(121-244) SS. Philip & James. LESSONS.
Matins—Isaiah lxi.; John i. *v.* 43.
Evensong—Zechariah iv.; Colossians iii. to *v.* 18.

Up at 0420. Shaved, bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Went on to Egmont for pay at 0915. Was paid my hotel bill also received own pay and staff's pay also. Returned to office at 1015 and whacked out the pay. At 1040 crossed to Torch and called on Ramsey and Bartlett. On way back to office called at Main office for mails which had arrived by Heroic from Marseilles. I received a letter of 24th. ult. from M. We packed up and crossed to Custom's House for lunch at 1210. I did not return to office afterwards. After shifting into mufti and reading Chronicle I went on to Club and put in the rest of afternoon and evening fitting up a light and switch in new pantry over billiard room. Had my tea at hotel at 1630. I invested in some confectionery for it. Also got some pills that the Dr. recommended. Had dinner at 1930 and afterwards commenced a letter to M. Prepared for bed at 2240 and turned in soon afterwards. Another putrid day. Wild, cold, wet and thundery.

(122-243)

Up at 0415. Shaved, bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0645. Paid my hotel bill and read Chronicle before crossing to office at 0930. Had an interview with Paravane Storekeeper during forenoon and then made up a parcel for home consisting of silk and 2 ivory ornaments. Went to Marsa with Os-wald at 1100 to see if there was a ship in fitted with bow boom, no luck. Returned to office at 1145 and at 1215 we packed up and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Returned to office at 1400 with Oswald and put in the afternoon on arrears of work. Oswald was busy about the Princess Ina's oller installation. We packed up at 1545 and crossed to Custom's House for tea. After tea I shifted into mufti and afterwards went on to Club where I put in the evening reading N. and M. Record. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930 and after it started a reply to M's letter of 14th. ult. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. A cold, wild day, a bit showery.

(123-242)

Up at 0410. Shaved, bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0640. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Put in part of forenoon putting paravane H.S. square. at 1030 took Prosperity to Egmonti to post parcel to M., from there went on to Custom's House and had a tad-pole body, which had been recovered from the harbour taken to Paravane store at ordnance. Walked back to office from Ordnance. Packed up at 1210 and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. After lunch shifted into mufti and went to Club and put in some time there fixing up a bell and circuit between tearoom and pantry. Returned to hotel for tea at 1615 and afterwards paid a visit to Gesu Church, Strada San Giovanna, which was lavishly decorated for a festa. Listened to the band which was playing outside the Church for some time and then went on to Floriana to view the decorations of St. Publio Church, where his festa is being celebrated. Passed some time there viewing the decorat-ions of the Church and streets before returning to hotel for dinner. Went with Cunningham to his hotel in order to get some papers anent our "pay and prospects" from him. Remained indoors after dinner reading this correspon-dence and the Dispatch. Prepared for bed at 2240 and retired soon afterwards. Another wild, unpleasant day. Partridge II arrived from Constantinople bringing the "Padre" back i.e. Rev. Halliday, M.A. S.C.F. Had a very bad attack of the screws in right shoulder which gave me a most uncomfortable night, little sleep.

(124-241) 2nd after Easter.

LESSONS.

Matins—Numbers xx. to *v.* 14; Luke xxii. *v* 54.
Evensong—Numbers xx. *v.* 14 to xxi. *v.* 10 or xxi. *v.* 10; 1 Thessalonians i.

Up at 0720. Bathed, shaved and partly dressed before breakfast. Completed dressing after breakfast and at 0920 blew on to Custom's House for boat to office. Gave Smyth a trip over as he was busy getting mines and depth charges ready for Constantinople. Found nothing doing on arrival in office so at 1015 crossed to Senglea for Mass. Returned to office at 1140 and at noon packed up and crossed to Customs House. Went into Club until 1300 and then blew on to hotel for lunch. Completed letter to M. afterwards. Had tea at 1630 and at 1720 went out to Floriana with Smyth to view the decorations of St. Publio Church and the streets in the vicinity. We afterwards walked to Sliema via Pieta, Misida and Savoy Hotel, crossing to Valletta in ferry at 1915. After dinner got into uniform and took my correspondence to M.N.S.O. for post. Afterwards went out to Floriana to see the electric light illuminations of Church and streets. Returned to hotel at 2200 and soon afterwards prepared for bed. A bright, sunny, warm day, somewhat chilly after sunset.

(125-240)

Up at 0715. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0820. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Crossed to Canteen Steps with Oswald, he then pushed off to go on to Isonzo for Banister who had just arrived. Went on board Princess Ina about her bow boom fittings at 0945. Returned to office at 1030. Oswald appeared at 1100 after his interview with B. and conveyed the news that he could go home as soon as he liked; nothing else of importance. We packed up at 1215 and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. I did not return to office afterwards. Shifted into mufti after lunch and went on to Club where I put in a couple of hours fitting up bell from tea room to pantry. Packed up that job at 1615 and returned to hotel for tea. Had a long and interesting chat with one of the Russians, a young fellow related to Demidoff. Went out to Club about 1830 and met Gunner (T.) of Stuart there. Heard all about their doings in the Black Sea etc. from him. Stuart arrived early A.M. from Constantinople. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930. Afterwards wrote a short letter to M. as inclosure to J.B. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. A fine, bright, sunny day, hot during sunrise. Isonzo and Tumult arrived from Marseilles. B. did not appear in office during day.

(126-239)

Up at 0715. Bathed, shaved dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Put in early part of forenoon in office on routine work and reading latest Admiralty Orders. Went to Egmont with mail for post at 1030 and returned to office via Calcara Steps soon afterwards. Put in the rest of forenoon in office and at 1215 packed up and crossed to Customs House for lunch. Returned to office at 1415. Found B. waiting for me at Custom's House. We crossed over together, also Smyth, with whom B. had a long cag. I went to P.V. store at 1440 and spent about one hour there, then returned to office where we had a talk over a good many things. He pushed off to see C.-in-C. at 1530 and I packed up at 1550 and went round to Main Office to pick him up. I waited there until 1630 and then pushed off to Valletta via ferry as I was fed up with waiting. Had tea at 1645 and afterwards shifted into mufti and went to Club. Had a chat there with Jimmy Payton and Bartlett. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930 and at 2100 went to opera to see "Loreley" on the strength of a complimentary ticket. Gunner (T.) of Weymouth was with me. It finished at midnight. I returned to hotel soon afterwards and was in bed by 0030. A fine, bright, sunny day with a fairly strong wind blowing. Osiris sailed for Marseilles. A B.-I. boat arrived from there bringing mails.

(127-238)

Up at 0720. Bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Customs House for boat to office at 0900, via zig-zag. Crossed over with Oswald. Found Dispatch of 24th. ult. waiting for me, it came by the B.-I. boat of yesterday. Passed all forenoon in office on routine work and squaring up all paravane History Sheets. Packed up and crossed for lunch at 1215. Did not return to office again after lunch. I shifted and went out to Club where I put in the afternoon fixing up the bell between tea-room and pantry. Finished this at 1615 and then blew on to Club for tea. At 1730 went to Club again and had a glance through the latest papers. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930 and after it shaved, dressed and went on to Club for Whist Drive. Was fortunate enough to win something: I was awarded booby prize for having lowest number of points scored by a gentleman acting as a lady, the prize being a small bone shoe-horn, - some prize! - Had no luck at the Tombola which followed. Left Club at 11-15 P.M. and returned to hotel for my beauty sleep. Was in bed about midnight. A fine, bright, sunny day, very hot about noon.

(128-237)
Did not wake up until 0820, and even then felt too sleepy for words. Would have loved to lay on in bed. Got up, had a quick wash and dress, a hasty breakfast and was down at Custom's House by 0900. Oswald was a bit late. We crossed to office at 0910. Put in all forenoon on book work and squaring up Paravane history sheets so as to have them in readiness for transfer to N.O.S.O. Oswald had a run down to visit a ship lying at Marsa. We packed up at 1210 and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. I went into Club and had a read of local papers before going on to hotel for lunch. Crossed over to office at 1415 and carried on with paravane history sheets until 1545 when I packed up and crossed to Custom's House. Shifted into Mufti after tea and then went on to Club for a look at papers etc. Had a game of billiards with Cunningham until 1930 when we packed up as it was time for dinner. Returned to hotel then and after dinner remained indoors for the rest of the night. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. A fine, bright, sunny day, a cool breeze blowing which tempered the heat a lot. Woodnut sailed for Marseilles.

(129-236) Half-Quarter Day.

Up at 0710. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Oswald was again late. We crossed over and I put in all forenoon putting Paravane History Sheets in order. Oswald went to Marsa to visit ships filled with B.O.P. Had a cag with the P.V. store keeper about some missing P.Vs. We packed up at 1210 and crossed over to Custom's House for lunch. I did not return to office afterwards. Shifted into mufti after lunch, then had a read and 40 winks before tea. After tea went to Palace square and put in a half hour listening to the band. Went on to Club at 1800 and had another game of billiards with Cunningham which we continued until 1930. Returned to hotel for dinner then and afterwards remained indoors. Prepared for bed at 2240 and retired shortly afterwards. Another day similar to yesterday.

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(130-235)

up at 0430. No bath as there was no water available owing to bursting of an underground pipe. Had to be content with a wash, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Customs House for boat to office at 0900. Put in all forenoon on History Sheets, as yesterday and we packed up at 1215. Oswald was feeling "off colour" - probably a touch of the sun - so took things quietly all the forenoon. Crossed to Customs House at 1215 and went to Club on the way to hotel for read of daily paper. Shifted into mufti after dinner, then had a read and 40 winks. Went out at 1515 and had a walk through market then went for a walk round by front near St. Elmo and back by Sta. Reale. Called in at tailors shop and enquired prices of suitings before going on for tea. Had a cup of tea at 1630 and at 1700 crossed over in ferry and went for a walk from Sliema, round by Imsida Point to Misida, through Misida Valley on to Hamrun and so on to Floriana and back to hotel, reaching there at 1925. Felt tired and hot after walk, had a good appetite for dinner, so eat a lot. Remained in reading for rest of night. Prepared for bed at 2240 and retired soon afterwards. A very hot bright sunny day little wind. Rowan arrived from Constantinople, Stuart sailed for the Adriatic. Japanese flagship Idsuma and 3 destroyers arrived.

(131-234) 3rd after Easter.

LESSONS.

Matins—Numbers xxii.; John ii.
Evensong—Numbers xxiii. or xxiv.; 2 Thessalonians iii.

Up at 0430. Bathed, shaved and partly dressed before breakfast. Completed dressing afterwards and at 0720 left hotel for Customs House. Met B. en route and had a cag with him. Crossed to office at 0740. Found nothing doing so at 1015 crossed over to Senglea for Mass. Returned to office at 1140 and at 1150 packed up and crossed to Customs House for lunch. Called in at Club en route to hotel and left there at 1300. After lunch commenced a reply to M's weekly letter and continued at it until 1615 when I had some tea and a boiled egg. At 1720 crossed over to Sliema and went for a walk from Sliema to Valletta via Imsida Point, Misida, Pieta and Floriana. Got back to hotel at 1900. After dinner resumed letter to M. Prepared for bed at 2240 and retired at 2300.

A bright, sunny warm forenoon. It became overcast and cold during the afternoon, the sun being invisible. Oswald, who should have turned up today was still affected by the touch of sun he got a few days ago.

(132-233)

Up at 0420. Washed, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Waited 10 minutes for Oswald to turn up but he did not appear. Crossed to office and put in all forenoon on routine work and getting Princess Ena's otter installation attended to. Had several cags with B. on telephone. Packed up and crossed for lunch at 1210. Went into Club and read Chronicle before going to hotel. Returned to office at 1415. Put in the afternoon on Princess Ena. Packed up for the day at 1600 and crossed for tea. After it completed letter to M. and took it to Club where I met Deore who took it to Bavia for post for me. Had a short walk before returning for dinner. Remained indoors afterwards as I was feeling somewhat seedy. Invested in a thermometer and a bottle of Kepler's Malt Extract whilst out. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. A cold, cheerless day, no sun visible. Osiris arrived from Marseilles at 1000. Received letter from M. of 1-5-19.

(133-232)

Up at 0420. Shaved, washed, dressed and had breakfast by 0845. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900 Crossed to office soon after 0900 and put in early part of forenoon on office routine work. Went on board Hoind at 1020 and had a cag with Gunner of her about paravane trials. Returned to office at 1130. Had a talk with B. over 'phone, learned Oswald was still off colour. Packed up and crossed for lunch at 1215 Returned to office at 1415. Put in afternoon on squaring up History Sheets and attending to office routine. Packed up at 1550 and crossed to Custom's House for tea at 1600. After tea went out and looked in at Club where I had a look at latest papers and also put lights in tea-room, pantry and billiard room flat right. Had a short walk before returning to hotel for dinner. Remained indoors afterwards reading Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. A bright sunny warm day. Little wind Isonzo sailed for Marseilles; Partridge II for Constantinople.

(134-231)

Up at 0710. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Oswald did not appear, so I pushed off without him. Soon after my arrival he 'phoned for a boat and appeared about 1000 looking somewhat shaky and with sore lips. We put in some time talking and at 1030 I crossed over to Stationery office and brought back a supply of necessary paper stuff for office use. Oswald put in some time on board Princess Ina. We packed up at 1210 and before going on to Custom's House called alongside Foresight where Oswald enquired about a passage home. No luck as she was full up. We crossed over to office again at 1430, where I remained until the scout returned from the main office. No letters appeared although the Woodnut arrived from Marseilles. I returned to Custom's House at 1530 and called in at Club before going on to hotel for tea. Shifted into mufti afterwards and went out for a walk calling in at Club whilst out. Invested in some stationery, i.e. postcards and J.B. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930 and at 2040 went on to Club for whist drive and tombola, had no luck at either. So It finished at midnight when I returned to hotel and turned in. A fine, bright, sunny day, very warm. Japanese flagship Idzuma and 4 destroyers left Malta for home.

(135-230)

Up at 0730. Bathed, dressed, and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Went on to Calcara Steps to pick up Oswald. Found B. and he were waiting to cross over. B. landed at Ordnance, we went on to office. Oswald went to Egmont for medical survey prior to being demobolised. I went on board Princess Ina and carried out trials of her boom lifting gear. B. and Oswald appeared on the scene later on in forenoon. Trials of boom were finished at noon. There was a lot of hot air wasted caggingabout the running of motor boats etc. before we crossed over to Custom's House for lunch. I returned to office at 1415 and put in the afternoon on board Princess Ina getting her otters inboard and testing her otter hoisting arrangements. These were finished at 1520. At 1530 packed up and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Shifted into mufti after tea and then took one of my boots to shoemaker to be repaired, afterwards had my hair cut and invested in some soap a soap box and tooth-brush holder. Returned to hotel for dinner after 1900 and remained indoors for the remainder of the night. Felt very sleepy after dinner and went off into the arms of Morpheus whilst reading. Prepared for bed at 2215 and retired soon afterwards. A fine, bright, sunny day; very hot. Commander Lindall died in Bighi Hospital.

(136-229)

Up at 0420. Bathed, dressed, ~~shave~~ and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Went on to Calcara Steps for Oswald afterwards and from thence to office. Put in all forenoon in office on bookwork and store accounts. Oswald put in his time at Experimental Station dealing with the chemicals there. We packed up and crossed for lunch at 1215. I did not return to office again. Had a read and 40 winks after lunch and at 1530 went out for a stroll before tea. Called in at Club and fixed up a light over billiard table whilst out. After tea put in the evening darning socks. Went out at 1840 and invested in 2 pairs of socks, then had a walk round until 1920 when I returned for dinner. Remained indoors afterwards reading. Prepared for bed at 2215 and retired about 2300. A dull, heavy, oppressive day with slight rain, it rained heavily at night-time also blew strongly. Union Castle liner Glengorm Castle arrived from England with troops for Malta.
Foresight sailed for Plymouth

(137-228)

Up at 0420. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910 Went on to Calcara Steps and picked up Oswald and then went on to office. Passed all forenoon in office on correspondence and chatting with Oswald. Packed up at 1215 and crossed to Customs House for lunch. Went into Club and read Chronicle before going on to hotel for lunch. Shifted into mufti and had a read and 40 winks afterwards. Had some tea at 1630, then went out shop-visiting, bought a bath-gown, some silk and tooth paste. Met my opposite No. of Weymouth and went for a walk with him out by Pieta and back through Right Sally port. After dinner went to see pictures along with 2 salvage men, an R.N.R. paymaster sub. Mrs. Colson. Miss Crawshaw, the Demidoff governess, and self. Returned to hotel soon after 2200. Prepared for bed at 2240 and retired soon afterwards. A bright, sunny day, very warm about noon. Suffolk cruiser, arrived from the East, homeward bound.

(138-227) 4th after Easter.

LESSONS.

Matins—Deuteronomy iv. to v. 23; John vi. to v. 22.
Evensong—Deuteronomy iv. v. 23 to v. 41 or v.; 2 Timothy i.

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed in mufti and at 8-10 A.M. went to Maddelena Church for Mass at 0815. Returned to hotel for breakfast at 0900. At 1000. went on to upper Barracca and saw 3 of the Mespot. Rivet Paddlers leave for home. Afterwards went on to La Maison Gardens which I thoroughly explored, and at 1230 returned to hotel for lunch. Started letter to M. after it and at 1615 had some tea. Went on to ferry at 1640 and crossed over to Sliema. Walked from Sliema back to Valletta via Imsida Point, Misida Valley Birchicara, Hamrun and Floriana, getting back by 1920. Had dinner and spent the remainder of evening listening to Miss Crawshaw's experiences whilst in Russia. Prepared for bed at midnight and retired soon afterwards. A very hot day, bright sunshine and a cloudless blue sky.

Wore my panama hat whilst out. White trousers were worn with uniform. Heroic sailed for Marseilles at 1900.

(139-226)

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Customs House for boat to office at 0910. Went on to Calcara Steps and picked up Oswald, from thence to Canteen Steps. Passed all forenoon in office, reading up latest Admiralty orders and attending to work of a routine nature. Packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. B. appeared in the office at 1130 and pushed off shortly afterwards. I called in at Club en route to hotel and read Chronicle. Returned to office at 1415 and put in the afternoon completing letter to M. Packed up when mail arrived at 1550 and took letter to Egmont for posting on my way to Customs House. Read my "mail" after tea and fell asleep whilst doing so. I felt very drowsy all the afternoon, in fact, probably because of heat. Woke up at 1820 and shifted into mufti. Went out at 1840 and had a short walk before dinner. Purchased a jar of Kepler's before going back to dinner. After dinner remained chatting with the governess until 2300, along with Mrs. Colson and similar party to last night. We had port and confectionery during the night: a most interesting night. Prepared for bed at 2340 and was soon between the sheets, slept like a top.

S.S. Isonzo arrived from Marseilles, I received 2 Dispatches and one letter. A very hot day, brilliant sunshine, sirocco after sunset.

(140-225)

Up at 0715. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0905. Saw Oswald in the distance in Pelican going towards Dockyard Creek so called at P.V. store at Ordnance before going on to office. Passed early part of fore-noon in office on routine work and when Oswald arrived at 1030 we went on board Princess Ina to see to completion of her Otter fittings. Afterwards went to Return Store to find out what happened to Torpedo Attack Table: it had been broken up. I called ~~to~~ on Mr. Archbold on way back to office for some drawings and arrived back at office at 1210. Found Oswald had pushed off, so followed his example. Called in at Club at 1230 and read papes before going on to hotel for lunch. After lunch took Miss Crawshaw and young Demidoff on a tour round the dockyard, returning to hotel at 1730 after having tea at Blackleys: a small return for her entertainment of us the previous night. Shifted into mufti at on arrival at hotel and went on to Club for read of latest papers. Returned for dinner at 1930 and remained indoors for rest of night reading. Prepared for bed at 2215 and retired soon afterwards. A fine, bright sunny day, very hot but a cool breeze blowing. Woodnut sailed for Marseilles.

(141-224)

Up at 0715. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Went straight on to office as Oswald and Banister were out in Princess Ina carrying out her otter trials. Passed early part of forenoon in office attending to routine business and at 1000 interviewed Mr. Yammit about store at Experimental Station for new Torpedo attack table. Had this removed from P.V. Lecture Room and placed in new position. Returned to office on completion of this job. Oswald and party returned from otter trials at 1140. We packed up at 1215 and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. I called in at Club and read Chronicle before going on to hotel. At 1400 had a snapshot of self taken on roof by young Demidoff and then went on to Custom's House for boat to office where I passed all the afternoon reading Admiralty Orders which had arrived. Packed up at 1545 and crossed to Custom's House. Went up Zig-Zag and on to Theatre Royal where I joined Mrs. Colson, the governess and 2 young Demidoffs in a box which had been placed at their disposal for performance of Rigol-etto. Singing and acting very good, particularly solo by tenor Krismer. The performance finished at 1900. We returned to hotel then and all had tea à la Russe in the governess's room, we also saw all her curios, jewels of various kinds etc. After dinner we went to pictures and had a walk before returning to hotel. Prepared for bed at 2315 and turned in forthwith. A fine, bright sunny day, a cool breeze blowing. Received an Evening Herald and enclosure from M. by B.I. boat which had arrived.

(142-223) Up at 0715. Shaved, bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Called at Calcara Steps for Oswald and then blew on to office. Put in early part of forenoon on routine work and then went with B. to Experimental Station to go into details about Torpedo Attack Table. Returned to office on conclusion of cag over it and remained there till 1215 when we packed up and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Called in at Club and read Chronicle before going on to Hotel. After lunch I shifted into mufti and went out to Club where I passed the afternoon reading N. and M. Record. Had tea at 1630 and returned to Club, putting in time there talking and reading until 1920 when I returned for dinner. After dinner went for a walk with Miss Crawshaw and Mrs. Colson round by head of Marsa and back by Jewish Cemetery. Prepared for bed at 2330 and retired soon afterwards. A very hot, close day. no wind.

(143-222) Up at 0720. Bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House at 0900 for boat to office. Oswald went out in Hind at 0845 to test paravanes. I went on to office and after attending to routine matters crossed to Senglea side of dockyard about stores. Returned to office at 1100 and put in some time on lathe work. At 1150 went on to Ordnance Depôt and arranged for the transport of additional paravanes to Hind on arrival in harbour. Crossed to Custom's House for lunch at 1230. Called in at Club en route to Hotel. Returned to office at 1430, gave Mrs. Colson and Miss Crawshaw a passage across the harbour to Pancras where they were going for tea. Passed afternoon in office on bookwork and at 1600 packed up and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Remained in-doors reading after tea. Shifted into mufti before dinner. Did not go out at all. After dinner passed the time talking. Prepared for bed at 2300, retiring soon afterwards. A close, dull, cloudy day, little sunshine, a slight shower about 1600.

(144-221) Empire Day.

Up at 0410. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Hind was coming into harbour after paravane trials as I crossed over. Oswald appeared about 1000. He and B. spent the night at Gozo in Hind. I put in all forenoon in office attending to routine matters and listening to Oswald's account of his experiences during trials and ashore at Gozo. We packed up at 1210 and crossed to Valletta for lunch. I called in at Club and read papers before going on to hotel. After lunch commenced a reply to M.'s last letter. Had tea in my room at 1630 and went out for a short walk afterwards. Had dinner at 1930. Went to my room after it and put in a little while reading. Felt rather rotten all day and very drowsy. Turned in about 1015 and slept well. Another dull, heavy day, not cold.
Heroic arrived from Marseilles, no mail.

(145-220) Rogation Sunday.

LESSONS.
Matins—Deuteronomy vi.; John ix. to *v.* 39.
Evensong—Deuteronomy ix. or x.; Philemon.

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0600. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0640. Found a few matters required my attention on arrival, dealt with these and at 1015 crossed to Senglea for Mass at St. Phillips. Returned to office at 1140 and at noon locked up and crossed to Custom's House. Called in at Club before going on to hotel. After lunch completed letter to M. Had some tea at 1530 and passed an hour talking to Caw. Caw. Did not go out at all during evening. Had dinner at 1930. Retired to my room afterwards, had a read for a while and turned in at 10-0 P.M. Felt weak and drowsy again all day. Slept well at night time. A fine, bright sunny day, very hot but chilly after sunset.

(146-219) Rogation Day.

up at 0710. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0820. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Crossed to office direct as Oswald was not coming over till later on. Went on to Egmont at 0930 and had an interview with Commander of Egmont anent motor boat stores supplied to me by Jaques. Called on doctor when this interview was ended and got a mouth-wash from him. Returned to office at 1100. Oswald put in an appearance soon afterwards and was busy packing up. I carried on with routine work till noon when we packed up and crossed to Custom's House. Oswald took some snapshots of the salute that was being fired in honour of the Queen's birthday. I called in at Club after going up zig-zag and read Chronicle before going on to hotel. After lunch I shifted into mufti and had a read and 40 winks. Woke up at 1600 and soon afterwards had tea. Wrote an enclosure in J.B. for M. after tea. Went out for a short walk before dinner and after it remained indoors until bed-time

A fine, bright, sunny day, little wind, close at evening. Woodnut arrived from Marseilles, nothing for me again.

(147-218) Rogation Day.

Up at 0715. Bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0820. To office at 0900 from Custom's House. Passed all forenoon in office attending to routine affairs. Oswald appeared at 1030 and packed up the remainders of his belongings. He said good-bye to everybody at noon and then we crossed to Custom's House. I called in at Club before going on to hotel for lunch and read Chronicle. Went on to Custom's House at 1400 and from there went on to Calcara Steps where I picked up Oswald and Bannister. Went on to Isonzo where I said good-bye to Oswald, then went on to office where I put in the afternoon squaring things up. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Shifted into mufti afterwards and went on to Club for look at local and latest papers. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930 and remained indoors for rest of night. Prepared for bed at 2200 and retired soon afterwards. A very wet day became fine towards evening. Isonzo sailed for Marseilles.

(148-217) Rogation Day.

Up at 0710. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Went on to Egmont at 0930 to interview Doctor, first calling at Custom's House for Cunningham. Returned to office at 1030 after putting Cunningham ashore again. Put all forenoon in on routine work, store accounts etc. and at 1210 packed up and crossed for lunch. Called in at Club and read Chronicle before going on to hotel. Returned to office at 1415 and remained until 1600 when I packed up and crossed for tea. Shifted, after tea, into mufti and went out for a short walk before dinner. Remained indoors after dinner reading and at 2230 prepared for bed retiring at soon afterwards. A close, hot day, dull. Received Dispatch of 18th. and a letter from M. came by P. and O. on previous evening.

(149-216) Ascension Day.

LESSONS.

Matins—Daniel vii. v. 9 to v. 15; Luke xxiv. v. 44.
Evensong—2 Kings ii. to v. 16; Hebrews iv.

Up at 0710. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910. Crossed to Egmont for medical examination and for completion of form M. 13. Was examined by MacMaster and afterwards had an interview with Fleet Surgeon anent my present state of health. Got the survey over by 1100 and then returned to office. Had a cag with B. over 'phone. Put in the rest of forenoon on routine work. Packed up and crossed for lunch at 1210. Called in at Club on the way to hotel and read N. and M. Record: no Chronicle published being a general holiday. Returned to office at 1430 and put in the afternoon attending to office routine and talking over 'phone with B. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House and on to hotel for tea. Shifted into mufti after tea and went on to Club where I put in the evening reading N. and M. Record. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930 and remained indoors afterwards for rest of the night. Felt very sleepy and dozed off in armchair whilst reading. Prepared for bed and retired soon after 2200. A hot, dull day, sirroccy towards evening.

(150-215)

Up at 0415. Bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0810. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Crossed to Egmont first and had my mouth-wash bottle replen-ished then went on to office. Went up to experimen-tal Station and examined Torpedo Attack table with a view to having floor beneath it levelled up. Passed the remainder of forenoon in the office on routine work, store accounts etc. Packed up at 1210 and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Went up zig-zag and called in at Club for look at Chronicle before going on to hotel. Returned to office at 1430 and passed the time till 1600 on routine work. Crossed for tea then shifted into mufti afterwards and went on to Club where I passed the time till 1930 reading and talk-ing. Remained indoors after dinner, had a read of Dispatch and fell asleep whilst reading. Woke up at 2230 and prepared for bed, retiring soon afterwards A hot, bright, sunny day, a nice cooling breeze blowing. Stuart arrived from Port Said.

(151-214)

Up at 0410. Bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0810 To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910. Put in all forenoon at office attending to routine matters and on book work. A quiet forenoon. Packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House. Went up zig-zag and called in at Club, read local paper before going on to hotel. After lunch shifted into mufti and then commenced a reply to M's letter of the 13th. Packed up writing at 1615 and had tea. After it went for a walk "all on my ownsy-oh" out by head of Marsa and back by the Moorish Cemetery Road, getting back by 1920. Had a wash and put my "pumps" on before going into dinner. Remained indoors afterwards reading J.B. fell asleep in armchair again whilst doing so. Woke up at 2220 and prepared for bed. Turned in right away but did not sleep for quite a long while after I had done so.

A rotten, siroccy day. Rowan arrived from Constantinople, full up with people going home.

(152-213) Sunday after Ascension Day. LESSONS.

Matins—Deuteronomy xxx.; John xiii. to *v.* 21.
Evensong — Deuteronomy xxxiv. or Joshua i.; Hebrews viii.

Up at 0715. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0930. Found nothing doing on arrival so at 1015 went over to Englea for Mass. Returned to office at 1130 and remained until noon when I packed up and crossed to Custom's House. Went on to hotel and shifted into mufti before lunch. After it resumed letter to M. which I finished before tea. Had tea at 1630 and at 1700 went on to ferry crossed over to Sliema and walked back to Valletta via Misida, Pieta and Ta Maison Gardens, getting back at 1910. After dinner had a gay old evening. Had my hands "read" by a specimen of "beauty well adorned" who is staying at hotel. She also read the doctor's hands and Smyth's also. Great fun amongst the crowd, Mrs. Colson, Miss "Caw-Caw" the palmist called Grinsted, Baxter, Black, Smyth the doctor the long paybobs and self. The fun lasted till 2300 when I retired and prepared for bed, turning in soon afterwards. Amongst other things was told I would live till about 60 then meet with an accident from the effects of which I would die, would get a shore billet within the next few months, had a happy time before me would be lucky in winning something within the next 6 months was a "scamp", had good friends who will help me. and a lot more tosh.

(153-212)

Up at 0710. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Passed all forenoon in office attending to routine work. A very quiet forenoon as dockyard was closed for King's birthday which was observed today by the Dockyard instead of tomorrow. I packed up at noon and called round to Main office for mail which had arrived by Isonzo. I had a letter from M. afterwards went on to Custom's House and on to hotel for lunch. Shifted into mufti afterwards and had a read and 40 winks before tea-time. After tea went for a walk round by Pieta and Right Sally Port. Called in at Club before going on to hotel for dinner. Remained indoors afterwards reading. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. Another sirocco day.

(154-211)

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0810. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. B. appeared on the scene at 0930. We had a talk about various matters before he pushed off. I went to Egmont at 1030 and drew my own pay and pay for the party, also got my hotel bill. Returned to office at 1120 and whacked out the pay. Packed up for lunch at noon and called in at Club and read Chronicle before going on for lunch. At 1415 went to Marsamuscetto Steps and boarded Penguin. Went down to Hydraulic dock and had a search amongst the 30 motor launches there for a couple of paravanes. Nothing doing so returned to office by water. Attended to some routine affairs that required my attention and at 1600 packed up and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Shifted into mufti after tea and went out shopping. Invested in a striped shirt for wear with mufti and a collar pin in lieu of the one of Slingsby's I'd lost. Returned to hotel after listening to the band in the Palace Square. Had a chat with Caw. Caw after dinner and retired to me room soon after 2100. Wrote a short note to M. for enclosing in Dispatch before retiring. Felt very seedy and had a violent headache. Was slightly feverish during night. Slept fairly well.

(155-210)

Up at 0410. Bath[redacted] Shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. Did not feel in the least inclined to get up as I was feverish and joints were painful, temperature up to 100°. Crossed to Office as usual but did not do very much as I felt so much off colour. My temperature went up to 101° about 1100 so I went over to Egmont and interviewed Doctor. It was decided to send me into Hospital as I had the 'flu. I crossed over to Valletta and took one of crew of motor Boat with me to hotel. I packed a few necessary articles in my bag and then took a cab to Custom's House. I said good-bye to young Demidoffs and to Miss Crawshaw before I left hotel. They were leaving for Syracuse by boat during the evening bound for Nice by rail across Italy. The Penguin motor boat took me to Bighi. On arrival there I turned in and was jolly glad to get between the sheets. Had a couple of cups of hot milk during evening, nothing else. The new Fleet Surgeon who is relieving Dr. Miller examined me during his rounds. Nothing to worry about. I was placed in outer ward of centre block. There was a Lieut. Mansfield there who was waiting to be operated on for appendicitis, also another Lo-or who had his face in a sling, apparently from boils.

(156-209)

Passed a splendid night, slept like a top. Was awakened at 0630 and given a dose of magnesia. Had a cup of hot milk about 0720. Had a wash about 0800. Was transferred, bed and all, into the outer ward before Dr. came round. In there were the Skipper of tug Crackes, an R.N.R. Lieut. off Woodnut, and a snotty with a grave yard cough. Had nothing but milk during day. Had an enema about 1100 which cleared me out. Passed a very quiet day. Was slowly improving.

(157-208) Easter Law Sittings end.

Passed a fairly good night. Was awake at 0600. Had a dose of magnesia about 0630 and a cup of hot milk about 0700. Had a wash at 0800, also shaved, in bed. Doctor came round at 0930. He told me I could get up for a while after lunch, which consisted of a cup of hot milk. Had a cup of cocoa at 1000. At 1200 I got up and dressed and went into Ward Room where I passed a few hours out on the verandah in the sunshine reading. Had no other food but milk all day. Turned in at 1800. Felt better for being up.

(158-207) Oxford Easter Term ends.

Had a restless night and was awake before 0600. Had my first meal of solid food since my breakfast in hotel on Wednesday. My breakfast consisted of a boiled egg, a little bread and butter and a pot of tea. Needless to say how welcome it was, though by no means satisfying. Had a wash about 0800. Doctor came round at 0930. He told me I could get up as soon as I liked This I did about 1000. Passed forenoon out in grounds Lunch at Noon, which consisted of beef tea, chicken and a milk pudding. Passed afternoon in Ward. room reading and playing billiards. Had tea similar to breakfast at 1500 and at 1800 had a meal which consisted of a little beef tea and a milk pudding. I turned in at 1900. It was some time before I slept and then did not sleep very soundly.

(159-206) Whit Sunday.

LESSONS.

Matins—Deuteronomy xvi. to *v.* 18; Romans viii. to *v.* 18.
Evensong—Isaiah xi or Ezekiel xxxvi. *v.* 25; Galatians v. *v.* 16 or Acts xviii. *v.* 24 to xix. *v.* 21.

Was up after breakfast which was served at 0715. Went to bath. room at 0745 and had a warm bath. Shaved and completed dressing by 0900. Was seen by doctor at 0930 and after he had been round I went into Ward. room and commenced a letter to M. Had a game of billiards in between. Whiles and after lunch resumed letter which I finished before tea. Had a read and talk until 1800 when I had supper. All meals similar to those of yesterday Benbow arrived from England during the forenoon also 3 destroyers. Heard there had been trouble ashore It seems the people who were up against the profiteers because of the excessive price of food, particularly bread assembled in thousands in Strada Reale and started looting the house of a Colonel Francia a flour mill owner and grain merchant. Another mob raided the Chronicle office and destroyed the printing machinery. A party of 6 soldiers under a 2nd. Lieut. were sent to quell the rioters but it was like unto trying to bail the ocean with a bottomless bucket. The mob threatened the Tommy's so seriously that the "Look" ordered them to fire on them This started the row with a vengeance. Hundreds of bluejackets were landed with rifles, bayonets and ball ammunition. This appearance of force soon cleared the streets but occasional acts of sabotage occurred here and there. The situation ashore was very serious for all service people.

(160-205) Whit Monday. Bank Holiday.

LESSONS.

Matins—Genesis xi. to *v.* 10.; 1 Corinthians xii. to *v.* 14.

Evensong—Numbers xi. *v.* 16 to *v.* 31; 1 Corinthians xii. *v.* 27 and xiii.

Passed a fairly decent night. Was awake by 0600. Had breakfast at 0700. Went to bathroom at 0740 and had a plunge. Was on full diet so had a generous breakfast of porridge, egg and bacon, tea, bread, butter and marmalade. Dressed and repaired to Ward Room in order to be out of way whilst V.A.D's cleaned up ward. Returned to ward and awaited arrival of doctor at 0930. After he had been round we all went into W.R. again. I gave Richards 100 up at billiards and then went into grounds for the sun and passed the time reading until noon. Had lunch then which consisted of soup, beef and 2 veg. and stewed apples with custard. Passed rest of day reading or playing billiards. Tea at 1500 was same as yesterday. Dinner was also generous, it was composed of Soup, mutton chop, tapioca pudding, a portion of cheese and coffee. Would have enjoyed it about 2000, 1800 was too early after tea at 1500. Retired about 2200. Slept fairly well. Was told I was to interview Surgeon Captain at 0900 on the morrow. A fine, bright, sunny day; wind a bit strong. Heroic was expected to arrive from Marseilles during the afternoon with General Plumer and family on board, as new Governor. Ship did not turn up. Trouble ashore still threatening. Large parties of bluejackets were again landed.

(161-204) Whit Tuesday.

LESSONS.

Matins—Joel ii. *v.* 21; 1 Thessalonians v. *v.* 12 to *v.* 24.

Evensong—Micah iv. to *v.* 8; 1 John iv. to *v.* 14.

Was up at 0740 after having had breakfast in bed at 0700. Shaved, dressed and was at Surgeon Captain's office by 0900. Interviewed him soon afterwards and was to be discharged at P.M. Returned to ward and packed up my belongings, then went to Egmont to get myself victualled up on discharge from hospital. Walked back to hospital again arriving there soon after 1100. I took it easy as I wasn't very robust on the legs yet, and forenoon was very hot. Had lunch at noon and after it gave Cater a farewell game of 100 up at billiards. Our Skiff arrived for me at 1200 so I said good-bye and pushed off. Had to report at Egmont again as I was not allowed to go to Valletta on account of disturbed state there. Egmont could not accomodate me - no room - so went on to Admiral Superintendent's office, from there I went to office of Maintenance Captain whose representative could not do anything for me except suggest I try the ships in harbour for accomodation. After a lot of chasing round I was at last accomodated in Blenheim. Called in at P.V. office during my hunt for digs and had a cag with B. who was there, also found a letter from M. waiting for me. Went on board Blenheim for tea and, again with my baggage later on. Passed the time there settling down and talking about fracas ashore. Retired to my cabin soon after 2200. Heroic with Governor arrived at 0900. Landing parties still being sent ashore. No further sabotage.

(162-203) Ember Day. S. Barnabas. LESSONS.
Matins—Deuteronomy xxxiii. to *v.* 12; Acts iv. to *v.* 31.
Evensong—Nahum i.; Acts xiv. *v.* 8.

Up at 0415. Had a cup of tea brought to me. Got out, had a wash and dressed and had breakfast at 0815 Crossed to office at 0900. Found B. there on arrival Had a cag before he pushed off. Had a busy forenoon attending to arrears of work, correspondence etc. Crossed to Bleuheim for lunch at noon and returned to office at 1415. Put in the afternoon on routine work etc. Had a visit from Smyth during the afternoon and heard further particulars of the events of Saturday and following days of last week I packed up at 1600 and crossed to Bleuheim for tea Had a walk around dockyard between tea and dinner. After dinner at 1930 passed the evening chatting and retired to my cabin at 2200, feeling very sleepy. No change in the conditions ashore and no leave is yet being given. Officers had to go about in couples and had to carry loaded pistols Received Dispatch from M. A very hot, sultry day. Sirocco wind blowing.

(163-202) Oxford Trinity Term begins.

Up at 0410. Had a bath in cabin, Shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0830, last one in ~~Egmont~~ Bleuheim. Crossed to office at 0900. Waded into my arrears of work and got through most of it during the day. Crossed to Bleuheim for lunch at noon and after it had a cag with her Gunner (T.) about some History Sheets I had in office. Returned to office at 1415, walking round by boat house. Had a cag with B. over 'phone and he told me I could now go back to hotel but I was to go in company with another officer and was to go to M.N.S.O. for a pistol and ammunition after I had reached hotel. I arranged for Smyth to call for me at 1600 and then went to Bleuheim and packed up my belongings, came back to office and accompanied by Smyth crossed to Valletta. Drove to hotel where I was welcomed by those who were left, had tea and then went to Baviar, saw Cunningham and got my gun and ammunition from him. Had a half-hours chat before leaving. Went right back to hotel with my gun, locked it away then shifted into mufti and had a walk round to view the damage etc. Invested in a pair of shoulder straps as rig was all whites and then had a hair cut before going back to dinner. After dinner remained chatting till 10-0 P.M. when I retired to my room, got my whites ready for the morning, had a hot cup of bovril and retired. A welcome change from Bleuheim. Things looked very quiet ashore. A hot, sirocco day.

(164-201) Ember Day.

Up at 0410. Bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0830. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900 accompanied by Smyth and Flack and with our loaded guns. We crossed over to Canteen Steps in the Salvage Motor Boat. Had a cag with B. over the 'phone on arrival in office Paid a visit to experimental station to see how platforms for Torpedo Attack Table was progressing. Passed remainder of forenoon in office attending to routine work and bringing my Store accounts up to date. Packed up for lunch at noon and crossed to Custom's House with Eng. Captain Lashmore. We kept company as far as my hotel. Returned to office at 1415 accompanied by Smyth and put in the afternoon reading up Admiralty Orders etc. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House and on to hotel accompanied by Smyth. After tea shifted into mufti and started a letter to M. for enclosing in J.B. Resumed this after dinner and completed it by 0900 2130. Had a read then until 2215 when I prepared for bed, retiring soon afterwards. An uneventful day as far as the situation ashore was concerned. A Proclamation by the New Governor was issued and posted up around Valletta, it dealt with the recent upheaval. A hot, sunny day, a slight breeze blowing.

(165-200) Ember Day.

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910 with Smyth and Flack. Passed all forenoon in office and put in the time on arrears of work reading up latest orders and on book work. Had several cags with B. over 'phone in between. Packed up for the day at 1215 and crossed over to Custom's House with Smyth calling alongside Princess Ena en route, to have a cag with her Captain anent his otter gear. Shifted into mufti before lunch and after it went out and called in at Club where I passed the evening reading latest papers and having 40winks, had no tea as I didn't feel in the humour for it. Left Club and went back to hotel for dinner at 1915. Passed an hour after dinner talking to the boys. Hotel very quiet after departure of Russians. Another frequent visitor, a Miss Jackman, also a refugee, left today in P&O. NILE for Marseilles along with a big batch of other refugees, Russian and British. Felt very drowsy all the evening and fell asleep whilst reading. Prepared for bed about 2300 and retired soon afterwards. A fine, bright, sunny day, very hot. Parties of armed bluejackets still about. No signs of unrest anywhere.

(166-199) Trinity Sunday.

LESSONS.

Matins—Isaiah vi. to *v.* 11; Revelation i. to *v.* 9.
Evensong—Genesis xviii. or i. and ii. to *v.* 4; Ephesians iv. to *v.* 17 or Matthew iii.

Up at 04 20. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0900. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0930. Had a fairly busy forenoon making arrangements for boats for various members of the Staff and was rung up several times by B. No Mass this morning owing to the disturbed state of affairs in the Island. Packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House. Shifted into mufti on arrival at Hotel and after lunch commenced a reply to M's latest letters. Had a cup of tea at 1630. Completed letter about 1730, then went out and had a short walk before dinner. Found things very quiet wherever I went. After dinner I passed the evening listening to Magistrate Mifsud's versions of the cause of the unrest etc. Retired to my room about 2200 and had a read before preparing for bed. Fell asleep in chair and woke up soon after midnight. Retired forthwith and passed a restless night. A very hot, windless day. Nothing exciting beyond a raid of the Manderazzis by police guarded by armed bluejackets, who were searching for loot. Heard that several stolen articles had been placed in the street overnight as a result of this search.

(167-198)

Up at 0715. Bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Still carrying my "gun". Put in all my time at office on routine work and putting all A.W.O's etc. in order. Nothing very much doing. Had usual cag with B. over phone. Packed up for lunch at noon and crossed to office Custom's House. Returned to office at 1430. Passed the time until 1600 reading latest orders etc. Received a letter from M. which came by Isonzo. Had not received letter I gave to Oswald to post for me. Packed up and crossed for tea at 1600. Shifted after tea and went to Club for look at latest papers. Had a long chat with Ward of Stuart whilst there. Left Club at 1900 and did some shopping before going on to Hotel for dinner. Bought a pair of short pants, a pair of white socks, a pair of garters, shaving soap and coal tar soap. Remained indoors after dinner talking and reading. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. A fine bright, sunny day, very hot.

(168-197) Trinity Law Sittings begin.

Up at 0410. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0540. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Passed early part of forenoon in office on routine work and at 1100 went on board Parthian and saw all Denton's Curios etc. whilst there. Returned to office at 1140. Motor boat broke down on the way back and crew had to pull to Canteen Steps. Came ashore in Salvage boat at 1215 landing at Custom's House, for lunch. Returned to office at 1420 and put in the afternoon writing an enclosure for J.B. which I completed and prepared for post by 1615. Had several calls with B. over 'phone in between whiles. Packed up and crossed to Calcara Steps at 1415 and went on to Hotel from there. Had tea and shifted into mufti afterwards. Went on to Club at 1730 and passed the evening away reading N. and M. Record. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1930 and afterwards went out for a walk before going to bed; went out by Floriana, through Right Sally Port on to Pieta and back by Porte des Bombes. Prepared for bed at 2240 and retired soon afterwards. Another very hot day. no wind. Received letter from M. by P. and O. boat which arrived previous evening.

(169-196)

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0540. Crossed to office from Custom's House at 0900. Passed all forenoon in office on routine work, reading latest A.W.O. and C.I.O's etc. Packed up and crossed for lunch at noon B. appeared in the office about 1140 and as usual made himself a bally nuisance before he pushed off. Returned to office at 1415 and put in the afternoon reading as there was nothing else doing. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House. After tea shifted into mufti and went on to Club where I met Ward of Stuart. Had a chat and a look at latest papers before going back to hotel for dinner. Remained indoors after dinner reading and doing up razors. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. A very hot, sultry day, a little wind.

(170-195) Corpus Christi.

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0540. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Passed early part of forenoon in office attending to routine work. B. put in an appearance about 1030. His servant arrived just before that time. He had to make out her form of application for a passport. Some fun filling in the particulars. We talked shop for some time after la bonne left and about 1130 we went on board M.L. 166, an oscillator from a paravane is being fitted to her searchlight in order to test its efficiency for counteracting the roll of a ship and so tend to keep the searchlight in the horizontal plane. B. pushed off for the beach soon afterwards whilst I returned to the office. I packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Returned to office at 1420 and passed the afternoon reading as there was nothing doing. Packed up for the day at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House. Shifted into mufti after tea and went to view tapesteries in St. John's Cathedral afterwards. Was not allowed to remain sightseeing as there was a service on. Had a bathe with Smythe at the Marsamuscetta bathing place. Swam across to Manoel Island and back again, rather a long swim for our first time in the water this year. Returned to hotel for dinner at 1900. Remained indoors afterwards talking and reading. Prepared for bed about 2330 and retired soon afterwards. A very hot, brilliant sunny day.

(171-194)

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0540. To Custom's House at 0900 for boat to office. Passed all forenoon in office. Had several calls with B. over phone and commenced a letter to M. in between-whiles. Packed up at noon and crossed to off Custom's House. Went up zig-zag and looked in at Club for half an hour before going to hotel for lunch. Returned to office at 1420 and put in the afternoon writing and reading. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Shifted into mufti afterwards, then went out and invested in a few bathing accessories. Returned to hotel at 1820 and darned some socks, also altered bathing cap to come down over my ears. After dinner crossed to Sliema and escorted Mrs. Colson back to hotel. Had no swim as Smyth and the others were away picnicking in Salvage motor boat. Prepared for bed about 2320 and retired soon afterwards. Another very hot, sunny day.

(172-193) Longest Day.

Up at 0715. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Customs House for boat to office at 0900. Passed all forenoon in office writing letter to M. and attending to business as necessary. B. appeared on the scene about 1000 and after a half-hour's cag pushed off again. Otherwise nothing very much doing. Packed up at noon and crossed to Customs House. Went up Zig-Zag and called in at Club for a half-hour's read before going on to hotel for lunch. After lunch shifted into mufti and then had 40 winks until 1600. Had tea at 1630 and at 1730 Smyth and I went to bathing place and had a half-hour's swim and a sun-bath afterwards. Returned to hotel at 1845. I went out again before dinner and invested in a pair of braces at 3/-, also a packet of envelopes at 4d. Returned for dinner at 1930 and went out again after it. Returned at 2145 and passed the rest of the night preparing for the morning etc. Retired soon after 2300. Another very hot day.

(173-192) 1st after Trinity.

LESSONS.
Matins—Joshua iii. *v.* 7 to iv *v.* 15.; Acts v. v. 17.
Evensong—Joshua v. *v.* 13 to vi. *v.* 21 or xxiv.; 2 Peter ii.

Up at 0710. Shaved, bathed, dressed and had breakfast by 0900. To Customs House for boat to office at 0930. Had several cags with B. over the telephone about the running of the staff motor boats. Went across to Senglea for Mass at 1015 and returned to office at 1140. Packed up at noon and crossed to Customs House. Went on to hotel, shifted into mufti and washed a cap cover and pair of white socks before lunch. Had a read and a nap afterwards, waking up at 1400. Had a cup of tea then. At 1440 crossed over to Sliema in ferry and walked back to hotel via Misida, Pieta and through the Right Sally Port on to Floriana, getting back at 1930. After dinner spent time till 2200 talking to Slack about petrol engines. Retired to my room soon after 2200 and had a further read until 2300 when I prepared for bed, retiring soon afterwards. A very hot, sirocco day. Feeling very "dead and alive" all day. I seem to have no energy. Slept restlessly all night.

(174-191)

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0540. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Had a busy forenoon getting engine out of Pelican for overhaul in workshop. The job is being superintended by Flack. Had a cag over phone with B. anent bathing boats etc. We packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Returned at 1415 and put in the afternoon learning all about the engine of Pelican. We packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House in Engineer Captains No Motor boat as neither of ours was available. At 1430 Smyth, Flack and I went on to Marsa... muscetta bathing place for swim. We swam over to Manoel Island and after a rest swam back again. Remained paddling about in the water and doing fancy diving from the spring board for a few minutes longer, then came in, had a shower bath and a sun bath with only my towel around my loins. Dressed and returned to hotel by 1900. After dinner went out shop-visiting and returned to hotel again at 2130. Prepared for bed at 2230 and retired soon afterwards. Very hot, little wind to temper heat. Heroic arrived from Marseilles. Canada, battleship, arrived from England.

(175-190) S. John Bapt. Camb. Easter T. ends. LESSONS.

Matins—Malachi iii. to *v.* 7; Matthew iii.
Evensong—Malachi iv.; Matthew xiv. to *v.* 13.

Up at 0410. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0545. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910. Passed all forenoon in office attending to routine work and picking up wrinkles about the Pelican's engine. B. appeared about 1040 and spent about an hour in the office cagging about various things before pushing off. We packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House. I went up Zig-Zag and called in at Club for a half-hours read of latest papers before going on to hotel for lunch. Returned to office at 1420 and put in the afternoon reading and attending to the telephone for cags with B. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House in Eng. Captain's boat. After tea shifted into mufti and at 1740 went on to bathing place and had my usual swim over to Manoel and back. Was alone this time. Completed dressing and was back at hotel by 1910. After dinner went out and intended doing some shopping but only invested in a tube of tooth paste as all shops were shut it being a festa. Returned to Hotel at 2145 and spent the rest of the night preparing for the morning and for bed. Retired about 2230.

Received a letter from M. per Heroic, also one from Jacques from Constantinople about the Staff motor boats. A very hot, dry windless day.

(176-189)

Up at 0415. Bathed, dressed, shaved and had breakfast by 0845. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910. Landed at T.O.C. Steps with Flack and walked on to office from there. Flack appeared soon afterwards and carried on with the overhaul of the Pelican's engine. Had a lecture on magnetos whilst he was testing it. We packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House in skiff as no Motor boat was available. From thence went on to hotel for lunch. Returned to office at 1420 and put in the afternoon writing an enclosure for John B. to M. also sent a short note to Midget. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Shifted into mufti after tea and at 1730 we 3 of us, Smyth, Flack and self went for bathe. It was none too pleasant in the water as there was a wind blowing which made the water choppy, Nevertheless Smyth & I swam across to Maneol and back again after a brief rest. Had no sun-bath afterwards as wind was cold and sun was obscured by clouds. We had dressed and returned to hotel by 1900. Found Parsons had returned, his ship the Kinross having been blown up by mines in the Aegean. Luckily he was not on board. After dinner I went out and invested in a tin of ovaltine and in 3yds. of silk for the Midget's birthday 21st. H.C. Returned to hotel at 2200 and after a read prepared for bed, retiring about 2300. Not a very hot day, as a strong wind from S.W. was blowing.

(177-188)

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0840. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0900. Passed all forenoon in office, reading Admiralty Orders and attending to routine work. Had a shake up in the Pelican's engine, and a chat with B. over 'phone Packed up and crossed to Custom's House for lunch at 1300 Returned to office at 1415 and put in the afternoon writing to M. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Had a cup of tea at 1630 and after it shifted into mufti and at 1730 with Flack went to usual bathing place and had a swim over to Maneol and back again. Had a sun bath after I had dried myself, then dressed and returned to hotel Went out again before dinner and invested in a little silk dress for Nellie for her birthday. Returned for dinner at 1940 and remained in for the remainder of the night talking to Mrs. Colson. Spent awhile reading before preparing for bed and at 2310 retired. A very hot, heavy day, very little wind. Received Dispatch of 15th. Canada sailed for Constantinople.

(178-187)

up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0845. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910. Crossed to office at 1 and put in all the forenoon there writing to M. having a cag about petrol engines and talking to B. over the phone. Packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Returned to office at 1420 and resumed letter writing as there wasn't much else doing. Packed up at 1600 and crossed to Custom's House for tea. Shifted into mufti afterwards and at 1730 went on to bathing place and had the usual swim with Smyth. Dressed and returned to hotel at 1900. After dinner went out for a walk and called in at Club. Returned to hotel at 2215 and soon afterwards prepared for bed, retiring about 2300. A hot day similar to yesterday, a cool W. wind blowing.

(179-186)

Up at 0415. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0845. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910. Gave Smyth, Parsons and Slack a trip across to Lusk Canteen Steps. Paid a visit to the New Factory soon after my arrival in the office and made enquiries about the new timing wheel for Pelican. Found they hadn't even started on it. Returned to office and put in the rest of the forenoon there, completed letter to M. and had a go at magneto belonging to Penguin. B. appeared about 1040, we had a cag about various things before he pushed off to boathouse to arrange for Penguin being hauled up on boat-slip on Monday. He returned to office soon after noon and we had another cag before we packed up. We all left the office at 1230 and picked up Slack on the way to Custom's House. After lunch I shifted and had a read and nap until 1600. Had a cup of tea at 1630 and then went to post-office and invested in 2 registered envelopes in which to send home presents for Midge and Nellie. Had usual swim at 1730, returning to hotel at 1900. After dinner went for a walk with Mrs. Colson round by Pieta and Right Sallyport. Prepared for bed at 2240 and retired soon afterwards. A hot day but heat was tempered by a cool W. wind which died down towards evening.

(180-185) 2nd after Trinity. S. Peter, Ap. LESSONS.

Matins—Judges iv. or Ezekiel iii. *v.* 4 to *v.* 15; John xxi. *v.* 15 to *v.* 23.
Evensong—Judges v. or vi. *v.* 11 or Zechariah iii.; Acts iv. *v.* 8 to *v.* 23.

Up at 0420. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0845. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0930. Called at Mail Office Egmont en route and posted 2 registered envelopes and a letter. Found nothing doing on arrival in office so at 1020 crossed over to Senglea for Mass. Returned to office at noon calling alongside Empress en route and saw Slatter whom I asked to dinner. Packed up at noon and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Shifted into mufti and washed a pair of white socks before lunch. Afterwards darned 2 pairs of socks and repaired my bathing Costume.

Had a cup of tea at 1615 and at 1900 went for usual swim. Had sun bath, dressed and was back in hotel at 1845. Slatter appeared soon after 1900. Had a long talk before and after dinner and at 2130 we went to Custom's House where he caught a boat for his ship. Had a walk before returning to hotel and after a chat with the Salvage man who had returned from Algeria I prepared for bed. I turned in just before midnight.

Another very warm day, a slight breeze blowing. Upper Barracca lift resumed duty today. A salute of 101 guns was fired by Saluting Battery Lascaris Fort, also by Egmont & Ajax in honour of the signing of Peace by the Hun.

(181-184)

Up at 0410. Bathed, shaved, dressed and had breakfast by 0845. To Custom's House for boat to office at 0910. Put in the forenoon in the office attending to routine work and having a chat with Slack about engine of Pelican. Had a visit from Laurence Gunner (T.) of Certs. Had usual cag with B. over 'phone. Packed up at 1215 and crossed to Custom's House for lunch. Returned to office at 1430 and had a visit from B. who appeared about 1500. He pushed off in Petrel and happened along again just before 1600. We all went ashore soon afterwards, picked up Slack en route to Custom's House. Had a cup of tea about 1630 and shifted after it into mufti. At 1715 Smyth and I went to usual place for swim. I swam across to Manoel, had a rest and back again. After usual shower bath and sun bath we dressed and returned to hotel. After dinner I went out for a short walk and called in at Club before returning to hotel. Prepared for bed at 2300 and retired soon afterwards. A very hot day, a nice cooling breeze from W. blowing. Isonzo arrived from Marseilles. Received letter from M. and one from Oswald.