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Canada



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Wednesday Oct 25/99  
This is the most exciting  
day of my life so far.  
I leave Toronto for the  
purpose of engaging in  
the Inman Road Campaign.  
Toronto gave her soldier  
boys a most magnificent send  
off. A Public half holiday.  
Thousands of citizens out  
on the line of march.  
A splendid outburst  
of enthusiasm greeted  
the boys in the Armories.  
Each man received \$5  
from the City Council also  
interesting souvenirs  
from many of their friends.  
My three brothers march  
alongside of me to the station.  
A wild & excited crowd awaits  
us at the station, where  
Good Bye was said to our  
friends. The train pulled  
out at 5.30. amid the wild  
cheering of the crowd.



all along <sup>(2)</sup> the line crowds  
of bands were out to bid  
"Bon Voyage" to the departing  
soldiers. Oshawa was  
the first important stopping  
place. I got off the  
train & was immediately  
recognized by an old comrade  
of A Co 269 (Sturgeon),  
who was so surprised he  
threw his arms around  
my neck for joy.  
Also met on the platform  
another acquaintance (Daher)  
who had received a  
letter from a mutual  
friend to look out for me.

Oct 26. Arrived at Montreal  
about 5 a.m. pitch dark.  
Marched to a shed under  
depot for breakfast.  
Marched to another station  
& met the London Boys  
waited about two hours  
then started for Quebec.



Arrived there about 2.30 P.M.  
& marched to the immigration  
sheds for dinner & to await  
the time for embarkation  
on the Isarduncan.  
After tea sent a wire  
home

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Oct 27 Ad allowed out  
all day looped around,  
smoking & reading, received  
& replied to several letters.  
Also detailed to receive  
all telegrams. Very cold.

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Oct 28. Weather cold and  
raining. Sent to the city  
by the Col Dyer in the  
morning on a message.  
After dinner marched to  
the citadel in a heavy  
rain to receive rifles and  
side arms. Some of the  
men went out after tea

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I received several papers  
by the evening mail and  
stayed at headquarters to  
read the same & assist  
the Supt in the issue  
of outfits. Lights out—  
sounded at 10.15 P.M.

Oct 29. Presided for divine  
service at the English Cathedral  
11. A.M. The Hon General  
Lady Grinto & their staff  
were present, also Major  
General Button & several  
prominent Quebec people  
with members of Parliament  
etc. took part in the  
service. The service  
was very affecting indeed.  
The church beautifully decorated  
for the purpose.  
The Hon Genl several  
officers & a large number  
of men including myself  
partook of the Sacrament.  
I noticed tears in the



eyes of many strong men  
around me, no doubt  
thinking of home perhaps  
some may never see again.  
Unfortunately the rain was  
still coming down in  
torrents. I wrote some  
letters in the afternoon.  
Did not go out at night  
But arranged everything  
for leaving in the morning.

Oct 30 Spent the day  
preparing up upon being  
awakened at 5 am  
Breakfast at 6 o'clock.  
Every man in a hurry  
& great excitement the  
last day in Quebec before  
sailing for South Africa  
& all the bands sounded at  
9.30 for the review.  
The different companies  
being quartered all over  
some in the citadel  
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and other pieces, all  
assembled at the  
parade ground by  
10.30. A.M.

The Regt is thoroughly  
inspected by the G.O.C.  
just being reviewed by  
a general salute.

The Gov. Genl arrives at  
11.30 A.M. accompanied  
by a large party & his  
staff including the  
Prime Minister Sir  
Delford Lawrence, & is  
received with a Royal  
Salute. He carefully  
inspects the Regt,  
& also addressed the  
men after followed  
by Sir Delford Lawrence  
& several other prominent  
members of Parliament  
& the Gov.

The Regt then marched  
past going through  
the chief streets of the  
city on the way to the



boast through dense crowds.  
The Sardinian was  
reached about 2.30 P.M.  
The Embarkation immedi-  
ately commenced.

The boys were not sorry  
the work for the day  
was practically over,  
having <sup>been</sup> nearly 6 hours  
under arms in heavy  
marching order.

A rather severe test  
to begin with.  
Such as the life of a  
soldier.

At 4.30 the ship pulled  
out from the wharf  
& proceeded down the  
river, accompanied by  
a large number of  
escorts & private  
yachts on her long &  
distant voyage to South  
Africa, far away from  
home & those we love.

One could not fail



be expressed at the  
heavy send off given  
by the multitudes who  
lined the shores and  
filled the numerous  
craft following down  
the river.

The Citadel sent out  
her stern & not to be  
mistaken farewell in  
loud salvos of artillery  
& dipping the grand old  
flag. These warlike  
sounds reminded me  
very much of a possible  
reception we may some-  
day receive from our old  
friend Am Paul, when  
no doubt the last scenes  
witnessed in our final  
farewell to Canada,  
will be brought most  
vividly to mind.

Tea of bread & butter  
was served at 5.30  
the first since morn-



After tea berths were  
cold off, & I went  
to wash in my top  
berth thoroughly tired  
& I must own a little  
sad too.

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Oct 31. - Slowly steaming  
down the St Lawrence.  
The pilot left early  
in the morning taking  
with him the port mail  
from the ship, containing  
some letters by myself.  
The scenery is magni-  
ficent, the air sharp  
& crisp, all together I  
have spent a rather  
pleasant day.  
Things of course are not  
yet in working order,  
consequently not quite  
so comfortable as we  
expect to be in a few  
days. Now that

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home + its <sup>(10)</sup> ties are  
far away everyone appears  
to be anxiously looking  
forward to arrival at  
the scene of operations

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday  
Can hardly see the  
ship's length for fog.  
The whistle has been  
blowing every few  
minutes all night -  
I have been feeling a  
little sick and went  
to my berth most all  
day. Putting in the  
time reading, could  
not eat anything.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

I am still slightly  
under the weather  
& cannot eat anything.  
The weather is very



bright & rough, a strong  
wind blowing.  
Most of the men  
are feeling the effects  
usual on a sea voyage.  
Nothing of importance  
has transpired  
All drill etc is not  
to be taken up until  
men are recovered from  
their sickness.

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Jan 3. Friday  
I feel a little better  
today and able to go  
on deck but cannot  
eat anything yet.  
This afternoon I was  
sick once & am getting  
better all the time  
now.

A rather sad & gloomy  
event occurred early  
this morning.  
A man from Ottawa  
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who occupied <sup>(12)</sup> a berth  
opposite mine, died \*  
from stoppage of the  
heart, caused by not  
being able to secure drink  
after being accustomed  
to it all his life.  
His body was deposited  
in the sea this  
afternoon, and seemed  
to depress everyone for  
a short time.

An example of too  
much strong drink.  
I hope some of the  
boys will take the  
solemn warning.  
I did not care to see  
the funeral myself.  
Sighted a steamer  
a long way off.  
Sea now almost  
calm. I am still  
feeling better, & slight-  
ly regaining my  
lost appetite.  
Retired early and had



a good night's rest.

Nov 4 Saturday

Glorious weather favoured  
us during the day.

Parade around until  
3 P.M. Parade for  
drill at that hour.

A few of the best men  
are immediately dismissed  
myself included.

Strike the Gulf steam  
about 3 P.M.

A large number of us  
enjoy singing on the  
fore-deck after tea  
at the same time part  
take of a comfortable pipe.  
I feel alright now, the  
sea air beginning to have  
an invigorating effect  
upon all hands.



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Sunday Nov 5/99

The different denominations  
parade for divine service  
at the hours set apart  
for the same.

Y. P. C. of E. men fell in  
11.30 A.M. The service  
was short but very  
impressive to me it was  
particularly interesting.

Never having before been  
at a service under such  
peculiar circumstances.

My thoughts naturally  
wandered to those at home.

The service concluded by  
singing the National Anthem.

I spent the rest of the  
day reading, smoking &  
chatting until after tea

some of us sang a few  
hymns directed by the

Y. P. C. A. representative

Then below to bed.



Monday Nov 6 199

Weather is now getting very warm.

Most of the men are quite recovered from sickness.

Began the day by having a most delightful sea-bath one man takes the hose while the rest receive the full benefit of its refreshing contents.

I have never enjoyed anything of the kind for years, this is to be continued every morning for the balance of the voyage.

This lucky scene would certainly offer a splendid "snap" for a camera fiend.

Necessary now to leave off some clothing things are gradually getting into shape, naturally all feel a little more comfortable for the same. Regular parades are



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now started to be kept  
up during the voyage.  
Also strict discipline to be  
thoroughly enforced.  
After tea "A" Co. treated  
their comrades on the  
quarter deck to a smoking  
concert, each Co to have the  
same privilege one every  
other night.  
Suffered from heat very  
much during the night.

Tuesday Nov 4/99  
Armed drill in the morn-  
ing. Passed two war  
vessels. Issued with  
a tin of smoking tobacco,  
present from Toronto.  
Regular routine of  
duties performed.  
A lot much of great interest  
transpired today.  
Enjoying the voyage very  
much, although only a  
Pte on a troopship.



Wednesday Nov 9/99

Weather Grand

Regular drill & duties performed.

Sighted a huge Whale &  
a school of porpoises.

C<sup>o</sup> gave their concert  
in the evening & was very  
much enjoyed by all hands.

Asst Steward brought up  
before the C. O. for stealing  
articles presented to the  
Court & selling the same.

I presided for coal duty  
at 8 P. M. to continue until  
8 A. M. the following morn.

Spent a very interesting (nit)  
night washing decks &  
general fatigue work.

One third  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the men here  
to be on duty day & night.

The men from each Co on  
this duty being awarded  
boats to look after in case  
of fire or other accidents.

The remainder of the ships  
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complement to placed to  
the ones tables & an  
order from an officer.  
One can readily appreciate  
an arrangement of this kind.

Thursday Nov 9/99  
General Inspection of  
the Batt at 10.30 by the  
C. C. I was excused  
from this parade on  
account of being up  
all night.

Not much news today  
I slept a little in the  
afternoon.

The weather is so hot a  
number of men have to  
go to hospital.

I am very tired & intend  
to retire early, up all  
last night.

A most beautiful sunset.  
I have decided to try &  
clude the w  
trying to sleep on deck <sup>by</sup> "Hot"



Friday Nov 10/99

One is continually reminded  
of the service engaged  
upon from early morning  
until late at night.

Bugles all continually  
sounding from 7 ev  
to wake everyone up  
until lights out. When  
there is perfect quietness  
on the ship, except every  
half hour, a voice from  
the forward 'watch'  
saying "All's Well" lights  
are brightly burning etc.

We had a most (another  
fine & unimportant day.  
We are anxiously waiting  
for the dawn when a  
sight of land is expected  
Cape de Verde Islands.

I hope to be able to  
post some letters.



Saturday <sup>(20)</sup> Nov 11/99

Rifle practice this morn  
for C Co. the weather  
was rather rough, and  
of course influenced the  
shooting slightly.

I managed to make 28  
out of a possible 40.

The heat has been very  
trying all day.

We see a great many  
flying fish during the  
day. I am feeling  
in good shape, & perfectly  
fit so far.

Capt. Forester R. C. 2d  
is very nice to me, and  
always speaks when  
passing. He says this  
trip will do me a great  
deal of good, although  
the fare of course is a  
little rough for those  
not used to the same.

Evening Prayers are held  
daily at 6 P. M. at -



which all are expected  
to attend.

Did not reach the Islands  
as expected. (disappointed)

Sunday Nov 13/99  
On being awakened by  
the hull this morning  
a splendid sight met  
my eye. Cape de Verde Ids  
A continual cry of  
Land! Land! was ringing  
through the ship.  
Men were scrambling  
up on deck from every  
hatch, like a swarm of  
bees, all eager to get a  
glimpse at Terra Firma  
once more.

It was truly a grand  
sight, a large dark mass  
of something looming up  
on the Starboard side of  
the ship, striving to  
make its appearance  
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accompanied by the dawn.  
Soon both the welcome  
arrivals appeared distinctly  
to our admiring eyes each  
arrayed in all their native  
glory. One trying to out-  
do the other in grandeur  
& solemn splendour.

About 9. A. M. on the Port  
bow appeared the harbour.  
A somewhat barren spot  
containing several large  
steamers reported to be  
ships. & also two large  
British battle ships.  
Looking indeed well  
worthy to be "monarchs of  
the Sea".

Signals were exchanged  
with the block-house  
at the entrance of the  
harbour the nature of  
course which I did not  
understand.

To day fell to my lot  
to be the orderly having  
to parade at the cook



house, for all nations & c.  
for my men.

I felt somewhat amused  
at the change of affairs.  
Of course I had to wash  
the dishes before church,  
sweep up and every  
thing in that line.

Expected to make a first  
class home meal on  
completion of this service  
Paying Sunday, favored  
with plum pudding  
minus the brandy. The  
Extra dishes for the Dept.  
Attended divine service  
in the morning at  
11.30.

So hot today an awning  
was erected on the  
forecastle deck, where  
I spent a pleasant afternoon.  
A number of us assembled  
on the same place in  
the evening and spent  
the time before going to  
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Bed singings (24)

I still continue to sleep  
on deck without serge,  
one blanket to cover me  
a pillow for my head  
and the canopy of heaven  
for a roof.

One can and has to  
put up with many  
changes on a troopship.  
This is a preparatory course  
for what is to follow  
in the near future.

Saturday Nov 13/99.

Another hot day.

Everything is going on  
like clock work.

Classical number of papers  
and duties attended to.

Reading The Black Douglas.  
Men are all to go in  
bare feet with trousers  
rolled up until further  
orders, for the purpose



making the feet hard  
and fit for marching.  
Serges are also discontinued  
& gloves to be turned up.  
These are welcome changes.

Tuesday Nov 14/99.  
One of the seamen put  
in irons to-day, for being  
impudent to the chief  
steward, who is an old  
soldier and wears two  
medals for active service.  
He has engaged for  
this service as Serjeant Cook  
and to have full charge  
of the store.

A large school of porpoises  
pass quite close to the  
ship and furnish amuse-  
ment to some of the boys  
for a short time.

Still enjoy ten minutes  
physical drill in the  
morning with towels



around the <sup>(26)</sup> waist, followed  
immediately by a  
delightfully good salt-  
water bath.

Tuesday Nov 15/99.  
Three weeks today, we left  
home, memories of which  
will naturally occur  
to a great many.  
A very refreshing extra  
was used to the men  
every day and to be con-  
tinued for the balance  
of the voyage is a bottle  
of Lime Juice between two  
messes.

We were also indulged  
in plum pudding  
again today.  
I had a long talk with  
Mr Almond the English  
Church clergyman this  
evening, he seems to  
be a very pleasant man  
and spent his summer



holidays at Roberval  
Lake St. John. That old  
spot of many pleasant  
memories a few years ago.  
I have met many strange  
and adventurous fellows on  
this boat, some of them  
appear to have been almost  
everywhere and engaged in  
almost everything -  
Nearly every day some  
new celebrity turns up.

Thursday Nov. 16/99  
This morning on being aroused  
a large steamer could be  
clearly seen in the distance.  
Signals were at once exchanged  
between our ship and the  
stranger with the result  
that both ships have too.  
Word was passed around  
for every man who had  
mail ready to at once  
parade on the quarter  
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deck with the same  
every man for a short time  
was hurrying to + fro to  
try and send off some  
letters. A boat was  
lowered from the deckman  
to convey the letters to  
the stranger, a boat from  
Southampton, and hear  
the latest news from the  
front if possible.

I sent one letter to England  
and another to England.  
On our boat returning  
both ships resumed their  
original courses.

I paraded for Dutch  
after breakfast from  
8 A.M. until 8 P.M. two  
hours on duty + four hours  
off, cleaning decks and  
performing other fatigue  
duties, which fall to  
the lot of a soldier on  
a troopship.

Upon being dismissed  
I sought my blanket on



the fore-castle deck.

Friday Nov 14/99

Today C. Co did not have to parade for drill until 3.30 P.M. so had most of the fore part of the day to amuse myself.

Had to parade before the Adjt Major Macdonald in reference to an electric light which was broken, as a witness the light being next to my berth. I had no evidence to give. At 10.30 A.M. Sardinia crossed the line, fire rockets sent off, blowing of the whistle, and loud cheering of the men. The usual ceremony observed on such a time was strictly carried out amidst great enthusiasm  
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In spite of <sup>(30)</sup> all the  
little difficulties that  
arise we manage to  
get a little fun.  
At 4.30 P.M. the fire  
alarm was sounded for  
practice, every man except  
those on watch made  
his way at once to his  
allotted place at the  
mess table. The former  
took up "positions" along-  
side of their respective  
boats to prevent any  
confusion, and see that  
every man, on receiving  
the order goes to the  
boat formerly told off  
for him.

The discipline was  
considered fairly good  
for the first time.



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Saturday Nov 18/99  
Comparatively an uneventful day

Spent some time looking at the armour sent sharpening bayonets and officers swords.

Helmets were issued again after being dyed coffee colour by the Quater Master for aster's dept.

The weather is slightly cooler much to the satisfaction of all concerned. Issued another allowance of tobacco, a present to the Regt.

Sunday Nov 19/99  
The usual number of church parades. The English church preached at 11.30. A very solemn + nice service the sermon being very appropriate, all seem to enter heartily into the



service, <sup>(32)</sup> At conclusion  
of the same the Maple  
Leaf and national anthem  
were sung, accompanied  
by the band which is now  
in full swing.

It has been decided that  
the "Maple Leaf" shall  
be our regimental all  
are requested to learn the  
same copies being issued.  
Spent the afternoon read-  
ing and the evening  
chatting.

Monday Nov 30/99  
Still take a salt water  
sprinkle after  
Dory turn again today  
for Dress Orderly.  
Joe Jordan carried my  
pipe with the Regt  
Badge etc.  
The band played while  
the officers dined, and



gave a concert after on the  
quarter deck which I en-  
joyed very much, a little  
music seems to put new  
life in one entirely.

The different branches of  
the Regt- are now being  
rapidly formed.

Selecting the required  
number of men from  
each Co. Such as

Pioneers, Ambulance, Signal  
Transport, Maxim Gun  
Boson, Cooks etc.

Arrangements are also  
being made for the issue  
of the Khaki uniforms  
and the balance of articles  
necessary for field service  
in anticipation of an  
early embarkation the  
first of next week.

The men are all anxious  
to land as soon as possible,  
& to be in time to take part  
in the game we all left



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our dear homes for.

Tues. day Nov 21/99  
Preparations for landing still  
going on. Helmets are  
nearly all dyed (coffee color)  
and the fuggarees being  
sewn on.

The fire alarm was sounded  
at 4:30 P.M., the result  
quite satisfactory.  
During this time the  
police visited the quarters  
of the crew looking for  
missing articles belong-  
ing to the troops, the  
result quite a large  
haul. To-day is an  
easy day for all no drills  
except the awkward squad.  
The Boys all appreciate  
the holiday, and amuse  
themselves in various  
ways, the weather just  
right for that purpose.



Wednesday Nov 22/99  
To-day at 8 A.M. I paraded  
for co until 8 P.M.  
I had a very easy time  
practically nothing to do  
being exempt from all  
duties and other duties.  
The weather is quite cool  
I notice so many are  
not sleeping on deck this  
week, as the past two  
weeks. I still continue  
to do so myself.  
The health generally of  
the Regt is very satisfactory

Thursday Nov 23/99  
To-day the Regt paraded  
for kit inspection.  
Left at 10/30. rather a  
difficult undertaking  
in such crowded circum-  
stances. Several men  
were minus a great  
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many articles. <sup>(36)</sup>

C. Co. was issued this afternoon with Khaki uniforms, unfortunately there are not enough uniforms on board to equip the Regt. consequently we shall not be able to land in them. Others are expected from Canada immediately. I shot again at the ranges this afternoon making 30 out of 40. It is not a favourable day for shooting the ship rolling heavily. This evening there was another Band concert on the quarter deck. The Band is improving rapidly. At 8.15 P.M. C. Co. received another welcome issue of grog supplied by some of our very generous



Canadian friends -  
One can easily imagine  
that defaulters of this  
parade are scarce.

Friday Nov 24/99  
This morning I was mounted  
on my first guard from  
9 A.M. to the same  
hour next morning, 24  
hours guard.

This is simply an intro-  
duction of what is to come  
in the field.

The Regt received pay this  
morning from the Canadian  
Govt up to the end of the  
month in full. After  
that date the Imperial  
Govt becomes responsible  
for everything. I drew  
\$16.80 at the rate of  
240¢ per day. This seems  
a grand reward for a month's work.



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Saturday Nov 25/99

I am not likely to forget this day, particularly as this is my birthday.

I naturally found my thoughts turning to those at home, as I am quite sure they will all be thinking of me.

I was released from guard about 9.30 A.M. feeling rather tired.

This afternoon the officers paraded in their full khaki uniforms to undergo an inspection by the C.O. I must say they certainly presented a very imposing sight and looked quite fit for any work that may come in their way.

Several had their photos taken in groups after I have just learned of it stowaways found on the ship about 4 days out from port.



This is another example  
of money to prove that the  
Canadian population and  
people generally are quite  
prepared to bear their  
share of Imperial defence etc.  
Two of these men belonged  
to the permanent force  
and left their head  
quarters for this war.  
There is a possibility of  
them being sent home  
as deserters after arrival  
in South Africa.

Still a heavy wind  
which causes great discom-  
fort to about a dozen  
horses on board.

Sunday Nov 26/99  
I attended the Commu-  
nion service at 8 o'clock  
this morning a large  
number partook of the  
Sacrament.



I was also present at the regular morning service 11.30. a.m. Major Drummond Chief Staff Officer of the Regt was on my left. He wears three war medals + the Jubilee medal + is A.P.C. to the Gov General. He sang hymn 235 a.m. which recalled my school days at Poplow. This hymn was always a favorite with the boys at over.

Sunday afternoon singing. The four nurses with us evidently belong to the Church of England, and are the only females on the boat.

I have been to sea bedecked again today, a job I am not much in love with. "Experience teaches" one is never too late to mend. This afternoon I was given a small Testament



by the Y. Soc. C. A.

We all received two more cigars yesterday at the rate will soon have enough Tobacco to start a store thanks to our good Canadian Friends.

This evening a large number of men are gathering around in groups singing hymns. I am still in good health and spirits enjoying the trip very much especially the morning salt shower Bath.

Monday Nov 24/99

Last night the boys were having a general good time before leaving the ship the boat police were sent down to stop the noise and succeeded in making two arrests. The men managed to get a considerable amount



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of fun part at the expense  
of the latter.

L Co had a short parade  
at 3.30 P.M., & received a  
certain lecture from  
the Capt re embarkation,  
& general conduct on shore etc.  
We also received our field  
kits immediately after  
dismissal, & proceeded  
to get things in order for  
landing.

It is the custom for pass-  
enger boats to give a concert  
in aid of the Seamen's  
Widows & Orphan's Fund  
headquarters at Glasgow.  
So in the evening we  
had a very good concert  
in which several officers  
took part. Col Buchanan  
Major Arnold, Capt Barker  
& others. Judging from  
the plate, a respectable  
sum was secured.

On account of a shortage



of khaki uniforms the  
night-half Batt only will  
be in the above dress.

The balance will be secure  
in Cape Town.

To day every man received  
a bandolier presented by  
an American firm.

Tuesday Dec 27/99

No Parades, preparing to leave 9/10/99  
Sardinian Can, + the aristocratic  
neighbourhood of Hogan's alley  
& Pearl St. Regrets will not  
be very great. Early to bed

Wednesday Dec 28/99

Sighted Table Mountain at 5. A.M.  
Dropped anchor about noon.

Await P. 2.00 + to receive  
orders from the Commandant  
of the troops in Cape Town.

About 5 P.M. on the ship  
made her way to the dock



(44)  
This was a regular triumphal  
procession, about 40 transports  
in the harbour, all blowing  
their whistles in welcome  
to the Canadian boys.  
On the wharf the scene  
of enthusiasm was simply  
incredible. We were  
allowed off the boat for  
about one half-hour.  
Canadians appear to be  
objects of curiosity.  
The boys are simply delighted  
at the sight of land + females.  
Lots of fun with the niggers  
throwing them coins.  
National Anthem + Maple Leaf

Nov 29/99 Thursday  
Reveille was sounded  
at 4.30 A.M. Paraded  
at our Dress Tables for  
disembarkation at 8 A.M.  
Marched through the



main streets of Cape Town  
on the way to Camp about  
1/2 miles to Camp Green Point  
situated on the shore.  
This is an ideal camp  
ground with proper water  
arrangements etc. There  
are large numbers of troops  
of all arms here on the way  
to the front.

We immediately pitched  
tents & make ourselves  
comfortable for the night.  
I went down town about  
1/2 P.M. to get my first shave  
in a month & a  
good drink of beer never  
enjoyed anything so much  
before. Came back to camp  
at 9.30 P.M. & got ready for  
bed but did not sleep much.  
I appreciate being on land  
once more.

Cape Town is rather a  
quaint place full of kaffirs  
etc. who seem to be very



much more <sup>(46)</sup> numerous than  
white people.  
The Regt was very much  
pleased with the recep-  
tion tendered by the good  
people of Cape Town.

Friday Nov-30/99  
Paraded early in the  
morning to break camp  
preparatory to marching off  
immediately after dinner.  
Marched through the  
streets receiving a splendid  
send off & returned at  
3 P.M. in two battalions  
one train per battalion.  
We are much impressed  
by the enthusiasm of the  
Kaffirs all along the  
line. For any amusing  
scenes are presented by  
these half-civilized good  
natured people.  
Stopped to get our tea  
at Wellington & started



off again as quickly as possible  
The line is carefully guarded  
all the way along  
No any train of sick &  
wounded pass us on their  
way from the front also  
several Boer prisoners.  
The land all along appears  
to be very barren & thinly  
populated it is almost  
destitute of even trees.  
No rain falling in one  
place since April.

Dec 1/99 Saturday  
Still jogging along in  
the train. I stopped at  
Prins Albert for  
breakfast hard tack  
& coffee. I feel the  
hot dry heat very much.  
Water appears to be at a  
premium all the rivers  
are quite dry. We are  
longing to reach a fertile  
(44)



country. (48) Train stopped  
at Beaufort Pt. for dinner  
& a wash the latter  
being appreciated.  
We spend our time on the  
train smoking cigarettes  
supplied by the Cape  
people & taking in the  
scenery.

Arrived at Puyee Albert about  
9 P.M., where tea was  
served out. Several  
British <sup>Engineers</sup> troops all here  
also waiting orders for  
the front. Started off  
again about 10 P.M. expecting  
to detain early in the morn-  
ing. All hands slept  
with books on.

Sunday Dec 3/99  
Arrived at Camp de Car  
about 5 P.M. This is  
the base of operations  
for Lord Methuen's



Brigade. There are about  
8000 troops here.

After embarkation set to  
work arranging the camp  
raising tents etc on com-  
pletion of this breakfast  
was served. I must

admit this has been  
one of the most miserable  
days I have ever spent.

The country round about  
is nothing but a huge  
desert not a patch of  
grass to be seen.

To make matters worse  
there is a strong wind  
blowing & you cannot see  
two tents ahead.

There is nothing can be  
done the boys have to  
stay in their tents and  
suffer covered with grime  
the heat is fearful & water  
short to make matters worse.

We will all be glad to  
get out of this



(50)  
All the boys look so tough  
Tom D. Ashall took a photo  
of our tent.

Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1909  
I am quite impressed with  
the strength of Camp  
de la Riv. It is a natural  
fortification surrounded  
on all sides by hills &  
could offer a good resistance.  
Reveille sounded at 5.30  
Coffee served immediately  
& then drill for one hour  
before breakfast.

Paraded again at 5.30 for  
one hour. I am much  
impressed by the quiet-  
ness & also the apparent  
determination of the troops  
both Canadian & British.  
Strict discipline is most  
rigidly enforced.  
The heat & dust is still  
very discomfiting.



Many train loads of troops of all arms are continually passing through to the front. Plé Mecca was court-martialed for stealing a comrade's revolver + received 42 days hard labour.

Tuesday Dec 5/99  
Parade same as yesterday with one extra 10.30  
About 5 P.M. the Essex Regt marched into camp & immediately pitched their tents a steady lot of looking men.  
I did some washing under great difficulties.  
After lights out an order was issued from head quarters for everyman to be ready to fall in after the Alarm Signal, a large body of Prussians about 20 miles from here. The health of all ranks still good.  
(51)



The heat <sup>(53)</sup> intense & water  
very scarce. Men all in  
good spirits.  
Major Hammond using  
his influence with Genl  
Ford & others to send the  
O. C. Q. I to the front.

Wednesday 6/99

Parades today as usual.  
About 10 A.M. orders were  
sent through our Camp for  
Companies to be ready for  
the front in 15 minutes.  
Great enthusiasm & great  
cheering. Later orders came  
not to move until 5 A.M. in  
the morning.

I received a very nice letter  
from my dear mother which  
made me think of all  
the folks at home, and  
gave me great pleasure.  
Also received kind & con-



gratulatory letters from  
Uncle Warwick + Cousin  
Reggie. I was disappointed  
at not hearing from Toronto.  
I wandered through the  
lines after tea, finding my  
way into the V.M.C.A. &  
was much impressed at the  
fervour & devoutness of some  
of the British troops returning  
to my tent about 8.30.  
Turned in about 9.12 P.M.  
Wrote a reply to my mother.  
Received 100 rounds Ammunition.

Thursday Dec 7/99.  
Reveille sounded at 3 A.M.  
Cold & dark on turning out.  
Camp immediately struck  
I marched off to the station.  
Receiving a cup of coffee.  
Train pulled out for the  
Orange River at 6.10.  
Most of the men had to  
go on open trucks. I was  
fortunate enough to secure



(54)

a seat in first class car  
Pass Ostersund from 9.30 at  
Karankuil. made a few  
stoppages arriving at Orange  
River soon after 11. went  
around all day without rations  
Got a pint of beer from S. S. I.  
& pitched tents at 4.30 in a  
blinding rain & wind storm  
getting wet through after  
laying in the sand & heat  
all day. This camp is flanked  
on two sides by hills & one  
side by Orange River.  
The camp occupied by S. S. I.  
B. Battery Q. M. A. & 2nd Batt  
Gordon Highlanders latter leaving  
for the front at 5.30 P.M.  
Surrounding <sup>hills</sup> rushed in 15 minutes  
by the Coldstream Guards  
2 officers & 14 men killed their  
graves in front of the camp.  
We are all impressed by a  
magnificent sundown.  
Many Boer prisoners in camp.  
Outposts in front of camp.



Artillery & Flag Stations occupy  
the hills. Heat still very  
severe men bearing up bravely.  
A large number of Bou prisoners in camp.

Friday Dec 8/99.  
Perille at 5 P.M.  
Soon after solemn sounds of  
the dead march floated across  
the plain. Then the sad  
sight of a funeral procession  
came into view. Plé Hickey  
Act 8<sup>th</sup> Regt effects of being shot  
in the head. Presently were  
heard 3 volleys being fired  
over his grave by comrades.  
The latter returning to quarters  
to the strains of lively tune.  
Co. C furnished a fatigue  
of 55 men to remove & pile  
bundles of hay & straw my  
self elected for the duty &  
lasting until now.  
Stayed in tent all the  
afternoon out of the sun.  
Co. C has felt the honor of



of remembering <sup>(56)</sup> the first picket  
from our Regt  
from outpost duty. I volunteered  
for the work. Our post was  
a strong redoubt on top of hill.  
From whence a considerable dis-  
tance <sup>was</sup> patrolled in front of  
the camp. Nothing of interest  
transpired during the night.  
Password for night "Chamberlain".

Saturday Dec 9/99.  
Returned from Picket - 6.30  
Nothing of consequence during night  
Camp struck after Perille.  
For ached to station, embarked  
& a 2m proceeded in open  
trucks, crossed Orange  
River about 9.30, on the  
way to Belmont scene of  
a fierce fight about 68 British  
killed, 176 wounded large  
number of enemy killed.  
Passed Cochrans farm  
& Remingtons Scouts.  
I detained 11.15. marched



2 miles to camp ground, under  
a glaring sun + most terrific  
heat. Arrived at Camp  
ground about 12.30 found it  
a regular paradise in the  
wilderness. Green grass +  
plenty of pure water.  
Had a delicious bath in  
cannon bath erected by  
Lieut Donnell. Also washed  
all my clothes. Had our  
breakfast about 4 P.M.

Sunday Dec 10/99  
Departed at 5.30 clock struck  
camp at 6. after good breakfast  
marched back to Belmont  
in 40 minutes to relieve  
the Australians + Gordon  
Hylanders. Wandered  
around the battle field  
forenoon pitched camp  
about 4 P.M. with P. H. A.  
Rained in afternoon  
C. Co detailed as guard  
(54)



To R. G. A. <sup>(58)</sup> Camp with the  
I am cooler today.  
Col Otter Commandant of this camp.  
I look of goats & ostriches around  
Property of Boer taken prisoner  
at Belmont. Had goat's milk  
for tea. Seager milked a  
goat

Monday Dec 11/99.  
Terrible storm of rain, thunder  
& lightning during the night.  
Two inches of water in our tent.  
Had to stand up for a couple  
of hours inside with bayonet  
to keep from being wet through.  
Revell's sounded at 3.15 AM  
Possibility of attack from Boers.  
Breakfast at 6.30 after I  
was detailed <sup>one of</sup> as an armed  
guard of four to secure water.  
Went to a farm about 3  
miles with two kaffir  
drivers, ten mules & large  
regular heavy size



Army transport waggon.

The farm is the most beautiful spot I have visited since leaving Cape Town.

It was used as a hospital for Belmont fight.

Very much interested by the large & strong positions of stone erected & vaulted by the Boers - to appear almost impossible to capture. The tops of empty cartwheels etc. around. Here I secured some delicious milk first since leaving home, also bread, syrup & sandalines.

Afternoon kept in tent from the heat of the sun.

At 5.30 paraded to practice new attack drill for special use against Boers. Officers & Dr. C. take place in the ranks, dress & carry rifle & side arms same as the men. Front & rear of ranks of Cos advance 20 paces from one another & 5 paces between men.



The distance between ranks to  
lessen until within close  
(60)  
range, when all get into  
the fire line, using independ-  
ent firing, bayonets are  
fixed & the charge ordered.

Tuesday Dec 12/99  
Reville at 3.15  
At 4 a.m. I wanted scouts  
brought in word Boers are  
in sight. C. Co + the  
Q. A. immediately ordered  
out to investigate. The remainder  
of the Regt under arms in  
readiness. The boys presented  
a fine sight & shortly making  
their way <sup>in intended order</sup> accompanied by the  
guns through the brush  
just as dawn was appearing.  
No shots were fired the  
enemy evidently wishing to  
destroy the line of communication  
rather than fight as they  
quickly retired out of sight  
Returned to Camp 4 a.m.



to breakfast.

After a meal started to  
through up entrenchments  
for the further protection  
of our camp. Rested  
until 5.30 when new attack  
was again practised on  
the battle ground of Belmont.  
At 8 o'clock I was on guard  
for the night - Password  
"Plympton". In one spot I  
found 26 empty cartridges,  
one man evidently making a  
silly fight. About 7.30  
mounted scouts returned  
with 4 Boers 2 on horseback  
& 2 in a cart, also herd of  
cattle. Received several letters.  
Rte chapel feed of *tonsillitis*

Wednesday Dec 13/99  
I am mess orderly today  
consequently will be  
free from other duties  
Several trains of wounded  
pass down the line from  
(61)



Spysfonten. <sup>(62)</sup> We hear many  
reports of the battle but  
nothing reliable.  
Practically an uneventful day.  
Soon after lights out volunteers  
from C. Co. to form part of  
a mounted patrol with the  
20. I. were asked for. I was  
disappointed at not being  
able to ride. Soon after  
22 men to support former  
were required. Volunteers  
were marked out some dis-  
tance from the camp. +  
day down extended 5 paces  
silently <sup>in the park</sup> waiting while the  
mounted men proceeded  
further to examine the  
hills + koffer roads.  
Nothing suspicious was  
found; all returned again  
to camp about 4 A.M.  
All disappointed as interesting  
developments were expected.  
Each man taking his 100 rounds.  
Pte Chapel G. Co. died early in



the morning, buried at noon.  
Wrote several letters + Dec 12/99

Thursday Dec 14/99.  
Everything quiet today, too  
but for much work.  
Cleaned up our lines, &  
lay around the tents until  
6.30 P.M. when drill was  
ordered for one hour.  
Answered several letters.  
The boys rather tired after their  
midnight ride.

Friday Dec 15/99.  
Today C Co returned to the  
Regt lines, relieved from escort  
duty to the P. H. A.  
A. Co. taking my place.  
Cleaned up our new lines  
& got the tents in good order.  
After dinner on fatigue  
duty until 4.30 loading cars  
of corn for the front.  
At 6 P.M. the Co paraded to  
furnish guards, outposts etc  
(63)



for the camp. (64)

Co 1 Section patrols the  
Railway track for about  
3 miles <sup>under Dept. Seattle</sup> Courtenay. Toronto.  
Several patrols of Co 1 going  
& returning all night.  
About 100 men of Co 1 on duty  
tonight.

Saturday Dec 16/99

Returned from Culpat 6 A.M.  
A large mail for the Dept.  
I received welcome letters  
from Toronto & England  
Also some photos.  
Remained in tent till  
5 P.M. writing letters, then  
had tea. After <sup>the</sup> Co parade  
for bathing & washing, marched  
to Van Wick's <sup>one pt</sup> <sup>camp</sup> ground in  
arrived here 3 miles from  
Belmont a most delightful  
spot. How I did enjoy  
that dip getting a thorough  
cool off after the heat.



of the day. Fatigue parties  
are working strengthening  
our position all day.

Sunday Dec 17/99

Paraded at 3.15 a.m. On marched  
a considerable distance from the  
trenches in extended order.

Arriving there lay down & wait  
for dawn. ready for any possible  
attack from enemy.

At 5.30 Church parade, solemn  
& impressive sight, so many  
armed men returning thanks  
to Almighty God. 5 men  
from our tent on examining duty,  
plenty soon all day. No duty  
on account of being Sunday.  
Wrote to Toronto. enjoyed a  
sleep in the afternoon & a  
pleasant jaunt outside tent at  
night in the cool.



(66)  
Monday Dec 18/99.  
Revell as usual, take up our  
position again in front of  
trenches. After breakfast  
get ready to strike <sup>camp</sup> so as to  
make room for an Imperial  
Co. Sgt. About 3 of 5 strike camp  
& move to other side of station.  
Heavy sandstorm heat intense.  
Several trains loaded with  
munitions of war pass on the  
way to Woodlee river.

Roll up my blanket outside  
tent early. Dinner sumptuously  
of boiled chicken broth soup taken by  
some of the boys from our tent.

Tuesday Dec 19/99.  
Parade at 3.15 A.M. march to  
Scott's ridge named after the  
heroic capture of the same by  
Scott's Guards, a difficult position  
to attack, affording a significant  
view of the surrounding country.  
The boys find many interesting  
articles left after the fight.  
I am told off for the second



position, I will be here about  
24 hours. Sun very hot &  
no cover. Food & water sent  
to the men from Camp  
Many bodies of dead Deer  
& horses exposed to view.  
Wrote a letter to Walker.

Wednesday Dec 20/99  
Returned to Camp from  
Scotts Ridge 6 A.M.  
Remained in Tent until  
4.30. Returned to Scotts  
Ridge to construct wood  
a little below the summit.  
Arrived in camp again  
at 4 P.M. & had a first  
class tea. Turned in early  
Heat still very great.

Thursday Dec 21/99  
Rained at 3.15 took a position  
in tent this morning  
Remingtons Sights left  
(64)



(66) (68)  
Camp after breakfast for  
the Orange River, to act  
as guides to other troops.  
At 10. a. m. fell in for fatigue  
to construct rifle pits etc.  
Returned to camp 12. a. m.  
for dinner.

Our Co supplied guard  
of 12 men under Sgt  
Beattie + 1 Coapt.

I was not of the 1<sup>st</sup> relief.

A couple teams of supplies  
for the front passed through  
during the night.

On return from 1<sup>st</sup> relief received of some  
letters. Heard the Co. very pleased.

Friday Dec 27/99

On guard all day until 6  
P.M. In the kraal house

were two Hottentots + two

Britishers. Received one

letter + one paper.

Heat very intense. Guard turned

out on the approach of every train.

To the delight of all, British

water bottles arrived for



distribution. Guard relieved

about 6.15 arrived in camp  
6.30 after 24 hours duty to the  
great satisfaction of all concerned.  
Had Tent in front of tent.  
then glad to roll up in my  
bed blanket for the night.

Saturday 23/99

Woke at 3 A.M. six Co's  
marched out of camp for  
Scots & a joining copy in  
field marching order  
for 24 hours duty.

The eight half Co under D<sup>r</sup>  
Dorsethall at 6 P.M. left Scots  
Ridge & occupied Belmont  
Ridge. We had breakfast  
at 8 o'clock. Immediately  
set to work erecting shelters  
from the heat of blankets  
great coats etc.

Sweated in the heat all  
day until 6 P.M. when we  
moved again to Scots  
(69)



Ridge took <sup>(70)</sup> my turn on sentry  
during the night.

Sunday Dec 24/99  
Returned to Camp from  
Sears Ridge 6 A.M.  
Remained in tents until  
4.30 P.M. Paraded for  
general fatigue at that  
hour to dig rifle pits  
on western side of camp.  
Returned again at 6.30 &  
had tea in the cool of  
the evening.  
The boys are looking forward  
to a pleasant day tomorrow.

Monday Dec 25/99  
Reveille at 5 A.M.  
No duties whatever.  
At 5.30 paraded for devotional  
service. Took the sacrament  
Immediately after C.C.  
marched to Kan Wicks



farm for 'a' bathe, & worked  
some clothes. We all very  
much enjoyed it.

First washing ourselves with  
soap, then every man was  
allowed to plunge into  
the large stone tank for  
a swim. I remained in  
for about half hour.

Marched into camp for  
breakfast about 9 1/2 AM.

The boys were very much  
disappointed at the way  
things passed off.

We were all given to under-  
stand there would be an  
abundance of every thing  
for all. This is how that  
was carried out. viz.

1. Chicken to be divide between  
the occupants of each tent  
containing 1 1/2 Men, 1 small  
Pine Apple, 1 Orange, ~~2~~  
2 mangoes, + 1/2 Pint of beer,  
a very liberal & generous  
supply for such a day.



(172)

I must also mention 3 spoons  
full of plum pudding  
which was really very good.  
There has been a large  
amount of money subscribed  
by the Toronto people for  
extra to the boys, who  
naturally expected to see  
some of the same today.

Expressions of great indignation  
were heard on every hand.

The dinner was served  
at 4 P.M. except Co's Co. we  
all preferred to wait until  
about 5.30 P.M.

Fortunately Dr's tent was  
strong enough to secure  
a case of diphtheria from  
the Cape at their own  
expense.

Col. Burcham addressed the  
Regt during the afternoon  
wishing alba for every man  
etc. The Boys called for  
3 cheers for the gallant  
Col + officers.



Oil + officers.

After tea the officers gave  
(73)  
a concert in which officers  
of the 9. 9. 4. soldiers took  
part. Col Buchanan + Capt  
Bunker also sang.

Some of the men serenaded  
the officers about dark  
dressed in all sorts of  
costumes & playing many  
kinds of instruments from  
tin cans to frog bones.

The affair was a great success.

About 8 P.M. all the officers  
of the camp sat down to  
a grand spread including  
Champagne etc. for which  
they paid \$1. each.

One could not fail to  
notice the difference between  
the privileges of officers  
& men. At 8.30, I

rolled myself up in  
my blanket outside  
the tent hoping + pray-  
ing the dead folks at  
home, all spent a more



sumptuous dinner<sup>(194)</sup> day  
than I did. Of course  
being a soldier on active  
service makes a great  
difference in ones' circumstances.  
I forgot to mention we were  
all promised an issue of  
rum, but did not get it.  
Today is the second time  
we were enabled to get  
beer since leaving Toronto,  
except while in Cape Town.  
British Regts. are issued  
with the same every day.  
The boys are highly indignant.

Tuesday Dec 26/99.  
Permitted at 5 a.m.  
Nothing to do all day.  
Some of the boys say we  
are given a day off to  
recover from the effects  
of our big dinner.  
(ail). I lay in the  
tent all day. Dull very



and all day. Sun very  
strong. In the afternoon  
heavy sand storm. (12-30)  
Two Companies of Grenadiers  
~~arrived~~ arrived thereby adding  
much to the strength of our  
Camp. C. Co was issued  
with regular British water  
bottles to the joy of us all.  
Guns having been proved  
to be of no use.

Wednesday Dec 27/99  
Awoke at 3 A.M. C. Co  
turned out. Delightful  
shower of rain. Nothing  
to do in the morning  
At 4 P.M. C. Co was issued  
with putties much to the  
satisfaction of the boys.  
At 5 P.M. a general alarm  
sent throughout the Camp  
Camp Commandant very  
much pleased with the  
smart turn out of the  
men. At 6 P.M. paraded



(76) (1911)  
for gateway patrol, under  
Col Derg Campbell, one  
Coapt & ten men.  
A very hot day, with and  
several sand storms.  
Countersign - Ostrich

Thursday Dec 28/99  
Returned from patrol 6 a.m.  
Stayed around tent all day.  
Delayed of one tent area  
for answering. Sergeant  
in charge of small teams.

Friday Dec 29/99  
Departed at 5 a.m.  
D. D. I. arrive in camp  
from Orange River  
Here body of men & horses.  
C. Co. turned out to pitch  
their tents.  
I am Dovers orderly to day.  
Terrible sand & wind



strong sand & wind  
Storm all the afternoon  
great discomfort to all.  
Commanding Officer's parade  
for inspection at 5.30.  
2 Dr. I. very much interested  
in appearance of Canadians  
Received two letters from  
Dora & one from R. C. Dyer.  
Affairs generally quiet in  
camp today.

Saturday Dec 30/99  
No duties today wrote to  
Dora. After dinner  
received orders from Capt  
Barker to be in readiness  
to move at half an hour  
notice towards Douglas  
400 to 500 Boers reported  
to be in laager there.  
6. Co R. C. Q. 2 Coys of Comrades  
part of 2 Dr. I. 1 gun R. C. Q.  
1 Dr. I. in gun & part of Dr. I.  
to compose the party.  
Watched all day, expecting



to be ordered to move off  
Pinkie Sink of B Co. sent back to  
Cape  
Boys playing cricket & base ball, trip of war

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Feb 99.

Church parade at 5.15 a.m.

Spent the morning getting  
ready for trip, had dinner  
Pulled out 7.30 P.M. in  
transport waggons.

Ambulances included on the  
right scouting Downsters  
& Suffolks on the left lead  
ing the way, followed by  
2 1/2 Pounds of R. N. A.  
C Co following in 9 trans-  
port waggons.

Also had one water, & one  
scotch cart with a couple  
of R. E. The force numbered  
about 500 men.

We traveled until eve,  
riding when roads were  
good & walking when  
bad. Walked most of  
the time arriving at  
Cook's Farm about 18 miles  
Just as it was getting,



... farm about 18 miles  
Just as it was getting  
dark to bivouac for the  
night, all tired out.  
Boiled water & made tea.  
Some of the boys cooking  
chickens rustled on the  
way out. One of the  
2 Don I. thrown from his  
horse sustaining a broken  
collar bone. Lay down  
to sleep at 10 P.M. with  
arms by our side.

Monday Jan 1/00  
Dear John's Day, a most un-  
usual & adventurous day to  
us all. Up at 4 A.M.  
had a snack of hard tack  
& coffee, in the waggon  
at 5:30 A.M. Rode for  
about a mile had to wait  
rest of the way, with  
hot roads heavy & sandy  
& shortage of water.  
Every body was game in  
(199)



(72)  
(80)  
anticipation of soon meeting  
the enemy reported at  
Sunnyside about 18 miles  
from Cooks Farm.  
We hurried on until within  
about 3 miles of the Boers  
position & then formed  
for attack. As luck would  
have it 3 & 3 Dees formed the  
front line, 1 & 4 supports.  
We advanced through thorny  
undergrowth under a scorching hot sun  
over the roads to Sunnyside.  
The Boys struggled bravely  
along, nearly tired out.  
Suddenly upon arriving at  
the top of a Ridge the  
Boer camp was sighted  
at the base of a high  
slope looking quite peace-  
ful & quiet. In the distance  
the occupants evidently  
not being aware of our  
sudden approach. The  
Australians capturing their  
supporters who were ordered  
to quickly advanced on



...gaily advanced on  
them the Australians +  
P. H. A. loading prep'd  
for attack at 9.25.

I m. I in some mountains on right  
P. H. A. on our left. Objection point summit  
Engagement opened at 11.05  
By a shell from the P. H. A.  
which was aimed beautifully  
& burst right into the middle  
of their camp. Boers  
immediately leaving their  
tents & making for the  
Koppe, the artillery range  
was about 2000 yds.

The maxims opened at  
11.20 <sup>on the left</sup> one fire line at 11.15.  
Firing continued for about  
two hours, no Lee being brought  
into the fire line on the  
right, P. H. A. doing splendid  
work. Shell after shell  
finding <sup>its</sup> way into  
the enemy's position.  
Our men keeping up the  
fire at ~~11.50~~ 11.50 yds



(82) The musketeers on  
the left doing splendid  
work early finding the  
range sending the bullets  
among the enemy who  
saw them right & left.

10.45 AM Now acted as usual  
to Q. H. A. No support  
to 3 firing line

At 10.50 AM Q. H. A. changed  
position & opened a heavy  
fire upon the enemy.

At 11.00 AM <sup>to see</sup> I <sup>to see</sup> doing splendid  
work on the left fixed  
bayonets at sight of this  
300 hoisted flag of truce  
Our men were down upon  
them & captured about 40  
of the enemy.

About 2.30 PM <sup>to see</sup> formed for  
advance on the position  
No 1 see in file line extended  
to 10 paces back of Co in  
support. He marched  
carefully into their camp  
expecting to receive a volley



expecting to receive a ~~small~~  
fire. I was surprised to  
find the enemy had vacated  
their position entirely, leaving  
us everything <sup>or</sup> ammunition  
waggons tents mules  
houses oxen ~~oxen~~ rifles etc  
The boys fairly fagged out  
for water & food.

Our loss 2 killed 3 wounded  
(2. 9. 9.). Boer loss estimated  
6 killed, 14 wounded, & between  
40 + 50 prisoners. Our first duty  
to confine prisoners in kaffir  
kraal full of goods, which was  
first thoroughly looted. I was  
placed on guard for short time.  
The boys ~~to~~ broke ranks to hunt  
for food & water. Many securing  
interesting relics viz Rifles, revolvers  
saddles etc. Unfortunately water  
was practically used.

About 5:30 a cup of soup per man  
was served, made from meat  
the Boers left behind.

At dusk the sad rite of burying our  
~~late~~  
Comrade took place (2. 9. 9.) not Dec  
(83)



(84)  
C. supplied 12 men for funeral party  
Coffin followed by many of his  
late comrades. Major Bayley  
conducted the service, Bugles Williams  
sounding "Guard's Salute".  
At 10 P.M. C. sat around the camp  
fire to a sumptuous report of court  
martial. hard talk. After this all  
lay down to a well earned rest  
without any covering.

Tuesday Jan 2/00.  
Quitted at 4.30. A hearty breakfast  
of canned meat hard tack & coffee.  
Before leaving camp, waggons  
& ammunition, tents & articles not  
able to be carried made into a huge  
bonfire. At 7 A.M. fell in  
& marched to cover about 5 miles  
(2. M. 2) guard over prisoners. Here  
joined by the Cornwallis, & received  
congratulations from Genl at Orange  
River (Doods). Left for Douglas  
at 9.50. after 3 miles rode all the  
way splendid roads built by  
the British. Stopped at 12.15  
to lunch & water horses.







(86)  
duty to perform, I was too  
sick to go. So after looting  
hotel the we rejoined the  
Co. <sup>15</sup> During this time not able to  
eat anything. I went to a house  
& secured a cup of milk, not  
satisfied went to another, a large  
house belong<sup>ing</sup> to chief magistrate (Bor)  
beautifully furnished. Found the  
house in possession of one of our  
men busily engaged looting.  
Contented myself with taking  
2 glasses of port wine found in  
decanter. I also went to the  
general store full of officers & men  
helping themselves. I took  
1 sh. handkerchief, 1 shirt + 5  
cans of soup. Column  
left Douglas at 4.45. with a  
great crowd of refugees.  
Arrived at Dover at 1.30 P.M. suffering  
much from heat & want of water.  
stopped there for dinner, left  
again at 3 P.M. for Cook's Farm  
arriving there at 7. Arrived  
for the night, leaving refugees  
at school house.



Thursday Jan 4/00.

All the troops paraded to attend  
Court martial. Someone accused  
of stealing apples, & killing a  
sheep. Cornwallis & 2 Drs. I  
blamed for this offence &  
severely censured no one coming  
forward to take the blame.

Prisoners marched into the  
cgt & convicted of treason. 2 of  
them said to draw 10<sup>s</sup> & one 5<sup>s</sup> per  
day from British Govt. 4 leaders  
were then handcuffed.

Immediately after this 2 & 3 Decs  
& half of mounted troops started  
for Belmont in charge of  
refugees, I being advised to  
go along with them being sick.  
Jack Seager also came along  
having severely damaged his leg  
in a waggon wheel.

Rest of troops left to come on  
later with prisoners.

About noon halted near farm



to rest + water <sup>(88)</sup> the animals for  
about 3/4 hour. Started on  
again for Belmont troops  
+ refugees suffering alike  
from heat etc. Between Elm  
+ Belmont I managed to get  
4 glasses of milk + one apple  
which proved me very much  
having had an empty stomach  
for 48 hours + continual vomiting.  
Reached Belmont just before  
4 P.M. to the delight of all.  
After a light tea I helped  
put away the contents of a  
bottle of whiskey M.D. which  
went to the right place.  
I lay down + slept like a  
log. Seager + myself only  
in our tent. Traveled 112 miles.

Friday Jan 5/99

Head of our Column arrived in camp  
this morning with prisoners 8.30  
objects of great curiosity to all.  
A 7th Co. became gone out by  
subtlety.



quite satisfied to rest the  
remainder of the day.  
Received. Day 1-18:9

Sergeant moved to Hospital  
Congratulations from Esent Wood. (cable)

Saturday Jan 6/00.

Another day of rest for our  
co, which the men are well  
in need of. Inland arrived  
at night received 3 letters  
Everything quiet here today.  
Helmet covers issued

Sunday Jan 7/00

Went to church at 5.30. Church parade  
at 6. Did nothing all morning  
except write home. At 12  
Canteen opened waited for  
one hour but did not get  
any beer. Spent out of our  
beer again in the afternoon  
much to my disgust.  
After tea got ready for  
Scott's Ridge in the morning.  
I am feeling much stronger  
today, eating a little.



1025  
Campbell + Dickson go to Cape Town to deliver  
the prisoners taken at Sunnyside

Jan 8/99 Monday

Yours at 3 a.m. Marched  
to Scotts Ridge easy  
time all day. At night  
placed on. Pio + Picquet  
H. No 8 group. Password  
Alpha. Quarried during  
the night not much sleep  
~~Let to be sent by C. L. etc.~~

Telegram of congratulation  
read by C. L. Calcher from  
Lord Minto & others re  
Sunnyside. Also lectured  
strongly against looting.

~~Campbell + Dickson~~

~~to be sent by C. L. etc.~~ (90)

Tuesday Jan 9/99

Returned from Scotts Ridge  
at 5 a.m. At 7 a.m. left  
camp in company of 2 guards  
P. M. A. + 2 M. B. Calcher  
in command marching  
several miles into the  
Orange Free State return







the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Buzele went  
for it with 4<sup>th</sup> S. Sarge  
number of troops pass up, also  
several heavy siege guns.  
Batt paraded 4<sup>th</sup> Dr. Route  
march to Van Nicks Farm  
Co. Co. bathed, marched back  
in 38 min  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Did not  
get tea until 4.30 P.M.

Col Peleher leaves for the front command M. J.  
Seager moved to Orange River hospital.

Friday Jan 12/00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Co. Spill from 6 to 4<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Route march triangular course  
from 4.30 to 4.30. about 9 miles.  
Farm load of long field on  
road guns pass through to the  
front.

Saturday Jan 13/00  
P. Milled. At 5 A.M. O. dull  
from 6 to 7 A.M. very hot  
day & sand storms.  
Route march at 4.30 P.M.  
Returning 4.45 P.M. Mail



Rabbit prisoner captured during Ronti march  
arrived got one letter,  
Col Otter in command 2 Maxim guns.

Sunday Jan 14/1900  
March parade 6.30.  
Several Toronto papers distributed  
Heavy sand storm  
Col Boyd P. E. arrived  
takes command of camp  
from Col Otter. Tents  
moved in morning to allow  
ground to air, moved back  
at 5.30 P.M.

Monday Jan 15/1900  
I started at 3 A.M. Co marched  
to Scott's ridge for outpost  
of inty. I am placed in charge  
of No 2 Maxim, No 1 Requet  
At 4 P.M. placed on Pump  
Barricade for the night.  
Countersign Adelskot.  
I am questioned in the morning  
by new Commandant re  
Pay, Prices of goods in the camp



(94)  
The other find visit to this  
post. Held his horse during  
inspection of the same  
by himself & staff.  
Capt Barber did not come up  
until 4 P.M. He attended  
continually on Capt Ramsey.

Tuesday Jan 16/00  
Returned from Scots Ridge 6 A.M.  
at 2 P.M. Co. not on duty paraded  
for swimming at Van Hook's farm  
Henry <sup>under Capt Barber</sup> showed camp up whole  
away. 15 tents blown down  
in camp. Hit infection.

Wednesday Jan 17/00  
Parade at 5 A.M. Holiday for  
athletic sports. 6 to 10  
tent pitching against Cannalls  
time 6 to 10. All kinds of  
sports 2 P.M. I saw most of  
the games. Longest Run &  
Jump 1st of in Sgt P.C. but



lost on a foul. (195) 2. M. D. won making  
a jump of 16 1/2

100 yds dash won by 2. M. D. time  
11 sec. The Warren & Sec won  
obstacle race. C. C. won tug  
of war from A. C. but lost to D.

2. M. D. won final tug of war  
Long distance run won by C. C.  
Smith 6:00. The sports were  
conducted by our officers in  
a very unspilt manner.

A camp concert was held about  
8 o'clock in our tent. The  
prizes were presented during the  
intermission. A. C. P. C. &

singing a quartette (The Land of  
the Maple Leaf). Some selections  
by Cornwallis. 2. M. D. + P. H. A.  
& a quartette by officers P. C. &

After singing "The Maple Leaf"  
& National Anthem, brought  
the programme to a conclusion.  
Lights out sounded at 10 P.M.

bringing a pleasant but very  
hot day to a conclusion.



(96)

Jan 18/01 Thursday

Reveille at 5 A.M. 19 of us fainted  
for fatigue at 9 o'clock to  
unloading two cars of hay.

Lay around all afternoon

About 5 P.M. paraded for batt  
drill under Col Otter, returning  
about 6.30 hungry & tired.

Ambulance team & sick men pass through

Friday Jan 19/01

Reveille 5 P.M. & nothing all  
day. Very warm & heavy sand

storm. Left supplies the  
ditch. I go out camp guard

at 6 P.M. Corp. Hopkins in  
charge, very dark night

Parade Salinburg

Jan 19/01 Friday

Reveille at 5 A.M. breakfast  
at 5.30. Parade for route.

march under Major Pelletier



at 6. which we all enjoyed  
very much in the cool of the  
morning. Lay in our tents  
all day suffering from the  
heat & sandstorms.

Jan 20/00 Saturday  
Home at 3:00 P.M. turn  
out & ~~remain~~ remain under arms  
in the camp until 5:00  
P.M. see further duties for the  
24 hours, a portion of No. 1  
see going out examining  
post about 4:30. Remain  
in the tent nearly all day  
I am in no duty.

I go on camp guard at 6:00  
under Capt. Ho-Kun  
Password "Salisbury".  
a very dark night.  
About 2:00 P.M. I am in camp this

Jan 21/00 Sunday  
Zachman on guard all day  
(94)



(98)

One man arrested for stealing  
from one of the castrons & placed  
in the guard tent

A # Co. command. 2 Co of 200 m  
some 9 of A & 1 Maxim gun  
start out under Col Boyd to  
locate some Boers taking the  
necessary transport waggons etc  
General ~~Boyd~~ <sup>Boyd</sup> passed through  
camp. Q. Co <sup>in position</sup> furnished the  
guard under Sgt Middleton  
receiving congratulations on the same  
I am relieved from guard about  
6:30 AM very tired & hungry  
I am glad to receive letter from  
home on returning to tent.

Parade at 3 A.M. (Sunday Jan 22)

Boyd  
Boyd  
Boyd

Regimental <sup>Regimental</sup> continued  
Rowley reprimanded for  
fighting a private & Co  
advised to be ready  
Breakfast at 5:30. Regimental  
paraded & march out to practice  
attack on some distant Kopje







(100)  
the side of Railway track  
I write a letter to R. Y. M.  
In the eve detailed to the  
Koppe 200 group. Passer  
at 10:00. Did not get  
tea until dark. Trampot  
agyon later in coming out  
Dorjell + 3 others go to Camp  
for water. Received letter  
from Sam Somanku  
Linn. Marshall took photo of  
no 1 See in front of tent  
ostrich included.

Wednesday Jan 24/00  
Returned from Kidney Ridge  
1 A.M. Re-scanned accounts  
tent all the morning.  
Showing the morning journal  
to J. Ross from the following  
R. Y. M. arrived in camp  
probably on the eve to  
open local transit's Column  
R. Y. L. P. - ~~W. S. S. P.~~ S. D. S. P.  
Northumberland Times



All appear <sup>(101)</sup> to be a fine  
body of men & their horses  
in fairly good condition  
At 4.30 P.M. Regt paraded  
& marched <sup>under</sup> Col. Otter  
After arrival on the ice at  
the terrible sand wind & rain  
storm necessitating the  
regiments return to camp.  
On arrival there many  
tents had been completely  
blown to the ground, including  
our own & the rain falling  
heavily. After erecting  
tent the men partaken of  
also our regular allowance  
of beer. Preparations  
were now made for an  
evening of <sup>recreation</sup> & a  
quantity of beer being  
secured. Some men  
of the above Regts joined  
the members of our tent  
in a pretty good time.  
Also Messrs Brown & Hamilton  
to write correspondents.



Songs etc <sup>(102)</sup> were indulged in  
and composed by a strong  
instrument by Pte Kidder of  
'Aunt'. This entertainment  
was a sunnyside relief.

Brown & Kidder sang most  
of the songs.

A pleasant evening was  
brought to a close on light  
and being sounded by  
singing 'Auld Lang Syne'.

(104)

Friday Jan 26/15

Parade at 5 A.M.

At 6 o'clock regimental parade  
under Col. Burhan for  
route march. Proceeded to  
Thompson's farm halting there  
for half an hour, delightful  
spot. Started again around  
the Koppes returning to  
camp a pleasant surprise.  
About 11.30 chocolate presented  
by the Queen's mess.



(103)  
No defeaters to-day.  
At 2 o'clock 2nd Section  
under Corp Stewart went  
on fatigue until 6 P.M.  
To destroy redoubt near bank  
for the purpose of securing  
railway line used in the  
construction of the same.  
The Batt paraded for drill  
at 4.30 under Col Ester  
until about 7 P.M. Mail  
arrived this evening. I received  
a letter from mother from  
New York dated Nov 25/99.



(104)

Friday Jan 26/15  
Pawnee at 5 A.M.

At 6 o'clock regimental parade  
under Col. Burhan for  
route march. Proceeded to  
Thompson's farm halting there  
for half an hour, delightful  
spot. Started again around  
the X-Boxes returning by  
6 o'clock a pleasant surprise.  
About 11.30 chocolate presented  
by the garrison.



my gun given issued.  
Immediately <sup>(105)</sup> after strains  
of the national anthem  
heard down the line, our  
tent after another  
Jordan & Hadner under Darg  
Beattie in transport waggon  
proceed to Richmond with  
~~for~~ 40,000 rounds of ammunition  
for Col Boyd's column returning  
at 4:30 P.M. waggon drawn  
by 16 heavy oxen.  
Spent afternoon in tent reading  
& smoking & sleeping.

Saturday Jan 27/00.  
Remained around camp  
all day not much doing.  
At 4:30 parade for bath  
doubt under Col Buchan.  
C Co for target practice  
under Capt Baker.  
Satisfactory results 457  
hits, ranges from 1600  
to 300 yds. 10 rounds per  
man fired, returned to



camp<sup>(106)</sup> about 9/15 ready for  
tea. 6<sup>th</sup> Co blankets fumigated

Sunday Jan 28/00  
6<sup>th</sup> Co furnished duty today  
I arrived at 3. A.M. remained  
in the lines under arms  
until 5 A.M. easy time  
until after tea.

At 6.30 P.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Det C Co  
paraded for Southern Patrol  
under Serjt Peattie  
& spent a pleasant night  
"Password: Freshwater"  
A report for dinner with snow  
& salad. Did some washing  
& had a sponge bath

Monday Jan 29/00  
Returned to camp 6. A.M.  
Nothing doing all morning  
Parade ordered for afternoon  
Cancelled on account of heavy  
snow, most we have had



Let. <sup>(104)</sup> Several tents blown to  
the ground. Had hand  
work to hang on to ours.  
After tea I went down to  
the station. A number  
of troops went up the line  
on board train.

Tuesday Jan 30/00  
General 5 a.m. at 9 o'clock  
reported for fatigue, not  
much to do, off at 12 a.m.  
Parade ordered for 4.30 P.M.  
But called off. About 5 P.M.  
received our month's pay  
£1. 18. 9. In evening of course  
several train loads of troops  
passed up, viz. 16th Lancers  
"Death or Glory" Boys. 2 Battery  
Q.V.A. + Cheshire Regt.  
Boys cheering heartily.  
Day cooler than usual.  
I am tent orderly.



Wednesday Jan 31/00 (108)

Woke at 3 A.M. to go for  
Dool's Ridge. I am during  
the day on the top of Ridge.  
At night I went to No. 2  
Post of No. 1 Bickett.  
Password water.  
Not much excitement.

A large fire burning almost  
to the left of Ridge.

The Martin accidentally shot  
his hand, ~~seriously~~

Large numbers of stoops  
picks up the line, evidently  
something on the wind.  
Night rather cold.

Seeger returned from Orange River.

Thursday July 1/00

Returned from Dool's Ridge  
soon after 5 A.M.

4th Co. start further up  
the line said to dig wells  
(Enslin). The P.M.A. stationed  
here proceed to Modder  
River. Several train loads



(109)  
of troops still going up. Col  
Essex Regt from Colenso  
passed up. This Regt arrived  
at 10 AM while we were  
there. Sir Astor's Battalion  
on the station today.  
Col Boyd, Major Playley  
& 2 Pn Bell arrived. We camp  
to night. Their column  
said to have encountered  
a large number of Boers,  
had to retire to Richmond  
Stoupe's. Carey arrested  
insolent to Col Otter while  
intoxicated. His store is  
closed up.

Friday 4th 5/0

At 6.30 PM. No 2 tent Co goes on main  
guard. I am on No 1 Post, Password. Fortnight  
Sergt Beattie in command, one to bring for  
duty. Heavy night of heavy loads of troops  
etc pass up including 1st Life Guards.



Saturday July 3/00 (110)

Remain on ground until 11 P.M.  
Retreated at that time by  
the canals preparatory  
to moving to Massapan  
Lots of troops pass up the line  
including P. H. Woods Blue  
Some Scots Greys arrive in  
camp. Capt F. Hunter with  
them. About 3 P.M.  
tents & trunks & lines cleared  
up ready to move off.

At 4.15 P.M. Co. C marched  
off under Col Buchanan en  
route to Massapan. The  
march tedious on account  
of heat & sand. We make  
two halts on the way arriving  
in camp about 8 P.M. being  
met by several bivouacs with  
a pipier. After partaking  
of our tea bivouacs for the  
night tired out.



Sunday July 4/00 (111)

After breakfast I partook  
of a delightfully cool bath.  
filled myself up with  
the best water we have had  
since leaving Cape Town,  
During the day the Hants  
Borophos 1st Field Battery  
& De la Cruz's pass up  
Gordon's kindly pitch  
our tents. Forst time I hear  
reville on pipes

Monday July 5/00

After breakfast got our tent  
in good shape. Not much  
doing. After dinner I write  
home. In the eve do my  
washing. At night a concert  
in camp. Q. R. A. Gordon &  
Maunter all took part.  
Pleasant time spent.  
While in the act of making my  
bed outside camp, terrific  
storm <sup>suddenly</sup> arose blowing down  
several tents.  
About 4.30 P.M. I take another bath



Some troops going up the line  
(112)  
including P. Welsh Regt. +  
artillery. Hot day.

July 6/50 Tuesday. 9 AM  
9 AM at 5 AM. About 10.30 AM  
4 Cos of Gordons pass through  
9 AM camp en route to Maple  
leaf Camp. (So called by  
Canadian 4 Cos to dig Wells)  
They had a good band + pipes.  
coming from Enslin.

Surprised at noon to receive  
orders to be ready to start for  
Belmont. The Cheshire Regt  
relieving us fine body of men.  
Leave Massillon about 6.30 PM  
to march to Belmont.

Delightful march in the  
cool of the evening. Pass  
Staffordshire Regt on the  
road. Arrived at Belmont  
about 9 PM hungry + ready  
for bed. Packs carried  
by transport. Made a



(113)  
Good supper of Canned  
fish & biscuits. Rained  
for the night. Several  
sharp rain showers.

Feb 7/00 Wednesday  
Breakfast of hard tack & coffee  
Pitch tents after grub.  
Small fatigues all day  
General fatigue at 4 P.M.  
Troops constantly passing up  
the line. General French  
said to have passed up.  
I take a delightful bath  
in the evening water from  
new well dug where we  
were at ~~evening~~.

Orders issued to <sup>Shicks</sup> ~~Gardner~~ <sup>formally</sup>  
Brigaded under Col Smith <sup>P.O.P.</sup> ~~Honan~~

Feb 8/00 Thursday  
Point for C. Co 3. A 21 No 1 See  
for Shots Page No 2 Central  
Hill. A. 3 Patrol. I am  
orderly for the day. Have



to make <sup>11</sup>/<sub>3</sub> trips with grub  
for men of Dog tent.  
I feel the heat very much today  
Write to Col Roberts -

July 9/00 Friday  
C. Co returned from Dests  
Wedge 5 A.M. Had much  
excitement today.

Mail arrives always welcome.  
Spent an hour on the station  
to see the night train go up.

July 10/00 Saturday  
Op. at 5 A.M. Day of fatigue  
Fatigue at 6 to 8 A.M. for half  
of C. Co. General fatigue  
10 A.M. cleaning up lines  
General Parade ordered for  
Regt. about 4 P.M. C. Co. parade  
for fatigue loading given  
on transport was held left  
after dinner until 6:30 P.M.  
Heavy shower this afternoon  
C. Co. excused Regt. parade.  
Regt. late returning to camp.



July 11/00 Sunday  
 Church parade at 6.30 A.M.  
 Presbyterian Minister presiding  
 Regt parade at 3.30 P.M.  
 For inspection & practice  
 in the attack under new  
 Bugader in marching order  
 Genl expressed himself  
 pleased with appearance  
 & work performed by the Regt.  
 Returned to camp soon after  
 5 o'clock for tea. Men feel  
 heat very much. I take a  
 good bath after tea.

Awakened during night by large train  
 of transport wagons passing through  
 Belmont. Terrible yell of Kaffir drivers

July 12/00 Monday  
 Cos from Cook's farm return to  
 Belmont. Receive orders to  
 parade in marching order on  
 a 3 or 4 wks march. We take  
 from ranks, strike tents  
 & store all baggage away

Camp to be furnished to be for troops going to front



ready to move off. (116)

March to station about 4 P.M.  
Train moves off about 4.15 for  
Lraspan. Great venturism  
Arriving about 8. discontinue &  
brookes for the night.

Feb/13/00 Tuesday

Woke at 3 a.m. Breakfast  
of hard tack & coffee. Had  
the last bread for some time  
also. Left Lraspan soon  
after 3 am. route for Pam  
Ham. About 3.500 miles &  
the necessary transport.  
We all found the march  
very trying the first day.  
On account of heat & scarcity of  
water & having to carry our  
great coats etc. The rest of our  
brigade marched without  
coats. Arrived at Pam Ham  
about 11 am very tired & played  
out. packed with thirst.  
After tea I had a swim &  
felt very much better.



going around to see the  
big Naval Guns, Mortars  
& Howitzers etc. The former  
drawn by 30 Oxen.  
Covered about 15 miles.

July 14/00 Wednesday  
Marched from R and L am  
about 5.30 A.M. with the big  
naval guns, P.C.R. rear guard.  
A few miles from Reet River.  
The brigade is halted. C. Co  
ordered to support Co which  
occupied a ridge on the left  
flank. Saw several flocks  
of wild ducks. Arrived at the  
Reet River very tired & thirsty  
about P.M. Brigade halted  
on river bank to allow transports  
etc to cross. Men partake of  
hard tack for luncheon. We  
go down to the river to wash  
& take a long drink.  
P.C.R. supplies a fatigue of



100 men<sup>118</sup> to assist in taking  
big guns across river.  
The Brigade immediately starts  
to follow. While marching to  
our bivouac on opposite side  
Crossed Lord of the Lake & Cliff  
He rises in up & returns the  
company salutes. About dark  
soup is served to the hungry  
men. Difficultly in securing  
overcoats. Did not get much  
gained during the night.  
Men glad to sleep early.  
Let other units the different  
Cos to find out how the men  
feel after the march.  
Hertance marched

Feb 15/00 Thursday.



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