday 58

Another wet day. Spent the afternoon at the 'Hut', reading. Had dinner & a pleasant evening at Mr Smith's.

$\frac{1}{5}$  13<sup>th</sup> October

370 Saturday 59

On guard 10 am to 10 am following day. Did some washing & mending. Managed the Y.M. concert O.K.



$\frac{1}{6}$ 14<sup>th</sup> October

371

Sunday

60

As soon as guard was dismissed, V. & I went to Bulwer Park Baptist, after the service went for a walk with the Phipsons. Had dinner with them. Slept after dinner to make up for last night. Had tea then went to service. Returned for music + supper.

 $\frac{1}{7}$ 15<sup>th</sup> October

372

Monday

61

No march, hence spent the morning at the Y.M. letter writing. Cricket match due for this afternoon has been postponed. Went to the sea front + indulged in sunbathing instead. Did not go to Mr Phipson's to dinner as we had arranged to be absent owing to the cricket match. Had tea at the 'Hut'. Went to Mr

Phipson's at 7.20pm as arranged + went with some of them to a special C.E. meeting, when two lady missionaries spoke. Returned for light supper. Our orders for leaving tomorrow again cancelled. Wanting to hear from home badly.

 $\frac{1}{8}$ 16<sup>th</sup> October

373

Tuesday

62

About noon, heard that we were to embark tomorrow morning. General disappointment. Had very short time to finish up. Had a last "banana split", went to Mngeni, then had a farewell dinner at Mr Phipson's. We have made good friends there + our stay at Durban has been made exceedingly delightful as the result of their kindness. After farewells "God Speed + a safe return to our dear ones at home", we parted company.



We took leave of them also during the evening for an hour to wish Mr Smith & family 'good-bye'. They gave us some interesting snap shots. Going back to camp V. & I felt a little in the dumps.

$\frac{1}{9}$  17<sup>th</sup> October

374 Wednesday 63

Up at 5:30 am. The morning was just like ourselves, dull. Had a good breakfast at the Y.M.C.A. Marched off at 7.45 am, with my mascot on top of my rifle. Had a good send off from the inhabitants. Got on board the 'Ingoma' at 10 am. a far smaller boat than the 'Ascanius', not nearly so clean & comfortable. Very cramped. Ordinary crew were Luscaro. Set sail at 2.30 pm. Looking at hospitable Durban, perhaps for the last time. We could see our Durban home 463

Moore Rd., high up on the 'Berea'. By the time Durban was lost to our sight, we were beginning to feel the effects of heavy swells. By tea time V. & I were 'mal de mer'. I suffered more than V. I remained on deck from then until Friday morning, eating nothing in the meanwhile & felt as if I didn't mind whether the boat sank or not.

$\frac{1}{10}$  18<sup>th</sup> October

375 Thursday 64

!!!??!!?

$\frac{1}{11}$  19<sup>th</sup> October

376 Friday 65

Awake feeling half starved. Had a good breakfast, then felt ever so fit again. Had a badly needed shave & wash. Had fruit & smoking materials distributed, the gift of Durban ladies. also pair of socks & a towel.



$\frac{1}{12}$ 20<sup>th</sup> October

377

Saturday

66

Glorious hot day. Had all meals on promenade deck. Slept out as usual. Sun so fierce, helmets to be worn from 7 am to 5 pm. Beautiful new moon. Nights so balmy, we sat in our shirts with our legs dangling over the side of the boat, talking + admiring moon effects until after ten o'clock.

 $\frac{1}{13}$ 21<sup>st</sup> October

378

Sunday

67.

On duty Orderly room 6.30 am to 4.30 pm. Sun very, fierce, hardly any breeze. Lower decks, where we are supposed to sleep have our meals, like furnaces, with an over good supply of cockroaches. No official service, but a short one was held at sunset. Beautiful afterglow, followed by

brilliant moonlight. as on previous night, sat up late.

 $\frac{1}{14}$ 22<sup>nd</sup> October

379

Monday

68

Another hot day. We passed to the East of Madagascar. For some reason or other taking a long route. Spent the afternoon washing clothes + finally myself. Watched with interest the Lascars preparing their food. There are two casks aboard, each keeping strictly to themselves as regards food. They won't even take water from the same tank. During these days am having an attempt at learning the "Swahili" language. Have mastered the vocabulary referring to "food" hence will not starve for the sake of not knowing that particular part of the language. Some poor fellow on board in



the isolation hospital, with fever  
of some sort or other. I saw him  
being carried on a stretcher a  
couple of days ago. Ice being  
taken to him all day & night. Posted  
two letters for home. Expect to call  
at Kilua tomorrow

$\frac{1}{15}$

23<sup>rd</sup> October

380

Tuesday

69

Another hot & scorching day. An  
"mess orderly", my turn to fetch  
the food for our table from the  
cook house. Not without its ~~dis~~  
advantages. Cultivated an acquaint-  
ance with a cook, result, sundry  
cups of tea & pieces of cake for a few  
pence, which in the ordinary way  
cannot be bought for love or  
money. We pass crowds of islets  
covered with cocoa nut palms.  
Exceedingly pretty effect by both sun

set & moonlight. During the afternoon  
passed hundreds of porpoises.

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24<sup>th</sup> October

381

Wednesday

70

On waking at 6 am, we were in sight  
of land. Towards 9 am. got close in  
to the shore. Brilliant sunshine,  
beautiful green lush & stretches of  
sand. at 9.30 am was in the natural  
harbour at Kilua. A great number  
of troops on our board, were transferred  
to another boat during the day.  
Some went back down the coast  
to Lindi, where heavy fighting is  
taking place, others got off just  
above Kilua. Saw General Van  
de Venters & his staff, who were  
also going to Lindi. Quite a mixture  
of troops on the Lindi boat. 5th  
Africans, Dutch, Belgians, African  
Natives & Indians. Two monitors & a



cruiser close by. The camp looked very picturesque amongst the trees, but beautiful as the country looks here, it has the reputation of being a bad place for fever. The fellow with fever on our boat, taken off on a stretcher & transferred to a hospital boat bound for Cape Town. We spent the night in the harbour, as it was almost dusk before the troops had disembarked. Only our section + M.T.A.S.C. left on board.

$\frac{1}{17}$  25<sup>th</sup> October

382 Thursday 71

Left Kilwa 5:30am. Kept in sight of land all day. Terribly hot. Passed several pretty islands. Got outside Darassalaam at 8 pm. Obligated to remain outside harbour at anchor until morning. No boats enter or

leave the harbour after dusk

$\frac{1}{18}$  26<sup>th</sup> October

383 Friday 72

Up at 6 am. Beautiful day. Unable to see much of D.S.M. from the sea. Packed up & ready for disembarking. Two hospital boats full up, leave for Cape Town. After dinner we sailed into the harbour. Just outside the harbour there is the wreck of a German vessel, blown up by the Germans themselves on evacuating with the idea of blocking up the harbour against our boats. The plot failed, as it sunk at the wrong spot. We landed & marched to our camp. Terribly hot for full "marching order". At camp we were issued with blankets, spine pad, mosquito net & flash. Camp situated in Palm Grove by the sea. Passed



through Indian & African camps,  
 after tea - quinine parade, which  
 is held daily. From 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 had a glance round town. Quite  
 interesting. Blacks everywhere. The  
 German "beer gardens" on the  
 continent, lit up & now used by  
 our soldiers. Had first experience  
 with mosquito net. Tickers, Gray,  
 McKenzie - I sleep in one tent.  
 (Eng. Ireland, Scot. & Wales). Gray has  
 difficulty with his net as he is  
 so big. Plenty of lizards about  
 here. Numerous kinds of insects etc.  
 large & small. Glorious moonlight.

$\frac{1}{19}$  27<sup>th</sup> October 2  
 384 Saturday 73.

Up at 6 am. Parade at 6.30 am. a  
 party sent away to Kilwa. Had a  
 telegraphic & ear test. Kit inspection.  
 a welcome bath at 4 pm. after tea

went to town. Good concert at the  
 M.C.A. Beautiful moonlight walk  
 back to camp through the grove.  
 Groups of Indians sitting in circles  
 chatting & singing.

$\frac{1}{20}$  28<sup>th</sup> October 3  
 385 Sunday 74

No early morning parade. Parade at  
 9 am for school. Lectures on  
 'Procedure' both morning & afternoon.  
 Finished at 4 pm. Vic. - I had tea  
 in town. Pastries etc for 1 rupee  
 each. Money a great source of  
 trouble as yet. Met Edmunds of  
 Oxford also Michael of Hereford,  
 whom I knew at Newport Pagnell.  
 Learnt that my old friend Pratt  
 was 'up the line'. A party left  
 for Kilwa & Lindi. Lost McKenzie  
 from our tent. Went to 'Noncon'  
 service at the Lutheran church at



at 5.15 pm Excellent preacher. -

Major Walker, Senior Noncon.

chaplain. Church beautifully decorated  
fine organ. The German hymn books

still in the pews. After service

did a little writing at the Y.M.C.A.

then went to the lecture hall to a

meeting conducted by Rev Carlisle

Cinema & lantern views.

$\frac{1}{2}$  21 29<sup>th</sup> October 4

386 Monday 75

Buzzer scheme & procedure classes.

Bathed twice. Several snakes about.

After tea went to the Carlisle Institute

which is the old "Africa Hotel"

Orchestral concert in the garden

attended. Another party to leave for

Lindi tomorrow, including my friend

Vic. Both disappointed at having to

part. Had a supper together at the

Institute. Helped Vic. to pack up.

$\frac{1}{2}$  22

30<sup>th</sup> October

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387

Tuesday

76

Up at 5 am. Saw Vic. & other motor

boys off. Only Gray left in the tent.

I get hold of a bed for a rupee. Quite

a boon here, not to sleep on the

ground. Creeping things of all kinds

about at night. Had a bath at 4 pm

Felt lonely without Vic. Went with Gray

to "Carlisle" Rev Carlisle gave a good

lecture on the "History of Sth Africa"

"Bushmen & Hottentots. Paintings in caves.

"Primitive Europeans. Portuguese -

"Vasco de Gama - Natal. Cape Town -

"Dutch" (Memoranda)"

Weather exceedingly hot. Great thirst.

Only drinking tea.

$\frac{1}{2}$  23

31<sup>st</sup> October

6

388

Wednesday

77

Buzzer & procedure. Had a bath.

Getting on with swimming. Coinage



trouble a thing of the past. Had  
supper at the 'Carlisle' for 2 rupees.  
O.K. too. Beautiful moonlight night.

Miss Vickers very much

$\frac{1}{24}$  1<sup>st</sup> November 7

389 Thursday 78

Couldnt help contrasting the weather  
here with the typical November day  
at home. Had 10 rupees pay. Placed  
on G.H.Q. W/T station. Duty 10 am to 2 pm.  
Hope I will remain here a while.

$\frac{1}{25}$  2<sup>nd</sup> November 8

390 Friday 79

Another glorious day. Feeling A 1. Fancy  
I am getting fat. This climate seems  
to agree with me. Unable to go out  
this evening. On duty 6 pm to 10 pm.  
Big fire in harbour. Patrol vessel  
ablage. Several explosions + several  
deaths amongst black porters. Rumour  
that the enemy had got into the harbour

got circulated. Wind up!!

$\frac{1}{26}$  3<sup>rd</sup> November 9

391 Saturday 80

On duty 2 pm to 6 pm. Spent the  
evening at the Y.M.C.A. Excellent  
concert given by the Orchestra +  
several other artists.

$\frac{1}{27}$  4<sup>th</sup> November 10

392 Sunday 81

Beautiful day. On duty 10 am to 2 pm.  
Keeping a special look out for signals  
from a German vessel, which is  
supposed to be laden with guns,  
ammunition + petrol, which they desire  
to land for the German down the  
coast. They are endeavouring to get  
into communication with the German  
field stn. to state a landing place.  
We jam them on each occasion.  
Had tea at the Y.M.C.A. Went to  
Evening service at the Lutheran church.



afterwards went to the "Carlisle"  
There met two fellows from Rpuidd  
Protheroe (Teacher) + Stevens (U.D.C.)  
Had an enjoyable time. Protheroe in  
charge of M.T. Tyre Store just below  
our camp.

$\frac{1}{28}$  5<sup>th</sup> November 11  
393 Monday 82

On duty 6 am to 10 am. Had bathe  
before tea. Called at M.T. Tyres. +  
had a long chat with Protheroe.  
We went as far as the "Carlisle"  
together for supper.

$\frac{1}{29}$  6<sup>th</sup> November 12  
394 Tuesday 83

On duty 2 am to 6 am. after breakfast  
slept until dinner. Glorious weather.  
Had usual bathe. Getting on with  
swimming well. Good concert at  
Palmer Grove Y.M.C.A. by orchestra.  
Met Edwards of Johannesburg. (R.F.C.)

who was at Rpuidd 25 years ago with  
Lewis Merthys Co. Had an enjoyable  
chat. Invited to inspect aeroplanes  
at the aerodrome. Rained hard  
just as I was going to bed.

$\frac{1}{30}$  7<sup>th</sup> November 13  
395 Wednesday 84

Raining a deluge. I escaped O.K.  
Most of the fellows had their things  
wet. As it was too wet to go for a  
walk, I spent the day reading.  
On duty 6 pm to 10 pm. Posted some  
cards for Xmas. News of mails in  
the harbour. Great excitement.

$\frac{1}{31}$  8<sup>th</sup> November 14  
396 Thursday 85

Rained a little early in the morning.  
Cleared up beautifully afterwards.  
Received one letter from Flossie, +  
two from Nanay, one of which  
contained awful news of Armstrong's.



death. Can hardly realize it.

Wrote to Nancy + to Mr + Mrs Bradley.

$\frac{1}{32}$  9<sup>th</sup> November 15

397 Friday 86

Duty 2 pm to 6 pm. Weather beautiful.

Couldn't help thinking about poor

Armstrong. Spent the evening at

the "Carlisle" writing + reading.

$\frac{1}{33}$  10<sup>th</sup> November 16

398 Saturday 87

On duty at 6 am to 10 am. Had sleep

from then until dinner time. After

dinner went to Sea View shell

hunting, with good results. After

tea went to the native market. What

a crowd!! Black or dusky people

everywhere. Indians in brilliant colours.

Kaffirs, + Zulus in more subdued shades.

"Puntillies" with their stolls. Old

men with long flowing beards, wearing

flowing white gowns, evidently of the

Mohammedan faith, looking as if they had just stepped out of the pages of the Old Testament.

Tea still quite popular. People here are fond of a cup of tea + some gossip.

$\frac{1}{34}$  11<sup>th</sup> November 17

399 Sunday 88

On duty 2 am to 6 am. After breakfast

slept until noon. After dinner I

paid another visit to the native

quarters + market. Business the same

as on weekdays. The same crowds

as yesterday. All sorts of curious

stuff for sale. From here I went to

the harbour + took the ferry over to

the peninsula, on a shell hunting

expedition. Came across a native

Kraal + watched the natives fishing.

On both ferry trips, I was the only

white. In each case I steered, which,



from what I have observed, falls to the lot of a white man, should there be one in the ferry. After tea at the 'Cafe', went to service. Major Walker preached. Most enjoyable service. Returned to camp early as was on duty from 10 pm to 2 am next day.

$\frac{1}{35}$  12<sup>th</sup> November 18

400 Monday 89

Spent a quiet morning on Grove beach, washing the shells I had gathered. Usual bathe. On duty 6 pm to 10 pm

$\frac{1}{36}$  13<sup>th</sup> November 19

401 Tuesday 90

Draft of 21 selected to go to Lindi. Heard unofficially that my name is down for vacancy at Mafia Island Naval Str. Delighted at idea. On duty 2 pm to 6 pm

$\frac{1}{37}$

14<sup>th</sup> November

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402

Wednesday

91

On duty 10 am to 2 pm, mails in. Had three letters from Nancy, one from Flossie & one from Austin (Durban). Was so delighted. After the usual bathe & tea, went to the 'Carlisle' to do some writing.

$\frac{1}{38}$

15<sup>th</sup> November

21

403

Thursday

92

On duty from 6 am to 10 am. Slept until dinner time. Began preparing my kit for Mafia. 21 fellows busy preparing for Lindi. Had 30 rumpuses pay. Wrote two letters home.

Major Thirkhill our O.C. very kind & thoughtful man. He had arranged for pay today, so that the men might make purchases before going away. 'Skaff-box' making quite an art here.



$\frac{1}{39}$  16<sup>th</sup> November 22  
404 Friday 93

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Had the responsibility of waking all fellow for Lindi at 11 am. Went round the tents with a lantern, endeavouring to distinguish the features of the fellows through their mosquito nets. More difficult than it sounds. Saw the party off at 6 am. Slept until noon after a bathe breakfast. Had tobacco, soap, matches, rations. Two severe showers, one during the morning the other after tea. Did some writing at the "Carlisle". On duty 10 pm to 2 am rest day. Nothing heard re Mafia yet. Have been at DPM three weeks.

$\frac{1}{40}$  17<sup>th</sup> November 23  
405 Saturday 94

after dinner went for a walk through

the native business thoroughfares & the market. Bought a couple native made combs  $\frac{1}{2}$  rupee each. I also enjoyed watching the various types of people. On duty 6 pm - 10 pm.

$\frac{1}{41}$  18<sup>th</sup> November 24  
406 Sunday 95

Went for a short walk along the beach after breakfast. Unfortunately on duty 2 pm - 6 pm, thus missing the service at 5.15 pm, the first time since I have been here. After tea I went as far as the "Carlisle".

$\frac{1}{42}$  19<sup>th</sup> November 25  
407 Monday 96

On duty 10 am to 2 pm. Had bathe before tea. In the evening there was a grand concert at the Carlisle Gardens. Orchestra & good artistes. Naval & Staff officers also mixed in the audience. On chaplain, Major



walker, gave two poems by 'Kipling' in rare style. Major Shirkhill O.C. W/T, also present. Beautiful evenings. No drums for the first time to Walt's great dismay. However he shone brilliantly afterwards, !?

$\frac{1}{43}$  20<sup>th</sup> November 26  
408 Tuesday 97

Four of our fellows taken to hospital meant a lot of extra work for those left behind. Helped with two of the cases. Had a letter from Vic. Doing well on 'pack'.

$\frac{1}{44}$  21<sup>st</sup> November 27  
409 Wednesday 98

On duty 2 am. to 6 am. Then called again at 8 am from my sleep to relieve a man at 8.30 am. also did 10 am to 2 pm. Had a letter & paper from Flossie, also two letters from Nancy. Beautiful day.

$\frac{1}{45}$  22<sup>nd</sup> November 28  
410 Thursday 99

a few animals from 'up the line' arrive just in time to help us. I am given a day off the the extra assistance given on previous day. Prepared my kit for Mafia, also did some shopping. Had usual bath. New Moon.

$\frac{1}{46}$  23<sup>rd</sup> November 29  
411 Friday 100

Duty 10 am to 2 pm. Arrived of paper from home. after dinner had a most enjoyable time, reading the home news, then a nap. after tea, went as far as the 'Carlisle' for supper to do some writing.

$\frac{1}{47}$  24<sup>th</sup> November 30  
412 Saturday 101

On duty again 10 am. to 2 pm. In readiness for Mafia. Visited Protheroe



at M.T. Type stores. Gala night at the Grove Camp. Opening of the new Y.M.C.A. Concert Hall. Cinema 7 pm - 8 pm. Refreshments 8 pm - 8.30 pm. Concert 8.30 pm - 11 pm. Illuminations. Great success. Met Jack Evans

$\frac{1}{48}$  25<sup>th</sup> November 31

413 Sunday 102

Blankets & kit packed up. Told to be ready to embark after dinner. Went over to R.F.C. to wish Edwards 'Goodbye'. He showed me over the aerodrome. Most interesting. After dinner I had my kit on the car, the p.m. I had got in, ready to start for the quay, when a telephone message was received cancelling the order. Had to take my kit back. Disappointed at first. Took on 6 pm to 10 pm duty. Hence missed permit for the second Sunday.

$\frac{1}{49}$  26<sup>th</sup> November 32

414 Monday 103

Still to remain at G.H.Q. On duty 10 am to 2 pm. Had record number of calls. Had usual bathe. Glorious moonlight night. Went to Grove Y.M. Cinema with Edwards. Very good show.

$\frac{1}{50}$  27<sup>th</sup> November 33

415 Tuesday 104

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Another record number of calls for that period. Glorious morning. Had a sleep until 10 o'clock. After dinner rode to town to do some shopping. Back for bathe. Did some writing at Y.M. On duty 10 pm until 2 am next day.

$\frac{1}{51}$  28<sup>th</sup> November 34

416 Wednesday 105

Slept from 2 am to 8 am. After breakfast



had a walk along the Grove beach with Bill. after dinner repacked my kit souvenirs, in case I would have to leave at short notice. Menal bathe. On duty 6 pm to 10 pm. Magnificent moonlight.

$\frac{1}{52}$  29<sup>th</sup> November 35  
417 Thursday 106

awakened at 6 am. by loud scream of laughter from the niggers. Peter, one of the monkeys feels playful, & chases a chicken round the camp. after breakfast had an eight mile walk into the country. Picked mangoes & pineapples, which were growing in profusion. also lucky beans. Saw beautiful birds flower foliage. extremely hot day. On duty 2 pm to 6 pm. Had two letters from Nanay at P'windi. Did some writing at the 'Carlisle'

$\frac{1}{53}$  30<sup>th</sup> November 36  
418 Friday 107

Felt O.K. after yesterday's walk. On duty 6 am. to 10 am. Overcast & thundery, but no rain. Slept from 10 am to noon. after dinner read a little. Menal bathe. Had 20 Rs. pay. spent evening at 'Carlisle' writing, as mail leaves tomorrow. sent some cards home.

$\frac{1}{54}$  1<sup>st</sup> December 37  
419 Saturday 108

On duty 2 am. to 6 pm also 2 pm to 6 pm. The latter special duty, in order to test the working of a reconstructed wagon. In the evening I went to hear the "Jambos" at the Grove Y.M.C.A. a brilliant concert party. Five in number. Just returned from the Lindi Kilwa districts, after a most successful tour. Their performance



was delightful. "Little Winnie"  
being a huge success. Glorious  
moonlight night.

$\frac{1}{55}$  2<sup>nd</sup> December 38

420 Sunday 109

First Sunday in December. Scorching  
hot day. Was orderly from 1.30pm  
to 9.30pm. Went to morning service.  
Discovered there was still a  
"German" service before ours. A  
number of German prisoners who  
arrived yesterday were present,  
under an armed guard, along  
with their wives & lady friends.  
The prisoners look quite well &  
cheerful as they were marched off  
afterwards. Major Walker took our  
service. Sorry unable to attend  
the evening service, as it is to be  
followed by communion. Wrote a  
couple of letters home

$\frac{1}{56}$  3<sup>rd</sup> December 39

421 Monday 110

Lovely day. Spent morning looking for  
shells & coral. Had quite a good selection.  
After dinner I slept. Manual bath  
before tea. Went to town during  
the evening & had supper at the  
Wessman Hotel. On returning to  
camp learnt that I was to proceed  
to Lindi next day. On duty 10pm to  
2 am. Beautiful full moon

$\frac{1}{57}$  4<sup>th</sup> December 110

422 Tuesday 111

Stayed in bed until 8 am. After  
breakfast packed my kit for storage  
also packed kit for Lindi. After  
dinner I signed for stores & took  
over official papers. Four Cape boys  
also native for myself. Also took  
sparkes along. Left GHQ at 2 pm.  
Embarked at 4 pm. Great difficulty



experienced in getting overboard.  
Practically all troops going up the line  
now are 'blacks'. Had a good place on  
board ship. Owing to great amount of  
cargo to be brought on board, we  
stayed in harbour all night. At  
4.30pm. from the boat. I could see  
our fellows bathing. Only wish I  
could join them. Slept on deck.

$\frac{1}{58}$  5<sup>th</sup> December 111  
1123 Wednesday 112

Up at 6.30 am. Had breakfast at 7 am,  
which we made ourselves, as we have  
three days rations with us. Set sail at  
8 am. A pang of regret at leaving  
DSM. Had a good time there. Sea  
beautifully calm. Poor Malinja in great  
distress, lost his blankets. Poor found  
happiness once more. Made acquaintance  
of W/T operators aboard. One was from  
Swansea knew Joe James. Dues crowd

aboard, quite worth while doing  
a walk round. Had tea with  
operators in their cabin, also spent the  
evening with the Swansea operator  
(Hobby) who showed me his collection  
of curios. Gave Hobby two letters to  
post for me at Durham. Passed  
midnight during the day.

$\frac{1}{59}$  6<sup>th</sup> December 112  
1124 Thursday 113

Sixteen weeks has elapsed since I  
left Worcester. It seems as many months.  
Sun fiercely hot. Got into Lindi harbour  
which is a natural one at 9 am.  
Prepared to disembark at 10 am.  
Owing to scarcity of lighters & great  
amount of work on hand, we had to  
wait about all day, unpack & spend  
another night aboard. Met two nice  
fellows. One from Llanelli (Sigs) & the  
other from Ellesmere Port (M.T).



Fenas came on board. Hospital ship entered the harbour just in time for his transfer. Spent an hour with Hobby & 3<sup>rd</sup> engineers. Beautifully fresh after 5 pm. Hills all round. Hospital ship lit up.

$\frac{1}{60}$	7 <sup>th</sup> December	43
425	Friday	114

Up at 6 am. Malinga is tired of being on the water, wants to get ashore. Had a hasty breakfast. Lighter alongside at 6.15 am. Had wash, shave, & stores transferred by 9 am. Left boat at 9.30. Deluge of rain whilst landing, got wet but sun soon dried us. Handed over boys & stores to O.C. Met several of the 'draft'. They all remarked how well I looked. Camp on top of a hill. Beautiful view overlooking the bay. Soon made ourselves comfortable. Will probably remain here a few days.

Had bath at 4 pm. After tea had a brief look round Lindi. Saw natives dancing to 'tom-tom' music. Most amusing & weird. Lindi quite a "native" place.

$\frac{1}{61}$	8 <sup>th</sup> December	44
426	Saturday	115

Up at 6 am. After breakfast took two natives down to stores for provisions for camp. Had a good idea of Lindi by day. Quite "native". Only signs of civilisation outside "military influence" is the presence of "finger sewing machines" at various native shops, where sewing is done. Our camp "site" has been the scene of several stiff fights. Blockhouses are still up. The camp has the wire entanglements round it, as the Germans left it. Quite a bracing place. Breeze all day from the sea. Water here very



poor - only drawback of any importance  
 while ants a great pest. Eat through  
 almost anything a special liking  
 for kit clothing. After dinner took  
 several natives carrying kit to our  
 fellows who are in hospital here.  
 After tea went as far as the Y.M.C.A.  
 Not much of it. No moon out now.  
 Very difficult to find way about. All  
 the streets are the same. Hut of  
 bamboo reed mud. Streets lined  
 with cocoa nut palms. Had some  
 difficulty in finding our way back.  
 Hardly any European soldiers here  
 to make enquiries of. - mostly Indian  
 soldiers. Got back eventually after  
 being challenged by guards several  
 times.

427	9 <sup>th</sup> December	45
	Sunday	116

Up at 7 am. Beautiful hot day.

Working in O.C.'s office from 10 am to  
 noon + 2 pm to 4 pm. Copying out  
 official diary of 176 (Pack). Saw  
 three ingomas. One for the death  
 of a woman, another for the death  
 of a child (a most weird dance  
 this) + the third was a popular one.  
 Very few whites here. I was the only  
 one witnessing this last dance, had  
 a good position in interior of circle.  
 Went to service (C of E) in the evening  
 at the 'Banda'. Native building of  
 bamboo + plaited cocoa nut leaves.  
 Music 8.15 pm to 9.15 pm at "Canteen"

428	10 <sup>th</sup> December	46
	Monday	117

Up at 6.30 am. Another scorching day.  
 Hundreds of Indian troops returning  
 from "up the line" all singing  
 their weird chants. C.C.'s office as  
 yesterday. Bought some stores to take



with me up the line. On half  
rations here for a while. My extra  
stock from DSM comes in useful.  
white ants a terrible pest, eat into  
everything except metals. Wrote two  
letters home. Pittman returns from  
hospital

$\frac{1}{64}$  11<sup>th</sup> December 47  
429 Tuesday 118

still working at '176' diary. Met some  
fellows at the 'signals' who were at  
Bham when I was. Pittman & Sparkes  
leave for Ndanda. I remain at Lindi  
a little longer. Moved into '624' camp  
& slept in Webber's tent. Had bathe.

$\frac{1}{65}$  12<sup>th</sup> December 48  
430 Wednesday 119

The Wireless station here at Lindi to  
be closed down. Section to move to  
Messasei to relieve South Africans.  
I finish O.C.'s diary. Menal bathe

$\frac{1}{66}$  13<sup>th</sup> December 49  
431 Thursday 120

after breakfast went for a lovely  
walk, along the sea shore, then  
through avenues of big trees, bearing  
scarlet & yellow blossoms, also another  
kind of tree bearing mauve coloured  
flowers, which trail down to the  
ground. Delightful colouring, with  
the blue sea peeping in between.  
In the evening went to a lecture  
on "Mohammedanism" by the Rev.  
Lucas of Zanzibar. Very interesting.  
Have finished reading "Beside the  
Bonnie Briar Bush". Quite enjoyed  
these sketches of patch life.

$\frac{1}{67}$  14<sup>th</sup> December 50  
432 Friday 121

Station dismantled & packed up. Fellows  
all making "skoff" boxes. I had a lazy  
day. Menal bathe. Did some writing



$\frac{1}{68}$  15<sup>th</sup> December 51  
433 Saturday 122

Up at 7.30 am. Medley & others left for Massassi at 10 am. Spent a lazy morning playing with "Peter" the monkey. After dinner went to an Igoma, then had usual bathe. Wild cat, with two kittens, came into the camp during the night & evidently left in a hurry, leaving the kittens behind. Just like tiger cubs.

$\frac{1}{69}$  16<sup>th</sup> December 52  
434 Sunday 123

Beautiful Sunday morning. At breakfast I mentally planned out a good day, but just after that meal a messenger came up with the news that Campbell & I were to be ready in an hour's time to go on to Ndanda. By 10 o'clock we were off by motor. Fine panoramic scenery. Huge

mountains, mild country, districts of mangoes, pineapples & bananas, of palms & swamp. Roads terrible for the most part. Shaken about terribly. First stop 45 miles out. Stopped at R.E. (Telo) office. Had tea. Bread jam & fruit. Most welcome. Next stop 30 miles. Small M.T. camp. Stayed here the night. Had a nice dinner. Had a look round afterwards. Nice country, was thinking of Longlake & Phidd, especially at eventide. Has not been like Sunday at all. Went to bed early. Rats kept me company.

$\frac{1}{70}$  17<sup>th</sup> December 53  
435 Monday 124

Up at 7 am. After a wash & breakfast, started off again. Went through lousy country, reaching Ndanda at 11 am. Saw Black. Just settling down at 11.30 am, when we were suddenly



pushed off again. Had to leave "skoff"  
box behind, as car was already too  
heavily loaded. Greatly concerned  
as all my writing materials + medicines  
are in it. Afraid I shall not see the  
box again, although promised it  
would be sent on after me. Reached  
Massassi at 2 pm. Had dinner.  
Just going to fix up in a banda,  
when we had to go on again, about  
8 miles from our destination, our  
car broke down. Unable to put it  
right. Lit a fire, had supper,  
unloaded the car + slept in it. Had  
a fairly good night. Had three fires  
going, + rifles loaded for me were  
in a wood, hyenas about. Late  
at night a car passed us taking  
Longhurst to hospital. Early during  
the day an ambulance convoy passed  
us + someone inside shouted out

my name. I have no idea who it was  
431 18<sup>th</sup> December 54  
436 Tuesday 125

Up at daybreak. Car put right.  
Pushed on + got to Ngongomuti.  
Living here in bandas. Comfortable  
saying, more so than tents. Only draw-  
back - rats. Felt tired + out of sorts  
after two days ride. Post-Commandant  
here very nice. Expect to stay here a  
few days. Late afternoon '538' section  
arrive! Hence Lt. Bailey, Campbell  
+ I join them  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile away. Camped  
out without cover. Slept O.K. until  
early morning. Hyenas in the district  
also two lions known to be about  
after the mules. Pitman saw a  
baboon as he rode up. I saw Mr.  
Bailey about getting my skoff box  
from Ndanda. Hope it will  
eventually turn up



42 19<sup>th</sup> December 55  
437 Wednesday 126

Awakened at 2 am. by heavy rain. Put my trousers shoots on, abandoned my bed + found shelter under the wagon. Slept there. Awakened at 4 am. Column on the march forward.

Packed up + off by 5:30 am. Walked 7 miles, then stopped for breakfast. All troops black, with exception of "Wireless" + K.A.R. officers. Have begun a "trek" through a forest, a road being made for us as we go along by Indians. Owing to road not yet made beyond this point, we have to camp here a few days.

Trees + bush cut down to make an encampment + station erected. Plenty of boys to do the work. Like this new life so far. Quite ready for bed by 7 pm, after the fresh air + walk.

# MTIMBO.

43 20<sup>th</sup> December 56  
438 Thursday 127

Up at 6 am. On duty at station 7:30 am to 10 am. Took a short walk through the bush. Lovely flowers, birds and lizards. After dinner went out with a rifle for a little sport. Result - nil. Spoor of animals freshly made in the sand to be seen. Hyenas, rhinos, elephants, wild pig etc in the forest. Evidently frightened off for a few days by road makers. Hope to see some animals later.

44 21<sup>st</sup> December 57  
439 Friday 128

On duty 6 am to 8:30 am. After breakfast went for a walk + saw across crowds of lizards, striped yellow + brown, with blue tails, also big rock lizards. Sat on a large rock + watched them for a good while. Took some flowers back.



to camp with me for our tent. Heavy  
thunderstorm after dinner for a few  
hours. Did some writing. Quite  
enjoying the life. Fletcher ill. Did  
his duty. Had a good dinner

$\frac{1}{45}$  22<sup>nd</sup> December 58

440 Saturday 129

Beautiful sunny day. After breakfast  
went for a short walk to see the  
lizards again. Picked some lucky  
beans. The column make an advance.  
We expect to go tomorrow. On duty  
1-30 pm to 4 pm. Du Rose left us, four  
other joined us. My birthday. I  
can hardly realise it, in such hot  
weather. I know they are thinking  
of me specially today at Longhope &  
R'point. Before tea, had another  
visit to the lizards. Believe I  
could soon tame one if I had  
the time to do so.

$\frac{1}{46}$  23<sup>rd</sup> December 59

441 Sunday 130

Awaiting orders to dismantle. Spent  
the morning wandering round. During  
which I came across a pool, where  
there were a great number of birds,  
yellow, with orange coloured heads.  
Their nests were built round reeds.  
Saw also a great number of lizards,  
quite 2 ft long. On duty 2 pm to 6 pm.  
After late dinner we partly dismantled  
Sergeant Harvey taken to hospital.

Fletcher also ill.

$\frac{1}{47}$  24<sup>th</sup> December 60

442 Monday 131

Up at 5-30 am. Beautiful day.

Finished dismantling, had breakfast  
& ready to move off at 8 am. Tracked  
10 miles by noon. Had refreshments  
and a rest. At 3 pm continued  
another 3 miles. Here we fixed our



MBARAKWE.

camp & station, after the 'boys' had made a clearing. Erected station by 7 pm, then had a well earned dinner, after which, being Xmas Eve, we had a 'sing song', to accompt. of a bango & a mouthorgan. S. Africans joining us. We broke up at 11-30 pm. Felt quite ready for bed. Fletcher & Wright admitted to hospital. Hard luck, for Xmas too.

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25<sup>th</sup> December

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Tuesday

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Xmas Day. A most glorious day. Sun quite hot. Accordingly Sthi Africans voted it an "ideal Xmas Day". This day as usual a day of feasting. Extra milk for porridge for breakfast. During the morning went to the top of a high rocky hill, from which I had a fine panorama of the forest. Here & there

steep rocky hills shooting straight up for several hundred feet, very effective scenery. For lunch we had date & rice pudding as extra. On duty 2 pm to 6 pm. In the evening at 7-30 we had our Xmas dinner in the open air. The dinner was given by Mr Bailey our O.C. Beautiful moonlight night. 21 of us sat down to dinner presided over by Mr Bailey. Excellent feast. Menu written on the inside of Xmas Card from Mr Bailey. Station closed during the dinner. After dinner songs etc. Also Mr Bailey read to us 'News' received by 'Wireless' since the dinner. A most memorable Xmas dinner in the middle of an African forest, by moonlight, to accompt. of niggers singing & playing 'tom-toms' not far



away. We finished at midnight  
with a toast with musical honours  
for Lt Bailey. Higgers knew it was  
Xmas because there was "Mingi Chakula".

$\frac{1}{79}$  26<sup>th</sup> December 62

444 Wednesdays 133

Another hot day. On duty 6 am to  
10 am. After which I went for a walk  
through the bush "exploring" on my  
own account. Beautiful flowers,  
butterflies etc about. Big flying  
beetles, huge spiders, bodies of which  
as big as my hand. Saw some  
buck. After dinner had a stroll  
in another direction. Climbed  
another rocky hill. Signs of buck.  
Before tea had a bath in father's  
proverbial 'pint of water' in reality.

$\frac{1}{80}$  27<sup>th</sup> December 63

445 Thursdays 134

Up at 7 am. Had a walk before

breakfast. Beautiful air scented  
with flowers. After breakfast made  
for a hill I saw yesterday from  
another one. Found it exceedingly  
rocky, but managed to climb it.  
Saw a rock rabbit. huge lizards,  
a 4 ft snake & several buck. Most  
enjoyable morning. On duty 2 pm -  
6 pm. Heavy electric storm, station  
closed down for a couple hours.

Torrential rain. Did some writing.  
Patmer ill, also Campbell feeling  
unwell. Went to bed early. Hope to  
have some shooting tomorrow. Have  
cleaned my rifle.

$\frac{1}{81}$  28<sup>th</sup> December 64

446 Fridays 135

Up at 5 am. Dismounted, packed up  
shad breakfast & on trek by 8.30 am.  
Very hot day. After getting four miles  
we had to halt, owing to road trouble.



MATSHEMBAS

Kept waiting about from 10 am to 6.30pm. Had lunch at noon, dinner at 6 pm, on buck shot during the afternoon. Tried my luck without success. At 7.30pm we unpacked + settled down for the night in the open air. Felt rather tired.

$\frac{1}{82}$  29<sup>th</sup> December 65

447 Saturday 136

Slept on until 7 am. Felt quite fresh after good night's rest. Had a good breakfast. Whilst waiting for a bridge to be completed over a stream, I aired my blankets in the sun. During the morning, Elliott shot a guinea fowl. I saw three Zebra. On trek again at 2 pm, going only four miles. New site in a delightful position. Tremendous rocky hill close by, impossible to get to the top of it. Very thick vegetation

here elephant grass + elephant spore galore. Erected station in a 'cleansing' Had beef + guinea fowl for dinner. On duty 10 pm to 2 am next day.

$\frac{1}{83}$  30<sup>th</sup> December 66

448 Sunday 137

Getting into my bed at 2 am, found a "monkey spider" in it. Soon got it out. Up at 7.30 am. After breakfast, went for a stroll. Beautiful flowers about. After dinner a green tree snake gave us a little excitement. Saw a beetle making + rolling a ball of 'fodder'. Plenty of buck + wild pig about. On duty 6 pm to 10 pm. Heavy thunderstorm during the evening. Had long chat with Maunders (Bristol) who is an organist.

$\frac{1}{84}$  31<sup>st</sup> December 67

449 Monday 138

Last day of the year. Beautiful and



fresh after last night's rain. On duty 10 am to 2 pm, after which Saltmer & I went for about 8 miles walk in the forest, with a 'boy' as guide. Came across tremendous piles of rock, & lizards like alligators. Saw several buck, but they were too quick for us. Spent a quiet evening, felt rather tired. Got two letters away with D.R.

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$\frac{1}{85}$	1 <sup>st</sup> January.	68
450	Tuesday.	139

On duty 6 am to 10 am. 779 wishes us a Happy New Year. Wireless from O.C. wishing the section the "Compliments of the season etc". Had a nap from 10 am to noon. After lunch went for a walk. Came across some wild boar. Saltmer let go but missed. Our service rifles not much good for

'sport'. Lt Bailey & Cpl Anger have a touch of fever. I went to bed early with intention of an early morning walk.

$\frac{1}{86}$	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	69
451	Wednesday	140

Up at 5:30 am. Went for a few miles walk. Saw several quinea fowl, but they were impossible shots. After lunch had another trip. Saw a lovely buck. Saltmer & I both let go together. One of us struck home, we both claim the honour. Have done about 10 miles today. We are now receiving by W/T, epitome of news, only a day behind date. Beautiful weather. Feeling A1

$\frac{1}{87}$	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	70
452	Thursday	141

Had a walk after breakfast. Came across a rocky district. Thousands



of rock lizards. Saw a 'lazy' snake  
almost trod on it. - Went up!!!  
After lunch had order to dismount  
Started off at 5 pm + did four  
miles, then had dinner + settled  
down for the night.

1/88 4<sup>th</sup> January 71  
453 Friday 142

Up at 4 am. Had coffee, then pushed  
on, doing 8 miles, arriving at  
Nampundu Hill. A beautiful walk.  
We are about 2000 ft above sea  
level. Rather open just here. Heap  
of game. Water scarce. We have to  
neglect our "toilet". Beautiful hills  
a few miles away. After breakfast  
we erected station. Wrote a short  
note to Nancy per D.R. Duty 2 pm - 6 pm.

1/89 5<sup>th</sup> January 72  
454 Saturday 143

Terribly hot day. Duty 6 am to 10 am.

## NAMPUNDU HILL

By noon felt a little unwell. At 3 pm  
we dismounted. As we started off,  
the blue sky with great suddenness  
became blackish & we had torrential  
rain. An hour before, even washing  
water was scarce, now floods every-  
where round here. Took us over 2  
hours to do 2 miles. Both wagons  
motor got stuck, we were wet through.  
Fortunately I had a complete dry +  
clean change of clothing. On milk  
diet, slight dysentery. Settled down  
for the night under canvas.

1/90 6<sup>th</sup> January 73  
455 Sunday 144

Up at 4.30 am. Pushed on again. Mr  
Bailey gave his car over to me. Feeling  
unwell + weak. Went over terrible  
roads. Reached a point in the forest  
where our car was the first to pass  
it. The K.A.R. officers "snapped" us with



his camera the blacks gave a cheer. The wagons had a terrible time getting along, owing to the soft earth after yesterday's rain. Mr B. gave me a tin of milk. Doctor from the Field Ambulance saw me. Milk diet for a few days + no work. Lovely country round. Herds of buffalo about, also elephants' dying ground close by. Couldn't resist going over to see the skeleton of an elephant. Went to bed early.

$\frac{1}{91}$  7<sup>th</sup> January 74  
456 Monday 145

Feeling empty. Buck, bacon, porridge "fattie cookies", jam + tea for breakfast. Mine - milk only. Just my luck. Have not shaved or washed for four days. Looking + feeling rather rough. After dinner a thunderstorm. At 4 pm, Mr. Bailey advises me to go into hospital

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for proper treatment, as dysentery is not a thing to be trifled with. His car took me up about a mile away.

$\frac{1}{92}$  8<sup>th</sup> January 75  
457 Tuesday 146

Am comfortably fixed up in a band. Doctor saw me. Most careful attention received. Milk diet. Feeling O.K. in myself, only hungry + weak. Spent the day reading + thinking of Sunday dinner at home. Xmas feasting etc. Oh! for something to eat. Will be glad to be home again. Thunderstorm during the day. Had wash + shave.

$\frac{1}{93}$  9<sup>th</sup> January 76  
458 Wednesday 147

Still fluid diet. (a little cocoa + warm jelly has been added) Delighted to receive a letter from Nancy at R. P. also two sets of papers. Felt quite happy. Spent the whole day reading them.



at dusk, several niggers held a  
prayer meeting not far from my  
barrack. Singing hymns, prayers + an  
address by one of them all in  
'Swahili'. Informed I will be  
taken down the line on the  
morrow to Massassi mission.

Heavy thunderstorm during the evening.

$\frac{1}{94}$  10<sup>th</sup> January 77  
459 Thursday 148

Up at 6 am. Had some milk, then taken  
a mile on a stretch by niggers.  
Felt quite tickled at the idea. Joined  
the ambulance convoy had a seat  
besides the driver. Quite enjoyed the  
ride to the Massassi mission  
(70 miles) still on milk diet here.

Losing hungry feeling, getting used to  
milk diet. Plenty of rats in barrack.  
Doctor here seems very nice. Indian  
orderly.

$\frac{1}{95}$  11<sup>th</sup> January 78  
460 Friday 149

Tickers, passing this way, heard of my  
being in 'dock', ran in to see me. Was  
delighted to see him. Had a lively  
10 minutes chat. He is pushing on to  
take a place on the section I have  
just left. Hope to join him soon.

Cpl McQueen & Spr Butcher from 617  
call in to see me. Made time pass  
pleasantly. Had an injection in  
the chest. Blacks all drawn up  
across the way, to witness punish-  
ment of two of their number for theft  
of blankets. 25 strokes each + not a  
murmur. after ten terrific  
thunderstorms.

$\frac{1}{96}$  12<sup>th</sup> January 79  
461 Saturday 150

Still milk diet. Butcher called to  
see me. Heavy thunderstorm. Had an



injection in chest before tea. Spent  
the day reading. Dr. Logan very good.

$\frac{1}{97}$  13<sup>th</sup> January 80

462 Sunday 151

Had a wash & shave in honour of  
the day. Could hear the singing of  
the natives at the mission close by.  
Originated & still carried on by C. of  
E, since before the German Protest-  
-ante. Fine sunny day. Had 3<sup>rd</sup>  
injection. Spent the day reading &  
watching the lizards, on the inside  
of the roof, catching flies.

$\frac{1}{98}$  14<sup>th</sup> January 81

463 Monday 152

'Oxo' added to diet, a welcome  
addition although liquid food.  
Same routine. 4<sup>th</sup> injection.

$\frac{1}{99}$  15<sup>th</sup> January 82

464 Tuesday 153

Arrowroot added to diet, & it

necessary, brandy at night. Hope  
not necessary. "Kingdom Come" in  
great demand. Webber pays a visit.  
Jerry goes down the line. 5<sup>th</sup> injection. Chest getting sore.

$\frac{1}{100}$  16<sup>th</sup> January 83

465 Wednesday 154

Very windy up here amongst the hills,  
& rather cold at night. Hill at the  
back of us, the playground for  
leopards, hyenas & lions. Still  
another injection some miss. Tired  
of "sloppy" food. Longing for ham &  
eggs or something else tasty. The  
sole topic of conversation here seems  
to be "chakula". Stormy night.

$\frac{1}{101}$  17<sup>th</sup> January 84

466 Thursday 155

Enjoying a smoke these days. We  
are provided with cigarettes. Have  
tried a pipe, but cannot get into it.



Have given up trying. Beautiful fresh day. No injection, otherwise same routine.

$\frac{1}{102}$	18 <sup>th</sup> January	85
467	Friday	156

Windy day. Delighted to hear Lt. Bailey awarded M.C. + Sgt. Harvey the D.C.M. both of 538. Newman + Davidson arrive at hospital after tea the 'Padre' pays us a visit. Had a chat with him, re his 2 years as a prisoner with the Germans. Cpl Ingram also paid a visit. Had 7<sup>th</sup> injection. In the arm this time, no chest too sore. A fellow in next banda dies of dysentery.

$\frac{1}{103}$	19 <sup>th</sup> January	86
468	Saturday	157

Windy day. Lt. Moody, Holmes & Co, pass through on their way to Lindi.

No injection. Same routine. Quite tired of 'slop' food: Longing for a good dinner.

$\frac{1}{104}$	20 <sup>th</sup> January	87
469	Sunday	158

Quiet day. Heard the natives at the mission. 'Padre' paid us a visit. Butcher also called in.

Same routine. Injections finished

$\frac{1}{105}$	21 <sup>st</sup> January	88
470	Monday	159

Bright sunny day. Four fellows passing this way for 538, called in to see Newman myself. 617 are to evacuate + join 538 for the rainy season. Padre came in to see us just before tea. Heavy rain at night.

$\frac{1}{106}$	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	89
471	Tuesday	160

Prepared to evacuate. Had oatmeal



for breakfast. Before leaving  
Massena. I went to see cpl  
Pearle's grave, just a little distance  
away. Was surprised how weak  
I was when it came to walking just  
a few hundred yards. Left by car  
at 10.30 am. reached Ndanda at  
12.30 pm. Had the seat next to the  
driver. We tossed up for it. Quite  
enjoyed the ride & the scenery.

Felt tired out arriving at Ndanda.  
Had toast and jam besides milk  
diet at this hospital. Plenty of  
rats here.

$\frac{1}{107}$	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	90
472	Wednesday	161

Breakfast at 7 am. Continued "car  
tour" at 8 am for Mtama hospital.  
Had seat next to the driver. Newman  
still with me. Had beds sent to  
each other. Rats here again. Lions

in this district. Natives kill a  
14 ft snake in the bush just  
behind hospital. Am letting a  
moustache grow for fun. Some  
fellows have beards even. Saw  
Malinga on the way down.

$\frac{1}{108}$	24 <sup>th</sup> January	91
473	Thursday	162

Had oatmeal, toast + syrup for break-  
fast. Steamed plums + pudding for  
dinner. Worth while being in "dock"  
for the food we get. Cigarettes issued.  
Getting stronger. Did some letter  
writing. Quite a plague of small  
black ants here.

$\frac{1}{109}$	25 <sup>th</sup> January	92
474	Friday	163

Quite a wet day. Am put on "full  
diet". Getting much stronger. Just  
the ordinary routine. Did a  
little reading.



$\frac{1}{110}$  26<sup>th</sup> January. 93  
475 Saturday 164

Had orders to evacuate. Went by  
detractor to Mingoya. Again I had  
seat alongside driver. Beautiful  
ride, scenery. Arriving at the  
hospital, almost the first person  
I saw was Roy McPregor. Unable to  
get to him, for I saw he was busy.  
Wrote him a note later in the day.  
Beautiful hospital, beautifully situated.  
After tea, Roy came in to see me.  
Had a long chat. He very kindly  
offered to get anything I would  
like + made certain that I was  
quite comfortable.

$\frac{1}{111}$  27<sup>th</sup> January. 94  
476 Sunday 165

Roy came in to see me unofficially.  
Brought some books + a tin of "cigs".  
Had fresh fish + also chicken broth.

Quite OK here. During the evening  
I could hear the singing from the  
marque close by, where the services  
are held.

$\frac{1}{112}$  28<sup>th</sup> January 95  
477 Monday 166

Feeling stronger. Had a good plate  
of chicken for dinner. Late in the  
afternoon left for Lindi by motor  
launch on the River Sukuledi.  
Had cocoa on landing at Lindi. At  
the hospital had a warm bath,  
clean pyjamas, + a "bad fit of the  
blues". Our marque situated on  
gradient, which slopes down to the  
sea. Saw Jerry Conn + Longhurst.  
Heard Atkinson died at sea.

Felt tired out. Soon asleep.

$\frac{1}{113}$  29<sup>th</sup> January 96  
478 Tuesday 167

Several sisters at this hospital.



First white woman I have seen since leaving DSM. Matron very nice & agreeable. Visits us twice a day. Very pleasant here facing the sea. Had a good 'tuck in' of custard. Watched moon rising across the water.

$\frac{1}{114}$  30<sup>th</sup> January 97  
479 Wednesday 168

Funny day. Nothing to do but eat read write & sleep. "Peace" talk all the go here. Usual routine

$\frac{1}{115}$  31<sup>st</sup> January 98  
480 Thursday 169

Rather close day. Had a lovely sleep after dinner. Getting on O.K. Had a hair cut, the first for four months

$\frac{1}{116}$  1<sup>st</sup> February 99  
481 Friday 170

Beautiful day. Our marque being next to the 'stiff' tent & having a

decent orderly, we get plenty of 'extras'. Having a gay slazy time. Am in no hurry to get out.

$\frac{1}{117}$  2<sup>nd</sup> February 100  
482 Saturday 171

Rain - just like April showers, only hot. Getting friendly with a fellow from the 'signals' from Bourneville office. Wrote a couple of letters.

$\frac{1}{118}$  3<sup>rd</sup> February 101  
483 Sunday 172

My fourth Sunday in 'dock'. Raining heavily since early morning & continued all day. Snake 7 ft long, caught in marque next to ours. Same routine "and how do you feel"? etc. thermometer sucking & medicines.

$\frac{1}{119}$  4<sup>th</sup> February 102  
484 Monday 173

Beautiful day. Quite a contrast to



to yesterday. Hospital boat left for DSM. Continued talk of 'peace' being made this month. Hope so. Enjoyed long chat with Plardon conjuring sunrise being the main topic. P. is exceedingly nice fellow improves on acquaintance.

$\frac{1}{120}$  5<sup>th</sup> February 103  
485 Tuesday 174

Had a hot bath. Chocolates, cigarettes & mineral waters given out. Ordinary routine.

$\frac{1}{121}$  6<sup>th</sup> February 104  
486 Wednesday 175

On full diet. Nice to have bacon, roast beef etc again. Beautiful day. Monitor in harbour all decorated with flags. We came to the conclusion that Peace had been declared. Later in the day we learnt that it was simply the

washing day for the flags - F.S. Suspected case of spotted fever in marque opposite us. Case isolated.

$\frac{1}{122}$  7<sup>th</sup> February 105  
487 Thursday 176

Manual routine. 'Vita' in harbour. Evacuating all they possibly can. General from our tent to go.

Heavy rain at night.

$\frac{1}{123}$  8<sup>th</sup> February 106  
488 Friday 177

Fresh morning. Have been marked for discharge tomorrow. Rather sorry to leave. Ordinary routine.

$\frac{1}{124}$  9<sup>th</sup> February 107  
489 Saturday 178

Examined by Col. Benson - fit. Discharged. Sorry to leave Plardon. Will be able to visit him at evenings.



Fixed up at Detail camp. Heard that Vectors has gone to 538. Had a look round Lindi. Went to Magic Lantern Show. "Some" show. "The duties of a citizen"

✓125 10<sup>th</sup> February 108

490 Sunday 179

Met Malinja again. Delighted to see me. Had a little chat. Glorious day. Went to hospital in the evening. Musical evening at the Carlsile from 8.15 - 9.15. Met Brooker, had a long talk with him.

✓126 11<sup>th</sup> February 109

491 Monday 180

Hot day. Met Mr. Bailey. Had a talk about "Lundurus stint". He left them quite comfortable. I congratulated him on his M.C. He seemed very pleased. I bought a

basket of limes. After tea went to see Playson then went to the Cinema at the Y.M.C.A.

✓127 12<sup>th</sup> February 110

492 Tuesday 181

Hot day. Had a lazy time.

Hospital boat enters the harbour. Sea beautifully blue. Had usual visit to hospital.

✓128 13<sup>th</sup> February 111

493 Wednesday 182

Terribly hot day. During a stroll I came across a cheelion, which I carried back to my tent. Delightful creature, such eyes! Very easy to tame. Had 45 Rs. pay. Prepared for moving off. Visited Y.M. stores. Usual evening visit to hospital. Longing for mails from home. Heard nothing for well over a month.



$\frac{1}{129}$  14<sup>th</sup> February. 112  
 494 Thursday 183

Showery day. Spent a short while reading at the castle. After tea went for usual visit to hospital.

$\frac{1}{130}$  15<sup>th</sup> February 113  
 495 Friday 184

Hot day. Davidson ill. Helped to prepare him for 'dock'. Went for a walk along the shore. In the evening went to an excellent lecture on "The African" by the Bishop of Zanzibar.

$\frac{1}{131}$  16<sup>th</sup> February 114  
 496 Saturday 185

Went with Davidson to hospital & saw him fixed up all right. Went over to the market to buy some limes & mangoes. After dinner went to see Plardon. We went for a short walk together. Spent a quiet evening

at the camp. Beautiful moonlight.

$\frac{1}{132}$  17<sup>th</sup> February 115

497 Sunday 186

Had orders to prepare for breaking up of camp. Work to commence right away. I had to obtain 50 porters from Carrier's camp, & be responsible for them. Beautiful day. Walk along the shore to their camp, was pleasant. At the office there, the Indian clerk remarked to me re working on Sunday.

"In the army, No God - no holiday" stores removed from camp by 7-30pm a small party stores aboard ready for sailing for DSM in the morning. Funny Sunday.

$\frac{1}{133}$  18<sup>th</sup> February 116

498 Monday 187

Another party warned to be ready to leave for Ndanda next morning



Amongst them is Jerry, who looks after the rations. That work now transferred to me. Took over stores & fooms & prepared stores for this party. New experience, entailing a good deal of work at first

$\frac{1}{134}$  19<sup>th</sup> February 117  
 499 Tuesday 188

Up at 4 am. Saw the "Ndanda" party off at 5:30 am. After breakfast had a sleep. After dinner a party arrive from Ndanda for Port Amelia. Staff Mech. Diner, brings my long lost skaff box with him which I am simply delighted at having again. Contents intact. Am satisfied at last. 6 Pm order for all to clear out by 6 am tomorrow. The rest of the night everybody working like bees. We turn in quite tired at 10 pm

$\frac{1}{135}$  20<sup>th</sup> February 118  
 500 Wednesday 189

Everybody up at 4 am. Breakfast at 5 am. Rushing about & final clearing up. Mr Bailey working as hard as anyone of us. Left camp at 6 am for the quay. All stuff taken aboard a 'lighter' at 8 am. we go over in a boat & from that we climb a rope ladder on to the vessel. At 10 am we sail. A beautiful day. The sky so blue. Sea very calm. Trip a nice change. Slept most of the afternoon tired out. Sorry I had to leave Linda without wishing Playdon 'Goodbye'. Beautiful moonlight night. Slept on deck

$\frac{1}{136}$  21<sup>st</sup> February 119  
 501 Thursday 190

Up at 6 am. Fresh morning. Later got



very hot. Weather conditions perfect. Kept within sight of land. at 2 pm we got into the harbour at Port Amelia. Looks very promising. at 5 pm we landed.

Getting down the rope ladder was a ticklish job & caused great amusement. We were put up for the night at the Detail camp.

137	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	120
502	Friday	191

A site fixed upon for our camp. Porters worked on it all the morning. We "moved" into it after tea. I have a tent to myself, next to the stores. Camp pleasantly situated on the peninsula. Sea on three sides & a nice breeze going. Pt Amelia laid out tastefully, after the style of a park. Hope I shall stay here awhile.

138	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	121
503	Saturday	192

Have settled down here all right. In full swing the rationing etc. A ride each morning at 7 o'clock to the bread & meat stores quite pleasant. After dinner went down to the sea for a dip. Weather beautiful. In the evening a good concert given in the Y.M. banda by M.T. Orchestra & artistes. Quite good.

139	24 <sup>th</sup> February	122
504	Sunday	193

Beautiful day. After dinner went as far as the shore facing Ocean glorious. Beautiful shells by the thousands. Quite enjoyed myself. Sea quite blue. Huge breakers on the rocks. Had a good collection of shells. In the evening C. of E. Service in banda followed by general Y.M.



lantern service. The M. T. orchestra played for the singing. Beautiful moonlight night

$\frac{1}{140}$  25<sup>th</sup> February 123

505 Monday 194

In the morning we had heavy rain, but it soon cleared up. After dinner I had another visit to the shore for shells. Paddled about the pools for a couple of hours. Hope I will be able to take these shells home. Had a quiet evening

$\frac{1}{141}$  26<sup>th</sup> February 124

506 Tuesday 195

Spent another afternoon by the sea, exploring the caves which are plentiful along the coast. Feeling ever so well. The Moncon. Padre, Rev Smith takes an evening service which is to take the form of a Bible class. Staff Dinner & I both go

Promises to be very interesting. Padre exceedingly nice man

$\frac{1}{142}$  27<sup>th</sup> February 125

507 Wednesday 196

Routine somewhat the same as yesterday. Had a delightful sight. Saw the sun sinking behind the peaks across the bay & at the same time the moon rising from across the Ocean. Very fine effect. Went to bed early

$\frac{1}{143}$  28<sup>th</sup> February 126

508 Thursday 197

Early this morning there was a fine rainbow right against the peaks across the bay. The sun was just rising. Had my trip to the sea shed a dip. Mr Bailey has got a football from somewhere. The boys will be having a game after tea. Saw a native funeral. Body buried



face downwards. Moonlight night

$\frac{1}{144}$  1<sup>st</sup> March 127

509 Friday 198

Exceedingly busy morning. Getting  
+ arranging stores for following  
week. After dinner had my usual  
sea side trip. Had a bath.  
Went to bed early

$\frac{1}{145}$  2<sup>nd</sup> March 128

510 Saturday 199

Wonderfully clear view. Had fish  
for dinner purchased from natives  
also a good stock of "mboga". Did  
some writing. Concert at 7 P.M. by  
Hospital staff very good.

$\frac{1}{146}$  3<sup>rd</sup> March 129

511 Sunday 200

Terribly hot. Had a quiet day.  
Longing for mails. Went to C.E. See  
at 7 P.M. banda. Followed by  
lantern service held by Capt Lunn

at 8-30pm there was Communion  
for Noncons at the banda close  
by. Padre Smith officiating.

First communion to attend since  
leaving England. Had a talk to  
the Padre afterwards. Learnt  
that Major Walker was Baptist.

$\frac{1}{147}$  4<sup>th</sup> March 130

512 Monday 201

Terribly hot, dangerous to sit in tent  
without a helmet. Had an hour by  
the sea - quite refreshing. Went to  
bed early + did some reading for  
tomorrow's class.

$\frac{1}{148}$  5<sup>th</sup> March 131

513 Tuesday 202

Heavy shower during the morning.  
Boat in from DSM with 3 men,  
apparatus but alas - no mails. Quite  
disappointed. Indented for extra rations  
meeting at night very interesting.



$\frac{1}{149}$	6 <sup>th</sup> March	132
514	Wednesday	203

Mountains across the bay covered in clouds. Heavy rains in that direction. Thunder & lightning. Same routine.

$\frac{1}{150}$	7 <sup>th</sup> March	133
515	Thursday	204

Rainy season evidently started here. Heavy rain this morning. Slept after dinner. Had read after tea.

$\frac{1}{151}$	8 <sup>th</sup> March	134
516	Friday	205

Terribly hot. Busy at Retail Store. Boat due in from DSM with men & apparatus also mules - I hope mails as well. Slept all the afternoon.

$\frac{1}{152}$	9 <sup>th</sup> March	135
517	Saturday	206

after morning trip to the stores. I

remain in all day. Have a touch of fever. Decker gave extra assistance with rations. Went to bed early, after lying down nearly all day.

$\frac{1}{153}$	10 <sup>th</sup> March	136
518	Sunday	207

Boat in from DSM with everything expected excepting mails. Felt bad. I had assistance to do today's work. Unable to go to service. Greatly disappointed.

$\frac{1}{154}$	11 <sup>th</sup> March	137
519	Monday	208

Very busy in camp preparing for 624 to go on tick. I do my work as far as possible. Head very bad, afraid will have to go to dock. Being well dosed. Plenty of assistance offered. Campbell comes to the rescue. Football match W/T. 1 M.T. Result - a draw



$\frac{1}{155}$  12<sup>th</sup> March 138  
 520 Tuesday 209

Feeling much better, but still keeping out of the sun. Busy with indents for "tick". Glad when the section will leave, to have a little quiet again. Unable to go to class. disappointed.

$\frac{1}{156}$  13<sup>th</sup> March 139  
 521 Wednesday 210

Feeling almost O.K. again, but still careful. Exceedingly busy at Retail Stores. Lost lap. Went to bed early. Tired out

$\frac{1}{157}$  14<sup>th</sup> March 140  
 522 Thursday 211

Up at 4 am. Breakfast 5 am. At 6 am the section started off. W/T wagon & 'buck' wagon, with mules. Terribly hot day. After they had gone, had a good restful sleep.

Quite relieved now they are gone. Hope to have a little quiet now

$\frac{1}{158}$  15<sup>th</sup> March 141  
 523 Friday 212

Did usual work at Retail Stores for week's rations. Worked at store tent, had "boys" to put it tidy. Had a quiet read after dinner.

$\frac{1}{159}$  16<sup>th</sup> March 142  
 524 Saturday 213

Heavy rain first thing in the morning. Wrote two letters home. Read after dinner. In the evening good concert at Y.M.C.A.

$\frac{1}{160}$  17<sup>th</sup> March 143  
 525 Sunday 214

Heavy rain first thing in the morning followed by a fine double rainbow. After dinner when <sup>went</sup> as far as the sea, first visit for some time



time. In the evening went to CE service followed by YM service by Capt Lunn. Quite enjoy these services. New moon.

$\frac{1}{161}$  18<sup>th</sup> March 144  
526 Monday 215

Torrential rain first thing in the morning. Heavy close day. Ordinary routine. Changed book at library. Expecting news from DSM in a few days + I do hope, mails also

$\frac{1}{162}$  19<sup>th</sup> March 145  
527 Tuesday 216

Beautiful day. Enjoyed a read. Saw an Indian funeral. Mohammedan service - peculiar ceremony. "Vita" hospital boat in harbour. Football match between "Vita" + hospital staff. Had a walk after tea, then went to the Bible class, which was very interesting + enjoyable

$\frac{1}{163}$  20<sup>th</sup> March 146  
528 Wednesday 217

An intensely hot day. Paid extra visit to the stores. Another Indian funeral. Had an excellent inspection of a "Praying Mantis" or Hatterat God. After tea torrential thunderstorm. Lightning effects were wonderful. Changed my library book. Wrote two letters. After a little exercise I went to bed.

$\frac{1}{164}$  21<sup>st</sup> March 147  
529 Thursday 218

About 7 am. a dozen or so baboons paid us a visit. Came right to the bus. Were driven off to the trees close by, where they seemed to have quite a good time. Reduced to bully biscuits. Fortunately I had saved a rice on tongue + some bread from yesterday. Rained during the afternoon



$\frac{1}{165}$  22<sup>nd</sup> March 148  
530 Friday 219

a few baboons paid us another visit this morning. weekly stores.

Fearful thunderstorm about 5 pm. Worst I have ever experienced. Rain continued the whole evening. Read in bed. Saw a wild cat pass my tent after dark.

$\frac{1}{166}$  23<sup>rd</sup> March 149  
531 Saturday 220

Dull morning. Had a rice on tongue for breakfast. After dinner we had a terrible wind storm followed by torrential rain, which lasted several hours. A glorious sunset closed the day, followed by a clear moonlight night.

$\frac{1}{167}$  24<sup>th</sup> March 150  
532 Sunday 221

The mountains look purple early this

morning. Beautiful sunrise. 624  
erected in communication with them. Two boats arrive with wireless men from DSM. I formed landing would take place tomorrow after tea, visitors come in hospital, then went to service. Just before the service began, four other w/t were summoned to camp. The men had landed. Was kept busy until 9.30 pm. My Sunday spoiled. Cpl Brown amongst the arrivals.

$\frac{1}{168}$  25<sup>th</sup> March 151  
533 Monday 222

100 porters arrive from Lindi. Heavy work with stores & rations. Cooking arrangements handed over to Lea. I look after rations & stores only. Mails! Delightful word. Had 36 letters & 10 sets of paper & one parcel in good condition. Simply overjoyed. Will require no library, books for a while.



$\frac{1}{169}$  26<sup>th</sup> March 152  
534 Tuesday 223

Still reading letters & newspaper & enjoying sweets etc. Fairly busy, fixing up men who are going up country.

No class as Padre is ill

$\frac{1}{170}$  27<sup>th</sup> March 153  
535 Wednesday 224

Very heavy rain all the morning. Still busy. Will transfer stores <sup>today</sup> as I am required for the station. Lt Moody taken over from Lt Bailey, who returns to DSM. Also Staff Diver. Am sorry he is going, as we are friendly.

$\frac{1}{171}$  28<sup>th</sup> March 154  
536 Thursday 225

13 men leave at 6 am for up country. Quiet again. Also 90 porters go with them. Did a little writing. Too busy reading letter paper. After tea went down to the Ingomas, then for a walk.

Beautiful moonlight night.

$\frac{1}{172}$  29<sup>th</sup> March 155  
537 Friday 226

Good Friday. Had never thought of it until I was told this morning. After breakfast for the rest of the day, down with a touch of fever. Felt rotten.

$\frac{1}{173}$  30<sup>th</sup> March 156  
538 Saturday 227

Better today. Did a little writing. Terribly hot day. Heavy rain across the bay. Concert at 7 P.M. but didn't go because of rain at night.

$\frac{1}{174}$  31<sup>st</sup> March 157  
539 Sunday 228

Another Sunday spoiled. Easter Sunday too. O.K. up to 10 am. Thought of home & previous Eastertides, when armistice <sup>at sea</sup> used to visit us. After 10 am had a touch of fever for the rest of the day. Hard luck.



1/15 1<sup>st</sup> April 158  
540 Monday 229

Awoke feeling hungry - a good sign. Felt O.K. again. Bway up to 3pm putting up a new mast. Terrible wind rain storm at 3.30pm. soon cleared up. We were too busy. "Apiril Fool" escaped our notice until about 4pm. Rained after 5pm for the whole evening. Went to bed early.

1/16 2<sup>nd</sup> April 159  
541 Tuesday 230

Feeling A1. Beautiful day. after dinner we had a few snap shots taken of the section with Mr. B. in the middle. at night. jollification. Orchestra played for us from 8-10pm. Light refreshments. Mr. Bailey's last night before sailing from DSM. We had an 'Ingoma' on our own. Thy success.

1/17 3<sup>rd</sup> April 160  
542 Wednesday 231

Beautiful fresh day. Y.M. stores arrived. Rush for same. Mr Bailey + staff Diner leave for DSM. at 5.15 pm exciting football match between "Hospital" crack team + Wireless. The latter held their own well. The "Hospital" only winning by an unfair goal.

1/18 4<sup>th</sup> April 161  
543 Thursday 232

Another fresh day. Earth arials attended to for third time. Had a lazy afternoon reading + sleeping. Military funeral passed here from the hospital for the cemetery close by. Smallpox case. In the evening I attended an excellent lecture at the Y.M.C.A. on 'David Livingstone' by the American representative of the Y.M. who has 'taken over' here.



179 3<sup>rd</sup> April 162

544 Friday 233

Sea quite blue, clear sky, & the hills across the bay in a faint purple haze. Simply a glorious day. On duty 6 am to 7 am & 12 noon to 4 pm.

Did some letter writing. Had a little walk after tea. 624 gone on trek.

180 6<sup>th</sup> April 163

545 Saturday 234

Up at 6 am. Position of bus altered. Beautiful day. Wrote two letters. On duty 4 pm to 8 pm. Good concert at 7 P.M.

181 7<sup>th</sup> April 164

546 Sunday 235

On duty 8 am to noon, & 4 pm to 8 pm. Other fellows busy preparing 158 for trek. Rained heavily at night.

182 8<sup>th</sup> April 165

547 Monday 236

Damp morning. 158 started out on trek

at 6.30 pm. Pack set. Glad I am staying here. Rained all day. Operations due to commence today up the line. Duty 2 pm to 6 pm. Had a chat with Mr Moody in the bus.

183 9<sup>th</sup> April 166

548 Tuesday 237

Fine sunny day. Dried our damp things. On duty 6 am to 10 am. Sutton my tent chum, made me a little writing table, also a mosquito net frame. Our tent fixed up quite comfortable & cosy. Made purchases at J.M.C.A. for section

624. Bless our Tuesdays abandoned.

Padre sick & going south for a rest. Sutton & I had a "fresh" supper in our tent. Rumours of our camp being moved.

184 10<sup>th</sup> April 167

549 Wednesday 238

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Glorious dawn. Jack Miner sick. On duty 2 pm to 6 pm



Football match 'Wireless V Carriers'. We lost 1 to nil.

$\frac{1}{185}$  11<sup>th</sup> April 168

550 Thursday 239

On duty 2 am - 6 am. Lorry & 2 men arrive from DSM. No mails. Down with fever.

Rained in tent at night. Raining season evidently not quite over.

$\frac{1}{186}$  12<sup>th</sup> April 169

551 Friday 240

Feeling better. Legs a bit shabby. Glorious day. On duty 10 am - 2 pm. Military funeral. Officer buried at cemetery close by. Had a quiet afternoon reading. Went to bed early.

$\frac{1}{187}$  13<sup>th</sup> April 170

552 Saturday 241

Beautiful fresh sunny day. On duty 2 am to 6 am. Had a lazy morning. After dinner went for a walk.

Witnessed a horrible scene: the burial

of an old native, civil prisoner from the Portuguese prison. The body, quite naked & exposed to the glaring sun, carried in a crude open box by four other native prisoners, partly in chains, a native soldier with loaded rifle as guard. The body just rolled into the grave & covered up at once. The prisoners were then marched off. - On duty again at 6 pm - 10 pm. Testing with 'Portuguese' stations.

Work to be increased here in several branches which will necessitate our moving to a more spacious camping ground. Several new masts to be then erected.

$\frac{1}{188}$  14<sup>th</sup> April 171

553 Sunday 242

Another beautiful day. On duty 10 am - 2 pm. After dinner Corse & I went for a walk through a native hamlet, then



to the sea. On return journey, halted at the hamlet. The men had a number of friends to visit them, & they sat outside one of the kraals in a circle, having a convivial time. The native beer (pombe) which they were drinking so they said was *muguni pana* (very good). They were conversant. We left them in high spirits. Before reaching camp we encountered three big baboons. Quiet enough when left alone. Needless to say we didn't molest them. Service at 7 P.M. at night, followed by an hour's music - Wrentham gramophone with excellent records. Quite a musical treat.

189 15<sup>th</sup> April 243

554 Monday 172

Duty 2 am to 6 am. Did a good

deal of writing. Football match w/ hospital. Had a terrible beating 6-0. Heavy rain came on during match. Piles of work for C.R.W. Not having any!!

190 16<sup>th</sup> April 244

555 Tuesday 173

On duty 6 am to 10 am. Eight months ago I left Worcester. It seems 8 years. Had a quiet morning. After dinner went for a walk to the sea. Beautiful day. Went to bed early.

191 17<sup>th</sup> April 245

556 Wednesday 174

Not on duty at Wireless. Was sent down to the "Telegrapho" to give them assistance as they were pressed. Met several boys whom I was with at Raham. Had mail. 5 letters 2 papers & 1 parcel - *muguni pana*. Beautiful day. Had a walk along the bay.



189192 18<sup>th</sup> April 246  
 554 Thursday 175

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Beautiful day. Did a lot of writing. Also on duty 2 pm to 6 pm. At night Padre Hadley gave an excellent lecture on "Paskatchewan" in lieu of Capt Lunn on "Sth Africa" who is ill.

193 19<sup>th</sup> April 247  
 555 Friday 176

Beautiful day. On duty 10 am - 2 pm. Had an early tea, then went down to the beach facing the Ocean and some lovely shells. Spent the evening reading & writing.

194 20<sup>th</sup> April 248  
 556 Saturday 177

On duty 2 am - 6 am. Also 6 pm to 10 pm. Did some writing. After dinner went as far as the Y.M. Heavy rain at night.

195 21<sup>st</sup> April 249  
 557-560 Sunday 178

Beautiful warm, yet fresh day. Off duty all day. After dinner went to the sea and a few special shells. Service at night.

196 22<sup>nd</sup> April 250  
 558 Monday 179

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Busy. Finished press at 10 am. Signal office moved after dinner. Duty 6 pm to 10 pm. Beautiful day. Xs terrible.

197 23<sup>rd</sup> April 251  
 559 Tuesday 180

On duty 10 am to 2 pm. Beautiful day. Had a bath. Saw number of little black faced monkeys.

198 24<sup>th</sup> April 252  
 560 Wednesday 181

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Challenges (cousins) Bongola (Hospital boat) Montrose (cruiser)



$\frac{1}{204}$  20th April 258  
569 Tuesday 187

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Beautiful day but rather too windy in the morning. Blowing sand about. New arrivals relieve us of a little duty. Had a walk after tea.

$\frac{1}{205}$  1st May 259  
570 Wednesday 188

On duty 6 am to 8 am only. Lovely day. Had a walk after tea. Had "Picnic Papers" from library. Baboons getting a nuisance, obliged to shoot a few. Lt Bailey takes over charge.

$\frac{1}{206}$  2nd May 260  
571 Thursday 189

Beautiful weather. On duty 2 pm - 6 pm. Very quiet. Enjoyed Picnic after tea.

$\frac{1}{207}$  3rd May 261  
572 Friday 190

Long day's work. 6 am - 5 pm on mast erection. Glorious day. On duty 6 pm to 10 pm.

$\frac{1}{208}$  4th May 262  
573 Saturday 191

On duty 2 pm - 6 pm. Spent morning at the Y.M. During the afternoon a military funeral passed here. At night a tip top concert at the Y.M. Members of H.M. Cruiser "Salbat" gave excellent items. Costumes being exquisite. Quite a jolly evening. Made the acquaintance of one of the wft operators.

$\frac{1}{209}$  5th May 263  
574 Sunday 192

Another glorious day. Spent the morning writing. Censoring of letters brought into force. After dinner had an enjoyable time at the sea. Capt Fuge expected from D.S.M. Lt Moody



leaves for "up the line". After dinner had a lovely walk along the coast for a couple miles. Cpt Fuge & 6 men arrive. On duty 6 pm - 10 pm

$\frac{1}{210}$  6<sup>th</sup> May 264  
575 Monday 193

Very hot day. Mast erection nearly all day from 6:30 am. More men & "tackle" arrive on another boat. Mails with them. Great delight. Had 9 letters & 3 papers. Spent the evening <sup>reading</sup> ~~using~~ them.

$\frac{1}{211}$  7<sup>th</sup> May 265  
576 Tuesday 194

Two sections go "up the line", mostly new arrivals. Continue mast erection. Capt Fuge pleased with wgt results here.

On duty 10 am to 2 pm  
 $\frac{1}{212}$  8<sup>th</sup> May 266  
577 Wednesday 195

Continuation of mast erection. Very hot

weather. On duty 6 pm to 10 pm

$\frac{1}{213}$  9<sup>th</sup> May 267  
578 Thursday 196

Down with fever. Such days seem to hang on for weeks.

$\frac{1}{214}$  10<sup>th</sup> May 268  
579 Friday 197

Still down. Hobby from the "Hymettus" called here to see me. I couldn't talk much. He promised to call again on return journey to Dunbar.

$\frac{1}{215}$  11<sup>th</sup> May 269  
580 Saturday 198

Much better. Remained in my tent during the day, reading "Pickwick". Did 6 pm to 10 pm duty.

$\frac{1}{216}$  12<sup>th</sup> May 270  
581 Sunday 199

"Jimmy" & "Jock" go to find out the "Bechuanna" New station to be opened



there in consequence of Van Lettow  
going North again. On duty 2 pm  
to 6 pm. Service at 7 pm. 711.

Sing Song at 8 pm. Bath vigorous.

$\frac{1}{217}$  13<sup>th</sup> May 271

582 Monday 200

Exceedingly hot. Had a quiet  
read. On duty 2 pm to 6 pm.

Feeling A1 again. Had walk  
after tea. Did some writing.

$\frac{1}{218}$  14<sup>th</sup> May 272

583 Tuesday 201

awakened at 2 am. for special  
duty. 'Beccuana' has given 'S.O.S.'  
'Talbot' in harbour off to the rescue.

We gave her assistance Xting mages.  
No idea what trouble 'Beccuana' is  
in. Anxious - our boys aboard for  
Lindi. Camp quiet now. Fuge -

Bailey gone for inspection up the  
line. After tea had a walk. Moist.

beautiful sunset. Had a time  
with 'Pickwick'.

$\frac{1}{219}$  15<sup>th</sup> May 273

584 Wednesday 202

On duty 6 am to 10 am. Another  
hot day. Same routine. At night  
had an excellent lecture at the 711.  
by Rev J Hards. Chaplain to the 'Talbot'  
H.M. Cruiser on 'The waifs & strays of Gt  
Britain'.

$\frac{1}{220}$  16<sup>th</sup> May 274

585 Thursday 203

On duty 2 pm to 6 pm. Did some  
writing. At night had another  
lecture on 'New Zealand' by the Rev  
Extremely interesting.

Capt Fuge mentioned in despatches.

$\frac{1}{221}$  17<sup>th</sup> May 275

586 Friday 204

a beautiful day. On duty 10 am - 2 pm.  
Spent the afternoon at the 711.



reading the "latest" from home.

Went to bed early.

$\frac{1}{222}$  18<sup>th</sup> May 276

587. Saturday 295

On duty 6 am to 10 am. Had a nap until dinner. Tried a hot bath in the new bath house. A.I. Went for a walk before tea. After tea, a read then Y.M. for concert. Several of the "Tallest" boys took part. O.K.

$\frac{1}{223}$  19<sup>th</sup> May 277

588 Sunday 206

Beautiful day. Whit Sunday. On duty 2 pm to 6 pm. attended both CofE & Y.M. services at night. Latter was a lantern lecture on "Famous Paintings" given by Capt. Lunn.

Jock & Tiny leave for Lindi. Our family getting smaller. Von Lettow gone North, hence opening up the Lindi line again

$\frac{1}{224}$  20<sup>th</sup> May 278

589 Monday 207

Extra work as we are less men. On duty 2 am - 6 am + 3 pm - 6 pm. Still enjoying "Picknick"

$\frac{1}{225}$  21<sup>st</sup> May 279

590 Tuesday 208

Duty 6 am - 9 am + 6 pm - 10 pm. Did some writing at the Y.M. Not feeling very well towards evening, but managed my duty

$\frac{1}{226}$  22<sup>nd</sup> May 280

591 Wednesday 209

Duty 9 am - 12 noon + 10 pm to 2 am. Good "Press". Still feeling unwell. Cpt. Fuge & Lt Bailey return from tour. Cooklin goes in "clock" - one less in family

$\frac{1}{227}$  23<sup>rd</sup> May 281

592 Thursday 210

Feeling much better & appetite returns - fortunately - for 2 wild pigs have been



shout by the edge of the camp. Excellent dinner from them. On duty 3pm-6pm "Umtata" in but no mails for us.

New arrangements. PAM no longer Area but str to remain with a small staff Sgt Ludgate to go up country.

$\frac{1}{2}28$	24 <sup>th</sup> May	282
593	Friday	211

Duty 2 am - 6 am + 3 pm - 6 pm. "Kiboko" very faithful - bringing me two eggs a day - very acceptable. Wonderfully clear across the bay today also the water like glass. Glorious sunset followed by beautiful moonlight night. "Kiboko" painted & dressed for the Ingoma then couldn't go. "Mingi Rarsi"

$\frac{1}{2}29$	25 <sup>th</sup> May	283
594	Saturday	212

Rather overcast - a pleasant change from continual heat & sunshine. On

Duty 6 am - 9 am + 6 pm - 10 pm. Hence unable to go to the concert. "Charlie" gives an exhibition in the bus, to my great delight.

$\frac{1}{2}30$	26 <sup>th</sup> May	284
595	Sunday	213

Glorious day. On duty 9 am to noon. 11 pm to 2 am (27<sup>th</sup>) after dinner had a cup of tea & wrote two letters. Before tea went as far as the sea. Enjoyed both evening services. Glorious moonlight night.

$\frac{1}{2}31$	27 <sup>th</sup> May	285
596	Monday	214

Very hot day. Duty 12 noon to 3 pm. After sunset took a walk to the beach facing the Indian Ocean. Beautiful moonlight. High tide.

$\frac{1}{2}32$	28 <sup>th</sup> May	286
597	Tuesday	215

Duty 2 am to 8.30 am. Bliz ill. Slept



from 9 am - noon. Duty 3 pm - 6 pm.  
Still more rumours off Area. Bailey  
to go up the line & various other  
changes. Went as far as Y.M. after tea  
for a chat with some of ours from hospital

$\frac{1}{233}$  29<sup>th</sup> May. 287  
598 Wednesday 216

On duty 6 am to 9 am. Beautiful day.  
Had hot bath & change. After wrote a  
letter then walked as far as the sea  
close by. On duty 6 pm - 10 pm Busy.

$\frac{1}{234}$  30<sup>th</sup> May 288  
599 Thursday 217

On duty 9 am to noon. Glorious day.  
Walked as far as the beach (Indian)  
latter part of the afternoon. Wrote a  
letter. Censoring very strict now.

$\frac{1}{235}$  31<sup>st</sup> May 289  
600 Friday 218

On duty 12 - 2 pm. Went for a walk  
across the valley & over the next hill.

Beautiful foliage. Changed library book.  
Had a rather bad headache towards  
night. Mails from home expected.

$\frac{1}{236}$  1<sup>st</sup> June 290  
601 Saturday 219

On duty 2 am to 6 am. Ate nothing  
all day. Felt unwell, stayed in  
bed after duty. Received mails

$\frac{1}{237}$  2<sup>nd</sup> June 291  
602 Sunday 220

Had bad night, seemed worse, ate  
nothing. At 4 pm Sarge Ludgegate  
took my temp, finding it 106°, he  
got the "wind up" & phoned for an  
ambulance car. Taken to hospital &  
put to bed. Beaten to the world

$\frac{1}{238}$  3<sup>rd</sup> June 292  
603 Monday 221

Bad night - vomiting. Temp 104°. Given  
aspirin. Perspired freely. Pyjamas &  
bed clothes wet through. Had a



change <sup>of</sup> clothing, then put on milk  
diet. at night another aspenin - same  
result. Dr Cant & Sister Bennett OK.

$\frac{1}{239}$  4<sup>th</sup> June 293  
604 Tuesday 222

Temp down. Doctor quite jovial &  
chatty. Read correspondence from home.  
Had quite an enjoyable time. Had  
jelly & sheep tea. at night temp.  
going up again - another aspenin  
with same results.

$\frac{1}{240}$  5<sup>th</sup> June 294  
605 Wednesday 223

Temp down. Put on eggs & milk  
puddings, cocoa, bread & butter. Feeling  
more myself. Taking a great interest  
in other patients - Dutch - Boers -  
(well bearded) Not much heart in  
them. Groan & grunt for the least  
little pain & as a whole terrible  
"lead swingers" especially Van Biljon.

$\frac{1}{241}$  6<sup>th</sup> June 295  
606 Thursday 224

Getting on OK. Padre Coft comes round.  
Had a chat with him. Ordinary  
routine.

$\frac{1}{242}$  7<sup>th</sup> June 296  
607 Friday 225

Had oranges as extras. Did some  
writing, reading & sleeping. Routine.

$\frac{1}{243}$  8<sup>th</sup> June 297  
608 Saturday 226

Put on chicken diet. Plenty of fruit  
here. Custards very nice. Still have  
to stay in bed.

$\frac{1}{244}$  9<sup>th</sup> June 298  
609 Sunday 227

Colonel Manifold visits the ward. Am  
allowed up for a few hours. Comforts  
distributed. at night could hear  
the singing at the services held  
at the Y.M.C.A. Felt homesick.



<sup>1</sup>/<sub>245</sub> 10<sup>th</sup> June 299  
610 Monday 228

On full diet. allowed up all day.  
Sutton visits me & gives me all camp  
news. Large leaves for Lindi. Gives  
us a good name. Rest section in  
E.A. Good old Charlie.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>246</sub> 11<sup>th</sup> June 300  
611 Tuesday 229

Had a quiet day. Reading Max O'Rell  
"H.R.H. - Woman". Very amusing. Ordinary  
routine.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>247</sub> 12<sup>th</sup> June 301  
612 Wednesday 230

Am not included amongst those who  
are transferred to convalescent section.  
Reading "The Traampled Cross" - Hocking.  
Dealing with Christianity, Roman Catholicism  
& Mohammedanism. Concert at night  
in dining hall. Caught a slight  
cold.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>248</sub> 13<sup>th</sup> June 302  
613 Thursday 231

Feeling much stronger. Lot of new  
arrivals from across the water. Read  
"Hound of the Baskervilles" - Conan Doyle.  
Dr Cart quite chatty about it. Walked  
to the camp for evening dinner. Had  
a hearty welcome.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>249</sub> 14<sup>th</sup> June 303  
614 Friday 232

The cold I caught on Wednesday, results  
in having a big abscess in my mouth.  
Rather a fat face. Put back on  
chicken diet & put back to bed.

Hapana nguni  
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>250</sub> 15<sup>th</sup> June 304  
615 Saturday 233

Face worse. Temp. also going up.  
Unable to sleep all night. Noncon.  
Padre Smith pays a visit. Does  
not recognise me with my fat face.



Put on list for special attention. Night  
very cold. Winter here now.

$\frac{1}{251}$  16<sup>th</sup> June 305

616 Sunday 234

Bad night. Face still sore. Liquid  
food. at night could hear the  
singing at the various services.

$\frac{1}{252}$  17<sup>th</sup> June 306

617 Monday 235

Abcess broke during the early hours of  
the morning. Great relief. Had a lovely  
sleep afterwards. Temp. down also.

Slept all day except meal times.  
Put on chicken (minced).

$\frac{1}{253}$  18<sup>th</sup> June 307

618 Tuesday 236

Face almost better. Again passed over  
for convalescent camp. Ordinary routine

$\frac{1}{254}$  19<sup>th</sup> June 308

619 Wednesday 237

Face better. Marked up again. Plaxdon

came across me. Had a long chat.  
Also saw Corse. At night good  
concert. Revue "Hali Gani" A1.

Baptist Cant + Sharpe extra special

$\frac{1}{255}$  20<sup>th</sup> June 309

620 Thursday 238

Prosser came to see me. I went to  
another ward to see Playdon & Corse.  
Getting stronger. Black ants giving a  
lot of trouble. Spent evening reading

$\frac{1}{256}$  21<sup>st</sup> June 310

621 Friday 239

Hospital boat arrives. Corse & Playdon  
going on it. Also Van Biljon who is  
very ill? Sister Bennett unwell.

$\frac{1}{257}$  22<sup>nd</sup> June 311

622 Saturday 240

Hospital boat leaves. Van Biljon gets  
better very suddenly. Ward getting  
empty. Good concert Y.M.C.A. The  
hypnotist gave a good show.



<sup>1</sup>/<sub>258</sub> 23<sup>rd</sup> June 312  
623 Sunday 241

Transferred to convalescent camp. Walking about the fresh air made me too tired to go to evening service. Asleep by 6.30pm. Midwinter's day

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>259</sub> 24<sup>th</sup> June 313  
624 Monday 242

Dining hall verandah O.K. Spent nearly all day reading in the latter which overlooks the bay. Quite cosy & comfortable. Changed book at the YMCA, then went to the pictures. Hapana muzui.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>260</sub> 25<sup>th</sup> June 314  
625 Tuesday 243

Plenty of goats here. Hospital mascot a 'toto' who lives with a Portuguese family close by provides amusement for us. Did some writing. Routine. Went to bed early

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>261</sub> 26<sup>th</sup> June 315  
626 Wednesday 244

Just ordinary routine. Very cold at night.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>262</sub> 27<sup>th</sup> June 316  
627 Thursday 245

'Hymettus' leaves with mails. Came across Sister Bennett, who gave me a load of bananas & tomatoes.

Ordinary routine of reading, eating & sleeping.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>263</sub> 28<sup>th</sup> June 317  
628 Friday 246

Same routine. Feeling quite fit & strong again.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>264</sub> 29<sup>th</sup> June 318  
629 Saturday 247

Ferocious sandstorm. Good concert at YMCA. Lt Bolthwell extra good. Capt's Cant & Sharpe also give some humorous duetts.



$\frac{1}{265}$  30th June 319

630 Sunday 248

Routine. Noon service at 8:15 pm.  
Quite enjoyable. Padre Smith  
preaching.

$\frac{1}{266}$  1st July 320

631 Monday 249

Capt Cant intends to discharge me  
tomorrow. Feeling A1 now. Am tired  
of lounging about.

$\frac{1}{267}$  2nd July 321

632 Tuesday 250

Rec'd for discharge. Colonel examines  
me sends me back for a couple  
more days treatment.

$\frac{1}{268}$  3rd July 322

633 Wednesday 251

Hear that a mast 160 ft high buckles  
up & comes crashing to the ground  
while being raised at the WPT camp.  
No one hurt. 746 have taken over

the station work for the time being.  
"Convalescent" concert at night. Took  
a walk to the camp after tea

$\frac{1}{269}$  4th July 323

634 Thursday 252

Again rec'd for discharge. Passed  
Colonel O.K. Feeling quite fit. Made  
the most of my last day, lounging  
in the verandah.

$\frac{1}{270}$  5th July 324

635 Friday 253

Formerly discharged after breakfast.  
Find them working on a new mast  
in camp. I am let off work for today.  
Sgt Ludgate is considerate. In a way  
sorry to leave hospital. Had a  
good time there.

$\frac{1}{271}$  6th July 325

636 Saturday 254

Forceful rain overnight. Working  
on the new mast. Quite fresh wind



blowing. Feel full of activity.

Good concert at night YMCA. Pte

Landy again to the fore.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 272 7<sup>th</sup> July 326

637 Sunday 255

after working some time on mast, Sgt decides the work of raising 160 ft mast with raw material is dangerous.

Wires Capt Inge accordingly, saying he will not be responsible for

any accidents. Capt Inge wires that the mast must go up.

Went to both C of A Service & Non-com Service. Major Guinness at former

& Capt Smith at latter. S.P. Diner

I had an invite from Padre Smith to visit him at his

quarters some evening during the week

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 273 8<sup>th</sup> July 327

638 Monday 256

No work. Mast erection falls flat for

the time being. Football match

Tels V w/T. - draw. at night picture

at the YMCA - very good.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 274 9<sup>th</sup> July 328

639 Tuesday 257

Still no work, only clothing parade

spay. Went for a nice walk

Spent the evening reading.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 275 10<sup>th</sup> July 329

640 Wednesday 258

Again no work. Football match

746 V 529, at which I was referee.

The concert of the season at

Hospital. I managed to get a

ticket. Good orchestra still top

show. Big audience. Capt's Cant

sharp in good form

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 276 11<sup>th</sup> July 330

641 Thursday 259

Packing up stores, ready for the

next boat to Mozambique. I expect



to go along with Sgt Ludgate  
after dinner tackled the mast  
again with little success.  
Great Swahili festival. Minge.  
Ingoma Zella I went to one of  
them - a great sight. Glorious  
night. new moon

277	12 <sup>th</sup> July	331
642	Friday	260

still busy packing stores. No  
definite news of arrival of boat.

278	13 <sup>th</sup> July	332
643	Saturday	261

"H.M.T. Montrose" arrives at 6.30 am  
Orders received to be aboard by  
1 pm. all haste & hustle. Taken  
out to the boat by "dhow", then  
have to climb aboard by means of  
a rope ladder. Troops aboard:  
Cape Boys, Gold Coast Boys, KARs  
Labouring crew are Lascars. With

such a mixture quarrels were  
frequent. We lived on the back  
portion of the boat. Spent the  
night in harbour. Cold at night.

279	14 <sup>th</sup> July	333
644	Sunday	262

set sail at 10 am. Good bye Port  
Amelia. Hot day. Sea rather  
rough. S.E. monsoon still on.  
Made some of us a little "queer".  
I had no tea but went to sleep  
instead. "Minge basidi".

280	15 <sup>th</sup> July	334
645	Monday	263

wake at 6 am had coffee. Felt OK  
again. Had a good breakfast.  
Passed Mozambique at 9 am.  
Beautiful sight. Square buildings  
with flat roofs. Most buildings  
white or terra cotta. Some, a  
mixture of both. The prison on



a tiny island close by looked very desolate. Got off Lumbo half an hour later. Put off on a "lighter" which took us about half a mile from shore. Water so shallow we couldn't get it in nearer. Our 'boys' had to wade to shore carrying all the loads. "Hapana muzuni". We got into a small boat & were taken about a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile nearer, the rest we waded or preference to going on a blacky's back. Some game!!! However we got to the detail camp in time for a football match & later on a good concert. Slept on the ground under a tree.

281	16 <sup>th</sup> July	335
646	Tuesday	264

Up at 6 am. Spent the whole day, including one meal, on the shore

along with the other fellows keeping an eye on the boys loading the heavy stores from "lighter" to the compound. Hundreds of niggers working - quite a sight. Several quarrels, which kept us busy. Niggers were carrying loads all day from the 'lighter', which meant they had to wade up to their arm pits almost & carry heavy loads on their heads like that. Some of the 'boys' were afraid of "mingi margi" but they were forced in. Mozambique, on the island at the mouth of the harbour, looked very picturesque, especially at sunset.

282	17 <sup>th</sup> July	336
647	Wednesday	265

Up at 5.30 am. Packed our kits & had coffee by 6 am. I superintended



the transfer of stores from the compound to the station. at 7.30am we got into the trucks, sat on top of the stores & started off on a 30 mile ride which took 4 hours. Out in the scorching sun & no cover. Sparks from the engine which had a 'wood' fire kept burning our clothes & baggage. We were kept putting out petty smouldering the whole journey. My coat caught fire & just scorched this diary. My great coat one mass of black patches. Some Portuguese railway. Had a feast of oranges & bannans en route. Camped not far from the rail head at Monapo. Enemy believed to be not far away. Rifles all ready to "stand by" should the alarm be given. Spent the evening writing.

$\frac{1}{283}$	18 <sup>th</sup> July	337
648	Thursday	266

Exceedingly hot up here after being on the coast for several months. Quite a quiet day. Troops busy digging trenches, making block-houses & barbed wire defences. Von Lettow expected to attack at any time. The arrival of the train twice daily is quite an exciting item. Beautiful moonlight night. Ingoma in full swing.

$\frac{1}{284}$	19 <sup>th</sup> July	338
649	Friday	267

Another quiet day. Capt. Fuge, Lt Cooper & new draft arrive with the evening train. Did a little writing. We found & killed a poisonous snake under Lt Roger's bed. Had a very pleasant evening. Lt Roger & Sgt Ludgate joined the "Select"



$\frac{1}{285}$  20<sup>th</sup> July 339  
650 Saturday 268

Terribly hot day. Move to the marquee with 'skoff' stores. Have a good time.

$\frac{1}{286}$  21<sup>st</sup> July 340  
651 Sunday 269

No signs of Sunday here. Four cars with men & stores leave for La Chinga, including 'Charlie'. Busy taking stock. Had a pleasant evening reading. Plenty of troops here now. Trenches etc complete.

$\frac{1}{287}$  22<sup>nd</sup> July 341  
652 Monday 270

Met Bowen whilst at QMS stores. Had a long chat with him after dinner. New draft arriving including Noel, who thinks I look remarkably well. Lt Rogers spends the evening with us. Had a pleasant time. Beautiful moonlight night.

$\frac{1}{288}$  23<sup>rd</sup> July 342  
653 Tuesday 271

Plenty of Kassi. Van Lettow break through again. We have to alter position of our camp. Cooper takes over. We soon tame him.

$\frac{1}{289}$  24<sup>th</sup> July 343  
654 Wednesday 272

Five fellows go forward. Terrible fire, resulting in demolishing the whole of the Portuguese quarters, both Military & civil. Gave a little help controlling the native salvage parties. Prosser goes to Lumbo with stores. Cooper makes a silly of himself.

$\frac{1}{290}$  25<sup>th</sup> July 344  
655 Thursday 273

Lt Rogers & Cooper leave. Latter runs an MT driver. I take charge of the guard over him & transfer him to M.T.



# Distances travelled.

S. 325  
M. 256  
T. 275  
W. 253  
T. 275  
F. 263  
S. 263  
S. 263  
M. 256  
T. 243  
W. 247  
T. 180

Devonport

to

Freetown

3099

miles.

M. 231  
T. 277  
W. 254  
T. 275  
F. 278  
S. 286  
S. 265  
M. 278  
T. 243  
W. 204  
T. 265  
F. 243  
S. 99

Freetown

to

Cape Town.

3198

miles.

S. 238  
M. 336  
T. 301

Cape Town to Durban

875 Miles

Unable to Durban to 1870

obtain figures. Daressalaam miles.

Daressalaam to Lindi 240 miles

miles

Lindi to Ngongomuti (Motor) 107

Ngongomuti to Mtimbo (TrekKed) 7

Mtimbo to Mbarakine (do) 13.

Mbarakine to Matshembas (do) 8

Matshembas to Nampundu Hill (do) 12

Nampundu Hill to The River (Mule Wagon) 2

do do (Motor) 28

The River to Field Hospital (do) 1

Field Hospital to The Dump (Stretchers) 1

The Dump to Massassi Mission (Motor) 70

Massassi to Ndanda (Motor) 20

Ndanda to Mtama (do) 35

Mtama to Mingora (Rail) 25

Mingora to Lindi (River) 13.

Lindi to Port Amelia (Sea) 200

Port Amelia to Lumbo (Sea) 145

Lumbo to <sup>Mnapo</sup> Monapo } (Rail) 30

Mnapo to Nampula (Motor) 81

Nampula to Murrupula (Motor) 61

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BT fwd. Miles  
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Marrupula to Chinga (M)	18
Chinga to Namputa (M)	43
Namputa to Mambuie (M)	45
Mambuie to Lusio River (M)	63
Lusio River via Balama, (M)	393
Medo Ruvuma River Ngamano	
Ngongomuti <sup>Massai</sup> Ndanda to	
Ndanda	
Ndanda to Lindi (M)	73
Lindi to Darassalaam (S)	240.



## Order of Campaign

Left Worcester	16 - 8 - 17
Arrived Devonport	16 - 8 - 17
Left do	18 - 8 - 17
Arrived Freetown	30 - 8 - 17
Left do	2 - 9 - 17
Called at Cape Town	15 - 9 - 17
Arrived Durban	18 - 9 - 17
Left do	17 - 10 - 17
Called at Kilwa	24 - 10 - 17
Arrived Darassalaam	26 - 10 - 17
Left do	4 - 12 - 17
Arrived Lindi	7 - 12 - 17
Called at Mingoya	16 - 12 - 17
do Mtama	16 - 12 - 17
do Ndanda	17 - 12 - 17
do Massasei Mission	17 - 12 - 17
do Massasei Boma	17 - 12 - 17
Arrived Ngongomuti	18 - 12 - 17
do Mtimbo	19 - 12 - 17
Left do	24 - 12 - 17

<del>Arrived Mtimbo</del>	<del>24 - 12 - 17</del>
do Mbarakine	24 - 12 - 17
Left do	28 - 12 - 17
Arrived Matshembas	29 - 12 - 17
Left do	3 - 1 - 18
Arrived Nampundu Hill	4 - 1 - 18
Arrived at The River	6 - 1 - 18
Sent to Field Hospital	7 - 1 - 18
Sent back to Massasei (do)	10 - 1 - 18
do Ndanda (do)	21 - 1 - 18
do Mtama (do)	22 - 1 - 18
do Mingoya (do)	26 - 1 - 18
do Lindi (do)	28 - 1 - 18
Discharged from Hospital	9 - 2 - 18
& joined detail camp Lindi	
Left Lindi	20 - 2 - 18
Arrived Port Amelia	21 - 2 - 18
Left Port Amelia	14 - 7 - 18
Arrived Lumbos	15 - 7 - 18
Left Lumbos	17 - 7 - 18
Arrived Monapo	17 - 7 - 18
Mnapo	



Miniato }	
Left Monopo }	3-8-18
Arrived Namputa	3-8-18
Left Do	19-8-18
Arrived Murrupula	19-8-18
Left Do.	8-9-18
Arrived Chinga	8-9-18
Left Do	17-9-18
Arrived Namputa	17-9-18
Left Do	19-9-18
Arrived Mambuie	19-9-18
Left Do	20-9-18
Arrived Lurio River	20-9-18
Left Do	5-10-18
Called at Balama	5-10-18
Do Medo	6-10-18
Do Chomba	8-10-18
Reached Rovuma River	9-10-18
Called at Ngomani	9-10-18
Do Massassani	10-10-18
Arrived at Ndanda	11-10-18
Left Ndanda	14-10-18

Arrived at Lindi	14-10-18
Left Lindi	27-10-18
Arrived at Daressalaam	28-10-18
Left Daressalaam	



# Summary of Distances Travelled

Sea	Motor	River	Trek	mule wagon	stretcher
3099	107	13	20	2	1
3198	28		20		
875	71				
1870	20				Rail
240	35				25
200	81				30
145	61				
240	169				
	393				
	73				



Lieut. Cpl Searle  
Spr Miquhart  
Spr Saunders } died Xmas Day  
1917.

Spr Bond died in January 1918.

Sergt Atkinson died & buried at sea  
between DSM + Duoban. January 1918.

Spr Deacon died at DSM. Nov 1918

Spr Rose do Ndanda Nov 1918

Lieut Cpl Gossage do DSM Nov 1918

Spr Smith died at Hainolu Aug 1918



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Mr Rhipson  
~~463 Moore Rd~~  
99 Manning Rd: Durban

Mr Smith  
Clyde Cottage  
470 Moore Rd  
Durban

J. B. Vickers  
P.O.  
38 Montague St Worthing  
Worthing Sussex

C. Y. Hobby  
H. M. J. Hymettus  
90 920  
London  
125 <sup>or</sup> Pennillia Rd  
Brynhyford  
Swansea

Cpl O. C. Bradley.  
240 896  
'B.' Coy  
 $\frac{2}{5}$ th Gloucesters. R.F.F.

A. C. Diner  
Manor House  
Isleham.  
City Cambs.



Percy (49), Nancy  
& Eric (12): 1934



## Hospital Record

7 Jan. 1918. to 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1918. = 33 days

Dysentery. Field Ambee. 3 days.

Massassi Mission 12 "

Idanda 1 .

Intama 3 .

Mingora 3 .

Lindi 11 .

2 June 1918 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 1918 = 33 days

Malaria Fever. Port Amelia

33 days



Percy W. Probert  
- Around 1922 -