

15.4.80.  
Thursday

Jagdallak. Holiday. 22nd N.I. shift into Tykhana enclosure. Stroll down to look at the garden and the paths in prospect, with Stanton, Morand, and Thornhill, Dak in in the afternoon. Barton over to see about grass supply etc. Makes arrangement for Rs. 1 per maund.

16.4.80.  
Friday

Jagdallak. Gun drill 7 a.m. Stables 9 a.m. Rooney absent. Luckily by Thornhill's leave. Transport lines being made where the old tent enclosure was. Very hot day. Firing heard Hissarak way. Major Bridges Fleming, Morant, and self to the crag picquet to see if we can spot anyone. Dak in about 1 p.m. Gr. Robson of 15/11 in en route to join his battery advance him Rs. 5. After tiffin. Ibrahim - my aborigine and others in to tell Ramsay 300 men by the Ruby mines from Sughman. Ibrahim tells me he feels insulated by being told 'darogh waye" you tell a lie (anglice). Row about grass, so C.O. steps in, consequence, all go over to Barton to complain. Sehbaba as a heading to a letter by McRae 22nd. Major Bridges, Hinde, Crawley and self down to the garden. Aborigines playing "moch" stone quoits; interview me, and find that Agmatullah built the wall and houses two years ago, and that firing this morning was target practice. 25th sing and have a free and easy. I go over to 22nd. 25th man comes & tells us that they are signalling from the Kotal. Rouse up signallers & Ramsay. Find out it is only a fire of the enemy, who are potting into the Kotal. Wire is out to Perwan. McDonald Dr. of 17th B.C. in from Perwan. R.C. from Kabul. Hear our men are all sword cuts. Mystery now obtained.

17.4.80.  
Saturday

Jagdallak. Hot again. Inspection of kits and harness; latter so well turned out, I decide not to have another inspection parade. Gr. Robson leaves for Kabul. Helio ~~fax~~ from Dixon 25th at Kotal. No casualties last night. Tele from Barton Sehbaba. 50 captured runs went go tomorrow, as Seh-baba is to be attacked. Hear part of moveable column coming in tomorrow to be encamped on plateau. Ramsay makes me put a dunda <sup>?</sup> pain wala over entrance to citadel to keep out intruders. 2 grs. for <sup>?</sup> in, attached, cant go on tomorrow, as there is no convoy. Hear that our men were wounded by enemy. <sup>?</sup> came back to Perwan followed by enemy and had to go out again to drive them off. Whist and moonlight. Aborigine Ibrahim interviews me in the evening. Tells me Abdul Rakman has 25 Russians with him; and a lot of Russian money, tells me whole history of war; according to him where Ali, ashamed of fighting the British

- 17.4.80. Cont'd. told Gakoob Khan to take the throne and make friends with the British. Massacre not Gakoob's fault; but Daood Shah. Gakoob asked to be sent to India, as he and Wali Mahomed are enemies, and one must go; tells me that unless British protection is extended to his village, when British leave, Jugdallak village, in a body, must migrate to India. Reassure him. Two daks in in the evening. Prowl with Hinde towards Kotal, passing Koochi camp, and novel cradle.
- 18.4.80. Sunday Jagdallak Staffed and Sappers in from Perwan. He tells us all about the fighting, and also that the part of the moveable column, meant for here, has gone to Murda <sup>o</sup> *daid*, about 5 miles from Perwan, and off the road towards Hissarak. Revd. Pearson and Col. Simond R.E. in. Former holds divine service at 6 p.m., dines at mess afterwards.
- 19.4.80. Monday Jagdallak. Marching drill at 7 a.m. 1st Goorkhas in from Perwan under Col. Storey, who has orders to take me and my guns on, when he goes to Sehbaba, if wanted there. Ibrahim comes to see me at 10 a.m. brings news that 2000 men under Fair Mahomed, Banain Khan and 2 other sirdars are at Naghlu, going to attack Seh Baba, wants me to ask Major Ramsay to write to Burton. Major Ramsay telegraphs, receives answer that Burton knows of their collecting, will let R. know when they mean crossing. Got a bad cold. Putting in the afternoon. Col. Simond, Revd. Pearson and 2 attached gunners move on to Sehbaba. Hail storm in the afternoon. Whist at 22nd. Dixon and Shone from Kotal. Hear of Chips behaviour on night of attack.
- 20.4.80. Tuesday Jagdallak. Rumour of 51st being shut up in a village at Murdadand, cant get provisions, stables at 9 a.m. ~~Supplies~~ Captured guns coming from Sehbaba. Hinde on convoy that way. Hope and 25th towards Perwan. Ibrahim comes to see me, give him an English blanked, and a chit certifying the same. Khalassie and 2 mules from Perwan with stores, boots tea. Captured guns in from Kabul, with Lt. Temple R.H.A., ask him to feed he comes to dinner. Inspect guns, and get out a shell from one of the breech loaders, take out the plug and make a candlestick. Hear Ma Khan has come in, and is most abject. Timmis R.E. in en route to Kabul to relieve Talbot.

21.4.80.  
Wednesday

Jagdallak. Gun drill 7 a.m. Gen Arbuthnot rides in to meet Burton, about advisability of increasing the force at Seh Baba. Latter advocate it, is to return tomorrow, and if necessary telegraph. Nugent and Corbett 51st ride in. After tiffin Mardadand dect. ride back Nugent taking a letter to Douglas about the proposed movements. Whist at night till late at 22nd mess, broken by Thornhill being called up to 25th man bad with cramp. Large convoy for Kabul in under Whally 39th Foot, Transport Officer.

22.4.80.  
Thursday

Jagdallak. Holiday. Burton going back with convoy under Whaley. Stafford, Wilcox self and Asmoodeen, Khan of Jagdallak accompany them to Sang Toda. After tiffin Major Magenis, Barry Donville and Eustace all R.A. in to tiffin, and leave again for Seh Baba; Major riding Johnny I sent Murdan on Puck with horse clothing. At 9 p.m. Telegram comes from Burton, asking for Ghoorkhas and guns tomorrow. Col. Storey orders march at 6 a.m. Go over to mess 22nd and get 40 animals. Gen. ~~XXXX~~ ~~XX~~ transport from Wilcox to be returned. Summons for 44/2/- due to E. <sup>?</sup> *Plomer* forwarded thro O.C.

23.4.80.  
Friday

Jagdallak, to Sehbaba, start made at 6 a.m. Halt at Sang Toda, change mules, and breakfast with Ghoorkhas. In about 11. Find ground for us occupied by 30th. Have to wait till they turn out. Dont get into camp till 3 p.m. Stables at 5. Only a few girth galls and breeching rubs. Burton received a telegram of a fight one march before Ghurria, by force marching from Kandahar to Kabul under Gen. Donald Stewart. Hand to hand with 13000 of the enemy. 17 killed and 150 wounded on our side *no* officer killed. 1000 of enemy killed. Ghasai occupied next day. Joined the station mess consisting of 51st McRae, Cones and Burton. Latter dines at Ghoorkha mess.

24.4.80.  
Saturday

Sehbaba. Fatigues, putting camp to rights, stables, all girth galls gone. Burton has news that Faiz Mahomed and his 2000 men crossed and went to Logar last night. Letters *?nil* excepted, signed by Gholam Hyder and Hassan Khan telling Saps and others to rise, as in six days Sherpar is to be attacked. Convoy for Kabul under Medley 12th. Cave of 12th on leave to Kabul. Send Mardan to Sataband for my pony. Tele from Wemyss to fire a salute royal for ~~XXXX~~ capture of Ghasin at Sunrise on 24th. Only arrives at noon 24th so fire at 4 p.m. Have a talk to young Khan up the hill after tiffin with Cave and Medley.

- 24.4.80. Dinner. Beautiful full moon. Burton and his <sup>7</sup> *Chapas* after Sadoo Din.  
Cont'd. Havamah  
Get a ~~Havamah~~ cigar, and "Old Curiosity Shop" from Burton. Guards.  
Double tot for Royal Salute.
- 25.4.80. Sehbaba. Convoy and strangers off. Also McRae for Jagdallak, for G.C.M.  
Sunday Campbell 35th and another, on to Jagdallak, thro from Sataband.  
22nd in to relieve McRae. 51st say they saw men and standards going over the hills. Mardan and Puck in from Sataband. Khalassie and Mule from Perwan with dubbing, oil &ca. Sprot Cazakineers in with a large convoy of ammunition and mules. Committee on Ghoorkha stores. Burton boxes 30 maunds of rice belonging to Sadoo or Dadoo going up to Tereen. Take Sergt. McLeod to see about gun sunga being fitted up with guard tent and ammunition. Wind ~~fx~~ storm for about an hour at night. 2 papers in today.
- 26.4.80. Sehbaba. Fatigues at the gun sunga. Sprot sends word to S.S.O. that the  
Monday convoy is threatened, 50 of 22nd M.I. sent out to reinforce. Sadoo crossed river last night, going by Sukri route. 22nd M.I. send out 50 Rifles to reinforce the convoy. Burton & 1st Ghoorkhas under Robinson supported by others under Kempster, off to try and cut off the raiders. Failure of course <sup>on</sup> *at salt* taken out. Wilson Dr. of I/A and others in en route to Kabul. Muller C.I. Horse; and Sangridge Dr. of 92nd; Col. McQueen 5th P.I. Col. Marshall 28th going to G.C.M. at Jagdallak. Wilson & Co. Storey dine. Storey gets tell "When no longer required move with guns to Jagdallak; settles to go day after tomorrow if not required.
- 27.4.80. Sehbaba. Fatigues making a terrace for other 4 European tents at the gun  
Tuesday sunga hill. Telegram from Col. Macgregor at Kabul to C.O. Sehbaba.  
"Precedence, from reports received there is no doubt a combination at Khoord Cabul to attack one of the posts. This party is in communication with the Tugao people to attack your post; are you quite sure you can hold your own, and have sufficient means of getting warning", acknowledge"  
Wrote to mother. Back with Sabadan Kurruck <sup>?</sup> Sing 22nd. Strangers in Kabulwards with Hope 25th amongst them. Temple R.H.A. and his dect. and bullocks in en route to Kabul; after taking captured guns as far as Gandamak. Philips 18th Hus. in from Kabul, going to rejoin his Regiment. Over after dinner for a buck. Alarm parade under Storey at 6.30 p.m.

- 28.4.80. Wednesday  
 Sehbaba. Set the men at the tent terrace in the hopes of getting them up to night. Pushtoo all the morning. After tiffin scare on about 30 men having attacked "Donkey Choki", turns out to be 10 men, one only with a gun. As Gen. Roberts dak "*immediata*" has been telegraphed as coming from Sataband, 30th N.I. and sowars sent off at 4 p.m. Back at 9.30. Have seen nothing. Tent terrace not finished 4 Rs. advanced to myself to pay mess bill.
- 29.4.80. Thursday  
 Sehbaba. Men at work at terrace. Write to Major. Get a chit from him, wiggling me for not reporting my move to this spot. Gen. Arbuthnot, Cook and Corbett, over on inspection duty. Tucker accompanies to consult on the political aspect. All tiffin and slope again afterwards. Shift gunner's tents in the afternoon; find there is not enough room; so only one tent is pitched, the rest remaining out in the open. Burton tells us they are certainly collecting in Tereen valley; and that Asmatullah Khan will go across there shortly; if anything goes wrong at Kabul, they will attack here; if nothing wrong, will come in in a body.
- 30.4.80. Friday  
 Sehbaba. Muster in Khaki 7 a.m. Walton - 62nd - a Transport Officer for Seh Baba turns up, also Curteis and Taylor 25th K.O.B's en route to Kabul incharge of a draft. Hear of Gen. and his party capturing 4 robbers yesterday, on the way back. Cook shot one, who would not give up his arms - Marat Kheyls. 2 Head Khans of Tereen come into Burton; say they have got a gathering of men; but wont attack till we declare our policy; if we make an "utcha bandobash", will go with us; if not; will attack. Shroft in, in the afternoon, with ledger, and pay balance; Both paid and ledger signed. Strangers dine in force. Burton. Slightly antagonistic to the new T.O. is going over to see about Muruf Kheyl tomorrow at Jagdallak. Row in Koochi camp across river 8.30 p.m. Servants paid up.
- 1.5.80. Saturday  
 Seh Baba, Shroff leaves with ledger, pay statements, and ration return. Canteen stock taken 6.20 instead of 5.27. Harness inspection. S.B.D. take Rs. 235/-/-. De Vine Rs. 10/-/-. Fam. Rem. Memo to C.O. about wax. From C.O. about Canteen. Statement sent, also cash accounts; amount in hand 743.0.3. Dhobie and Syce receive conge. Revd. Pearson in; tells us about fight at Sogar. Guides hemmed in on 3 sides; 92nd and 45th Sikhs out to rescue - 9 miles in 2 hours; gave the enemy a lesson, Burton gone to Jagdallak. Telegram from Cook. Look out for an attack; Ghilrais on space.

1.5.80.  
Cont'd.

taken away dak posts between Jagdallak and Perwan. Burton back with Asmoodeen says all fibs about taking away the posts. They left because Tucker had charge of the road and not he.

Telegram from Kabul. Stewart in Kabul. Write to Major to go by Juris driver. Raja of all Abbottabad Hasaras in.

2.5.80.  
Sunday

Sehbaba. No attack last night of course. Divine Service at 7 a.m. under Rev. Pearson. I called too late for it. Pat goes after Pigeons; gets none; agrees to go early tomorrow. Juris, driver, off on 3 days leave to Hd. Qrs. of Battery Perwan, with chit to the Major. *Space in diary*  
Raja of Hasaras and Sagrag, off to Kabul to do Asst. Political. Padre away to Jagdallak. Capt. Higgins on R.A. in, going to join G/4 - Stewarts column - tells me Duthy and Walker have joined the Major at Hd. Qrs. Out for a ride with Pat on Cones jee, towards Sataband. Turned back by Major of Ghoerkhas, who tells us of armed men in front being seen. Higginson dines with Burton.

3.5.80.  
Monday

Sehbaba. Battery exercise, 3 lines as far as 1st Kotal, Satabandwards in marching order. Walton comes, as Pat wont get up for a shoot. Give Bullitan 1 Corporal the gun to empty, he is successful in shooting a crow. Batty Douville, R.A. and Wilson in from Kabul. Also Ramsay an old acquaintance, en route to Simba. The head Khan of Tereen sends in a lot of ice, and come in himself - Khan Mahomed Khan by name - spends the night in camp. Sunny - view lounge for the afternoon. Short stroll, dinner, whist, and guards. Lime juice served out to the men. Wrote to Stewart and Jamasjee.

4.5.80.  
Tuesday

Sehbaba. Gun drill. 7 a.m. Mahomed Anim Khan of Gogomunda in to see Burton, Breakfast disturbed by advent of Gen. Hill, a gallopper, and Hutchinson Brigade Major. Stafford in, enroute to Kabul on leave. Hope 25th K.O. Bs. from Kabul. Write to Adlard, Garrioch, and Wood about bills and to Alliance Bank Simla to pay on 1st June. Wrote to mother, a peaceful letter. Inspection of 22nd and 30th by Gen., overlooked by rest of garrison from "crows nest picquet". Sergt. Larkin, De. Cones. Stables and Walton. Khan Major Mahomed Khan of Tereen in to see Burton after tiffin. Says, Safis mean mischief, a *jingah* to be held on Friday.

5.5.80.  
Wednesday

Sehbaba. Hope off early. Pat also off, with Puck, on a day's visit to Jagdallak. 7 a.m. Parade with 1st line for gun drill, and limbering, and unlimbering. Baggage Mules in marching order. Big Koochi convoy thro' after breakfast. Then complain about paying Library subscriptions and getting no papers. Hear a Koochi woman was beaten to death at Kata Sang. Cave and Medley of 12th, thro' from Kabul. Sick convoy Indiawards, with Kirk of 27th P.I. Hunt of Comst., and another man. Putting afternoon; sunny - view for a lounge. Board at Ghoorkhas, on tattoos at 5 p.m. Prowl round Koochis with Burton, and Arsula Khan, a <sup>0</sup> *Hav* of 5th P.I. Inquire about the beating. Find out it was only an old man had tumbled off his horse and died; and his dutiful wife, lamenting, very loudly, had caused Serft. Larkin to take the 'woman beating' view of the case. Burton gets 2 sheep; and we move back to dinner; the hottest day and night we have yet had. Cones sold his grey pony to Cave, for Rs. 250/-/- and laments it the whole of dinner time. Hospital establishment in from Jagdallak.

6.5.80.  
Thursday

Sehbaba. Holiday. Night's rest disturbed by Cones' horse getting loose and causing a stampede amongst the mules. 101 falls and bursts his shoulder about 2 a.m. Entric mule, wishing to misbehave himself. During breakfast Capt. Barrow turns up, a road command out, along with Col. Heathcote. Kahar in from Jagdallak with six colic bulls, and a bottle of carbolic dressing. Burton gets news that Mahomed Shah - a Safi Khom - has been killed in a fight, disputing supremacy in the tribe. Col. Blair R.E. in from Kabul; also Robertson 8th with ponies for Walton; Alas Sprot Carabiniere seedy. Blair gets a telegram to join Ghurni F.F. - as Chief Engineer - which marches thro' Logar on Saturday. Pioneer arrives by post, also 2 C. & M. Gr. 1 not arrived yesterday. Official from C.O. for Mates' and Kahars' rolls. Also pay 285.8.0. Rolls and Receipts made out 3 p.m. Up to Sunny-view with Burton; then to see mokes water; sent on the gun, and general backing. Hear rumours of 10 days provisions, and an expedition. Dinner. Blair and Robertson. During dinner a few small guns come in from Kabul. After dinner, Blair, Burton, Robertson and self to see guns in. 2 English guns of 41, amongst them - marked 1814 William E.I.U.C. - Rest of guns behind. Young Callwell R.A. very sensibly parks guns under native guard, and unhitching bullocks, arrives about 11.30 p.m.

7.5.80.  
Friday

Sehbaba. Gun drill at 7 a.m. Out for a short ride to see mokes exercising, Jagdallak way, thro' Koochi convoy; Sociable Doctor of the Ghoorkhas, out for his morning couch tutional, in front; steers clear of his fellow-man, always; Back to see moke. Water. Callwell, Rattray, and Walton, out to see guns coming in. Pat, got an extra days leave, comes in about 9.20 a.m. with Le Breton of P.O., got a touch of the sun, which necessitated extra day's leave, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Letter to Major about pay cheque, suspect Rs. 100/-/- not sent to All. Bank. Paid the men Rs. 132/-/-. Le Breton off Kabulwards. No mail today. One letter from Kabul, from Major Magenis R.A. about being daked to Jagdallak. Callwell dines. Two drivers - Juggeroo and Khoda Bux 45th - in from centre division on 3 days leave. Walk round guns. Offer the men to Callwell tomorrow, Magenis says, in letter, Roberts with 4000 men, going to Tereen to collect revenue.

8.5.80.  
Saturday

Sehbaba. Fatigues for the men with ~~xxxxxx~~ captured guns, out for a ride on Puck. Johnny and Joker gone to Sataband for Magenis. Wire cut between this and Cabul. Two captured guns removed from the terrace of officer's tents. Two strangers in - names and destination unknown - Robertson starts for Kabul. Burton gets into his new house. Ghoorkhas change tents; sepoy palls, with 30th M.B. Tents. Major White 92nd in from Kabul. Burton puts them up in the house, and they dine. Mail in about 4. 2 papers, and English letter from Mother.

9.5.80.  
Sunday

Captured guns, and strangers off on their respective ways. Prowl round with Pat; about 10000 Koochis in today. Witness the death of a "pangle ? ". Nobody in today, for a wonder, except Curteis going straight thro'. Asst. Political in from Tereen, with the brother of Fair Mahomed, and another Khan; Burton is to meet them all tomorrow about 2 miles from here. Safis, I hear, are quiet. Round guards. Sit with Burton a bit in his house, and then to beds. One shot fired at night. Magenis took on Johnny to Jagdallak, so Mardan had to go on. *Jotve* turned up from Sataband. Prowled round Koochi camps with Pat & Walton. Martin and Kempster perched hear, former sketching.

10.5.80.  
Monday

Sehbaba. Sword drill, and watering order. Out for a ride on Puck. Burton off to meet the Khans; climb the hill and watch the meeting, in company with Walton and a telescope. Khan of Seroki sends work to Burton that the Khans mean boring him, so he takes 100 Ghoorkhas, under Major Barnett and



- 10.5.80. Kempster; down to camp, and try a cold tub, after watching Samasha a  
Cont'd. little while. Inspect pony carts; Burton back alright. No strangers  
towards Kabul. Baronet Staunton, and funny man servant in from Kabul.  
Former dines, and witnesses slight scuffle between Doctor and T.O.  
Stopped at once; Apologies, and general make up.
- 11.5.80. Seh baba. Walton off to Sataband with ponies and carts. Baronet the  
Tuesday other way, tub, for a prowl with 3 lines, to round hill opposite camp.  
Back by Govt. House, name of Burton's abode. *Spar w diary*  
Osborne R.A. in, going to join Tillard's battery; feed him; whist in  
the evening.
- 12.5.80. Seh baba. Exercising order for Mokea. Heavy battery comes in about 5.30.  
Wednesday with Straker, Newman, Williams and Assy. Baker R.A. and Stevens<sup>o</sup> Bo.  
Cav. in en route, former to *Thayetrung?* promoted to Captain.  
Latter to India been at Ghusin fight. Both dine. Williams over to see  
me, also Newman. Walton returned from Sataband.
- 13.5.80. Seh baba. Holiday. Dont turn up too early. Get up in white R.H.A. in  
Thursday with Temple, Sayth, Wyndham, Vaughan-Hughes; also strangers travelling  
with them, a doc. a vet. Corbett wounded *& Comd?* Hughes. The  
guns escorted by 92nd under McBean, and Capt. Robertson. Also 28th N.I.  
under Lane ex 51st. Stafford R.E. in Kabul going back and Jagdallak.  
Tiffin's as does Lane. Burton off to Seroki. I could not go with him  
as I have the trots. Over with Pat to see Corbett. Temple asks me to  
dine; a bottle of beer shared with Pat in spite of complaint. Rains,  
and gets so cold, that I get into blue uniform. Stables then prowl with  
Stafford and Pat. Burton back, had a pleasant day; two representatives  
come in to go to Kabul with him; introduced to them. Dinner, whist,  
ecarte with Hughes, lose Rs. 8/-/- and pay. Telegram "Anin, *Amir or no* ? amir  
come back at once, weather permitting."
- 14.5.80. Seh baba. Short Battery exercise, seedy with diarrhoea. R.H.A. off  
Friday accompanied by Pat on Puck, as escort; Johnny and Joker away to head  
quarters to be shod, so I rode 110. Gen. R. Sale Hill and Staff in en  
route to Safed Sang, Pat and Walton, who accompanied him, back about  
noon, and tell us of the mishap which befel Rattray 22nd going on leave to  
Jagdallak. Sit with Burton in the afternoon, he is visited by Akram Khan  
and Toti. Not feeling quite fit, I turn in before dinner. Moon shine  
till about 9; wrote to Major about Green. Pay the men Ra. 122/-/-. Entire

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- 14.5.80. and Thorats to headquarters. Gr. Bryan from head quarters to join  
Friday Rt. div.  
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- 15.5.80. Sehbaba. Better. Exercising order, send off Pay statement; canteen account  
Saturday and returns to Major. Gen. and Staff away; Rattray brings in Wodehouse 9th  
B.I., who is going to Kabul. Go to bed before dinner. Siennan and Yorke  
to left div. 129 broken out into Bassati.
- 16.5.80. Sehbaba. Dont turn up till Burton asks me to go to his house; then turn up;  
Sunday find Le Breton of P.O. living with him problem, but he starts off for  
Jagdalak shortly. 3E picture papera from Hd. Qrs. S-Quentin 17th Foot;  
Wharton Wilson Xth Hussars, a doctor and Wilcox from Jagdaliak, come in en  
route to Kabul, 3 former dine, I turn in before dinner; leaving Burton to  
interview Khans, great triumph Ahmed *Sais* also come <sup>with</sup> ~~into~~ him. Johnny  
and Joker back, former shod. Showers regularly every evening. 20 Baggage  
mules to Seroki for grass.
- 17.5.80. Sword drill, stables, letter from Major about Reay and Bunsee. answer it  
Monday and give other information; and ask queries? Burton, with a following, off  
to Kabul; he kindly asks me up to his hut, whither, remove with goods and  
chakels. Letter from Major and 3 papers. Commence manuscript squad book,  
with different ranges. Much better, moonlight night. Very uneventful day.  
Have some soup at mess, and then go to bed.
- 18.5.80. Sehbaba.  
Tuesday  
Change ~~fix~~ *hours* for Battery exercise to 6 a.m. Out with 3 lines up the  
bed of the Tereen, along a footpath over the hills to the right, into the  
Sataband road, and so home to camp. Station committee on waterproof sheets;  
self President, Kempster and Rattray members. As I was up so early,  
thought I would get some sleep, so turned in; rudely awakened by 'Arrys'  
well known voice, on his road back from Gaudansak to Kabul, with Battery  
*byles*? I am sadly afraid I was rude to him, as he did not stop long.  
A flood of visitors poured in all day long, and amongst them Moran  
bringing me Rs. 32/4/- whist winnings from Jagdalak. Determined to sleep in  
my tent tonight, as the flies are something awful in the hut. Wrote to  
Mother. Dr. Barnett - with long moustache - in, also a ~~French~~ *French* Presbyterian  
padre, going to join 72nd. A post official; and a young fellow for 67th.  
Prowl round with Arry. Tiffin with Pat on slops at Govt. House. Arry,  
padre and Moran dine. I turn in before dinner. Received a kind note from  
Major, about being seedy, also giving Gr. Green leave to stay. Paid Cooks 19/15

19.5.80.  
Wednesday

Sehbaba.

Gun drill with Mokes. All strangers off; so much better, that I intend taking my meals at mess, and commence with a good square breakfast. Hear that there were songs last night till the small hours, and that T.O. has sprained his ankle. *Scoulding* V.S. in from Jagdallak, on transport inspection duty. ~~Timmis~~ *from* R.E. in ~~from~~ Sataband, and Duff R.A. from Kabul Former to stop for one day. Latter going on to Jellalabad tomorrow.

20.5.80.  
Thursday

Sehbaba.

*"as he is called"*  
Davidson Capt. R.A. - The "Cobster" *is left* and a doctor Morris, who went down with F/A, but really belongs to G/S, come in from Jagdallak. The former going to join Major Gwynne's garrison battery. Ask him to put up in Govt. House. Both dine with me. Col Heathcote also in. After tiffin, Skoulding gives me beer, a great treat; he then walked round the lines with me; find he is *death or* <sup>?</sup> stale in the lines. Dine Davidson and Morris at Govt. House; square face to the fore for beverage. Down to mess for whist, songs afterwards, poor old S.S.O. comes to grief over a table. Ghoorkhas get orders to march for Jagdallak tomorrow. I secure *jumps?* (*Jampam in a sedan chair*)

21.5.80.  
Friday

Sehbaba.

Gun drill at which I dont turn up. Stables at which I do. Pay the men Rs. 88/-/-. Advance Gr. Robson 5/-/-. Give my Kahar orderly leave and a pass for a week, to go to Kabul tomorrow. All strangers off. Hear about last night. Hastings police in from Kabul, conducting Mustaufi Hakibulla Khan Indiawards, papers found incriminating him, he, very ill in a dhooli comes in about 11 a.m. Hastings tells us there has been a fight at Jellalabad. Letter from Norman Stewart to say he is coming down to do Brigade Major to General Hill in place of Hutchinson of 14th.

22.5.80.  
Saturday

Sehbaba.

Watering order exercise Hastings and his Mustaufi leave for India. No strangers in from either direction. Bunne Mochee in from head quarters, with a batch of E. papers. Drivers measured for Greatcoats. Letter from Major about baggage straps, which were lost in February, and wanting list of native names. Don sit up for dinner as I am feeling seedy.

23.5.80.  
Sunday.

Sehbaba.

Get up feeling very cheap; got a little of my old complaint - Diarrhoea -  
*DW?* . Send C.O., measurements of drivers; list of do &cta. and  
 official answer about baggage straps 4 of 25th K.O. Bo. turn up, 2 sappers  
 and a man named Elliott in a dhoolie, all going to Kabul, Hinde 22nd  
 comes to command here, so as to let Macrae and Smyth go to Kabul. Hinde  
 takes up his abode in Burton's house. Conse, Macrae, and 2 or 3 other  
 volunteers sitting there, when in comes, unexpectedly, Burton; turns out  
 Hinde, alludes in a haughty way to pot houses. Exeunt omnes. Ice in  
 today from Tereen. Burke photographer takes the camp from a distance, and  
 then breakfasts with P.O. - Burton - Latter dont like everyone shinning  
 out of the tent on the entrance of the photographer, and draws comparisons  
 between this and other stations. Go up and call on P.O. after tiffin.  
 Dinner - Kept up late by a trio singing till I dont know what hour, heard  
 them propose drawing me, glad for their sakes - as I had a heavy ~~pair~~  
 pair of boots that they did not. Burton tells me Stewart is coming thro'  
 tomorrow, out for a ride on Johnny. Hear of a riot between "Ledudhs"  
 and Khyberes.

24.5.80.  
Monday

Sehbaba.

Time for parades changed to 5 a.m. Sword drill. Stables at 7.15 a.m.  
 Out for a ride on Johnny. Jagdallakway McRae and Smyth as well as all  
 strangers away to Kabul. At breakfast Joseph ? in at one end  
 of the tent and bearer at the otherto say Capt. Duthy has arrived. Go  
 out, and find he has arrived, also Dr. Davies, and Fitzgerald 68th of the  
 Commissariat, the latter returns to Jagdallak. Whilst talking to Duthy  
 Stewart and Sugard come from Kabul. Sugard R.A. going to take up  
 Adjutancy at Kurram. Whaley 39th, Transport, in ~~from~~ Kabul with 5 or 600  
 animals, going to stay here for 17 days. All strangers breakfast at mess;  
 only Duthy and Whaley tiffin and dine. Stewart and Davies tiffin and dine  
 with Burton, who has had a rough up with C.O. Hinde, over a row between  
 aborigines and the ubiquitous dairy maid. Round stables with Duthy and  
 then to the top of picquet hill. Back and think about dinner. Dinner  
 passes ~~quietly~~ quietly, but they will sing again after; so quiet spirits  
 adjourn to bed. (*Space in dream*)  
 Captured guns to come in tomorrow.

25.5.80.  
Tuesday

Rattray not quite equal to convoy, so Walton goes to meet captured guns. Battery exercise 3 lines; Duthy and Davies accompanying up Kabul road, as far as corner in sight from camp, and then over the hills thro' the 1st ~~xxx~~ gorge back to camp, find all strangers flown. Burton severs himself from mess, and feeds with Whaley, who pitches his tent alongside. 2 gattings in about 10 a.m. Bathe in the swimming bath at 10. Major Ramsay K.O.B., in from Kabul, returning to Jagdallak. Brunton R.A. Day R.E., and others in en route to Kabul, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Wilson Xth Hussars in with convoy of 2000 animals. 75 captured guns in about 6.30 p.m. under Lt. Hay and Carleton R.A. Hay dead beat, goes to bed. Carlton dines, as does Graves 31st - who has come in from Jagdallak with 100 men to take on the captured guns. Kay decides to *halt* tomorrow. Go round guards. Halt for a bit chez Burton and Whaley. Moonlight. To bed. Made a bid for mosquito curtains and jaugeas. Latter ready today, former will be tomorrow.

26.5.80.  
Wednesday

Sehbaba.  
Packing drill on the 6 Ammunition ponies. 2 kits, 2 tents, 2 stores, 1 each for grs. and drs. Find all ready when I turn up, send them for a short prowl, and find that all ride right, so dismiss drivers to get mules ready for exercise. Grs. unload and pitch tents, T.A. has taken sole possession of the bath so no go trying today. Orders accordingly issued for bath to be reserved for Officers up till 9 a.m. After to be for men. Clowes 8th Hussars going to Kabul. Moran and Birnett from Kubal. Moran had an adventure with thieves, who stole his pistol. Nice little storm on between Hinde C.O., and Burton P.O. Clowes and Moran to dinner. Puck, Mahomed Khan and 101 from Head Quarters. Puck reported lame by shoeing, found out to be wrong at evening stables; when wisps were used for the 1st time. 101 commences his 'Entire' tricks at once. Duthys kit going thro to rejoin his master. Ration him. Over after dinner to fetch T.O. back who has been dining at Gunner's in Carleton's tent; with Graves 31st also and Hay succeed in spite of C.O. & S.O. going over to opposition. A new order of things started consequent on weighing off of McGinn and Devine. Bought 4 Bokhara silk pocket-handkerchiefs.

27.5.80. Seh Baba.  
Thursday

Bathing parade at 6 a.m. for 4 of us. T.O. S.O. Rattray and self. T.A. looking on, so hand over tub at once instead of keeping him waiting till 9 a.m. Out for a ride with Rattray's horse, jockeyed by Walton. Back, and look over linegear for Committee, then round stables. Get the Committee over after breakfast, and send the proceedings to C.O. 4 Carabiniers in en route to Kabul on leave. H.M. inform head quarters going on to Kabul, bringing defaulter sheets. Give Hav. Bhoodais, carpenter and transport driver, with 3 ponies, leave, on duty, to buy ~~XXXX~~ dundersticks, pegs, maletts &ca. Up to see Burton, who has shaved; going to dine there tonight. Round stables accompanied by H.M. Mount guard, change clothes; and dine with Burton; Whaley & Graham of The Carabiniers dining. Graham knew Dr. Fraser.

28.5.80. Seh Baba.  
Friday.

Gun drill No. 2. Marching order parade No. 1, to look at girth keepers again. Hav. Bhoodais; Transport Driver, 3 ponies and carpenter left for Kabul, gave the former a chit for Broadfoot. A swine with Rattray. Hear 22nd N.I. are really coming in today. About 10 a.m. Major Bridges and Lt. Crawley turn up, with a stranger enquiring for Burton. Scarcely has new C.O. set foot in the place, when he gets a telegram; "Send 2 guns 11/9 R.A. to join moveable column at Jagdallak. Diary resumed at moveable column camp Jagdallak 22nd June 1880, can only thank goodness that what follows is over and done with.

29.5.80. Seh Baba.  
Saturday

Seh Baba, to Jagdallak. Left Seh Baba at 5 a.m., halting half way, and to change mules and breakfast. Meet E.M. Baker and a young 92nd man going to Kabul. Pay the old camp a visit, when I hear I am to go on to the moveable column site. Going out, meet the major, who takes me by the proper road into camp. Meet Cowper-Smith. Into Camp. Cave & Pollock over. Over to old camp to see about letters. Meet Ibrahim's brother on my way back. Tell him to send Ibrahim to see me. Cave promises me little Dullie - bitch pup of Cave-Browne. Cave's little fox terrier - born during dinner at Jagdallak Kotal. Cave over for a chat after dinner, and we arrange to tub tomorrow morning. Hear we are to go either to Sughman or Shinwarri country.

- 30.5.80. Sunday Jagdallak moveable col. camp. Divine Service under Pearson. Board on dead tattoo prevents Gave coming for a swim in tub. Dullie is brought up, suffering from distemper, got an *awful* tail, like a pug. Send her over and have it out at once. Over to the other camp for dutrees, which I had lent to Wilcox. Get 9 out of Payne. See all the fellows, and have a whiskey and soda. Carleton - returning to Kabul, to join G/3 - is in the mess. Ibrahim comes to see me, with his eye on my gun, wont give it up to him. All sorts of orders out about tomorrow. Send Cooks up to Kotal, under Gr. Wetherall.
- 31.5.80. Monday Jagdallak to Perwan. Reveille at 2.30 a.m. up myself at 2 a.m. supposed to start at 4 a.m. but as the *baggage* of the column is not ready, we dont start till 5.30 a.m. Consequently Gen. Arbuthnot is much angered. Coffee stop at the old place. Into Perwan about 10 a.m. Mr. Walker over to see us; produces welcome ice. Muster parade for 25th K.O.B., dead of enteric fever, to be buried at 5 p.m. Thackwell 51st O.C. gun escort and Walker dine. Rearrange sentries on hearing a *shot* fired, which was believed to be an accidental let off by 51st. Leave my little pup Dullie with Walker. The name 'Dullie' is always called "Dolly"
- 1.6.80. Tuesday Perwan to Safed Sang, start about 4 pretty punctual, breakfast at half way stream. Into Safed Sang about 9, without incident. Get into camp near signal picquet hill, and then go to breakfast with C/S at invitation of Major Alexander; pressed to dine also, invitation accepted, and programme carried out.
- 2.6.80. Wednesday Safed Sang. Halt. Remain at Safed Sang, get rid of heavy kits, and discharge my bearer. We are to start tomorrow for Sughman. The governor of Sughman is besieged in his castle. We are to raise the siege, and ~~to~~ punish the besiegers.
- 3.6.80. Thursday Safed Sang to Rosabad. Start from Safed Sang at 3 a.m. Breakfast at Fort Battye, shared by Harene and Delamair 4th B.C. Get to Rosabad about 10 a.m. Heat something very pleasant. Thank goodness, we encamp under trees in a little enclosure just outside the Fort. Visit the Fort, and see the interior for the first time. *Crayk* Dr. of 51st and Power, over in the evening, after dinner, for a chat. All tents struck, ready for an early start on the morrow. Bivouac under the trees getting a fine night.

4.6.80.  
Friday.

Rosabad to Derouta, waited a long time to get baggage off, as we are going across country, where baggage cannot go, so it is to go - under Ghoorkhas - by another route. Get off about 5 a.m. Beautifully shady March, past villages, thro cultivation, breakfasting half way. Get into Derouta about 10, after going a mile out of our way, on account of Q.M.G's idocy. Last mile very hot, no shade on camping ground. Get some tea out of Q.E. Dobson Madras Sappers and Miners. A squadron of Carabiniers commenced to drop in. They are acting as escort to 1500 camels, bringing provisions. As their road is across country, they dont look much like getting in to-day. Awfully hot. Luckily Kabul river water is nice and cool. No baggage in till 3 p.m. However, about 4 p.m. we get our tents up, and very glad we are of the 2 hours shade till about 6.30; when stables tent striking, and preparations for the march take up the rest of the evening. Dinner and Bivouac again. Beastly night. Hot wind kills all sleepiness. Letter from Mother.

5.6.80.  
Saturday

*Duronta* to Asmatulla Khans Fort. Start pretty early, leaving some of 31st P.I. under Graves, to look after stores, which did not turn up yesterday. Rear guard of 6th D.Gr. under Chevert only in at 1 a.m. on relief by *deel* 31st P.I. who stay out all night guarding things. Over Duronta pass, and into Sughman valley. 1st large Fort. Bairam Khan's untouched. Asmatulla's Fort comes in sight, but as there are bridges required, we halt until the Sappers have made the road, breakfast and sleep.

About 11 a.m. get into camping ground. Some troops 31st P.I. R.E. and Carabiniers into Fort. Rest outside under trees; No baggage till 4 p.m. Tents pitched and camp made comfey, as we are going to halt tomorrow. Get my papers alright.

6.6.80.  
Sunday

Halt Asmatulla Khan's Fort. Halt so dont turn out till 5.30 a.m. Stables at 6 a.m. 2 daks in. Hear we are not to go on tomorrow. Out with Cowper-Smith to look for a bathing place in the evening.



- 7.6.80. Asmatulla's Fort, to Bank Kabul R. Stables at 6 a.m. Hear a part of the  
Monday force is to go without tents, this afternoon, to Sughman, in the lighted marching order. Carabiniers and 31st P.I. to be left in the Fort. Only going 5 miles as far as banks of the Kabul river. Start at 3.30 p.m. Awful hot wind, blowing straight in our faces, like red hot needles. Get into a bivouac, near the banks of the river, amongst boulders and stones; picquet the mules to pioneer ropes.
- Bathe in a stream with some of the 51st. Major Douglas is Field Officer today, so goes off to mount the picquets. Get dinner arrangements ready, whilst he is away; At dinner, a report is made to C.O. about mounted men, and Infantry, who answer patrol. Quiet night.
- 8.6.80. Cross Kabul River. Go down to the Kabul river at 9 a.m.  $\frac{1}{2}$  full to cross  
Tuesday the river today, remainder to stay where they are. Kahar swims my nags across. Kabul river, running like a mill race, ice cold from snow water, which has swollen it, pleasing contrast to hot sun. Mules and animals swim across. Baggage and men go over on mussuk rafts. Guns to cross last. All rest of force takes to 2.30 p.m. I only get to the other side of the river at 4 p.m., saddle up and get to camp, a village about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile off. Find I have got into a beautiful enclosure. Sappers on left; 4th B.C. on right; get into shade under pomegranates.
- 9.6.80. Halt at village on Bank K.R. Take it easy, stables at 6 a.m. Down about 7  
Wednesday to river bank, find most of guns and our belongings across. They crossed first today. 4th B.C. turned out to make room for them. Rest of force crosses without incident or accident. Very hot day. Bathe in the afternoon, with a lot of 51st in the Kabul river, a glorious dip; a bivouac dinner in the evening. Bed in a dhoolie.
- 10.6.80. Dour in Lughman valley. Parade at 6 a.m. 3 lines with cooked rations.  
Thursday Force divided into two parts. Gen. Arbuthnot takes command of half, consisting of 51st; centre division under Major Douglas and Cowper - Smith; some R.E. and 4th B.C. With him go Tucker and the Governor of Lughman; they are to blow up Ut Kheyl Towers, and go up the valley. I go with Ghoorkhas under Col. Storey to burn forts of Abdul Rakawsais, skirmishing order. Vedettes 4th B.C. 1st skirmishing line Ghoorkhas supports Ghoorkhas; 2 guns 11. 9 R.A. followed by Sappers. 1st Village and towers not burnt. 2 old women form the garrison on charpoys. Hen and chicken hunt. Gr. Rooney distinguishes himself by jumping on old woman, in his eagerness for hen and

10.6.80.  
Cont'd.

chickens, does not get the hen, as Gr. Wetherall secures hen. Water melons in abundance. Go on to the Abdul Rahmawais forts and villages. Blow up 4 towers, and fire villages with great success. Some native asst. politicals with us, one, a good rider - most noticeable of the lot - is the son of Vabiya Khan. Round by Mandrowa. Gr. Rooney again distinguishes himself trying for a hen, this time with a rock, which misses the hen, and strikes a young woman.

Join the other force; looting water melons by the way. Help them to blow up more towers. More grub, and a moist sock over my head. Guns ordered back to camp, with 2 Cos. Ghoorkhas under Kempster. Bath in Kabul river; Stables; Dinner. Bed.

One cow, captured by our county cav. from the other side of the river, whilst blowing up a tower. One shot fired over the capturing.

11.6.80.  
Friday

Village in Lughman valley. My 2 guns are to cross 9.30 to 10.30. A little uncertainty about getting over ~~the~~ in the time. Only  $\frac{1}{2}$  force to go over today. Get over quicker than expected, and we move off - escorted by 51st - to Asmatullah Khana Fort.

En route, come to small stream. Our men wade across. It is very hot and taking a short time over the march is a consideration. Col. Ball Acton of 51st makes every man of his Regt. halt, take off shoes and stockings, go over this small stream barefooted, put on his shoes and stockings, and then move on. All force kept broiling while this old woman's coddling is going on. The second half of the Force commences to cross, when we move off instead of waiting till tomorrow. I tiffin with 51st in camp. Sahves from Kabul thro Safed Sang - Roberts and Stewart both murdered. When second half of force arrives, hear enemy appeared on the other side; looted our commissariat. I thought I heard some firing. General, and the rear guard of the force not in till dusk. Hear from 4th B.C. that 5 Ghoorkhas are wounded. Merryweather of the 51st was shaved by a bullet. Major Barnaby hit in the nose. Carthew Q.M.G. hit in the behind. Gen. Arbuthnot log. "There you are again Carthew always in the way." Luckily all bullets were spent. Woke up by Major to say I have to march at 3.30 a.m.

- 12.6.80. Asmatullah Khans Fort to Darouta. Reveille at 3. Ready at 4. not so 51st.  
Saturday  
Hear 2 shots, 3 after fired into camp last night. A mule driver found cut up. Start at 4 a.m. with Sappers and Carabineers. Get into camp at 7.30 a.m. Breakfast with 51st and swim in the Kabul river, then into light suit, and back to camp. Hear the rest of the force is not starting till 2 p.m. Stranded for tiffin, so write over to Dobson R.E. Shortly Shroff ~~ix~~ turns up, gets me beef and bread, and biscuits. Dobson over for a pipe and to share tiffin, sleep till 4.30. Other force turns up, rather done up by heat. Stables 6.30, satisfactory turn out. Get orders to march with 51st at 4 a.m. Other troops to follow, at intervals of 1 hour. Very hot wind at night. Cant sleep. Dobson's pony dies.
- 13.6.80. Darouta to Rosabad. Up at 2.45 a.m. - without reveille so as not to awaken  
Sunday  
other troops - Get off alright. Bagged a pony. Find my kit does not turn up. Mohun unearths kit for me. Find I had boned <sup>gap in day</sup> pony. Very hot. E.P. tents here, dont take them over. Bahadar gives me some welcome figs, gathered fresh off a tree. Tiffin. Creyk - doctor of 51st passing tells us 120° in the tents. Good enough. Can do nothing but gasp. Awful heat.
- 14.6.80. Rosabad to Fort Battye. Started at 3 a.m. Chotha Hazari - attended by  
Monday  
Carthew - at Patchabad. Into Fort Battye and bivouac before fort. Not quite so hot here as down below.
- 15.6.80. Fort Battye to Gandamak. Start early; Chotha Hazari at river, and along  
Tuesday  
the old road past Nesmla Bagh into Gandamak. Breakfast with C/3. Major dines with C/3. I invite Cave over to dine with me. Cowper-Smith seedy, does not dine out at C/3.
- 16.6.80. Halt at Gandamak. Pitch big tents also.  $\frac{1}{2}$  sepoy pals, and *Lasca* pals  
Wednesday  
over ours. Major dines with Col. Purvis. I alone at dinner. Hear of Carthews Gusufrai orderly of 8th N.I. bolting with Cook's horse, sword and pistol, and Carthew's pistol. Gen. Arbuthnot gives over charge of moveable column to General Hill. Cowper-Smith seedy.
- 17.6.80. Gandamak.  
Thursday  
Stables 6.30 a.m. Gr. Henshaw - weighed off. Mess accounts all day. Pay all Kahars and Drivers at 5 p.m. Bun Addison over in the evening. Go and inspect his nag on Smith's behalf. Major dines at farewell dinner, given to the General; so I have a solitary dinner; as Smith is too seedy to leave his tent.

- 18.6.80. Gundamak.  
Friday  
Stables 6.30 a.m. Gr. Platts weighed off. Wrote to Mum; to O.C. depot 27th P.I. - Major Macdonald, about Rs. 124/-/-; and to Alliance Bank Simla to send it off to him. Go over and see Brunner. Ordnance, about a tent, unsuccessful. Take a chit over to Br. Bailey. Go and see Bun; went tiffin. He sends over his nag; Smith buys it for Rs 150/-/- down. At 4 p.m. go to Transport lines about exchange of Tattoos; no one there. Go round with Bailey; then up to Wishe's tent; tells me no exchange today. Bun and Potts over to see me at stables. Hear poor old Penton is very seedy at Peshawar with sunstroke. Smith still down with fever. Walk back with Bun, and bid for his tent.
- 19.6.80. Gandamak.  
Saturday  
Get orders to start, tomorrow, with my two guns for Jagdallak; with a force under Col. Storey of 1st Goorkhas, consisting of 1st Gr. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  51st K.O.L.I. Regt. To start at 3 a.m. Smith moved over to Field Hospital.
- 20.6.80. Gandamak to Perwan.  
Sunday  
Don't start at 3 a.m., as 51st are not ready. To Perwan. Breakfast with Duthy and Walker at K.O.B. mess, where they feed. Get Miss Dully, suffering from starvation - under Walker's care - nearly over her distemper. Dine at scratch mess of 51st and self - Walker dining with us. Toss Milton for a half hunting campaign watch and lose.
- 21.6.80. To Jagdallak from Perwan.  
Monday  
Into Jagdallak moveable column camping ground, rousing Chips at the Kotal, en route. Over to the post at Jagdallak to see Stafford and others. 1st Goorkhas keep mess to themselves. I mess with 51st K.O.L.I. *deci* consisting of Nugent, Milton and Power.
- 22.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Tuesday  
*? King's Own Light Infantry?*  
Over to post to get poles and chithai *out* of Stafford for sentry box. Swimming bath in the evening with Nugent and Milton. Write for the watches I lost at Perwan to Favre Leuba & Co. Bombay; and to Alliance Bank to send Rs. 75/-/-.
- 23.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Wednesday  
Swimming bath early with Milton. Get mosquito curtain stuff. Have nets made by Power's man. Another swim in the afternoon. Thackwell and Baskerville 51st to join. Stayed in Safed Sang for examinations.
- 24.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Thursday  
Grs. Storey and Devine from hospital. Letter from Kitty, giving me news of old Blackheath friend May Gordon.

25.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Friday

Rode over to Jagdallak post. Meet Sim R.E. going Indiadwards. Stables and Gun drill. 12 ponies, and Moonah, with chit for Duthy to Perwan to stay there, and bring supplies  $\frac{1}{2}$  way. Bathing in the afternoon. Gerry Onslow there. Aborigine turns up to buck; been to Kabul for ten days; just returned.

26.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Saturday

12 ponies and Mohun  $\frac{1}{2}$  way to Perwan for grain. 3 gunners in, and chits from Major and Duthy. Papers turn up. Aborigine arrives, bringing news of raiders out. 200 will attack Perwan convoy. 100 Seh baba; gets my gun out of me. Brings 5 bitch puppies of Koochi sheep dog. Distributed. 1 Thackwell; 1 "Burra Budmash" Milton; 1 Baskerville; 1 Corpl. Ingram, 1 to Williams. Dust storm, blows down 3 tents Thackwell, Baskerville and Power. Clears off towards evening.

Swim in bath. Blue clothes.

27.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Sunday

Ride to the post, about mule man dak. Tea with Stafford, Macrae and Stanton. Back to camp. Meet "the Boy" - Milton - Hearing 4 shots we go off towards Kotal. Meet a Peshawari, who tells us, only coolies blasting on the road.

Stafford tells me AbdulRahman has come in. 51st have got typhoid at Sehbaba Col. Storey round tents in the evening at 6, on some rot; spoils my chance of a swim. Have a mussock tub in camp. Down with Milton to ~~2x~~ look on at swimmers.

28.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Monday

Stables. More blasting going on. Tubs.

29.6.80. Jagdallak.  
Tuesday

Sword drill; stables; Rid. Thackwell ordered to Perwan to bring in draft of 51st. Hear raiders came down, wounded 2 sowar's horses, and killed 5 of 31st N.I. Reinforcements sent. Aborigine comes in; says firing was only a marriage celebration. Raiding story lies. Give him powder and shot flasks, and a chit for gun.

Hear we are to go to Kotal; animals all ordered for Perwan, and counter ordered. Got fever this afternoon.

30.6.80.  
Wednesday

Jagdallak to Jag Kotal. Stiff, feeling a worm from fever. 51st and guns march at 5 a.m. Camp on ridge S. of fort. Word brought in at 7, that men are on the road, by 2 sowars. Nugent went go out to fight before breakfast, so we dont start off till 8 a.m. Hear Thackwell 51st is wounded, and meet him in a dhoolie. Go on a long road with guns. See our men firing from a ridge on the right of the road. Climb up there. A few bullets going. Guns not wanted. Nugent and 51st go off to turn enemy out of sungas. 40 of them seen about 1200 yards off. Get 1 gun into action; dont let it off as they disappear over the crest of a ridge. Dont fire a shot. Wait an hour. Back to camp. Hurricane blowing. All animals except baggage and tents animals to go back tomorrow. 5 ponies & camels *ba wi*. Muster 445. Over to fort with Milton to see Chips. Get a peg; Back and change sentries. European over rear of camp. Native over the guns - bring my transport to rear of camp for tonight.

1.7.80.  
Thursday

Camp on Jagdallak Kotal. A hurricane blowing, so stables, being a farce, are dispensed with. Gibbs - 31st N.I. a cousin of Thackwells over to see him. Massey of 8<sup>th</sup> Kings, A.Q.M.G. turned out of his appointment, going to rejoin his regiment. Prowl out to see our 15 <sup>1/2</sup> tap going to Perwan. See Chips things ready for a start. Tippetts, Carthew and Heathcote going to Kabul. Two former breakfast, latter has gone with Perwan force to Murdadand to look for raiders. A company of 51st, under Sparkes and Preston and a company of 1st Ghoorkhas under Major Young reinforce us. Finish and despatch a letter to Mother.

Nugent out for a dour with Baskerville and 100 men. Back about 4 p.m. Tarpaulin marked P.A. 6.79, 4 sub., found with drivers 51st transport. Hurricane all night. Shift transport to ridge opposite, with others. Change front of camp.

2.7.80.  
Friday

Wind gone down a bit this morning. Milton off on convoy. Stables. Transport lines shifted from the ridge into the nullah. Surprised in my tent by Himmy Ogilvie, travelling up to Kabul on sick leave. Pink 2nd Queen's, going thro' with ~~them~~ <sup>him</sup>; breakfast them. Br. Elliott and 4 mule loads of kits in from Safed Sang. Were to have gone after raiders, but dont. Off to Kerwhack to explore, find it not fit for a camping ground.

- 3.7.80. Saturday  
Camp Jagdallak Kotal. Wind gone down, thank goodness. Shroff in from Perwan with pay and books of all sorts. Pay all official people. Padre Pearson thro' says he is going to give us a service tomorrow, also that 25th and 51st are to change places. Go and bathe at 8. Nugent dines at Kotal, determines on going out with 3 companies, leaving Sparkes and Preston behind at mess. All ammunition out.
- 4.7.80. Sunday  
Camp Jagdallak Kotal. Divine Service. 51st off. Helio to say "all is cancelled, recall 51st, Gen. Hill be here on Tuesday. Later 51st wont be back today, coming tomorrow.  
All but 1st Goorkhas to go to Jagdallak tomorrow. Cancelled, not to go till Tuesday. All breakfasted at 1st Goorkhas.
- 5.7.80. Monday  
Camp Jagdallak Kotal. Seedy with the old complaint, sit quiet. See Jekan villages burning in the morning; Board on heel ropes at 5 p.m. Not to move tomorrow. Diarrhoea.
- 6.7.80. Tuesday  
Camp Jagdallak Kotal. Firing heard at Kerwhack. Also parties down the road; diarrhoea, watch proceedings. Very seedy. 25th man was shot, and his head cut off and taken away. Dixon and Shone, riding along top of signalling range of hills, got within range of the brutes, but missed every shot.
- 7.7.80. Wednesday  
Camp Jagdallak Kotal. Get ready packed. Not to go as they dont turn up. To go to Mardadand tomorrow - without Goorkhas; Sergt. Comst. in cap.
- 8.7.80. Thursday  
Jagdallak Kotal to Mardadand. Off at last. Dr. Daubeney joins the mess. No commissariat till afternoon. 4 shots at night. Norman Stewart over to see me.
- 9.7.80. Friday  
Mardadand.  
Out for a prowl with Duthy. Soward's horse extricated, from a bog. Polo. Ask Wishe to join mess. Dine at 51st. Shooting a little free about 12 midnight but did not hear it. General and staff to go to Perwan tomorrow to be on the line of communications.
- 10.7.80. Saturday  
Mardadand.  
Inspections, the wrong dak sent in. Water trough dug; down on Johnny to shew the place. Down again afterwards to see the place when finished. Old faint feeling after tiffin. Transport lines shifted in the evening. As General Hill went away with staff this morning, Col. Ball Acton takes command; immediately sticks sub 11/9 R.A. for sub. of the day.

- 10.7.80. Wiehe transport joins the mess for dinner. No firing. Patrols reported  
Cont'd. all villages deserted.
- 11.7.80. Mardadand.  
Sunday  
Divine Service at 7 a.m. under Col. Ball Acton. Taken off as sub of the day,  
after 2 notes, and a reference to B.A.R. Wiehe and <sup>?</sup>Urens 34th signaller in  
to see the General at Perwan. Bhoosa scarer, only get 25 mounts. Cave  
tells me about lost datrees.
- 12.7.80. Mardadand.  
Monday  
Range finding and gun drill under Duthy. Find our 11 datrees gomashta  
lepas 51st. Hand them over to Mr. Bailey. Row about limber gammers. See  
Gr. McGinn in belts. Native rumour in 31st N.I. that Abdul Rahman is in.  
Rounders on horseback. Col. B. Acton over after dinner, barking about a  
dog race.
- 13.7.80. Mardadand.  
Tuesday  
Sword and Carbine drill; and range finding. Down to see exercise and  
watering. Nugent 51st asks me to dinner tomorrow, accept. Letter from  
Major McDonald, gives me plan of retirement, dated Cabul 9th Abdul Rahman  
at Charikar. 1st dn. by Kurram; 2nd dn. by Tereen, Hissarak, Safed Koh,  
Haft Chah. 3rd Dn. by Khyber. Lotteries at 9 p.m. 51st mess tent. Dont go.  
Get Duthy to enter Fuck for me. Go to bed early, as parade tomorrow is at  
5 a.m.
- 14.7.80. Mardadand.  
Wednesday  
Prowl with all 4 guns. 2 ranges. To 1st heap of stones from the hill 1685  
yds. To the 2nd sungar 1485 yds.  
Sports at 5 p.m. Pack in for 2 things. Steeplechase, comes a cropper with  
me, sprain my thumb. Also polo stick breaks. Dine with Nugent. Everybody  
at 51st mess. After songs till 12 midnight.
- 15.7.80. Mardadand.  
Thursday  
Holiday, but stables; Write to mum. Pay 20 Rs. advance towards mess bill  
51st to pay off butcher. Sports in the afternoon. Races for Europeans and  
natives.  
Little driver Neemur ~~xxxx~~ wins the flat, and 2nd in the steeplechase. 120  
wins mule race again. Duthy wins a flat race. Sparkees up, on the little  
grey. Pollock just pulls off polo. Tug of war. Single rope breaks twice.  
Double the rope, and our men win. Sent 36 ponies to Seh Baba.



16.7.80.  
Friday

Mardadand.

Gun drill, and Range finding. Polo agreed on. About 4 p.m. Col. Ball  
Acton gets a helio from Col. Storey 1st Ghoorkhas. "Attack expected to-  
night by 2000 men, send reinforcements. 200 men go off under Nugent 51st  
Hear at 9.30 p.m. that they have arrived at Jagdallak Kotal all safe,  
from Johnson, Pollock and Merryweather, who come over to our mess tent.  
Major Tweddell over after dinner, telling us stories - funny men -  
Moonlight. Pretty Respectable. Round Guards.

17.7.80.  
Saturday

Mardadand.

Inspections. Delamair 4th B.C. to Kabul. Erle 51st, Bright's Gallopper,  
in sick for change of air. Polo afternoon. Letter from Favre Leuba and  
Co., about watches, started on 9th July Nos. 179353 and 179355. Wiehe  
seedy, no dinner for him.

18.7.80.  
Sunday

Mardadand.

Divine Service at 7 a.m. Sleep all morning. Return to teetotal ways  
during day time. Feel much better for it. Send camels to Jagdallak  
Kotal for E.P. tents. 2 Kahars and 5 doz. sodawater bottles to Walker  
in the afternoon, to be forwarded to Jehangir refilled and returned.  
Hear 51st have leave to visit Kabul. Pollock and Merryweather off.  
Prowl with Duthy. Down and duck the dogs. Round home. After tiffin  
get a pony out of a Karer, by water, quite dead when she came out.  
Tweddell over after dinner. Wiehe seedy again; does not turn up for  
dinner.

19.7.80.  
Monday

Mardadand.

Gun drill. ~~xxxxxxwithxDuthy,xxxxxx~~ range finding, and 20 drivers  
at guard drill. Prowl with Duthy and dogs - Binjy and Dolly - to  
Dhobies pond to swim the dogs. Duthy and Harenc ordered off tomorrow to  
Jagdallak Kotal which could not go today. Sparkes and Preston to relieve  
Butler (Box) and Smith.

Moonlight Guards.

20.7.80.  
Tuesday

Mardadand.

Carbine and sword drill, 20 drivers, guard drill. Duthy and Harenc off  
at 6.30. Binjy left with me. Take dogs down to Dhobies' pond. 28 mule  
lunged. Get sword drill book from Corbett. Hear of girth taken by his  
man on guard, not anything to do with Battery.

- 20.7.80. Kits into Safed Sang at 4 p.m. Big box also. Prowl with Binjy and Dolly  
Cont'd.  
after stables.  
Battery exercise tomorrow, so go round guards and turn in early. Moon  
again, nearly full.
- 21.7.80. Mardadand.  
Wednesday  
Up at 4 a.m. Major out with Battery for a prowl to hills towards  
Hissarak and Vedettes. Duthy helios that he will be back at 10 a.m.,  
so get breakfast for him and Harenc. See flock of pigeons with a white  
one. Polo in the afternoon; rather a farce, as no sticks at last.  
Dined with Milton. Full moon and band.
- 22.7.80. Mardadand.  
Thursday  
Holiday till 6.30 stables. Pat and two companies 51st in under Smith.  
Out with Duthy for a prowl after yesterdays pigeons. Dont see a thing,  
60 men sent out at dinner time for a trap of sorts.
- 23.7.80. Mardadand.  
Friday  
Gun drill and range finding. Letter from Mother. Pat over to buck.  
Milton and he tell us of the impossible C.O. route march. We to go  
first on the 7th to Saughina, thence to Peshawar. Letter from all drivers  
about bribes and Havildar Major.
- 24.7.80. Mardadand.  
Saturday  
Gen. Roberts thro' from Kabul, C.B. go to meet him. Persuades mine to go  
for Kabul. No one to move from Kabul till 10th. Court of inquiry m & a,  
on anonymous letter from drivers about Havildar Major. Acquitted ?  
all spite.  
Polo. Make stick.  
<sup>bug</sup>  
Eusebians and the <sup>o</sup>Guchas heard of for 1st time.
- 25.7.80. Mardadand.  
Sunday  
No leave for Major yet. Divine Service at 7 a.m. under Col. Ball Acton,  
who is going to Kabul; sending Hissarak 1 this morning with baggage: to  
ride pony into Jagdallak this evening; and Bismarch from Jagdallak to  
Kabul - only 45 miles - tomorrow. Major hears where we are to go but as  
it is confidential, cant let us know. I guess K.G. for choice. Prowl  
with Duthy dogs, and carbine and 10 rounds to Vedettes' hill and home.  
Cave over after dinner, and later Chapman.
- 26.7.80. Mardadand.  
Monday

- 26.7.80. Gun drill and range finding. Cave with dak into Perwan, comes out again  
Cont'd. while we are at breakfast, tells us poor Cowper-Smith is very ill, got  
this news from Q.M.S. Major sends off 3 helios about him; gets an  
answer that he is not expected to live long. Dr. says it must be hopeless,  
and that he will be dead before Major gets in. Major sends off his traps  
to Perwan by afternoon convoy. Duthy and 2 sowars into Perwan to try and  
find out about anonymous drivers' petition thro Swiney Q.M.S. 25th K.O. Bs.  
Back in time for dinner.
- 27.7.80. Mardadand.  
Tuesday  
Major off with dak at 5 a.m. Sword drill and range finding. Helio from  
Adj. R.A. to say Smith dies last night; to be buried at 6 p.m. this even-  
ing. No news from the Major. Polo in the afternoon.  
Duthy, boy, and Pat v. Corbett, Cave and self. Latter an awful <sup>i</sup>locking.  
6 goals to 0.
- 28.7.80. Mardadand.  
Wednesday  
Battery exercise, all mules to Vedettes' hill. See the pigeons with white  
one amongst them. English mail in; Strange, no news from Major. Big night  
at 51st. Rather diarrhoeatic again.
- 29.7.80. Mardadand.  
Thursday  
Holiday. Letter from Major about Smith's death. Says Creyk wrote to him,  
and also to Gormley. Majors' letter at Perwan.  
Smith got dysentery, which wore him out, no pain, conscious to the last.  
Smith's horse in for me in the afternoon, sent by C.O. who is en route to  
Kabul tomorrow. Prowl with Duthy down mullah and home. Sick, diarrhoea,  
and seedy. To bed early.
- 30.7.80. Mardadand.  
Friday  
Major passes going to Kabul. Duthy in command. Polo in the afternoon.  
Big dinner. Tweddell and Johnson with Duthy. Boy and Cave with me. Chapman  
in after dinner.  
Delamaine back from Kabul.
- 31.7.80. Mardadand.  
Saturday  
Muster. Down to watering place with Dolly. Duthy gets new polo sticks.  
Take 6 = Rs. 12/-/-. Polo in the afternoon. Smith's tent in for me. Q.M.S.  
with stores and convalescents, has left the pegs behind. Wiehe back from  
Kabul. Mahomed Jan. Baskerville and Chapman to Kabul after tiffin.

1.8.80. Mardadand.  
Sunday

Divine Service regimentally.

Pollock in from Kabul. Duthy to Perwan. Pollock hands me over Rs. 16/-/- and goes on to Perwan to get 8th B.C. Write to Stewart about Rs. 821/-/- and to Alliance Bank acknowledging dept of Rs. 31/4/-. Take stock of canteen and mess wines and stores. Munn in on inspection duty. Ask him to feed. 2 watches in by baugtry 179353 for Milton. 179355 for me. Both crystals smashed. Mine wont go. Discover it is because hands are stuck. 6 ponies sick sent to Safed Sang. 10 to Jellalabad for line gear for transport. Driver Kishen runs away from Transport.

Report in bazar of a disaster at Kandahar Nunn V.S. round mules in the afternoon, then for a prowl with him round Polo ground. Nugent and Merryweather in from Kabul also look, Brigade Major Jellalabad. 6 at dinner. Duthy returned. Kardier Bux, and Abdul <sup>Z</sup>ix complain about Nunn's

? ?

2.8.80. Mardadand.  
Monday

Gun drill, Range finding, drivers at Guard mounting drill. Munn and look away. My tent poles in, Earle and *gap m diary* in from Kabul. Former tells us he has head 4 guns, 6 officers killed, Abdul Rahman wants us to stay another month. Kit inspection by C.O. Duthy at 4 p.m. Polo. Duthy does not play.

Get my new tent pitched.

3.8.80. Mardadand.  
Tuesday

Sword drill, range finding. Down with Dolly and Blob to watering, to give former a swim. Signing books. English mail in. After tiffin; Helio comes to Comst. Sergts. 11/9 ordered to Kabul, any bakery to send with them 2". Then helio from Douglas. "March tomorrow, hope to leave here on Sunday" Col. also gets orders, but not actually for our march tomorrow, but says we can go. Pay Nugent 55.10.5. by cheque, what is owed to them for messing. Dine with 51st Lampagram from Oughton who is going to rejoin us. Col. comes over finally, and says not to march without more orders.

4.8.80.  
Wednesday

Mardadand.

Drivers all ready to march. Gunners getting ready. No orders arrive, so pitch again, Oughton in at 11 a.m. to rejoin, Rounders on <sup>?</sup> *sat* back. Hear there is a disaster at Kandahar, 2 Cos. of 66th cut to pieces; 2 guns R.H.A. lost; 6 officers killed, and a cavalry regiment routed.

5.8.80.  
Thursday

Mardadand to Jagdallak. Ordered to go to Perwan today and wait there for C.I. Horae. Duthy intends starting about 3 p.m., at the same time thinking it rather rot not have to go to Jagdallak. About 2 p.m. get a telegram, to go to Jagdallak at once, ordered to Kabul. A start effected from Mardadan at 4 p.m. Get to Jagdallak same evening, escorted by Milton and 51st at 8 p.m. 51st take us to the foot of Jagdallak Kotal pass, where the 25th K.O. Ba. take over the escort duty. Dined with 22nd N.I. at 9 p.m. Bivouac for the night.

6.8.80.  
Friday

Jagdallak to Seh baba. Get up early, as it is a bivouac. Walker, his 2 guns, and O.I.H. under Major Butler in from Perwan about 9 a.m. They left Perwan at 3 a.m. Start from Jagdallak at 11 a.m. Into Sehbaba about 3 p.m. Find 4 guns H.M.B. under Broadfoot there, Sandbach and Anderson subs with him; going to Mardadan in our place, Go and look up ~~Burtonxxxx~~ He tells me, not a man of the expedition will arrive in India fit for anything, and that we shall have to fight every foot of the way from Shekhabad to Khelat <sup>Chalsai</sup> *an* <sup>?</sup>. Sparkes 51st, over with Major's book "Major Hough on Afghanistan". Dine with H.M.B. and get champagne. Cast a lot of sick men, and leave all Drivers' tents behind. 2 shots fired by picquet 1st Ghoorkhas at thieves.

7.8.80.  
Saturday

Sehbaba to Lataband. Rouse 2.30 a.m. March at 4 a.m. with C.I.H. as escort. Take old road, so as to avoid Heavy Battery, which we hear is coming over Kotal today.

Heavy Battery avoided alright, and a good many men left on the road in consequence, as it is rather a pull up to the pass. *ea*

After Kotal I go on ahead to find out about camp *ops*. Arrive at Lataband; see S.S.O. Craigie Halkett, who shews me ground, and asks me to breakfast. Go to inspect encamping ground, and find Sappers under Peter B, and Mayne, and others in escorting G/3 under Craister. Back to Breakfast. Find 27th N.I. there, and others, strangers. Have a bad breakfast, and then receive the Battery. As the drivers had given up tents of course it rained, this afternoon. Over to see G/3 after stables.

- 7.8.80. Adams vet seedy, gives me serge for Rogers 11/11 R.A. Hear Carleton of  
Cont'd. G/3 is attached to us for the Kabul Kandahar march.
- 8.8.80. Lataband to Beni Husai double march thro' Buttkak. Start 4.30 for Bulkhak.  
Sunday. Halt just over 1st Kotal to let baggage up. Meet Major about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the way.  
Pass 19th B.L. and A.B. R.H.A. with Coold Adams and Beaufort. Into Bulkhak  
where we halt 4 hours, and then on to Beni Husai. Thunder shower by  
Logan bridge. Camels and all sorts of baggage met going the other way India  
wards. Strike off Kabul road, over beautiful pasture ground, to Beni Hissar,  
arriving there about 5 p.m. Get camp pitched, and mules fed. Find Carleton  
there. He dines with Doctors at Field Hospital. We scramble up a dinner  
somehow. Only 1st and 3rd Bdes. are at Beni Hissar. The 2nd is at Indikee.
- 9.8.80. Beni Hissar to Quidabad 17 miles. Rouse 3 and march at 4.30 to (Moozai I  
Monday thought, find it is to Zaidabad). Thro Logar gorge. Camp in place near  
river. Indian corn fields in rear of camp. In rear of them the river; on  
the opposite side of the river gardens and a palace of sorts.  
Driver Hassan Khar of No. 2 goes mad by the way, and cuts down Hulleo,  
luckily only a blunt old cavalry sword. March 3rd Brigade and 1st Brigade.  
2nd Brigade by different route, crosses Logar bridge, and gets about 3  
miles ahead. Cavalry brigade on ahead of the 2nd Brigade. 3rd Brigade  
consists of 2/60th Rifles, 15th Sikhs, 25th P.N.I., 4th Ghoorkhas. Write to  
mother, as they say it is last post. I pushed on ahead to do camp  
Found myself amidst strangers. One was Gorham R.A. with whom I came out on  
"Euphrates" in 74.
- 10.8.80. Zaidabad to Zergun Shahr 16 miles.  
Tuesday Rouse 2.45. March at 4 in rear of 1st Bde. over bridge and on to Zergun  
Shahr. In pretty early, at 12.30. Baggage well up. Encamp in open plain  
beyond Zergun Shahr, facing front. 2nd Brigade marched by a road on our  
right over a small Kotal. A line of Karezes running thro' camp. Sub. on  
duty has to *forage*. Carleton today. Early to bed.
- 11.8.80. Zergun Shahr to Padkhav Khana.  
Wednesday Rouse 2.45. Up betimes today, my duty. Start at 4 a.m. Thro plain. 1st  
Bde. on our left by a different road. On our right a very populous fertile  
country. Turn to the west from our Southerly course. Pass village of  
Padkhav Khana, and into camp on undulating ground beyond. We get a nice  
flat place in Kheb. Lots of forage for animals quite close, so I am in luck.

- 11.8.80. Talbot R.E. met on the road. Last post from India received; also helio fo  
Cont'd. "Bobs" "Good bye, good luck to all."  
Moonlight showing up.
- 12.8.80. Padkhas Khana to Amir Killa at the mouth of the Tangi Wardak 9 miles.  
Thursday Rouse at 3.45. March at 5 a.m. Rather a narrow road, crossed by water  
cuts, running between villages, fields &ca. To the mouth of the Tangi  
Wardak; march only about 9 miles. Encamp, near Amir Killa, in a valley  
between two ridges. Cemetary in front of left. To the right the head of  
the valley. To the left road, stream, fields, and villages. A little way  
on a round fort belonging to one Juncah Khan. Gr. Grosvenor lost. Letter  
sent to the other camp of 1st Brigade for him, but no news.  
2nd Brigade crossed Dunborak Kotal, but all their baggage does not turn up.
- 13.8.80. Amir Killa, thro Tangi Wardak to Hyder Khel 6 miles. Rouse at 3.15.  
Friday Parade at 4.30. 1st Bde. goes over Dunborak Kotal. 3rd Bde. thro  
Tangi Wardak. A very pretty march, thro a gorge, past sung villages,  
with one or two strong holds on the left. Open out on to the plains, and  
meeting the main ~~xxxx~~ Ghurai Road, leading to Shekhalay? and Maidan,  
both of which we leave in rear. Over a bridge, where there is a spring of  
beautifully cold water; past where the Dunborak Kotal road joins, and  
camp in some Khets to the right of the road near Hyder Khel, length of the  
march about 6 miles. Gr. Grosvenor found in 6/8 camp. Letter sent on to  
Khela-ti-Ghilsai by a messenger.
- 14.8.80. Hyder Khel to Shashgao 19 $\frac{3}{8}$  miles.  
Saturday Rouse 2.45. March at 4 a.m. Douglas F.O. of the day, so goes with the  
advance guard. Duthy in command. Uninteresting march ending at some  
Karezes; get in about 2 p.m. and wind up a very pleasant birthday by  
foraging to a village for wood and bhoosa. To get wood I have to pull  
down the houses to the annoyance of the villagers; but 19 $\frac{3}{8}$  miles do not  
conduce to listening to arguments. All 4 brigades camp near each other;  
coldest night yet, over 8800 feet above sea level.
- 15.8.80. Shashgao to Gharni. Europe morning. 3rd Brigade has to do rear guard,  
Sunday thro Sher i dana Pass, so does not start till 10 a.m. Lie in bed till  
6 a.m. and then get up and tub. Find the General getting fidgetty about  
starting already. Get breakfast over comfortably by 7.30 a.m. Start off  
all baggage at 9 a.m. Get off comfortably in rear of everything at 10 a.m.  
Thro Sher i dana pass, opening gorge down hill, into an open valley;

15.8.80. water in a spring on the right of the road. Thro a 2nd gorge after about 2  
 Cont'd. miles of plain, and to water on the left. A strange duty the whipping in of  
 weeping camp followers, who only ask to be left behind and if their wish was  
 acceded to would be cut to pieces in no time.

March into camp at Ghuzai at 3 p.m. Water. Walker off, foraging. No  
 stables. Duthy, self and as many E & N, as like, visit city and citadel;  
 come across spy in citadel, and try to converse, but as we dont know his  
 talk, and he dont know ours, neither side gathers much, an ugly scowling brute.  
 After to see the 2 *tall minars* - made of brick, hollow interior - Back to  
 dinner, find Walker not in; luckily it is, moonlight. He turns up at 9 p.m.  
 just as I am off to bed. Out of smokes now. Hear we are to do distance from  
 Ghazai to Khelat 1 Ghilrai in 7 days. Fitzgerald 15th Sikhs by at dinner  
 time, escorting a Nawab of sorts to see 'Bobs'; and not knowing where to  
 find him.

16.8.80. Ghurin to 2 miles beyond battle field of Ahmed Kheyl.  
 Monday

All brigades march together; 1st Brigade rear guard, by different roads. 2nd  
 on right. Start at 4.30 a.m. thro orchards, and villages for about 3 miles.  
 Cather R.E. overtakes and chats; tells us Aslam Khan Nawab of last night,  
 Governor of Gharai, had a note 9 days old saying Kandahar just invested -  
 i.e. 6th of August about - Bannatyne R.A. Col. Johnson's orderly officer  
 tells us "no such news, but Gen. Roberts had notes from Mahomed Jan and  
 Hashim Khan; both 'Khush', cant come in, but wont molest us. March thro a  
 vast plain. Halt at Nain for 1½ hours to feed and water mules as there is  
 some Indian cows about. There on, past battle field of Ahmed Kheyl, encamp-  
 ing about 2 miles beyond at 5 p.m. Dust infernal all day. Carleton out  
 foraging for wood. In early. Moon very respectable now. Aborigines, who  
 have a heap of grain in the middle of camp, have to be ejected by friend  
 Juman Alis Pushta, and strength. Exit Pathan. Coming tomorrow to find same  
 old heap. Hope he may, but 'has my doots'. Native at Ahmed Kheyl tells us  
 not a man shall reach India alive.

17.8.80. 2 miles beyond Ahmed Kheyl to Chardeh about 12 miles.  
 Tuesday

Start at 4.30. Crowds of aborigines en route. A short march about 12 miles,  
 hugging the hills on the right at first; on the left a huge plain, with  
 villages and forts on far side. Leave the hills having on the right  
 Ghilsai villages burnt by Hazaras when Gen. Stewart's force went up. Across  
 a river, and into camp on far side at Chardeh. Hear messenger from Amir Killa



17.8.80.  
Cont'd.

has been murdered - whilst taking letter to Khelab i Ghilsai. Force at Makhoor to fight us, hills of latter seen in the distance. Out foraging for wood for natives. (Find Hazaras leaving in haste. Say Pathan, will butcher them if they stay, for befriending the English). (Go to a Hazara village, and get two sheep for 5 Rupees getting back about 1 p.m. To breakfast. Out again for wood for natives to same village). Loot a stick; Guliston, Persian book, with Gulistan, written in English on rear page, iron powder measure; snuff box; and set of ~~knuckle~~ knuckle bones; Very little forage here. 1 Party had to retire before a party of horsemen. Ghoorkhas out after camels, which they get, but have a brush with Sarwans killing 2.

18.8.80.  
Wednesday

Chardeh to Oba 16 miles. Rouse at 5.30. On rear guard again to-day. Breakfast at 5.45. Thermometer 40<sup>o</sup>, start at 6.30 a.m. Thieves hovering about on our flanks, ready to pounce on any camp followers left behind. Garn to doctor about it. Cross several small water cuts; and river beds A case of 'Ware quicksands'. Beautiful water in a karez to left of road about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way. Into Oba at 4.30 p.m. distance said to be 16 miles, a very cool day but lots of dust. Camp just the other side of a mound, about the only one we have seen near a camping ground since leaving Beni Rissar. If I know anything about *Muslim* habits, I should say delving in the mound would disclose Buddhist remains.

19.8.80.  
Thursday

Oba to Makhoa 15 miles. Rouse at 3, start at 4.30 a.m. All 3 brigades in line; ours on left. Across a plain, with very nasty deep grips crossing it. Koochi tents pitched in a sketchy *picnic* sort of way. Lots of natives about. Into Makhoa about 15 miles. Find ne'er a soul to fight; no one has bolted; they have apparently reconsidered the question of fighting, and resolved to be peaceful villagers. All over the place, bringing in stores, and supplies, and pouching dollars galore. The best of water melons to be had here. Out after wood, try fallen tree, no go, too hard to cut up into loads. A deserted mill sets us up. Back to breakfast. Aborigine tells us Mahomed Jan and Chay<sup>3</sup>'s galore gone *Herbwards*.

20.8.80. Makhor to <sup>gap in diary</sup> ? double march, distance <sup>?</sup> 2. Leave at 4.30 a.m.  
Friday

3rd Brigade on left of road across same old plain; same old grips; 2 with very dirty water; others in water. 1 very deep and narrow, sells a lot of animals, and causes some ~~ludicrous~~ <sup>ludicrous</sup> dismounts. A double march done into camp at 4 p.m. at <sup>?</sup> ~~W/L~~ Out foraging for green stuff for rest of day. Into camp to dinner at 7.30. A full moon. In orders about a letter from Khalat i Ghilzai country round quiet; a little butter served out to the troops to help them along.

<sup>7 in diary</sup>  
21.8.80. ? to 3 miles beyond Tasee. Start at 4 a.m. 3rd Brigade on road this Saturday  
time. 2 shots in direction of cavalry brigade, heard on starting; never knew what they were, only ones I have heard since leaving Seh baba. Past Shah Jiu, where Sartorius 59th won his V.C. He stormed a hill, at head of his men, dropped his sword and pistol; and got knocked down to the bottom, where he picked up himself and a V.C. Gen. Robs. and staff off to see villages. Into camp 3 miles from Tasee at noon. Camp, under a ridge of hills on left of road no villages in sight, but a river close, and lots of green food, which Mr. Walker proceeds to cut, and bring in. Signal today to Khehat i Ghilzai. Gather tells us of his kits adventures. Kit and 2 Kahars full to the rear, looked by Pathans. 2 Kahars - Hindoos - say it is hard lines to be looted and killed, so have their heads cut off. Kit, being a muselman, escapes, as the murderers think there is no time before prayers to slaughter him. Tub today. Rind, Commissariat Officer, tells Major of sortie from Kandahar. Gen. Brooke, 8 officers, many men killed. No good done.  
Moyn past full.

Orders to rouse at 1 march at 2.30.

22.8.80. 3 Miles from Tasee to Baba Kasi. Rouse at 1. Start at 2.30 a.m.  
Sunday

Beautiful morn. Get a little mixed with 2nd and 3rd Brigade on starting. March thro an undulating country to the banks of the Turnuk river, and then along right of it into camp at Baba Kasi. Worst camping ground yet. We, at first in a river bed; but changed, perhaps a little late, by 'Bhalbo' (nickname of Macgregor Gen. of 3rd Bde.). Forage good across the river. 2 Brigades on one side of road. One 3rd Bde. amongst hills on the other. 2 Cos Baluchis have been here for 2 days getting supplies, sent by garrison of Khehat i Ghilzai; which garrison we were in hot haste to relieve. My tent in very late; temper very short; so hot,

22.8.80. mastiff bitch, belonging to Fitzgerald of Commissariat of Ferwan Princess Cont'd. fame, went mad.

In orders appeared names of killed and wounded in *serbia* against Deh Khoja 2nd defeat for English I think.

23.8.80. Babakazi to Khelat i Ghilsai 17 miles. Monday

Rouse 1. March 2.30 a.m. by moonlight. 1st Bde. in front; 3rd next; 2nd on baggage and rear guard, all on one road. Along bank of Turnuk River to Khelat i Ghilsai, only seen a short time before arrivals, as it is on a raised table land, and hidden by it. Arrive 10.30 a.m. Out foraging for green stuff. Also graze mules. Back. Hear a Ghazi flushed and shot on 15th Sikh, whilst retired to the rear.

24.8.80. Halt at Khelati Ghilsai. First halt since leaving Mardadand. Tuesday Sleep without any difficulty to 6.45 a.m. Stables at 7 a.m. Dont do a thing all day. Go out fishing with Duthy at 5 p.m. Dont get a thing, or a bite even. Garrison of the place consists of 2 Cos 66th 2nd Baluchis, and 2 guns C.2. R.A. under a subaltern, all to be taken away.

25.8.80. Khelat i Ghilsai to Julduk. 15 miles. Wednesday

Rouse 1 a.m. Breakfast 2 a.m.

3 shots fired on our left plank by 4th Ghoorkhas who bag 2 thieves. 5th Jemadar Ghoorkha 'kookhis' (?) a 3rd thief. Pick up 2 guns C/2 R.A. Sent back by Major to tell Sub to come and feed with us, he marching just in rear of us. Find it is little Freddy Mercer, a Jersey chum. Arrive Julduk 10.30 a.m.

Camp on open plain, with stream thro camp, a huge nullah full of cuts and tamarisk bushes in front, about 250 yards. Forage a nuisance to Carleton. The 2nd Bde. scores over the forage question.

26.8.80. Julduk to 1 mile beyond Tizandaz 15 miles. Thursday

Rouse 1 a.m. Rear brigade, so dont start till 3 a.m. A long tedious march with numerous halts long and short, along banks of river to camp. A minar on left of road, about 1 mile from camp, which is called Tirandar minar. On duty, so have to forage, and go the devils own way for it. In at 10.30. Off to forage at 12.30. Begin to cut at 1.45. Load up last of 26 loads, with 18 deratees at 4.10 p.m. Into camp 4.50 p.m. 1st and 2nd Bdes. in camp with Cavalry facing the road. 3 Bde. on left of road facing along front of the other camp, towards Julduk.

Hills on left scarped naturally. Letter from Kandahar. *by air* and guns, and

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a lot of regulars gone to Khakeez; siege raised. Men with ohit left at 8 this morning. Poor McLaine R.H.A. still a prisoner in their hands. On a Committee on horse with Loodhiana C/2. Recommended to be shot. Shot.

27.8.80.  
Friday

1 mile beyond Tirandar to 4 miles beyond Shir i Suffa 17 miles.

Gen. Roberts and head quarters with 3rd P.C. and 13th B.C. to Roberts. <sup>Roberts?</sup>

Bobs seedy in a dhoolie, so does not do the double march. Only Cavalry on to <sup>Roberts?</sup> We all to camp  $\frac{1}{2}$  way between Tirandar and Roberts. Pass Shir i Suffa with a huge mound in the middle of the camping ground, 4 miles from where we camp.

Roused at 1. Start 2.30. Into camp at 8.30. 17 miles. A march thro undulating country, rather a winding road, which leaves the actual river bank on the left, and round a sudden corner into camp, again on the banks. Indian corn plentiful and near. Bhoosa all collected for us at Shir i Suffa. Got a very bad cold in head and on chest. Dont know that in such a state a mussock of water is a good thing but <sup>?</sup> *nulle* oblige. Camp on bank. River in rear. Low hills in front. Col. Rowcroft tells us one of his little Ghoorkhas shot a thief on the march yesterday, trying to loot a bag of grain. Ayouts is going to wait for us, has only shifted his position to Baba Wali. Hear we are to attack Murcha Kotal. The 3 Bdes. to march to Roberts tomorrow. Sick, and K.1G. garrison, minus guns, to do 2 short marches.

28.8.80.  
Saturday

4 miles beyond Shir i Suffa to Roberts 17 miles.

Rouse:1, start at 2.30. March to Roberts, arriving 11 a.m. 17 miles. 1st Brigade today but sent a round about way, while C/2 and Ghoorkhas go straight, latter getting in long before us, object of manoeuvre unknown. Camp on open plain near Roberts. Ale houses - owing to want of wood - with dome shaped roofs. 6 mules to grief in water cut, whilst watering. Gen. Robs. and Pretzman both ill in dhoolies. Hear Ayouts wants to treat, and that we are to halt tomorrow.

29.8.80.  
Sunday

Halt at Roberts.

Halt sure enough. 6.45 send 4 men and 9 mules to 60th to go for wood.

Voluntary Service attended by Major and Duthy at 7.30 a.m. I go to Asani at 7.30 for Bhoosa, none there.

12 noon. Go in charge of Brigade foraging party to *Poruga* for Bhoosa. Find Bhoosa and grain in abundance. Village  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles off, just across river Turmak, which is close to camp. Get back about 4 p.m.

The Bullock's Hump hill, just over Baba Wali Kotal very plain.

30.8.80. Robarts to Momund. 7 miles. March at 3.30, ours rear brigade. March to Momund only 7 miles. Camp in plain by a small post of some sort, a detached hill on the left, into camp about 8 a.m.

31.8.80. Momund to Kandahar 11 miles. Rouse 1, Start 2.30. Get to Kandahar at 9.30 a.m., bivouac under city walls for breakfast. Hear the enemy are all there behind Fir Paimat and Baba Wali Kotal. 11 a.m. start off to secure Kuzeshill, as enemy has cut off water supply. Secure Kuzes hill and camping ground behind it, without opposition. Col. Norman and 24th N.I. occupy Mazza village, just in front of water supply after turning out a few Ghazis. Enemy seen in crowds on slopes of Fir Paimat, and Baba Wali Kotal, from the Karez hill. About 1.30. Gen. Robs. orders a reconnaissance of the enemy's position, under Gen. Gough, and 2 guns 11/9 R.A. 15th Sikhs and 3rd B.C. go out at 2.30 thro the villages on the left. Rt. division and self the guns portion. Douglas comes out, but is turned back. March along under the precipitous hills of old Kandahar to a knoll about 2 miles off, where the enemy's scouts were seen. Guns into action on the top of the hill, facing Ayoub's camp, a portion of which can be seen behind Fir Paimat range, and Baba Wali.

In rear an open plain, on all other sides orchards and villages. Swarms of the enemy seen in direction of the camp.

3rd B.C. scout amongst villages on the left. Dropping fire from these. Crowds increase near the hostile camp, and finally they bring guns into play. Meanwhile the Ghazis swarm into the orchards, and we see them climbing over the walls, and dropping from one to the other, till we know there is a hot time coming for us, on the road home. Sikhs put out in front to check them a bit. 3rd B.C. recalled. A Ghazi ~~xxxxxx~~ captured, and brought in. Gen. says Take him away to the rear, and his future fate is unknown to me, tho guessed at. About 4 p.m. I was ordered to fire at groups near hostile camp. Range measured on map and found to be 1700 yds. 1st shell with P.F. bursts prematurely in the air. 2nd at 1800 yards amongst a group of horsemen, who scatter and bear down towards villages near us. 2 more shots, and then I am ordered to retire. Enemy commence to show everywhere, and their guns were turned on, one shell bursting beautifully just in front of mokes but thank goodness, the precaution of getting them behind a wall saved casualties. Came into action myself twice and the pressure was so great, that my escort had to be doubled out to keep

\* Percussion Fuse

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them off, whilst I blazed at a standard only 600 yards off. Hodgkinson attached to 15th Sikhs got a spill, and I thought he was killed. A final rush was made for safety, by us, thro a narrow gorge in the hills by old Kandahar, and the whole of the 3rd Bde. were turned out for reinforcements. After firing from the gorge of retreat at 5.30., I was ordered home, passing the other 4 guns on the road. Got into camp at 6, without casualty, and found the guns on Baba Wali had been sending shells into the camps. All the native regiments of 3rd Bde. on picquet all night. 4 guns and 68th returned, without fighting. Dinner and bed.

1.9.80.  
Wednesday

Battle of Mazra. The whole force under arms from 4 a.m. till daylight, awaiting a probable attack of <sup>Chagis</sup> Charis, which did not come off. Break off at daylight. Breakfast at 7. Council of war held by 'Bohs' in Kandahar. Result, decides to attack at once. Camp struck at 9 a.m. and sent to the rear, as shells were again coming from Baba Wali into camps. Bullets also from enclosures in front of Karez ~~hill~~ hill, whilst a head shown over Karez hill, was the signal for a hail of bullets from Mazra. 1 bullet very near my two nags piqueted. Another close to a nag, where I was performing. We marched off at 9.30 from Karez hill to a village on left, and halt behind a wall, at the cross roads leading from old Kandahar and the city. 40 prs. from just outside Kandahar under Hornsby, open the Ball; and the Bombay troops from Kandahar city take up our posts on Karez hill. Bullets whistling about pretty free. One hit the wall just under Walker's behind. Lucky for him he had his legs on the wall. About 9.45. 2nd Bde. goes past us to left, and 6/8 opens fire on the village of Mazra - held by 24th yesterday on our right. Then 1st and 2nd Brigades attack; and battle of Kandahar, <sup>or Mazra</sup> ~~at Mazra~~ has begun in earnest. Monroe, Adj. of 72nd Highlanders taken by in a dhoolie very early, wounded. Brownlow Col. of 72nd killed about the same time. The 3rd brigade is massed out in the open in support to show the enemy we have got some as well as those attacking. Baba Wali and the ridges are crammed with men, both sides of Kotal. Guns from Baba Wali try to give us <sup>stuff</sup> stuff, but thank goodness they dont succeed. After waiting some time firing is heard in rear of the Kotal and the sudden disappearance of the crowds in the heights, let us know that the 1st and 2nd Brigades have taken them in reverse. Still no orders to advance. At last about 12 noon we get the order, and away we go. 65th in fours 11/9 in column of <sup>division</sup> ~~divs.~~ 25th F.I. 15th Sikhs, and 4th Ghoorkhas.

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Some Ghazis in a village on the left have some shots at us. The bullets, as usual, go near everyone in the force, but no one is hit, so we take no notice of them. Dead Ghazis crop up pretty frequently all round and especially in mullahs round Pir Parnail range. A few of them going to hell alright to judge by the odour of burnt clothes. Round the foot of the ridge, under fire of a few more Ghazis left in the heights, perched above; and into the camp I had seen yesterday. 3 mules of 6/8 laid out, and a lot of killed and wounded of ours shew where the last stand was made here. I get the yarn from a 92nd man. Halt here for a bit, and then to the chief camp, where we halt, and personally I loot a bayonet and a stick, also a waterproof sheet. Plenty more loot taken by others. Rear tent for the mess. Most useful loot. Gen. Robs. passing thro greeted spontaneously by the cheers of the troops. We return about 5 p.m. and pitch in a new place, by what is called the 'Sappers Garden'.

Poor MacLaine's body, with his throat cut, was taken by in a dhoolie, as we were halted, it was found as it had been left by the Ghazis, on their flight. Whilst waiting I inflicted my Pashtor on two men who were found in a tent. They had been wounded at Maiwand. Their chief wants are water, and a desire to be taken to Kandahar, and make well. When back at Kandahar, a case of Who's Afraid now, so we camp in the open to left of our old position, in front of what is known as R.E. spot.

I to water with mules. Unmolested.

2.9.80.  
Thursday

Not a bugle sounded - by order till 9 a.m. A night of complete *calm*. Halt at Kandahar. Into the city at 11 a.m. with Major and Carleton. Parsees got nothing. Back to camp after visiting mess R.A. 4.45 p.m. with Major to funeral of all Europeans killed yesterday. 3 officers buried first. Col. *Brownlow*? and Capt. Frome of the 72nd, Capt. Stratton signaller of the 22nd Foot - shot by a Ghazi, after the battle, as he was going to signal the victory to Kandahar from Pir Parnail. 8 men 72nd 14 of 92nd buried in one long trench, kept open, while each padre C. of E. R.C. and Pres. had an innings over the grave. Smell something too awful. Back to camp with Major. Lose our way in the dark. Turn up finally. Dinner and Bed. Ride to funeral with Col. Hennessy of the 15th Sikhs.

3.9.80.  
Friday

Kandahar.  
Stables 7 a.m. Nothing till tiffin except picking out girths and blankets.

3.9.80. After tiffin to city with Walker. Buy Khaki, 6 socks, 3 Jerseys in bright  
Cont'd. purple girths, at an auction sale.

4.9.80. Kandahar.  
Saturday On duty, kept to the lines all day. Very hot. 65th rifles into quarters  
from camp. Duthy on sick list. Over to Pipon's quarters taking my kit  
'Joseph' by nickname.

5.9.80. Kandahar.  
Sunday Shift to cantonments. Get a letter from the mother, and lots of papers.  
Then get into huta; we get a very nice mess house, old 25th mess room.  
Still remains of pictures &ca, on the walls; all <sup>scrapped</sup> scored with Ghazis knives.  
*scored.*

6.9.80. Kandahar.  
Monday Get comfy in cantonments, and get windows of mess room shut up with gauze  
to keep out flies. Bed into anteroom. Major to tiffin at head quarters.  
English papers in. Major back at 5. In with him to dtadel to see our two  
sick men. Conolly and Harvey. Gen. Phayre in today. Meet him. Also  
Major Grigg and his Captain, who shop and buck.

7.9.80. Kandahar.  
Tuesday On duty. Hear we are going to march tomorrow to Mandi Hissar. Committee  
on line gear in morning under Major Byron. Brigade Major Chalmers comes over  
with orders for the march tomorrow. Whole of 3rd Brigade left here viz.  
60th, 25th, 4th Ghoorkhas; also Gen. Roberts and Staff and all C.I.A. 15th  
Sikhs, and 23rd Pioneers to leave Kokoran and follow us down.

8.9.80. Kandahar to Mandi Hissar 12 miles.  
Wednesday Rouse 3. March 4.30. Have to stay and see baggage off, same old 1st day  
trouble, arrive 9.30. Over a small Kotal with village on left hand side of  
road. A beautiful Kares of water en route.  
A large village in rear of camp. Karez and irrigation canals in front.  
Blowing from 12 noon till dusk. Get a mosquito curtain bag made. Put my  
head in, and dodge the flies, securing thereby 4 hours sleep.

9.9.80. Mandi Hissar to Abdul Rahman 15 miles.  
Thursday Rouse 1. Start 2.30; along plains; between two hills; and just beyond is  
camp. Arrive at 10.30. Pass Hafiz Killa about 9 miles, and some of Phayre's  
brigades F/2 R.A. and some of 63rd - Foot; the 1st Baluchi and a Bombay  
Regiment, going by a different route. Dust storm again from 12. Dinner 2  
and 2 in a tent, on account of the rain. Carleton and I mess together. Mules  
watered at the river 2 miles off.



- 10.9.80. Halt at Abdul Rahman. Rained all night, so sat tight at this camp. On duty Friday  
to water 2 miles off; mules graze, I fish, no'er a bite. Return to camp at 12 noon. 15th Sikhs and 23rd Pioneers get into camp. Stables in the afternoon under orderly officer. Moon looking up a bit again.
- 11.9.80. Abdul Rahman to Mel Karez distance 14 miles. Saturday  
Rouse 1. March 2.30, arrive at 8. Pass Takhit i pul battle field on the road also deserted village, looking like barracks. Bombay R.E. on the march, dont care much about a baggage guard. Dummy Walker sent out foraging, start at 11 a.m. A little short of food. Rations quite insufficient for the hunger. Luckily a fine water melon turns up to help. Walker back at 9 p.m. Had marched till 3 p.m., seen nothing, so returned without any forage at all. Very much amused with casualties of Ghoorkhas by the way, everybody having to ride; not at all put out at not securing any forage, tho d in heaps. Water near the post to left of camp.
- 12.9.80. Met Kares to Dubrai 11½ miles. Rouse 2, march 3.50 across a river to begin Sunday  
with in the dark, and then thro' a sort of pass, and down into a plain towards the fort. Encamped beyond the post and facing it, water from wells just in front of camp. Mules go to river 3 miles off after C.I. Horse; Carleton accompanies them. Wittles is scarce again.
- 13.9.80. Dubrai to Mula Amir and post of Gatai 9 miles. Monday  
Rouse at 3.15. March 4.45, 9 miles to Mula Amir to left of the road and the post of Gatai. Water just in front. On duty, so have to turn myself into the Gomashka and draw grass from Rënd. Buy a fowl and 3 melons from an aborigine for 1 Rupee. *An Indian agent for Procurement*
- 14.9.80. Mula Amir, a post of Gatai to Chaman 19 miles. Tuesday  
Rouse 1, march at 2. See light of fort all the way. Arrive at 9 a.m. Got diarrhoea; arrived 9 a.m., passing 19th B.U.I. on the road. Water on towards post. Encamp to west of post. Potts R.H.A. near and Capt., Barring Foote R.A. also some of 14/9 R.A. 2 guns for E.B. R.H.A. going up, also 2.25 prs. Major and Duthy dine at a mess in the fort. We have a small at home. Potatoes for the first time since leaving Seh i Baba.
- 15.9.80. Chaman to Abdul Killa over Khojak Pass. Wednesday  
Rouse 3.30. March 4.30. Over Khojak Pass, where is Buckle R.A. with 2 mountain guns; past a village, where I get 25 eggs. To Abdul Killa, where 63rd band plays every mein, and we are greeted with cheers. Capt. Ousel Brown R.A. here with 2 guns 6/8 R.A. Camping ground filthy. *K 1* Rather draws the Bhaluk. Large village to right of camp. Kahar gets me 6 eggs, which I

- 15.9.80. Cont'd. <sup>? plackard</sup> stick to and drink unlimited <sup>water</sup> doctors. Orders out for us to go to Quetta in 4 days. Another force consisting of 4th Ghoorkhas 15th Sikhs, 1 Co. 60th Rifles, and 2 guns 11/9 R.A. to go by 6 marches thro Kash and Kowas. Duthy and Carleton told off to go with centre division. Duthy charming at dinner time over the poaching of the eggs. Water beastly. Free and easy, and band at 63rd camp.
- 16.9.80. Thursday Abdul Killa to Sage. Rouse at 1. Moon up. Start at 2.30. Gr. McNamee of No. 2 drunk. There had been a gaff at 63rd, lashings of liquor, so they had all been at it. The consequence was a bad start for the Rt. division.  
2 amm. boxes each sub division unloaded. All kits No. 2 wrong. All tents No. 1. Moon soon down. Trots on. Into camp at 9. River in front where mules drink. Post on the right. Animals get 2 seers of bhoosa,  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain. Very excellent well cooked dinner by JO. Gen. Roberts with other force gone to Gulistan Karez.
- 17.9.80. Friday Sage to Dinar Karez. 9 miles.  
Rouse at 3.45 No moon. March at 4.45. Arrive 8.15. Only Ressaldar of Cavalry N.C.D. in command, and a few 12th Bo. N.I. No grain, so Gen. thinks 1st of seriously going on; then of sitting tight. A little bhoosa procured. C.I. Horse on to next camp. Water in Karez on right of camp, just the other side of post. Camp faces Quetta.
- 18.9.80. Saturday Dinar Karez to Meta Zal distance supposed to be 14 miles.  
Rouse 2, March at 3. 25th round 15 mins. late, but we take their time. Over a pass. Past a post at the foot; Out of pass, see Quetta in the distance. Into camp at the <sup>?</sup> *la zar* at 7.15. Village close. Lots of fodder and grain, and good water. Rout out kits of natives. Loot in abundance. Get a dhurrie from Hulloo for a blanket. Parsee got a tent shop - liquor and stores - in village. Mr. Walker purchases.
- 19.9.80. Sunday Metazal to Quetta 9 miles. Rouse at 4. March at 5. Into Quetta arriving 8.30. Into camp near fort, with 65th foot, General, and Field Hospital on left. Nothing on right except dudh walls. Go to Adamjee. Get mines and stores to the tune of 500.1.0. Small bottle of Gin, with soda for breakfast. Doctor and I to Adamjee after breakfast. Johnstone R.A. and Crosswhite over. Former asks me to dinner at R.A. mess. Diarrhoea on bad. Go to dinner along with Major at 7.30. 3 batteries messing in tent; started today, a good dinner; no smoke, so back early. Hear we are to go thro' Marri country.

- 20.9.80. Quetta.  
Monday  
Feeling unwell, all day in camp, as on duty. Write to Mum. Also to Stewart about Rs. 821. Walker to dine with Johnstone. Doctor and I take a tete as Major retires seedy after soup.  
Paid the Europeans and transport drivers today.
- 21.9.80. Quetta.  
Tuesday  
Very sick at night diarrhoea damnable. Hear we all go thro Marri country for certain. Rest all day, and at 5 to Parsees. Order cocoa <sup>etc</sup> ~~tea~~. Get some toothpowder. Walker and Major dine at 60th. I leave a card on R.A. mess, and then go to see Coates.
- 22.9.80. Quetta.  
Wednesday  
Still seedy, but better, only in the morning that I feel so bad. Pay natives. Ordered to march for Kach tomorrow.
- 23.9.80. Quetta.  
Thursday  
March counterordered for today at about 3 a.m. 4 sergeants in arrest. Joyner, Green, Farrier Sergeant Smith and Ormond. Former overstaying leave. Latter not getting it at all, and then not at roll call. Out for a prowl with Major in the afternoon; see Col. Carey Comg. R.A. en route. Little doctor is to be left behind with sick. Havildar Bhoodaie, and Nk. Kali Churn Singh gone sick.
- 24.9.80. Quetta to Dundak. ~~XX~~  $\frac{10?}{14}$  miles. Start 5.45 a.m. Pass 23rd Pioneers going to Siki and India. About 5 miles along a plain, and then enter a pass. Get into camp at Dundak, in pass, about 9 a.m. so it is not a 14 mile march, nearer 10 I should think. Bad spot for a camp. Rather a wild country. A little difficulty about water in the afternoon.
- 25.9.80. Dundak to Kach. Start 5.15. A bad road over 1 high Kotal, then another climb and round a corner on Kach. Evident marks of a hurricane en route. Trees twisted like corkscrews. Must have been a magnificent storm while it lasted. Signs of looting as we approached Kach, all along the roadside. A good camping ground. Expected to find the other 2 guns here but they are still out. Breakfast at 16th Bo. Inf. mess. Col Pearce Comg. and Seymour Adjut, entertain us to breakfast, and again of the battle of Kach Amadar. Great heroes!!! Orders received for Carleton to rejoin his battery H/1 from Siki. A man named Vassall ~~from~~ H/1 to join us, extraordinary proceeding.

- Duthy*
- 26.9.80. Halt at Kach.  
Sunday  
Water from 9.30 to 11.30. Mokes get a good drink today. Write to Vassall for 3 Doz. whisky. 1 doz. jam. 1 doz. potted meats,  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz. butter sent  $\frac{1}{2}$  notes 100 Rs.  $\frac{E}{13}$  76227 50 Rs.  $\frac{E}{15}$  70104.
- 27.9.80. Halt at Kach.  
Monday  
Duthy, Carleton and centre division into Kach with 15th Sikhs, and 4th Ghoorkhas. Ride out to meet him. Carleton and I out in the afternoon to fish. Lots of fish, can only catch 4. Band at Bo. Inf. All gather. A really good band.
- 28.9.80. Kach to Durgai thro' the Chappar Rift.  
Tuesday  
Rouse at 3.30. March at 4.30. Played out by band of 16th Bo. Inf. who play abominably. Garrison turned out to see us off.  
Awful road, all been washed away by the storm. Into Chappar camp, where we only halt a short time; and then go on thro the Chappar Rift. A really grand piece of scenery, and nature's handiwork. Into camp beyond at Durgai. Baggage not all in at night.  
Dash Bunbury on rear guard.  
Jolly for him, I should think.  
Catch 5 fish in no time.
- 29.9.80. Durgai to Khost 8 miles. Rouse at 5 start at 6. Only 8 mile march. Out  
Wednesday  
foraging. Fish. Catch 30 fish, getting into a good pool. Mr. W. catches only 7. Hear 300 of 25th P.I. and 300 of 15th Sikhs are to go to the Marri country. Adge informatt. Guards and bed. C.I.H. supported by some Sikhs gone on to Harmai to stop looting, which is now going on at that place. Camp on a hill.
- 30.9.80. Khost to Sharigh.  
Thursday  
Supposed to go to Poonga. Rouse at 4.30 start at 5.30. In at 9 to Sharigh where we camp. Railway camp and bungalows been looted, and merry hell played with a bullgine. Villages round full of loot. Carleton and I try for some unsuccessfully, as there is nothing we want portable. Out fishing with Duthy, also wild goose chasing for rivers; 2 pools only fished; dont get any eels, but get 33 fish. Muster 4.45 p.m. W. brings me in a chair with 2 arms, a real treat.

- 1.10.80. Sharigh to ?  
Friday  
Rouse 3.30. March at 5.30 leaving some 24th Bo. Inf. Arrive at camp at 9 a.m. 2 or 3 small bungalows. Lots of rice and good water. Walker and I to fish. Not many to be got. Ghoorkhas poaching spoil all.  
1 transport pony got *Loodhiana* disease.
- 2.10.80. ? to Harnai 9 miles.  
Saturday  
Rouse 4.30. March 5.30. to Harnai, arrive at 9 a.m. Find C.I.H. and 15th Sikhs here getting good fishing. Out to out grass up the river with Corporal Williams. Fish. Catch 6 small ones. He cuts an eel in two with his sword. W. says sun yesterday gave him liver.
- 3.10.80. Halt at Harnai.  
Sunday  
Our camp is across the river. McGregor transport, and 25th P.I. and 15th Sikhs off to Siki with our sick. Carleton, Br. Young, Dr. Downing and a Kahar off with this force. Carleton leaves to rejoin H/1. Duthy and I to fish. See Gerard of C.I.H. with some fair sized ones. 4th Ghoorkhas, as usual, poaching up the river. We catch a few. Good pools about, and big fish, but they dont care for 'attar'.  
Hear from Dr. Duke, Political Officer, that the Marris are going into Siki.
- 4.10.80. Halt at Harnai.  
Monday  
Gen. and Staff, and C.I.H. to Sibi. We change camp to other side of river after breakfast, under command of Col. Chambers 24th Bo. Inf.  
Out foraging. My duty. Fish, and get 18 fish in one pool. W. goes on sick list.  
Duthy out after pig with Bolton, and Rogers of 4th Ghoorkhas. Back about 2. Nothing done, men beginning to scheme sick under Chesnaye - an old woman, who lets them get round him - not like Oughton, who, when I told him I had dysentery at Quetta, put up his eye glass, peered into my face, and said "What an odd thing, so have I", and that was all the treatment and sympathy I got out of him, and apparently I was none the worse for it.  
Dinner in a house, 2 rooms of which we have boned. Binjy and a strange dog enliven dinner by fighting. Jackals, foxes, and hyen& worry. Chorus of wild animals after dinner.
- 5.10.80. Halt at Harnai.  
Tuesday  
Perpetual duty wallah, now W. has gone on the sick list. Wrote to Mum.  
Field day, with mess bills. Ghoorkhas out to try and catch people who

Duthy (L. 23)

- 5.10.80. Cont'd. come down to villages at night and loot. Hear Gen. had a fight in Spint-angi pass with the Marris. 3 or 4 wounded.
- 6.10.80. Wednesday Halt at Harnai.  
2 ladies and a boy captured last night by Ghoorkhas. 1 lady acts as guide, and shows all sorts of stuff buried about the hills. Duthy and 12 Ghoorkhas out fishing. Catches 24 fish. One line and hook only. All others carried away.  
The Ghoorkhas got 10 baskets full.
- 7.10.80. Thursday Harnai.  
Out fishing. Catch 12 in old pool. Out with Duthy for a prow, and to give dogs a swim, carry across streams. W. still on sick list, but eats square meals, and enjoys a pipe.  
Ghoorkhas out to fires on hills, get lots of attar, and 3 prisoners, a man and 2 youngsters. A sick woman comes in to see Duke. Doctor and Political Offr.
- 8.10.80. Friday Harnai.  
Out fishing with Duthy and men and drivers. He catches a lot and some very nice ones with a grasshopper.  
I try; lose line, and cast striking too hard. An ideal fishing stream. Pools and runs. Very pretty scenery. Villages and towers nestling in low hills. Only man appears to be vila here. Back by watercourses, all the water turned off so dont get a good poach. Gr. Platts discovers that his sword is missing, so 6 men and Duthy go back for it. Walker off the sick list so we are to march tomorrow.
- 9.10.80. Saturday Harnai to Spin Kach.  
Rouse 4.30. March 5.30. In at 12.30. Guides not knowing where camping ground was, so we are planted in a strong spot, instead of right camp.
- 10.10.80. Sunday Spin Kach to Zindegi-ab  $\frac{1}{2}$  Co. Ghoorkhas, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  65th under Wilson, crown the heights on the right of the pass of Spin Saugi, as it was here Gen. had a fight, thro not crowning. They start at 5. Rest of force at 5.30. Get thro with all our baggage at 11 a.m. 30 villagers seen on the camping ground, directly we leave it. We get thro early, and halt the other side of pass for rest of column and baggage. A short pass, but a bad bit of road. Occupy the halt in having a swim in a sulphur pool. Water mules, and breakfast in a bungalow. Awful wreck been made of Spin Saugi settlement by looting Afghans. Start again at 11.30. Pass Dullajal. Railway and post near the

- 10.10.80. river. Turn to the right, leaving the river, and get thro' a pass to Cont'd.  
Zindagiab where we camp. Fishing in river below. Nothing great to catch. One pool, where Wilson and Bolton bathe.
- 11.10.80. Zindgi Ab to Marri village near a gorge leading from Siki. Rouse at Monday  
4.30. March at 5.30. Halt till 9.30 at Koochali, where there has been a large depot and railway workshops, thoroughly sacked and looted. Lots of books. See permanent way for the 1st time since December 77. An engine and trucks also, on the line, played the deuce with, sleepers and trucks burnt. Breakfast in a bungalow, took possession of some of the books lying about. I found a spoon bait, and annexed it.  
Start off again at 9.30. thro the Koochali pass. The Ghoorkhas have crowned the heights. A splendid pass. All thro' are to be seen traces of the flight of the workshop people, and the looting of the convoy. The storm and the beasts have cleared away all the dead bodies, but here and there lie skulls and human bones, lying near pools. Heaps of rags in abundance. Thro the pass at 10.30. Halt and water mules near post of Gaudakirdaf, a small walled post, chief stores here appear to be wheelbarrows. As it is very barren and stony near the post we move on to a nice grassy spot - near a charri village, where the river passes thro a gorge towards Siki. Lots of forage just in rear of camp. Very pretty spot. Got into camp at 1.30. Out fishing. Throw spoon in, and lose it at once. Have to go and grope for it. Send it to a Ghoorkha. Find 61st catching fair sized fish and dog trout. Tobacco called for, has been stolen. Go to be whopped tomorrow. Hear of Col. Collins death by dysentery. Major dined with him day before leaving Quetta. Splendid bathing pool here. Have a tub.
- 12.10.80. Halt ? River bank. 40 Battery mules, 100 Transport mules sent to fetch Tuesday  
grain and attar from a camp near Siki where is a force of 60th Rifles and 5th Ghoorkhas. Cutting grass 5.30. Vassall turned up with 60th and 5th Ghoorkhas. No stores. He never got my letter from Kach.

- 13.10.80.  
Wednesday  
Halt ? River bank. 2nd and 3rd Sikhs in, and 3rd P.C. bringing a Doctor Cotton to join us. General and staff in. Also Mac Stuffy the IInd, with stores &ca. Rs. 138/12/-. Items entered in messing book. I out for a bathe and a fish; putting splend<sup>d</sup>. Out again in the afternoon; but finding all the 60th there, only prowl round with Duthy.
- 14.10.80.  
Thursday  
River Bank ? To Qwat Mandai. Rouse 3.30 March at 6. Up the valley to the 1st Narri village Qwat. 1 troop 3rd P.C. and 5th Ghoorkhas stay behind to look after stores left behind. Arrive 10 past 10. Country flooded, and nasty going in parts near Qwat. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Graveyard in front of camp. Village with lots of loot. Nothing portable. A bitch with pups flies at a 60th man. Gen. in Fort with Staff, on a mound, where Union Jack floats. 71 mule of No. 2 dies under our eyes, is cut open, spleen ruptured somehow.
- 15.10.80.  
Friday  
Halt at Qwat.  
On duty. Water mules. Forage till 10 past 12. 36 mule loads from 10.20 to 12.10. Hear all sorts of shaves<sup>?</sup>. See in C & M.G. of 12th that we are down for the durban at Lahore. Major sees staff, who say we cant get there. Road to Thull said to be unpracticable. Country is being flooded by Marris. Had to send out working parties this morning to stop it. Rumour says 2 guns are to be left here. Have to go back past Spin Tangi, before we can get to Thull.  
Watch fires on hills to nr/h of camp.
- 16.10.80.  
Saturday  
Halt at Qwat .  
No stables, as mules have to go out crop spoiling. Walker to cut crops at 8. Back at 1.30. Prowl with Vassall out towards tower. Hear 2 guns are to stay here for certain. Go over to hear particulars with Duthy, who decides to go on. My 2 guns to stay.
- 17.10.80.  
Sunday  
My 2 guns halt at Qwat. 4 guns 11/9 R.A. 60th Rifles, 4th and 5th Ghoorkhas and 3rd Sikhs, with  $\frac{1}{2}$  3rd P.C. off across hills to Dullajal. 2 guns 11/9 R.A. 2nd Sikhs, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  3rd P.C. to stay here under Major Anderson 3rd P.C. Get up and see troops off. Order Breakfast. Am asked to join 2nd Sikhs by a man I discover to be Major Hastings. Go over to see C.O. He out with the troops, only see Beresford, sub. in 3rd P.C. Ask him to report my visit. Back to breakfast. Get a message to shift camp. Go over to mark out ground. See new C.O. Camp shifted. Out netting fish with Anderson and Beresford in the evening, a few fish



- 17.10.80. small ones. Back and dine with 2nd Sikhs. All Commissariat in the Fort,  
Cont'd. and we have Musjid below for Mess house. Dinner 8 members of the mess.  
Major Pratt Comg. 2nd Sikhs Major Hastings Lt. Fasker and Lt. Dunlop  
Adj. and Qr. Nr. of 2nd Sikhs, Major Anderson C.O. of force, and Lt.  
Beresford 3rd P.C. and self. Dr *Nelis* of 2nd Sikhs Medical Officer.
- 18.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Monday  
Nelis and Dunlop shooting; get some pigeons, 10 Battery Mules and 6  
Transport to go for ~~xxxx~~ <sup>grass</sup> daily at 6 a.m. with 3rd P.C. guard. Fasker  
gives me a box of Trickys. Nearly everyone down with rod and gun to  
the river in the evening. I shot a fair sized fish in a nullah with a  
carkine, and then beat down it with Dunlop for Anderson's net. Very  
muddy and unsuccessful. Back to dinner.  
Qwat Mandai.
- 19.10.80. Shooting with Fasker till 7.45. Back to stables. Got 4 couple of teal  
Tuesday and 1 duck. Out fishing at junction of streams after breakfast, get 1,  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 1,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. fish. Fishing afternoon. Get 1, 1 lb. fish, lose 2 hooks  
at ~~xxxx~~ mouth of nullah.  
Nelis gets 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb. fish, 1 4lb fish in big pool below.
- 20.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Wednesday  
Fish all day with Nelis and Major Hastings. I catch 4 small fish  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb.  
others get none. Tiffin at river side with Nelis. Find 1 doz. beer in  
my tent on arrival, kindly sent over by Major Anderson, who got it for  
me from Siki.
- 21.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Thursday  
Holiday in the morning. Stables afternoon. Fish at 10, catch 1 small  
one. Pay the men Rs. 76. Major Anderson gets 7 partridges.
- 22.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Friday  
Out fishing in the morning catch one little one, and lose a big fish one.  
Nelis out fishing, unsuccessful; the net has been at work, spoiling the  
fishing. Whist after tiffin 4 anna points. Evening stables. Prowl round  
*jutifacs* with Fasker.
- 23.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Saturday  
See a widgeon on the tank by camp. Shoot it. Stables. Major Anderson  
tells us of fishing pool, and monster fish in pool by picquet posted  
near hills.

- 24.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Sunday  
Major Anderson and Peatt. Lt. Beresford and Smyth go out to Majors Pool.  
See big fish swimming about under high overhanging bank. 3 beauties  
hooked. All get away. I catch 2 small ones, about 1 lb. Majors catch  
2 each. Out looking for sport in the evening with Beresford and Fasker.
- 25.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Monday  
Gr. Andy Rooney ill with dysentery. Major Anderson and his pools to  
fish, gets nothing. Kindly sends over milk for Gr. Rooney.
- 26.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Tuesday  
Out fishing early with Hastings, who lends me his big rod. Land a  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lb.  
fish - tho a Kahar with me hooked it, having taken up rod for a few  
minutes to relieve me, catching nothing. English mail in for 2nd Sikhs.  
Buy a goat *nutch* for Rs. 4. Out for a prowl with Dunlop and 2  
carbines. See pigeons and ducks, dont get a shot, as it gets too dark,  
before I can get a gun.  
Time altered  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour. Place for getting forage altered.
- 27.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Wednesday  
Drill exercise 1st line. Out for a ride towards hills where Anderson  
and Beresford are shooting. Hear and see them. Back to stables. No post  
today at all. Ought to have heard from Gen. Macgregor, or rather, this is  
the earliest date, on which we might have received orders. Anderson and  
Beresford get some greys and seese. Netting party catches a huge fish.  
Call in Gr. Rogers to aid in naming it. He has seen some like it, but  
cant give it a name. It is like an eel without scales. All of a head,  
and large whisker each side, fin along under portion, and rows of teeth.  
Tea with goat's milk for a treat.
- 28.10.80. Qwat Mandai. Majors Anderson and Pratt, with breakfast to old pools by  
Thursday  
cavalry picquet. I borrow Nelis' gun, and go out shooting with Fasker.  
See 1 hare, 1 pigeon, 1 partridge, 1 okara, and 4 or 5 ducks. Only get  
a shot at 1 pigeon. Fasker, getting it, wipes my eye. Boil near whistle-  
bone getting serious. Pay men Rs. 144. Lay up for the day. Try to  
crawl round stables. Attempt not very successful. Dine at home. Poultice  
boil. Major Anderson kindly sends down a bottle of graves.
- 29.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Friday  
10 miles for grass. 10 and all gunners to Mundi for wood. Boil will not  
admit of my going. Breakfast at mess, and then poultice up for rest of

- 29.10.80. morning.  
Cont'd.  
Think little pup Dolly begins to look suspiciously like family way.  
False alarm after all.
- 30.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Saturday  
Can only just crawl round stables; then to bed, and stay there the rest of the day. News from the other force today. Perhaps we shall have to join the General, marching on the 2nd, if Marris mean fighting. If not back to Siki. Have all my meals in my tent.
- 31.10.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Sunday  
Mustering at 7.45. Crawl round stables. Bed for the rest of day, poulticing boil, advanced to dignity of being called a carbuncle. All meals, except dinner, in tent. Rebel and go to mess for dinner. Determine not to do it again till better. Programme of sports, proposed for tomorrow sent over by Major Anderson.
- 1.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Monday  
Can't get up. Floored at last. Take canteen stock at 1.30. 6 gals. of rum in hand, instead of 5.28. Have everything brought to my tent. In a dhoolie to mess to see sports and papers. Former from my point of view, a failure, as a tree intervenes between me and the winning post. Back to solitary dinner in my tent.
- 2.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Tuesday  
Get up and crawl round stables. A disgraceful sight I should think to a looker on, so don't intend to try again till better. Get to dinner at mess, lying in a dhoolie, the while. Vow never to go again. Major Anderson sends me a partridge. "Salaam Sahib", and procession of Beloochis as cool as you like, during dinner. All been looted from convoys and posts it is believed.
- 3.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Wednesday  
It is becoming a little monotonous, waking 4 or 5 times in the night, routing out servants to supply hot poultices, and then to find the damned old carbuncle is as hard as ever when the doctor visits it. 10 mules gone to Hari bank, for more supplies, from our transport, 60 Infantry and 20 Cavalry under a guard. To be back tomorrow. Started at 5 a.m. Tubbed with difficulty, and tried tiffin at mess in a dhoolie. Agony!!! Back after tiffin. Major Anderson produces a bottle of beer. Dine in tent. Last candle goes out in the middle. Jo has to go and steal some.

- 3.11.80. Turns up with 3 ends. Awoke in the night with a feeling of relief. Think  
Cont'd. the boil has bust up a bit.
- 4.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Thursday Doctor appeared with a leather case, and a following of compounder,  
&ca. All of which took part in subsequent proceedings with a miniature  
*reaping* hook. Curtain!!!!  
After breakfast, feeling at peace with all the world, except the flies,  
which are decidedly troublesome - smell Flood I suppose. Lie in bed all  
day, poulticing. Animals in at night with rations. Mule men also bring  
it stores and stuff on a peck. Get some soap. Offered a pipe and cigars.  
Declined with &ca. Clouds piling up.
- 5.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Friday Cheerful day. Get up early. Able to go round stables again. Up to  
mess to breakfast. Positively a few drops of rain. Does no more than  
spit. Thunder. Looks stormy. Write to Mother. Dust storm in the  
afternoon prevents stables in the evening. Had to dine inside. Find at  
dinner I dont sit quite so easy as I might do. Back early to poultice  
and bed. Furious wind blowing.
- 6.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Saturday Five of the mess gone shooting and fishing, taking breakfast with them.  
Stables and inspection of saddles. Nelis, Dunlop and I only at breakfast.  
Fine morning again. *rainy* sign of a cloud. Whist. Won longs 3  
times running. Watch fire seen on the hills to N.E. of camp. Major  
Anderson caught a lot of fish, and 2 muggers, in the net. Watch stopped  
at 4.45. Main spring broken.
- 7.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Sunday Out for a short prowl with Beresford sporting, nothing done all day.  
Short prowl at night with Fasker, Beresford and Dolly - now developed into  
a frog dog and keen at sitting on edge of a pool and jumping at frogs as  
they appear on the surface to breath, catches a frog now and then. Not  
able to sit out dinner. Carbuncle playing up again.
- 8.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Monday Carbuncle bad again. Gun drill at 8. Stables at 11. Poultice and tiffin  
in tent. Major Anderson over to see me, tells me, a spy has come in. Says  
Gen. McG. left Kaha, Marri headquarters 3 days ago. Sent us a message to  
go to Siki 4 days ago. 700 people with wives and children about 11 miles

- 8.11.80. <sup>off</sup> want to know when we are going to clear out, and let them in. Have grain  
Cont'd. pounded. 2 mares and some bills boned by Cavalry.
- 9.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Tuesday  
Battery Mules to exercise. 12 mules for Jowar, instead of 10. Find 7  
Kahars only bring in two feeds for 61 mules. Order out 4 drivers and 6  
mules for tomorrow, to collect jowari grain alone. Doctor over to see my  
carbuncle; discharging every day, does not seem to be getting any smaller.  
Owner of mares - taken yesterday - in; wants to know why they may not come  
down from hills, and wants his mares given back to him. Sent off with a  
? *flou* in his ear. 2 shutar sowars in from Siki of 3rd P.C. bringing  
stores of sort and liquor. I get 6 beer, 3 brandy and 6 potted meats.  
English mail in. Not had a letter since I have been here.
- 10.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Wednesday  
Major Pratt tells me, we are to stay here till relieved. Major Anderson  
tells me he got an express from Sandeman in the night to say - he does not  
see how the whole force is to leave the Marri country, till they have caved  
in altogether, and carried out the *terms*. At the same time, he does  
not know what terms Gen. McG. has imposed. Ali Bavism is the name of the  
man, who has got a letter for us from the General. Sandeman regrets Qwat  
and Mandai have been destroyed. Gun drill at 8 a.m. Just as ~~ix~~  
turning in for the night. Major Anderson passed the tent on his way to  
Sergt.  
bed. Tells me we are off tomorrow. Sikhs are to stay. Sent for ~~xxxx~~  
McLeod and told everyone - "We are off tomorrow." Born idiot. I might  
have known and taken warning by former cases. However it gave me a good  
night, and I slept in peace.
- 11.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Thursday  
First thing note from Major Anderson; and Official from Capt. Wathy D.A.Q.  
M.G. to Gen. *Hume* saying to stay here "Damn them all"! Broken,  
not cheerful but flat broke. Cavalry lance duffadar shot by a Marri.  
Anderson and troop of Cavalry out. Fasher and 2 Cos. Sikhs out, dont  
get back till after dark. Got the corpse of the duffadar. Saw nobody.  
Send Bahadur into Siki for stores &c. Transport Drivers up in a body  
to complain of old man Sheikh Hoophar his foul tongue.
- 12.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Friday  
Sword and carbine drill. Stables. 10 mules transport to Kilat i Killa  
for stores &c. Major Anderson gets telegram from Hd. Qrs. to say

Friday  
12.11.80.  
Cont'd.

"Understood you and 2 guns 11/9 R.A. were ordered away". Tiffin in tent.  
Short prowl in the afternoon.

13.11.80.  
Saturday

Qwat Mandai.  
Nelis says 3 weeks more to cure carbuncle. Major Anderson gets a letter from Sandeman, condoling, a wing of native Bo. Inf. to relieve us.  
Anderson over to see *Burguth* mule. Get rice for mules instead of ~~XXXX~~ Jowar heads. Packet of letters in for the Battery. 1 for me from Gurney & Co. anxious to advance me money - *Damn them* had to pay  $3\frac{1}{2}$  annas for that lie - Camel convoy in with guard of 17th Bo. N.I.  
Carbuncle appears to be bringing on a bubo. (*bubso*)

14.11.80.  
Sunday

Qwat Mandai.  
Had an awful night with my abscess, as the hole got stopped up. Doctor says he can get me a sick board to England, he will open it up again tomorrow.  
17th B.N.I. gone back again with their animals. Get Rs. 100 from Major Anderson to pay the men. Go up to dine at mess in a dhoolie. Bahadur in with 2 biscuits for Nelis, 1 cheese, 2 Danish butter, and mustard and box of cheroots for me. He and the two Sikhs had met 2 armed men, who, however did not want to fight, went straight into Siki 1st day. Moonlight most respectable again. Doctor had a look at carbuncle, says it will wait till morning. Very sick before dinner. Gives me a dose of opium. Kinder still a bottle of fizz for dinner.

15.11.80.  
Monday

Qwat Mandai.  
Doctor along with director and lancet, knifed again. Hope I shall get right this time. Letter from Duthy. Rs. 400 from Major Anderson 72 to Gns. 325 to drivers. Write to Major explaining matters. Hear of Mardall 3rd P.C. dying of cholera, communicate the news to his brother officers, who neither of them knew of his illness. Up to dinner again in a dhoolie, in great pain, lost my appetite, very sick. Nelis comes in before retiring, tells me I must get home. Put on a poultice, cant stand pressure, and take it off again; volcano starts into action at once, and plays all night. Syces afforded incident today, boned two buffaloes - claimed by Doolos Khan, friendly matik, his bhai - and given up. Transport lines shifted alongside Cavalry.

16.11.80.  
Tuesday

Qwat Mandai.  
Feeling better. Take some castor oil. Hear we are to be relieved after

- 16.11.80. Viceroy's visit. Syce kicked by mule, and frontal bone smashed. Jimmy  
Cont'd. clipped. Dinner at mess. English papers in.
- 17.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Wednesday  
Camp being thoroughly arranged and cleaned. Build a goat house neatly.  
Wrote to Mum - just in time for post saying I hope to be at home in 2  
months time.  
C & M.G. has Viceroy's speech to the troops at Lahore, see I shall get a  
clasp for Ali Musjid and Kandahar, and a bronze star for the march to  
Kandahar with Roberts.  
Breakfast and tiffin at mess in a dhoolie. Short prowl with Dolly -  
frogging - before evening stables. Dinner at mess, still in a dhoolie.
- 18.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Thursday  
Mokes out to exercise. Eyes both going this morning. Fuck clipped.  
Field Officers - all 3 Anderson, Pratt, Hastings, out for a fishing  
picnic. Hastings catches a 4 lb and 2 lb and small ones. Up in mess all  
day nearly on my dhoolie. Flies awful. Frogging with Dolly after tiffin.  
Then out with Faskan. Back in the evening.
- 19.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Friday  
Exercise mokes. Up to breakfast. <sup>?</sup> Eyes better. Carbuncle so so.  
Stables. No. 9 got pneumonia, shew him to Major A. Tiffin at mess in a  
dhoolie. Pratt, Hastings and Nellis off fishing after tiffin. Short  
prowl with Beresford frogging. Up to mess for tea. Flies wont let me  
drink it and chevy me out again. Convoy in with grain. Out with  
Beresford for a prowl. Dinner in the hut, getting cold. Try Beresford's  
ulster.
- 20.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Saturday  
Doctor to look at carbuncle, getting better; Dunlop seedy with neuralgia.  
Viceroy due at Siki. Doctor and Hastings off to fish, catch a 2 pr. Hear  
large convoy at Gaudskurdaf, going to Harnai. Only dak 2 native letters.  
Same old day. Nothing to do but lie down, or walk about. Prowl in the  
evening with Beresford and Fasker. Buy Beresford's ulster for Rs. 20/-/-  
American 15 puzzle in the evening. Curious mist all day.
- 21.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Sunday  
Day spent much as usual. Prowl as far as river bank in afternoon with  
Nellis and Fasker stick cutting. Anniversary of Ali Musjid, so extra tot  
of rum to men.

- 22.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Monday  
Letter and telegram from Major Douglas my C.O. he wants me to bring my division to Mooltan. Answer it in the affirmative. Letter from Colonel of 16th Bo. Inf. wanting orders. They at Spin Tangi, letter brought in by a Marri. Battery at Mooltan today. Major Anderson goes out shooting, gets a <sup>?</sup> *browswing* and other grouse, and some pigeons. Nelis Anderson Pratt and Hastings off fishing. English mail in.  
Budget of letters. One from Mother, one from Stewart. Pay men Rs.79/-/-  
Advance myself Rs. 100/-/-.
- 23.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Tuesday  
Battery exercise, I walking, cant ride. Hear 16th Bo. Inf. are at Koochali. No news. Out for a prowl in the afternoon with Beresford. Try sitting up at mess at night. Mistakes as carbuncle is worse again.
- 24.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Wednesday  
No. 99 mule dies during stable hour. Report to C.O. Major Anderson sends a messenger to Bo. Inf. Mile cut open by salutri of 3rd P.C. Carbuncle worse. Messenger returns and says no Bo. Inf. at Koochali. Prowl towards river with Beresford in the afternoon. Earth the fox. Dolly no good at unearthing.
- 25.11.80. Major Anderson gets a letter from General Henderson to say "No orders for relief". Later on gets a budget from Col. Piers Comg. 16th Bo. Inf. at Gaddakindaf. Reliefs starting on 28th from Siki in guns and cavalry. Carbuncle getting worse. Out with Fesker, Beresford and Dolly to fox earth; Tree a cub, dont get it. Learn a c song coming back.  
"See those poor fellows"  
"With Euclids before em"  
"They'll never get over their 'Pons *ASINORUM*"  
Find out American 15 puzzle.
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- 26.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Friday  
Very bad again. No morning stables. Major Anderson and Beresford over to Gandakindaf to see 16th Bo. Inf. Away after breakfast to put on poultice; cant face stables. Up to mess. Find Anderson and Beresford having breakfast. 16th Bo. Inf. had an addition since I saw them at Kach, as they have 7 officers instead of 2. Jimmy got mange. After tiffin



- 26.11.80. Major A. sends me up a letter from Gen. Henderson to say "Relief ordered  
Cont'd. on 27th from Hari Gorge, here on 29th, hopes to start on 30th". Fasker and Beresford and I and Puck off to eat den, dont see anything. Carbuncle worse. Write to Major to send Duthy here, as I have given in.
- 27.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Saturday Carbuncle so bad I cant get up all day. 16th Bo. Inf. send their stores and 200 men. Regiment coming in tomorrow. We to march 7.30 on Monday. Hallelujah. . Walked up to mess with Beresford. Castor oil of morning takes effect, and Major A. and Doctor take me down. Dhoolie up to mess. Carbuncle very bad.
- 28.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Sunday Knifed in earnest this time, after a very bad night. 16th Bo. Inf. in. We are not to go until guns come in relief. With the 16th Bo. Inf. are 2 Cois. 2 Lt. Col. 2 Subs. and 1 Doctor. Band plays at night. Sunday, so sacred music. All dine at mess. I dont get up all day, and dont go to mess. Major A. makes soup for me, and gives me a pigeon for dinner. Pay Rs. 45/-/- - liquor bill here - to Major Anderson.
- 29.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Monday Much better, Dont sleep much at night but get 3 good hours in the morning. Melis over to renew lint *leton?* Poultrice and Chotha Hazari at 9.30 with another of the good majors good pigeons. Soup from same quarters as pigeons for tiffin.
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- Guns in relief are at *hatali* Killa. Melis writes out case. Band plays again at 4.30. Get up and go round stables, then back to bed, dinner in tent, soup and pigeon from same source as supplied me with tiffin. Soup to be continued.
- 30.11.80. Qwat Mandai.  
Tuesday Mister at 8 a.m. Get up for it. Seton Renewed by Melis. 'At home' during the morning. Hear guns are to stay at Kelat i Killa indefinitely until joined by a convoy. Pay men Rs. 185/-/- . Pay my whist losses Rs. 6/12/- . Get up for evening stables; back to bed, Garrison is going to dine with 16th Bo. Inf. tonight.

1.12.80.  
Wednesday

Qwat Mandai.

Took stock of canteen. 4.12 in hand. Sent off to C.O. Muster Rolls and canteen statements. Helis on Puck, and two Infantry majors off fishing. Up to mess in a dhoolie to tiffin. Morning whiled away in tent by Fasker and Beresford. Tiffin at 2 p.m. Major Anderson in with 7 sand grouse. Hear of reliefs seen at Badra by Marri sowar.

Dust in the daytime, seen in distance, said to be false alarm.

Excitement subsided. An hour later, reliefs are sighted. They get in about dusk.

Not able to go and see anybody. General Joy, last night at Qwat Mandai.

Reliefs are 2 guns Bo. M.B. under Robertson and some Madras cavalry.

19th Bo. Inf. under Major Marshall, to return tomorrow.

2.12.80.  
Tuesday

Qwat Mandai to camp by river bank at Gorge - Badra Gorge - Off at 9.30 in a dhoolie. Get ahead of force, so as to escape dust.

Mount Sergt. McLeod on Jimmy to take charge. Overtaken before long by force. Catch up at halt. Off again in front. Take road to Gandakindaf instead of to left to Badra gorge, set right by sowar and self's sense.

Get into camp at 12.30. Dhoolie in mess tent. Round stables. Off to watch Helis fishing in a dhoolie. Pratt also out. Slow, so back again.

Neither fisherman catches anything. Helis 'line taken by a big one under the cliff. Dinner. Major Marshall 19th Bo. Inf. dines. They marched at 1 p.m. from Qwat. After dinner camp fire outside mess.

Khuttak sword dance. Afridi dances and singing.

Chalassie fight with sticks and shields, and show off twirl with swords, and swords and quarterstaff.

3.12.80.  
Wednesday

Badra Gorge to Mari Groge.

Railway station here. Terminus at present of railway towards Harmai.

Train runs to here. Refreshment room which Tommies find out. Did the march in a dhoolie again.

Same old camp fire at night. Songs. Tommies, full of geniality, acquired at refreshment room, drop in to assist.

4.12.80.  
Thursday

Mari Gorge to Siki. On ahead in a dhoolie. Into Siki and get to camping

ground. Mules guns and natives arrive, and 2 Sergts. All rest of

Tommies have fallen out to Bazar. Pretty disgraceful ending. They drop

in by ones and twos and threes all day long, to the guard tent when all

the money has gone. Dont worry much, as it is no use. Dinner in Siki

4.12.80.  
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Ry.Refreshment Room, kept by enterprising Germans. Stampede to  
Ry in afternoon as report spread European woman to be seen, going to  
take the air on a trolley.

1st woman E. I have seen for 2 years. A pleasant sight for all of us.  
Wonder what she thought of it.

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No more diary kept, as I am back in India and peace again.

Got ~~x~~ sick board home, and left in Trooper of 25.1.81. from Bombay.

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