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52 Gen Hospital

-Salonica

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13 May. Carrying on as usual.

Special Malaria patients from 5043
49 + 29 transferred for special treatment
60 in all. Meet an old Aberystwythian
penkiri. Fairly busy all day.
Inspection by D.M. of 4 men.

14 Another fine day. Mail small.

Letter from V. J. Vrina & Annie to Phyl.
Write to poor Chas. Afternoon off
visit to boy where a Review is given
by the Camouflage. Fairly good
on the whole. Yet how empty.
That it seemed to relieve the
monotony of our life here.

15 Discharge. Fairly busy today.
Doing fairly well so far: nothing gone
wrong.

16 Easy day: off this afternoon.
Rumour of another change.

17 Discharge. A man inspected
by Colonel who made a foolish
speech. What can we expect from
the army when such scoundrel
men lead. Talk of Russianism
it is rampant in our midst.
We shall have to fight this demon
after the war is over. O England
who dost slay thy prophets!
Am told that I shall soon be left ye Gods!

18 Busy morning: all gone well.
Afternoon off. Sleep all the time.
Price & Davie call. Price on
tattketer as ever.

19 Sunday. Glorious day: But Oh
for the Sunday of Wales! How I long
to be at home with the folk who spend
it in the good old fashion way.
I am at work. Before me across
the road are officers & others

laughing & giggling playing tennis.
Yonder in France the boys are
breeding to death, what?
O tempo! O mores!

Still through the darkness of human
folly I see the glorious dawn
of the day of the Son of Man.

Wrote to Mabel, albeit with a
sad note. I could not help it.
He was my mood.

Shall go to service tonight when
I hope my drooping spirit shall be
revived. I hope the Duke will not
indulge in any of his gallery play
as he did last Sunday, when
he evidently spoke under a mistaken
conception of the kind of men whom
he had for a congregation.

Am told that my promotion to the
honourable rank of Lance Corporal

in His Majesty's Army will be
an accomplished fact. I hate
the idea. Everything that pertains
to the Army is hateful to me. Yet
what am I to do under the cir-
cumstances. Discretion is the
great of valours. A man is a fool
to court trouble. One gets that
easy enough in the Army.
It seems that more "A" men will
soon be transferred to the Infantry.
I wonder when my turn will come.
Yet I trust & believe I shall be saved
the trouble of fighting the Army.
I have much to be thankful
for. The hand of Providence is
clearly evident in my life. I
bow to Him gratefully.

Attend service: not knowing of Communion as
I missed it to my regret. Address on ^{hand}

"What do I lack". The subject acc. to the speaker was The Perfect Manhood. Manhood has 3 sides - physical, mental & spiritual. These 3 are essential to perfect manhood. By spiritual the speaker meant the refined in nature - the glow. This is impossible without religion. If a man has no respect for God & his worship he neither has respect for the good in man. So religion ~~is~~ is absolutely essential to a perfect manhood. Speaker severely criticized after the meeting - unjustly to my mind. The fact that men wear the cloak of religion & lack the "glow" does not affect the argument that a man who is truly devoted to recognize things divine also recognize goodness in man. The cloak is not the glow nor is it religion.

20. Monday. Glorious day. nothing of importance doing. after noon off. Read Quo Vadis. Walk as far as the Y. M. C. A. with G. & others. 10 men detailed for Infantry, among them Owen & Dallas. Saluting drill in the
21. Glorious day. Salute for 10 minutes 11:00. Why waste time with such trifling thing? Why wonder that we are so slow? Saluting is more essential than to find away out of the chaos. This is rank militarism. N.C.O charged with drunken is let off. If I happened to pass an officer without saluting him it would mean 17 Days C. B. What-fool we are. Rec. 2 letters from Pugh & one from Racher
22. ~~Wed~~ Fine morning. Saluting drill for 10 minutes. Fairly busy morning. Off for the afternoon. Thunder storm. Read Quo Vadis. 10 men leave for Infantry training. 10th arrive to replace them. 10 men go for Rest every week to Karabouwan.

23 Nothing of importance today. I yes.
I find myself belonging to the hateful
class of N.C.O's having been appointed Lt/Col
with pay with effect from 6 May 18.
How I hate! I wish I had never consented
yet under the circumstances what
could I do. So far all goes well; but
when I shall have to be responsible
for Sub etc I am afraid things will
go to pieces. Preparation for H.S.

24 Discharges: fairly busy. Pay parade.
Rec small parcel from Sherqon
with 9k Test: Fruit and Vadin.
Go for a stroll alone.

25 Saturday: busy today: several boards
etc. S.E. Davis treacherly boarded
offered. Have great surprise. My
old chum Rogers calls to see me
He is now on H.S. Bremer Castle -
has been here 6 times. I was

glad to see him. He looked well
& smiled a good deal. Met one of the
Welsh Unit, who has recently joined
us. ^{Deva} Ciceron Rennie at R.M. & D.
I suppose it was a good show.
But I can't say I enjoyed myself.
Make up was good. Some of the
singing splendid & great deal of humor
but there was much vulgar suggestion
running through the whole show &
is generally in the case in these
concerts. It is seen such a pity that
no concert given by two Soldiers
is complete without ^{out} the vulgar. It is
appalling that all parties Officers & other
men enjoy these suggestions. I blush
with shame for my fellows when I
think of this. Every sense of the beautiful
& refined is sacrificed today to suit
the low & vulgar taste of the mob.

Rec. letter from Mab with traps or from Anne
V.J. + Min. Davis & Hardayth's with a small
parcel.

26 Sunday. Fine breezy morning. Easy
nothing doing. What is young Thaffer
We have only 500 patients? Can't
go to service this morning. Hope to go
tonight. Afternoon off. Read a chapter of 9th Test.
Attend service. address on "Is it 9?"

Pls. Religion open out men's character - takes
one up to the highest. also reveals the
lowest, having achieved great things
are realize the depths he might fall.

27 Glorious day; letter from Mrs Lloyd & Rachel
all well at home. See Daver trench
& James. Both young on H.S. in the morning.
Lucky chaps!

Dinner to commemorate our landing in
& that in Salomka. Would that it
were celebrate our departure!

Had a splendid dinner: concert naturally
disappointing: vulgar stone said a very song.

C.O. said that we shall soon be going
westward.

28 Fine day; many complaining of sickness
Mant up: see letter from Rachel + V.J. + Mr. Harp.

29 Cool day: some inspection of Y. men.

Afternoon off: Daver calls from Sunnhill.
He feels that he would like to enter
the ministry. D. is a fine chap & as
sure he will do well.

Go for a stroll with March.

Rec letter from J.J. Phyl & Paper from John.

30 Cool & looks like rain. Big convoy
of ships in the morning.

31 Bitter cold & wet: some discharges

1st June: Fine & fresh after the rain but muddy.

Busy in the morning: afternoon off: Do some
washing: Take a walk through the golden corn-

fields with Sterling. A glorious evening
fine sunset. Return to camp: sleep with mosquito
nets. D.M.O. inspect all beds to see if nets
are used.

2nd Sunday: Work as usual in the morning
2 more dysentery cases in hospital making
a total of 4 for the week. Fresh wind blowing
early afternoon. Write to Mirafon & to Miss
Brown.

Attend Communion Service. few present.
are no doubt to the favour of patients.
Called out from service by George Kincaid
who is in trouble again. To be appear
before Tribunal next Thursday. Try
to state his case on paper.

3 Fine day. Inspection of 4 men.
Nothing much doing. Off in the afternoon
have photo taken with Tring & Pickup.

Receive letter from Mahel & one from
D. Griffiths who is still free & bitterly
criticises the Gov. He is obviously right
& thoroughly agree with his remarks.
He is free to state them I am gaged!

Wrote to Mahel & requested two lines
of Welsh poetry for which my letter
was sent to the Base Censor.
What will he say? wonder!

4. Busy morning: visit Salomika with March
in the afternoon: The town full of all sorts
of men, soldiers of all nations: visit various
shops but see nothing but toys for which
exorbitant prices were charged.
Manage to gain admission to the
ancient St George Church which is being
renovated & excavation going on. Did not
get time to see all. Saw 3 Sikh funerals
including apparently one of an officer
judging by the many officers present.

Arrive back in camp about 7 p.m.
Call roll. Martin has words with one of the
men when he threatens for A.R. swears
me for witness.

5th Gloomy morning: Martin drops the case
good thing for him. Rumours of Greeks
taking Rupert Pass: not likely. Men
return from change of Air Camp. Reports
not over favourable: had plenty of work
to do.

Write to O.G. Inoculated for Cholera for
the second time.

Raining day. 3 men leave for Blythe;

6th Fine day after the rain. Nothing
much to do. Saw boats in again.

Write to Mr R. Morgan. Re letter E1
who is in hospital again

7th Glorious day. Easy day. Pay off in the afternoon
Showers & rain in the evening prevent my
going for my usual walk.

8 Saturday July morning: Rec letter from
Mabel & one from Queen. Paper from Abeyon
Wants to Jones. Talk of settling up some
men who sent to other hospital for the
summer. Take a stroll with Duke
March - enjoyable walk.
Sleep out - good night: rest.

9 Sunday: Fine cool breeze blowing.
Sgt Brooks & Staff Fletcher going on leave
to 33 Stat P for 5 days. My afternoon off.
Attend service at 7.15. Singing good: sermon
disappointing. Subject - forgiveness.

Poult: That Christ taught general forgiveness is
incorrect. He taught that we should
forgive those who know no better,
referring to the incident of the cross,
But Christ did not teach that we should
forgive those who sin knowingly.
He did not forgive the Pharisees but denounce
them