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A Diary

Kept by Ernest Siddall
when going to England by
the R. M. S. Duoya

May, Tuesday 31st 1898.

Mother was very little to do, as
Mama had done my packing
last night, so I had only
to get my breakfast & go to
boat. Ida, Elsie, Edgar & Mamma
went with me to the boat, but
when I arrived at the
Boone Ponds Station, I did
not bring my ticket, so
Mamma & I went back for it.
We caught the 11.21 train
from Boone Ponds. At
Glinders St we met
Auntie Kate Siddall & J. W. S.
He gave me a pocket book.

a letter to take to an aunt
of his in England.

There was Ida, Elsie, Edna,
Mae. Uncle J. H. S. Aunt

J. H. S. Mrs. Bottomley &
Mrs. Gorden ^{to see me} Mrs. Bottomley

gave me two parcels to take
to an Aunt of Mrs. Bottom-
ley's in England. Mrs.

Gorden gave me a Coolgardie
suggut. The boat left the

Port Melbourne Pier at
1.15 p. m. We passed the N^o 2

mail steamer Oceana
in the bay & the Heads

about 5 p. m. & about nine
o'clock ^{at} one of the

saunders told me we passed
Cape Otway. The weather

to-day was perfect. I was
not sea sick.

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Wednesday June 31

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The steward came in a 4.5
& told me the time, so I got
up had a warm salt-
water bath in a marble
bath. I then went on deck
feeling a bit queer, as I
thought it might be nec-
essary to leave the saloon
table in a hurry. I stood
on deck & had my break-
fast in the sight of the
sea. The morning
passed quickly with
by playing games &
listening to the band
which is on board.

Tea time soon
came around & I went
down to it but was
very glad to get back on
deck. In afternoon passed

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as quickly as the mo ^{ing} did. I occupied my time reading playing games & reading. While I am writing now there is before me a french woman speaking french. about an hour before tea. I began to feel hungry & you may be sure I did justice to the tea. I was very cold on deck & that accounted for there being so few passengers. but the sea was smooth. I felt a bit queer this morning & in the noon I was a bit sick with nothing to speak of and I am (low my self) again. I have my camera with me to my self is good. I hear now that the ^{ship} went ashore off Tahiti about 3 years ago.

Sheet No 2

June 1st Cont.

After Tea I wrote a letter to
Mrs. & Mr. Bullen when I had
done so. Then I went on
deck but did not stay long
there. I turned in at 11.0 p.m.

June 2. Thursday

We arrived at Largo Bay
about 4 a.m. and anchored
about 4 miles from the
shore. The steward called
me at 7.25 and then had
a bath, after walking
and being on deck for a
few minutes. I came to
breakfast at 8 a.m. a
sunch came along &
took off the boat and
was seen on the westward side of the

cadellade, so I got a ticket
to cadellade for 2.67 and went
aboard. The carriages on
the train are not equal
to the other ones, by a long way, being
very dirty looking &
noisy. At cadellade we
went along till we came
to the G. P. O. & Town Hall
two large buildings
opposite each other. From
there I went to the Botani-
cal gardens & saw through
the house there, from
there we went to the
art gallery I saw some
beautiful pictures but
there were very few of
them. I said I called
at the art gallery to see
if there were any pictures

awaiting me but to my
chagrin I did not get
any but after
we sailed from Sarg
day I received ^{one} from
Joa. de la B. & also two
souvenir cards. I had
only two hours to spend
in the old shade but
time enough to get $\frac{1}{2}$ tons
of biscuits & boxes of dried
eggs. I weighed ¹ ton self
today in old shade & turned
in some 2 lbs. caught ^{the}
11.45 train from old shade
which took us in the first
class carriage here. Through
the streets at a slow pace
with a bell ringing
from the engine. Back on
a good many passengers
in condition ^{at} ^{the} ^{end} ^{of} ^{the} ^{day}

of the bay at 2.00 p.m.
This afternoon I was on
deck reading The paper.
After I had tea, I went to
supper time in the saloon
as it was raining to night
Before I went to bed at 9.30
the supper which I had
partaken of, rose to a
higher level. &

June 3rd Friday
Got up at 4.5 & had a hot
salt water bath. Not feeling
very well went on deck
and did not have any
breakfast. Stayed on deck
till dinner time. When
I came down to the table
but had very little dinner
& laid down after dinner
for all this afternoon. I
only had a little dry toast

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June 3rd cont
for tea & went to bed at 6 h. m.
but awoke again at 10.30
when I read for a few
minutes & had some biscuits
before going to sleep again.

June 4th Saturday
before I got up at 4.10 I had
a bit of coffee & a few biscuits
Did not have a bath &
went on deck for a few
minutes before coming
to breakfast. I laid on
my bunk for the most
part of the morning &
afternoon, but came
to the table for my meals
after tea, walked round
the deck 4th times. They
have just put the white

covers on the chair seats
and cushions. Then to bed
at 9.30 p.m., but read for
about half an hour
before turning off the
light. General there is
a lady travelling second
class seventy three years
of age; also a little girl
five or six years of age
travelling by herself.

Sunday June 5th

This morning I got up
at 6.15, a little earlier
than usual, and had
a warm sea bath

after I had breakfast
I wrote a letter to Ma
& my grandparents.

There was Divine Service
in the Saloon this morn.

ing, so I was getting ready to go but when I found ^{at eleven} that it commenced at 10.45. I thought that it would be too late then so I did not go.

The meal hours are the same on Sunday as on week days but by way of a delicacy there was a tough fowl roasted for dinner.

When I found that letters could be posted up till 5 p.m. instead of 2. I wrote one to St. Wash.

We reach Albany at about 6 p.m. but the "Uroya" did not go close to the shore so the passengers for that part

and also the mails were taken on shore by the launches.

although we lost a few of our passengers here, we took on a fair number including a baby in arms, much to my disgust.

We sailed away from Albany at 10.30 a.m. while the clouds were crying bitterly (at our departure I suppose) and whilst the wind was doing its best to prevent ^{our} leaving.

I left the saloon at about 9 p.m. to retire to my cabin & to get into bed.

Sheet No. 4.

Monday June 6th

This morning I did not get up till the dressing bell rung at 7.30, and following my general custom. I had a bath. After breakfast went on deck and read for the most part of the morning. The sailors were busy putting the awnings over the first and second class decks, also a net was put round the first class deck so as to enable them to play cricket most part of this after-noon was spent on deck reading English with humour. We passed the Reven at 11 am this morning. The weather to-day is beautiful, & there

is a pleasant breeze blowing. There was a lot of skipping going on on deck this evening, and when I came from the deck at 8:30 to go to bed the piano was going & they were dancing.

General.

Although there are seven meals a day on board ship, I only have four (as a rule). There is tea or coffee served to you in bed at 6:45 a.m. but as I have a bath every morning, I make my breakfast ^{at 7 a.m.} serve me till dinner time. The hour of which is at one p.m. although there is a lunch at eleven-thirty.

Before tea comes round

at 9.30 I took some sweets
but I regretted having
taken them the next
day.

Wednesday June 8th
When I got up this
morning at 4.20, I felt
the ill effects of the sweets
that I had last night -
as there was a few min-
utes to spare before
breakfast I went on deck
not feeling very well
but I managed to come
to breakfast. One of the
items on the bill of
fare were pork sausages
so I ordered them, but
before they came I was
forced to go on deck &
to lean over the bulwarks.
Again I came down to

I find my way down
to the saloon where I
have a cup of tea & a
few biscuits. The tea
hour is at 5.30 pm &
the hour for supper is
at 9 p. m. but since the
time my supper was
I have left that meal
alone.

Th
Tuesday, June 4
This morning I crept
out of blanket flat at
5 a. m. after having
partaken of a good
breakfast. I went on
deck and played quoits
etc for the greater part
of the morning.

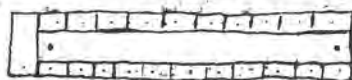
After I had a good dinner
I was on deck again play-
ing various games with
quoits, but before I went

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June 5th cont
to eat the passages, which
I did. This time I had as
soon as possible went
to my berth to read my-
self of my breakfast
I spent the morn-
ing in my berth sleep-
ing part of the time,
but when the bell rung
for dinner I went to
the table and had a
little fish when I had
partaken of my meagre
meal I returned to my
cabin where I stayed
all the after-noon.

For tea I had ham
slices and a cup of tea,
after which I went on
deck and about half
a dozen of us went

around the ship (an
Indian file) following
the leader, after we
warmed ourselves with
rumming about we
played "Two's & Three's"
"There was an old mucker
that lived by him-
self" etc etc after these
games I went down
into the saloon and
there played a game of
cards with two gentle-
men, and won the
game, after I had a
light supper, went to
my cabin, and when
I read till 10 p.m. went
to bed. General. The
Tables at meal times to-
day were partitioned
off by a wooden frame-
work about 1/2 way in a box

to keep the dishes from slipping off.



plan of table part of
to seat 22 persons

Thursday June 9th
after I had a cup of coffee
& some biscuits I got up at
7.30 and while I was
having my bath a huge
wave found its way
into the passage through
a port hole which was
open and swamped
the passage for a few
yards. My breakfast
consisted of 2 helpings
of ham & eggs, 2 of tea,
& 2 rolls. After having
breakfast went on deck
feeling as well as ever
and had a game of

This morning when I awoke the air was very warm & moist, whilst only a day or two before it was very cold, & thus the first summer's day that we have had. This after-noon was spent in the usual way i. e. reading & playing various deck games.

Friday, June 10th

This morning I went to see the time from the clock in the saloon & judging from the daylight expected to find it after 4.30 am. but to my surprise found that it was not 6.30, thus proving that we were in the tropics. After getting up I donned a clean shirt

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June 10th cont.

one with the turned down collar, also a light single
I had a game of deck
billiards, with a man
whose name (as I afterwards
found out) was Ponten
but after having played
two games he won them
both. I managed to copy
that out for Cha this morn-
ing & afternoon. After I
finished doing it I found
my black bag swarming
with ants, so I went to the
hair-dressers & got a tin of
insect powder & after tak-
ing out all its contents &
freeing them from the pest
put about half the tin into
the bag, I also put some
about my clothing in the port

two gentlemen & five ladies
went in evening dress to
it. It started at 8:15 &
terminated at 11 p.m.

After I had a good
supper, went to my cabin
at 10:45 & was in bed by
11 p.m.

Sunday June 12^H

This morning I was dress-
ed by 6:45 & had a cup of
tea & some biscuits at 7 a.m.
after which I went on deck
& read till breakfast time.

My breakfast consist-
ed of steak, 2 of ham & eggs
a roll & two cups of tea.

Before going to Divine
service at 10:45 in the
saloon, took up b. ct. for
a while, the captain read
the service, & the band

manteau. The weather was much the same as yesterday but if anything a little hotter. Forgot to state that it rained a little last night.

I was talking this evening to a man named Mr. Ponten who said that he had met Uncle Rowland. This evening I went to bed at 8.30.

Saturday June 11th

This morning I got up at 6.45 & managed to get the bathroom with the port hole, but while I was waiting for it, I saw for the first time a flying fish, which had the misfortune to fly on deck & he captured it was blue.

color & measured about
8 inches. There was quaker
oats for breakfast so I had
so, but soon found out
that they were minus
salt. After playing
various games on deck
I enjoyed a good dinner
as well as a passon fruit
& nuts. Again, this after-
noon we played various
deck games with quarts
& rubber rings & I was
victorious in three games
out of four. After hav-
ing tea off pork pies &
buns I started to read
Coopers travels. There was
a dance on the first class
deck last night to which
the second class passen-
gers were invited, but only

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June 12th bont
played the music, but
there was no sermon or
collection & the service
lasted only thirty five
minutes. Before going to
church, if it may be so
called, I put on a collar
& tie but as soon as we
got out took them off
then I went on deck to
read b.c. but as I thought
I ought to be decent for
sundays went to put on
my starch & my light
grey suit, before dinner.
The afternoon was
spent in reading b.c.
& in writing a letter to
call Presswell. Cooper's
knots were so interest.

ing that I was not in
bed till 12.20 a.m.

Sunday June 13

Not going to bed till
after mid night had
the effect of making me
sleep in, and had not
the steward told me that
it was a quarter to eight
I would very likely
be sleeping now, although
a dressing bell rung at
5.00 ~~on~~ just at the door
it is needless to say that
I did not have a bath this
morning, for as it was
I was late for breakfast.
Again I started back
and read the first one, after
which I started the

the second viz the Spy.
Had a couple of games
of deck billiards with
the new wooden cubes.
Before going to dinner
There were some nice
iced pears for dinner
which I quite enjoyed.
Through playing
deck billiards again
this afternoon I missed
my cup of tea but won
the two games. There was
a steamer sighted this
~~afternoon~~ which cause-
d a great deal of excite-
ment & a rush of pass-
engers on deck. It was
supposed to be a Dutch
vessel from China
bound for Ceylon by
the course it took.

although it crossed
our course, ^{we} were not
able to distinguish its
name, even with the
glasses. There was a
concert given by the
Third class passengers
at the main hatch way
at 8.30, but as I
had a touch of prickly
heat, I went to bed
before that time.

Th
Tuesday, June 14.
This morning I got up
sweating at 7.00, after
having been in a "vapour
bath" all night.
After having had a
good breakfast, I went
on deck for the first
time this morning.

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June 14. cont

I began to read the second yarn in. b. c. in real earnest & in this way passed the morning except for the half hour that I played deck billiards.

There were some nice strawberry ices for sweets so I had three of them. The afternoon was passed in reading, writing, & eating. (I wrote a letter to M. A.)

There was a concert given this evening in the second saloon at 5.30. The Captain (C. C. Staff) took the chair. But the programme consisted solely of songs, but there was

a good supper given, so
you may imagine that I
did justice to it. The concert
terminated at 10.15 p. m
& I retired to rest at 11 p. m.

Wednesday June 10th
after I heard the dress-
ing bell at 7.20 I got up
from my berth rather
unwillingly & made my
way to the bathroom.

As soon as I had part-
aken of a good break-
fast I commenced to
write a few letters &
when I had finished
them they were addressed
to the following persons
viz Ida but written to
Ida & Elsie Board and

William Bullen. This afternoon went very pleasantly & quickly reading. This evening had a chat with Mr. Blackadder (an elderly gentleman with a grown up daughter) & he advised me to put my clothes away, as we would be coaling tomorrow, so I went to my cabin & put as many clothes as possible in my portmanteau & the rest I put under the bed clothes of the other bunk.

I went to rest my weary limbs at 10 o'clock after trying to lock the portmanteau for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour & at last succeeded.

Thursday June 5th 1861

Although we arrived at Colimbo at 2 a.m. this morning I did not wake till a few minutes past six, so I got up & looked out of the port-hole in the passage & the first things that I saw were the narrow boats of the natives, with a support at one side, filled with various tropical fruits

Another object that caught my eye was the breakwater, which is a mile long & at the end of it there is a lighthouse & you could see the spray shooting up in the air for about a hundred feet

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June 16th Con.

I never saw anything like it in my life before & words cannot describe how beautiful it was to see it I did ~~not~~ have a bath this morning as the natives were already all over the ship when I got up on deck it was crowded with these brown naked (except for the cloth around the waist) people trying to sell fruits & all sorts of curios for about three times their value, to get a copper from you by diving into the sea. We had breakfast thirty minutes earlier this morning.

4 for breakfast & I had
ham & eggs. We i.e. the 4 of us
Blackadder & myself left
for the shore at 8.30 in a
little steamer manned
by these dark people &
they charged sixpence to
take us to the jetty about
a mile distance from the
"Oraya". After we walked
up the street from the
jetty we went towards
these jenukshaws & before
we knew where we were
surrounded with two or
three dozen of these flimsy
looking vehicles, each
owner wanting us to get
in his "carriage" at last
we each got in one &
went towards the Musam.

Everything that we
passed was as green as

green could be & we pass-
ed under many a shady
avenue of cocoa nut trees
& lofty palms. When we
commenced our trip
the weather was
shining brightly & it
was a beautiful day
but before we went half
a mile it commenced
to pour & I thought
that I would be drench-
ed as I had no waistcoat
on, only my thin alpaca
coat but we stopped &
the hood was put up
& got a waterproof rug
from under the seat
so we were kept perfect-
ly dry. When we got to
the busseam we found
it closed (we were too early)
so we went on to the

Lavinia, a distance of seven miles from Columbus. We passed many a dirty native village, but although the native shantys were dirty in the extreme the roads were kept very clean & the settled part in the centre about the width of two vehicles was very smooth & level & on either side of the track there was the beautiful green grass & the fowls - a kind of game breed - in vast numbers. Now & then we would come across a dirty little mongrel of a dog lying right in the centre of the track, but a kick from

sheet at 9. (b)
The fellow sent it limp
away. When we arrived
at St. Lavinia (as the
place is called for there
is no mountain at all)
we went to the hotel there
for a cup of tea & we had
a splendid view, for down
below us we could see
the waves dashing against
the rocks. On the other
hand we caught sight
of the large tropical
palms & beneath them
were smaller trees & shrubs.
I think that it is worth
going to England if it is
only to see Ceylon. St. & St.
Sleep had arrived at the
Hotel (St. Lavinia) about an
hour before us, but then
came in a carriage & so had

had time to stay to dinner
which we did not have.
But on our way to the
rickshaws from the hotel
we saw an Indian snake
charmer with a little
snake in a basket, which
he took out by the tail
& put it on the ground
when it wriggled a few
yards, he again took it by
the tail & put in the basket.
He also did some tricks
with cocoa nut shells &
some balls. We left the hotel
to go to the Museum but
we went by a different
road, than, the one we
came by. On the way we
went through a Buddhist
temple by paying 2/- to
the keeper & we saw Budder
in three different -

positions, but the form of him lying down was by far the largest. It was carved out of solid rock & must have weighed tons.

His eyes were real stones about the size of a goose egg & they were worth thousands after we left Budder in the glass cases. The door was locked after us & then we saw the different "hells" that those go to who commit certain sins. We saw the infernal region (represented by pictures on the walls) that those go to who steal ^{go to} when they die, also the place that they who cheat go to be tormented. The punishments for other wicked deeds were illustrated on

After we left the town
we went to through the
gardens to the museum
of massive looking buildings
with a very large barometer
carriage-way in front of it.
We were shown through by
one of the native attendants
there were very good collections of
birds, insects, stones, etc. etc.
butterflies & many of the birds
were exceptionally pretty but
we had only time to take a
hurried look around for the
Praya was to leave at last
Having left the museum,
we soon came to the native
quarters, with the narrow
crooked streets, the filthy huts
from which there came a
sickening smell, the smoke-
which, instead of going up
in the air, seemed to hang
in the narrow streets.

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When after we had been ^{absent} ~~about~~
five hours from the City, for
it was about nine a. m. when
we left we returned & went
to the Post Office - and here I
sorted the letters & got two
sent on 4th & a letter - could not
send to Mr. Pond, when we
left there we paid off our men
what not without a great deal
of trouble cost about fifty &
departs crowded ~~at~~ ~~order~~ ~~at~~ a
where we inquired to go a
Dissimone, who was also a
native, where the Orient Office
was, however thought that
the boat might not go till 4 p.
but to my sorrow I found out
too - at least at last a clock
the only thing that I bought

in Colombo was a pencil + a
bottle of lemonade, but I got
some fruit on the ship but
it soon went bad & useless
but I got five beautiful ferns too?

I was going to the fruit
market in a rickshaw but
as I did not have any money
to spend I turned back &
went to the jetty & met Mr.

Blackadder going on the launch
to the Drova which was about
a miles distance. When we got
on board everything was covered
in coal dust & they were still
coaling when I got on board
at 3.45. It was about five
o'clock when we left the
bay & we left at Colombo
Mr. & Mrs. Sykes & a lady
& a lad called Willie.

When we got out onto the
Ocean we met a vessel
coming in to Solambo &
we could see the lights of the
lighthouses & Pt. Baranca.

I went to bed about
half past ten.

There are very few
Europeans at Solambo &
going through the native
villages we would travel
two or three miles without
meeting a European &
when we did in their
carriages they were very
pale & thin.

Although the natives
in the civil service wear
a coat & pair of trousers
they do not wear boots.

The people here are

the greatest beggars in
vication, for not only do
the children beg but the
g rown up men & women
do also & if they have an
arm off they will exhibit
the short stump, which
is moving about or if they
have a sore they will take
two or three dozen filthy
rags from it & show you
it & if you do not look
they stick it under your
nose.

Sheet # 10

Friday June 19

Following my usual custom today I felt very seasick, but I managed to get up at 4.20 & attend the breakfast table. The steward was not troubled with bringing many dishes, for I only tasted a little fish when I made my way for the deck.

But as I felt sleepy I came & laid down in the salon for the morning. Dinner time soon came around, but I felt more like leaning over the bulwarks than eating any dinner. This afternoon found me lying in the same place as I was in

morning. Before I brought
out my bed clothes in
the saloon I had a sleep
for two hours & at 11 p. m.
I came out in the saloon
with my pyjamas on
& there I stayed till
4.25 a. m. in the morning

Saturday June 15

I arose this morning at
4.25 & I felt much the
same as I did yesterday
i.e. a bit seasick & wished
that we were at the end
of the voyage. The greater
part of the day was
spent in lying down
in the saloon. This
afternoon I ventured to
take some tea & some
biscuits, but hardly
had an hour elapsed.

when I waked I had
left the tea alone.

When I awoke from
my slumbers this after-
noon I could not hear
in my right ear it
seemed as if it was
clogged up, so I rang
the # bell for the steward
& told him about it
so he advised me to see
the doctor about it to-
morrow morning.

I had unfortunately
lost my afternoon tea
I did not have any
more tea, but soon
went to bed in my
berth.

Sunday June 19th
after I got up at 7.30
I felt a little better

but I did not feel well
enough to see if there
was to be any church
this morning. At half
past nine I went to
the doctor about my
ear, so he gave me some
oil to put into it & told
me to come tomorrow
morning.

I spent the day by
lying down in the saloon
& had a talk with an
old lady ^{Mrs} ~~Mr~~ ^{her} ~~his~~ ^{name} ~~name~~
who is going to Yorkshire
& came from Bendigo. ^{She}
She was quite pleased
to know that I was going
there. I heard afterwards
that she was 73 years of
age. She said she knew
a gentleman at Bagshaw.

Sheet ~~Rock~~ ^{Boat} - 30 - 10 - 10 - 10 -

June 19th cont
named Siddall after
I had a little supper
retired to my cabin at
11 1/2 m

Monday June 20th

This morning I felt
very sleepy when I got
up at 4:30, but I felt
a little better than I did
yesterday. I was lying
down in the saloon
all the morning, but
when dinner came
around I had three
helpings of apple tart
after having had dinner
I went on deck with the
intention of reading
but I got on talking
with Mr. B. & so did

very little reading

We saw a steamer
this afternoon making
towards Ceylon, & it
caused the usual rush
on deck.

I finished reading
another of Cooper's novels
called "The Spy" this
evening & it was very
exciting all through.

Before going to bed
I got some oil put in
my cars before I retired
to my cabin at 11 ¹²/₁₂ PM.

Tuesday June 21st

although the bell rung
at 7.30 I did not get up
till a quarter to eight
& through having a
bath I was a few minutes
late for breakfast. All
the morning I layed down

on deck trying to go to sleep but I did not succeed

This afternoon was spent in lying down in the saloon & while lying here heard that there was a ship to be seen from the deck but I felt too lazy to get up on deck & see it

After I put the oil in my ears again to night before I went to sleep we to bed at 10 1/2 p.m.

I forgot to state that I went to the doctor yesterday morning & he told me to continue putting the oil in my ears.

Wednesday June 21
As I did not feel refresh

ed after my nights rest
The mattresses did not
pull tight. Tell 4.50 & it
is needless to say that I
did not have a bath.

When I looked out
of the port hole a beautiful
sight met my gaze for
there, not more than four
or five miles away were
the high blue cliffs of the
island of Scotia rising
obliquely from the shore
& their summits seemed
to be crowned with a
white cloud & down the
sides there were streaks
of white sand making
a most lovely picture.

I felt the best to day
that I have been since
we left Columbus & I
thoroughly enjoyed the

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June 22nd 1904

hippered keering that we had for breakfast & the ice cream for dinner & salmon for tea.

I went to the doctor about my ear & he syringed it out for me with good effect for it brought some of the dark looking stuff out, & he gave me some more oil to put in when going to bed.

Most part of the day I was writing & making my diary up to date which got about a week behind through being sea-sick.

After we had tea I went on deck and as some expressed a wish to have a game of deck

billiards, so I got to Charlie
to make the rings & we had
a game, but my side had
the misfortune to loose.

To night I intended
to go to bed early but as
there was some fresh
butter. I waited till supper
time & tried it (for I had
not tasted the butter for
weeks) & it was catalbe
which is more than I
can say for the other
for it fairly stunk.

Through having
supper I did not go to
bed till 10 o'clock.

Ever since we left
Columbo we have had
very rough seas & we
also got the full force
of the chonsoons & were

going to get behind
time, so last Sunday
they took the canvas
awnings down as they
lessened the speed of the
ship. It was very dis-
agreeable on deck then
for when the sun was
not beating down on
our heads it was rain-
ing (Friday Sat. Sun. &
Monday) making it an-
thing but pleasant.

The speed of the ship
lessened from 356 to
260 after we left Ceylon.
Coming from Coleridge
to Scotia more than
half of the passengers
in our saloon were
seasick & about a
dozen were worse
than I was.

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Thursday June 23
after spending a dread-
ful night kicking about
more than sleeping
(for this was the hottest
night we had) I got
up at 4.30 & put on
a clean pair of sock-
ings & also a clean light
shirt. At the breakfast
table I heard that a
young man had died
in the hospital. From
what I learnt afterwards
he was a son to the secretary
of this company (Orient)
in London & he was
working his passage
home to England, but
as it happened he
died at 15 years of age
of brain fever.

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June 23rd cont.

As he was buried today
at 11 a.m. I watched the
ceremony. His body was
sewn up in canvas &
was heavily weighted at
the time appointed
his corpse was covered
with the flag & the bier
was borne along (oppos-
ite the purser's office on
the lower deck, starboard
side) by six of the stewards.
Then came all the other
stewards following two
by two, when the place
was reached where the
boulwarks had been
removed his body was
placed on two forms

when the captain had read the service (which I did not hear) the beer was tipped up & the canvas form dropped, feet foremost into the sea with a great splash & sunk immediately not more than three feet from the vessel's side.

This scene caused many of the fair sex to cry & one I heard fainted.

This afternoon was passed in playing deck bill.^{as} + Mr. B. & I were partners, but out of the five games played, we could not manage to win one.

Great excitement was caused on deck this

afternoon through see-
ing two steamers. The
first was only a small
vessel with a few sails
suspended from the
spars. The small vessel
we (^{met} passed) on the starboard
side but the second
steamer we passed on the
side & it proved to be a
French ship of the C.M.C.
line named the Laos
which left Colombo
a few hours before us
& it was said to be a
twenty knot ship but
we passed it going at
14 knots. It was very
cool on deck today for
there was a cool breeze
& there was another
awning put on top
of the other making

it very cool & pleasant -

It was so hot & oppressive in my cabin that I slept in the saloon all the night. The ports were open, so for the few hours of rest I had I slept soundly. When you sleep in the saloon you have to wait till the lights are turned out at eleven p. m. for you can hardly lie full length in your berth while others are having supper.

Friday June 24th

This morning at 6 a. m. I got up & went on deck in my pajamas with the object of seeing the

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ill fated (P & O liner) the
"China" but as we ~~were~~ were
not near that desolate
barren rock yet I went
down & had a bath before
coming up again at 4.4

When I came up I
saw the two masted
steamer, she was lying
near the extremity of the
rock with a list to the
port side which was
next to the island. We
were very close to her
being not more than
two miles from her &
was perfectly visible
through the glass & besides
her on the starboard
side there were two fair

sized steam launches
& we concluded that
she had steam up for
smoke was issuing from
her funnels

When I first went
on deck two little steamers
were seen on the star-
board side not very far
from the horizon, but
we soon lost sight of
them

The island of Peum
is a very old barren rock
for not a green thing
was to be seen on it &
the only things on it
was a flag staff and
thick light house & I think
there is a fort there
also from what I heard
The boat said about this

island, the better for it is
not likely to be famous
except for shops & a

caffer. we left Perum
we went through the "Gates
of hell" into the Red Sea &
we saw two or three wrecks
along the coast & one of
the vessels had its mast
painted all the colors of
the rainbow by the crew
& it now serves them as
a land mark

Rocks rise abruptly
out of the sea all over the
place & they seem to be
nothing but a bare rock
& most of them have
not a green blade of grass
on them & it is only in
a sheltered valley that
any thing is to be seen
in the way of vegetation

In the afternoon we
past the twelve peaks
called the "Twelve Apostles"
They consist of a group
of rocks, rising about
fifty or sixty feet from
the sea & there is not a
soul to be seen about
them.

There was a concert
on this evening at the
main hatch at a quarter
to eight & it was got up
by the third class. Most
of the second class attend-
ed & I was one of their
number. It was very
"great" the steward that
attends our table was
dressed up & sang two
comic songs. The bath-
room steward of the first

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June 24 cont.

of the first class did the same & one of his songs was called "Old Photograph". Miss Nellie Sheldon gave us a song at 11:00 & taking it all through it was very good & I got up among the passenger on the first-deck. The chief officer said that we passed three vessels this evening but I only saw one.

After walking round the deck a dozen times I went down to my cabin read & took my blankets into the saloon & I was asleep soon after twelve

Saturday June 25

Feeling quite refreshed with my nights rest, I got up at 7.30 & had a good Saturday wash

After breakfast we saw the R. C. S. India (sister to China) about four miles from our port side & it is needless to say that she was bound for Australia.

We had a game of deck billiards but we were not so successful as we might have been

about 11.15 we sighted two more steamers we passed one & met the other. The one that we met was said to be a German one & we met it on our port side

not more than a mile from us, & the other was only half a mile from our starboard. It proved to be the Gulf of Genoa. Both vessels had each two masts & a funnel. Although the G. of G. was going the same way as us we soon left her behind & before an hour passed she was not to be seen. The afternoon I spent lying on top of some ropes & it was not long before I was sound asleep, but was awakened by some child crying. There was a concert given on the first deck so as we were invited I went but it was very tame & as supper was not served out to us we left as the first class passengers.

if you can call them, ^{the} class
were going down to their
supper, leaving us sitting
on deck to enjoy the fresh
air - it was nice & cool
in the saloon I slept there
all night after half past
seven.

Sunday June 26th

I got up at the usual
time i.e. half past seven
& for breakfast I had
porridge & 2 helpings
of ham & eggs. There was
no service this morning
so I stayed on deck all
the morning, & the after-
noon I slept on top of
some ropes. We passed
a good few vessels but
but as I am a day
behind through writing

Sheet No. 15 (6) wrote letter to Mother

June 26th cont.

so many letters. I cant remember how many we passed.

In the evening there was service conducted in the saloon by the Rev Mr Jones & in the course of the service he said that it was the first time in five years that he had preached in English to a congregation. He gave a very good sermon about "Jesus & the woman at Jacob's well" & a good many attended the service. Mr Jones joined the boat at Bexlon & I believe he came from Madagascar & was going to England with his wife & three child.

men before going to crew
gunica. I slept in the
same place as I did
last night & went to
bed about 12 midnight

Monday June 24th
after having had a
good night's I got up at
the ring of the dressing
bell. after we had break
fast. we went on deck
& saw ourselves entering
the Gulf of Suez. Land
could be easily seen on
either side, but the land
on the starboard side
was very far away but
the "blue" rocks could
be seen rising high
into the sky. The land
on the other side was

a great deal lower & at
the port side a long
strip of rock ran out
into the sea & on the eastern
side there was a high house
125 feet high. We saw the
high rocks rising oblique
ly from the water till
we entered Suzy at 30 pm.
& it was a beautiful sight
to see the yellow sand
on the shore & then the
bare rock rising up a
hundred feet or more
into the air, away to the
back of these rocks the
blue mountains were
visible. We saw the place
where (it is said) Chosro
led the Issacates across the
Gulf of Suzy, but there
was nothing striking
about the spot.

In the evening just before we entered the Canal I saw the most beautiful sunset that I have yet seen for there were the "blue" hills & behind them could be seen a beautiful sky of crimson & just in front of the rocks could be seen the sea still as could be without a ripple on, & here & there, there was a "yellow looking river" in the sea, a beautiful contrast beside the blue sea, if this was able to be painted in a picture you could not believe that such a beautiful sky was ever seen on earth. We had a couple of games of deck billiards this evening

Write letters to Ida blue
& Reginald

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June 27th cont

our side. i. e. Mr Atkinson
& I, won two games out of
the three that we played

We passed the "Orient" this
morning about eleven
o'clock. At the time I
was writing a letter ^{to Ida} &
when I got on deck the
bows of both vessels were
opposite each other, but
when we were opposite
we could not have been more
than 200 yards from each
others port side for they were
(the ports) exactly opposite &
there was great shouting
& waving of handkerchiefs
on board both ships. we
also passed a few smaller

all day the ropes etc were
got ready for when we
arrived at Suez which we
did at about 4:30, then
when we arrived there a
boat was lowered & a big
piece of iron was fixed on
the rudder, & all the various
lights fixed and as soon
as we were ready we left
for the canal. While
we were waiting at
Suez a lot of Arab sail-
ing boats came to the side
with grapes, eggs turkish
delights, figs, dates cigars
beets cabbages & all sorts
sorts of curios, and it
was not long before they
were displaying their
wares on the decks

& I bought a big box of figs for 6 & a ship that two shillings was asked for. I got for 6 & some Turkish delight 3, but I did not care for it.

It was a very pretty sight to see the ships with the blue white & green lights darting by you. It was after ten when we left Suez & as we passed we were able to see by moonlight the houses & avenues of green trees. It was about half past twelve before I went to my bunk & read.

Tuesday June 28

This morning I got up at six & went to have a look from the deck in my

right suit & see a dreary
desert on both sides of the
canal & the only thing green
that was to be seen was a
row of trees or shrubs that
have been planted in a row
to prevent the sand com-
ing into the canal. After
staying on deck for about
five minutes I went back
to bed again & got up at
4.30 to dress. While I was
having my bath we stopp-
ed at Ishmardia a little
town on the Egyptian
side of the canal about
three miles inland, but
I was not able to see it
through looking out of
the port in the bathroom.
I was late for breakfast.

June 28 cont.

at Iskhmalia we took about seven passengers on in our saloon. After I wrote a letter to St. Etash I went on deck but it was dreadfully hot there. Heat I had to come down again & going through the canal was the hottest part of the journey. After I had eaten nearly a whole melon or rock melon (for they taste exactly like rock melons) I went on deck & passed the time in watching the distance past that we passed every tenth of a mile & it took $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to do a $\frac{1}{5}$ of a mile when I timed it once over.

There nothing to see at all on the eastern side but a vast desert of sand stretching as far as the eye could see, but on the other side there was a row of trees or shrubs planted in a trench running parallel with the canal & now & then we would come across a station of the left side of canal & the green trees that surrounded the houses looked very pleasant & refreshing against the yellow sand. Each of the stations have a tall flag staff, but it looks more like the mast of a vessel than a flagstaff. by

which they are able to signal to each other if two vessels are likely to meet between the station.

On one side of the canal there is a bank four or five feet high & the sand is prevented falling in, by a wall of stone, but in some places the stone has fallen in & the bank is given up. On the other side the same slopes to the water's edge & the sand is prevented coming in by some dry brushwood that is kept in its place by thin let-poles.

On the African side there is a railway line running parallel with

from Suzy to Port said
& we met two trains turn-
ing towards Suzy but
it had only a single track.

We arrived at Port said
at 4.15 but not before we
passed the city of Spata.
I had up at one of these
stations & I heard that
we were tied up once to
let a German ship pass
during the night.

When we arrived at
Port said it seemed to be
crowded out with ships
for Rear admiral Barnard's
fleet had arrived here from
Spain the day before (2nd of July)
& most of the war vessels
had coloured flags flying
for it was some gala
day in Spain.

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June 28 cont.

& it was a beautiful sight to see the war vessels with all the flags flying. The following two I saw with their names on them viz "Colon" & "Buenos Aires" & I saw most of the others but I could not see their name.

We stopped not more than fifty yards from the shore, & as soon as the gangway was lowered I went ashore with a pair of married men in one of the native rowing boats & the fare was 3. When we landed we went up the main street looking at the shops & houses, and also the one running parallel.

with the shore, and when they went & had tea. I went looking for the Post Office for I had some letters to post & stamps to get for them, after a little trouble I found it to be in a street running off the main street



after I posted my letters & got 2 postcards I went down the main street & got some views of Port Said & the canal at 5" each & also six souvenir cards. There were some fine buildings here & none of those little

dirty huts were to be seen
anywhere & the hawkers
would take no for an
answer but they would
not scruple to cheat you
if possible. The people walk
down the streets here for
the footpaths are so narrow
& they are lighted up with
gas. There are two or three
tram cars drawn by
horses running about
the main streets & now and
again an old carriage is
seen with its wheels wobbly
from side to side drawn
by ~~two~~ dirty old nags consist
of bones & a little skin. The
horses here are nothing
compared with those of
Ceylon & I only saw one
in fair condition.

We saw some people riding donkeys but very few are riding here they mostly use shanks mare. The scavenger carts are drawn by mules.

About a quarter of the people here are Europeans (Italians mostly) so you don't seem to be so much at the mercy of the natives as in Ceylon where you only see one white person in two hundred. The married women have their faces covered up & the eyes are only to be seen & there is a piece of brass running down the nose they are only to allow their husbands to see their faces which are I believe anything but

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June 25 1891

We left the city for our boat just as it was getting dark but the fare back to the boat was 6 as it was passed half past seven. When we went down into the saloon it was like a furnace for there was not a breath of air & it was awfully hot & it was stifling in my cabin & when I went on deck you could not sit down for everything was covered with coal dust & so there was nothing to do but walk about or else sit down in the saloon.

We were coaling for about five hours & it was a wonderful sight to see

running up the plank
with the basket of coal &
tipping out into the ship &
then running down another
plank to get a fresh supply
all in one continuous string.
In order to see to coal
at night they fell a large
grating with it & set it on
fire, of course the grating
is held up in the air with
a rod.

When it was supper
time I soon came down &
did justice to it for to econ-
omise I had nothing to eat
for five hours, since four
when I had two cups of tea
& about half a pound of
biscuits.

At twelve I went to
bed in my cabin.

Wednesday June 29th

This morning I slept in & it was not till the steward told me that it was 5 o'clock that I got up & did not have a bath. I went on deck & read through the papers that were lent to me & I saw that Camara's fleet consisted of the following ships viz. Pelago 9,900 tons First class twin screw battle ship with a speed of 14 knots & had armour 9.5 inches thick & it carried 2 twelve in guns besides a number of smaller ones, a crew of 600
Epoca de Carlos 9,000 tons was a battle ship with the same kind of screw, guns armour & had same number of crew as Pelago

La Plata was formerly
the Hamburg liner Germany
& it is now armed with
twelve guns

Buenos Aires was a Trans
atl. steamer, but is armed
now with ten guns

Isla de Luzon 1040 tons
17 knots & third class cruiser
with a crew of 164

Rapido Once a Hamburg
liner now it has twelve
guns

Bolon a small gunboat

Atuday are torpedo
Isado destroyers

Proserpina (likely a late addition)
Caradonga unarmed
transport

San Francisco collector

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June 29th cont

There was a rumour at Port Said that the the Spaniards said if they could get as much coal as they wanted they would take & the authorities had cabled to England about the affair, but as we left about half past ^{ten} we heard nothing more. I also saw that the British ^{vice} consul for Somalia & Zanzibar & that Bombardier etc as Beam from Berber were going to Europe on the Proya. The B. F. Co's name was Mr's Selwe. After doing a bit writing I went & took the backs of my stamps & this

occupied about two hours
then I sorted them out into
packets of one hundred
& in all I had 700 stamps
After I had a good supper
I went to bed at eleven o'clock.

I forgot to state that as
we were leaving port said
we met a P. & O. liner coming
in, & we took on at P. S. 18
passengers in our saloon.

Thursday June 30th

This morning at three
a. m. I was awakened by
some water coming in
the porthole just above me
so I got up & went to my
cabin, & it was well. I did
for about a bucket full
came in just after.

about half past seven I
went & had a bath which
I greatly needed after the
cooling, and I put on
clean stockings singlet &
shirt. after I had two
of ham & eggs; we had three
games of Deck billiards &
our side won two games
but we laboured under
a disadvantage for we
could not see the rings

We saw two vessels in
the distance, one was
supposed to be a P & O liner
& the other was the first
proper sailing vessel that
we have seen since I
left Melbourne. after the
game I did some writing
in my diary & I was doing

the same this afternoon.

There was a dance given on the first deck although the second class passengers were invited to only class. Sheldon went over to it as they treated us so nicely. Last time I started to write a letter to Mother but did not finish it till tomorrow.

After I had a good supper of bread butter cheese & water I went to sleep on the cushions in the corner of saloon with my stories on. The weather yesterday & today was beautiful & it was none too hot for we have a cool breeze blowing.

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Friday July 1st

This morning at three o'clock I awoke & after having undressed I put on a clean pair of pyjamas & took my bedclothes into the saloon & slept till 7 a.m.

At that time a steward told me the time so I went to my cabin & slept half an hour longer till the bell awoke me from my slumbers. I breakfasted as soon as I was dressed, so I had some porridge & herring for that meal, but as soon as I got on deck the herring went the place where it came from i.e. the sea.

but after I had laid down
on deck for a few hours I
felt better. Before having
I wrote a letter to Mother
that I commenced yesterday
& also after dinner one to
Elsie & St. Biller, but as
I did not know whether
we would go ashore at
Staples or not, I posted
the letters on board, & as
the barman had no Italian
stamps, I had to put Eng-
lish stamps on them.

This afternoon about
five o'clock we entered the
straits of Messina, & we
passed many a little
sailing vessel & schooner
in the narrow straits
which are in one place

not more than two or three miles wide

The scenery on either side was really charming & it was by a long way the best that we have yet seen from the "Oraya"

On the Italian hill or mountain sides could be seen the beautiful orange groves & vineyard which were as green as possible & the white houses peeping out here & there amongst the dense vegetation of fruit trees was a lovely sight

Every few miles along the coast there was a city or town, & it was a beautiful sight to see the

white houses glittering
in the sun, & we could
very often see the white
bed of some dried up
water stream winding
in & out down the
mountain side, where
or just before they entered
the sea they were ~~in~~ mostly
spanned by a massive
looking bridge.

Now & then we would
see a city nestled high
up on the mountain
side, amongst some green
groves of trees, & sometimes
where the town was near
the sea shore you would
perhaps see a house on
the extremity some erect
that was jutting far
out into the sea.

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Friday July 1st cont

But on the Sicilian side the mountains were very much lower but a good way inland behind the high hills, the indistinct outline of Mount Etna could just be seen & on the very top we thought we could see smoke issuing from it - we might have been mistaken for it could have been a cloud. The top of the Mount was bare but lower down snow could be plainly seen.

The scenery resembled much that on the other side of the strait. Our course going through the

straits was very uncertain
for at one time we would
be going due West & making
for the rocks ahead, but
at the next moment we
would take a sharp turn
& go quite in an opposite
direction. Our course through
the straits was anything but
straight. Ha Ha We passed
many a lighthouse on
either side of the straits
but they were not lit when
we saw them. We were
through the straits by 7 or
half past making for
Staples. While writing
down here this evening
the band was playing
& they were dancing

To day two of the

passengers were a bit queer
least so I heard.

after I had a good
supper I went to bed in
the saloon at eleven
thirty.

Charlie told me that
the crew in this ship
including every body
(stewards & stewardess)
numbered one hundred
& eighty.

Saturday July 2

This morning at half past
four I went up on deck at
half in my pyjamas to
see if there anything worth
seeing, but as there was
nothing I laid down & slept.

Till a quarter to six
I went on deck & as we
would be soon entering
the Bay of Staples & I went
to have a bath & dress &
when I got up again it
was half past six. At
6.45 we stopped in the
stinking Bay of Staples
as the sailing notice was
not put up till half past
seven I did not go ashore
for we were to leave again
at noon. We were soon
surrounded with boats
full of fruit wares & others
& it was not very long
before the Italians were
on deck exhibiting their
"jewellers" boxes walking
sticks fruit etc. etc.

Thurs July 23

July 2nd cont.

I got 1/2 worth of fruit & 2 skulls & a tortoise shell box for a 1/2 & that was all I spent. Altho many people have over the Bay there is nothing so striking about it in my mind except the frightful smell.

The Italians are worse than anybody for trying to sell curios for about six times their value & in most cases if you offer them a quarter of what they ask you have the article that you really did not want thrust into your hands.

On one side of the bay you see Jesuits towering high into the air.

& from its sides you see
smoke issuing forth & on
the opposite side is the city.
The houses seem to be built
close to the shore & they rise
tier after tier on the hill
side at the back of the
shore & the houses or public
buildings seem to be very
handsome & airy.

We were standing in the
Bay at 9.30 (half an hour
after the time posted up)
when we saw a boat
making with all haste
towards us & two men were
at the oars & the other was
waving his cap furiously.

He was thought to be
a passenger who had missed
the boat, so the quarter
master on our deck told

the skipper & at the time
we were just getting steam
up but anyway ~~the~~ the
engines were stopped. when
the boat got along and
the man proved to be one
of the crew who went
ashore without leave. A
rope ladder was lowered
but the men who rowed
him to the ship wanted
10/- but they did not get it
as some one said "get out"
(for we had already started
while he was waiting for
the 10/-) for a ... so. The men
in the boat let go of the
rope very reluctantly. The
German who was a fiddler
in the band said that he
gave them all he had
& that was six shillings

but they wanted a £1
but we thought he gave
them 6/- on shore & promised
them 10/- more when he
got to the boat. So make
matters he not only
left without 10/- but he
was bringing two bottles
of whisky with him, so
he threw them up to his
mates, but one hit against
the side of the ship & the
other that was sound
was thrown unto the sea
again much to his anger
by the chief officer.

By his going ashore I
heard that he ran a great
chance of being dismissed
from the ship but afterwards
heard he lost a weeks pay

Sheet No 24 July. As soon
as we were passing a
hillside crowded with houses
we saw the entrance to two
or three tunnels which
ran through to the other
side. We saw many an
old ruined castle on the
little islands & we also
saw the Great Italian
forts of today. I got hold
of some English papers
& was reading them all
day. At 4.30 p.m. I went
to have a sleep before tea
but I slept so soundly
that I did not hear the
tea bell, & it was not till
five minutes to six that
the steward told tea was
finished. You may be sure
that I got up a better

then & had what there
was to be got.

after supper I had
a walk on deck & had a
chat with a man who
had been staying at tables
& I went to my cabin
at 11 h. m.

Sunday July 3rd

again this morning
I was near lapsing my
breakfast for I did not
get up till 5 o'clock & you
may be sure I did not
have a bath.

There was a crew arrival
to day in our saloon - a girl
& it visited us today in the
arms of the stewardess & I
caught a glimpse of it but
the eyes were not open.

Just while the baby was
in the saloon a huge wave
found its way in through
the port which was closed
but not properly fastened
& it drenched a Mrs. Hill
who was lying down on
the sofa & wet the table cloth
& cushions

There was no Devereux seen
today at all

I wrote two letters to day
one to Mother & the other to H.
Ash, & told them about Chapl
& the fiddler.

We could see the fort &
light house of Charaules at 6.30
& also the houses of R. C. Bathedra
which is perched high up on
a rock above the other buildings
as we got past the rocky isle
we could see the other part of city

Sketch of the harbour



There was nothing very striking about the place except the R. C. C. & the forts on island. Before we passed the rocks at half past six we took a pilot on board & he took us in but we had the assistance of four tugs to turn us around when in the shelter of the breakwater. After we got there we waited about three quarters of an hour before our passengers went ashore & we had not time to go ashore for the sailing notice said the vessel would leave at

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July 3rd cont

5 p. m but it was 9 p. m
before it started to drive a
half past when we left the
breakwater. The passengers
who got off here were viz -
Mr Ponten Mr & Mrs Foster
Mrs & Mr Cross Miss Susan
Mr & Mrs Johnson Mr & Mrs Black
address 72 German feet whose
name I don't know Mr Down
& Mrs & this is all I think.
He only stayed two hours at
Harsail Co & the reason for
the passengers having to wait
after we arrived was to allow
the Doctor to come on board
We could easily see the
eclipse of the moon to night
& it was the first eclipse that
I have seen, when I first saw

at the shadow was on the
north side at seven o'clock
& at 9 p.m. it was nearly all
over. After I had a good
supper I went to bed at 9.30

I forgot to state that there
is a brakewater at staples.

At tea time we met on starboard
a French liner & we also passed several little
sailing vessels

Monday, July 7

I got up this morning
after having a restless
night's sleep at 4.40 & I had
a bath & was dressed before
the bell rung. Last night I
was dreaming about having
received a letter from P. & J.
I seemed to be lost this
morning for there was no-
body to play billiards with
so I came to the saloon &
commenced writing.

505 of or the greater part of the
afternoon & morning I
was reading the paper
lent to me by a Mr. Tompso.

The band was playing
on deck this morning &
the other day they were gett-
ing in a subscription for
the band, but they did not
come to me for a donation.

Charley the quartermaster,
Arthur Bacey a steward had
a great deal to do to day.

The sailors were busy
taking down the awnings
today, (lest the two aft ones)
painting & varnishing.

Today I was playing
quits etc with a man who
got on at Port said, but he
was too good for me & I lost
every game.

about three. This afternoon we could see a sailing ship five or six miles from us on our starboard side & about an hour afterwards we met on our port side a steamer about four or two miles away.

At half past four I went to my cabin for a sleep, but I did not go to sleep so I was not late for tea.

We could see the lights of a steamer about half past nine on our port side at about a mile's distance.

When I had supper I did some writing before going to my berth at 11 1/2 pm. I forgot to state that we passed two or three little

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that we passed two or three little ferry boats before entering Chacabales & as one of the boats hoisted the French flag we had to return the compliment & the quarter master hoisted the Union Jack.

Tuesday July 4 - 5th

When I got up this morning it was twentyseven minutes past seven so I was in time for breakfast as soon as I went on deck after breakfast we could see plainly the coast of Spain & the Serra Nevada rising obliquely from the shore.

It was said that we passed
the Arcadia: about five this
morning, but I don't know
if it was so. All through
the day we were meeting &
passing steamers, sailing
vessels & boats, we only pass-
ed one vessel near enough
to see the name & that was
the Elbow or Elbow. & we
passed it on our starboard
but since we started we
never yet saw a vessel that
had passed us.

I was lying down
for the greater part of
the morning & afternoon
& afternoon in my berth.

We had the best dinner
to day that we have yet
had.

about nine p. m. we could see the lights about Gibraltor & a little later we saw the lighthouse light.

It was about ten or a little after when we (~~landed~~) anchored at Gib. & we could plainly see the rock which is one of Englands most valued possession & on its very summit we could see two lights where the signal station is.

It was a beautiful moonlight - night & we could see the Rock & the houses at the base quite plainly & we could even see the lights in the houses through the windows.

It was said that we got some tea at Beylon for 6/6 but if we had some it was not long before it was discharged for we left about midnigh^t.

As soon as the doctor had come on board & said "it was all right" we had the Italian's on board with fruit, cigars & sweets, so I got two baskets (or about a 1/2) of strawberries for 6/-. After I had some strawberries I went to bed at half past five. The day we left staples we saw a fleet of five warships on our starboard side but we could not

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not make out their nationality.

While we were having tea last Sunday just before we entered Charsaile we met on our starboard a French coal steamer.

Wednesday July 5th

This morning I went to my bath at 7.25 & at breakfast time was able to take a good breakfast including strawberries.

When on deck for a few minutes after breakfast, we passed one steamer & met two others one after another. Two passengers in our saloon at

a sub last night & two or three got on again including a parson & his wife.

We met on our port a cargo boat with two masts & one funnel which I heard was named "Bardava" this was about eleven o'clock

Just after we met a sailing ^{boat} which I was told was a brig.

We passed Capt St Vincent about noon today & we saw the lighthouse as usual when we pass a lighthouse, the bell rung a signal for Charlie the quartermaster to hoist the flag.

Before going to dinner I picked up an interesting

book & began reading.

again we passed a four masted vessel with one funnel, that we passed at a distance but it got ahead of us through our calling at her even today we could not see the name.

after dinner I was on deck reading, but feeling very sleepy at three I went to my cabin & slept soundly till tea time, then I got up & had a tea off seed cake.

There was a beautiful sunset this evening, the loveliest that I have yet seen for there were the clouds like little lumps of snow & behind the red sun, & when the sun

passed behind the clouds
it looked like a picture of
the earth in space

It was very cold again
tonight, & a lot had their
capes & cloaks on

Amongst the passengers
who number eight or nine
that got on at GIB there is
a Spaniard who speaks
English very well

A man that got on at
PORT SAID asked me to take
some tobacco through the
customs for him, but
I told him I did not mind
doing him a kind turn
but I would take tobacco
through the customs for
him

I took the book that
I was reading up on deck
to put it where I found

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but as Mr. Sleep asked me for it I gave it to him for it was his

after eleven o'clock last night I had a walk around the deck fifteen times & then I went to bed & it was about half past eleven

Thursday June 4th

at the ring of the bell I got up & was a few minutes late for breakfast. after breakfast I went on deck & there was another awning taken down this morning, only two are up now. We had a game of deck billiards & our

side (Ch^r: Reeves & I) won the two games that we played

I also had a game of quoits but I was beaten with quoits

The fourth officer honoured us with a visit to our table today & I had a very good dinner

This afternoon I wrote a letter to Mother & also started one to H. C. W.

It was said that we passed Cape Finisterre about four p. m. but I do not know if that was so

About tea time a furious gale was blowing from the land & of course the sea was a bit rough & this gale kept the ship back a good bit

After tea I was sitting
in the saloon reading
St. Stewart's diary & about
eight o'clock I was feeling
a bit queer, so I went
to my cabin & got to bed
for had I not gone I
would have been sea-
sick. It was said after-
wards that there were
only two to suffer.

Friday, July 8th
at the ring of the dress-
ing bell at 25 past seven
I got up & had a bath
while there I washed
my hair, but it all went
into lumps, when I dried
it with the towel that
had been washed in.

salt water, so it was
necessary to wash it
in my bedroom again

after having a good
breakfast consisting of
porridge, bacon & egg.

I wrote a letter to Grand
pa & ma & also finished
the one to St. John.

About noon today
we passed a British
gunboat or armed cruiser,
or rather we met it on
our port side about
a mile away.

This afternoon I
was busy packing up my
clothes, goods & chattels, & I
put my dirty clothes in the
bag & I was also reading
the paper of July 2nd.

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There was a dense fog this afternoon & you could not see a cables length in front of you so we had to let the whistle fill the air with its shrill voice & we could hear another vessel close by. It was not long before it cleared off & we could see a boat lighter laden about half a mile from our starboard rounded the Serapis going the same way as us.

Charlie told us when it was foggy that there were two officers & the Captain on the bridge & two men on the lookout.

I was about 8:30 before
we were in a line with
the Whant lighthouse
which has a flash light
& it was here, so somebody
told me that the Drummond
battles went aground

After I had a light
supper I wrote a letter of
seven pages to my Presswell
& it was about a quarter
passed eleven before I
went to the cabin

Saturday July 11th

This morning I got up
to see if we had arrived
at Plymouth but as the
stewardⁱⁿ me, it was not
in sight I went to my
cabin & slept for half an
hour longer & got up at

6 a. m. & as I did not
have a bath it was not
long before I was on deck
but we had already
made fast when I got up.

We could not see
Plymouth, but we could
see a pretty little village
in a little valley just

by the shore & all around
it were green fields divid-
ed by pretty irregular
hedges, & we could see furth-
er in, a fleet of warship
anchored. A good few
passengers got off at
Plymouth in the launch
viz. Mr. Sleep & Mr. Sleep
Mr. Harry Mr. Lockett Mr.
Chest Mr. Miss Bullford.

I said Mr. Pontin, ^{who} came
on the launch to the ship
to see about his luggage
but he went off again
with the rest of the people.

The launch went again
as soon as the passengers
& their luggage were on her
& she was only about
twenty minutes along-
side us. as she left we
gave them three cheers.

It was about two
minutes after she left &
our engines were going
now. I received a letter
from Uncle Rowland say-
ing he would come to
the boat at Selbury, &
also posted letters to Edgar
with one or two for other
Grandparents. St. Julian &
at Presswell & got the Times

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We left Plymouth at
4:30

Mr. Hay told me
that we passed Edgystone
lighthouse at about half
past five this morning
but as I was sleeping at
the time I did not see it

We saw hundreds
of sailing vessels, steamers
& the Orontava were on the
side going to Plymouth

We were having
a game of bill & deck
billiards but I did not
manage to win a game

We saw Pravel point
about nine o'clock & hoisted
the flag as we were passing

& also the massive white lighthouse not quarter of a mile away called Star lighthouse, & a very gentle man pointed for May & Portland out to me.

I wrote a little here before coming to dinner & we had English salmon which wasn't bad & also some miserable little half ripe cherry which it was said were English.

Having nothing to do after dinner, I laid down in my cabin for three hours, but only slept two, as I was disturbed by someone laughing at my cabin door.

We saw a steamer after. I went on the deck at five & with a party of

glasses she seemed to me to be named the Spring-hill & we met her on our Port. There was some lovely fresh fish for Tea & we thoroughly enjoyed it for it is so long since we had it fresh.

Every one of the crew were to day busy cleaning the ship & e. washing the paint & cleaning the brass & the ropes were in readiness for landing.

We saw the white cliffs of Beachey Head about half past eight also the revolving light of the lighthouse & after we passed the head we saw a long string of lights along the shore where Castbourne is

It was about half an hour afterwards & we could see the row of lights were Hastings is -
as it is supper time now. I am going to have my last supper on the "Proya"

By Ernest Charlie Siddall

After this date E. C. Siddall lived in England until he reached the age of 21 years, after which he sailed to Canada & settled in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

List of Passengers
 by the
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Captain A. MacWatt,

6,297 Tons,

From Sydney 28th May; Melbourne 31st May;

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" ORIZABA "	-	-	6,297	7,000
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