

## Journey Home

25.  
Rained hard in a.m., spent a.m. in cabins. Saw over Hospital & Dispensary. Boat drill. A fine afternoon. Statue of Drake.

26.  
Two years. Shall go to him. A life well-lived, an example.

27.  
Sailed at 9a.m. Twelve boats. Six destroyers. One cruiser.  
Drake's statue. Boat drill. McLu had been on "Kyarra" when torpedoed.

28.  
Not liking the sea. Rough – first patient admitted Hospital Mr. Hyelt, Mr G's body shield. Rad in p.m.

29.  
Smooth – Concert in evening. Destroyers gone when we rose in morning. Still American cruiser with us, zigzags.

In a wood  
Watching the shadow of a bird  
Leap from frond to frond.  
Flint.

30.  
Calmer. Siren. Sister Fitzpatrick up on deck in very short time. Sirens.

31.  
Finished The Princess – Vision of London – Thoughts

September 1, Sunday  
Church Parade. Thou shalt not kill. Went on for night. Convoy 20 ships.

2.  
Concert in p.m. Rolling, boats leaving.

3.  
Other hosp. opened. Baby v. sick.

4.  
Awoke early & thinking. Called 5a.m. to tell Mrs. Laycock her baby had died. Buried 8a.m., very few present.

5.  
A rough day & a rougher night. Some of the men up. The Padre's Prayer meeting.

6.  
Calmer, going with storm, ship turned.

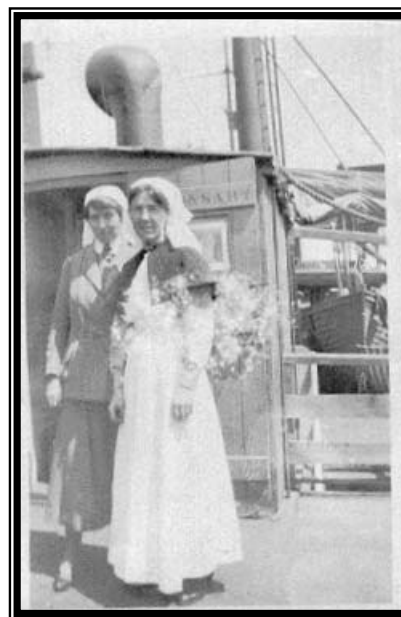


Figure 39: Above and below:  
Outside the dispensary



7.  
Much warmer. A beautiful sunset.

9.  
Hospital in a.m. & through day. A moon that reminded me of another night.

10.  
Quiet day.

12.  
A storm in the afternoon, very rough. Baby Smith  
– Passed the Mona Sound –

13.  
Much calmer.

14.  
Saturday.



Figure 40: Mothers and babies on board

15.  
Church Parade. Faith or no. Saw two sailing vessels.

16.  
Awoke to find ourselves near Colon. Scenery much like round Mornington. Minded hospital in a.m., Red Cross ladies brought on flowers, fruit, cakes, magazines. Colon about 5.30p.m. with Sister Pratt. Shopped, shops much as those in Cairo. Silks not good. Panama hats cheap. Films for Kodaks. Had dinner at Washington Hotel with Captain Kemp & Mr Long. The nigger, a Jamaican a trick, with a deep voice. Statue of Columbus facing Breakwater shading the head of a slave girl. Bottle tree palms at entrance to Hotel. Beautiful lawns. Palms & the moonlight. Hibiscus. Roses only saw red ones. Carriages called jitneys. Sisters Fitzpatrick & Gallagher went to the Submarine Base, well entertained. Walked back to wharf, streets very like Egyptian ones. Red Cross women still on board when we came back.

17.  
Wakened 1a.m., felt about 7a.m. Passed through locks, two engines on each side to tow us along. People throwing fruit, magazines etc. on board. A band played. The Camera episode. Very different to Suez Canal with the tropical growths of palms. Very warm, moist. Lifts at other locks.  
Baby Babcock born at 12.45p.m.  
Out of Canal at 4p.m., passed islands until tea time.  
Baby Woods worse.

18.  
All very quiet after their two days excitement.

19.  
Dressings.

20.  
Called early. Baby Woods died in a.m. Her mother very good. Mrs. Richards and the Padre showing distress etc. A clear moonlight night. Saw the pointers of the Southern Cross.

21.  
A beautiful day, & the sea a beautiful colour. Concert in afternoon, on deck.

22.  
Church parade. By the faith of the Son of God. Reminded me of Mr. Gray's sermon on the same text. Tennyson & many thoughts.
23.  
Rough
24.  
A day's rest. Baby Stockdale very sick.
25.  
Baby Stockdale died in a.m. Margaret Ellis op. on in p.m., some preparations, Dr. Seager the surgeon.
26.  
Dressings again. Warmer. Margaret O'Connor died in p.m., her mother very brave. Margaret Ellis very ill.
27.  
Dreams. Margaret Ellis died during night, buried 6a.m. A calm day, very many thoughts. Tennyson. In three weeks supposed to be in Melbourne.
28.  
Very rough. Baby Sargood born soon after 5a.m, Captain suggests we call the Cyclone Kate. Cpl. Hurt on deck. Fancy dress parade postponed.
29.  
Church parade. Baby Chadwick christened. Suffer little children etc. Mr. Cohen played the hymns. Mrs. Ellis a little better. Still very rough. Church in hospital in afternoon. Calmer in evening.
30.  
Two hospitals, two other patients. Much calmer. Fancy dress parade out of bounds. Karachi Stew. Lubra. Mrs. Pate, a Glasgow woman. To reason or forget. Sunset, water a purple colour. Travelling well.
1.  
Busy in a.m. Baby Irene.
2.  
A year. Fortunes in afternoon. Much cooler. Hospital over-flowing to deck.
3.  
Concert in afternoon. Mr.Ellis very funny. The three diggers looked their part.
4.  
Rough, quarter speed then half. Hospital scene. Women rather worried about their reception.
- 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Warmer, no reason. An amusing conversation. Worried to death in half an hour.

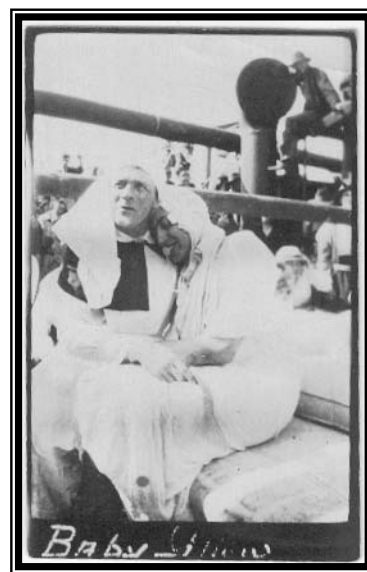


Figure 41: Baby Shaw - Fun on board

6.  
Baby Sargood's eyes, a sad day. Singer & church Parade. Colin & Singer in afternoon.

7.  
Gun practice. Babies a little better.

All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall exist,  
Not its semblance, but itself; no beauty nor good nor power  
Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives for the melodist,  
When eternity affirms the conception of any hour  
The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard,  
The passion that left the ground to lose itself in History  
Are music sent up to God by the lover & the bard;  
Enough that he heard it once, we shall hear it by & by.

8.  
Fair, much colder. Singer a long time away, wanted to be washed. Baby West admitted to hospital.

9.  
Fancy Dress Parade. Uncle Sam. The End of a Perfect day. In Egyptian Bootblack. Watched jumping & boxing, a short time lookin on at the dance. Baby White very sick, admitted to hospital. Mrs. Ryan & Baby Irene. A sunny afternoon – calm.

10.  
Baby White. A cold grey morning. Afternoon tea. Mrs. Hyelt & Capt. Dent with the Captain – a route march. Concert in evening. Cold & wet. Happy thoughts.  
“We have for so long a period come to regard prayer as a supplication for mercy & an agonized for help & succour, that we have almost together lost the higher, calmer, & far more beautiful form of communion with the Father of Creation, which is expressed in worship. The spirit which overflows is a glittering song from the skylark's throat, & which comes to us in the splendid music of an organ. In the spirit of outpouring & ecstatic worship – adoration of the everlasting.” Other sheep.

12&13.  
Sports in afternoon, all seemed to enjoy them. Obstacle race very funny. Loved jumping. Very cold.

14.  
Wellington, a wait for the Pilot. Mountains somewhat like the Lomachs. One snow-capped. Off in p.m. at 2p.m., told to send cable, unable to, so send p.c. Went for drive, saw Parliament House, largest wooden building in world. Circular Rd, bridge closed to traffic.  
Electric trams.  
Theatre entertainment in evening. Karachi well represented, not good.

15.  
Minded Baby Babcock, much amused at the different packages brought on by the passengers. A rough afternoon, out in stream. Sunlight on mountains.

16.  
A day in the cabin.

17.  
Still rough, cold & windy. Baby Halford born at midday – Mrs. West.

18.  
Very rough. Baby Morgan born.

19.

Rough but sunny. Some rollers during night. Everyone looking very tired.

20.

Sun shining & calmer in a.m. Rough again. Supper party.

21.

Baby Cooney born. A very rough day. Mr. Arnold sick. "There shall be no more sea."

22.

Very rough, great rolling. Calmer in afternoon. Tennyson. The Skipper's presentation – A Concert.

23.

Calmer. A green sea. Sighted land at noon, much excitement. Wilson's Prom. Just after lunch. Afternoon tea on deck. Brush fires.

## Home

24.

In harbour when wakened - landed 2p.m. Father, Mother, Aunt Ret, B.S. M.V. & H. at wharf – Home. Gran & Aunt Lil to tea.

25.

Jamie's sports. General Pau – Mrs Howatson.

Went with Father & Mother in taxi, luggage – Lunch with Mrs. Howatson, Mary Bell to afternoon tea. Aunt R. & Uncle T. Dinner & evening at "Killearnan".

26.

Had lunch at Mrs.Howatson's. Georgie & Donald there. Mary Bell, Uncle G. & Aunt R. came to a. tea.

27.

Sunday. Church.

28.

Wrote letters, unpacked. Mrs. Carter & Mrs. Tuart called. Thistles rang up.

29.

Lunch at Mia Mia with Father & Jean. Car to Derrimut, a good drive. Went to see Elsie on our return. Father & Mother to dinner at Derrimut.

30

Father, Mother, Mary & self to Scots Church. Jean Tully's wedding. Shopped, lunch in town. Saw Bessie S. & then home. Mrs. Tuart to a.tea. The McKenzie's in the evening.

31.

Big came to lunch. Mother & self to Grand Hotel. Saw the Matron, Thistles, Sister Pratt. Thistles came home. Miss Bell to tea, a.m. to the tram.

1.

Mother packing. Gran, Aunt Ret, Mrs H & Mrs Hitson & Miss W. to a. tea. Mother & Father left for "Alma".

2.

Aunt Jess came in a.m., still in bed. Lunch at the Quamby Club. Met by M.C.B. & then to Essendon. Mrs. J. Macrae to tea. Home. Fire.

3.

Church, a fine day. Jean came out in afternoon. Tea with Miss Bell.

4.

To barracks. Saw Cam & Haywood. Spent day with Granny. A beautiful afternoon.

5.

Met express. To the Knights and Mrs. Howatson's in p.m. Aunt Bess came home with us.

6.

To old "Killearnan"

11.

Armistice signed -----