

immediately afterwards we
got the good news that we were
to have general leave till 3-4-5,
and this after having given up
all hope of getting to town
again. We had a great time, we
all put in a little money, and
had soft drinks and fruit
taken out to us. The weather
has been beautiful, and we
got our first good view of
the mountains, they were just
beautiful. Another troopship
arrived to-night. ~~H. G. S.~~ feeling
much happier to-night.

Wednesday. 14/6/16

Another quiet day, as the 9th Brigade
went ashore, and we were left.
I scaled drill this afternoon, and

developed some films in the bath-
room. After tea I went down to
Rob's deck, and wrote a letter to
Ruby, and one to Ethel. We saw
a funeral from one of the other
troopships this afternoon.

Thursday. 15/6/16.

Having been lying in Table Bay
just a week to-day, and it's
five weeks to-day since we left
Sydney. Our washing day to-
day, but I had mine done by
one of the crew. Another transport
arrived to-day. We have been
taking in water all day, and
have heard that we are going
out to-morrow morning.

I gave my letters to the tug to post
today. Hope they reach their destination

Friday 16/6/16.

Shing has been putting on water all night. And our escort arrived about 7 a.m. We began to move out of Table Bay at 11 a.m. with the Hunt leading this being our escort. Then on her left and about a mile in rear came the Benalla. another mile, and then the Marathon. A mile to the right of the Benalla was the Beffatta, and then about a mile ^{by the name} in rear of that came the Argyllshire, our boat, with a gun mounted on the stern. No lights are allowed on deck, and all port holes to be covered, after sunset. Weather very mild. An extra guard on now, to look for submarines etc.

Saturday. 17/6/16.

Very rough to-day, and a good many sick, H. R. A. not feeling too bright either. We have half holiday being Saturday, but it's too cold and rough to do anything.

Sunday. 18/6/16.

Weather still rough, although a good deal warmer. No church-parade to-day as the chaplain is sick. A new paper was started about to-day, called "The T. A. B. Yander", an old original name meaning "Messenger". I intend sending a copy or two home. Pot is having rather a dreary 21 birthday, and consequently he is not feeling too sparkling. Spent the evening talking about our school days etc.

Monday. 19/6/16.

Much calmer to-day, and rather pleasant on deck. Our battery on duty to-night.

Tarpaulins being erected on deck, in preparation for tropics. Spent the evening fixing photos.

Tuesday 20/6/16.

I left on deck last night on account of heat. Had my tooth fixed this morning. No more trumpeting on board from 1st to-day, on account of submarines. The guard also have to wear lifebelts.

Wednesday. 21/6/16.

Weather very nice now, although getting gradually warmer. Our gun fired a few trial shots this morning. Pay day to-day (15/-). I am beginning to learn the Morse code.

Thursday. 22/6/16.

Weather getting gradually hotter, expect to cross the line about Saturday. We had a full dress parade to-day. Also our washing-day. Lt. R. H. tries his hand at washing. Very pleasant sleeping on deck now.

Friday 23/6/16.

Had a kit inspection to-day. Lt. R. H. has a hat, pair of boots, and a suit of dungarees missing, but soon borrowed those, and everything OK.

Saturday 24/6/16.

Weather terribly hot, but sea as calm as mill-pond. I am mess orderly to-day until Tuesday. Took photos of Lt. and myself, and developed same to-day. Had rather a good concert to-day, and am sending program home. Crossed the line to-day.

Sunday 25/6/16.

Still mess orderly, so didn't go to church parade to-day. Still very hot. I was mistaken yesterday, we crossed the line at 7.50 to-day.

Monday, 26/6/16.

Just the ordinary routine of troop ship life.

Tuesday 27/6/16.

Very miserable day to-day, raining weather. Wrote a letter to Ruby.

Wednesday 28/6/16.

Same as usual. Much nicer weather.

Thursday 29/6/16.

Entered the French naval depot, "Dakar" at about 10 A.M. to-day, and began taking on water and coal. Got a few photos of Senegalese natives diving for money. Only officers went ashore.

Friday ³⁰30/6/16.

Still lying in Dakar. A good many mail boats arrive to-day, and all are mounting a gun here. We have taken our small gun off, and have mounted a 4.7. We leave here about 6 p.m. with the "Kent" and "Swift" as escort.

Saturday 30/6/16.

Weather a good deal colder. We have to wear a life-belt + water bottle till the end of our journey except when sleeping. We had an alarm to-night for practice, and we trumpeters are on duty now all day.

Sunday 2/7/16.

Not able to attend church parade to-day, as all the trumpeters are on duty now, in readiness to sound the

alarm, we had one false alarm
last night, and another to-day.

Monday. 3/7/16.

On duty all day again to-day,
and had two more alarms.

Received some very good war
news to-day by wireless, and also
expect to reach ~~Portsmouth~~ ^{Devonport}
Sunday. Everyone rather excited.

Tuesday. 4/7/16

Nothing unusual to-day. Still on duty.

Wednesday 5/7/16

Beautiful weather now. Sighted
a wreck today, about midday.
And on the "Swiftsure" going out
to it, it was found to be a
derelict. There was nobody on
board, so they sunk it.
Wrote to Dad to-night.

Thursday. 6/7/16.

Nothing to record to-day, very cold.

Friday 7/7/16.

Another monotonous day, nothing to do
but sleep, as still on duty waiting for alarms.

Saturday. 8/7/16.

We picked up a further escort of
five destroyers and torpedo boats
this morning, and have started
to race home now. I wrote a
letter to Elsie this afternoon.

Sunday 9/7/16.

Sighted England at last, about
11 A.M. but did not reach Devonport.
till about 4 p.m. We are not going
ashore till morning. Our boat
was badly last in the race, the
"Marathon" getting right away from
the start. Beautiful scenery along
the coast line.

Monday. 10/7/16.

We left the city of Exeter at last this morning, and were taken across to Devonport by steamer, where we embarked for Salisbury, where we had a march of about 5 miles to Amesbury Camp. Everyone pretty well knocked up, as we had been travelling all day, and weren't used to it. Very cold here, although it is Summer, and very long twilight, it wasn't dark at 10.30 last night. This is a wonderful camp, and all branches of the army are represented here, even the flying corps.

Tuesday. 11/7/16.

We were allowed to sleep in this morning, the first time since I've been in camp. Had breakfast at the Y.M.C.A. these are great institutions, and do great work. Nothing much to do yet, as

everything is in a muddle. Posted some letters yesterday, and three to Ruby today. Yesterday we were given tea and refreshments by the Mayoress of Exeter, as we came through.

Wednesday. 12/7/16

Spent the day in getting things settled down, and issuing equipment etc. Posted a letter to Ruby, and sent cable home.

Thursday. 13/7/16.

Still getting things shipshape, and working pretty hard. Walked to Stonehenge in the evening, and heard all its history from the caretaker.

Friday. 14/7/16.

Began trumpet practice again to-day. Our battery is on duty.

to-night, and I am orderly trumpeter.
The brightest day since leaving.
Our mail has arrived at last.
I got 8 letters, 3 from Ruby, 2 from
Ethel, 1 for, 2 Elsie. Expect more
shortly. I just hear that Arthur
Johns. is in Cairo. I made an
awful hash of "Petriat" to-night.
Terribly out of practice. Pay day to-day.

£4/7/-

Saturday 15/7/16

Still orderly trumpeter, and
doing very well. Received 2
more letters from Ruby this
afternoon. Went to the pictures
in camp to-night, they were
rotten pictures.

Sunday 16/7/16.

I went to church this morning.
very nice service. Posted

2 letters and 1 postcard to Ruby,
and 1 p.c. to George. Spoilt 2
films to-day.

Monday, 17/7/16.

Went over to watch the 60 pounders
fire, all morning, and fitted up
our harness in the afternoon.
Wrote to Ethel in the evening.

Tuesday, 18/7/16.

Worked in stables all morning
cleaning up walls etc. I am put
on brigade orderly trumpeter, for
25th Battery, as their trumpeter is sick.

Wednesday, 19/7/16.

Our battery on duty to-night.
Trumpeting all day to-day, and
wrote a letter with Prot. to Mr. Godfrey.
Very warm here to-day.

Thursday 20/7/16.

Worked very hard to day, preparing stables, I am a mess orderly.

"We are going to London to-morrow, for four days.

Friday 21/7/16.

Left camp this morning for 4 days leave in London. We detrained at Waterloo, and marched to the Australian barracks where we were dismissed.

Rob, Jim, and I, have taken a room at the Windsor Hotel. We went to Mr. Arthur's in Silk St. and in the evening to "10 Nights the Night" at the Gaiety. We had ^{had} Frascatti some place.

Saturday 22/7/16.

"Went for a walk, past Buckingham Palace, and other big buildings. Bought a crepe de chine blouse for Ruby. Saw "The Bing Boys"

at the Alhambra in the afternoon. And "The Riddle" at the New Theatre, in the evening.

Sunday 23/7/16.

"Went to "Sutton" to visit Mr. Motson, from Mr. Arthur's, and from there to Mr. Webster's also from Mr. Arthur's. Had a great day.

Monday 24/7/16.

Spent the morning shopping, and posted Ruby's blouse. In the afternoon we went to the "Coliseum" a great Vaudeville. It was a great show. Fell in at 9 pm on Waterloo station to return to camp. We steamed out at 9:30, and reached Amesbury about 12:30. We then had a march of 1 hr. 10 mins to camp. We had coffee served, and

turned in about 2 A.M. fairly tired out.

Tuesday, 25/7/16.

Got up at 6 A.M. very tired and as our battery is on duty, I was put on Brigade orderly trumpeter. Posted a number of postcards to Ruby. Most of the boys have gone to another camp to-day, for training. Posted one letter to Ruby, and some Post cards to Ethel.

Wednesday, 26/7/16.

Spent another day getting stables ready. We get news that we are going away from here, and will have the batteries separated.

Thursday, 27/7/16.

Another day same as usual, Posted a letter to Daphne to-day.

Friday 28/7/16.

Same as usual. Received 1 letter from Ruby, and wrote one in reply.

Saturday, 29/7/16.

Had a general clean up about the hut all morning, and in the afternoon three others and myself motored to Amesbury, and went through the old church there. The rats are very bad here now, last night one of our chaps, had his ear bitten.

Sunday, 30/7/16.

We were allowed to sleep in this morning till about 8.30. We had a big church parade this morning, conducted by a bishop, and others.

Monday 31/7/16.

Orderly trumpeter to-day. Posted 1 letter to Joe, 1 book, and a lots of post cards to Ruby, and a lots to Ethel.

also one letter to Jess. Printed some photos.
Received Ruby's sixth letter to-day.

Tuesday 1/8/16.

Left camp about 9.30 for route march,
and went about 15 miles through
beautiful country, and arrived ~~at~~
home at about 4.30 dead beat, but
after a good shower, we ^{were} quite alright.

Wednesday 2/8/16.

Had a fairly easy day, on account
of us being very tired.

Thursday 3/8/16.

Had trumpet practice to-day,
and am on duty to-night.

Friday 4/8/16.

On duty till six p.m. to-night as Brigade
Orderly trumpeter. The Anniversary
of the second year of the war. I
went to an Intercession Service

to-night at the Y.M.C.A. Posted one
letter to Ruby. Received no more mail yet.

Saturday 5/8/16.

Had trumpet practice all morning,
and have the afternoon off.
Terribly lonely here, as nothing to do,
and can think of nothing to write
about. Wrote to Horrie to-night.

Sunday 6/8/16.

Feeling rather sick this morning.
Went to doctor this evening and was
put to bed on stretcher, in A.M.C.
room.

Monday 7/8/16

Still in bed, with high temperature.

Tuesday 8/8/16.

Taken to Fargo Hospital in
ambulance. Temperature 103.6.