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The Official War Historian of the Commonwealth Government (Dr. C. E. W. Bean), after his study of the collection of private war records preserved in the Australian War Memorial Library, wrote :—

"The private diaries in this collection furnish some of its most valuable historical records, but, like all private memoirs which were not compiled with any historical purpose, they should not be regarded as first-hand evidence except where it is certain that they are so. The diarist is almost always sincere in his desire to record accurately, but he is subject to no obligation or inducement to indicate whether he is recording his own observations or incidents told him by friends or heard at third or fourth hand at the mess-table. Thus, in some of the diaries in this collection, scenes described with vivid detail, and without any warning that they are told at second or third hand, have been found to be completely inaccurate in important details. A certain number also have been written up or revised long after the events, though doubtless usually from notes made at the time. In most cases the student must rely on his experience and on internal evidence to guide him in judging what is and what is not likely to be historically accurate."

We left on the Thetis. There was an English
Rm. on D.R. room. Hoops a work - the
ships & other games were also (see)
Dreamt Gas - People in London were
awfully good to us - theatrical managers &
the Gillman of the piece was esp. good to
us. London abated. (calling at Tasha's
apartment for the day) Boat was 17
p.m. - 10 p.m. was. They were
at the time left but had been very
hard & worked. The first time we had

seen a military ship. We saw
little nursing - Jews doing some drawing.

We went on the Dulce Castle
They were 2.7. 2.7. in D.

Sex of our duties were taken to
on a French Hospital Ship.

Sister Taylor Sister Barron in
Lemon Street. To which had no

duties they wanted them.

We got off all the way from Tulla to Co. Wick
to Limerick. The food was poor. The D.R. situation was
only bad to us. There was a hard winter on D.R.
When we arrived at Limerick for

In the States of the Jews & Christians
Every morning at dawn they sound us.

We were on D.R. the D.R. 2.7. 2.7. 2.7.
happened to go - I had to go
in a hurry to the D.R. 2.7. - they wanted
to take some of us. Sister March's being
in to us. Richards that he was here as - He
got an honor as plenty as he could.

For the impression that they did not expect we
would land as a unit - that the D.R.
to D.R. & something would expect us to
that would not land as a unit. With your
you put your them. It was just
poor to be there. Working for us. The
D.R. had already landed.

about 40 after we were transported at
very short notice. Other than a few
- Mrs - under a few blankets & muslin
up to the knees of the lower deck
bare stems, place with some bell tents etc.
The officer & personnel had put up. There
were mattresses down for us. Had our
own bedding. They had to spread down for
us - had cleared away the stowage. We did not
know that we would be taking part at once
& some of us went at once to the
stationary. These things were from a high
decent standard of training - clean lines
& ordinary decency for a little comfort -
affair from what our duties
who went there ^{say} ^{fully} appalling. The
adviser were not ^{to} ^{be} ⁱⁿ ^{any} ^{decent} ^{standard} ^{of}
superior ^{to} ^{any} ^{decent} ^{standard} ^{of}
training.

We began taking in cases next morning -
we only had mattresses & blankets -
The first lot was light - but the
next day the cases were heavily
laid - we had nothing to wash
them with - so we - we stripped them
to put them in mattresses in the
found complaints between blankets. We
had very few bed pans - no kettles - no
pans personnel - pain tents -
we had tea - some amount - rice
a few biscuits - some beer - & we got
some bread - Great work was done
the patients were forbidden to eat it - uncooked
unsweetened soda - we had to tear up
our clothes to wash the patients tea
tubs & any receptacles.
It was then water before our own
cleanliness came but we let things

They had a counter staff at front but
things simply idled in after wards.
The candidates & crews were very trying - we had
brought some tea towels out of the States
had brought some - we used most of our
last towels a few washing pots etc.

It was difficult to do anything for the men - the
clothes good or black with fleas - shawl
hole in the back in Aupat - worse than
Egypt. Saturday afternoon crude Red
jams dumped into buckets other things
had to simply into the sea. The TB +
Para shorts were by the a couple of
washes better. We had to fly proof latrine
at once - we had seats + covers for our own
latrine an about a fortnight. We were
going like the devil for about 4-5 hrs.
until the Rev. Dantes came.

The first day the Admiral wanted some of
us to go to tea! When we did not
know how to turn to go to the boys.
But the usual Joseph were carefully put to
us making us presents of bread re
the C² and to bring the bread home
with a blue packet ^{potatoes} behind with another
Dach -

Heard after we all believed it that our
equipment was there all the time
we reckoned that our equipment was ahead of
us - The Daming Joseph evidently found the it
somehow.

In about six weeks we had our tents
Campatable + had beds - mattresses -
taken + utensils - things were jammed
well + we had water. The first few
days both was a terrible difficulty
before our Condenser was fixed up. 26

was being fixed up when we arrived. We were in tents all the time. The tents were not ready till the first of August came - circumstances being such.

In the officers' ward we had to do all the cooking on kerosene oil stoves & camp ovens - the Druggists. All went out of order & then we were obliged to repair them. That the officers' ward was particularly all the time. It was a nightmar - was so hard to get things for them - it was at that we wanted more than the privates but we could not get as much. The ward & everything were all the same as for the privates - food & everything alike. The only diff. was in the cooking that we could do ourselves. The ward were treated at dinner - they saw that it flew into everything - the tents were constantly down & up they fell - it rained & the wind had to be kept out of the snow - enough to keep the tent down.

The hospital cases were cruel worse even than the flies - it began to get about September - it got cruelly better by the middle of November. We personally got into tents the first big cold hospital. We had plenty of blankets for the patients we got them but anything we could get we could not keep any from getting down in the cots - no hot water for bottles - we had three heaps of Red Cross stuff - as much as you wanted

• Keynel Hoffman - fox - woolens - the
Jackets we have some body without it.
There was of course necessarily a lot of
wash - stuff could not be washed &
had to be thrown out.

We had some trouble with bits of cases - we had
I think a couple of hundred of potatoes
in one canoe. Some were very terrible
Then were two jeans with Guggen's fat but
the pain with even less degree was very
great. The cases among the officers
were much the same grade as the cases

I think - we had some trouble with the one
of them died. Lot of Stomach - more than
I have ever seen anywhere. Some had
them cases, cases of officers: on C.S.S. of a major
who died.

• After we got light we got about a good
deal - we got on to the workshops. or

We got 4- days off - the work being
Washed day on 7.30 - & a later wash
day 7.30 - 1 - 4- for rest of day. These
was when we were light - after
it could not be done. Job 3 full

• Days off to visit to Castro - on dark
I had a bath at Thomas - still
never forgot it. At Haupt - we only had
the sea (which for too dirty after a
stumble) & sponge bath. The water
was so scarce. But Thomas - the
water was 21 yft. & just the
right warmth. Duff out of the net of
a ball - then we had a foot - the old
beak chased them at down & killed at five
hr. Then was our vehicle - & we had
a ride to Castro. I think Castro - the
top of the old castle looking toward green

The snow-covered plains of Lamo - 3
terrace
the yellow blue of the Tiedstenians
were unforgettable. One could see the
Thamans from the top of Phoenician fat.
Cauter was one of the best places we have seen
the pan through the mountains but was
a thing to dream of. The spring of course was
just when we got there. We saw
nothing of the towers of an old
of nothing but bars - staves - double
(and)

The soldiers were getting casual - at first
they were pretty casual - anyway they
always seemed to be away drawing
through a long way things.
We worked them I believe the same as
we do now - with blockwork or
but I did not see any blockwork
had two rows of a board of
no officers - a few ^{women} including
supply. a staff and so. We had
the same staff. Heelers on the private
wards.

When the troops began to come back
we got out to the Campfire campsite on
we had some riders at first but one
of the riders had a fall and lashed
his scalp and they stopped it after that.
Wore a bundle of a horse & the horse
lay to it.

We did not see anything of the other
units - of the Canadians & British.
Neither the Canadians or British
visited us - One would not know they
are on the island except for
listening their two others. We

As the rock sat on the stand for a
time or there we saw a few.
It was a tragedy - it was pleasant.
There were two a faint memory.
Dubuque in the limit.

The trees off & sideways, were always down
para a 2/3 - think they were a lot worse
than the winter.
I don't think that was than a dozen
count of altogether -
I believe it was because we kept our
lawn clean - if I remember, saw he
wishes he had a chance to look after
the lawn.

• Col Austin of the Portch Museum came to
look round & stop the quantity of pieces.
He was in my ward with something
for a time - I don't know if he man-
aged to do any good.
We all had the same notions.
Think the whole unit had malaria
now or then at one time.

Should it be to do by just now again -
in the young ward. When things were different
• It was the looking after the clothing, or
how could we make things more for
them than we did: things as nearly as
we could. They tried an open kitchen
in the other ward for 3 weeks but it did not prove
a success. There should have been a kitchen
near at hand - The kitchen was in the
Canton & among the ward, was at
hand for anything. I can't at all the ward
was so awful & there were no
kitchen, clothing, under I can't see how it
could have been helped it might by a special
kitchen.

It was all stopping hard work but in many
respects ^{voluntary} -
The first boat was a Jacco - the ladies
had at least some - we had to
take food down from the hospital.
As a result some were all right.
They were sent to the ship by motor
Club. To appear.
The Path work - Eye work.

After Lema we went to ^{Baruch W. H.} Alyson.
They were not used beyond as a
Hospital is a hospital. It was
an ideal Hospital & class in work.
The ward cool - airy - patients
collected in good by ward. ^{sanitary}
arrangements good - Personal practices
on all of the best. It was in -
- comparable better than Helopolis
a ^{general} - the latter was
an appalling place! The Police was
bad enough. In Egypt we had a
pleasant time - was for on time of
full day in 1/2 of - exempt for
the ^{Roman} ^{client}. They were mostly
bullet wounds - light horse - fine
chaps - of the very best. Some of us
got to a few ^{names} - ^{ie} ^{general}
Sports Club - ^{Shepherd} ^{or} ^{then} ^{camp}
met us at Cairo Station & for
the ^{boat} ^{as} ^{the} ^{at} ^{to} ^{take} ^{them} ^{to} ^{the} ^{stables}
Alyson ^{Hosp} - was being for road.
It was run by Miss Davidson as ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{station}
an ^{air} ^{of} - an ^{arch} ^{of} ^{no}
we did not ^{carry} ^{across} ^{any} ^{boats}.
We had some ^{from} ^{Hosp}. This ^{is} ^{possible}
with us for a time -

We had a recruit man - not Effenwii: Run
by a French woman, lady. May - French. French.
of Had Gumbly's ward. Opera.

John Major Reid -

Cases of Sp. Baillat, injection serum } Starts 2nd
Amoebic Encephalitis } directly
} case came
} in.

High reaction by Sp. + hypodermally.
+ Spec. by the mouth 3 wpts in -
- Casam. Cases did well lead

death rate. We had one or two & got some of the
staff had it.

[I was examined in the mountain country out
of Jameran. We first got into Tophan on
Jameran - we had anti cholera on the
Thamlochi. Had ^{anti} Tophan in Hospital
last time the day I got of duty. all were
given anti Tophan - little reaction with cholera & some
had hyper deas. & abs fears. but usually
to bad as anti Tophan.

Stay in Abyssinia was very unexpected & very sudden
unpleasantness from with point of view. We
had a lot of "walking dead" a something
of the kind then - I have never seen so
many with little living with them. As
walking dead in Jameran that I saw. We had
good who came. Straight out from
Chertolha absolutely deserted - sent back
to assist at once - had one man
of - was to an ^{fractionally} air subsistence.
I am ~~at~~ ^{at} Camp we went
to camp. We went Campotoko, in the
harroka - Haps & camp. They had no
patients on board - no troops, only
some personnel. Sander as 1/2 ton or
train of 8 Jan to Brighten -
allow - unexpected - at an hour
notice. It was a corker - we did not know
at 1/2 ton when we were going.

Proffley work was hard + constant
few acres - 1800 } Canadians - we
kept the points till well a Cen.
Camp to the ground. Had some
boards -

It was all right for a while then the
ft c o l d - became - The winter
freezing was the first place in the
ward - we had to put on socks.

was on boots to walk to the quarters.
Cold was kept up for a couple of days
at the worst time -

It was not a bad place - nothing to
compare with Abyssia - but
by blocks -

We had Charwomen to do the cleaning.
I liked it it was very satisfactory.

It took the domestic work of orderless.

That the office was the
it was it - they had a house to
them - a V A D took to

do nothing but look after their food -
we do nothing for their food -

We wanted to get rid of her at first but
not after - she did not have to worry
about the food. She had a cash

skitchen maid + a deputy -
She had about 60 grams - in small
room + ward.

You treated them - effort particularly well
to shelter an orphan ward - they always

expect had - say you can't get it it
a very delightful nursing them.

I had some nursing experience and in food we
return - of. C.C.S. had been I was given

help both their food + had not to let
happily x

There is no doubt good to have Charwoman or ward
hand - for can seldom get the
kitchen to do it. They count go down
on their knees & scrub. they do an un-
usual treat - a Sfr. Saw the same when
the boys would've washed the floor - but you
must remember that their chop is a "per life".
My father to wipe dry to scrub they well
soak all for like best rest of down
in their stables. The Vampers are
rememberable -

We had a voyage on Lewis - under
a Sfr. ~~Stark~~ - on at England -

At Newark was Dr. Physician Simmons -

Lowell - the Sfr. Sucklet - Bang -

Dr. Col. Hasland found us at England - was with us
a short time only. I am a U.S.

We looked with the British officers at first

they were good at the General running of the
place. We had a lot of old "duty" papers

at Camp York - we reached the Carroll
headst. for the first time. Col.

Wooland - It was wonderful the

difference - things cleaned up so quickly

it made the dressing so much lighter -
only dressed every few days, & so.

My father's & the Sfr. -

later of Conway & pictures. Also Andrew Fisher

When our day was told to

Frank of the Drama - & to try a field

experiment - we were told to let it at

the Army & Navy. Got back by 5 o'clock

Hotel. & a 6 weeks' waiting - opportunity

Dr. Young Day - had a bad time for

could not get about -

Went off to Drama - landed Sunday -

left next a.m. for Abbeville took

8 pm to 3 a.m. getting here. We were

belated in the war flat's of Saigon
hospitals - then was spent 2 1/2 years
ago. We received the 1st of January for
a bit - we started at the place
with left wheel. In about
3/4 hrs I went to the CCS at in
Baikumb: next offtam club. I got
then the day before then in - wounded
ground in - long gas cases just before
the rope was blown up. We were
biting about the town - it was
being bombed a good bit. Sister
frank was wounded & got a
fracturing chest & m.c. Some of the
pols bullets got shells & after a
time we were sent out to
the river. I was in a patrol to
stationary at the river - in the
the the bank ward - was there
a while - hot heavy - the convoys
came by barge. The one we
I started at the treacher road -
outdown. My day out a day out
concluded looking for us. We was
never used. The British Major
CCS next had 3 - one as
an abdominal ward.
we had a couple then - after
Marchdale we got very busy.
I was then in the CCS to men. We took
all care for a time. When the land
was blocked at M'pump. At
one time we had to work night &
day. There were 12 men in
I we had 12 of these for teams
we had 5 teams made out of our
stuff - the working teams did

not arrive till the by night was was.
The C.C. was to as good lucking with. We had
a lot of medals for cases - by all ways
badly - the White staff was found
Denny - Sgt. Mc - Specie - lot of medals
The Hunt 100 of medals for
was more interesting to us than than
anything I have seen - the same was
Medals - many of them were all
over - I have seen nothing more interesting than
by 10 - worth - were to medals the
some times many more medals found
I have so many medals. We had to get a
found by medals, to amount to 100
after them - it was never so bad after
this first 100 medals I have had a generally
had down - all Tommies.
for for our for America - Tommies.
Chadman - New Zealanders after Tommies
John - medals the Tommies - they sent found.
an amazingly grateful. He is the
Tommies & Miss. any day. I did not like the
Americans later what I saw of them. I saw some
like Tommies the socks. The left hand man
were among the best I have ever seen (as
physica) whole or the same place
the same I am about a working board
with a medal crowd - we had a good
man - a good party - very comfortable.
The best man I have ever had the C.C. always
do - Red + I am in lots of them
at the C.C. & I am always
made comfortable. They of course swelter
& were handy. In C.C. medals are at
they were very good at no objection &
willing - they saw to get the best at
the point they had or had only the best stop
there - we seem to start the best.

The first section that a tent is
place in C.S. - esp. in connection
with the section of patients com-
-mon - usually, cannot by their
training look after patients, cases
properly. They are how look
after the patients food - property.
Patients from Germany were our best
- cases - owing to expense from
not enough blankets. We had
a blanket heater @ at unknown - heat
was the main thing with blanket
heater was very valuable. Lot of waste
around us by before I left.

So end of two yrs I came back to US
Apt. & have been here ever since.
C.S. I mean other C.S. was the best
- looking - the first because
we were used to it. The C.S. work
is by far the worst in the best
of all: all the winter - low C.S. work.
I am in the middle of the best thing
& though horrible to say so. you seem
to love the sound of the gun.



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