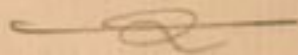


Notes

Diary kept by

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Australian Olympic  
crew. 1924



per.

R. M. S. Ormonde

Orient Line to

London

via

R. M. S. Melbourne  
for Australia.

Australian  
Olympic Team ✓  
journey to Paris  
to compete in games  
by the R.M.S.  
Ormonde

8/5/24

Murray Braid crew  
representing Australia  
left Outer Harbor  
Mon 8th per R.M.S.  
Ormonde, with the  
other Australian athletes.  
Great send off at the  
Outer Harbor, leaving at 3 PM  
Ship sailed beautiful  
weather. R.M.S. Ormonde  
Orient Line of 15,000  
tons, carrying passengers  
First class also the  
Royal Mail to London

✓  
During Thursday afternoon  
time was taken up fixing  
up our cabins etc.

Mr Merritt fine gentleman  
Manager of Olympic team  
Mr. West second command.

Friday May 9th beautiful  
weather thro' the day bright.  
all sorts of games indulged  
in on board. Dancing in  
the evening, also card playing  
with plenty of music.

The Ormonde is a beautiful  
boat something like a first  
class hotel on water  
everything to one's comfort  
Saturday May 10th. Our  
lads did little exercise  
skipping & running. The  
other athletes did  
likewise to the

Keep themselves fit while  
on the voyage over.

Morning pictures were  
taken of our lads as  
practice, also the various  
articles, then are a  
fine lot of men & good  
sports, jolly & pleasant.  
Sunday church service  
was indulged in & a  
quiet day was spent.

Sea became squally  
& Sunday night was  
very rough. Boats  
quill was brought into  
practice on previous  
day.

We arrived at Remansee  
Monday May 12th  
& after a pleasant  
journey from Auckland.

Priscilla embarked at 9.30 a.m. ✓  
The crew had wonderful  
reception at Fremantle  
of Perth words greeted to  
high of their hospitality  
down to us by the  
people of W.A. The crew  
had a row on the  
swan in the morning  
while the other athletes  
did their various exercises  
on shore.

There was a great crowd  
to see us off at  
Fremantle & it was a  
beautiful sight leaving  
the harbour just after  
dusk long will be  
remembered of our  
stay at Perth,  
Fremantle.

Tuesday setting well  
ahead for Colombo  
which we arrive in  
9. days time. Weather  
very squally + sea  
with great swells,  
hads preparing home  
trains for practice.  
Pianist gave concert  
in lounge very good  
classic music was  
heard.

Wednesday Mar 14th  
all up early pit +  
well sea still very  
swells ship rolling  
great deal. all  
folks indulged in  
games during the  
morning. Two had  
down with sickness.

Afternoon crew were practicing in home training & good work was the order. All other athletes were at practice, also the swimming boys were in the tank & the notable "Boy Charlton" did some good work. Noticed also when going to dress for dinner. Miss Cecil Bradley "Actress" had a class of dancers as practice. A programme of sports has been arranged to begin tomorrow in conjunction with all the different games on board.

The climate is gradually  
getting warmer as we  
proceed to Colombo.  
Soon hot weather  
will be with us.  
Thursday Mar 15th.

Weather still very  
muggy & great  
swell on the ocean.  
Scores of flying  
fish were seen to  
fly out of the  
water as the ship  
goes along. These  
are small & very  
pretty, blue color.  
Only one whale  
has been seen  
since we left  
Adelaide & that  
was out from



✓  
Albany one morning  
we saw it spurt  
water many feet  
into the air disappear  
& then reappear in a  
different place doing  
the same thing.

Tournament games  
were the order of the  
day & will be continued  
tomorrow. Pictures  
were on last night &  
were delightful in  
the fresh open air.

Everybody are donning  
summer attire & I  
guess still less as we  
journey tomorrow  
towards Colombo.

Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> =  
leaving the launch.

Still muggy weather ✓  
real tropical weather.  
We are very near  
to Cocos Island  
which is about half  
way to Golombo. All  
the Olympic team  
are still indulging  
as practice + keeping  
fit for the Games.  
It was a week yesterday  
since we felt the ship  
move out from the  
Outer Harbor. The library  
on board is well  
patronised which passes  
away the time very  
quickly. Prices of  
liquor + tobacco are  
all reduced since we  
left Aussie's shores

Saturday May 17th. ✓

Very hot & muggy;  
all clothes off but  
shirt & pants. Three days  
from Colombo. Playing  
Tennis in tournaments  
this morning & was  
beaten 6-2. Poor  
old man in the  
third class died  
yesterday & was  
buried at sea at 6 am  
this morning. All  
the athletes are still  
in practice. Dancing  
is the order of the  
night, but will be  
rather on the warm  
side. Flying fish are  
still to be seen as  
we go along. ↙

Sunday May 8th. Still very warm. Great swarms of flying fish are still to be seen.

It is too warm to resume training operations heat too intense. Church service was indulged in. Singing by the general people in the the 3rd class Sunday evening was very nice.

Monday May 9th. My 25th birthday was celebrated by the Olympic lads. weather still very warm & tropical rains are at hand. Dancing (fancy) was held in the evening.

bus was rather on the  
warmer. Cool drinks &  
ice cream are very  
acceptable on board by  
all especially the lemons.  
Tuesday May 20th.

Still tropical weather  
everyone in whites all  
persons looking forward  
to get ashore at Bolomb  
tomorrow. Epidemic  
of sore throat going  
around over the passage  
down in first class  
saloon. A great deal  
of card playing is done  
on board, to pass  
away the time more  
quickly. Letter writing is.  
The order today Mail  
closes 10 on tonight.

Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Gam arrived at Colombo.  
Raining in buckets loads  
a real monsoon on  
entering the harbour.  
Scores of negro sailing  
boats built of a  
peculiar tree were to  
be seen just outside  
the breakwater. A  
slight accident occurred  
entering the harbour.  
The Orinoco when  
trying to turn hit  
a ship broadside  
& damaged her a  
little, an Italian  
ship she was I think  
with coal. Now the  
ruin was simply  
steaming down.

Everyone was disappointed  
all passengers had to  
have passports checked  
& stamped by police  
officer. before leaving  
the boat. Eventually we  
left the ship about  
11 am in the rain on  
a small tug boat. all  
the team whom were  
together went for a  
motor trip around  
Colombo. Rickshaw men  
were very numerous, &  
very pressing for you  
to take a ride.

dozens of natives were  
engaged in helping load  
the Ormonde with fuel  
& cargo all the time  
then work then are

Sing's laughing & jabbering  
and their most peculiar  
language but his to  
smile the way he talks  
with their actions. We  
visited "Buddhist Temple"  
in Colombo, very nice  
inside. They made us  
take off our boots  
to enter their sacred  
Temple. We then  
motored thro' street  
& villages past beautiful  
rich dwelling houses  
with beautiful gardens  
generally owned by  
Sinhalese merchants  
& in between them  
very low degraded  
houses in which the  
natives were housed.



There are very few white  
people in Colombo, very  
noticeable. Saw a  
course of beautiful college  
lovely lawns & gardens.  
Went around to see  
the museum, but only  
saw the outer side  
as time did not permit.  
We were then motored  
out to a place called  
St. Leonia  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles  
from Colombo on the  
Ceylon island. There  
are houses all the  
way out there. The street  
traffic is governed by  
Native police & are  
good men at their  
jobs, are the Native  
police.

We eventually arrived  
at Makani on a big  
hill on the sea coast  
railway line right around  
the coast the most  
fascinating & lovely  
scenery I have witnessed  
to date. Coconut palm  
in hundreds & natives  
were induced to climb  
these very tall trees  
to procure some for  
us. As was still  
raining & natives  
would chase you with  
umbrellas & shelter you  
& then ask you for  
"rupie, master" great  
beggars are the natives  
too much so, pester  
one as to saw.

If it had been a fine day, lovely snaps would be obtainable but was too wet, altho' I tried to get some. We had lunch at the Mt. Jeremia Hotel run by Natives & was a first class lunch, for about 2 rupees. There were scores of native fishing boats at the beach.

It was a beautiful beach right in the bay & the breakers were something lovelly. One could keep on writing of this but explaining would be much better of course, with photographs

We left Mr Lennin  
about 4/11 came thro  
some very picturesque  
scenery indeed. We  
eventually arrived at  
the M. in a. did  
some shopping at the  
native shops, but then  
here we were foreigners  
& put the price on  
until we could beat  
them down a bit.  
Some of our boxes  
gave exhibition boats  
at the M. in a. amidst  
a large crowd & made  
a great showing. It  
was too wet for  
the tennis players  
& the rowing crew  
rained all day —

After the boxing was over. I had a most curious adventure.

Several laas, & myself hired rickshaws to take us down to the Oriental Hotel for dinner & telling the native runner who had my rickshaw the address, naturally got in ready to depart. Just at that time the monsoonal rain broke forth again & it did rain. All this time I was being carried along only in the wrong direction. My native man didn't evidently understand

my order & I was  
landed up at the  
low end of Colombo  
in the pouring rain  
at a strange hotel  
called the Metropole.  
This made me very  
angry & of course  
groveled at the  
native & couldn't  
make him understand  
where I wanted to  
go, therefore I was  
properly lost. No  
white people in sight  
plenty of dirty natives  
& not a police man  
I was a bit embarrassed  
& certainly wild with  
the rickshaw man  
at last I made

him, understand that  
I had to catch a  
steamer that night.

This was about 8:30 AM  
I had to be aboard at  
11:30 PM & I didn't want  
to miss the boat, by  
this time I was nearly  
wet thro' & hot as the  
the very devil. Anyway  
we got going again.

Down thro' ditty.  
Small streets still  
pouring rain & wasn't  
too cheerful anyway  
I eventually arrived at  
the jetty & getting  
then couldn't see any  
of the ladies about  
The rickshaw wanted  
two rupees for the ride.

but he didnt get it  
one rupee was enough  
after the inconvenience  
I was put to. Missed  
dinner the bargain.

The native grumbled  
at this but soon  
frightened him when  
I mentioned the native  
policeman to him.

I eventually, 9.30 or  
caught a tug out  
to the "Ormonde".  
The sight at night  
was beautiful, all  
the lights of the  
boats + war boats  
+ the shore lights  
was very spectacular  
from the Ormonde.  
The natives were



spill very busy  
loading tea & etc,  
unloading flour in  
small barges that  
were along side. The  
natives have some  
funny peculiar  
carrying on during  
their work. One  
was very tired after  
the long day & the  
climate conditions  
were very severe. If  
fine weather had been  
about some lovely  
spots would have  
been available but  
such was not the  
case. I turned in  
at 12.30 AM leaving  
the native mill

working hard & awake  
next morning swell  
out to sea. Thinking  
of the day we spent  
at Colombo, know  
doubt it was a  
wonderful experience.

May 22<sup>d</sup>. one spent  
most of the day  
talking of the trip  
over Colombo & many  
funny tales were  
told. The weather  
is cool & sunny the  
 breeze being the  
benefit under the  
tropical conditions

May 23<sup>d</sup> Friday.  
Took night yesterday  
since we left our  
shores at Malacca

Very hot & tropical  
rains & thunder storms  
making things a little  
unpleasant. We are  
three days from  
Cape Gardafui, at  
the N.W. coast of  
Africa & hence on  
we enter the Red Sea.  
Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Man overboard. A  
tragic thing happened  
yesterday. A young  
jumper overboard  
but he was able to  
swim to about an  
hour was lost getting  
him more the worse  
for the adventure.  
Poor man is under  
the care of the

doctor now. Women  
were fainting + was  
unpleasant atmosphere  
for the time, but things  
soon were normal  
when he was again  
on board. We are  
passing steamers  
daily now on the  
horizon. We are  
about two days sail  
from Cape Gardafui  
on the W. coast  
Africa getting  
very bad but  
there is a acceptable  
cool breeze at times.  
Sunday May 25th  
Sunday service as  
usual will be held  
in the music room

weather still very  
warm. Another  
catastrophe happened  
this morning one  
of the turbine engines  
has broken down &  
we stopped in the  
early hours.

Monday 20th May  
still going along on  
one engine about  
9 knots. We will have  
to continue so until  
we reach "Aden" on  
Thursday morning  
where they will effect  
repairs probably be  
there a day perhaps  
more. We had a  
great fancy dress  
ball tonight. It

was a great success  
+ some of the costumes  
were very excellent.  
Two of the Olympians  
have secured first  
prize. The illumination  
on the boat deck  
were were a real  
picture in its self,  
worth seeing!!

They danced music  
midnight. There  
was no gorgeous  
dinner produced.  
Sunday May 24th.

Passed Tokotsa  
Island this morning  
+ was in a spin's direct  
for a day. Boat still  
working on one  
turbo-propeller show

Lokona is a barren  
looking island. The  
sea now is very  
calm almost like a  
fresh lake. The weather  
is still very warm. On  
Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>  
still working on one  
engine. Sports were held  
on the boat deck. It  
was great fun. I  
ran in sack race  
& potato race which  
I won the first heat  
& qualified for the  
final. All sorts of  
sports were held.  
The day past well.  
We the jazz went  
down to the third  
class & played for

a dance. Two of the  
Stewards came down  
with us drummer &  
fiddler & also banjo  
player & was good &  
I didn't see the passengers  
enjoy it. There about  
900 passengers there  
but it was rather  
warm for dancing.  
They had a concert  
in the first saloon also.  
Thursday May 28th  
Arrived Aden about  
8 am. Aden is a  
barren looking place  
great hills on  
which the Signal  
Station & Garrison  
are housed. British  
North Orients line



steamer do not call  
there but owing to  
our engine trouble  
we were forced to  
go in. Boats loads  
of Arabs with  
goats to see flocked  
around the boats  
there was some great  
fun with Arabs  
Turks + all sorts  
of nationalities.  
We were allowed on  
shore after noon  
we went ashore in  
tugs. For it was  
hot they call  
Aden "Steel gates".  
But in Aden just  
was here itself on  
the street. The

high mountains all  
around it. The real  
city was further  
but didn't go around.  
High salt work of  
gold be. seen. The  
trees are much the  
same as colombo,  
only better building.  
Some of the had  
went to see the well.  
It only rains once  
in seven years.

Camels were seen  
every where carrying  
+ also mules with  
arabs. No richshaw  
boarded the boat  
before tea I was  
glad to get back  
It was steel hot

May 30<sup>th</sup>. Friday  
First thing the Arabs  
were out again selling  
in the morning. No  
passengers were  
allowed on shore.  
So put in the time  
watching the people  
buy & bargain. With  
these ideas the  
Turks were a vicious  
crowd & got very  
excited at times  
if some one beat  
them for a  $\frac{1}{2}$ . We  
left Aden 2:30  
& was very pleased  
to get going. We  
are these days late  
passing here but we  
are certainly making <sup>up</sup> <sub>time</sub>

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Boat going along  
better but not quite  
at full speed. Talking  
of our exploits at  
Aden which will  
be well remembered  
by all. We passed  
Ysland Almir about  
1/2 past night.  
Slept up to deck  
last night took  
in cabin. We are  
now well in the  
Red Sea. we  
pass ships every  
hour almost  
of traffic thro' here  
we have passed  
several groups of  
Islands today.

June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday  
Still in the Red Sea  
quite calm & weather  
getting little cooler.  
Plenty of dolphins  
about. Boat getting  
along nicely doing  
about 74 knots now.  
Passing lots of  
steamers now. The  
Lares passed us  
today bound for  
London.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.  
All anxiously waiting  
to get to Suez. All  
lots of games.  
Wee inaugurated in  
today. The boys are  
on the Queen's Machine  
now its cooler.

Tuesday June 2nd.

Arrived at Suva about  
2 pm. Caught the  
Fares Bay. Here the  
Natives (gippos) were  
around the flames  
again selling their goods  
& goods hung with them  
we hid. We weren't  
allowed to go at Suva  
so we didn't see it.

We entered the canal  
at 9 pm so we  
didn't see anything  
of the canal until  
early next morning.

Wednesday June 3rd.  
The canal was very  
interesting, passed  
several boats, had  
record run getting's

to Port Said 9.30 am.  
We went on shore at  
10 am + stayed until  
3.30 pm. Had a good  
look around. Very  
interesting, nice buildings  
+ good clean shops.  
The Large Bay was  
filled + also a British  
battleship "Iron Duke"  
The Harbour was quite  
busy. Thoroughly  
enjoyed the day on  
shore. We left  
Port Said soon  
leaving the Bay behind  
passed the Ormuz  
Narrow just  
outside. It was a  
beautiful sight leaving  
Port Said. Saw

Several remains outside  
the canal, of ships  
that were sunk  
during the war. Plowed  
canals till late & was  
tired after walking  
around all day so  
hopped into bed.

June 5th. Quiet day,  
was spent telling the  
stories of Port Said  
incidents. Weather  
getting very near  
our usual spring  
very nice. Dance  
tonight.

June 6th. Mediterranean  
Sea. Should have  
been at Soudon  
today but we are  
still 4 days late.



All boys are well.  
Passed Island of  
Crete this morning  
passed Sicily tomorrow  
& should arrive Naples  
on Sunday morning.  
Ranca Ball tonight  
pure y<sup>th</sup> Saturday.  
The most beautiful  
sight to date was  
seen coming along coast  
Italy towards the Straits  
of Messina. Towns all  
along, vineyards &  
railway right along  
coast. Town of Messina  
on Island of Sicily &  
Regina on the mainland.  
It was very narrow  
in the Straits & the  
sight was very pretty

we passed thro' about 3<sup>rd</sup>  
in the afternoon. Spawny  
wonderful weather. Saw  
two huge porpoises in  
the straits. Toward  
six o'clock you could  
see Mt. Stna, that  
is a volcanic ~~hot~~  
mountain on the Island  
of Sicily in eruption  
was a pretty sight  
at about the same  
time with the straits  
some distance back  
The Island of Stromboli  
another volcano in  
eruption. This was a  
gorgeous sight. High  
clouds of smoke  
coming away. There was  
a little village at each end

In the evening you could  
see the glare of the flame  
of Stromboli at intervals  
some distance off. A  
right one will remember.  
Galloni's films till  
late tonight and well.  
Sunday June 8th.  
Another pretty sight  
entering Naples at 6 am  
Mt Vesuvius in prominence  
with its high dense  
clouds of smoke coming  
away. We all left for  
shore about 9 a. Had  
cars & run out to  
the buried city 'Pompeii'.  
The roads in Naples  
very rough. Very hot  
the number of police  
& soldiers about.

Streets narrow dirty  
no traffic system  
whatever. Railway  
under military guard  
arrived at Pompeii  
after 1 1/2 hrs rough ride.  
Went all over the  
ruins & was very very  
interesting, relating  
historic events away  
back B.C. and A.D. Had  
lunch at Hotel at  
Pompeii & spaghetti was  
the order which was  
new to us. Didn't have  
time to go up to  
Vesuvius on train. All  
shops open on Sunday  
saw the P.C. church  
the most beautiful  
church in the world

that is inside & there  
is no doubt it is very  
beautiful. Then we went  
to a few high points  
of Naples & the view  
overlooking Naples &  
the harbor was  
simply gorgeous. The  
best to date & we  
had a beautiful  
drive back toward  
the city. Military  
forces were parading  
the streets. Went to a  
garden very nice.  
Then we motored to  
an old castle built  
about 400 years ago.  
Went down the dungeons  
where prisoners were  
kept & saw the

remains of many good  
victims that had their  
heads cut off. One  
could write a book  
of Naples, one day  
you get a glimpse a  
week would be better.  
Journeyed back to  
the boat about 5 PM  
fired after the harbor  
all day. A beautiful  
sight was just before  
us. A squadron  
of 3. biplanes  
& aeroplanes circling  
over & around the  
boat & pretty sight  
we left the harbor  
of Naples at 6 PM  
Nassim's several islands  
in the dusk.

Monday June 9th.  
Packing up for  
Loulou landing tomorrow  
glad of the change  
but after a most  
interesting voyage.  
Passed Island of "Elba"  
where Napoleon was  
exiled & escaped,  
about 2<sup>nd</sup> passed  
"Corsica" where he was  
born, a rather large  
Island. "Sardinia" island  
is lower down. Passing  
lots of other small  
islands. Lovely weather.  
Went down the  
engine room & had  
a look round, some  
wonderful machine  
thoroughly interesting.

Tuesday June 10th  
Arrived Toulon in a  
beautiful harbour full  
French war boats &  
submarines. No photos  
are allowed to be taken  
French naval port. Had  
fine send off on tug  
from people on board the  
boat. Customs held up  
luggage. Had a look  
around the French city  
interesting. Toulon is a  
city. Had lunch & left  
for train Marseilles at  
3.0. Beautiful trip by  
train round coast  
magnificent scenery. Two  
very long tunnels. Warm  
travelling. Arrived at  
Marseilles at 10.15



Had a good look  
around Marseille,  
that also is a big  
city much the same as  
London as you see.  
boarded the train  
again & then dinner  
on train at 9.30. Awoke  
next morning & it  
still going thro' wonderful  
country. Arrived Paris  
0.30 met by books &  
agent, (this is a wonderful  
organisation even) some  
place Paris a real eye  
opener. Arrived at Hotel  
Normandy night in  
heart of Paris. The  
French language has  
still got us stuck  
seems strange to us all

Spent all day squaring things up a bit, & rather tired after travelling all night turned in Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Was met by French Olympic Council. Had a look around generally. The traffic is an eye opener to me, wonder there is not some one killed every hour of the day. It is quite light now & at 4 am long days & climate rather cold.

Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Visited Olympic Stadium very nice but not completely raised hammer & brought some back & had a very amusing run in the wet

went to a theatre in the  
night but wanted 30<sup>F</sup> to  
go in thought too much  
so came out + walked  
the block got lost,  
took taxi home. One  
could see the high  
stone wall they had  
built around Paris  
during the war which  
they are now pulling down  
The parks + gardens are  
beautiful. There is no  
doubt it is a wonderful  
city. Shops good + clean.  
Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Left  
per underground railway  
for "Rue de la Harpe" to  
find Rowing club  
arrived eventually after  
long chase. Beautiful

spot right on River  
Marne. Had lunch  
then borrowed 8 oar  
boat had good row  
up river. Beautiful  
stream but very much  
crooked course but very  
pretty. Making arrangements  
to get crew accommodated  
there on the spot.

Everything at our finger  
tips, boat, river  
board & loading dock  
a little rougher than  
this hotel. It is about  
12 miles out & is too  
far to be in & out  
twice a day. Canadian  
style is also true on  
the spot. Good place for  
training crew. —

Later down June 14<sup>th</sup>.  
raining again at  
Hagens had good  
open. Had cable  
from home good  
news. Sunday  
June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Left early, had good  
row at Hagens, big  
crowd saying  
Voi-la - Australia  
men full of pleasure  
& rowing boats.

Went out to Argenteuil  
to see champion (8) row  
race of France rowed  
on the Seine, same  
course as the Olympic  
4. crew, good race  
winner, deuseux  
France. Time 6-1 see

They gave us a warm  
welcome at Argenteuil  
referring to the B.V.I. &  
men who fought for  
them in the great war.  
We anticipate going  
to Argenteuil to train  
on the course in two  
weeks time. Nice day  
a little warmer. Monday  
June 16th. Shipping  
gum (all crew) to  
quarters at Nagers.  
All arrived baggage.  
All sleeping in a cafe  
not in use & having  
meals next door. Quite  
comfy. All satisfied  
in this lovely spot.  
Received mail from  
Aussie today.

June 14th Tuesday.  
Down's two rows or a crew  
gradually getting  
into form & getting used  
of the strange boat. Our  
own boat not yet to  
hand. The French folk  
are treating us just lovely  
couldnt be better. Often  
see aeroplanes overhead.  
The big Bridge that is  
along side is a tremendous  
affair all stone & about  
60 ft high. The main  
traffic never ceases  
day or night. We have  
a Canadian sculler  
here with us, he is a fair  
hard cuss talks just  
like an American.  
Our Jazz band

played for a French  
wedding party last  
night & then thought  
it was grand.

Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Weather still very nice  
all writing letters  
today. The crew getting  
into form. This is  
quiet after the noise in  
Paris but just lovely.  
My word a tremendous  
storm broke overhead  
last night. The thunder  
was terrific & the  
lightning was very severe  
the worst I've seen for  
a long time & didn't it  
rain it had us all out  
of bed shipping heads on  
account of it beating thro' our



Thursday June 19th.  
Franky received a letter  
from Cousin Alice in  
England today. Wrote  
several letters today. Went  
for a swim yesterday &  
it was a bit chilly in  
this part. There is a  
fairly strong stream  
running here. Room's  
improving.

Friday June 20th.  
Boats arrived in Paris  
this day. Our washing  
we put in the laundry  
when we first arrived  
has not yet arrived  
only a few articles, they  
have been dyed yellow  
& pity my clothes  
when they return.

still delightful weather  
when it continues.

grew improving slowly,  
I think fit in three  
weeks hence when we  
race. Canadian scull  
going to Henley on Thames  
No scull on Monday  
Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Doing plenty long  
walking & running  
with six sweaters on  
& swimming to reduce  
weight (I weigh 87)  
stuffed now. Sunday  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carla row  
morning. Big crowd

assembles here on river in  
boats, week end resort.  
Our boat & scull arrived  
here in good order Saturday

night. Had a row in her  
sunday quite strange for  
first row. The ladies went  
for a trip down river  
in canoe. I had a lovely  
trip 1:30W to Br. Beautiful  
scenery. I went for a  
long walk with some other  
round the hills & was  
very pretty. Big dance held  
here Sunday night. Lovely  
jazz band. Had dance all  
Sunday afternoon & night.  
Monday June 23rd. Had  
good row in our boat  
getting nearer. The old found  
now. Did some washing  
today. Had a reception  
by the club members where  
we are staying, next Friday  
There are a decent lot of  
French sportsmen over there

Tuesday June 24th 1924.  
all well still doing land  
training. Doing plenty  
swimming. Meals are  
excellent here. Wednesday  
June 25th 1924. Went to  
Paris this morning &  
the aus Olympic team placed  
a wreath on the "Unknown  
Trench Soldiers Grave". It was  
a beautiful wreath. There were  
quite a number of beautiful  
wreaths here, took some  
snaps of it. The soldier  
was buried under the  
Arc-de-triump, which  
is well known in the  
history of the war. The big  
hotel across the street on the  
right is where the "Kaiser"  
had his lunch ordered in  
the early part of the great war

Thursday. June 26<sup>th</sup> 1924  
we <sup>are</sup> going out rowing  
after tea now about 8:30  
practicing starts & it is  
lovely on the river then.  
Aussie mail out today. No  
mail received from home yet.

Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> bred  
still training & hard also  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday, &  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. River too  
busy Sunday afternoon  
went out in evening doing  
starts all well. Monday  
June 30<sup>th</sup> did course on  
Marne in 6:2. 3.5 sec° good  
row. Crew going well.  
Sunday all the swimmers  
were swimming here. Tuesday  
July 1<sup>st</sup>. The first canoe  
to Argenteuil didn't  
like training at all.

crew rowed boat through  
Paris from Nogent to  
Argenteuil distance about  
25 miles, left Nogent  
at 10 AM arrived  
Argenteuil at 4 PM had  
to pass the locks &  
had lunch on the bank.  
The run thro' Paris was  
very interesting & pretty  
& quite a number of  
incidents occurred. Boats  
pulled on private property  
had landing place but  
we are on the course. It  
is a fair course to look  
the Americans are here  
training. We are living  
in "sun allen" quarters  
very rough part of the  
suburb Our ranch is  
an old nobilious place

very clean & comfortable  
if fresh air but washed  
car to walk twice a  
day to train, no wheel  
chair as good as hospital  
but we are on the course  
Received lots of mail  
from Aussie Saturday  
28th June & one today  
from Rec Pro America  
July 2nd. Wednesday. Did  
two rows on the course we  
had row; raining, nearly  
all day. Thing not satisfactory  
at all for training facilities  
here. The place of living is  
not too bad. They still  
put salt in the rice in  
place of sugar. Went to  
bed early. No where else  
to go here in these parts.  
Thomas my room mate

Thursday July 3rd.

Raining like the devil. Had  
fair row. Had just motor boat  
out today. Went to Columbus  
for rehearsal but too wet  
had to return home. Saw  
most of the athletes of all  
nations at practicing here.

The games start on Saturday  
official opening the day after  
the grand march past. Two  
men in crew Crook & Hudson  
& Thomas. Friday July 4th.

Wet all day. Had one row  
Jervis & Stadden out. Thomas  
home with cold. No crews  
out in afternoon, Yanks there  
to see us, but slipped.

Information. 14 crews in  
8 oar race. 4 heats on Monday  
July 10th 2 semi finals  
Tuesday & final Thursday.



They can't the first & second crew  
in each heat. Two heats with 4  
crews & 2 with 3 crews. The first  
semi finals will have four  
& the final will have four crews.  
So I think we have a chance,  
all being well. We haven't been  
open the course yet has to be on  
Sunday or Monday. Games  
open tomorrow hope for better  
weather, all go to bed early  
in Argentina nothing else to do  
no interest to walk the dirty  
streets here. We are only 8 our  
crew here yet. Went in London to  
see the Henley row teams.

Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> Fine  
day for once. Had fair row  
in morning. Thomas went to  
go still out of boat, lucky  
in. Early dinner, all dressed  
in blazers to proceed to  
opening of the Games

at Balmaceda Stadium. The  
Aus Olympic team looked  
well in cream pants & coats  
green & gold caps & blazers  
& Aussie flag. It was a  
wonderful sight. The procession  
was headed by South Africa  
Argentina then Aussie followed  
by 47 other nations. almost  
every nation of the world  
was represented. England & France  
& America had great numbers  
especially America numbered  
somewhere near 350. All  
nations had different flags  
& wore different <sup>uniforms</sup> & was a  
grand sight. There must have  
been 40,000, to 50,000 people  
there to see the march &  
we got a rousing reception.  
Aeroplanes overhead &  
salutes by guns & cameras.

in dozens + two big bands.  
There were about 2,500 athletes  
paraded. The games start in  
earnest tomorrow. It was a  
sight one shall never forget.  
July 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday).

Games began today. Crew  
still doing **two** runs. Bill  
Hadden + Thomas ill putting  
crew out of trim. Weather  
still unsettled. July 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Monday) Ship Carr going  
heads at the Games the  
only Aussie to do any good  
up to date. Bill better  
but Thomas still rather  
cold. The French people are  
just beginning to know  
how to cook our food,  
they think we eat a funny  
way. Crew still under  
difficulties with sickness

went over to the Stadium  
saw some events after the  
afternoon practice. Saw some  
fine running's. Saw Carr  
win heat in 200 meters.

Stadium only 20 mins walk  
from Argentinia. July 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Sunday.) weather fine  
with Thomas improving  
Scott is now ill, having  
a bad run. Did course  
with Tucker in, in 6:15 of  
best time to date but good  
condition. West advises  
may go home aboard  
"Woodman" P.O. liner 2000  
tons. Mr Binney returned  
from London today. all  
in bed early here no  
where else to go. Plan  
cards + yarn till ten  
then hot in.

July 9th. Wednesday. Crew  
all well again, & hard  
at it hope we continue so.  
Saw the Canadian crew  
yesterday, rowing fair. The  
Dutch crew do not appear  
to impress me much. The  
Belgium's are also fair  
& the Argentine crew are  
very fair. This will be a hard  
race to select the winner, but  
England France & Americans  
are bound to be hard, we  
hope to have a good go to.  
July 10th Thursday. Did  
the course today 6.18 sec  
slight head wind did fair  
w/o doing 32. The motor  
boat is OK again now.  
Weather very nice now.  
Aeroplanes pass over  
here all day long.

you ought to see how  
convenient we go backwards  
forwards to Rivin & back  
2 horse drag & a slaw old  
arran causes quite a lot of  
fun 'but another' does the  
work. All men pretty fit  
now. Ready now tomorrow  
cool off Sunday ready  
for the race Monday.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Friday. Just  
saw a huge air ship  
go over very close down  
the first I have seen.

Plenty of observation balloon  
about. Weather good here  
continues till after race.

Hoping for Aussie mail  
today. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. No  
mail yet. Did our last  
course yesterday good  
work obtained.

Aussie athlete Winter  
won few men & jump  
worlds records, Aus has made  
a start. Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>  
Rowing started today, pair  
& four. "Charlton" won  
heat swimming worlds record  
1500 meters "Dorg" beat this  
soon after in his heat.

Blauparie also won his heat.  
Good old aussie, & this  
afternoon Bailen & Willard  
(Sennis) both won their  
singles, love them continue.  
Bull (sculler) sculls. France  
& Poland in heat tomorrow  
14<sup>th</sup>. We were over at Stadium  
Colonies this aftn, saw several  
fine final events, very close  
gaps between USA & England.  
Wonderful "five" runner  
Kurumi is a wonder.

just came back from the  
street witnessing the finish  
of the Marathon race this  
was won by "fin" Italy (2)  
& America (3) Fin (4) & England (5)  
They were very tired when they  
passed us on the street  
nearly 26 miles they ran.  
This is the close of the  
athletes. Swimming, Tennis  
& Rowing is as usual & we  
have a chance in all.

Sunday July 13th.

Bull (sculler) won heat  
by two after France, second  
Charlton qualified 1500 meter  
blading Borg & Dick one  
qualified diving. Very  
warm. crew had row in  
morning, last row  
before race on Tuesday  
Thomas still unwell



Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Warm  
to hot. Rainy, continued  
crew spelling. Went to Paris  
in evening, went to Folies  
Be-Gere, the most wonderful  
theatre & play I have ever  
seen + ever to be seen.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Had Turkish  
bath Paris, best bath  
I have been in, took off  
few pounds, weight 51 kils.  
Still hot. Great Britain  
win first heat, ~~Belgium~~ 2  
America win second, Canada  
2, record time 15.57. Italy  
win third, Aussie 2. 6.6.

France was disqualified  
fouled Argentine in first  
heat.

We row Canada, Belgium  
in semi-final tomorrow  
we shall have to row

better than we did in the  
heat to win, if we lose we  
are out of the contest, if we  
win we row in the final.  
America will win but  
it will be hard to place  
the rest. Our crew did  
not row so four yesterday  
but hope to do better today  
Wednesday July 16th.

Raced in Semi Final today  
Argentine Belgium Canada  
we were beaten by length  
Canada. No four yet.

Thursday July 17th  
two finals today. Bull  
outdeth. America  
wins from Canada,  
Italy & England wonderful  
race. Rowing finished.  
Had hard luck did  
our best.

Sydney July 18<sup>th</sup>. Went to  
Paris. Went Eiffel Tower  
1000 ft high wonderful.  
Went to see the wonderful  
painting "war picture".

Parthenon de La Guerre  
the most wonderful  
painting ever painted. Real  
absolute real. all allies.  
Went to see Charton

Swim 400 meters in after  
at Stade des Louvelles.

Charton beats by touch  
wonderful race world  
record. Weismuller wonderful  
the three world best, is  
Charton, Borg, Weismuller.

In evening. Folio-Berghe.  
wonderful show. Theatre  
beautiful all right  
for S.F. wonderful  
costumes & scenery.

Saturday 19th July.

all day trip to Versailles.  
Saw Hall Mirrors where  
Peace Treaty was signed  
1919 + later it was signed  
by wonderful castle!

Learned all about Napoleon  
Place + old French  
thing before the Republic  
very historic + interesting  
buildings, carriages + relic.

Sunday 20th July.

"Rem's Birthday yesterday"  
Started out to Gallipoli  
today writing this up as  
"Albert" the Pearl of the  
Big War." Saw Blek Nelson  
grave at Bernécourt.

Saw lots of cemeteries  
the country is still  
war scarred around  
here Albert, Amiens, Pozieres.

Monday July 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Motoring around battle  
fronts. Two days Monday  
& Tuesday. Thro Amiens  
to Albert stayed here the  
night. Aussie graves are  
kept most wonderful  
Could not get to Storch  
grave situated now at  
Bunay near Bethune  
north of France. Went  
to Dapenne cemetery  
wonderfully kept. Trench  
lots of Aussies buried at  
these. Warline cars all  
in wonderful order.  
Motor thro Bobie saw  
cemetery there. Then Deville  
wood the African memorial.  
8,500 buried here, leave  
fighting done here. Then  
went down to Villiers

Belgian cemetery.

Looked at graves of Dearlove & Lovick's grave these are wonderfully kept all usages & 900. Saw one German cemetery on our trail. Arrived back over Amiens on Monday.

A wonderful trip. Went to "Hamel" & the trenches dug out & one place where German Head quarters under ground just as it was in the war time. After helmets being covered where visited wonderfully interesting & brings back memories of the terrible war that was fought between the nations. It was credit to the British Legion the way the graves are kept.

Tuesday 22nd July.

Packed up. Lunch in Paris, left for Aerodrome Paris 2h. Waited at Aerodrome all 5h for plane. Big plane carried 14 with luggage. Had wonderful trip over. 5,000 ft high at times & 100 miles an hour. Was in air 2 1/2 hrs. Coming over channel was wonderful. Boats (large) looked like toys. Arrived broad Aerodrome England about 4.30, lovely trip. Was taken by bus to Hotel Anderson's. Hell H. night on the Strand. Glad to leave France & get to England.

Wednesday 23rd. Looking around London

went to Exhibition wonderful  
show. Have been to 'Opera'  
wonderful shows. Thursday  
July 24<sup>th</sup> still looking  
around London. Wonderful  
city no doubt. Friday  
July 25<sup>th</sup>. Had lunch  
in a book Australia  
house wonderful building  
went to see Gladys Cooper  
in ~~the~~ the Phantom great  
show. Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Went to Westminster Abbey  
unknown soldiers grave  
wonderful. Went thro  
Parliament House, Houses  
Lords & Commons.  
My luggage not yet  
to hand from France  
several lots missing  
from party, customs  
big nuisance.



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July } Part  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> " } of the  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> " } Hair  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> " } Parted for  
 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> " } Home via  
 America.

Been to theatre all  
 good. Went thro' Tower  
 London. Been to Hyde Park  
 Sunday heard Band.  
 Met English friends.  
 Been running & leavies.  
 Saw "Merry Widow" & "Loni"  
 Luggage turned up OK  
 but trunks in very bad  
 state lock all broken etc  
 Customs. Received Aus mail.  
 August 1<sup>st</sup> off for Ireland  
 Had wonderful trip  
 thro' England & Wales  
 to Holyhead on way  
 to Ireland very pretty

London via Ireland + Scot Express.  
Arrived Holyhead 3rd. Boarded  
boat sailed. Blow + rough  
as —. 939 passengers on board  
Manning's room + 2 others  
were sick, myself nearly  
not quite. Very rough trip  
arrived Kingscote Ireland  
near Dublin Co. Irish  
Name from middle net with  
Capt. Manning. Great college  
Drumcondra. Beautiful home  
like Louis Meakin no grass.  
Saturday Aug 2. Opening  
Just games. Great distance  
Russia led the athletes  
America next. Great show  
equal to Colonies. Bands  
plenty. 20,000 people. Irish  
+ Scotch "shiners" good game  
Aug 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th  
9th 10th.

Spinning glorious time.  
Training on the tips of  
Nipsure shed. good. 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>  
race on 10<sup>th</sup> Have been  
several showing all fair.  
College great. Strike over.  
Can see results of  
great war, ruins in  
street. Several towns  
were ok. have been  
several. Hawthorn Capt  
I took at the lake.  
Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>  
Still having good time  
in Ireland. We were beaten  
in racing 4<sup>th</sup> by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length  
Down from North, we  
beaten again in the 8<sup>th</sup> by  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  length. Had a great  
dinner on night after  
racing was over.

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> we packed up  
for home. Aug 18<sup>th</sup> left  
Dublin. Some of our  
chauns had a nasty motor  
accident, capsized hurt  
one or two. In our taxi  
we ran over a dog, all  
going to the station. The  
girls left for Belfast.

Had a days look around  
here nice big place.

Left for Glasgow at 9<sup>th</sup>  
pm. Boat had good  
trip over arrived at

Ardrossan early next  
morning, trained to

Glasgow. They left for  
the lakes. Spent all  
day looking over lakes  
Loch Lomond, Loch  
Katrine, Trossachs all  
very beautiful.

Left for home per train  
from Glasgow & think  
for Glasgow. Went thro'  
Stirling where battle  
of Stirling bridge was  
fought + Bannock Burn  
crossed "Loth Bridge"  
very wonderful. Trip  
By train to Edinburgh  
was great arrived at 9.30.  
Aug 10th spent all day  
looking at Edinburgh  
Castle + looking around  
generally very nice weather  
spoils the tour. Edinburgh  
was lovely. Next day  
we left for London  
via Carlisle + crew  
had great trip down  
all very interesting  
country great.

Aug 20th to 29th Spent  
in London. Went to  
Wembley & lots of  
theatre & did a lot  
of shopping before  
leaving for home. Heard  
the "Aristo Band" at the  
Palladium Theatre &  
was a treat. Rained  
a great deal in London.  
I met some fine people  
there gave me a great  
time & the night before  
we left they gave a  
wonderful great party that  
was some. I left I  
took the phonograph  
down & we danced  
till 2 am, fine people  
old char is sailor  
in Navy.

On Friday 29th Aug  
Sailed for home per  
P.M.S. Mooltan left  
Silver Rocks at 12:30  
went at home again  
on board boat, used  
of sea travelling.

Calm in Channel  
called in at Dover  
sea getting rough now  
Sunday. Both having  
quite time. all well

entered Ban Biscan  
Monday 31st very  
swelly seas & inclined  
to be rough later  
galined off a bit  
had good trip to  
date good sailor.  
Monday we sailed  
down Portugal

coast arrived at  
Gibraltar Tuesday  
at about 9 a. Spent  
several hours here.  
Went ashore had a  
look over the big  
guns on Fort Sage  
rocks, wonderful  
how the guns were  
taken by the top of  
these rocks very warm  
here. Left Gibraltar  
at 1 p good weather  
great sight going thro'  
the Straits. Two  
days at sea & we  
arrived at Marseille  
this is a wonderful  
shipping port, scores  
of ships in port.  
coming & going all day



We had almost two  
days at Marseilles.  
first day we had a look  
around the town shopping  
etc just a typical  
French sea city much  
like Toulon. Next day  
we went on all day  
excursion to sea side  
resort "Bandol" about  
30 miles from Marseille  
& was great motor  
drive going over huge  
goekal hills all along  
the coast had lunch  
at Bandol then most of  
the chaps went bathing  
in the sea. Arrived  
some sea time had  
the phonograph up  
on deck at night

Watched them loading  
mails in thousands &  
thousands till midnight  
& they were still loading  
mails when I went to  
bed until so we left  
for Poy said at 5:30.  
Games have started on  
board & music in  
galore. We passed  
Corsica & Sardinia  
islands at 9 on last  
night. Sunday 4th Sept  
from Poy today  
some time & then  
the Straits of Messina  
getting warmer now as  
we proceed to Poy  
said expect to arrive  
there Wednesday sometime  
church service today

Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> Monday.  
Met two folks on  
board one Miss Hurle  
used to work with  
her at Stirling's exchange  
years ago thought I  
recognised her when  
we left London altho  
was not sure. Strange  
all these miles, world is  
not so big after all.  
Dancing is the popular  
pastime again on board  
ship altho this is not  
compared with the  
"Cruonae" especially  
the Band. Thomas & I  
played last night & they  
liked it immensely.  
Danced to it to on the  
Lower deck darla  
want as to plan.

The "Moolta" is 2,000 tons the largest one of mail ships that go to Australia + is a fine boat to travel on.

We passed her sister ship "Malaja" at Marseille two fine ships. They do about 15 knots carrying 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> passengers travelling faster + is equal to 1<sup>st</sup> on Orient line. Stewards are all colored race, lascars majority, but do things in good style. All change well.

Three bicycle riders + wrestler of the team travelling with us home. —

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>  
Arrived Port Said OK at 6 a  
loaded up + left again  
at 8:30 a few passengers  
went off, too short a stay  
all day thro' Suez canal  
very warm 102 on deck  
135 down below, very  
interesting thro' canal in  
daylight passed lots of ships  
+ trains on way.

Arrived at Suez at 11 a  
did not stay same  
straight thro'. Then we  
had four hot days in  
the Red Sea passing  
a P.O. liner which  
came close over to us.  
Games on board have  
started but rather warm  
we played for two or

the dances now they  
seem to like our music  
as well. arrived thro'  
Strim mid night  
Saturday night. Journey  
so far has been real  
good bus now starts  
the heat + long days  
travelling without any  
interest. Arrived at  
"Aden" (nice place don't  
think) early Sunday  
morning. Transhipped  
all mails for India  
& passengers to Bombay  
& the Persian Gulf. It  
is all passengers. Was  
hot. Several people  
went ashore, but  
didn't stay long, too  
hot + not interesting.

Left Aden at 2.30 on Sunday  
I was glad to leave  
specially to arrive Colombo  
Saturday. Have swimming  
tank on board some of  
the chaps make use of  
it but rather small in size  
I've had boat drill twice  
since we left about 97  
passengers alight at Colombo  
putting on cloaks every  
night now. Plenty of  
sharks seen + "dolphins".  
peculiar at Aden we  
weren't troubled with  
natives selling their  
goods because of Sunday  
perhaps. Reading books  
from ship's library is  
in full swing + drinking  
plenty of iced swash  
cool drinks.

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Leaving Aden for  
Colombo. Did not see  
Labe Gardafui or  
Sokatra after leaving  
Aden. Weather very  
warm. Deck games  
competitions have  
commenced.

Tuesday we run into  
tail end of Monsoon  
cool change, & inclined  
to be choppy, boat  
rolling good deal  
several people down  
to it. Not much  
traffic out these  
parts in the Arabian  
Oea. Still dancing  
etc concerns Thursday  
night cricket has  
been played several times



20th Sept Saturday.  
Arrive Colombo  
8<sup>00</sup> & depart for  
Kegonalle at 10<sup>00</sup> on  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Boat  
did record run between  
Kalen & Colombo 400  
miles two days following  
& then 404 miles next  
day goes along nicely.  
Ashore at 9.30<sup>00</sup> &  
7 cars of tourists left  
for trip to "Nanay"  
72 miles inland from  
Colombo. Motored thro'  
streets of Colombo, but  
soon after starting  
the rain came &  
didn't it rain, came  
right thro' the hood  
of our car & wet us  
almost thro'!

Arrived "Kandy" IN  
passing on the way  
some very wonderful  
scenery perhaps on  
a fine day the prettiest  
one could wish to see.  
Tea plantations  
coconut plantations  
Banana, + Cocoa  
plantations but  
most of all the  
rice fields they  
are very wonderful.  
Natives were working  
in the rice fields  
with their wild  
buffaloes. Tea factories  
are numerous &  
we passed also a  
Zoo it was too  
dark to take  
snapshots;

There are wonderful  
high hills + waterfalls  
+ thick green growth  
saw two elephants  
working on roads,  
another coming now  
at river with a  
huge log in its trunk  
nearly had couple  
of accidents going  
to Kandy arrived  
Here in had an  
excellent lunch  
best since left  
London. Meals on  
boards not too  
good. Had a lot  
around Kandy for  
couple hours but  
rain also spilt  
this venture.  
down some shopping.

Streets cleaner &  
healthier than Colombo  
in appearance.

We left Vandy at  
4 p.m. for Colombo  
still raining. Passing  
lots of small billu  
rain clouds spilt  
pieces from the high  
hills. Passed hundreds  
of oxen carts  
with two small  
oxen laden with  
goods all the way  
to Colombo & at  
one place was  
held up for half  
hour for them to  
pass & just missed  
a nasty accident  
by "hair's" breadth  
between them.

half way home  
it grew perilously  
dark & could not  
see a foot in front  
but the native driver  
seem to see alright  
we were almost  
tired of travelling  
by this time & were  
looking for the  
lights of Colombo  
which we reached  
at 7.30 on 32 hours  
to get home that  
was 7 hrs in car  
too much, & the  
trip was spoilt  
by Rain, but there  
is no doubt  
Kandy tour is  
a very pretty  
one in good weather

Arrived at the jetty  
7:30 AM & boarded the  
lifter for the Moottan  
was fired & met so  
turned in early.

Sunday still  
anchored. Lot of  
people went ashore  
but I see a enough  
of shopping at  
Colombo so stayed  
on board it was  
fine for once. About  
five ships came  
in the morning  
the harbour was  
busy with shipping  
about eleven ships  
in all. Colombo  
is a pretty harbour  
We Colombo at 12  
for remanble.

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Colomba to Benampile  
Rain, wind like the  
devil' first two days  
monsoonal weather  
conditions. Crossed  
like 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11-30 AM.  
Games still on  
deck. Had concert  
on deck 2<sup>nd</sup> class  
other night. Played  
in jazz corners  
solo very good  
concert. Card games  
have begun. Lawn  
dress ball on Friday  
night. Cricket matches  
on boat deck today.  
gramophone still  
doing good work  
in the evenings on  
deck after dinner.

Won pillow fight on deck  
in the competitions.  
concert tonight 20<sup>th</sup> Sept  
presentations prizes &  
dance. Old time dance  
tomorrow after we leave  
Remante, great trip  
to date. Rather  
rough today. Passed  
Cocos Island some  
way off day, could  
see nice beach &  
plenty of growth  
plenty of amusing  
now. + nice ideal  
condition for weather  
is good now. Arrive  
Remante Tuesday ~~29<sup>th</sup>~~  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 6 a all  
passengers examined  
by doctor clean ship.



Landed about 10 a.m.  
Motor to Perth  
beautiful drive nice  
scenery. Did shopping  
in Perth. Met Paloro  
had lunch here like  
old times to be there,  
& there's no place like  
Australia after all.  
Received letters & wire.  
Went to Kings Park  
again. lovely views  
took some snaps.  
boarded boat at 6 a.m.  
but did not leave  
till midnight. Had  
tea at Fremantle  
Cafe & was decent  
after the ship's  
food taste & quite  
a treat. Had great  
fun there.

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22nd 10/6

~~London 10/3~~

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~~Miss Irene Gray~~  
~~Mr Barker. +~~

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~~Braken Hill. +~~

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~~Prospect. +~~

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~~Walsley. +~~

Don't forget

Colleen (Lester)

Jim. Newman