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DIARY OF  
CORP. J. T. MORGAN  
Volunteer Coy., Welch Regt.  
January 31st - November 27th 1900

## INTRODUCTION

This is a copy, as exact as possible, of the diary written by Corp. J. T. Morgan of one of the Volunteer Companies which went out to fight with the 1st Battalion, Welch Regt., during the South African War of 1899 - 1902. The diary was written while he was on active service during the War.

The typed layout is exactly the same as that of the original diary. The original punctuation and spelling is also retained.

Certain words and letters cannot be accurately deciphered due to poor hand writing. These words are marked thus \*.

This copy is divided into 2 parts and an appendix.

Part I - The Diary

Part 2 - Schedule of Duty Rotas and Regulations  
(at back of original diary).

Appendix - I. Photocopies of 2 postal receipts and a pass  
which were found in the diary.

2. Route maps plotted from diary entries.

3. Photographs of the original diary and its  
case.

D I A R Y

Corp. J. T. Morgan  
7351

Vol: Ser, : Batt: Welsh Reg

Private Address

Glan Nant  
Bridgend  
Glam  
South Wales

No of Equipment  
1132

Joined Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1900

Pay 2/2

Members of Section

		<u>Left at</u>
1.	Sergt. E. J. Benallick	
2.	Corp. J. T. Morgan	Bloemfontein
	Stores	
3.	Priv. A.-G.-Burgess	Orderly
4.	Sick" A.-Graeker	Cardiff
5.	" W. Ambury ~	
6.	" Geo. Ambury	
7.	L.C." W. H. Morgan	Roodewal
8.	Sick" F.-J.-Hughes	Hospital
9.	Sick" D.-J.-Davies	Pretoria
10.	" J. Williams	Orderly
11.	" M. Francis	Police
12.	" J. Holwill	Orderly
13.	" J. Hunt -	
14.	" T. Hunt -	
15.	" E. Loveluck -	
16.	Sick" A.-E.-John	Bloemfontein
17.	Railway J.-T.-Price	Johannesbg

B.-Hansen\*

Orderly

Left at

Priv.	W. Morgan	} -	
Sick	W.-Lewis		
Railway	W.-Hawker	-	Johannesbg
Railway	W.-H.-Jones		Johannesbg
"	C. H. Dawes	-	
Stores	J.-Jones		Capetown
"	W. Evans	-	
Railway	H.-D.-Jones		Johannes bg
Sick	D.-Wagstaff		Pretoria
	W. <u>John</u>		
	Ambury		
	Ball		
	Beynon		
	Burgess		
	Bushell		
	Carter	-	
	Codd, -Hospital		
	W.E. Thomas		

Sergeants' mess  
fatigue roll  
Greek

Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pay 10/-
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Went to Cardiff
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Home on pass . 16/8
Feb 13 ,	Inspection by Col. Luirk
Feb 14	Started from Cardiff at 7.30 On board at Southampton H.M.S. Greek at 2 o'clock
Feb 15	Very rough weather
" 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bay of Biscay Rough Saw some flying fish On guard 24 hrs.
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Still rough
Sun, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Church parade on troop deck
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cast anchor at Teneriffe at 6 o'clock Remained there 6 hrs. Buying fruit, tabacco, etc. Pretty town in the hollow of a bay. Snow to be seen in the distance. Attended funeral of Corp. Gough. Terribly hot, awnings erected. Saw female first time for a week.

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Inoculated against  
enteric fever by the doctor

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Getting on all right though  
some are very bad, unconscious  
etc. Attended church parade  
on troop deck, for' ard. Passed  
Cape Verd. Saw some whales.

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Crossed the line of the  
Equater in the morning. Father  
Neptune and his satellites  
came on board after  
dinner and baptized the  
officers and crew alike.  
Fine sport and all got a  
wetting winding up with tug  
of war. S.W.B. winning.

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Washing day

Thurs St. David's Day. Concert on  
board all the Welsh wearing a leek



Mar <u>3<sup>rd</sup></u> Sat.	Paid    £    s    d 2..2..3
<u>Mar 9<sup>th</sup></u> Frid	Arrived at Table Bay, outside Cape Town. Table Mountain in the distance, very high
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat.	First day at Cape Town
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Had a look at Cape Town last night. A fine place, very big buildings, very hot, at night very cold. Leaving everything behind here except small articles that we wrap in overcoat.
Mon <u>12<sup>th</sup></u> <sub>II</sub>	Started by train at 10.00 pm for Fraserburg on lines of communication
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mounted first guard in the colony
Tues <u>14<sup>th</sup></u> <sub>II</sub>	Arrived at Fraserburg Rd and pitched tents on lines of communication after 26 hrs riding
Frid 16 <sup>th</sup>	Station picket
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Guard on the camp 11 men

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Saw two red cross trains full of wounded from the front and a sad night it was. Also train load of Free State prisoners well guarded. The guards had loaded rifles and fixed bayonets. Thousands of horses, mules and troops go through daily to the front. Also ammunition wagons, guns and carriages, stores and all kinds of army transport

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Started out to attack a kopje (sham fight) and after 3 hrs fighting we took it with the bayonet. Coming back we formed the advance guard of an army under Lieut Gaskele and managed fairly well  
Fraserburg Rd is only a

small station consisting of about 10 Kaffir kraals, the tenants of which are employed on the railway under Government, and one or two English and Dutch live here as well. About 70 miles off is the town of Fraserburg which contains about 3,000 rebels who on the slightest chance would take up arms. There are two bridges here which we have to guard and they have attempted to blow up one before we came. Plenty of jackals about in the night and when on guard you can see them skulking about the outside of the camp. They are about the size of a dog sheep dog. There are also plenty of lizards about the place

We are allowed no communication  
with anyone under a heavy penalty  
but there are several little Kaffir  
boys washing our things for us  
We were presented with a fine goat  
by the Colonial Volunteers before  
they left which we named Taffy  
on the spot. The usual conveyance  
about this barren country is a  
light trap drawn by very thin  
wiry horses who do about 6 miles an hour  
For heavy loads, oxen or donkeys  
are used about 18 or 20 in a team  
they go about 3 miles an hour.  
We are on the edge of the great  
Karoo desert and sometimes a  
sand storm~~s~~ comes along and  
fills every thing eyes, nose ears  
and all. We pay 3<sup>d</sup> for a candle

1/- for a tin of salmon, and other things in proportion, the only cheap things being grapes and we have any amount of them. A peculiar feature is the immense herds of sheep and goats that are driven about from place to place to feed. There has been no rain here for 18 mths. and very little for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years.

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Stormed two kopje's (sham fight)  
 Shook hands with Kipling. 14 miles  
 Mounted guard on camp: 9 men  
 Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Posted outposts on kopje.  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Mounted bridge guard 6 men  
 Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Railway picket. 500 refugees  
 returning home to Kimberley, etc.  
 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Camp guard 9 men  
 Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Pay credit £2..18.1

ft.ins  
 Killed snake 5.3 cobra in a house

Sat Apr 7.<sup>th</sup> Sentry on the bridge  
fired at a bush in mistake for a man  
Received cake and grapes from train  
Heavy rain the most they have had  
for 5 years. The lightning was  
something terrible and lasted  
for a couple of days

Thurs, Apr, 13<sup>th</sup> Duke of Westminster passed\*

Good Friday Camp guard 12 men

Sat. Picket. S.W.B. played a  
football match against us Pay. 1 £

Frid 20<sup>th</sup> Station picket. Lady  
Roberts and daughter's passed

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Pay  $\begin{matrix} \text{£} & \text{s} & \text{d} \\ & 4 & 15 & 7 \end{matrix}$

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Left Fraserburg Rd at 11 pm. on  
Tuesday. Got stuck on the line by  
locusts which got under the engine. A  
schoolmistress rode on to the next station  
for assistance. We reached De Aar  
at 9 pm on Wed and Nausport\* at 3am

on Thurs. Arundel at 7 am. Norvals Pont  
at 11 am. Crossed Orange River at  
1.45 on Thurs. Entered Free State.  
About 250 of us had to ride on the top of  
loaded trucks a distance of about 500  
miles from Norvals Pont to Bloomfontien  
a journey which took about 16 hours  
Passed several ostrich farms etc. on the way  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Frid Arrived at Bloomfontien,  
at 5 am. Saw convoy bringing prisoners  
in from Wepener\*, 6 miles of artillery and  
cavalry. A.E. Johns taken ill on the  
journey lay on platform all day. Put in  
hospital (Industrial Home) dysentery  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Sat, Bivouacked out. All  
shops shut. No beer to be served out to troops  
No one allowed to enter or leave town  
without pass. No one allowed in the  
street after eight at night. Big town  
Open market. No Dutchmen to be  
seen, except women and natives

No one allowed to ride bycycle or horse without pass. A swarm of locusts, millions of them passed the air black in all directions. Took half an hour to pass.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Sun, Left Bloomfontien at 8 am.

Rode on loaded trucks to Brandfort 40 miles off. Arrived at 12 am. A big battle fought here 2 days before 150 Boers killed. Pretty town but deserted. Convoys carrying provisions passing all day. Hundreds of oxen and waggons with escort, going to the front.

May 7<sup>th</sup> Mon Started at 3 am. to escort convoy of provisions to the front. 28 miles Arrived at Vet River at 10.30<sub>pm</sub> and glad to get there too.

May 8<sup>th</sup> Tues French's division passed in a column about 6 miles long. A



grand sight here is the bridge  
crossing the Vet River 4 spans of which  
have been totally wrecked, about 400 ft.

Hundreds of men engaged in making  
loop line under the direction of R. E.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Wed. Helping to construct

railway. No more infantry to  
go forward, until the line is complete

A convoy passed with 100 waggons  
drawn by 1,600 bullocks which took  
5 hrs to pass. No bread to be had.

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Finished loop line. Tobacco 1/4 per lb  
Matches 6<sup>d</sup> per box. Candles 6<sup>d</sup> each. Soap 6<sup>d</sup> per  
tablet. Free Staters coming in daily  
with arms.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Frid. Started from Vet River at  
10 am. Smaldeel at 12 am. No food to be  
bought at this place for money.

We have had no bread May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
only biscuits.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Sat. Arrived at Sand River last night. Started work on loop line this morning. Laying this line very quickly, about a mile a day on an average. About 500 Basutos under one of their chiefs employed here carrying rails etc. Very queerly dressed and kicking up a devil of a row. About 300 ft. 3 spans of this bridge blown up also one of the stone pillars. Dozens of prisoners going south daily. A Dutchman at Vet River who had been given a farm close to camp by Kitchener, was found to have concealed 19 rifles under the floor, and he was sent south. Pathetic scene parting with his daughters. Provisions despatched very quickly

to the front straight from the trucks to the convoy and off. Paid 1/- for small loaf and glad to get it

May 20<sup>th</sup> Sun, Started with convoy at 3 pm for Kroonstat. Crossed Sand river by a very steep drift and camped other side. Joined by party of Welsh regt. going to the front. 500 Boers reported in the neighbourhood

May 21<sup>st</sup> Mon Started again at 3 am Bitter cold weather. Water freezing overnight. Stopped at Reit River. Bridge blown to pieces. Diamond mines in the district. Started at 3 pm Outspanned at Ventusburg Rd. Slept alongside some freshly made graves. Off at 3 am

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Tues. Stopped at Geneva Siding

\*\*May 23<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Arrived at Kroonstadt after marching all night about 20 mls\* 40 miles to this place from Sand River

**\*\*Note:**

On this date a parcel was posted to Corp. J. T. Morgan from Glamorgan, Wales. See Appendix.

J. G. Phillips

V. Thomas

Garret

Button

Codd

Ambury John

Ambury Loveluck

Davies Lewis

Davies Morgan

Evans Price

Francis Williams

Hughes Wigstaff

Hawker

Holwill

Hunt \_\_\_\_\_

Hunt

Jones

Jones

Defaulters

G. H. Nott

G. James

B. Beynon

T. Ace

G. Ambrey

Cooksley

Codd

Burgess

Benallick

G. Thomas

J. James

H. Morgan

T. J. Hughes

J. B. John

Smith \_\_\_\_\_

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Kroonstadt is a small town with about 6000 inhabitants. English style of houses the most of them. Nothing to be bought here for money as all the shops are empty. Bought a loaf for 1/-. Several houses burnt down here. Started again at 4 pm. 60 miles  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs. ~~Started again at 4 pm~~ 70 miles  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Frid Arrived at Roodewall 76 miles  
Lost haversack containing rations, etc.  
Rail end, About 300 waggons with about 5,000 oxen waiting for first train with provisions to arrive.  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Bridges blown up all the way  
Miles of rails torn up. Engine houses and storage tanks blown to atoms.  
Terrible destruction all along.  
Had cheese for first time dealt out  
Rations all along consists of 5 biscuits

and 1lb of bully beef with  $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of  
jam every second day and coffee, 90 miles  
and what we commandeered as well.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Vrieburgh. Distance 112 miles

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Within 3 miles of Vaal River. 135 mls  
Boers reported behind. Attacked a convoy.  
Sighted Boers on the kopje, about 200.  
First view of Transvaal. Waggon  
stuck. Oxen done up. A h- of a trip  
today. Glad to get to camp.  
Collieries in the district.

Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> Stopped at Viljoen on the banks  
of the river. No troops to go forward. 145

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Company to furnish working party  
of 50 men to work on deviation and a  
picquet of 20 men daily. We have come  
within 10 miles of the column and  
would catch up tomorrow if  
allowed to go forward. Great

dissatis faction among the men almost refusing to go to work, Lieut Gaskell started last night on a bicycle to catch up the Regt. nominally for letters but really to see if we cannot go forward but it will be of no use as the order to stop all troops to work on the line is from Kitchener. We started to work this morning and we were starting to take our boots and stockings off when the alarm was given, the outposts having seen a party of the enemy approaching. It is known that a party of Boers are in the neighbourhood as they attempted to attack a convoy some miles back. We hurried

Sun. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Whit Sunday. We got up at 5 am to pack up as we received orders last night to proceed up country by train this morning. We crossed the Vaal and got to the station by 8 am. and lay there all day until 5 pm, waiting for the train. Flocks of vultures about, which shows that a battle is proceeding, so the old hands tell us, though we cannot hear firing. There are some wags in this country, as on the station walls here is written, "Lord Roberts. Please take care of this property as it belongs to Kruger," and on another house "Why did you leave me" The name of this station is Verunin\*. All the houses empty but we found a piano in one, so we kept up Whit Sunday to the best of our ability



for a train and of course we are not allowed in the town. All the railway officials are soldiers. Our dinner today is bread & cheese. Went up town and found that the big shops were all closed and prices very high in the small ones. 2/6 for a tin of milk and 4/6 a pound ~~for~~ tea. Official proclamations all over the place. No one over 16 allowed in town without pass, no one to ride bicycle or horse except troops, no natives in the town only those employed by Gov. The streets to be empty by 8 pm. No jewellers or pawnbrokers to be opened, no beer to be sold, and a strong guard over all banks and public buildings. Slept here all night under the electric light.

meat and  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of flour.

Frid 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade  
gone out. Took 3 hrs to pass  
Enemy commenced shelling the  
camp about 11 am. Orders given  
to stand to arms. Big naval  
guns drawn by 50 men apiece  
took up position on a kopje  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away and  
soon shifted them, one  
shell dropped right in  
their midst making them  
retire immediately.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Vol. Coy inspected by Pole-  
Carew the commander of the  
brigade. He explained to us  
that he had tried his best  
to get us up to join the Regt.  
but the engineers had

asked to keep us, so in the end Lord Roberts issued a special permit to allow us to come through. Col. Bamfyeld then inspected us and told us that we might still see a little fighting, but he thought it was nearly all over now, and he also complimented us on our marching.

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Outpost duty last night, about 3 miles from the enemy's lines. Church parade with the Brigade between 3 and 4 thousand of us. Very nice service and the parson said the war was very nearly over. Lord Robert's orders

We went to church with rifles

were read out to us this morning  
He complemented all ranks  
on their work, and stated that  
the 18<sup>th</sup> Brigade had marched  
600 miles from Graspan,  
and the C.T.V.'s 514 miles in  
51 days, with no spell two days  
in succession and engaged  
the enemy no fewer than  
26 times.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>. Marched out at 7 am.  
Extended for attack at once  
Found the enemy and fired  
first shot at 10 am. Vols. made  
up the reserve. Naval guns  
fired at intervals during the  
day. Returned to farmhouse  
owned by Englishman at

5 pm to guard that, Bennet\*  
Burlugh War correspondent  
passed. Lovely English  
garden here

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Moved out at 9 am. Took  
up position about 2 miles from  
Boer trenches. Vol. formed firing  
line. Enemy bombarded by  
artillery all day long from  
front and flank, the shells  
passing over our heads

Much

damage done apparently as  
every shell bursts in the  
gully\* where the enemy are.  
Flag of truce borne by  
officials\* from Pretoria  
came in. They have been  
to interview Kruger. This  
is written in moonlight

after returning from patrol  
of outposts.

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March 1891 Marched out at 7 am to another  
position about 7 miles off to the right  
Three companies advanced, including  
ourselves to a kopje about 2 miles ahead  
Found the enemy had retired during  
the night. Joined the main body  
at sundown. Half rations and raw meat.

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Day's rest. Same rations

Frid 15<sup>th</sup> Left Trueman's Farm at 9 am.  
Camped about 2 miles from Pretoria

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Rest and kit inspection

Pay 1 £

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Church Parade about 3000 men  
Pay 1 £ and a Kruger one at that.

The following order by Lord Roberts  
was read out to the troops  
In congratulating the British  
army in S. Africa on the occupation

of Johannesburg & Pretoria the one being the principal town and the other the capital of the Transvaal, and also on the Relief of Mafeking after an heroic defence of over 200 days the field marshal desires to place on record his high appreciation of the gallantry and endurance displayed by the troops, both those who have taken part in the advance and those who have been employed in the less arduous duty of protecting the lines of communication through the Orange River Colony

(1) After the force reached Bloomfontien on the 13<sup>th</sup> March it was necessary to halt there

for a certain period. Through railway communication had to be restored with Cape Colony\* before supplies could be got up from the base. The rapid advance from the Modder River, and the want of forage en route had told hardly on the horses and to replace cavalry a considerable number of somaira\* had to be provided. Throughout the 6 wks the army remained halted at Bloemfontein the enemy shewed considerable activity but by the beginning of May every thing was ready for a further advance and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of that month active operations were again commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. Kroonstad where Mr\*



Sleyrn\* had established the so called  
govt of the O. V. S was entered on  
the 31<sup>st</sup> May. Johannesbg was occupied  
γ on the 5<sup>th</sup> June the British flag  
waved over Pretoria during these  
35 day the main body marched  
300 miles including 15 day halt  
γ engaged the enemy on 6 different  
occasions the column under Ian  
Hamilton marched 400 miles in  
45 days including 10 day halt  
γ engaged the enemy 28 times  
The Flying Column under Malion\*  
which relieved Mafeking marched  
15 miles a day for 14 consecutive  
days γ succesfully accomplished  
this object\* in spite of the determind  
opposition of the enemy dur. The  
newly raised Batn of CIV<sup>S</sup> marched

500 miles in 51 days only once  
having 2 consecutive days halt  
& took part in 26 engagements  
with the enemy

During the recent operations the  
sudden variations in temperature  
between the warm sun in the day  
& the bitter cold at night has been  
particularly trying to the troops  
and owing to the necessity for  
rapid movement soldiers frequently  
had to bivouac after long and  
trying marches without firewood  
& scanty rations

The cheerful spirit with which  
difficulties have been overcome are  
deserving of the highest praise  
in thanking all ranks for their  
successful efforts to obtain the

object in view Lord Roberts is proud to think that the soldiers under his command have worthily upheld the traditions of her Majesty's Army in fighting in marching & in the admirable discipline which has been maintained throughout a period of no ordinary trial & difficulty

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> All passes stopped  
Probably making a move soon-

Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Started out again from Pretoria in the same direction as before. Camped for the night. about 12 miles out. Rained heavily all night and blankets wet from the night before but fairly comfortable in the bivouacs

Frid 22<sup>nd</sup> Camped at Mark's Drift.

Near the site of the former camp at Donkeruist. Route march of 10 miles for exercise after marching for 6 months, at about 10 or 15 miles per day.

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Started out to a fresh camp about 3 miles from here.

Dodging the fever as the men say

Four of us left behind on guard.

Got some bread at 1/6 per loaf 11lb. weight

Veldt got on fire and as we had some

timber to guard we had a lively

time no doubt. It was about a mile wide

but we put some zinc sheets down and

stopped it that way.

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Received mails. The first

since Vet River. De Wet collared

the rest. Received 18 letters & parcels

Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Outpost duty

on adjacent kopjes

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Board of inquiry  
about a lost haversack.

Prisoner was remanded. J. T.

Sun. July 1<sup>st</sup> Gen. French passed.

\*\*Had a pass to Pretoria. Hundreds  
of families with their luggage  
leaving the town. Town is quiet  
Military police mounted patrolling  
the town. Saw a fire there.  
Bread 1/- loaf. Rice 6<sup>d</sup>. Sugar 6<sup>d</sup>  
Dinner 2/6. Rode there and back  
in the usual soldiers carrying\*  
trucks. Stopped at a house  
on the side of the line and  
made the tenant pack up  
and clear out right away for  
Holland.  
Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Received more mails  
tobacco etc.

\*\* NOTE:

This pass is shown in the appendix.

\*\*Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> More mails. tobacco, papers

Some dated 6 weeks back and torn

Wed. 4<sup>th</sup>. Still at Pruemer's\* Poort,\*

Eerste Fabriken. Moved into

winter quarters, that is zinc huts

about 2 ft high on the sides and

accomodating 20 men apiece

Found it much warmer than

bivouacs, and cosier than outside

Thurs-5<sup>th</sup> Sat The enemy are about

15 miles away and are being

surrounded, our division

forming part of the circle. We

stand to arms at 4 am and stay

out until 7 am in case the enemy

try to break through at daybreaks

any morning. The naval guns

are close in front of us and

from their position we can see

\*\* NOTE:

On this date a Registered Postal Packet was  
sent by Corp. J. T. Morgan to Glamorgan, Wales.

See Appendix.

the enemy's outposts. We hear  
 sniping every day and scouts  
 come in daily and report sniping  
 A strong force of artillery go out  
 daily with an escort and take  
 up a position so we may fight  
 any day. Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Pay 2 £  
 Balance £2.16..1  
 Sat. July 7<sup>th</sup> Waiting company of völs  
 and our own sick men joined us  
 Sund. 8<sup>th</sup> Outpost duty, observation  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Heard of the death of J. Ball  
 the first of our company to die  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> G. O. C. guard of six men  
 on the house of Gen. Pole- Carew and  
 Gen. Stephenson at Eerste Fabriken  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Moved to another camp at Gun  
 Hill about three miles nearer the Boers  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Archie Hutchins was in camp  
 Saw Sergt. Macnamara, signaller

Heavy artillery fight about three miles to our left. Enemy tried to take Waterfal, but were repulsed

Frid 13<sup>th</sup> Outpost last night.

Great excitement, expecting an attack during the night. Standing to arms at daybreak, and lying alongside them all night

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Outpost duty. Reconnoitering patrol last night around the Kaffir kraals

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> Heavy artillery duel\* close by the enemy attempted to mount a gun overlooking our camp but the siege gun in front of us and two naval guns and some field artillery soon shifted it.

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Outpost duty. Sniping going on continually.

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Moved to another camp



at Prenaarspoort.

- Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Moved to Elards River
- Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> Moved to Bronkersprint
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Took up position about a mile from station. Making sangars all day. Alarm given. Outpost all night. Heavy rain. Wet through Column moved out. Welsh left behind on lines of communication
- Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> Went by train to a bridge to guard it as another bridge had been blown up about ten minutes in front of the column.
- Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Half company moved to top of a kopje for outpost duty.
- Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Outpost duty. One night on and one night off.
- Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Party of ours fired on  
They returned the fire at 1,200 yds

Wed Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Sergt. Benallick left the  
company to work on the railway. I was  
promoted acting-sergeant in his place  
and Ned Loveluck full corporal in mine  
Paid 9<sup>d</sup> per lb for sugar. Ned ill for  
two days with a strain

Thurs. Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Credit £: s: d  
5..15..1

Mon. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday. Outpost  
duty. Sunday night and Monday.

Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> Party of the enemy about 50 strong  
fired at passing trains. Plainly  
visible from the kopje but unable

to attack <sup>them</sup> as they were mounted.

They killed 1 man and wounded two  
in the train, and made a hole in  
the water tank of engine. Horses shot

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Left the kopje for Bronkhurst  
Station to join the battalion

16<sup>th</sup> Funeral of a private (the

son of a parson) who died through  
drinking rum, which he had  
stolen. A 9 gallon cask was  
taken and drunk between ten men  
Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Marched to Balmoral  
17 miles with a heavy load too  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Marched to Brugsprut  
12 miles. Battion\* guard 24 hrs  
19 prisoners 14 of them courtmartial  
Orders to be careful about  
snakes read out. If bitten cut  
the piece out at once.  
Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Marched to Oliphant's  
River 11 miles. Received mails in  
answer to Pretoria letters  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Marched to Middleburg  
15 miles. Very pretty town.  
Important centre, English  
people. No firewood to cook  
grub with and none for the cooks

Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Marched to Pan 12 miles

Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> Marched to Wonderfontien

15 miles. Water 4 miles off. No wood

Rail head. Big camp. Buller

twenty miles to our right. Two

divisions here

Frid 23<sup>rd</sup> Marched to <sup>Belfast</sup> Glasgow

16 miles. The enemy to be seen

leaving the town in large numbers

on horsebacks as we approached

35 wounded in the attack.

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Heavy fighting all

day. Enemy about two miles off,

and returning our fire. Many

wounded by shrapnel.

Mails today. First from home since

July 1<sup>st</sup>. Narrow shave by a bullet.

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Heavy artillery fire all day.

Church parade in the afternoon. Guns

going all time. Half an hour after rifle fire was started and kept up as herd\*\* as possible until dark. Many casualties, men hit in camp whilst cooking. Our company on outpost about a mile from the enemy's trenches

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> At it all day again. Shells bursting close by. Heavy artillery fire. A patrol of H Co. snapped last night, walked into the trenches Sniping all night. Cheerful game

Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Reveille 4.15. Marched north all day I dont know how many miles

Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Marched all day again into the heat of the mountains, a flanking movement in conjunction with Buller and French. About 1000 waggons with us carrying provisions. Hundreds of cattle and mules dropping on the road. No grass or water, at times

\*\* hard ?

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Marched right into the mountains. Grand scenery. Hard marching I dont know how many miles or where we stopped at night. This is Helvetia

Frid 31<sup>st</sup> French released the prisoners at Reitsburg. A days halt here, Buller just in front. His camp can be seen plainly from here. Credit £..s d  
8.14.0

Sat Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Escorted convoy to Masadordop\* Passed right through French's camp Slept on the site of a former Boer camp Boer hospital here with females in attendance. Returned on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Battn. guard. 8 prisoners.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Outpost duty at 1 am.

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Started at 4 pm. for Waterfal Boven 10 miles

Wed. Days halt. Had a look around

Thurs Marched down the steepest hill

I have even seen three miles long  
12 men per waggon holding back  
and then 10 miles through Waterfal  
Londer to Nooit Gedacht, where the  
prisoners were confined in zinc huts  
enclosed space with barbed wire  
Started at 1 am. to Godwan Station  
Frid arrived at Elandhock, 12 miles.  
Started at 3 pm to Nulspruit  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Returned to Godwan Station  
Terribly rough country. We have dropped  
4000 ft. in three days and it is much warmer  
Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Two prisoners returned that were  
captured at Belfast. Well treated. 1800  
released at the same time at Nooit Gedacht  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Orderly Sergeant. Railway fatigue\*  
Did very well in the comandeering line  
one man got snapped taking 4 tins  
of Bacon

Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> 5/- paid in paper money to be spent in the cooks canteen.

Frid 21<sup>st</sup> Outpost on kopje with two twelve pounders. Enemy reported north. 6 Boer prisoners in camp say that the war is over, and that the enemy have burnt their Long Toms, and escaped over the border.

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Proclamation issued by Roberts says that Kruger & Reitz have escaped to Lorenzo Marquez and that he has 15,000 Boer prisoners altogether.

Frid 28<sup>th</sup> Finished outpost on kopje. Enemy reported to have set fire to all stores they left behind at Coomati Poort. Quantity of rolling stock captured. Credit 11.6.0

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Outpost duty on a kopje 4,000 ft above the camp. Took 5 hrs to get up luggage carried on mules. Clouds all



around us. Water three miles off.

Troops going back in trainloads. Good sign

Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> On duty. Rained for 24 hrs. and the lightning and thunder were terrible. No chance of drying next night. All Blankets wet.

Hundreds of troops going south daily

Frid 6<sup>th</sup> Twelve month today the ultimatum was sent to England by Kruger

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Received orders for England

Mon. Came off outpost duty. Pay 1£

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Left the kopje. ~~to-go-by-train~~

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Started at 11 am by train down

Slept at Waterfalboven.

Frid 13<sup>th</sup> Started at 3 am. Saw Gen

French starting after De Wett from

Macha dadorp, with cavalry, artillery etc

Train loaded with Guards ran off the

line just here. Any amount of graves

at Belfast after the fighting

500 of the enemy close by breaking  
up the line at every opportunity

Stopped the night at Witbank

Sat 1<sup>5th</sup>/<sub>4<sup>th</sup></sub> Arrived at Pretoria at 11 am.

Camped at Arcadia. Passes given to town

Town packed with military of all kinds

Sun. 1<sup>6th</sup>/<sub>5<sup>th</sup></sub> Pass to town. Went to Dutch church.

Grand singing. Women sit down all through  
the service. Men stand up to pray and sit  
down to sing. Most civilians in black.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Pass to town. Saw Tom Venn\*

Saw Kruger's house. New clothes etc.

Pay 2 £. Town fatigue. Tried for work

Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Quarter of an hour's notice to  
move. Went by train to Irtne\* at 7 pm

Expected attack.

Wed. 24<sup>th</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Marched to Olifants fontien

Enemy all around. Hot Shop

Patrol of 6 men and myself to  
 Kalfontien 8 miles at midnight.  
 Found station riddled with bullet holes  
 the enemy having attacked it the previous  
 night. Started back at day break and  
 found that we had been given up as  
 captured, by the Boers.

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Ordered to Pretoria for mails

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Went to Pretoria to see Capt  
 Fuller. Received answer to Lieut Williams  
 from Waterfaboven, by wire. Alarm

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Went to Pretoria to see Capt Fuller,

Mounted patrol of three men  
 captured at the next station. One shot.

Pay 2 £. Our patrol fired on

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Frid. Pass to Johannesburg  
 to look for work on J. M. R. Rained  
 for three days and nights

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Went to Johannesburg and  
 obtained employment. Pay 2 £

7..3..7

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Went to Johannesburg to work.

Paid all account's up to date

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Obtained quarters etc.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Started at new quarters

on J. M. Railway at Johannesburg

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Received £5 bounty

and discharge from the army

with character marked excellent

an am now a civillian once

more, after 10 months and a few

days in H. M. army, nine

months of which were spent on

active service in South Africa

in the year 1900.

SCHEDULE OF  
DUTY ROTAS  
& REGULATIONS

Corporal J. T. Morgan

7351

Vol: S. Bat : Welsh Regt.

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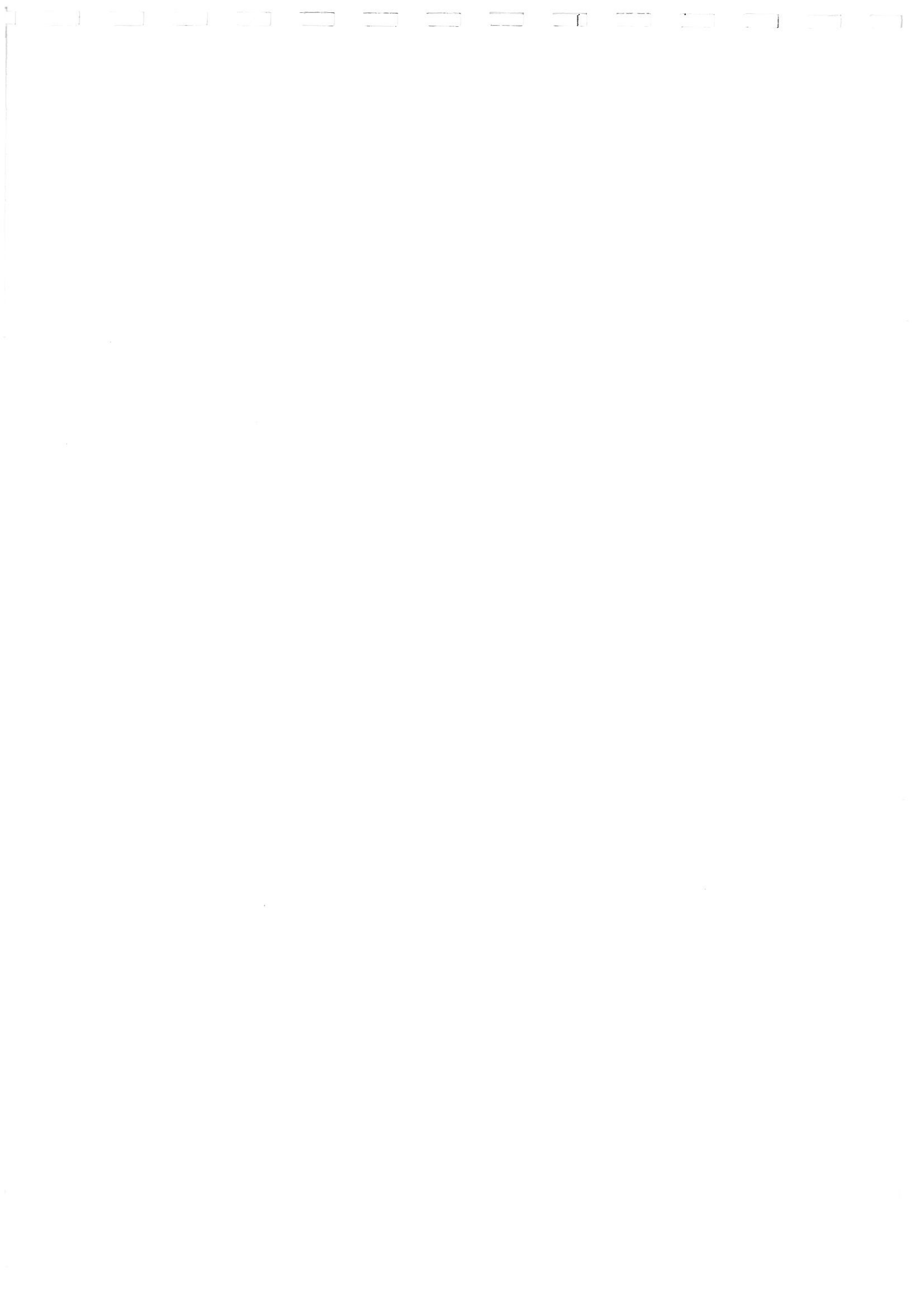
Bridgend

Glamorgan

South Wales)

Rifle  
No. of Equipment

1132



7414	X	Pte	Down	F	507	
7329	X	"	Evans	D	564	2 pair
7354	X	"	Evans	N.	101	
7364	X	"	Francis	A M	487	
7415	X	"	Fussell	S. W.	508	
7387		"	Garret	G	201	-
7330	X	"	Gough	W <sup>n</sup>	33	
7416	X	"	Gorvir	W L	509	
7417	X	"	Griffiths	R	510	
7418	X	"	Groyn	A. T.	511	
7355	X	"	Hawker	W.	103	-
7365	X	"	Holwill	Jas	492	-
7366	X	"	Hughes	T J	488	
7374	X	"	Hunt	John	1114	-
7473	X	"	Hunt	Thos	1113	+/
7419	X	"	Huntly	R. C	512	
7331	X	"	James	Geo	420	+/
7332	X	"	James	John	319	-
7349	X	"	John	A E	1134	+/



7420	X "	John	J B	513	
7333	X "	John	J W.	103	-
7334	"	John	L H	529	-
7371	X "	Johns	W	1118	-
7335	X "	Jones	D <sup>d</sup>	546	
7388	X "	Jones	E	851	-
7421	X "	Jones	G H	514	/
7356	X "	Jones	H D	102	
7389	"	Jones	H P.	534	/
7358	- "	Jones	J	105	/
7357	X "	Jones	W. H	108	/
7422	"	Jones	W	515	
7423	"	Joyce	W <sup>m</sup>	516	
7403	X "	Landers	J	899	
9424	X "	Leaker	A G.	517	
7390	X "	Lewis	J. E.	635	
7392	X "	Lewis	W <sup>m</sup>	1117	x
7350	X "	Loveluck	E	1133	
7336	X "	Matthias	M	207	



33	<del>5/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	36	5.7	271
22	<del>8/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	6.0 $\frac{1}{4}$	632
27	<del>1/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	37	5.9 $\frac{1}{8}$	187
21		1	NO	C of E	34	5.5 $\frac{1}{4}$	1200
20	<del>5/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	33	5.1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1226
22		1	NO	C of E	34 $\frac{3}{4}$	5.6 $\frac{3}{8}$	445
25	<del>6/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.5	333
21	<del>8/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	37	5.6 $\frac{1}{4}$	934
25		1	NO	Wes	38	5.7 $\frac{1}{4}$	1043
20	<del>6/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	35	5.8	1291
20	<del>11/12</del>	1	Yes	C of E	33	5.4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1596
20	<del>8/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	35	6.1	1297
22	<del>7/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.7 $\frac{1}{4}$	1359
22	<del>9/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1212



68	21	<del>3</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Cong	34	5.8	38
	22	<del>11</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	36	5.9	201
	22	<del>9</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Wes	35	5.7 $\frac{1}{4}$	851
	22		1	NO	C of E	36	5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	534
	24	<del>3</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.4	899
	26	<del>4</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	35	5.8	635
	34	<del>10</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Pres	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.7	637
	26		1	NO	R. C.	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.9 $\frac{1}{4}$	1694
	32		1	NO	C of E	36	5.9 $\frac{3}{4}$	132
	23	<del>4</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO				812
	30	<del>3</del> / <del>12</del>	1	Yes	C of E	32	5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1696
	32	<del>3</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	33	5.4	1695
	23	<del>11</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Meth	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.9 $\frac{3}{4}$	923
	24	<del>10</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	35	5.4	1213
	24		1	NO	C of E	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	931
	20	<del>1</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	O. P.	34	5.6	1956
	21	<del>2</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	33	5.4 $\frac{1}{2}$	208



25	<del>5/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.8	<del>932</del> 1048
24	<del>7/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.5	932
19	<del>6/12</del>	Yes	C of E	37	5.7	16	501
23	<del>2/12</del>	NO	C of E	36	6.1	1	502
21	<del>10/12</del>	NO	Pres	34	5.9	1	503
21	<del>10/12</del>	NO	O. P	34	5.8	1	504
22	<del>8/12</del>	NO	O. P.	35	6.1	1	505
20	<del>5/12</del>	NO	O P	36	5.3	1	506
21	<del>2/12</del>	NO	O. P	34	5.3	1	507
20	<del>10/12</del>	NO	O. P	35	5.5	1	508
24	<del>1/12</del>	NO	C of E	33	5.5	1	509
30		NO	<del>O P</del> O P	33	5.5	1	510
22	<del>3/12</del>	NO	C of E	33	5.4	1	511
23	<del>9/12</del>	NO	C of E	39	5.7	1	512

Extended to 21





24	<del>8/12</del>	NO	C of E	38	5.8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	513
20	<del>10/12</del>	NO	O. P	33	5.4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	514
28	<del>9/12</del>	NO	O. P	34	5.6	1	515
25	<del>11/12</del>	NO	O. P	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	516
24	<del>11/12</del>	NO	O. P	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.5 $\frac{3}{8}$	1	517
22	<del>7/12</del>	NO	C of E	34	5.3 $\frac{3}{8}$	1	519
27	<del>1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></del>	NO	O P	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	5.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	518
22	<del>7/12</del>	NO	O P	33	5.5 $\frac{3}{8}$	1	520
22	<del>8/12</del>	NO	C of E	34	5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	522
24	<del>9/12</del>	NO	C of E	33 $\frac{1}{4}$	5.4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	521
23	<del>8/12</del>	NO	O P	33	5.7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	523
20	<del>1/12</del>	NO	C of E	33	5.5 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	524
33	<del>7/12</del>	NO	C of E	37	5.7 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	525
20	<del>1/12</del>	NO	O P	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	527
26	<del>11/12</del>	NO	O P	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	528



20	<del>5</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.4 $\frac{1}{2}$	529
21	<del>7</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Bap	36	5.4 $\frac{1}{4}$	546
24	<del>3</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Wes	34	5.5	207
22	<del>2</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.8 $\frac{1}{4}$	448
25		1	NO	Bap	36	5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	371
20	<del>6</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Bap	33	5.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	697
24		1	NO	Bap	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.7 $\frac{1}{2}$	870
35		1	NO	C of E	37	5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	102
24	<del>6</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.8 $\frac{3}{4}$	595
25	<del>6</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Pres	34	5.7 $\frac{1}{4}$	53
22		1	NO	Bap	34	5.8 $\frac{3}{8}$	512
25	<del>8</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	Con'g.	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.10	447
24	<del>8</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	36	5.5 $\frac{3}{4}$	47
34	<del>10</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	35	5.7	97
21	<del>10</del> / <del>12</del>	1	NO	C of E	33	5.4	569



AGE AT ATTESTMENT	TERM OF SERVICE	MARRIED	RELIGION	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HEIGHT	NO OF EQUIPT	REMARKS
23 <del>3/12</del>	1	NO	Wes	34	5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	484	
22 <del>6/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	33	5.8	1132	
21 <del>9/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1116	
25	1	NO	C of E	36	5.8	1115	
20 <del>10/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.8 $\frac{1}{2}$	491	
20 <del>8/12</del>	1	NO	Wes	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	5.9 $\frac{3}{4}$	486	
21	1	NO	Pres	34	5.10	109	
24	1	NO	Bap	36	5.9	101	
21	1	NO	R.C	36	5.11	487	
25 <del>3/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34	5.7	103	
23 <del>10/12</del>	1	NO	C of E	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	492	
22	1	NO	C of E	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	488	
28	1	NO	C of E	34	5.6	1114	



24		1	NO	C OF E	34	5.5	1113	
20	<del>6</del> 12	1	NO	C OF E	34	5.6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1118	
20		1	NO	C OF E	35	5.7	1134	
21		1	NO	Wes	34	5.7	102	
28		1	NO	C OF E	34	5.6	106	
24		1	NO	C OF E	33	5.5	108	
25	<del>10</del> 12	1	NO	C OF E	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1117	OW 22
20		1	NO	C OF E	35	5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1133	
25	<del>6</del> 12	1	NO	C OF E	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.4	1112	OW 22
20	<del>6</del> 12	1	NO	C OF E	34	5.8 $\frac{1}{4}$	489	
30		1	NO	C OF E	36	5.4	1135	
20	<del>4</del> 12	1	NO	C OF E	34	5.6	105	
22	<del>7</del> 12	1	NO	Wes	33	5.4 $\frac{1}{4}$	490	OW 12

7391	X	L. C. M <sup>C</sup> Donald	637	
7426	X	Pte Morgan W. H	519	
7367		L. C. Morgan W H	489	
7375	X	Pte Morgans W	1112	
7425	X	" Morris D J	518	
7427		" Nolt J. H.	520	/
7337	X	" Owen D E	448	
7338	X	" Owen W. E.	271	
7429		" Petherick J. J.	522	
7339		" <sup>PE</sup> Phillips J.	697	/
7340	X	" Phillips J G.	870	
7428	X	L C. Phillips T B.	521	
7352	X	Pte Price J T.	1136	2 pair
7435	X	" Pearse S.	1694	
7392	X	" Quinn D	132	2 pair
7393	X	" Ralls G M	812	
7341	X	" Rees J.	102	
7342		" Rogers Theo	595	
7430	X	" Sandbrook J. A.	523	



7394	X "	Slocumbe	E C.	1696	
7400	X "	Smith	C. P.	1695	2 pair
7404	X "	Stone	E.	923	
7395	X "	Thomas	G	1213	
7343	X "	Thomas	V.	53	
7344	X "	Thomas	Walt	512	
7405	X "	Thomas	W <sup>m</sup>	931	
7396	X "	Thomas	W. H.	1211	
7345	X "	Thomas	W. M.	447	
7431	X "	Thompson	A E	524	102 1/2 pair
7359	X "	Wagstaff	D	106	
7346	X "	Wales	W. A.	47	
7406	X "	Wallace	R.	1048	
7432	X "	Warner	G.	525	
7347	X	L. C. White	T. C.	97	/
7433	X	Pte Wignall	T. C.	527	
7397	"	Woods	T. D.	1956	/
7398	X "	Workman	W J.	208	2 pair
7407	X "	Williams	A	932	x
7368	X "	Williams	J. <del>W.</del>	490	
7348	X "	Williams	J M.	569	
7434	X "	Williams	W. P. T.	528	

## Field Kit

Articles to be worn or carried

by the soldier.	lb. oz.
Helmet	1 " 4
Jersey	1 " 2
Frock (khaki)	1 " 9
Flannel shirt	1 " $3\frac{3}{4}$
Trousers (khaki)	1 " 6
Braces	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Socks	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Flannel belts	$6\frac{1}{4}$
Ankle boots	4 " $0\frac{1}{2}$
Putties (1 pair)	9
Haversack (Packed)	2 " $5\frac{3}{4}$
Waistbelt & frog	1 " 3
Drawers (cotton)	1 " $\frac{1}{2}$
Pouches with 100 rounds of ammunition	7 " $11\frac{3}{4}$
Pocket knife & lanyard	6

Water bottle full with straps	3 " $3\frac{1}{2}$
Mess tin & strap	1 " $8\frac{3}{4}$
Field dressing and card	2
Rifle with sling, pull through, & oil bottle	10 " 0
Bayonet & scabbard	1 " $4\frac{3}{4}$
Great coat with articles as below	12 " $7\frac{3}{4}$
Entrenching tools	<u>2 " 14</u>
Total weight	<u>56 " <math>4\frac{3}{4}</math></u>

Articles to be carried in

Haversack

Balance of day's rations	1 " 4
<del>Hold all</del> Flannel shirt	1 " $5\frac{1}{4}$
Canvas shoes	1 " $10\frac{1}{2}$
Hold all containing comb knife fork. spoon,	$9\frac{3}{4}$
Emergency ration	<u>8</u>
	<u>2 " 5"3</u>

In great coat pocket

Field service cap		5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Flannel shirt	-	1 " 3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Canvas shoes		1 " 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Socks	-	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Towel & soap	-	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cap worsted		2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Housewife		2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bootlaces (spare)		$\frac{1}{4}$
Tin of grease	-	<u>9</u>
		5 " 2

Kit bag

Frock. (khaki)

Boots (pair

Trousers (cloth) -

" (khaki) -

Putties 1

Pocket ledger

Socks (pair)

Towel 1

Blacking tin

Brushes. (blackening, brass.  
shaving . cloth, polishing)

Button brass

Razor and case

Sponge and pipeclay

Drawers, (cotton)

Flannel belt

The kit bags to be left

in charge of storeman

Boots will be tied together  
with the soles outwards  
the Reg. No and name of the  
Btn. to be marked The boots  
to be ~~begin~~ packed last and  
placed in the mouth of the  
kit bag.

Bress\*  
Aston  
Ralls  
Jones  
Johns

Bushell  
Owen  
Rogers  
John

N1	9	5		Cpl	Aston
"2	15✓	15		Sgt	Rees
3	15✓	15✓		Cpl	Bell
4	14	15 x		Sgt	Davenport
5	14	15 <del>✓</del> <sup>x</sup>	Owen 2	Sgt	Bushell & Johns Bennellick
6	15	15 ✓ <sup>x</sup>		Cpl	Morgan
7	14	15 ✓		Cpl	Charles
8	14	15 ✓		Sgt	Bebb
3	<u>3</u>	3			
	112	113	Cape Town	Mar	
	Orderly	Corporal	roll	<u>9<sup>th</sup></u>	

Fraserburg Rd camp

Mar 13<sup>th</sup>

Corp. Morgan

Price

J. Hunt

Hawker

W. H. Jones

D. Dawes

W. Hawker

W. Lewis

W. Ambrey

T. Hughes

J. Holwill

T. Hunt

J. Williams

W. Lewis

W. Morgan

J. Price

G. Ambrey

W. Thomas

L. H. Johns

No 7 Tent noblers\* Fraserburg Rd

Station Picket

Mar 16<sup>th</sup>

503 train

Fraserburg Rd

Water for <sup>179</sup><sub>^</sub> horses at Beaufort

West

to Nauuoport\*

507 150 mules 8 horses

Hot water for 29 natives 7 whites

to De Aar

Mail train (2 sections) from

Cape Town

509

86 horses 89 officer

men hot water

86

water for horses

6

3 officers

2

A. S C. 6 men

94

4 civ. 1

4 horses. 16<sup>th</sup> Lancer

R. H. Gs



Camp Guard  
Corp Morgan

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sat. 00

- 1 L.C. Phillips
- 1 L.C. Jones
- 2 W. Lewis -
- 3 Leaker
- 4 A\*H Morgan
- 5 M. Mathias
- 6 W. Joyce
- 7 W. Morgan
- 8 J.E Lewis -
- 9 E . Loveluck

Fraserburg Rd. Station Camp

Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

Cpl. Morgan  
 Ambury 3  
 Ambury  
 Burgess  
 Dawes  
 Francis  
 HOLWILL  
 W John  
 " Lewis  
 Loveluck  
 Morgan  
 Price  
 Wagstaff  
 Williams  
 Ace  
 Bennet

~~Garret 7887~~

~~Button 7381~~

Corp. Morgan

- 1. W. T. Gough
- 2 W. L. Gorvine
- 3 S. W. Tussell,
- 4 A. T. Gwyn
- 5 W. Evans
- 6 R Griffiths
- 7 M Francis
- 8 W. Hawker
- 9 G. Garret.

Camp Guard Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Fraserburg Rd 1900

6 Wales  
 5 Warner  
 4 Workman  
 3 Williams  
 2 Wallace  
 1 Wignall  
 Corp Morgan

Bridge Guard Mar 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Fraserburg  
 Road



Left half Btn. washing parade

10.45 am

Men to parade 8 and 2 for water

Sulalturn Lieut. Howe Pretoria 18.6

- (1) The undermentioned men are appointed unpaid LC. from this date. 1844 Pte J. Paltern. G. Co 3018 W. Monday D. Co 4820 C. Gregory D. Co. 6499 J. Broom D. Co.
- (2) Countersign Kangaroo
- (3) Notified that long whips are not to be used in the town of Pretoria
- (4) The attention of Q. M is directed to camp order N<sup>o</sup>5 of the 12<sup>th</sup> June

By order

C B. Berkely

Capt.

Notice Lost. A large mule  
marked M1 on near side  
of neck. Strayed from  
York Regt. Rest\* camp on  
the 16<sup>th</sup>

Adj. parade at 10 am. Drill order.

5 men Vol. Co. at 1.30, am with  
picks and shovels

Pretoria 18/6/00

Lieut Col. Banfield

1<sup>st</sup> Btn Welsh

L C. White and 5 men at 6.45 am.

Orders by Lieut. Col. Banfield

1<sup>st</sup> Welsh Regt

Pretoria

19/6

Captain Charlton

Sub. ~~Claridge~~ Kerrick

(1) The undermentioned men

are appointed L C's from this

date, 2546 Pt A. Coates F. Co

5204 W. Till F Co

(2) As barrels become available

two tubs per Co. will be

placed on reverse flank

of each company at last

post and removed at

reveille being emptied

in the pits where the

biscuit tins are thrown

during the day they will be kept in rows in front of the latrines.

- (3) Separate pits are being provided for biscuit tins which should be flattened before being thrown into the pit. Co's should apply to the Q. M. for the position of the pit
- (4) Water will in future be drawn by water carts from a hydrant on lower road to Pretoria and will be available for cooking and drinking. Run
- (5) Running drill will be practised every morning (Sunday excepted)

at 6.50 am to 7.15 am One  
officer per company to  
attend. The following will  
be the scale of parades  
until further orders  
Monday, CO. parade at 10 am  
Dress drill order, 2 pm  
Sergt. Major's drill

Wed, Route march in  
service marching order  
at 10 am.

Frid, Adj. parade at  
10 am. Dress drill order

Sat. Inspection of bivouac  
and kits by CO at 10 am.



There will be washing  
parades on Tues, Thurs  
at 10 am, and Sat at  
11 am for half Btn.

The remaining half  
parading at 2 pm on those  
days, commencing with  
the right half Btn  
on Thurs morning

The order of half batn  
being reversed weekly

The orderly officer will  
attend these parades

- (6) G. O. C. will inspect the  
bivouacs at 10 am tomorrow  
Shelters will be put up  
and kits shown as  
already ordered

- (7) The Btn will parade  
at 11 am tomorrow for  
route march
- (8) Orderly room will in  
future be at 9 am
- (9) There will be a  
captain of the day  
detailed daily who will  
remain in camp during  
his tour of duty
- (10) S L. Romsbry\* will  
rejoin C. Co and S. L.  
Pridham E Co yesterday
- (11) Slackness in saluting  
has been observed  
The CO expects that  
the men of the Welsh  
regt. will at all times

be particular in saluting  
all officers they may  
meet.

- (12) Hours will be sounded  
by the Regt on duty as  
follows    Reveille    6.30 am  
              Retreat    5 - pm  
              Tattoo    8.30 "

- (13) The troops are cautioned  
against drinking water  
from the stream  
running through the  
town.

By order

C. B. Morchan\*

officers\* notified that it  
is proposed to hold Bde  
sports at a later date  
Postal notice, A mail  
will be dispatched

daily from the Bde press  
office at 11 am.

Date of posting for England  
mail will be notified  
later.

S. C. A. Mr. Baird S. C. Co\*  
has opened a room provided  
with writing material  
etc. for the use of soldiers  
at Old Methodist Church  
St Andrews St. Pretoria  
Sergt Benallick. Mae and 6 men  
Cpl. Muise 4 men 9.30  
fatigue depot.

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Pretoria 20/6/00

Copt Westmacat.

Sub Lieut. Robins

(1) The undermentioned N. CC

and men having embarked  
 for England on the dates  
 specified are struck off  
 the strength of the Btn  
 accordingly

2407 Sergt R. Williams F

26/5/00

9095	Pte	W. Williams	D. Co	
4991	"	C Prichard	H. Co	
8796	"	B. Jones	G. Co	
6574	"	W John	E Co	
5683	"	<u>S Hodges</u>	F. Co	17/5/00
5240	"	W. Nicholas	B.	"
5654	"	D. Prichard	G.	"
3152	"	J. Walters	C.	
2436	"	W. Williams	B.	
4782	"	W. Jones	F.	
2735	"	F Hill	D.	
4549	"	R. Sargent	H	
6436	"	M. Andrews	A	
2929	Sergt.	Roderick	B.	

5325	G. Andford	E.	
2532	W. Thomas	A	
5587	J. Williams	B	12/5/00
2881	W. Kite	C.	
7399	W. Cooksley	VOL	

- (2) The regt is detailed for  
Bde duty tomorrow
- (3) Countersign Mule
- (4) Notified for information  
of the regt transport officer  
that whenever any animal  
belonging to the Btn is lost  
information is to be sent at  
once to the transport officer  
18<sup>th</sup> Bde
- (5) O. C companies will insure  
that the ground on which  
the men bivouac is

occasionally aired and  
swept.

- (6) The attention of the Q. M  
is directed to D. O. N<sup>o</sup>2  
of 20<sup>th</sup> inst. rel<sup>\*</sup> rations
- (7) Lieut Williams Vol Ser  
Co is appointed railway  
staff officer at Pretoria  
from this date
- (8) The G. O. C expressed  
himself very pleased  
with the smartness and  
cleanliness of the Btn at  
his inspection this morning
- (9) Notified that half of  
D Co will be for outpost  
duty at 4.30 on Friday

By order

C. B Morchan\*

1 Pioneer assis tant to sergt  
at 8.50.

Marks farm 21/6/00

Sub. Lieut Moore.

(1) 1 officer 6 men 1 N. C. C of  
B. D. and H Co's will  
parade at 7.15 am tomorrow  
as observation posts of an  
outpost line The remainder  
of these companies will  
parade at 4.30 to  
reinforce them By order

8.45 O R 10.am

22/6/00

Capt. Lieut Col Gifford

Sub " Berkeley

(1) In accordance with the  
army order 18/6/00 all



working parties no matter  
how employed will  
invariably have arms  
and ammunition close at  
hand while at work.

- (2) The scale of parades  
laid down for standing  
camp will be adhered  
to from tomorrow inclusive
- (3) Guard mounting will  
in future be at 9.30 am
- (4) No officer or soldier  
will for the present be  
allowed to proceed by rail  
without sanction from  
headquarters
- (5) The attention of the Q M  
is called to Bde order N<sup>o</sup>7  
of this date

6) Countersign tonight Ose\*

Sergt Benallick, B O.S.

Washing parade 2.00 arms and canteens\*

Postal arrangements as\*is\*

$$\begin{array}{r}
 16 \text{ " } 5 \text{ " } 6 \\
 2 \text{ " } 2 \text{ " } 6 \\
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A P P E N D I X 1

- (A) Certificate of Posting a Parcel  
(from Wales to S. Africa, dated 23 May 1900)
  
- (B) Certificate of Posting a Registered Postal Packet  
(from S. Africa to Wales, dated 3 July 1900)
  
- (C) Travel Pass  
(from camp to Pretoria, dated 1 July 1900)

(See back.)

# FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PARCEL POST.

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF A PARCEL.

A Parcel prepaid 2 s. 3 d., and addressed as under, has been posted here this day:—

No 7351 Corp J T Morgan  
Vol Service Co  
Welsh Regt Field Force  
So Africa

Consecutive Number } One

In the case of an un-insured parcel the 2s. stamp must be impressed here.

In the case of an insured parcel, stamps for the amount of the fee should be affixed here by the sender, and cancelled with the date-stamp.

Received a Fee of \_\_\_\_\_ s. \_\_\_\_\_ d. for Insurance of Parcel for a

Sum not exceeding \*£ \_\_\_\_\_ s. \_\_\_\_\_ d.

\*State in words the number of pounds.

J T M Postmaster's Signature

At Offices not provided with a date-stamp the name of the Office and the date of posting must be written across the postage stamps.

Printed by W. P. GERRARD & SONS, Limited, Old Bailey, E.C.

(A)


No. 513

### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF A REGISTERED POSTAL PACKET.

A Parcel addressed as under, upon which a Fee of \_\_\_\_\_ pence has been paid.  
(State amount in words)

in addition to the Postage { of \_\_\_\_\_ s. \_\_\_\_\_ d. } has been registered and posted here this day:  
for Parcels only }

Morgan  
Welsh Regt  
Field Force  
So Africa

Date Stamp. 

Postmaster's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(B)

Vol company 1st Welsh Regt Post Fabrician

7351 Capt J T Morgan has permission to be absent from camp for the purpose of going to Pretoria leaving by the 10.30 train & returning by the 3.30 on July 12/30

Recommended R. W. Pictorbaas  
Cap Com Company

Approved W. Pictorbaas  
Lieut Col. com 1st Welsh Regt

(C)

Reverse of (A)

Extracts from Regulations for Foreign and Colonial Parcels.

I. No legal liability attaches to the Postmaster General in respect of the issue of this Certificate whether the parcel be insured or not.

II. The Regulations under which it is issued will be found in the Post Office Guide, or the Post Office Handbook, which may be purchased or consulted at any Post Office. Any insurance effected contrary to those regulations will be invalid.

III. Subject to those regulations, compensation is given for the loss or damage of parcels addressed to many of the Foreign Countries and Colonies to which the Parcel Post extends. In certain cases no compensation is given unless the parcel is insured. In others, compensation without insurance is given up to 12s. in the case of parcels not exceeding 7 lb. and up to 20s. in the case of parcels exceeding 7 lb. in weight.

IV. The fees for insurance are as follows:—

To secure compensation up to 12l. a fee of	s.	d.
" " " " " "	24l.	0 7 1/2
" " " " " "	36l.	0 10
" " " " " "	48l.	1 0 1/2
" " " " " "	50l.	1 3

In no case can a parcel be insured for more than £50, and in the service with some Countries the limit is £20 or £40.

V. The amount paid as compensation will in no case exceed the actual amount of the loss or damage or the maximum limit of insured value.

VI. In no case does the Postmaster General undertake to pay compensation for consequential expense or injury arising from the loss, damage or delay of any postal packet, or of any part of the contents.

N.B.—For full details and for lists of the Countries and Colonies with which systems of compensation and insurance have been established, see the current edition of the Post Office Guide.

Reverse of (B)

Extracts from Regulations for Registration of Inland Postal Packets. (For full regulations see Post Office Guide.)

No legal liability attaches to the Postmaster General in respect of the issue of this Certificate. Subject to the published regulations, compensation up to a limit of £50 for loss or damage of an inland parcel may be obtained on which a registration fee has been paid. In accordance with the following

Weight of Parcel	Limit of Compensation
Up to 1 lb.	4s.
1 lb. to 2 lb.	4 10
2 lb. to 3 lb.	5 0
3 lb. to 4 lb.	5 10
4 lb. to 5 lb.	6 0
5 lb. to 6 lb.	6 10
6 lb. to 7 lb.	7 0
7 lb. to 8 lb.	7 10
8 lb. to 9 lb.	8 0
9 lb. to 10 lb.	8 10
10 lb. to 11 lb.	9 0
11 lb. to 12 lb.	9 10
12 lb. to 13 lb.	10 0
13 lb. to 14 lb.	10 10
14 lb. to 15 lb.	11 0
15 lb. to 16 lb.	11 10
16 lb. to 17 lb.	12 0
17 lb. to 18 lb.	12 10
18 lb. to 19 lb.	13 0
19 lb. to 20 lb.	13 10
20 lb. to 21 lb.	14 0
21 lb. to 22 lb.	14 10
22 lb. to 23 lb.	15 0
23 lb. to 24 lb.	15 10
24 lb. to 25 lb.	16 0
25 lb. to 26 lb.	16 10
26 lb. to 27 lb.	17 0
27 lb. to 28 lb.	17 10
28 lb. to 29 lb.	18 0
29 lb. to 30 lb.	18 10
30 lb. to 31 lb.	19 0
31 lb. to 32 lb.	19 10
32 lb. to 33 lb.	20 0
33 lb. to 34 lb.	20 10
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43 lb. to 44 lb.	25 10
44 lb. to 45 lb.	26 0
45 lb. to 46 lb.	26 10
46 lb. to 47 lb.	27 0
47 lb. to 48 lb.	27 10
48 lb. to 49 lb.	28 0
49 lb. to 50 lb.	28 10

These fees include the ordinary registration fee of 2d.

III. No compensation will be made in respect of a postal packet in which is included any other postal packet, or any other article, unless such packet is enclosed in one of the official registered letter envelopes sold at any post office and is properly secured. The sender must also pay the registration fee of 2d. on each such packet. If the money be in the form of bank notes or other securities for money, the sender must also pay the registration fee of 2d. on each such security. If the money be in the form of bank notes or other securities for money, the sender must also pay the registration fee of 2d. on each such security. If the money be in the form of bank notes or other securities for money, the sender must also pay the registration fee of 2d. on each such security.

IV. No compensation is payable for damage to a postal packet caused by fire, theft, or any other cause, unless the sender has paid the registration fee of 2d. on each such packet. If the money be in the form of bank notes or other securities for money, the sender must also pay the registration fee of 2d. on each such security.

V. No compensation will be paid in respect of damage to a postal packet sent by the sender. The sender is liable for any loss or damage to the contents of the packet, and for any liability in respect of the registration fee.

VI. In respect of the Postmaster General's liability for consequential damage, the sender is liable for any loss or damage to the contents of the packet, and for any liability in respect of the registration fee.

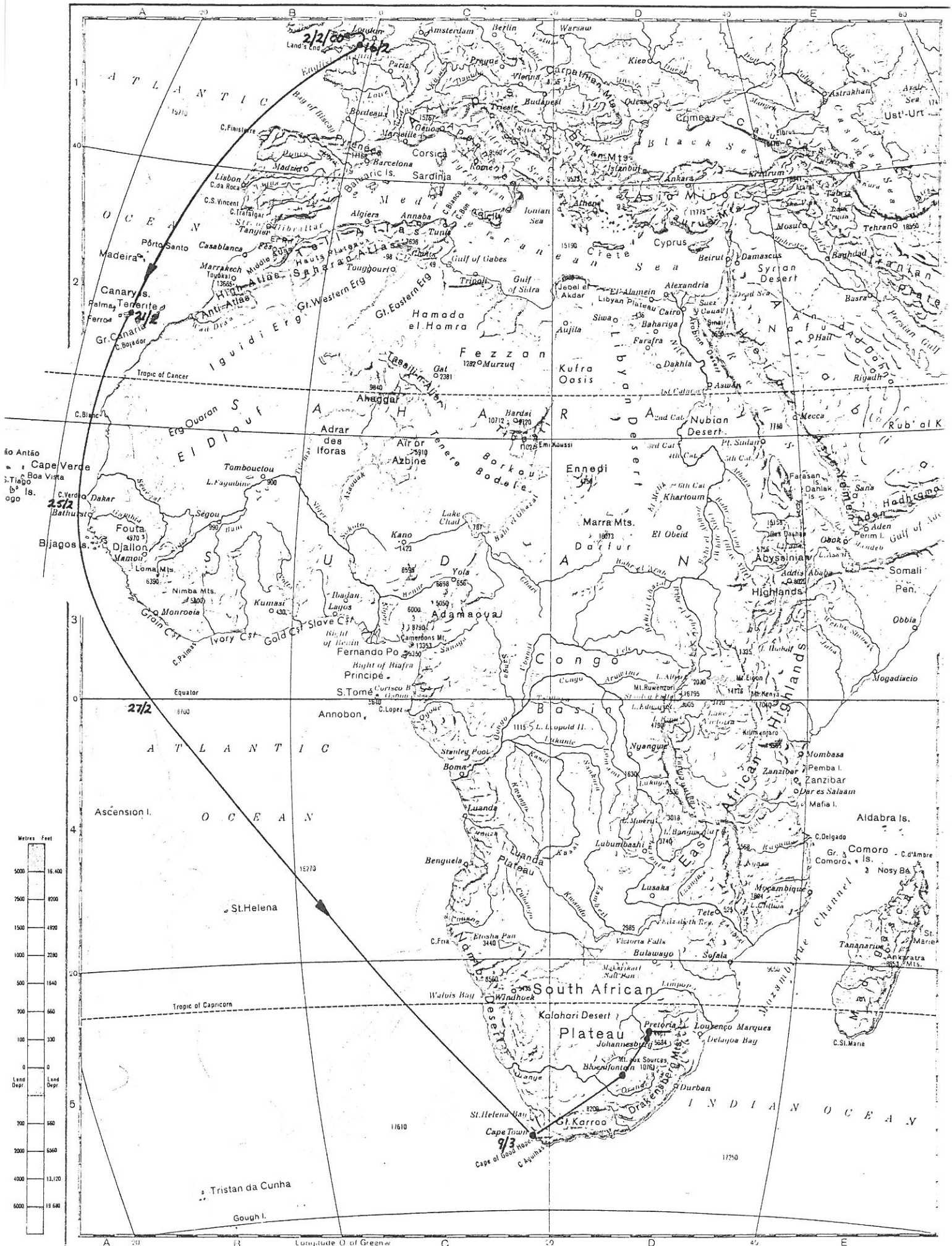
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Reverse of (C)

A P P E N D I X 2

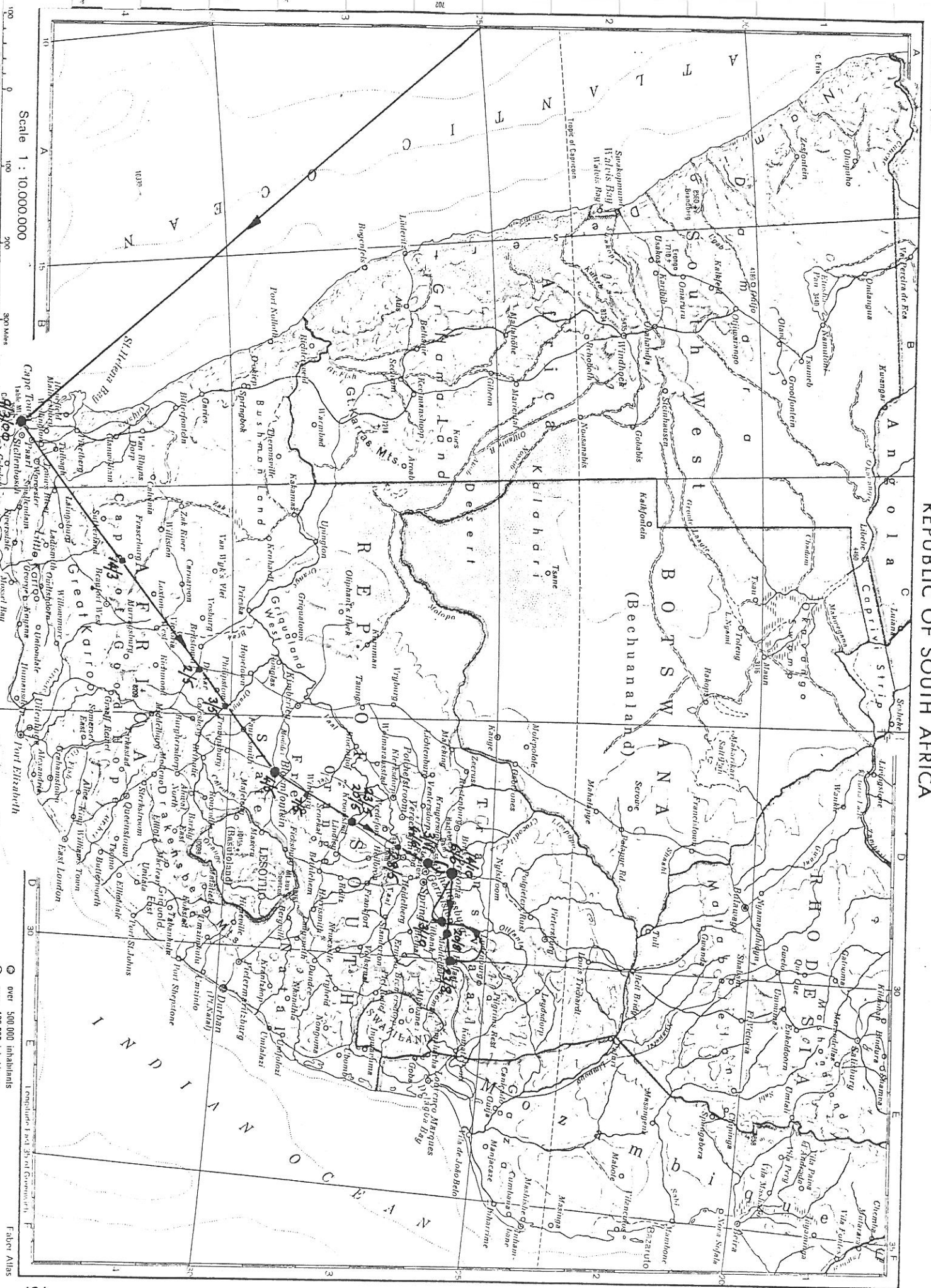
Route Map (A) - Cardiff (Wales) to Cape Town (S. Africa)

Route Map (B) - Cape Town to Pretoria and Johannesburg





REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



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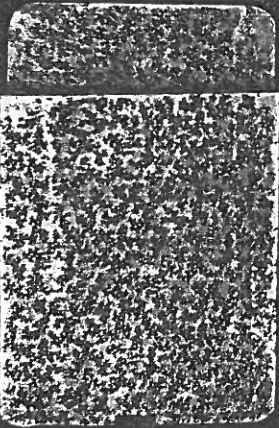
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○ over 500 000 inhabitants  
● over 100 000 inhabitants

Faber Atlas

A P P E N D I X 3

Photographs of Diary and Diary Case  
(5 Photographs)



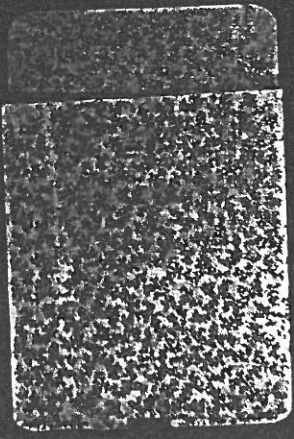
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 the Japanese were  
 in the vicinity of the  
 beach. The enemy are about  
 15 miles away and are being  
 surrounded, our division  
 forming part of the circle. We  
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 once a day we report to the  
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21 - 29 August 1900

