

If any of my friends  
care to read this account of my trip  
I will be pleased, and if they consider  
the reading interesting I will be  
more than satisfied. I have endeav-  
oured to write the foregoing of  
the incidents that occurred and the  
places that I visited, although I am  
not very faint.

Swansea Camp.

P.S. I know that anyone of my  
friends will take care of this book  
for my sake.

Amount of my trip

Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1916

Last day in camp prior to sailing. I  
spun the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade to journeyed to Booths for  
for Review before State Commandant, splendid  
left, dismissed @ 4.30 pm. came home,  
several friends came to say good bye,  
felt it very hard to leave the old home,  
Trains called in to camp to sleep, was  
pairs about 11 pm, the whole camp was  
very noisy, no chance for much sleep.  
went to bed about 1.30 pm.

Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1916

Reveille was blown at 7.15 am, 1916 was  
called, went back to our tents, got our  
kys ready & had breakfast, proceeded  
before breakfast and left the camp  
5.15 pm. got a splendid send off by  
the rest of the camp marched to Victoria  
and boarded special Trains, Misses  
people here the first time we proceeded  
and finally arrived at <sup>the station</sup> ~~the station~~  
about 7 pm. again with <sup>the station</sup> ~~the station~~  
several of the ~~the station~~ we went on

heard about 7.30, misters were not  
 allowed on the boat, till about 8.30  
 however we on the boat, we left the  
 wharf at 8.50, and were on the boat  
 some 60 or 70 of my first school mates  
 to an excellent party, the men were all  
 over the boat, right up at the top  
 of the mast, we had dinner in the cabin  
 and then went to the deck at 1.50 pm  
 the service followed us right to the boat  
 and there were exchanged as we parted,  
 the ferris party with Long Lane, and  
 seemed very nice, all the while yet on  
 some prominent points, to catch the  
 last glimpse of dear old Sydney, the ladies  
 felt it very much leaving, but they  
 were very cheerful, and I feel proud  
 to be with such fine fellows, we left  
 Sydney under favourable conditions, the  
 weather was lovely, and outside, there was  
 only a gentle swell on the water, and  
 one could hardly tell the ship was moving.

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The (A.8) Arjishere is a fine  
big ship of some 12 or 13000 tons  
and to look from end to end, she  
seems to be a tremendous length,  
and she has the name of being  
a very good sea boat, the 28<sup>th</sup> Bat  
are allotted to D deck, we are  
down in the hold, fairly well  
ventilated, with hammocks to sleep  
in, possibly better than bunks in  
rough weather, we are supplied with  
Tables for our meals. 14 men to a table,  
the most inconvenience is caused us by  
our feet, there is not much room to put  
our feet, our hammocks are marked  
with our respective numbers, so we  
will get the same ones every night, we  
are given two blankets, quite suffice  
down here, our meals are very fair  
and we are also supplied with butter  
at big consideration, all meals are  
inspected by the officers, and we are  
asked "any complaints"?

"after dinner I had a smoke on deck  
and heard a chap playing a violin,  
he played splendidly, and shortly  
some 3 or 4 hundred men gathered round  
he played some of the good old songs,  
my old Kentucky Home, Indiana Home, and  
Dinner Laurie, poor old Jeff, all the lads  
joined in and sang, it seemed to us to  
be the best music I ~~to~~ ever heard,  
I saw many men with their hands  
over their faces, it brought tears  
to my throat, the concert lasted till  
about 8 pm, when we all retired  
retired to rest.

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 1916  
Retired @ 6 am, fold up our  
hammocks, and stay on deck till 7 am  
when the roll is called, breakfast  
@ 7-15, no work to do, unpack  
and properly down, spent  
evening reading up on my  
books