

- 8.1.79. Start for Jamrood, catch up Rainsford and travel with him, seems he
Wednesday went into 81st mess after leaving us, bears tokens of it. Gallwey
travelling too on 1st ^ATis. Horse. Meet Mhairwarras en route. Also
Walker sailing along "all 'uddled up no ow"., with deep mourning on
his left arm, find out after it is for death of Princess Alice. Meet
Duff coming out to meet his chief Gallwey; beard rather astonishes
him. Capt. Powlett C.3. over in the evening. Dick goes to dinner
with C.3.
- 9.1.79. Into Peshawar to cricket with Sergt. Blackwell and Elliott, meet
Thursday Lindley en route; put up with Burton. Blackwell plays the fool,
and does not turn up for ~~innings~~ ^{innings}, so does umpire instead. 14 ~~runs~~ ^{runs}.
Drive with Biddy in the evening. Dine at mess. Retire early with
Burton, who puts me up for night.
- 10.1.79. Cricket a farce. billerly cold. Elliott plays up and Cav. and
Friday [?] win. Go to Jehangir and Sudder ^{a?} on commissions for Skip. Go
and see Mrs. F. Asked to dine. Hunt for Owen's house at eventide,
find it at last, am introduced to Mrs. O's sister, Miss Walker, not
a very striking looking person. Dine at Fletchers. Hear who Blob is.
- 11.1.79. Back to Jamrood; write to Duthy, see Duff by P.O.; call on C.3.
Saturday dinner ~~tete~~ a tete with Dick.
- 12.1.79. Divine Service at 9.15. Lindley R.E. to call and Self who asks me
Sunday to dinner, but I refuse. Masalghi and mess sent for skip, and
start for Ali Musjid. C.O. produces unlimited literature from home.
- 13.1.79. Get a letter from Duthy about a servant's ^tent; answer it, and tell
Monday him tent going tomorrow. Hear a shave that Kandahar has produced
a bloody fight, repulsed 3 times, taken. 500 Kd and wd.
- 14.1.79. By. exercise. Write to Kit and Nan. Feel seedy. Hear of attack
Tuesday on Ali Musjid again; send off servants tent, and a chit to Duthy
Pd. 1/14 to cricket, ~~in~~ ^{bed} for 2 hours. Broadfoot back from leave
to Jellalabad. Passed this Ali Musjid, never head ^a of attack.
- ? ? Ossulston of R. Bde tiffins with ^Jevens Dr. Go to bed after.
A devil of a cough.
- 15.1.79. By. exercise, I don't feel very fit, so go to bed after stables
Wednesday till tiffin. Two guns ordered to Bhosawal tomorrow. O.C. wants to
take me, but I object too seedy, so Dick is to go. Bed again till
dinner.

- 16.1.79. 2 guns off with C.O. and Dick. Col. and Des Barres. Adj. R.A. to see Thursday.
start. The beginning of the end. Have to answer a letter about Woolwich band fund, not paying after promises. Call on Col. Fraser CRA
R.A. Receive a visit from unknown about going to Tira.
- 17.1.79. ? Out with all ordnance mules. Major Sim R.E. to call. Arrange to go Friday
to Peshawar tomorrow. Hatchell calls to see Broadfoot.
- 18.1.79. Cloudy and cold. Went into Peshawar with Jevers, tiffined with Owens. Saturday
Blob has bolted to Pindi. Poor Jevers out again after tiffin full tilt.
- 19.1.79. Divine Service at atg? under Broadfoot. Pack everything; a rehearsal on Sunday
the mules, no orders arrive however. Fine again now. Syce's sent up. A Tub. Hear that the expedition against the Zakkhas is put off till sanction of Government is obtained.
- 20.1.79. Saw prisoners being taken into Peshawar. Went for a walk to Guano Monday.
Rock with Broadfoot. Hear Ali Musjid was attacked last night. A field day with my squad book. Out for another walk with Broadfoot.
Hear of smallpox amongst the Kahars; they have a camp in the stream.
- 21.1.79. E. Exercise. Hair cut. A Tub. Tuesday
- 22.1.79. Doing Balbus all the morning. Hethcote to tiffin. Balbus in the Wed.
afternoon. Capital take in of H. to Col. Fabout 40 pr. Armstrongs. Tug of war 1 v. 2 both Europeans and Natives 4 Rs E. 2 Rs N. 2 won in both, good tug between natives, hollow affair Europeans. Have to give B. 1/8.
- 23.1.79. Some swell to see B. Tells him expedition coming off tomorrow. Trans- Thursday
port nobleman wanting to know you know how much carriage we should want. Rather astonished that stranger, I guess, by answering 'None'. Des Barres over to tell us we are off. Tub. More Balbus with Kahars, and camp cleaning, no gunners as a holiday is observed. Tooth dropped out at tiffin. Out for a walk to see Elephants. Rehearsal with baggage saddles. Amusing letter from Skip. To start at 9.30 tomorrow.
- 24.1.79. An unlucky day for a start. Get off about 8. Down towards the pass Friday
and then off to the Ali Musjid river. Little Gen. Blyth in command, with very sketchy orders. Jog along 24th crowning heights; halting for baggage to catch up and crossing and recrossing the stream till 4 p.m. when we stumble across a halting place in bed of stream, pitch

24.1.79.
Cont'd.

the tents; quiet night; no one ill amongst mokes. Fine.

25.1.79.
Saturday

Have to rise early to get rations, owing to a fool of a Sergeant.

Get my feet precious wet, as I have to cross the river; Start again at 9, turn off to the left, up to some high ground, whence Rho~~ras~~ and the ground about Shergai are seen, and thro' a kind of pass where the ^{road.}

~~was~~ from Ali Musjid joins in. Hear Mhairwarras are met. Down to the bed of the Barah river; along under supposed friendly village of Choora on the Rt. On the left Tucka burns a nobleman out for taking in the politicals. ^{worry} (Hurry) on, and come to a place which is selected by intelligent staff for camp. Elephants don't like the ground as it is soft. Rt. bank Hd. Qrs. & Staff 2 guns D.A. R.H.A. 5th Fusiliers, Mhairwarras, 13th B.L. Left Bank. 25th K.O.B. 2 ¹⁹ guns 11 ¹⁹ R.A. 24th N.I. Fd. Hospital Sappers and Miners. Very late when we get settled, and not half the convoy in. Sit down to dinner at 7. Just finishing Munksefali my servant in the door of the tent, and Br. Wells standing, whilst we looked at the orders, in the doorway when Bang Bang from a height above, and 'Cockie' Broadfoot's horse gave a ^{dance} ~~devil~~ of a bound "One of those bullets must have gone precious close to Cockie" says Broadfoot. We sat on and finished dinner, and dismissed Br and servant hoping the gentry had moved on. Devil ~~of~~ a bit, only reloading, and shortly after, bang bang and the thud of the bullets, too close to be pleasant, again made 'Cockie', who was picketed about 2 yds. in front of the doorway bound. Quite time to douse the glim, and be off to the gun park we thought and swords on and away was the order of the day. 3 more flashes from the hill this time and poor Cockie got hit in the stomach. 25th kindly assisted us as much as possible. A little more firing in rear, and one shot on the opposite bank, and all quieted down for the night.

26.1.79.
Sunday.

I went out at 6, and found poor 'Cockie' a stiff ^{, um} ~~one~~. T.A. poured in in streams to see the effect of the 1st bullet they had heard in ~~xxxx~~ anger, and the man, who fired that shot would have had short shrift if he had got into their hands. About 9 we move off upon mullah to the right to blow up the towers of Boorj, a good Sunday occupation. Hear we pick up Ali Musjid force - 2 guns 11/g. R.A. under Duthy (Walker gone sick again). 6th N.I. from Landi Kotal 51st L.I.,

- 28.1.79. assist. Find men lying down behind some ruins , swagger on past
Cont'd. them, get orders to reverse and get behind the ~~xxxx~~ ruins , as
bullets have been dropping into our present position. Reverse and
slope. Sergt. ^{Bl}Blackwell of No. 2 hit in the thigh. Clear them off
knoll after knoll, till the highest ridge, where we leave them, and
turn back campwards. A running fight the whole way home. New tactics
of guns covering retreat of infantry. Got in just at dusk. Holmes,
45th Sikhs, wounded in the back area. Fired away 64 Rounds. Quiet
night and fine.
- 29.1.79. A force goes out to blow up towers, no guns so get a quiet day and
Wednesday a rest. Go over to see Sergt. Blackwell, getting on well. See
ammunition properly packed, then put the camp in order for rain which
threatens. At 1 p.m. First drop of rain, since beginning of
October, falls. Only a shower after all. Cold, windy and cloudy
all day. Blowing up force firing away like the deuce, blows up
however, Halwai 4700 feet, is the name of the place blown up. Quiet
night, only 2 or 3 stray shots fired.
- 30.1.79. A beautiful day again. Get all damages and ~~ammunition~~ ammunition
Thursday to rights. Then over to see Dick, a C.O., Broadfoot unable to sleep.
Duthy has a bad throat. Visiting and receiving visits all day long.
? Great excitement about jingah ^h ~~sacks~~ collected at the ruins of
yesterday's blowing up all day long. A few shots fired in another
direction. Go to see Blackwell about 3. not doing badly. Hear of
Hearsey being missing. Viceeroy's proclamation of 21.11.78.
? published. No jingah in.
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31.1.79. Muster day, cold morning, but fine, Hearsey turned up alright.
Friday Ruffians with 3 flags in same old spot. Convoy in. Post shot at
sowar ~~sowar~~ hit and killed. Hart R.E. gets V.C. for plucky rescue.
Stedman 24th did the same deed, not even praised, as old fossil 25th
C.O. says he ought not to have left his guard. Beautiful moonlight.
No firing till just before dark, when ruffian lets off his rifle into
? Ghoorkha camp. No firing afterwards. Jurgah expected in but
don't turn up.
- 1.2.79. Fine day. Ruffians were to have been in at 10, did not come to time.
Saturday Little walk round with mokes saddled. Found a curiosity in the shape

- 1.2.79. of an Afridi sling, well made. Pop it in my wallet, and label it
Cont'd. "Curiosity found at Koomeen 1.2.79, brought in in a grass load from
H. Dulwar. Jirgah in about 4, after firing a salute in the air, leading
4 camels and 2 sheep. Clouding up again towards evening. Splendid
night in every sense. 5th Fusilier shot a 24th N.I. man by mistake.
- 2.2.79. Hear particulars of the mistake from 24th N.O. Soors, although jirgah
Sunday is in, shoot at our grass party. Excitement of staff at seeing Slade
getting ready to shoot in return with a 9 pr. Beautiful day.
Signalling parties sent to Hilachi, and heights above Walai. Malitee^{K's}
of tribes came in, about 5000 by ^Towers. Gen. Tyler and his brigade
ordered back quickly. An Afridi wa^R anticipated. Get our orders to
march off with the rearguard at 6.30 a.m. tomorrow.
- 3.2.79. Move off. Zakkhas act as picquets. Everyong under the idea we are
Monday being humiliated. Not a shot fired. Halt on ground just beyond Choorra.
Quiet night.
- 4.2.79. Start from Choorra at 7. Get to Ali Musjid without any bother; Halt
Tuesday there, let everything up and breakfast. Start for Jamrood at 12.10.
come in at 3.10. Jevers got tiffin ready. Rain begins at 4.30.
Dinner in a tent once more. Biddy Graves in to see us in the afternoon.
Drizzling all night.
- 5.2.79. Write about R.A. Band Fund. Go over to see Sett. Asked by Gallwey
Wednesday to play cricket. Sett dines.
- 6.2.79. Go in with Jevers to Peshawar. Shop. Then to cricket. 17 runs 1st
Thursday 2 - 2nd, a good match won by Jamrood. Went to called Owens. O's out,
? saw Ker-Blob 8 of us coming out together, ride a ^{dog} to ground.
Back at 6.
- 7.2.79. Despatch mules and stores to the Major, mess books to Dick. Field
Friday day with mess accounts.
- 8.2.79. Shave Clean. A Tub. Look respectable once more. Kit inspections.
Saturday Major Sim over wanting Jevers horse. Kit smashed my jolly old
tumbler. Pd. my servants 32 Rs. Kit 12.10.6. send Dick results of
Jany. messing.
- 9.2.79. Sent kit to Peshawar for watch, and slippers also a tumbler, told
Sunday last night that there had been a "battle of Bhosawal". Letter from
C.O. ^{ascribing} madness, as cause of Bs. extraordinary officials.
Nothing about the battle. Kit came back a trifle late, but bringing
everything.

10.2.79. Gum boil and owl coming I'm afraid. Went to Hurri ⁱⁿ Singh ke Boorj, Monday. with the battery. Meet Sappers from Riirjee, They give us a cheer as we pass. *Rookec*.

11.2.79. Left and Centredn. convalescents start for Ali Musjid with 5 camels. Tuesday
Pay recd. from C.O.

31 days rations 15.8.0.

Library 1.0.0. pay 265.12.0.

Band Fd. 31.8.0. 2 horses 60.0. 0.

2 gaiters 5.10.8.

Adv. mess 50.0.0.

Balance 222.1.4.

TOTAL 325.12.0. TOTAL 325.12. 0.

Walker turns up about tiffin time. Des Barres over. Col. of Bhopal Battn. to get Bhoosa out of the way. Short stroll with Walker. 4 at dinner.

12.2.79. Sword drill, then stroll round. Const. Camp. Write canteen accounts, Wednesday and pay natives. Kali Khan out of it, no pay written for him. Walker off after breakfast to Ali Musjid. Jevers gone to Peshawar. Wali Mahomed expected. Of course he does not come. Out for a ride with Broadfoot, meet, wonder of wonder, a pretty dairymaid. Meet squatter and tell him of the beauty.

13.2.79. In to Peshawar; meet Wali Mahomed on the road by the stream. Get a Thursday tub, and basin. Pay mess and cricket bills, all but 5 annas. Get a watch key. Call on Mrs. F. Think there will be an increase in Peshawar. Go to Owens. Burton and I to tiffin. Ker-Blob there, asked to go tomorrow, dine and sleep, go out with Owen next morning. News of Cape catastrophe - Isaⁿdhlwana - received. Meet B. and Jeverys and out for a ride. Get leave to go in tomorrow.

14.2.79. Get up early. Despatch makes to exercise, and get the blankets down. Friday Wanted for a committee at Mageins' office, *swears* I am too late. Sett asks me to dine. Swinburne at tiffin. Chum of Jevers. Go to Peshawar after tiffin. Find Owen out on an elephant, go he to hunt the wily city. Go to the mess about some claret. Dine. Col. Lambert *can't* Mag. at dinner. I put my foot in it about cricket coolie flooding the field, and being shopped. Play Phildenski with Ker-B and

- 14.2.79. finally retire to my tent.
Cont'd.
- 15.2.79. A Tub at 8.30. Opposite my birthday "When Fortune means to men most
Saturday good, she looks upon them with a threatening eye." King I, Act. 111.
Sc. 4. "Bright star of Venus fallen down on the earth, how may I
reverently worship thee enough", Henry VI, Act 1. Sc. 2. Go with
Owen on a round of calls to Merwajee, Asimullah watch maker, get a
thick glass to watch. Mess and Blackwell. Presented by ^{KER} ~~the~~ - B.
with soap, snuff box and 3 novels. After tiffin O and I go to Jamrood.
Go to camp, and round ^(Fort. ^{KE} ~~FEA~~?)
- 16.2.79. Divine service at 9. Give out boots and soap see natives shoes.
Sunday
Ingram turns up a Corporal. Mrs. O and Ker-B. came out at noon.
Ladies tiffin, over to the fort, do ^{Ct} ~~show~~ ^{can}. Hear hill fellows are
on the raid again, so go as escort with O's people to the ^{Butts} ~~hills~~.
Back again to dinner.
- 17.2.79. Small exercise tomorrow's parade for Maude rehearsed. Duff over. Ask
Monday him to dinner. He dines. Tell B. about my bill.
- 18.2.79. Day of my doom unless O. has paid up. Big field day. Resaldar of
Tuesday 13th B.L. gets his eye knocked out, and his turban do. and then has an
order of merit hung round his neck. Fire 5 star shell at night to a
crowded audience B. got orders to go.
- 19.2.79. Take over command of Dn. in the morning. committee on books and ^T ~~ca~~.
Wednesday in morning in C.3. Jevvers leaves. B. goes into Peshawar.
- 20.2.79. ^{Jim} Ferrier turns up after tiffin, more taking over of By.
Thursday Walk with B. Hearsey to dinner. 3 Afridis are tried for stealing.
- 21.2.79. By. ~~Exercise~~ Exercise. Mrs. O. and Miss W. turn up. Hear of moving to
Friday another camp. B. off about 1 p.m. leaves me his revolver. See Des
Barres about move. Ladies off by the ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{Songa?} ~~to~~. Pay the men. Ask Jim
to dinner.
- 22.2.79. Duthy out. Crowds of ladies en route to the Races, 1st Jamrood sky
Saturday races. O. gone to Peshawar for the night. Solitary dinner as Duthy
dines at H.A. mess.
- 23.2.79. Divine service and a little speech. O. out. Duthy off to Ali Musjid
Sunday O. & I. for a ride.
- 24.2.79. Parade for C. in C. Round of calls on the messes. Denniss to tiffin.
Monday He buys O's pony Rs. 200/-/-. Owen into Peshawar. Ball in Peshawar.

- 24.2.79. Miss W. went but Mrs. O. would not go. I dine with Sett.
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- 25.2.79. Send Munk sefali into Peshawar on errands, () go in for lawn tennis
Tuesday tournament. Play at C.3. court, ~~Rains~~. Munk Sefali not out, and I wax
wrothful, and vow terrible vengeance.
- 26.2.79. ~~Rains~~ ^{Rain} but play lawn tennis in the afternoon. Mrs. O. out to tiffin.
Wednesday
- 27.2.79. Into Peshawar with O. to tiffin, walk with Ker-B. O. stays in for poor
Thursday Muir's funeral. I back alone, meet Gen. and some staff going to funeral.
Raining like the devil during and after my lonely dinner .
- 28.2.79. Muster. O. out Oceans of work. Rained all night.
Friday
- 1.3.79. O. away on 3 days leave. Play lawn tennis with C.3. Sett dines. Get
Saturday a note to change camp. Rains like the devil.
- 2.3.79. Field day with mess accounts, clean out new camping ground with Kahars.
Sunday Send Jevors & B. their mess bills. Fanshawe and Sett call. Go to see
swollen Khyber R. Rains again at night.
- 3.3.79. Board on boots. Major ^{Thistlethwaite} ~~Hestwaite~~ 5th Fanshawe R.A. Lloyd at 25
Monday ^{out} K.O. ~~B.~~ Go on cleaning ~~out~~ camp. Get lines laid out, tents, harness
and ammunition heaps. Went down to see the camels. Back to a lonely
dinner.
- 4.3.79. O. out. Camp cleaning, see Gen. Mitchell. May shift camp tomorrow.
Tuesday Lawn tennis at C.3. Tete a Tete Owen at dinner.
- 5.3.79. Up early to get thro' office work. Shift camp.
Wednesday
- 6.3.79. Get memo about left letter. Don't do anything about it. Play lawn
Thursday tennis at C.3. ² Adjes to dinner at 6.
- 7.3.79. After a remonstrance with Bde. Major, set to work at the manure with
Friday Baggage mules, and clear it all away. Mrs. O. out to tiffin. 15 bottles
of beer to the men for clearing away. Have a bad fall over tent peg.
- 8.3.79. An awful sight this morning. Play lawn tennis tournament. Beaten. Get
Saturday letter about Rs. 1000 note. Seedy all day. O. gone to Peshawar. In
orders about our marching to the front. ~~2~~ Lone dinner. ^{Landi}
- 9.3.79. A visit from Des Barres, who tells me we are to go to ~~Ka~~ ^{LN} ~~andi~~ Kotal. Write
Sunday to Bank of Simla, Stewart, Mother, Dick. Heavy Battery en route to the
front. Anderson to dinner. Rains all night.

- 10.3.79. Rains all day. Visit heavy Battery and get a novel.
Monday.
- 11.3.79. By. exercise. O. comes out. Mrs. O. off to hills. In orders
Tuesday. for ^{L N} Saudi Kotal, weather permitting to start tomorrow.
Landi
- 12.3.79. 3 Afridis shot for cutting up a ^A ~~sawan~~. Went to 2nd Jamrood Sky
Wednesday *Sawan?* races. All orders out about starting. Sett to dinner. Rains.
- 13.3.79. Rain all night H.C. 9th Lancers in.
Thursday
- 14.3.79. 10th B.L. in D.C. M. @ C.3. Rain. Duff to dinner.
Friday
- 15.3.79. Cloudy, not actual rain.
Saturday
- 16.3.79)
Sunday)
17.3.79) Preparations for marching.
Monday)
18.3.79)
Tuesday)
- 19.3.79. Left for Ali Musjid with 24th N.I. went to see sappers. Lawn
Wednesday tennis. Dined with 24th.
- 20.3.79. 2 *Ans* . to ^{L N} Saudi Kotal. Scott joins mess.
Thursday
- 21.3.79. A hurroosh last night after a grain stealer. Stedman and Wallerstein
Friday 24th to dinner. Buckle R.A. in on promotion. Jevers, Boddam, with
invalids all dine. Barclay 45th wounded in 2 T.G.s James tiffin.
- 22.3.79. Wrote to R.A. mess. sent Rs. 20/-/- shift front of camp. Write to
Saturday Stewart and All. Bk. of Simla.
- 23.3.79. Duthy out.
Sunday
- 24.3.79. Out to hills over ^{Landi} Saudi Khana for battery exercise.
Monday
- 25.3.79. Gun drill. Getting camp to rights. Letter from Dick, telling he
Tuesday is coming.
- 26.3.79. Out to hill from which Jellalabad valley is seen. Beautiful view
Wednesday of the snows.
- 27.3.79. Two guns with Major and Dick, [?] *du* in about 10.30 a.m. Dick
Thursday has had a devil of a fight at Deh Sarrak. The whole battery was thus
joined, amidst general rejoicing, on the score of duty, for the 1st
time for 3 months. At 3 p.m. get orders that ^{Re xl?} Kt. Dn. with Duthy and
self were to start as early as possible, the next morning for Bhosawal,
as a General shindy was expected with the Shinwarris, and we might
have to do a double march. 5.30 settled as the hour to start.
Slightly cloudy but no rain. Rather astonished the Bhosawalites with

- 27.3.79. our beautiful climate. Party by the name of Luke dines. 7 of us at
Cont'd. dinner. Duthy, Owen, Walker, Dick, Scott, Luke, Self. Early to bed.
Latest bulletin of the party. Still bucking N.B. Ubiquitous sparrow
absent from this spot. Nature forgot trees here.
- 28.3.79. Everyone wanting to get up at 4.30 who was interested in the start.
Friday No-one up till 5. Bustle and confusion, and no one ready till 6.30.
General uprising of Shinwaris confidently expected, so they start us
off with 25 sowars, and 6 of our men with carbines. 5 sowars adv.
guard. 56 By. mules. Dhoolies 10 sowars Rear guard. 10 sowars 6 men with
16 camels. Thus the force marched, and with the usual luck, the
Shinwarris did not uprising. Fell in with the 2 T.G's by the name of James.
They had recovered their Madrassie, Portugal^{use}, Cabulee, and camels, and
were cheerful. Breakfast with C.3. dine with C.3. General excitement
occasioned by reports of gun practice Bhosawalwards, by Keighley and
Brown. ~~Final~~ S.O. sent off a telegram at once. Then exit with
C.O. ^{for} Dhakka to inspect mining operations. Exit I to bed. Hot
as H. all day.
Fossil picnicking committee in Dhakka.
Peculiarities of this Committee are that each old fossil thinks the
other a charming old man, but just a trifle slow you know.
- 29.3.79. Blew and rained a little last night, but not quite enough however to
Saturday prevent our marching out at 6.45. Same army as yesterday, same bloodless
triumphant march. Through the Khoord Khyber, a very mean pass. Rains
nearly the whole way. Find Bhosawal opposite a hill, with strata
running across it, and streaking it, like a Burmese idol, painted and
tattooed to the masthead. Breakfast with D.A. Encamped behind a guard
of 5th Fus., capital position for guns, a little exciting perhaps for
said guard if we did loose off. Snipe shooting said to be excellent.
See several sportsmen off on the prowl. The wounded Leach almost the
1st sight, except the ubiquitous dairy maid. 5th band in the evening.
Chief product of the country, tombstones. An undulating country like
the downs at home, with the top of every mound bristling against the
sky with tombstones. Dinner tete a tete with skipper. Moonlight but
cloudy. 1 shot at 11.30 p.m.

30.3.79.
Sunday

Divine Service at 6 not long enough to tire the men, duration about 3 minutes. Padre Lt. Smyth R.A. Overwhelmed with civility. Invited to dinner by Price and Major Hill. Refused as I have a bad cold. A good day for laying out lawn tennis courts according to 5th morals. Cloudy and not too hot, thank goodness. A deuce of a storm seems to be raging on the hilltops. Arrival of the committee in camp, dear old fossils. Wrote to mum. Dinner in solitary state as Duthy was dining with R.H.A. 2 shots from a 5th guard on the right about 9.30. Moonlight tho' cloudy, so they ought to have hit him, but didn't. Got out of bed to see the fun, but retired again in disgust. Rained and blew a little between 7 and 10.

31.3.79.
Monday

A beautiful view of the snows of the Safed Koh, in the early morning but the mts. soon donned their cloud caps. Shooting to be had precious close to camp, as I saw a man get a shot at some duck just across the nullah to the right. Hope he had better luck than the guard last night. Mustered at 8. I'm afraid the turn out, on the whole, was pretty disreputable, as it ⁷ *hiz* the Skips da^Nnder, and he opened my eyes to a thing or two. I had no former knowledge of. Rain came down about 9, and continued till 11.30. when we turned into stables, till 12.30. Afternoon occupied by signing ^{dr} books at 2. Building defences for ~~dr~~ drivers cooking pots and officers horses. Stables at 4. Duthy went out after the wily snipe, and bagged 2 couple. A beautiful moonlight night. 5th started lawn tennis.

1.4.79.
Tuesday

All fool's day and a glorious one it is. Snows beautifully clear. Built a place for fodder and grain and 2 ammunition stands. Native sentry caught an aged R.H.A. dhoolie bearer prowling round camp and promptly stuck him in the guard tent. On R.C.M. in D.A. *Shinwari jurgah* came in at 11, object not known to me. Hear of proposed changes of camps. Sure enough Q.M.G. (finest Staff Officer) comes to mark out our camp. Sticks us kindly over the Ghoorkha latrines. Duthy out with his gun. Fetches home nothing. Beautiful moonlight night.

2.4.79.
Wednesday

Out for drill exercise with all the mokes, think we are going up a hill, a case of 'don't you wish you may get there' on closer inspection. Lots of sandy grouse about and some curious cranes. Skipper sees a strange ~~xxxx~~ animal and we are still wondering what it could have been. Go to see new ^{en} campment after stables, greatly taken with the new site. Experiment to see to which side a saddle will ride. Practise proves my

- 2.4.79. theory i.e. to the thickest pad. Try to convince Skip at night, but get
Cont'd. too warm over the argument to progress much towards conviction. Hear of the
disaster to Xth Hussars. Harford, Cornish and 47 men drowned. Wiseman 17th
Battye of Guides Cavalry, killed 37 of our men and 400 of the enemy, in a
fight beyond Rosabad. Jamrood attacked 24th man stabbed, Sergeant H.C. shot.
- 3.4.79. Out shooting the wily sand grouse, 2 pot shots missed, 2 flying shots at one
Thursday a failure so I leave the sandy grouse alone, with a firm conviction that
they are not worth shooting. Shift camp at 2 p.m., get sworn at by N.X.
Gwynne, who swears we have shifted on the wrong date. Hes another. Visit
5th in the evening to hear the band. Take D.A. on the road home. Such a
hot night. Skip dines coatless, sit outside after. Beautiful moonlight
night. Beetles rolling dung all over the place. Witnessed a terrible
battle for a piece between a big and little beetle. Big defending, little
attacking. Latter small but plucky, altho turned over several times
renewed the attack; but got enough at length and retired without accomplish-
ing his object, whatever that may have been.
- 4.4.79. Fatigues in new camp. Skip wakes up the natives with 4 prisoners, a nk.
Friday amongst them Har Pan. Des Barres over with all sorts of stories about
old Col. Dd hot. Murdered the cock as he was infernally noisy in the
morning. Clouds hide the sun later on, making it a bit cooler. Col. F.
over in evening, Devin inspection. Write to Dick about mess accts.
Telegraph wire cut between Dhakka and ^LNandi Kotal and between Bhosawal and
^SVellalabad to the great distress of N.X. Thunderstorms in the hills,
slight rain in the afternoon, General opinion that there is going to be a
devil of a row.
- 5.4.79. Cloudy and stuffy Skip and R.H.A. skip off after duck. A field day with line
Saturday gear, Kits and half wrought. Ammunition inspection. 9th Lancers in about
10.30. Field day with squad book. ~~Sucks~~ Rains like the deuce, in thunder
shower. Lake turned up, and D. asked him to dinner, he said he would
come, but suddenly remembered at dinner time, that he had promised to dine
with the 9th Lancers, and considerably ^{hiz} the Skip. Went to visit 13 B.L.
and see the dug out tents they live in. Some Ghoorkhas and 13th B.L.
reinforce Barikhab, to be attacked tonight. Mysterious Bde. Major
comes in and tells us we are all in for an attack tonight. No attack of
course. Go round guards at 2 a.m. All quiet. Capital dinner, blowing
like mad, lights go out. Mutton and curry bad. Ex ^{sumt' dno} in a bad

- 6.4.79. Beautiful service at 6.30 a.m. It was raining, so the Padre said
 Sunday "Sacrament in an hour, and church in the afternoon". Voila tout Jim
 Ferrier, and a gunner, named Kemble, turn up. Jim bringing me tub &
 from Owen at Saudi Kotal. Rained again in thunder showers. Koolen
 going over in thousands. Get my ? C.O. Papers come in too.
 Gerard gets out of his spot and pitches next door to me, to get under
 sentry, as shaft not expected till 10th. In the evening I went over to
 see Jim. A deuce of a commotion in the bazar as a young brat of a Pathan
 from Bajour had stabbed a 5th Fus. man. Jim and Kemble to dinner.
 Beautiful morn. No shots fired. Pay ams. to 257.0.1.
- 7.4.79. Out for a By. Drill exercise. Duthy on a board ^{an} Lindsell's stolen
 Monday pony, so I bring back Battery. Experiment with 1 man at ^{Amn.} ~~amni~~ box. No
 go. Heavier than I thought 2 men brought in for camel stealing. 1400
 Mohmunds cross the Cabul River to attack convoys. Don't do it today.
 Pay the driver as Shroff turns up. Give Munk Sefali his messing 50/11/-.
 Tub, such a luxury. Game at polo by 9th B.L. Moonlight, and cool, Quiet
 night. Hear Jackals for the 1st time. Believe it has something to do
 with the Mohmunds one of their calls.
- 8.4.79. Fatigues, stables, pay the men. Hear from Dick. The assassin to be shot
 Tuesday at 5 p.m. and burned. 9th Lancers object to work. Clean *accoutrements*
 and charge in full dress, all they want to do. Assassin shot and burned
 alright. A little excitement about sons driving off cattle of friendly
 villagers. 13th B.L. 9th L. Ghoorkhas off, dont come back till after
 dark. Gen. and Col. F. and 2 or 3 other of the committee lost, but turn
 up finally unhurt. Takka Kheyls collecting in force, so warned for an
 attack again, not come off yet.
- 9.4.79. Marching order. I think our turn out has rather disgusted Skip. Go
 Wednesday round a hill. Extract a grass splinter from eye of 42 mule. Old gar gun
 idea of doing nothing for the drivers. Barrow a novel from Jim, and peruse
 it all through. Send off letter to Dick. *Stroll* with Squatter, and get
 cut off and surrounded by Generals. Defeat of Generals by saying nothing.
 Moonlight and hot.

- 10.4.79. ~~ixx~~ Jim off to Barikhab. Go over to the 5th to play lawn tennis. Poor Thursday
Ogle dying, so dont. Write to Mrs. Wood, thinking to catch them before leaving India. Ogle died at 7 p.m.
- 11.4.79. Arrival of Gen. Maude. Hear P.M.O. swearing I want to kill myself by Friday
raising roof of tent. Hear that C.O. is going to try and get to Peshawar.
- 12.4.79. Sword drill, kits. more pleasant discoveries for Skip. Ogle buried. News Saturday
comes that 2 Bdes. of 1st Dq. to go on. We to stop. More disasters at Cape. Skip's brother turns up. Zakkhas again reported on the raid. Des Barres and Col. Fraser back again; former on usual buck, closes like a mud turtle in presence of Murray. Harness inspection a creditable turn out. 4 to dinner. Sindsell Ex. C. Offr. and Skip's brother.
- 13.4.79. Divine service in Blue. Price off to Barikhab. Jim back. Invited by Sunday
Murray to dinner. The mess tent and 13 B.L. mess tent blown down. Did me good laughing to see skip, emerging from the wreck like a stage wave. Jarvie also seen fighting his way out ditto, with a peg in his hand, from 13th mess tent. Dust storm and slight rain. My tub has a skirmish with the wind, is obliged to fly for 500 or 600 yds. till brought up by a tent alley, severely wounded. A very pleasant dinner at the H.A. mess. Zakkhas supposed to have collected in numbers, seen, but don't attack. Get a letter from Dick. Jim says he saw Zakkhas large white flag.
- 14.4.79. Skip goes out after duck, brings back 2 widgeon, 2 quail. Build a trench Monday
in front of guns. Out for a ride on Johnny, after visiting, make exercise on Pack. Pay men at 2 p.m. Flag again seen on the heights. Syce's burial. Telegram from Barikhab 5th man stabbed. Know how to treat Ghazi there. Shot and body burned on the spot. New clothes arrive. Bottle of beer for dinner. Jim again sees large white flag same place. Tries to point it out. Blind I suppose, can't see it.
- 15.4.79. Battery exercise at 6.30. Hills fired by someone. Very much better turn Tuesday
out. Hot in the middle of the day. Afraid they cloudless skies coming on. Altered saddles. Point out flag to Duthy. He sees it, I don't. Afterwards ascertained to be patch of snow.
- 16.4.79. Go out shooting with Skip's gun, get 1 blue rock, 1 goggle eyed plover, Wednesday
only 2 shots. Write to Dick. Tub mended. Watch lawn tennis. Skip's brother back. Hot night. Devil of a row at 1.30 a.m. Jim dines R.H.A.

- 17.4.79. Row was amongst country people trying to catch a thief in their camel lines.
Thursday
150 ill of colic. Thought I heard it in the night Giras has a treat with it for neglect. Skip and his brother out shooting 3 brace of quail. Play lawn tennis at 13 B.L.
- 18.4.79. By. exercise. Take them out to *Singar* on a hill, as Skip, on a board.
Friday
Pandy and Raheem cheeky. Dust storm all afternoon. Macdonald Dr. of 17th B.C. came in. Stables a farce with dust storm going on. 2 shots at 10 p.m. Skip and Jarvie go to see all about it. Jarvie head boss. Skip interpreter.
- 19.4.79. Inspections by C.O. Hear 25 devils approached picquet, would not answer.
Saturday
Bang, bolted. Mcdonald pays me a visit. Indignation at being taken away from his Regt. Tub. Go to see Rourke's photos. Trollope over. H.C. in in the morning. Howard *Vyse* in it. Rourke out, so come back and play tennis at 13th B.L. Hear Dhakka is to be evacuated.
- 20.4.79. Pulled out of bed by a dust storm which continues till 10 a.m. Divine
Sunday
Service put off from 7 till 9. Same old dust then, but manfully performed by Skip. 20 camels stolen under sentry's nose. Buck Scott in. Tub at 11 to get clean. Take my usual constitutional to Jim's tent. Gen. Bright in, sends his tent bed to mend. See *Vyse*, Scott dines, Get letters from Dick and Stewart. Beautifully cool night.
- 21.4.79. By. Exercise. No hill climbing. Skip's brother off towards Peshawar.
Monday
Dust as usual in the afternoon. Go for a stroll, see bazar site is changed. Meet Squatter and stroll with Scott and him. Cream cheese. Race between McNaghten and Carthew, former wins, latter collapses in a ditch. Skip down on dairymaids. Cool night and cloudy. Hear of Blob going to marry Burton.
- 22.4.79; Make up my mind not to shave again old barber rasped me so. Fine day,
Tuesday.
windy, not hot. Write to Dick for beer if possible. Get new suit of Khaki, don't fit. *Lindley* and the sappers into the old fort. Ghoorkhas and Cavalry go to Dhakka as the Mohmunds are on the warpath. Think we hear guns. Fattest quail I ever ate presented by Murray. Skip dines at R.H.A. 2 shots from Sappers in the fort, saw Noncreeff in the evening.
- 23.4.79. By. Exercise. Wiggled for not looking after N.C.O. Hear of good fight with
Wednesday
Mohmunds at Dhakka. Prospectus of races tomorrow. Go to a concert in the evening at 5th mess.

- 24.4.79. Have a preparatory mule scurry. 6 or 7 run. 120 with Mahomed Khan
Thursday
princeps, a laughable sight to see them charge, Duthy. Back to camp, and
find orders to go to Dhakka at once 7.30. Off at 9.15. Beastly hot march.
Capture 40 armed men, coming from Khoord Khyber. Got a permit to carry arms,
so let them go. Find centre Dn. with Dick and Dyce at Dhakka. Live at C.3.
? Hear Walker is off on the sky ~~last~~ ^{last} ^{night?}, and that Dick had been doing wonders.
Hear of Creagh's fight, of 12th Regt. and all the battle. Lawn tennis, and
dinner, very hot.
- 25.4.79. Rouse 3.30. Off at 5. Into Saudi Kotal at 12. Walker and Owen in at 4 p.m.
Friday
All together again. 12th banged away at ruffians rolling stones down the
hill on to the road, between Saudi Kotal and Saudi Khana. Hear Zulus have
been licked.
- 26.4.79. Inspections. Skip's brother in. Dines.
Saturday
(Walker carries)
bheesti
- 27.4.79. Over to see 24th wrestling and jumping. Dust. General's cut up.
Sunday
- 28.4.79. Judging distance, windy and cool. Scott in Duff dines.
Monday
- 29.4.79. Sappers to Saudi Khana. Zakkha jirgah in.
Tuesday
- 30.4.79. Muster. Skip and I shoot 2 pigeons after.
Wednesday
Mahon
- 1.5.79. General to Ali Musjid. ~~Major~~ dies. Funeral at 5 by Walker. R.C. but C. of
Thursday
E. service read over him. Take Phe's tail off short. Duthy dines out with
his brother. Dick seedy has to leave dinner, and retire to bed.
- 2.5.79. By. Exercise with C.O. Duthy takes W. for a prowl with his two guns. Duthy
Friday
with Col. Fraser to Tor Sappa. Skip's brother to Ali Musjid. Dick still
seedy turns into Duthy's brother's tent. Have a field day with the watering
bridles. Zakkha caught who sliced bheesti. Played lawn tennis in the
afternoon.
- 3.5.79. Dick better, but still got fever rather bad. Major has a field day with
Saturday
inspections. Skip gets 5 brace of quail. Hear Mohmunds are across the river
again. Fit drivers' coats.
- 4.5.79. Dick better, still got diarrhoea hanging about, which Doc. dont like. I think
Sunday
Dick a bit queer in the evening, others say he is alright. H.C. in Ferguson,
Trollope dine.

- 5.5.79. Dick delirious this morning. Have mess tent dug out. On a CRT ~~MAR~~^{Talk}
Monday at 10 a.m. on 25th man, who lost his rifle. Dyce and Duthy on C. M. on S. of H.C. drunk on the road between Dhakka and this. Dick rather worse towards evening. Vyse, Ferguson and Younger dine. Barker put as orderly over Dick.
- 6.5.79. Sent for at 5 a.m. to try and pacify Dick, who is going on obstreperously.
Tuesday Sit with him till stables; don't go after, as Owen says he is asleep. Our large tents turn up. Of course just as Dick has turned to sleep, the corps of Jesailchix come in with tom toms to receive pay. Dick ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ doses in the evening, wakes up a little better. Sit with him till dinner. Hear Hawkins has been to see me. Beautiful moon. Go to Sappers to see Hawkins. Maxwell there as well. Harsey's bheestie cut up. McCausland and 4 others shot at, no damage done.
- 7.5.79. Dick low, pretty sensible all day. A little worse towards night.
Wednesday 240000! ie
- 8.5.79. Dick has a bad night. 24000 Mohmunds across the river on mischief intent.
Thursday That's all. Play polo in the afternoon.
- 9.5.79. Dick still off his head, worse towards night. 12th ^{four}/_? dying off of
Friday typhoid.
- 10.5.79. No improvement in Dick, very bad at night, not knowing anybody, and
Saturday violent. I put my name down for polo tournament.
- 11.5.79. Divine Service. Dick conscious, knew me alright. Fight going on down
Sunday below at ^{L N} Sandi Khana. Dick very bad again at night.
- 12.5.79. Dick very bad, I am afraid he is going. Polo tournament in the afternoon,
Monday won our tie. Jevers came to dinner and we went over to see poor Dick. All hope gone, stayed with him till 12 midnight, then to bed. Sent for by Owen at 1.20 to see last of poor Dick. Gone before I got there. Fighting going on both sides of the Kotal. Rumours of an expedition. Hear it is put off.
- 13.5.79. Went to see ~~for~~ poor Dick. In 25th mess tent all day, waiting to be
Tuesday summoned as a witness for defence, till Court adjourned on account of ? bolsper? president, Dyce. Thunder shower, stormy afternoon. Parade in cloaks for Dick's funeral at 5. Pall bearers were Scott R.E. Wahab R.E. Walker self Hutchinson 12. Percival 12.

- 14.5.79. Got a bad cold. Go to see Dick's grave. 1 shot fired at night.
Wednesday
- 15.5.79. Inventory of Dick's kit. Down to new watering place. Make new lines.
Thursday
Ask Duff about honorary membership.
- 16.5.79. Shift lines, pitch ~~my~~ ^{big} tent. Inspect common shell. Pitch my tent. 2 shots
Friday
before midnight 2 at 5 a.m.
- 17.5.79. Dick's sale; 8 young mules turn up for new equipment. Dyce won't let
Saturday
me off stables. Owen bids for me at sale of Dick's kit. Get bedding,
brush, soap case, and Puck. 1 shot early in the evening, a deuce of a
~~POSSIBLE~~ at 3 a.m.
- 18.5.79. Do my first Europe morning, and have a good tub. Inspect
Sunday
Row in the 25th at night. Man in his sleep slashed another. Account
of Kain Dhakka in papers, by Dyce I think, he says, Tucker.
- 19.5.79. 2 guns go down to water, Send 42 Rs. for pro. note to All. BANK OF SIMLA.
Monday
Cholera breaks out in 12th. 6 cases, 3 fatal. 12th picquet shot
two budmashes.
- 20.5.79. Walker to water. Prowl with Owen towards evening round by hills.
Tuesday
- 21.5.79. R.H. By. to water. Onslow on convoy. Dhoolie bearer of ours got cholera.
Wednesday
Very hot in the afternoon. See 20th P.I. Nk. thought him a deserter
and incite Onslow to ~~expare~~ capture him. Duff dines as hony. mem. and
joins mess. Band of travellers captured after 1 shot fired.
- 22.5.79. Major Wellesley off on leave, lucky man! Out shooting with Macausland,
Thursday
Duthy and Harsey, 2 pigeons shot my M. & D. I don't get a shot. 'Catch
'em alive ~~one~~ escort us. Peaches with D. of ~~TELE~~. Duststorm
12 to 4 win polo tie. Dundridge, Scott, and Farwell dine.
- 23.5.79. Paid servants and mess servants. Gr. Adams got cholera. Wrote to
Friday
Admiral Dacres. Thunderstorm at 12. Showery till evening. Whist and
11 Rs. Rumours of shifting camp. Then of going back to K.G. 1 shot.
- 24.5.79. Queen's Birthday. Troops by themselves, we by ourselves fire a salute of
Saturday
31 guns. No cheers from us. Adams cheerful. All medicines cholera
hospital stolen. F.S.O's letter in C. & M.G. about Boyles telegram
stopped. Amusing one from Ali Baba. Tub. Fine, hot sunshiny. Go over to
see polo. ^a 100 200 in the evening, win Rs 5/-/-. Bajouri, with 2 rifles,
~~xxxxxx~~ deserter from 24th N.I. caught by Lower Sulemian Mohmunds and
given up to us.

- 25.5.79. Divine Service very short. 4 cholera. 12th Col. Fr. over; tells us we
Sunday. are not going to move. Didders about [?], exit to avoid exploding
in his face. 12th move at 8th cholera case. Send them 50 mules superintend
in person 1 25th man in from picquet with cholera at night.
- 26.5.79. Gordon over to ask if we would play polo. Who's afraid? English papers
Monday in. Hear of volleys at ^{Landi} Saudi Khana last night. New system of convoys.
Head Qr. staff, go over to the Kotal from Loargai. Whist + 17/8. Polo.
Q.M.S. out of hospital.
- 27.5.79. C.O. thinks ^ethieves visited him last night. Telegram circulated "Peace
Tuesday signed yesterday." O.C. increases picquets. ^{HAP x 200} + 4 Rs.
Touching description by Q.M.S. of cholera, ^{SHIRAKES} in his tent.
- 28.5.79. Major Macnaghten 13th B.L. in. Change to ^{JANSETTES} for soda. Get a
Wednesday solar topee. 3 chums to see Duthy. Hadaway, Elaslle and Irish doctor
^{O'DWYER}. All 3 and Macnaghten invited to dinner. Leslie
over to see Duthy about sports. Walk over to polo in the afternoon.
Recorded as an actual fact that Major I.R. Dyce left camp, and attended
a place of public resort voluntarily. 3 chums don't dine. Macnaghten
over. Hear orders are to be out soon for Marching or staying. Match
arranged between our polo team, and scratch team a chick a head.
- 29.5.79. Holiday but down to water, as I am on duty. Rev. opens takes a cup of
Thursday tea, as I come across him coming from grave of cholera patient. Gukkins
brings news of moves of 2nd Dn. No news for us. Firing to-day, sports.
Bheestie 2 dozen for bringing bad water. 25th to start on Saturday.
Letter from ^{SHIRAKES} about poor Dick's tent.
- 30.5.79. Going to be a hot day. Take inventory of Adams kit. Fit headstalls.
Friday Bheestie not fit to bring water after his licking, so have to employ a
coolie. Mem his pay to be cut out of Bheesties. C.O. gets a letter from
Broadpool to say 1/8 going to K.G. Bah, go our hopes. No orders out
yet, however. Sports in the afternoon. 25th mali collapses. I don't
know from what. Our men pull over 25th. Invite padre ^{SPAINS} to
dinner tomorrow and to be an honorary member accepts. Attree dines.
Potter R.E. invalided.
- 31.5.79. 25th all but 1 Co. start at 3 a.m. D.C.M. at 12th on a drunk. 1 case
Saturday of cholera, see moves of 1st Dn., no orders for us. Send native doc. to
see Bheestie, says 2 days will make him alright. Hear Gen. Blyth
nearly got cholera last night. Very rude little man to Harsey. Ask

- 31.5.79. latter to dine tonight and be honorary member. Chum of Duff, Cook 3rd
Cont'd. Sikhs attached to 17th turns up, en route to Bannu. D. asks him to break-
fast and dinner. Simond in after breakfast to see Duff about quarters
for stores. Hot, Hearsey can't dine, become honorary member. Padre and Cook
dine. We have to post a picquet to be visited by Orderly Officer, no joke,
and C.O. has no right to order it. Wallerstein and Linton over to see us.
24th shift camp into old 24th spot. Bhopal Bn. shift too. Sports today, our
men pulled over the 12th. Fearful dust storm commencing at 6, and lasting
all night, beautiful moon.
- 1.6.79. Take a Europe morning, then a field day with Mess Business. Ross, Drummond,
Sunday Padre, Hearsey to dine, and Breakfast. Off for a prowl with Hearsey in the
evening to vantage post of round Jaugar, and survey proceedings of
individuals, in general. Moonlight night. Duthy sends ice to Magenio.
Get our orders to stay in ^{L N} Sandi Kotal.
- 2.6.79. See Seth and wagons of C.3. on my way to water going Indiwards. A lot of
Monday polls going Cabulwards. Skip takes my duty, and I play polo. Whist for
his reverence. Poker for us. Wahats dines - 10 or 12 Rs. Bishop of
Lahore coming tomorrow. Munk Sefali wants to hook it, brings a budlee.
- 3.6.79. 1 cholera in Madras Sappers. Budlee takes over mess and me. Bishop and
Tuesday. Worthington Jukes to breakfast. Don't go to Bishop's address in the
evening. Sports instead. ^{Tout} thro Bhopals and 24th. ^{BHOAPS} going
home and wont come. Long jump $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, tug of war natives. Peerbux 2nd in
in 1st, 3rd in 2nd. 24th walk away with us and sappers at the Tug.
Hear the Dakkhas are out. We are to be attacked tonight, so all the
picquets are doubled. Must be fools if they come on such a moonlight night.
Bishop and party dine.
- 4.6.79. 9th Lancers at ^{L N} Saudi Khana. G.C.M's on native deserter of 24th. N.I. who
Wednesday bolted with 2 rifles and was caught by friendly Mohmunds. McDonnell of
12th asks me to dinner tomorrow. Don't get away till 3.30., when Duthy
and I ravenously attack breakfast. Dead biles and ~~kunkya~~ donkeys all over
the place on the road to water. Dunny oversleeps himself, thinks it is
Thursday. All but self dine with the sappers in the evening. Play
whist. Padre wins me a bumper + 16/8/- ^{ELMSLIE} going to stay here
dines. Duff gets news induces him to ride off to Ali Musjid. Finds men
who ought to have been at Shergai and Kata Khoorhria respectively drunk
at Ali Musjid. Leach comes in on his way to join his battery, a little

- 4.6.79. beyond his leave. Get some wines from Gen. Blyth, 4 Whiskey, 3 Brandy,
Cont'd. 4 Claret, 6 Porter, 1 BIRTER?
- 5.6.79. 9th Lancers thro' en route to Sialkote. Jenkins ~~xxxx~~ rides thro with the
Thursday treaty on his back. Go and look on at polo in the afternoon. Dine with
McDonnell. Whist - 7 Rs. send Gen. Blyth Rs. 37. 12 on account of wines
for mess, Stroll over to JAMMETTES and get his bill, see Des Barres
looking apoplectic.
- 6.6.79. Down to watering order. Ammunition inspection, see McDonnell riding up
Friday with 2 dowars, from Saudi Khana. Must have been up early. R.H.A. at
L N Saudi Khana, skip sends ice and soda, and both Duthy's go to see them in
the afternoon. Br. Wilson gets cholera. Troops going by 1000! back to
India. When I went round the picquet at 10.30. 1 squadron of 10th B.L.
and 1 Co. of 5th Fus. just come in. Lucky it is moonlight. Major Hastings
called.
- 7.6.79. D.C.M. at 12th on a 6 year man. Breakfast with 12th @ 9.30. Back for
Saturday inspections, and breakfast at mess at 12. Rather loose after 2nd breakfast.
Get wines from Farwell. Say good bye to Sappers. Attree and Connor, see
Him with a beard. Get lawn tennis things from the Sappers. Haselrigg and
Wilson at Saudi Khana. 9th Lancers baggage looted on Mackeson's road.
Play polo. 2 goals. Whist -12/-/-.
- 8.6.79. Church parade, go ^{To} the tent, Padre not there, coming from the Cholera
Sunday Hospital, old didderer. Topsy and the kids play the fool with the service.
Br. Wilson better. Cholera increasing. Gr. Barker, and Sgt. Hawkins
shopped. Hepburn up to breakfast, Churchward after, mortars start at 3
from ^{h N} Saudi Khana. Bhopal ~~Bro~~ ^{Catn?} away about 5.30. strolling on the troops
to bivouac at nightfall. 10th Hussars and I.C. R.H.A. lost 35 men of
cholera in 3 days. Br. Wilson ~~died~~ at night.
- 9.6.79. Skip catches hen thief. Tub. Polo agreed upon, but rain commences after
Monday breakfast, and goes on pretty steady till evening. Get an order from C.O.
to go with N.C.O. to see a Xth Hussar cholera patient buried. Find padre
coming away as I go. Medley of 12th over. In the evening with Hearsey
for a walk. Col. Baker leaves a card. Two Chums of Duthy, ^{Talk}
to dinner STRONG and Wood of Xth B.L. Go with Hearsey to see Sappers
in the rain. Jim with a regular waving punkah fringe. 1 shot fired
about 11 p.m.

- 10.6.79. Col. Birch accompanies me down to water, and we chat affably. Padre
Tuesday says he was the man shot at. Nk. of guard says his man shot at a chief.
Ali Bakas letter not good this time. Padre rather warm over the idea
of a thief not firing at him.
- 11.6.79. Tub. Over in the afternoon to ask McDonnell and Cane to dinner, with
Wednesday Harsey. Can't come as it is their guest night. Ask for Friday. Make
a lawn tennis court on old 12th one. Have a couple of games in the
evening. Whist and Rs. 8/8/-. *EGANTE* with Duff + 2 points. Major
Birch dines with Walker.
- 12.6.79. Meet Talbot, as I am going to water, coming up with Bengal Sappers and
Thursday Miners to stay. Terribly hot morning. Dead camel just over water for
mules. Hear 5th Fusiliers laid an ambush and killed 8 soors. Get lawn
tennis balls covered. Covers smashed in the evening.
- 13.6.79. Batt. Exercise, Inspection ordnance saddles by Skip. All down to
Friday water. C.O. as well. Then 3 of us up by bheesties road. A committee
on atta; nobody knowing of it, and Owen being out on a smell chevying
expedition, we dissolve. *SCUDAMORE* coming to *CHOTWAHARI*.
CRIER of 51st in to hand over stuff to Duff, stays all day,
proceeding to Kala Khooshlia about eve. Lawn tennis Balls again covered.
Polo in the evening 4 a side, a good game.
Talbot Harsey, Duff, Self.
v.
Cave, McDonnell, Scudamore, Duthy Esqu.
Beat them by 2 goals to 1. McDonnell, Cave and Talbot to dinner.
Whist - 9 points. comes in in the evening and has a peg.
- 14.6.79. Q.O. Guides pass. 17th in about 10. Go to see them. Bring Major Turner
Saturday over for a peg. Ask 'em all to breakfast. Gamble, looking worn and
thin, after a night at Dhakka, and *WILSON* over about 11. *WILLIAM*
Turner and 2 I don't know over to 12 Breakfast. Unearth H.A. gun
carriage going to water, buried by Afridis in the nullah. Sherry and
tables come from Peshawar. Gamble and Lansdale over to say no one
coming to dinner. Sampson at night for 2 Duthy's Owen and Harsey, very
insidious drink I think. Hear 17th Officer got cholera.

15.6.79.
Sunday

Party of 2 Duthy's and self go to see gun carriage, whilst there see Galwey and Luke, who are very pleased with the temperature coming from Dhakka, and Simond and Ferrier and fringe, come by. Owen confirms insidious mess of Sampson, and tells us about Ault's escape from cholera. Major Birch says it is Roberts of 27th N.I. who has got cholera. Padre had his bag stolen this morning during service. Verses found on a piece of blotting paper in Q.M.S. Office at Saudi Kotal, whilst on a committee on gaiters 14.6.79.

"O ^{h N}Saudi Kotal camp so drear"

"I want to leave thee quickly"

"They give us but one pint of beer"

"For two would make us sickly."

Stripped after breakfast, and lay down with only a towel on. Guy Campbell over to see me. Mitchell, Lonsdale, Turner, Vulliamy, Saville and Webbe over to see us, and Hearsey. All above go to Jamasjees. 3 soda water machines now. Terribly hot. Ali arrived. Duthy gets a letter from SEYMOUR Dacres Com: of Wild Swan. Touching good bye to Guy. He tells me of Stephen Phillimores death in Zululand. Luke and Elmslie to dinner, as also Galwey, very seedy.

16.6.79.
Monday

Down to water, en route see a dhoolie bringing in a man who has been cut up, see his blood all over the spot where he was cut up. Meet Walker bringing along the carriage. He asks for Sergt. Green and the wheels. Gen. Tytler Col. Simond, Major Pearson, Ferrier come down to water. Find all the DYLES there when I get there. Sergt. Green comes and asks for Walker C.O. in a fury at my being so late back. Met 9 elephants and had to retreat. Poor Stephen Roberts died of cholera this morning. English mail in, see Stephen Phillimore's death in the Overland Mail May 17th. Hearsey has gone, sorry for that. A lot of the 12th and Duthy in orders for 60 days leave last night. Duthy's things off today. He going off tomorrow. He handed me over property of Dicks. Roberts buried in the evening. Duthy and Walker both go. Duthy brings Gamble and Utterson over for a peg afterwards. Down to water, mules can't drink black draught. Road blocked by Lackeries. Go round by bheesties' walk. Last game at whist, lose 11.

- 17.6.79. Hear there were about 10 shots last night. Duthy off very early. Dyce
Tuesday
C.O. gets a mysterious letter from Saward. One from Cane about our Kyra
Gally stores and ~~car~~. To go to ^{L N} Saudi Khana for water supply. C.O. says
'shant: Go to lawn tennis. Find Sappers have stuck a trench along centre.
Go with Duthy telegraph to Sappers and 17th. Agree to take Duthy's stores
and liquor. Sampson at night most insidious whist + 2 pts. Gallwey drives.
- 18.6.79. Curious effect of Sampson. To make me deaf to all the shots fired last
Wednesday
night, deaf to servants entreaties to get up, and to bugle calls, so just
a trifle late. Into action on hills, see all transport going to Saudi
Khana to water, but don't go myself. Native cavalry ~~xxxx~~ officer says we
are to go, but I don't take any notice. 71 mules don't drink. Rain and
showery weather. Down in the evening. Give 71 to drink in buckets in 1
hour 3 mins. Orders put in for watering at ^{4ND} Saudi Khana. Like a pool go
in for Sampson again. Major Gallwey dines. Hear Thruston 27th N.I. is
sick, but going on tomorrow. Elmslie bolted Peshawarwards.
- 19.6.79. Don't feel quite fit after Sampson. 6 shots at night. No one ready at
Thursday
5 for water so C.O. in a deuce of a rage. Shops Sergt. Major, comes in to
my tent and to tell his troubles. Mules back at 9 a.m. Tub, and into
white as it is a holiday. Got a deuce of a head. Talbot over after break-
fast and we try for polo. No go, so over to 17th to hear how their traps
to catch ruffians came off. They say 1 enemy was hit. Back, see a lot of
sappers. Give Talbot 3 bottles of Whiskey for Sapper mess. Roman
Catholic padre dines, strange creature. German American. Whist + 20 points.
Wrote to Wood and Mother.
- 20.6.79. Galwey off, no sleep last night, very sick so don't have much trouble in
Friday
turning out at 5 a.m. Get gaiters from Q.M.S. Water at ^{L N} Saudi Khana.
Beautiful morning. Tele. Duthy gone. Get a spoon and illiterate chit
from Hearsey. Send him his spoon, and write him news of its despatch. Very
seedy still. Star shell practice in the evening. Go over with 2 guns and
8 shell at 7. a.m. Dine with the 12th. Fire 6 rounds after. Great
success. Back at 10.30 with Cabulee gentleman for Major Hastings. He
has a chit for Cavagnari. Wonder how he got into camp.
- 21.6.79. Still seedy, have to go with Walker now to ^{L N} Saudi Khana. No water. Back
Saturday
a new route. Meet old fatty, who wonders at the short distance off of the fire
caused by star shell practice. Inspections, go over to sappers after