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Diary of late Captain B. C. A. Toekley, A. A. M. C.

Sat.
Aug. 1st

Went to see Fiasehi with Tozer & Meekam re joining
A. M. C.

Tues.
Aug. 3rd
(date altered)

Applied same night by post for Commission.
Received application forms for Commission. Filled in &
returned by Messall to Barracks same afternoon.

Thurs.
Aug. 4th
Mon.
Aug. 10th

Volunteered to R. M. C. for Expeditionary Force.

Received telephone message from Barracks to report for
duty at Randwick tomorrow.

Rid last round with Gill & went out same afternoon.
Daw Newmarch (Col. & R. M. C. of 8th A. A. M. C.) &

Brigade - Major.

Appointed R. M. C. to 31st Light Infantry in camp at
Randwick (O. C. Major Gallagher, 2nd Major Newton
Adjutant Capt. Purser).

With English in adjacent lines (Took, Arpinall, Dunlop,
Maguire, Welch at Field Hosp.).

(Sydney
Hospital)
Tues.
Aug. 11th

Returned to Hospital & collected gear. Ordered uniform.
Went into camp. Work mainly examining recruits &
sick parades.

Struck by large no. of toxicocoelas

Wed.
Aug. 12th

Examined more recruits (about 200 in all).
In afternoon went to Barracks. Offered posⁿ as
M.O. with 1st Expeditionary Force vice Tucke.
Accepted (to leave in 3 days under sealed orders).
Went to Hospital & back to Randwick to collect things.
Slept at Hospital.

Thursday
13th

Reported at Barracks 10 a.m. Sent to R. A. D. Ground.
Met House, Maguire, & Donaldson. Went to town & ordered
clothes & equipment.

Friday
14th

Duty at R. A. D. Ground. Slept night there.

Sat.
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----- Evening saw Guy & Nell.
Mother, & Williams. Slept at Gungah.

Sunday
16th

Church parade at 9 a.m. In afternoon Faeter, Nell,
Flovie, Ed, Loris, & Mrs Besidee & Joy came out.
Slept night there.

Monday
17th

Morning in town & collected last of gear. Morning tea
with Mrs Perry. Afternoon at Show Ground. Evening
good-bye to Mother & Nell. Slept at ground.
Took insurance policy for £300.

Tuesday
15th

Up at 6. Packed off gear.

Marched through City, leaving Show Ground about 10.30. Joe & I at tail of procession with Chaplain Green - Major Martin behind. Rottenly dusty & hot. Saw Mother, Nell, & Guy at Guy's rooms. Father & John outside his rooms. (Jack came down from country especially). Saw Auntie & other residents & nurses at Sydney Hospital as we went past. Route was along tram-line to College St, down Macquarie St & on to ferries at Fort Macquarie. Thence to Cockatoo. Jack came aboard Cockatoo. Golly glad to see him. Got on board about 1 p.m. Meal at 4 p.m. Starved hungry.

(His
brother
Jack.)

Comfortable 2 berth cabin to self (no. 262). Afternoon was spent in loading supplies at Cockatoo.

Bed about 10 tired out.

Wed. 19th

Got up at 6 a.m. to find Berrima just beginning to move out of docks.

Wed. 19th Had bath etc. & got up on deck with glasses (beautiful
pain & much envious). Anchored in Farm Cove till
mid-day & then moved off.

Was orderly med. officer for day but nothing
much to do. Spent time finding my way about
ship (Hospital, Dispensary, Surgery, Men's quarters,
Isolation Hospital). Fine ship & very comfortable.

Took a few snaps of men at work.

Cleared heads making due east. Later turned north.

Great many sea-sick. Personally very well.

In evening had a chat with Heith Heritage & Maguire.

Find Heritage very decent fellow.

Thurs.
20th

Up at 6 a.m. Got early tea, bath, shave, etc.

Sick parade at 7 a.m. Officers do physical drill.

Had about 50 on sick parade.

Fair no. seasick though weather good.

Large no. of colds & sore throats.

1 man admitted to Hospital (T 103^o). Probably pleurisy.

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Thurs. 20th Breakfast 8.30. Afterwards saw Haylett who was ill. Have very severe cold myself + feel worse 2^d. Lay down most of morning in cabin. Themed ~~Capt~~ Capt Turpin what his drops were for. They have been giving the 4.7 guns to test their mountings.

Sick parade at 4 p.m.
Think I must have 'flu.

Friday
21st.

Orderly Medical Officer for the day.
Saw Hospital patients + inspected men's food.
At 9.30 Maguire, Donaldson + self inoculated Naval Reserve for enteric. Nearly 600 in all.
Have been anchored all day in Moreton Bay.
At 5 p.m. felt very sick + went to bed.
Did not worry about dinner. Think it partly 'flu + partly reaction to 2nd enteric inoculation this morning.
Maguire very decent to me + his Pub Swen did tricks.

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Sat. 22nd. Much better this morning but am still very sore & inflamed.

Deck parade at 7 a.m. After breakfast Magazine, Donaldson & self vaccinated about 180 men for small-pox.

Did about 30 more after lunch.

Deck parade 4 p.m.

Sighted H.M.S. Sydney at a little before 4. Have been close to her since (1300 yds.)

At 4.30 attended lecture by Major Heritage on "Engineering in the Field (Fire-direction & Fire control)". Very interesting.

Concert in evening.

Sunday 23rd. Orderly Officer for day.

Church parade on aft-deck at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Vaccinated about 840 men with 2nd typhoid injection (500,000,000). After lunch did about 25 more.

Passed through Whit Sunday Passage this afternoon. Scenery has been very beautiful all day.

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Mon.
Aug 24th

Dick parade 7 a.m. About 100.
Anchored off Talin Island. Party went ashore this
afternoon & some A.M.C. with Maguire & Donaldson.
I stayed aboard.

H.M.S. Sydney has gone to Townsville to coal but
the Encounter is here with Geo. Byrne & Ireland
aboard. There is a small village on the beach here
inhabited by a white man, & several natives about.
Place looks very pretty.
Dick parade at 6 p.m.

Tuesday
25th

Orderly Officer for Day.
At 9.30 accompanied Col. House, Col. Patten
(or Pallen) & Maguire round ship & sent urgent
recommendations to Commander Stevenson.

In afternoon went ashore & followed Infantry
round to native village from point of landing.
Infantry in extended order. Rough country.
No casualties.
Had to wade several 100 yds. to embark.

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Wed.
Aug. 26th

Sick parade 7 a.m.
Went ashore at 9 a.m. with firing party
of 4 companies under Col. Patten.
Built Field Hospital by closing in sides
& using shady tree for roof. Took all morning
& made very cool & roomy shelter. Col. P. very
pleased with shelter. Junched there & after lunch
constructed improvised stretchers with poles,
cross-poles & grass lashed together with creepers.
Brought stretchers on board. Sick parade 4.30 p.m.
At 5 p.m. Navy rowed Army & douberly-licked
them.

In evening Ireland & Byrne came over from
Encounter.

Case of pneumonia in Hosp. with temp. of 104°.
(did well)

Thurs.
Aug. 27th

Orderly Officer for day.

Were going ashore all day but N.E. wind very
fresh & too strong. Gave lecture to A.M.C. on
"Conditions of unconsciousness".

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Friday
Aug 28th

Sick parade 7 a.m.

9.30 a.m. went ashore with Donaldson & party of
A.M.C. Occupied same shelter close to targets.
Men did stretcher-drill & field-ambulance
works.

Commenced report on health of troops.

Sick parade 4 p.m.

In evening looked up refs. on "Alcohol in Tropics"
for Col. House.

Sat. Aug 29th

Orderly Medical Officer.

Ashore with Maguire. Built new shelter
near Butler's house. Men did field ambulance
works. Brigadier & Col. Palmer very impressed &
sent a company back to see work.

Maguire very pleased.

In evening visited Encounter with Donaldson &
Heritage. Met Roberts & Francis & saw Byrne &
Ireland. Roberts showed me round their sick bay
& medical arrangements & was very decent.

Sunday
 Aug. 30th
 *At 11.30 p.m.
 called out
 for case of
 man cut his
 hand & butcher's
 knife. Spent
 H.D. for
 Inquire.
 Bed at
 1.30.

Dick parade 7 a.m.
 9.30 a.m. I inoculated 500 Naval men & ship's
 crew for enteric with Inquire & Donaldson.
 In afternoon continued report with Donaldson
 in Colonel's cabin.
 Dick parade 4 p.m. Dept 5.30 - 6.30. After
 dinner had talk with Meels re football &
 travel (expe. f. & G. service usDr.)
 Very interesting.
 O.M.O. for Bay. Went ashore with Donaldson & 13 men.
 Continued report. Stretcher drill for men.
 Dick parade 7 a.m. O.M.O. for Bay.
 Inspected meat from Townsville with Heritage & Inquire
 Reported re latrines, Dispensary, etc.
 In afternoon inspected Naval Reserve's rations
 for Commander Brown. Bed at 11.30.
 O.M.O. for Bay. Visited hospital & Dispensary
 at 9.30 a.m.
 2 submarines arrived this morning at 7 a.m.

Tue. Sept. 2nd Left Valm Island at 4 p.m. In line Sydney leading then Encounter, Berrima & Aorangi. 2 submarines at first in lead then on starboard flank.

5 p.m. Visited Hosp. patients & Dispensary. bell inside Barrier Reef.

Weds. Sept. 3rd. Opposite Cairns in early morning.

Rose 6.15 a.m. B.M.O. Dick parade at 7.

Passed St. Creber & Cooktown at 8.30 a.m.

Inspected men's meals & latrines. Accompanied Commander Stevenson on inspection of ship.

Spent most of morning reading malaria.

2 p.m. Passed through Cook Passage in Reef & entered open sea. (Dec. 3). Delivered lecture on malaria to

A.M.C. detail in ward-room (2.15 - 2.45).

Quite a large no. seasick. Quite well personally.

4 p.m. Dick parade.

5.30 p.m. Brigade order (Major Heritage) for dark ship.

Dark that all A.M.C. quarters, 3 Hops. & Emerg. Hosp.

Orderly Room, Dispensary, N.C.O.'s & Officers' cabins

& Troop-deck quarters

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were darkened.

Thurs.
Sept. 3rd

Has ~~th.~~ been blowing N. E. Trade all day.
Presents mugginess but still pretty ~~hot~~ hot.
Fine moonlight night. All ships dark.
Submarines on surface & barely visible.
Fixed up Col. House's quarters as his orderly
& himself ill.

Friday
Sept. 4th

Med. Officer for day attending to patients in
Hospital.

At 5.15 p.m. sighted land & about 6.30 passed
through entrance in coral reef into Port Moresby
& went straight to inner harbour (about 4 miles
from settlement & completely hidden from outer
harbour).

The land when sighted was mountainous & slopes
very pretty. Very barren country at Moresby itself.
Warreg was waiting for us outside harbour
& signalled us in.

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Date.
Sept. 5th

C. M. C. for Day.

Early in morning native dug-out canoes came alongside with coconuts & paw paws for sale, & continued all day. ^{Yarra?} ~~barreys~~ lay alongside all morning & Kanowna all afternoon.

Stewart Kay & Major O. C. Queensland party came aboard in morning.

No shore leave except for a few of brigade staff.

Natives dive for b^d & etc. Very ugly looking crowd. Native police a fine body (Tumutua uped. has been sent to-day to Fly River to punish cannibal tribe for eating a white man). A few launches from Moresby

came around in afternoon.

Slept night on deck off smoking saloon.

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Sunday
Sept. 6th

7 a.m. Ordered to hold self in readiness to
go in Sydney with 50 of Naval Reserve -
probable destination Herberthshohe.

Packed & all ready by 9 a.m. Am to take
1 man. Chose Lovel. In afternoon Alec Boyle
came aboard with Paddy Ireland for 1 hour.
Has fine beard would not know him.

Put trunk & A.M.C. gear aboard Sydney at
4 p.m.

Colonel House's lecture on Tropical Diseases at
4.15 p.m.

Monday
7th

Came on board Sydney at 6.30 a.m.

Railed 8 a.m.

Divisions at 9 a.m. General quarters at 9.15 a.m.

Latited gun - ~~practice~~ with primers

Lunch at 12. Spent morning in sick bay
overlooking materials & wrote analysis gear

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Monday
Sept. 7th

After lunch Kanowna broke down & we put back. While rest went on (except destroyers). Kanowna being right we went after others with destroyers leaving Kanowna to catch us.

Had a sleep in afternoon.

In our fleet is Sydney, Encounter, Warrego, Yarra, Berrina, Arangi & Kanowna.

Parramatta ahead with coaler.

On board are Capt. G. Lossop, Canon.

Furlanor (brother-in-law of French's) Ralilly, Mrs. Prevost & Sharkey, & Dennis Eng., others.

Hear that Kanowna has been sent back to Townsville with all crew & soldiers.

Firemen caused trouble because they were only getting about 5/- a day while those on Berrina had 10/-.

I imagine feelings of Stewart Kay & Fry.

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Sept. 7th

Dinner at 7. Had bath just. First
fresh-water shower since leaving Sydney.

Excellent dinner & well served. In evening
sat with Darby (surgeon) paymaster? & Dennis
on deck & smoked & chatted. Heard all about
their previous expedition to Rabaul. Sydney has
8 - 6" guns + 2 ^{3"} torpedoes. Steamed 26 knots
on trials (can do 28⁺). Bed 10 p.m.
Had stretcher on deck space outside wardroom
& dressed in Devoort's cabin, which is jolly decent
of him.

Tues.
Sept. 8th

Rose 7.15 a.m. Another glorious shower & shave
with hot water!! Breakfast at 8. Stroll on
quarter-deck after. Divisions 9.30. Then
general quarters. Spent most of morning in
Sick Bay. V.O. in charge is giving us a huge
heap of drugs which we lack, thanks to Lovel
who was 3 years in Sick Bay of R.N. & under
same surgeon as V.O.

Lunch at 12. At 1.15 lectured R.A.N.R. pres
on Hygiene with special reference to (1) Water supplies
(2) Camp sanitation & latrines (3) Dysentery, malaria
& heat stroke (4) Prevention of these by guarding
against fleas, mosquitoes, etc. (5) Personal cleanliness
(6) Report if at all ill.
Afterwards went to sick-bay for another 1/2 hour