

- 21.6.79. tiffin, ask Talbot and Clockety to dine. Both accept. Hear the rattle of
Cont'd. falling frames, go out, and find i sapper with his leg fearfully smashed.
Walk with Clockely to see Dick's grave. Clock won't come to dinner after
all, seedy. Talbot comes. Rat over before dinner for a peg, and a buck.
- 22.6.79. Down to water without guns. Usual duties. Terribly hot day. Water drying
Sunday up. Kit reports loss of 40 Ks. worth of jewellery, swears Mardan took it.
Take papers to sick men in Field Hospital. Argue with padre. Very sick
afterwards.
- 23.6.79. Same old picnic. Round by 12th see McDonnell and Brabason, and Col. Walker.
Monday Jim down below at water. Hotter than ever. Hear from Duthy, send him a
Europe letter. Polo in the evening. Whist + 12 points, last rubber.
- 24.6.79. Duff off. Carre comes in, sees new equipment; condemns it; take over new
Tuesday guns only. Hand old ones into store. Poor Reid 12th, old Muskelley
instructor, dead of cholera, funeral in evening. 45th Sikhs and Delatonis
battery in 1 shot at 10.30. about Delatom over with Sandback. Turner and
Mitchell for a peg.
- 25.6.79. Same old parade; meet the other mules coming back from water, stop to survey
Wednesday them. Letter from Wood about Roberts. Answns. to mine of 19th. Hear
Lindsay is very seedy. Wace over after tiffin. General comes over to
inspect us in evening.
- 26.6.79. Drill with new guns commences under Carre.
Thursday
- 27.6.79. Get star shell. Go on with drill new guns. 2 grass cuts cut up. 3 taken
Friday into the hills. Ask Sherman about whist. 3 grass cuts bodies found by
Major Philip's party of 12th, with throats cut from ear to ear. Stedman says
Scott and Campbell coming to whist. Polo in evening.
- 28.6.79. Inspections. Fit new drivers belts. New muleteer joins, a brother of the
Saturday two young fellows in No. 3 Inspections under Major with Carre at 11.
Evening as usual. C.O. got diarrhoea.
- 29.6.79. Europe morning. Don't show up till breakfast at 12 noon. Hear 2 cases of
Sunday cholera in Fd. Hosp. amongst 12th C.O. - Major Dyce - still very seedy
Another break out of cholera last night, continues bad all day. Patients
shift out of .
- 30.6.79. Sergt. McLeod got cholera in the afternoon. Dyce on sick list. Whist.
Monday Rained and made the place cool. Fd. Hospl. camp shifted.

- 1.7.79. Went to see new guns working. Whist in afternoon. Attempted polo
 Tuesday abortive.
- 2.7.79. Sergt. McLeod out of hospital. Wonderful cure. 17th shift camp.
 Wednesday Signing accounts. Major off sick list, in a devil of a temper. Got a letter from Dick's people for him. They ought to have heard before now. I should have thought. Polo for some. I on duty could not go. Talbot pipped by padres pony. Padre says he is going to follow Hospital.
- 3.7.79. Hear Duthy has cholera as I return. Astounding news. Dyce does not
 Thursday like it. Quoits with Sappers in afternoon. Major Humphries 9th calls. Walker got diarrhoea. Met Long John Campbell. R.E. going to Saudi^{L N} Khana to build Fort Tytler.
- 4.7.79. Hear of cholera at ~~Ky~~ Khyron^R Gully. 3 men dead in an hour. Disease
 Friday also in camp Thobba - below Khyra Gully. Gen Tytler gets sick board and 2½ months leave. Whilst at whist in afternoon, hear of Carre being ordered to Khyra Gully. Telegram from Duthy's brother to say "Progressing satisfactorily, hope to move on 9th" Wheedle Dyce out of Europe morning tomorrow, as it is to be observed as a holiday, instead of last Thursday. Go and see Long John at Saudi^{L N} Khana for the morning. Promise to chotha hasari^R with him tomorrow.
- 5.7.79. Inspections, lie in bed till 7. Polo list comes round. Carre off at 3.
 Saturday Whist in spite of his departure. Mess dwindled to 3 now.
- 6.7.79. Go down alone to water as it is Sunday. See Clockety moved to a new
 Sunday camp. Hear 7 more cholera in K.G. Mulleter falls out on wed^{ROAD}. Hear Sergt. Parsons died in Peshawar. Give Q.M.S. and B.S.M. 1 hours leave to visit 17th camp. Not enough water for mules in the afternoon, although I fried Venus as well. Dyce orders them off to Saudi^{L N} Khana at 3.45., and sub. off duty for gun drill at 5.30 a.m. Brown of Xth B.L. over to see Owen, does not see him. O. in a fright about cholera for Doorga, and with good reason.
- 7.7.79. Able to sleep till 5. ? blessing. Brown routs Owen up, owing
 Monday to my telling him that was the time to catch him. Polo in the afternoon 2 a side, beaten. Costelloe drunk, fires off his carbine. Rowlands confined.
- 8.7.79. C.O. bad again. Remand Rowlands to see if C.O. gets better. Leave
 Tuesday most of the letters over.

- 9.7.79. C.O. very bad. Remand both prisoners for Court Martial. Walker to
Wednesday water with pakals and casks ad likiturn. Go over to Reed's sale.
- Buy:-
- 500 cheviots for mess Rs 35. 0. 0.
- Waterproof sheet)
Pair of braces) for self 5. 0. 0;
- Jim dines. Whist after.
- 10.7.79. C.O. worse. I go and sit with him a bit in the morning. Get rather
Thursday astonished, when looking over balance sheet. Hear a lot of firing up
the valley, find out it is a wedding going on. Take pakals down to
water. Find they don't pay, won't do it again. Staff, alarmed at
firing, but its all sorts of funny orders.
- 11.7.79. C.O. seems very bad. Sit with him in the morning. Go to 17th with
Friday Owen. See Turner who is off tomorrow.
- 12.7.79. C.O. worse. Owen thinks paralysis coming on, or effusion of blood on
Saturday the brain. Nana Beg tumbles off his mule. Padre shot at in
the Pioneer. He over to see it, rather annoyed at being accused of
bolting. Go and see C.O. looking very bad.
- 13.7.79. C.O. worse, at least no better. Europe morning. Owen got funks on
Sunday board. Answers letter about Padre shot at. Inquiries after Dyce.
Go over to Vappers. Lots of fellows over to see us.
- 14.7.79. C.O. Dyce died at 1 a.m. last night or rather this morning. Buried at
Monday 6.30 p.m. No blank cartridge. Sappers kindly invite us over. Hear
Gamble is very bad. 1 shot about 10. Go to 24th N.I. to enquire.
Hear budmashes approached ^{3 cableyard?}. Sentry 24th shot and missed.
Deuce of a hullabaloo for 2 or 3 mins.
- 15.7.79. Gamble dead. Wallace got cholera at 3 last night. Owen says he is
Tuesday better this morning. Go over to see Sappers about powder for ~~TIME~~
gun charges. Dyce's comtee. of Adjustmt.
Major Wordruffe 45th Sikhs.
- 1 sub. 11.9 R.A.
- 1 sub. H.M.B. RA.
- Get sent fumigated at 1 Committee to assemble at 4. Mayne over to
see Dyce's horses. Pres. fell asleep in his chair., thus he excuses
himself. Go to Gamble's funeral at 6.30. Owen in applying for a
medical board.

- 16.7.79. Out with new guns to nearest water. Committee of Adjustment
Wednesday
assembles again. Have No. 2 tent shifted. Hear Wallace is dying.
Give Sefali a chit about his gun. Hammer Walkers kit for supplying
bad milk. H.A. Costello to be fined on Friday. Try to rap Bde.
Major about its being wrong not to try by D.C.M. Scott over, does
afternoon stables. Very hot again. Routed out of bed to see chit.
- 17.7.79. Wallace buried. Ride with Owen up the valley. See our nigs washing
Thursday
at a well by graveyard. Aborigines having a funeral too. See
Hasting's camp. I had not seen before. Hot as Hell. Write to Col.
Fraser. Pay my own and mess servants.
- 18.7.79. 24th N.I. got cholera. Owen advises a move. The cases occurred last
Friday
night. Increase of duties goes against it. Roman Catholic padre
buried in the morning by Fallar of the 17th Grs. Lodge a complaint
against smoke, find their complaint is wrong, as it is an order to
burn and fumigate.
- 19.7.79. No more cholera cases after weed-burning last night.
Saturday
Send in a report about new guns.
Sappers get in some glacier ice. Lawn tennis at the sappers in the
afternoon. 3 cases of cholera last news for me before turning in.
"You will have to move tomorrow" says the sage Owen.
- 20.7.79. On my way back from church, meet Kinloch, who tells me we are to
Sunday
move to the fort, and 12th parade ground. Move all day. Very hot.
Tiffin at Sappers. Hear Mason is seedy. Dine with the 12th. Hear
2 shots. Gr. Rooney had fired at 3 men. Got a letter from Admiral
Dacres thanking me for writing about Dick. Not got mess tent up.
- 21.7.79. Awfully done, and feel rather seedy. Meet Campbell going to ask about
Monday
his leave. Go over to see Wace about star shell practice. Hear from
Carre and Duthy. Breakfast and tiffin in Walker's tent. Get up the
mess tent. Going to dine out with Wace. See Owen's board, and
Campbell's R.E. leave in orders.
- 22.7.79. Go out for a prowl about the hills in the morning, walk all the way.
Tuesday
Owen's board in the evening, gets 3 months sick leave. Lots of
visitors in the evening. Amongst others Bde. Major to see about
sentries. Says he will give No. 2. Kinloch proposes we should
Balbus.

- 23.7.79. Court martial all day on 3 12th men. Balbus in the morning at 5. Ride
Wednesday with McDonnell and Brook in the evening. Get 6 men from the 12th to help defend the camp.
- 24.7.79. Awakened by S.M. telling me thieves had been into camp, and stolen
Thursday drivers things. Out for a ride, reported theft, asked for a court of Enquiry. Court sat at 5 till 7 and then adjourned. Visitors galore from 12th over.
- 25.7.79. Court sat again this morning. Pioneer contains deaths of Dyce, Gamble
Friday and Wallace. Looks bad for ^{L N} Saudi Kotal. See Dr. Neils death in Lahore paper. Have a game at polo in the evening all very done. McDonnell dines with me. We play whist, and swallow a bottle of champagne.
- 26.7.79. Court martial. McDonnell very seedy. Buller on the sick list. Replaced
Saturday by Moir. Committee to be in the evening but knocked on the head by Sapper not turning up. Pearson over about star shell practice.
- 27.7.79. Europe morning in bed. Walker and I stroll up the hill, finding ways
Sunday for mules, in the evening, wind up at Sappers mess for a drink. Scott and Mayne had been over to see us. See Wace about star shell practice, flags & ca. Bring him over, as he is, to mess, seedy, to have iced pegs.
- 28.7.79. Hear Buller is very seedy, made his will, and sent for a priest. Owen
Monday has got his sick leave alright, and is going off on the 1st. Preparations for star shell practice. As moon does not set till 11 p.m. Ask to have it then instead of at 9 p.m. Told too late to apply for change of time, so practice is postponed till after moon. Glacier ice, 2 donkey loads brought in in the afternoon 17/-/- given joyfully.
- 29.7.79. Took 4 guns out over the hill, did the men up rather. Went to change
Tuesday library books. See poor McDonnell seedy with fever. Polo in the afternoon. Chapter of accidents with Dolly Drummond. Fell off his pony. Pony kicked him twice; then broke away from Syce, and he had to walk home. 2 shots fired just as I was turning in. Hear there were 2 more afterwards. Rattigan seedy this morning, but better towards night. Tell off Gr. Moore, and let him change his sub-division. Heard from Broadfoot.

- 30.7.79. Went down to water with the centre division, climbed down the Khud one
Wednesday way, up it another. Rattigan bad again.
Fossil Committee in the afternoon exhaustive over rations, have to
retire for a peg to Sappers.
- 31.7.79. Fossil Committee going on. Out for a prowl to find a road for mules.
Thursday Fraser and Andrews over in our lounge. Owen's last night.
- 1.8.79. Owen off at 4 a.m. Off for a prowl over the hills with Battery.
Friday O'Leary troublesome takes his punishment quietly in the end. Wace
over on a Committee, ask him up, hear he has ice. Go over after
stables, 2 iced pegs. Back round with Holmes. Dine at the 12th. Play
nap. Lose 4 annas. 2 Majors over to inspect the works.
- 2.8.79. General inspections. Field Hospital broken up. Hear from Rattigan
Saturday that poor Murley is bad, and can't come over with the other sick to
our hospital. Lawn tennis in the afternoon at the Sappers. Back with
Holmes. Over to 12th to dinner. Play whist, win Rs. 10/-/- play Nap
win 2/4/-. Moon most brilliant.
- 3.8.79. Church. Go to Saudi Khana for mullā watering, meet Col. Simond and
Sunday Mayne down there. Back again to breakfast. Rattigan over about
comforts hospital. Make arrangements Murley over, but very low. I
send him over some ice in the papers for last mail. Mayne and Scott
over, invite them to breakfast off Turkey's eggs. Dine at the 12th.
39th man there. Hear of Ali Musjid coming to dine with 17th.
- 4.8.79. Mayne and Scott over to breakfast. I go over there to tiffin, then
Monday back and over to lawn tennis. Peile, one of Ali Musjid garrison
interrupts the game.
- 5.8.79. Go up a hill opposite with Right Half Battery not a bad climb. Scott
Tuesday comes over to tiffin. Rattigan dines for the 1st time. Field Day with
Mess and Battery Accounts.
- 6.8.79. Walker up same hill with left half battery. Expectation from 10 to 12
Wednesday to 2. Tiffin McDonnell over to see us. Invites me to dine, accept.
Go with him to Sappers to lawn tennis. Go over to dinner. 1st glass
of champagne and I have to flee, so bad. Kimloch tells me to shift
hospital stables.
- 7.8.79. Feel rather seedy, go over to see Rattigan and get some quinine.
Thursday Rattigan in bed seedy. Talk about shifting Hospital stables. Pay

- 7.8.79. men. See McDonell in evening, apologise for bolting last evening at
Cont'd. dinner.
- 8.8.79. Disappointed of parade by rain. Send in certificates having assumed command.
Friday
Cleaned my pistol: Star shell practice in the evening at 8 p.m. McCausland
escort. Rattigan seedy. Sergt. Green confined drunk.
- 9.8.79. Scott asks me to dine. Don't accept. Go over and have iced pegs in the
Saturday
afternoon. Say I will come tomorrow to dine and sleep. Kinloch and
Simond over to see about hutting. 17th in orders to go. Rattigan has got
dysentery bad.
- 10.8.79. Europe morning. Gr. Beaumont dying of dysentery. Great Rat, better.
Sunday
Beaumont died 1.15 p.m. Bury him at 6. Go over to Sappers, put my bed in
Campbell's tent, dine; hear the row of the soors. Sleep in Campbell's tent.
- 11.8.79. 5 a.m. Orderly over to say Murley had died last night at 8. To be buried
Monday
at 6 a.m. Luckily had ordered my ^{TAT} at 5. a.m. Rode over. Funeral
at 6. Tell off Sergt. Green. Went to see Bde. Major about Duthy's leave,
telegraphed to him. Wrote letters. Coolar going overhead tonight. Both
Walker and I heard them.
- 12.8.79. Summary Court Martial. About Q.M.S. leave. Looks like rain. Saw a boulder
Tuesday
come down the Khud. Beer at tiffin, with Rat. Then to the top of the 17th
hill. 17th to go into Peshawar on the 14th. Watch them playing lawn
tennis, and bid them goodbye. Ask Holmes to dinner. He comes.
- 13.8.79. Rather seedy, but took Right Half Battery out over the hills, no accidents.
Wednesday
Fraser comes over to do Doctor. Let Vasey and Moffat go to Peshawar,
tomorrow with 17th. Former to sell Dyce's horse, which he had brought at the
auction. Rattigan goes away in the afternoon. Down to water with the mules
for a walk. Hear Coolen again. 12 midnight woke up by B.S.M. to say Rooney
had fired 2 shots again.
- 14.8.79. My birthday. 147 mule dies. Spleen the cause of death, all the other organs
Thursday
wonderfully healthy. Over with Fraser to see Sappers at eve. Play lawn
tennis with Jim. Scott looks rather seedy. 1 shot over by commissariat.
See Scudamore. Hear 12th back from leave, a lot more including Philips
and McDonell, going tomorrow.
- 15.8.79. Out for a drill exercise with 4 guns. Fraser and self down to water.
Friday
O Hell! Walker dines with H.M.B. Scott sends over sketch of Dick's
grave, and Goodbye.

- 16.8.79. Inspection of GreatCoats and boots. Walker out for a prowl with the
Saturday guns. Fraser and self to Sappers for lawn tennis. Rubber all.
Ferrier got fever.
- 17.8.79. Rainy morning, so don't have church parade. Fraser tells me he thinks
Sunday it is all up with Dr. Fitzgerald. Write to Owen. Mata Badal falls off
and comes to grief.
- 18.8.79. Walker goes to bathing parade. Have a field day with natives valises.
Monday Percival sends his sword over to be done. Asks me to dinner on
Wednesday. I refuse. Onslow over calling in the evening.
- 19.8.79. Out for a prowl with a Half Battery. Rains smartly about 10.30 for
Tuesday half an hour. Cloudy all day. Fraser brings his tent over. Get Q.M.G.
to see ornamental water, promises to do something for me.
- 20.8.79. Fine morning. Walker out prowling with left half Battery. Back in a
Wednesday fine humour. Paid Dursec long standing bill. Ordered sleeping and
serge suits. See Major Charles leave in G.O. Wace over at tiffin time.
Go over with him to see Rheumatic mule. Then for a ride with Fraser,
out to see Tala Beg village, to Rotten Row. Round by the Sappers 4
12th fellows playing lawn tennis. Onslow one. Arrange for polo to-
morrow. Home try length of road. Fraser out of it. Mine the shortest
way.
- 21.8.79. A holiday. Hear 17th have lost 23 men since they went in. Hope our
Thursday two men are all safe. Dick's and Major's crosses ready to put up over
the graves. Get a letter from Alliance Bank of Simla about Rs 1000/-/-.
Write and ask to renew. See the crosses are put up over the right
graves. Go for a ride up Rotten Row. Feel rather seedy. Get Walker
to do guards.
- 22.8.79. Better a little. Take quinine before parade. Drivers turn out very
Friday clean. Have a drill order parade, send Walker home with them, and go
for a ride up Rotten Row. Hear from Duthy, 10 more grains of quinine
in the afternoon. Cave asks me to dinner on Wednesday, I accept. Chop
duties with Walker as I want to play polo tomorrow.
- 23.8.79. Walker says he is seedy. I take 5 grains. New gun drill. Storey gets
Saturday one from the hammer head. Afterwards go down towards water.
Inspections. Q.M.S. wants leave, reluctantly given. Vasey and
Moffatt should be in today, but do not turn up by 1 p.m. Polo get 2
goals, very sick afterwards. Dr. pronounces disease as liver.

- 23.8.79. Hear of Halwai gentlemen attacking the grass cuts guard. Onslow, Mayne
Cont'd. and 24th out, only get poor Syce cut up, no enemy. Cave tells me of the
marriage of the two Bs. Blob and Buggerod.
- 24.8.79. Europe morning till 9, then over for a good breakfast with Mayne R.E.
Sunday Inspect mules and saddlery there. Then bring him over and show him mine.
2 men not in yet. Col. Limond off to Ali Musjid with Finest Staff Officer.
Lots of Koolen over. A rainy morning. Hear at breakfast of Scott knocking
up at Rawalpindi.
- 25.8.79. Meant to go to bathing parade and did not. Vace over in the morning. Vasey
Monday and Moffatt in from Peshawar with stores and my gun. Wace, Sandbach, Cave
and Mayne to dinner. Went for a ride before dinner. Hear of Murree week,
should like to get there.
- 26.8.79. Walker out with Half Battery. Hear of battle to the front. Polo in the
Tuesday afternoon. Rather swaddle, as Onslow would not give in.
- 27.8.79. Out for a climb with Right Half. Find 3 gun mules no good, a bad path, but
Wednesday climb is successful. Get a squad book. Go to lawn tennis in the afternoon.
Dine at 12th with Cave after. Play Nap. Lose 4 annas.
- 28.8.79. Holiday. Don't get up too early. Gr. Costello released.
Thursday
- 29.8.79. Out with 4 guns. Find the hanut of blue rocks, make a mental mem.
Friday
- 30.8.79. Sword drill for Walker. Hear guns are to be changed, as it is under
Saturday consideration whether we stop here.
- 31.8.79. Change guns and equipment.
Sunday
- 1.9.79. Muster. Q.M.S. gone on leave. After muster out with Fraser after blue
Monday rock. He gets two. Badly managed. Don't think he is a very good shot.
Tindal weighed off and old chum Sheikh Hoopdar. Mules picqueted on
opposite ridge for water. In the afternoon go over and play lawn tennis
with the great Fraser. Ask Gaisford to dine, and be honorary member.
Accepts for Friday, Beautiful moon.
- 2.9.79. Go out for a climb. Down point, up footpath by Tank, down into water wad.
Tuesday Home. A good bit of climbing. Find Traser has shot 14 pigeons this
morning. Polo in the afternoon. Played very badly.

- 3.9.79. Borrowed powder and shot, and wads from Frasers, and sallied out after
Wednesday pigeons, only got 5, very bad shooting. Fraser seedy. Walker banging
away from over the 17th. Two natives want to cut their names, as they
say the work is too hard for them. Lawn tennis in the afternoon.
- 4.9.79. Out shooting again with Frasers. He slays 13. I slay one. Have a joke
Thursday with C & M. Gasette telegram at Sapper's expense. Field day with
natives' records. Compound begins to look ship shape under Gr. Green's
able management. Mayne over in evening. Pollock to call.
- 5.9.79. Ask Pollock to dine as Mess guest, and be an honorary member. Out for a
Friday short exercise with 6 guns, fire 6 rounds of blank. Then leave Walker
the guns and go to shoot pigeons. Empty my two barrels and get one pigeon.
This after stripping boots, gaiters and spurs Gaw!!! Anderson in to
join Wace's battery, ask him to dine this evening. Write about water,
get a touchingly civil note back from Kinlock. Polo sticks from Gaisford.
Give Anderson table. Write to Cave "Bilked of Polo by Puck's seediness".
Reply not polite. Go to see polo with Mayne. Back. Dinner. nap lose
4/61. All buck about polo.
- 6.9.79. Doc don't cotton to Pollock much. Bad news from the bank. Gun drill.
Saturday Go down to Elfin Glen, meet Q.M.G. en route, quite affable. Field day
with Inspections. Everything down one way. Stay at home in the evening,
get an infernal touch of fever. Pretty sleeping suit, and a lot of
Great Coats help to sweat me at night. Chikor expedition talked of.
Mayne coming to breakfast.
- 7.9.79. Wake up feeling better, but not up to chikor expedition. Mayne over late.
Sunday Walk up new road to Convalescent camp of 12th in the evening with Kirk-
patrick, who does not Doctor F. much. Koolen fly over at
dinner time.
- 8.9.79. Bathing parade for men. Hear from Duthy. No English papers again. Write
Monday to Duthy. Tell him some commotion up. Hear from home; meet a wandering
chufrassi with a paper, asks (with our address on it) if it is for us.
Swear I will visit postmaster. Get a telegram from Duthy, ambiguous, so
go round asking in different camps. Hear Cavagnari and Yakoob killed.
Deuce of a rumpus up Bde. Major got news but won't tell. Pay a lot of mess
bills. Visit postmaster no satisfaction. Cave, Brakason, Medley over. ~~Yis~~
Visit H.M.B. where I hear news about Cavagnari. Fraser comes back and

- 8.9.79. reiterates. Walker a perfect fool at dinner time. Rowland's conversation at
Cont'd. ride. Go to see Sappers, no news there. Go to see Wace about times for water.
- 9.9.79. Awful news in the papers. Snake hunt from my tent. Khyberies have killed a
Tuesday fox. Fire a salute for Gen. Dorau's arrival, about 5.30 p.m. 9 guns, chatting
affably with Bde. Major up to then. Mayne and Holmes come to look on. First
gun, and Doc. who is coming along the causeway, goes over the path with his
handsome pony. Result nearly a kill, luckily only scratches. Polo afterwards
Cave, Medley and Giles v Brakaron and self. We get beaten by one goal to
none. Deuce of an earthquake about 8.45 p.m. which we are at dinner. Doc.
very glum.
- 10.9.79. Prowl up to the tree hill, and fire 3 rounds. Affable visit from Q.M.G. who
Wednesday tells me the Mohmunds are all round against us. Double the waterguards.
Telegram from headquarters about nos. to complete strength. Hear from Fraser
who dines out with Cave, that Douglas has got the battery. Cave, Fraser and
self for a stroll to H.M.B. camp. Hen turkey laid again in the mess tent.
Good old bird!
- 11.9.79. Telegram from headquarters about Douglas posted. Duthy, if fit, to join.
Thursday Over to see papers at 12th. Over to lawn tennis at Sappers. Kinlock tells me,
in our camp, that he has been to Haft Chah; saw that occupied, but did not go
within shot. No one at Tor Kumen. Shinwarris at Puih something. They think
Saudi Khana is to be attacked, so reinforce it, and take a [?]port fire to light
signal rockets. In Sapper camp they tell us that the Coolie Chowdrie of Saudi
Khana says 200 Afghan cavalry, 500 Mohmund ditto, are in the pass, and he is
afraid of being cut up with his gang. Duthy telegraphs to say, "send pony
sharp, back in 10 days". Play lawn tennis against Fraser. Lose two games
to three. Mayne and Bruce join in, lick them 6 to 1. Back and find old
woman in mess. Says he gets straight ~~Khukka~~ Khukka, all letters from
Kabul stopped at Jellalabad, knows one came thro' from one Cabul merchant
to another, he gave the news to Col. Waterford, received letter of thanks
from him. Says the ^{ARTUR'S} men governor of Jellalabad, and ^{IALPURA'S SON}
have met him and always used to water at Saudi Khana leaving arms behind, not
been seen for 3 days. Posts are evacuated. Haft Chah, he says, is occupied
by SAUGA Kheyle. One shot at night. Walker going round guards, says
in 24th direction. I thought it was in H.M.B. direction. H.M.B. and 24th to go
to Dhakka on receipt of carriage. Sappers to build up signal post again.

- 12.9.79. General over to inspect the Hospital. Fetch over the ammunition from Friday the Fort by order, and show it with us, powder no L brought over. Go to drink at the Elfin Glen with 94 mules, which had been carrying ammunition. Finish them off in a quarter of an hour. Beautiful trough for animals. Fraser and Walker both gone inside. Fraser retires from dinner. Another egg from hen turkey for Fraser's breakfast this morning. Post fires over to 12th and 24th.
- 13.9.79. Told to change our ammunition, proportion of common and shrapnel shell. Saturday Got receipts for post fires. Sergt. Hay died. Polo 2 v 2 1 game all.
- 14.9.79. Bury Sergt. Hay in the morning. English mails in. Letter from Sunday Miss Dyce. Letter from Douglas. No English papers again. Go down to water in the evening. Visit 45th post and find out signals for *DANGER* and attack.
- 15.9.79. Guide from Cabul massacre in. He had been sent out with a chit to say 6 Monday months pay would be given to the mutineers if they went. He escaped, says Cavagnari was the first killed. Hamilton charged out against a gun, killed 3 with his pistol, spitter two, and then was killed. Go over and read papers at 12th. Lawn tennis in afternoon. First water at Elfin Glen for Walker. A regular fusillad all round. Fraser asks me out to see imaginary man caught. One infantry sentry of ours over commissariat mules fires a shot.
- 16.9.79. Out for a prow, fire 3 rounds under one Tree hill. Down to Elfin Glen Tuesday morning and evening for water. Find Mayne has been, breakfasted off Turkey's egg, and went away. Hear Cave, and marksmen of 12th lay out for the budmashes, no results. Rained at watering order.
- 17.9.79. Fraser breaks in with news that a thief attempted the hospital tent, and Wednesday Corporal Lawrence's greatcoat frustrated by 2 yells from Blake. Thief bolted, and no one saw him. Disappointment again! Lawn tennis in the afternoon. Poor Cave fever so does not turn up. Gaisford there. Koolen going over in crowds. Got letter addressed to O.C. from Capt. Angus A. D.C. Mhow, about Dyce.
- 18.9.79. First row in Commissariats. 24th Sentry fires, budmash returns fire; Thursday 2nd shot for 24th, and exit no damage. A shot from Br. Dally at 3 men on opposite hill. Hell of a hullabaloo at 2 minutes to 2, grass alight by lime kiln, budmashes flying in all directions, and some pretty lively potting from the picquets. Down to water. Told the grass caught fire by

- 18.9.79. accident, and that it was our own fellows, trying to put it out who were
Cont'd. potted at by sentries. On a board on malt liquor. Phillips self and
Giles. Dr. Wright ascending - latter in cuffs and gold studs. Sit till
dark. Ph. in a rage at its not being over sooner. 2 shots from
Commissariat Guard. Hear Phe barked. Self did not hear.
- 19.9.79. Ede of Mussalmen, so give them a holiday. Judging distance by battery.
Friday Wace and Anderson, the latter vice Sandbach over on duty. Pegs round.
Ride to Rotten Row see Vultures. 12th digging trench round fort. Selves
warned for service in orders. Lawn tennis in afternoon. Read Riensi
through. Lick Fraser into a 'cocked hat'. J. Campbell back from leave.
Recalled the day he intended leaving Mussoori gets his passage paid.
Meet Mayne in full fig, been out calling. Hear foxed barking at night.
Take it they are badmush signals. At office see parade of Musulmen
in clean clothes for their kirk. New moon. Send off letters to
Miss Dyce and mother. F. at dinner, tells us he is 'O'Kell', at
draughts.
- 20.9.79. Out with Fraser and Walker up path, by bheestie's ^{Road} ~~was~~ to signal post,
Saturday see 3 ~~SEESSE~~ 9 geese. Not a sign of any troops in Fort Dhakka. Sappers
building hell of signal post. F. tells me two shots last night. See
3 men natives for transgressing sanitary laws. Campbell from Ali Musjid
to have horse shod and tiffin. Down to water, see 2 lots of seessee.
Clockety and Mayne over to see us. F. and I tiffin about 9 geese. Get a
flask of powder from Br. Hardy. ^L Send him my gun.
- 21.9.79. Letter from Douglas to say he is coming tomorrow. Wace over after tiffin.
Sunday Holmes over till 1. Walk to top of hill with Fraser. To 12th to see
invalids.
- 22.9.79. Ride with Fraser to look for Douglas. He does not turn up. Meet A.M.S.
Monday and Tr. Alonzo Jones coming in, know nothing of Douglas. Q.M.S. got
Receipt Sandbach Adj . from 24th June.
- 23.9.79. Out with battery. Meet Douglas afterwards with Campbell. See at
Tuesday half way house. Lawn tennis in the afternoon with Fraser; drawn rubber
all. Latter waxes eloquent over badmashes who were passing at lawn
tennis time, going to be Ghasied at least he thought. No English papers
for the 3rd week. 1 case cholera 45th Sikhs.

- 24.9.79. Judging distance. Douglas takes over command. Assumes command ^R ~~F~~.A.
 Wednesday ^{OWEN STEWART SMYTH}
 O.S.S. adjutant. Wace over to ask about Sandbach keeping it on; Douglas says No. He O.C. Senior Sub. Adjt. of his battery. Polo. Exchange for tomorrow morning with ~~XX~~ Walker. Pollock, Mein, Scudamore, Gaisford v. Cave, Giles, Medley and self. They got one goal, we none. Dine with Scudamore, play Nap, lose 1 Rupee. Mayne coming to breakfast tomorrow he says Clockety got fever. Cholera case in 45th died last night. Beautiful moonlight night again till 11 o'clock.
- 25.9.79. Phe lost this morning. Major got telegram about carriage, ambiguous to
 Thursday
 C.O. Mountain Battery, asks me to help. Let mules go to water without Officer. Mayne over to breakfast. Regale with a turkey's egg. Hear from old Bidy got cholera. Namesake rather sits upon Wace I hear. Decide for lawn tennis. See H.M.B. posted to 1st Brigade. We now here. General consternation, and indignation. Major writes to Col. Evans. Major, Fraser, Gaisford and self lawn tennis. Good games. Clockety in bed with fever. Rout him out. Moonlight. Have Trumpeter to sound at mess. No Phe turned up. Phe my dog.
- 26.9.79. Marching order parade under Major, near Fort at 7. Rank past, stables
 Friday
 watering order; H.M. asks if H.F. Smyth my brother. Get new brushes. Scudamore over to ask for a post fire. Phe recovered by Gr. Barker. Found tied up in a 12th tent. Hear ~~ix~~ poor Bidy Graves dies of cholera. Guides to be in tomorrow. Road for cavalry to be made, west of Tor Sappa towards Kum Dhakka. Sergt. Ormond rather late for Roll call.
- 27.9.79. Range finding with Major, over to see Great Doc. shooting pigeons; gets
 Saturday
 seven. Jump Johnny. Inspection of all but harness. Polo in the afternoon. World v. twelfth. World wins. Change sides, draw after. Namesake to dinner, bucks. Guides thro' in the morning of Saudi Khana. 2 guns of H.M.B. to go on tomorrow.
- 28.9.79. Divine Service. Watering. Slight rain interrupts stables. Rains like
 Sunday
 the deuce, and thunder and lightening all afternoon and evening. Mein and Bruce take refuge in the mess, with a large dog, which Doc. tries to appropriate, but relenting, lets it go again, and it walks off with Sappers. Two guns H.M.B., with Smyth and Sandbach sally off ~~tax~~ to Saudi Khana.

- 29.9.79. Gun Drill. Xth B.L. down to Saudi Khana today. Signal post occupied by
Monday
12th. Go over and read papers at 12th. Warburton in. Gerard, Gough
and Kinlock too, going on tomorrow. Press Cave in for lawn tennis, all
Sappers seedy, but press Mayne and Bruce in, and World v. Sappers, world
beats. Traser seedy with a sore throat.
- 30.9.79. Throat bad. Muster. Long morning in office, broken by 9th marching
Tuesday
through; fitting belts, discharge Mugdoon Bux Naick and Bakhtawa Enam
Bux Nk. Ramadeen attk. Forsanth orderly See. Cavalry Brigade
staff on the move. Staffords 6 Co. Sappers through. Havildars complain
about pay. See geese going over. Fraser still very seedy. Duck and Teal
heard going over, whilst at dinner.
- 1.10.79. Battery Exercise under Major, a good one, over the hills. Fraser still
Wednesday
very seedy, a Field Day in Office with the Major. Evatt, Surgeon Major,
who was in 1st Basar Expedition, to tiffin with Doc. Latter ill so Major
and I entertain him. Lawn tennis. Major and Mayne v. me. Latter beats.
Major to dine at 12th. Fraser tries to dine, no go, departs in middle.
Moreland and Hutchinson drunk in basar. Scrim Gakoob Khan has come in
to Gen. Roberts. No papers. Letter from Mum in Jersey.
- 2.10.79. On duty, so go to water. Major down there, Phillips of 12th. Stables.
Thursday
With Major to Office. Orders out for 2 guns to go to Dhakka. I am to
go with Right Division. Commissariat say 'No carriage'. Mules in from
Dhakka, which had helped Smyth H.M.B. down. All rubbed and sore.
Terrible!!!! cast away ammunition to the Fort again; all but reserve.
Make out indents. Pads all wrong. Major to see them tomorrow. Late to
water. Fraser seedy, does not dine. Walker's horse nearly strangled.
Carbine and ten wounds to Doc. to shoot Koolen. Doc. too ill, and no
Koolen fly over.
- 12
- From 3.10.79. Friday to ~~18~~.11.79 Wednesday - No diary to be found. I
was down at Dhakka with my 2 guns of Right Division, most of the time.
No fighting, only garrisoning Dhakka, and no expeditions of any sort -
of a warlike kind for me. Saw many troops pass thro' to the front,
but we left behind in rear.
- 12.11.79. In Saudi Kotal Again. Jim Drill stables. Give orders to change ~~by~~ my
Wednesday
dum team in No. 1 for 2nd team No. 2. Long Office. Tub. Chalmers over
in evening. McDonnell and Hutchinson after shooting come in. Chit from

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- 12.11.79. Merk - Political officer Dhakka - and telegram, that he is coming.
Cont'd. His people turn up. He does not. Coat for Phe. Major dines at 12th. Sohans *diasco* with Duthy carries in all his kit. Luke and I ~~xxx~~ tete a tete at dinner.
- 13.11.79. Holiday. Down to water. See Salpura sowar. Tells me Merk is coming.
Thursday Go to guard after water. No signs. Back to breakfast. Stables, Office, Merk in. Breakfast him. Lead Puck, and he goes over to Cunningham. See 2 mules branded, 1 which fell with ammunition boxes at Ali Musjid is to be shot. Tiffin. Major and Luke for a walk to Pisgah. I out with Merk to Cunningham. Cherry brandy. 3 for a walk to end of camp, towards Ali Musjid. Back to dinner 4. Letters from Jenner and Tickell coming to dinner tomorrow, and accept for honorary members. See posts stuck up for marauders execution. Major has to go to Field Hospital to meet the General, so I take out batter tomorrow morning.
- 14.11.79. Battery exercise. Climb over hill, down opposite side and thro' gorge
Friday home. Merk gone off. Mdras Sappers in. Wahak to tiffin. Lindley and Darling also in, 2 marauders shot at 11. Chaffed each other before being shot. Field afternoon with mess accounts. Luke's last dinner. Tickell and Jenner to dinner.
- 15.11.79. Range finding Major shoots 3 pigeons. Polo. See Freddy Angelo,
Saturday attached to 31st P.I. Merk in. At tiffin in stalks Oughton curtain falls, dragged down by his dropped H's.
- 16.11.79. Church. Merk sends off his *? Lal* to Saudi Khana.
Sunday
- 17.11.79. Parey and Huggard in from Cabul. Ride down with Merk to Saudi Khana.
Monday Bring back his syce, give him warm clothing.
- 18.11.79. Sahngers off. Coke in. Gun drill. Freddy to call. Ride down with
Tuesday him. Send off honorary member chit to Merk. Coke dines. Lindley R.E. calls. Argument with Doc. most amusing. Riding with Freddy see two drunken men being brought in by native guard. Trumpet major, and rifleman, wig Merwaupi.
- 19.11.79. Battery exercise under Major. Go up a hill past a burning
Wednesday Morse Davies into tiffin. Coke breakfasts. Polo. Licked by 12th. Davies dines in Captain's mess kit. Coke over before with road sketch. Going to dine with the 12th. Palmer Comissariat in. Merk sends up 4 fish by a Khyberie.

- 20.11.79. Holiday. Got a bad sore throat. Jenner to tiffin. Davies only to
Thursday dinner. Coke dines with Sir Kennedy - staff. Darling
and Wahab over to call in the evening. Little doc. awful fun.
- 21.11.79. Battery exercise; sore throat very bad, but still go out, take ranges.
Friday Home. Find Davies had breakfasted with Sir M. Kennedy's staff.
Invited Hannah, Siddell and Deane to tiffin. Major Crasher calls at
stable hour. I have breakfast, can't wait for tiffin. All 3 strangers
in to tiffin. I go in, shake hands, and bolt down to water. Stables.
Hear 5 or 6 shots down the Khud. Davies and Doctor at puzzles
"Ambiguas" "Sea foam" Coke had gone so not at dinner. Davies has had
a spill. Doc. thinks he must have fallen on his head "because bump of
wit bigger "7119790/1779 /".
- 22.11.79. Fatigues. Two chums of Duthy in telegraph to breakfast, Brook and Towers.
Saturday Prowl with Doc. Throat better. Dismiss Akdar. Merk in with Khan.
Fires on hills. Guards.
- 23.11.79. Church parade. Merk Off. *Calm* day. Freddy over in the afternoon. With
Sunday him for a ride. Awful wind. Such a night. Major's small tent down.
Docs. tent down. Guards at 12.30. Half tents down. Doc. walks round
all night, with shirt tails flying. No getting to sleep in my tent,
anyhow. Wind in gusts. Everyone threatens to blow tent away. Stands.
- 24.11.79. Still blowing a hurricane. No parade every one but Major uncomfy. Get
Monday under lee of wall. Doc. goes to bed at 4.30. Cave over to see me.
Asks me to dinner on Wednesday. Can't go, as Freddy is coming to dine
with me. Wind shuts up about 4 p.m. Bed. A little wind. Hope I shall
have a good sleep. The talk of doc. at dinner about instincts of
animals. Break of Colvin and Cowie in papers.
- 25.11.79. Riddell and G. 2 in. Ferguson dines. Davies tells me of Mrs. McLearie.
Tuesday Take on as servant the masalchi
- 26.11.79. Freddy dines. Cave comes over to take me to see new polo ground. Major
Wednesday goes out shooting. Gets nothing. Riddell and Davies dine at 12th.
- 27.11.79. Morton 2/9th dines. Riddell also. Tell him about Bazar valley with maps
Thursday

- 28.11.79. Battery exercise. Marching order. Riddell off to Saudi Khana. Go down
Friday waterwards. Meet dhoolie and two fellows riding up. Mackinstry stops
me. Shut up water, and bring him to tiffin. Ask him to dinner. Back.
Comes. See Cave going to water, about new polo ground.
- 29.11.79. Range finding. Stables. Office. Pretzman and Brack in. Water. Polo
Saturday on new ground. Brabazon gets one in stomach. Asks me to tiffin to-
morrow. Say I'm coming. Two strangers Cabul impostors to dinner.
Major gets note to say C.M. put off till Tuesday week. Col. Simond,
Jenner and Tickell over. McDonell over for cherry brandy and a peg.
- 30.11.79. Divine Service. Long off to Peshawar. Tell Fitzgerald his C.M. put
Sunday off till Tuesday week. Stables. Field day at mess accounts. Water.
Stables. Tell off 3 mules and No. 3 to go to Peshawar. Arrange for
Sonj Balli and Juggeroo to go too. Q.M.S. syce and horse. Major
going to take Mucca. Friend of Fergussons, Thackwell of 51st, over to
see us. Reduced to 5 for dinner. 2 sappers, Darling and Wahab to
see us. Likewise Pearson of 12th. Fergusson accompanies me to water.
Meet strange little Doc. on horseback with Davies, Chater & Moonah drunk.
Guards. Bridgman bad cold. Davies talks rot.
- 1.12.79. Muster. Kits. Field day with mess. Get Davies to make up wine bills.
Monday Major's mules start. Instructions from Major. Ferguson seedy. Cave and
Brakasm over to tell me no polo tomorrow. Fatigue party going to put
the graves to rights. Polo to be on Wednesday.
- 2.12.79. Major off. Battery exercise over hills by sungar. Over to see Sappers.
Tuesday Mutual politeness ending in milk punch.
- 3.12.79. Polo. Committee on beer. Hill in from Dhakka, en route Indiwards.
Wednesday Dines *Pingo*. Phe brought in by a soldier, rewarded by Kl. 1.
ve.
- 4.12.79. Holiday. Hill off. Major back to dinner. Finish up mess accounts.
Thursday Merk from Dhakka to dinner.
- 5.12.79. Battery exercise. Field day with girths. Guards. Beer board.
Friday Violets. Board adjourned as sepoys had carried off blankets & ?.
Phe lost again. Hear of Gakoob coming.
- 6.12.79. Fatigues & Range Finding. Get orders to go to Saudi Khana with sealed
Saturday orders tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. Suppose it is to fetch Zakoob.
Joker. my aged syce - gets 2 months leave to visit Pindi. New syce
does work from today. On adjourned board on blankets. Back. Find Phe.
Make arrangements for 3 mules, *Incha* and Forsanth to go to

- 6.12.79. Peshawar to get sherry and my warm clothing. Arrange for grub
Cont'd.
tomorrow for expedition.
- 7.12.79. Start at 9. Sealed orders opened not! Yakoob turns up at 11 a.m.
Sunday
Back again to tiffin. Walk to P.O. with Ferguson; meet Cave and
Brabason off to Ali Musjid. Merk and Cunningham over in the evening.
Merk stays.
- 8.12.79. Fatigues, Range Finding. Go out shooting, 1 seesa 5 shots. Lost 1
Monday
bird. Missed 1 shamefully, 1 not badly only to clear gun. Court
martial put off till Saturday. Merk off after tiffin. Davies on the
argue. Wrong as usual.
- 9.12.79. Marching order. No. 4. Field day with keepers. Down to water. Come
Tuesday
back to find that , Dr. of 27th N.I. from Dhakka is here; going on
leave till the end of the month. Double up in my tent. McDonell and
Medley over in the evening. Talk about polo.
- 10.12.79. Marching order. No. 3. Stables interrupted by Committee on Girths,
Wednesday
? Surcingle? Head Collars and Wheel saddle. To Court, after on 3 byles,
recommenda to be shot. Polo at 3.45. Arrange to shoot with McDonell
tomorrow. Mallins off about 1. 4 mules and 15 in from Dhakka. All 5
alright.
- 11.12.79. Holiday. Major and Long shoot 2 seesa. Stables. Davies seedy. Truth
Thursday
of stick. McDonell and I shooting, see 4 chikor. I get a right and
left, miss both. 2 pegs at 12th. Major suggests my going to Col.
Sillery for advice on Court Martial tomorrow, instead of parade.
- 12.12.79. Battery exercise. Major lets me off to see Col. Sillery. Don't get
Friday
much out of him. Back to breakfast. Stables. Water. Out with Long
after chikor. Hear them. Don't see them. Don't get a shot. Guards.
- 13.12.79. G.C.M. on Gr. Fitzgerald for murder of a native Afghan. I have to
Saturday
prosecute. Pearson and Major defend. Lunch at 12th. 3 Cos. of 12th
to Jellalabad. 35th N.I. off. Col. Campbell, as Judge Advocate left
behind. Adjourn at 4. 2 witnesses short, don't turn up. Dine at 12th.
Prisoners in from Cabul, so McDonell, with whom I should dine on guard.
Cave takes charge of me at dinner. Whist after. Win 33 points + 16/8/-
Gen. Doran brings in news of heavy fighting ~~ix~~ at Cabul till 3 p.m.
Enemy defeated disastrously. Heavy loss. Guards. Ferguson and Long
off tomorrow.

- 14.12.79. Ferguson and Long off. Go to see Davies who is sick.
Sunday
- 15.12.79. G.C.M. finished. Hear Hearsey was killed in fight at Cabul, and that
Monday
it was more of disaster than victory. All going on to the front.
Tweddell and Pearson dine.
- 16.12.79. Hear Gough, Chisholm, and Trower of 9th Lancers were also killed at
Tuesday
Cabul. Then only former killed. 2 latter wounded only. Brigade
orders out about more of troops. We to move at shortest notice. 3 guns
coming up with 25th. All H.A. guns abandoned and spiked in Cabul
fight. Retaken afterwards by 67th. Corgill dines. Guards. Light in
? tent. Marching order No. 2 tomorrow.
- 17.12.79. Marching order No. 2. Best of the lot. Sappers dine us all, as we are
Wednesday
to start for the front tomorrow with 12th Corgill and Davies stay to
breakfast.
- 18.12.79. Very bad start. D.A. in. We off about 12. Dont start from Saudi
Thursday
Khana till 1 p.m. Meet Merk and Gaisford at top of short cut. Merk
says he is coming to dine with us in Dhakka. Into Dhakka late. Dine
with Duthy. Westropp dines. We drink 3 bottles of Merk's champagne.
- 19.12.79. Go to see celebrated Dhakka picture screen with Major. Start from
Friday
Dhakka at 9. Reach Bhosawal at about 3 p.m. Get inside the fort.
Men and mules in different parts. Officers in the keep. Tiffin with
the Staff. Take ~~xxxx~~ our dinner into their room. Fond of their room,
a fire in it. Gorke R.E., Kennett 51st, Palmer Comst. Shepherd and
we three.
- 20.12.79. Started from Bhosawal at 9. Reached Bari Khats about 12 noon. Cram
Saturday
gunners in the fort. Mules irregularly outside. In the fort our-
selves. Fort commandant Lumsden of 3rd B.C. *Marselle?* 6th Regt.
Court. and Transport Officer. Stables at 4. Dine ourselves. Digby
R.E. over afterwards for a buck. Guards at 2.30.
- 21.12.79. Start at 8.15, as it is a long march. 171 colic. Great games for 28.
Sunday
Kicked Ramadeen II in the mouth. Off very punctually. Thro' thieves
pass. Good place for raids, I should say. Lake meets us at watering
place. Into Jellalabad about 3 p.m. Camp next Carabiniers. See lots
of old churns. Asked out everywhere to dinner. Have engaged to dine
with Lake. Major and I tiffin there. Stables at 4.15. Hear we are to
go on 23rd with 3rd B.C. to *Gaudamat?* . Nothing wrong with the

- 21.12.79. mules. Change and dines with Lake. Go over to 27th N.I. after. At
Cont'd. dinner. Burton, Humphrey, Barton, Corgill, Lake and self. Only Byrne
and Martin and Thruston in 27th. Back under orderly Dewa Singh Picquet
thrown out of 6 men. Quiet night.
- 22.12.79. A fine morning. In camp at Jellalabad. Stopped in bed till 9 a.m.
Monday Stables 10.30. Col. Adj. and Baker over *demi* - official.
Thruston over to tiffin. Long back. Stables. Lawn tennis at 27th.
Dine there and songs after. ~~War~~ *Burton* and *Burton* at dinner. Guards
and bed.
- 23.12.79. Ready to start long before halfpast 9. Hear at last moment that
Tuesday Carabiniers are to come with us. Young fellow routed out of bed. Start
about 9.30. Heavy road thro sand and very hot. Halt and water half
way. Give young Carabinier a feed, *He* leaves, and we worry on to
Rosabad. Encamp near road. Not under fort walls. Road along Kiva bed.
River on right, march of Surkhab, other side of ruined villages and
vegetation. On left nothing but sand dunes. Baker marches with us.
Gives us a bottle of port, and a tin of beef.
- 24.12.79. Going to Gandamuh, so start at 8.15. Prior to starting try for some
Wednesday pigeons, dont get them. Pass Futsehabad. Then on to stony plain, scene
of battle of Futsehabad. See remains of sungars. Go to Fort Battye,
and see water running up hil apparently. Halt, Water and feed. 2
drivers lost. Find them sitting on the side of the road. Dont care
a d-u what happens to them, so seedy. Down from Fort Battye into bed
of stream. Cross stream twice, wind round hills, and then across a
valley with a large garden in it, and up opposite hills. Meet convoy
of sick and wounded. 9th man, shot by Ghilsais in the jaw, tells me
about it. Over the undulating hills - lots of blue pigeons about - to
Gundamuk. Long meets us. Major on ahead to find out camp. We get a
horrid spot. Have to picquet mules in 2 long lines. See 1 mule 32 go
and sniff at a *Lab?*. Hear afterwards that *Lab?* had glanders. Shift
half the mules, in ~~XXXXXX~~ consequence of finding out that we are on the
ground where the transport lines and glanders were. Major pretty riled
with Carthew, the brass hatted idiot, who never told us anything about
it. Tiffin J.A. Dine there, and have champagne for dinner. Bring doc.
home uproarious. Baker pitches with us. Telegram for Artillery and
Cavalry Officers fetches *him?* on in hopes of getting to Cabul.

- 25.12.79. Xmas day, save the mark! Rained nearly all night. Clouds low down
Thursday. over the place when I got up. 1st thing to see meat for the men, very poor, complain, complaint disallowed. Baker stopped by rain. Over to J.A. to read papers. Tiffin with Doc. Mein over. Out for a walk with Mein with gun. Empty it at a raven, miss. Back and over to Sapper Mess for milk punch. English letters in. One from Mum. One from Aunt Kate. Dine at J.A. Clouds all over the hills.
- 26.12.79. Sunny morning. Snows clear in one or two directions, but clouds about,
Friday cold. Hear 2 guns have to go on tomorrow. Stables. Tiffin. Hear Ikey Wrig WL has come in with a draft for us. Go and find him at H.A. mess. Bring him over to camp. Major sticks to him for duty with battery. Burton and Long dine as well as Ikey. I with 2 guns to go on day after tomorrow.
- 27.12.79. When the tent is opened to my astonishment find it is a white world of
Saturday snow outside. March of guns stopped of course. Songs after dinner to Ikey's fiddle. Ikey sings 'The Long Long Indian day'.
- 28.12.79. My 2 guns ordered on as well. Get off with 51st about 12. Pass 44th
Sunday hill. Reach Peswar at evening. Baggage in by moonlight. Dine in Sappers' tent. Wace's old mess tent. I am to stop here with my 2 guns.
- 29.12.79. Broke my cheroot holder last night. - Get orders in the morning for my
Monday two guns to go on as well. Large convoy. Leave my kit behind, thinking I am coming back. Reach Kotal all safe. 45th Sikhs under Armstrong. 51st under Ball? *action*. Ghoorkha escort and 4 of our guns. Hear firing after leaving the Kotal. Ordered to look out for attack on convoy. Jugdulluk garrison has been fighting all day. Up the hills to right, and into action. Bullets flying pretty freely, cover of enemy good. Take range of pudding hill. Ingram guesses 1300 distance 1270. Fire 12 rounds. Poor Ikey Wright shot thro' the stomach, before we had ~~fir~~ fired a shot. Died at once. Fight till dusk, and convoy has got in, and then to Jugdulluk. Bury Wright under the fort walls. Dine with 13th B.L.
- 30.12.79. Col. Ball Acton 51st wants us to dig up Wright's body again, and bury it
Tuesday further off. Case argued, and ends in letting him lie where he is. Take inventory of his kit. Shift guns over to position. Hear tribes have dispersed. Col. Norman and a column off to Seh Baba. See Young Milton of 51st - Acting Adjutant - old schoolfellow. Quiet day. No fighting as was expected.

31.12.79.
Wednesday

Hear 2 guns have to help to garrison Jugdulluk Kotal. My two guns ordered off. Doc. ordered off in charge. Furious, but has to come. 2 Cos. 51st under Nugent and Butler accompany. Sale of poor Wright's things. Write to his people. Buy 2 tents Rs 40/-/- and 12/-/-. Cant get his *poshteen?* Realises fancy price. Off at 11 a.m. for Kotal. Reach about 1 p.m. Send off 9th Foot and 1 Co. Sappers under Dove and Randolph back to Jugdulluk. Fort garrison consists of 51st ~~xxxx~~ Nugent and Butler. R.E. Blunt Gordon & Campbell. R.A. self and Doctor Oughton. Get inside *Jnl?* late, after 9th and sappers clear out. Settle down. Blunt on duty. Dinner altogether. Don't see new year in.

1.1.80.
Thursday

New Years day at Jugdulluk Kotal in poor old Ikey's tent. Have to sleep on the floor as my kit is at Perwan Kotal. A beautiful day 5200 feet high. Garrison of fort consists of 1 Co. 51st L.I. with Capt. Nugent, and Lt. Butler. 1 Co. Bengal Sappers and Miners with Campbell and Gordon. Details of 2nd and 4th Ghoorkhas. 2 guns Rt. Dn. 11/9 R.A. under Lt. Smyth. Blunt R.E. in charge of signallers. Tyler Oughton doc. Send out grass and wood cutting parties at 10 a.m. Firing heard in the direction of Perwan, at the half way house. Nugent and his men, with Ghoorkhas off out to the rescue. Convoy comes in alright, no kit for me; Kit for 51st. Both ~~helis~~ *helix-ed?* for in morning. Helis again to Stafford to send on tomorrow. A lot of officers going thro' for the front. Tucker in, intending to go to Perwan. Gives it up on hearing of the firing, and sends to tell Chiefs to come in, or go away but not fool about the road firing. Dinner at 6. On duty. Round guards at 10. Quiet night. Commenced a beard.

2.1.80.
Friday

Breakfast at 9. So up pretty punctually for that. Another glorious day. Dak in from Perwan. See poor Montanaro got a bullet thro the spine. Another convoy in. No kit for me. Helis *Jm* Stafford to say he could not get it off. No carriage available. Chit from O.C. telling me, officially to start a diary, privately that he is sending 20 camels for kit & ca. to Perwan. 7 at dinner again. Amused by little Doc's eccentricities. Capital having a mess hut, as we have. Find it is no use sending out to cut grass without datrees, as I only got 1 load yesterday and 2 today. As a consequence the mokes are eating their blankets. Sappers make me new mule lines outside the fort.

3.1.80. Official programme from today to be as follows:- until further orders -
Saturday

1. Mules to graze - 2 mules to 1 driver - from 9 a.m. to 12 noon under guard of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men.
2. Working party of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men from 12 to 3 Thursdays and Sundays excepted.
3. Watering order 2.30 p.m. under grazing guard.
4. Stables at 4 p.m.

A beautiful day again. Official from Major about paying natives followers.

Officers swarm in on convoy duty from the village. Major Macnaghten 10th B.L. Ommaney 9th, Tucker and chiefs of Hissurak in says "Chirp in, all quiet here now, may sleep in peace". Hear of fight in valley, Signallers from Perwan say, enemy are all round them, dont know of the free pardon proclaimed. Towers of telegraph in also. Convoy in at 3. Kit in and liquor. Joy. Abdar and bearer. Get a change at last. Dinner at 6. $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ all round in honour of kit coming in. Doc. great, argues.

4.1.80. Divine Service at 51st. Voluntary for our men. Another glorious morning.
Sunday
Out to see the grazing party. Hear of chikor. 1 Luscar turns up with Range finder and 10 dakees. Nugent goes down to village. Our rations supposed to turn up, but they dont so Helis to C.O. who says 7 days have been sent. Hawkes Comt. luckily passes, and promises to set us right. Nugent tells us Gen. Gough, Sir M. Kennedy, and Daood Shah going thro' tomorrow. Stables. Pay natives. Tricks in the evening. Send my boy down to the village for stores & ca.

5.1.80. Up at 9. Fine again. Find all swells have arrived. Campbell and Blunt
Monday
off to the village. I range find all the morning to the east of the fort. Rations turned up alright. Wrote to mother. Received 10 Brandy and 2 Whiskey from Major. Send him down 3 sherry, 3 cherry brandy and 6 curacoa. Ghilsai milkman brings in milk. Milton on convoy duty, tiffins. After tiffin Gordon and I go out chikor shooting. Birds swarm, but very wild, however I knock one over, and Gordon and I have to chevy it. Capture it at last. Return of the boy from the village with fresh meat and stores, asks to cook from tomorrow. Barber turns up to set us to rights. Doc is put right. I decline as it is to be every 3rd day.

- 6.1.80. Cloudy and windy, so much so that range finding is out of the question.
Tuesday
Boy takes over cooking. New regime gives us breakfast rather late. On a Court of Enquiry on loss of ammunition bag by one Pte. Potkins of 51st L.I. Find I am dead lame this morning, something gone wrong in the back sinews of my right leg, and about calf and back of knee. Tell off a mule orderly for Blunt and his signallers. Gordon and Butler out after chikor in the afternoon. Former gets one. Sign books at 3 p.m. Stables 4 p.m. 12th night, so stories and songs round. On duty. Guards about 1 a.m. Vermilion pudding excites doc. and as I turned in a little before the rest, he thinks I am poisoned and comes to see me.
- 7.1.80. Sunshiny but blowing still. Get the mule lines shifted to the back of
Wednesday
the Fort - outside. Send Corp. Ingram down to the Village with 125 Rs, ledger, and a memo, as he wants to see about rations and get some rum. Lameness better. Sascar turns with November ledger. Gordon and Nugent out shooting in the afternoon, they dont get anything. Too much wind for range finding. The byle transport for Sappers and Miners turns up. 10 camel loads of bhoosa for me. No more grazing at present. Get a ham boiled. Docs. dream related. Songs at night.
- 8.1.80. Holiday. Saxon turns up with an English letter from Mum, Nan and Kitty.
Thursday
Send back the range finder. Major tells me 4 guns are to at Safed Sang. Went pigeon shooting in the morning, got 3 pigeons. Ham for tiffin. In the afternoon take 7 Kahars - Nugent and Blunt out too - and try for game. Dont see fur or feather. Stratton 22nd - signaller 1st Bde - in from Cabul, tells us all about the fighting. Milkman does not turn up, said to be a sign of war. 1 Kahar, 1 naick, 1 driver and No 17 mule turn up. Send on Nk. stick to other 3.
- 9.1.80. Out for a prowl with 1st lines. Gordon out shooting gets nothing. Go
Friday
to signal picquet hill. 224 loaves of bread turn up. Cut off by huge convoy from Cabul, but cut thro' it. Stratton away. Kenett and officer 12th B.C. to tiffin, on convoy duty. Get a novel "An Eye for an eye", out of Clockety. Blunt proposes going Cabulwards tomorrow. Continued absence of the milkman. Getting colder and colder. Slight breeze continuous and cutting. Butler on convoy meets a friend of the Docs. Winter of 33rd. Hear of a little row on board coming out. Captn. being called to interfere between a loving couple.

- 10.1.80. Saturday Read novel. Kit inspection 10 a.m. Stables at 11. Condemn barley. See Anderson's guns going thro'. He says we are going to Hissarak and Sughman. Absence of milkman seems to point that way. 10 camel loads of khossa turn up, and are stored in the cave. Gumaney 9th on convoy, and Anderson in to 1. Ammunition inspection 12 noon. Blunt is ordered off ? way and starts with convoy towards Peswan Kotal. Write to the Major for leather, naick, stamps and dunder. Out for a prowl with Gordon. Sternly reproves a sapper for not carrying arms, forgetting we have none. A sell when he produces a sword bayonet. Smith, Tickell, Burton and Rawlinson thro' Cabulwards. Hear a 3rd is coming for us, detained at Safed Sang for want of carriage. Discover chowkidais have bolted too. Ominous sign, which we tell Doc. of. Find out all off to bury a dead bhai. On duty. Guards at 10 p.m. Finish Sabina by Lady Wood. Doc summoned from dinner to Corp. Ingram.
- 11.1.80. Sunday Take canteen money 21/8/- Corporal Ingram better. Sappers get orders to go tomorrow. Nugent and I prowl after chikor for a walk, dont get any, only see one covey at a distance. Celebration of last night of sappers. Col. Simond, Mein and Campbell thro' Cabulwards. Williams from E.4., en route to join us. Gordon and Butler down to the Village. Send Johnny to the latter. They dont bring back much in the shape of news.
- 12.1.80. Monday Gun drill. Sappers off with Gordon and Campbell, leaving Doc. uneasy for the safety of the Fort. Destination Seh Baba for the present. Nugent down to the village to see Paridurrah pass, with Bourke photographer is going thro. Chess problems and figure puzzles all the afternoon. Doc. uneasy for Nugent's safety, as there is no convoy and his pony is being ridden. Nugent turns up about 5. Flo - his fox terrier bitch - very excited, flies at the doctor, licked and tied up by his kit, whom she bites in the hand. Thought the dog was mad. Change my tent to Queen street.
- 13.1.80. Tuesday Hear 1 shot, as I am leaving with 2nd and 3rd lines for a prowl down to Saugar on the left of the road. Back at 11. Hear Flo has been shot, not mad, but very excited. Stables, no grain for mokes till arrival of Perwan convoy. Kennett, on convoy, says he thought Flo was mad yesterday. Baker R.H.A. thro' en route to join Col. Evans. Letter from Major, saying we march for Safed Sang, on the 15th. Send Rs. 100/-/-