

*(Hortor's Legal Diary & Directory of South Africa 1906. 1 map of Transvaal in front and 2 of Witwatersrand showing mining districts, municipal areas and magisterial areas. Latter has some areas marked with x in pencil, probably the ones Steele was responsible for.*

## **January**

1 Monday

Up early. Mr. Macdonald did not come to dine, was detained at Waterval \_\_\_ and Waterval \_\_\_, he wired apologies. We had a pleasant time all day and the children and the men enjoyed themselves very much.

2 Tuesday

Still a holiday. Busy all day.

3 Wednesday

Busy all day.

4 Thursday

Busy all day. A heavy mail came in.

5 Friday

Went to Johannesburg and saw the Inspector Gen. Col Curtis about the Chinese cordon around the Rand. He wishes me to take charge of all of the troops employed on that duty and locate the posts. I then spoke to him about the way he gave evidence before the Commission on the S.A.C. I said that I thought that it was not fair to me. He said he would rectify it. I went to see Lord Selborne by appointment and stated all I had lost by coming here to SAC He received(?) extremely well and

asked me to write.

6 Saturday

Went to Rayton and tried Constable Davis on a charge made by two Jews Messrs Golomb & Bernstein. Gave him a \_\_\_ afterwards but finally ordered him to Pretoria to complete case. It was simply a trifling squabble between one Rose and the Jews who are petty traders who give annoyance to Premier people by peddling in Compound.

7 Sunday

Worked all day in the office, got back at 4.30 dismissed the charge against Const Davis, Premier Mine. Arranged to go out Tuesday to take charge of mobiles

8 Monday Pretoria

Up at 7 A.M. Bagnall to Germiston to see friends. Lieut Such(?) called to see me with a message from Capt Jarvis. Wired Mobile troops Zuurfontein that I would be there to inspect \_\_\_ post tomorrow afternoon. Wrote letters to Sir F.W. Borden re appointment in Canada and asking if he had got Lord Milners, Gen. Baden Powells and Col Nicholsons(?) letters. Wrote Mrs Folger, Capt Cornwall, Capt W.J \_\_\_\_, Capt de Havilland called to see me. Signed all cheques for private a/c

Kaalfontein 9 Tuesday

Left Pretoria by train for Kaalfontein. Const \_\_\_ took the mules and cape cart by road. Arrived at Kalfontein at 8.30 and wrote out suggestions for I.G. re the work of keeping the Chinese deserters from the Rand from getting out and committing outrages. Wrote a long letter to Lord Selborne and sent him a record of my service in this country and in Canada. Drove down after lunch to Zuurfontein and inspected the

horses remounts and G and H troops Mobile

10 Wednesday Kaalfontein

Started out at 7.30 with Fall and was joined at Zuurfontein by Capt Palmer as arranged yesterday at Zuurfontein and some of his men. Moved east and after a long drive finished locating mile posts on a line due east from Zuurfontein. They all \_\_\_ the Rand and the farm houses facing it. All of the farmers were pleased. Left \_\_\_ back at 6.45 and reached Ba\_\_fontein at 7, got back here at 8.40. Retired at 1.30. Trew(?) was here again.

11 Thursday Kaalfontein

Up early. Left with Fall at 7.30 and at 8.15 was joined by Capt G\_\_\_. We went east and established a line of posts west from Zuurfontein via Modderfontein to Klipfontein 479 three miles west of Craighall. Came back and lunched at the Craighall hotel. Had a very nice lunch. Got a message from Trew to the effect that the Chinese had broken into the house of Cronje, Waterval 50, and frightened the inmates & stolen some property. Later on got news of the Chinese being followed to Ratfontein 15. We went there at once and were joined by some Kaffirs and some of our patrols out. Fall and his men beat the woods six times he got the whole ten. Started back at 7.20 P.M. and got here at 11.50 had supper a \_\_\_ retired at 2.20 AM

12 Friday Kaalfontein

Busy writing all day. The Chinese marauders brought in at 11.00 31 today

13 Saturday Pretoria

Up early and as Fall was busy did not leave until 10 when we left Faall

and I for Zuurfontein, arrived there at 10.30 and as arranged went with Capt Gough along with us and pointed out a post for him to man at Modderfontein S.E. also one three miles east of Craighall. Went in and saw the I.G. and Miss Curtiss. Took tea at the Stn and came here by the 4.45 train was met at the station by R\_\_\_\_. All glad to see me and gave me a very warm welcome

15 Monday Kaalfontein

Came down in the afternoon to this place. Arrived at 3.00. Had been working all day at the office in Pretoria. Went to work at correspondence and arranged for a trip tomorrow.

16 Tuesday Kaalfontein

Started off at 8 AM and went east to visit posts. Arrived at Bakfontein post at 9.30 and questioned the constable in charge on his work. No Chinese lately, the last on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec Left at 9.45 arrd at Oliphantsfontein at 11.40. Outspanned, lunched and called on the Langley family. Left at 1.00 and arrived at Reitvlei at 1.30 inspected(?) the N.C.O. etc etc called at the farm house. The people are pleased with the men being there. Left at 1.50 arrd Katboshfontein, \_\_\_ at 2.10 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ told the Sergt to tell his O.C. to move the post. Left at 2.20 Reached Holfontein, Const Morony 2.30 left at 2.35 arrived at Hennings farm, Reitfontein at 4.50 left at 4.55

Arrived at Pete \_\_\_fontein Const Withers 4.40 left at 4.50 Arrived at Pete(?) Sergt Hooker in Charge at 5.10 left at 5.25. Arrived at Vlakfontein 44 Corpl Owen in charge at 6.00 PM Outspanned and left at 6.30 Arrived at Reit\_\_\_ Corpl Murray 6.45 Kaalfontein 8.15 P.M. Dined and retired at 10.30 No smoke today.

17 Wednesday Kaalfontein

Off at 8.45 arrd Zuurfontein Met Long-Innes at 9.20 left at 10 AM by trail arrd Reitfontein Station 10.30 Arrd Curry's farm (Tea) at 10.45 AM breakfast Const T\_\_\_ in charge protégé of Kirks. Left at 11.15 arrd at Baileys farm at 11.40, Capt Thomas in charge left at 11.45 Arrd Kleinfontein, Farrars farm (Sir G) (Brig \_\_\_) 12.00 Left at 12.05 arrd Vlakfontein 44 at 12.30 outspanned. (Tea and feed for mules) at Vlakfontein 44 of D. Mobile at 1 P.M. Left at 2 P.M. Corporal Smith in charge. Arrd at Rand Klipfontein Corpl Franks at 3.15 outspanned Tea and fed mules. Left at 4. PM arrd at G\_\_\_ post Const \_\_\_ in charge. Outspanned and changed mules. Arrd at 4.30 left at 4.45 arrd at Brakpan Xing at 5.20 and \_\_\_ post Corpl Cameron at 5.40 on Springline. Left at 5.50 Arrd Phoenix Mine Const Murray in charge at 6.45 outspanned watered had tea Left at 7.10 Arrd at Knights at 8.45 Drove to Genniston tried for a bed could get none went on to J.burg and stopped at Grand National.

18<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Left J.burg 7.00 AM Train arrd Kaalfontein at 8.00 Breakfast Wrote a lot to C.S.O. Kirkpatrick, C. Mobile, G. Mobile, Capt Palmer. Diary of yesterday to I.G. Wired A Mobile O.C. to meet me tonight at Craighall and go around posts tomorrow and have mules at noon to \_\_\_ mine. Left Kaalfontein at 2.15 and drove through Modderfontein. Met the manager Mr Cullen riding through also a constable of one of the new posts out S.W. of Modderfontein with five Chinese all tied by the pigtails. One looked very unwell indeed. Found part of the road blocked by a new fence since I was there before and had to go around it. Got here at five thirty P.M. O.C. Krugersdorp called as arranged to go around with me tomorrow. He seems to think that it will take us three days. Raining a little. Stopped at Craighall hotel.

19<sup>th</sup> Friday

Up at 6 AM breakfast at 8 AM . Left with O.C. A Mobile troop and a constable from Craighall on a cycle to guide us. Did not know the way. By a very crooked route got to Wittenden 78, Corpl Douglas in charge, 3 men. Does not patrol in daytime, told him to do so. Arrd at 10.15 AM left at 10.30. Wilgespruit Capt Clark and three men at 11.00 Left at 11.15 Arrd at 12 noon. Fort Canada only one man Const Deusberg \_\_\_ the rest on Chinese duty Krugersdorp left at 12.15 Hotel at M\_\_\_ drift at 12.20 outspanned and changed mules. Lunch, left at 1.10 Kroodraai Const Trew three men arrd 2.30 left at 2.40 PM Arrd Sterkfontein 68 Const J. Knox and 3 men. 3.20 left at 3.30. Arrived at Krugersdorp at 4.20 put up at the Grand had a bath and a second shave. There is room for improvement in the patrolling.

20<sup>th</sup> Sat

Up at 4.15 AM left at 5.30 AM on the last tour of the Rand A Mobile ground. Reached Brandlei Const Dalzell. Patrols two to four AM. Day patrol 8 until one. Left at 7AM 12 miles. K\_\_\_ Const Lewis at 8.40. Left at 9.00. Went on to Randfontein 4½ miles and breakfasted at the very dirty hotel and left for Darnton 46 Const Sherman and three men. Patrol 3.30 to 8 AM, 2 or 3 to 7 P.M. 3 Chinese yesterday Arrd 11.30 Left at 11.40 for Saxon Dam on Witpoort 44 Const E.H. Todd and three men. Patrols 7 to 112 midnight and 3 to 9 A.M. The Asst. Com<sup>r</sup> is using the men of the Mobile troop to collect other information for him. The men wish to get instructions.

Div Comdr is using the men of the A Mobile troop to collect information re the voter rolls. No Chinese for the past ten days. Arrived at 12.25 left at 12.35 for Roodepoort, G Britain Mine. Sergeant Woodman in charge with five men. Patrols 3 to 8 AM, 7 to 11.30 at night. Has had no Chinese for three weeks. Capt Matthews inspects for two or three times a week and gives orders re regular police work. Arrd at 1.15 left at 1.30

for Croesus Mine. Corporal Pearson in chg with two men. Patrols from three to eight 3to 8 AM Do not patrol in the daytime. Arrd at 2.15 P.M. left at 2.20. Arrived at Langlaagte Station at 2.40 PM saw Capt left at 3.00 for Krugersdorp. Left at 4.12 for Johannesburg Station arrd at 4.25 and left for Pretoria at 4.40 Arrd at 6.30 PM was met at station by Ringham. Have a very severe cold caused by the foolishness of sitting on the verandah of the Craighall hotel and getting damp after being over heated. Went to bed early with mustard plaster. Mays doctored me up a bit.

Pretoria Sunday 21

In bed all day, ate nothing. Took cough mixture and hot lemon.

Pretoria Monday 22

Got off Lord Strathconas Corps diary at last. Wrote him privately. Did a lot of work in office until 3.30 PM.

Tuesday 23 Jan

Busy in office. Wired Langlaagte to have team there for me tomorrow AM. More orders to Mobile re patrols on Chinese duty. Wrote long letter to Lord Strathcona re diary etc etc

Wednesday 24 Pretoria

Left Pretoria at 7.35 arrived at Langlaagte at 10.30 met by Const and mules, left and arrd Germiston at 1.30 lunched took train to J.burg. Went to Auckland Park and was told by Col. Curtis that Lord Selborne asked me through him to stay in S.A.C. until October the 1<sup>st</sup>. I said that I would think about it. Got here by the 6.30 train, 4.40 from Jbg

Pretoria Thursday 25

Up early office at 9 AM worked hard until \_\_\_\_\_. Wrote Colonel Curtis

and accepted Lord Selborne's request for me to ~~come~~ stay until 1<sup>st</sup> October next. Arranged to go to Knights tomorrow to take tour around the Rand to the Eastward and \_\_\_ for teams of mules to be ready where wanted. Got satisfactory replies. Sent \_\_\_ to see about it. Worked until 4 P.M. Wrote J.B. Clarke, Jim Henderson, C.S. Moon, Esther Mills, Vivian \_\_\_, Col Curtis. Lots of officials. Heard of the death of poor Cassidy by the accidental discharge of a shotgun when attempting to shoot a hawk. I am very sorry for he was one of my very best friends and a splendid man. He served in Lord Strathconas Corps and also in B Division SAC

Oliphants 26<sup>th</sup> Friday

Left here by 7.35 train and reached Knights at 9.35. Met by Captain Jackson and went around his posts outside Chinese cordon all day. His man at Reitfontein showed us the wrong road but we found our way. Got here wet and miserable at 7 PM. Started off for Kaalfontein at 7.40 and arrived at a wire fence I turned back and decided to stay the night. Mr. Langely gave me a bed.

Pretoria Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Drove in today. 12 Chinese arrested by Kaalfontein patrol.

Pretoria Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Busy all day in the office getting out my report on the Rand area and the Chinese cordon. Lieuts Shackle and French came to supper. Mays and Antoine sang a lot and all appeared to enjoy themselves.

Monday January 29<sup>th</sup>

Wrote and mailed Dr. Harwood, S.F. Wright, Capt Browne, C.A. Harwood Esq 180 St. James St. Montreal, James B Steele, Mrs Maclean



Insp Camies, C. Moon (Mrs), Vivian Steele \_\_\_\_, J.B. Clarke KC,  
Toronto, Canada, J.B. Steele Beaver Lake, Captain Carstairs, \_C.L.I.  
Silverthorne is getting ready to abscond Antoine is out of luck for his  
money I fear. Wrote Major Jarvis C.M.G., Regina Sask.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1906

In bed all day. Cold and cough very bad. Sent in to I.G. report upon the  
Chinese Cordon also orders for the patrols and list of posts.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Mailed reports on Chinese cordon.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Capt Palmer called re Chinese stated that the Wrote out instructions  
for drives to catch Chinese. Wrote for D. Mobile to send men out in the  
evening to cover the ground between the Mobiles G.H. and the Rand and  
wrote Trew re the drives after the Chinese to and from the Rand.

Ordered F. to put posts at Elsberg and Jan Meyers farm and to take them  
from Noigedacht. D to put a post at Reitfontein East instead of the men  
of that post to go to the Elsberg and Jan Meyers farm.

Pretoria Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Still in qrs but kept up correspondence. Got the Dr. to come and see me  
Capt Laing and he has ordered me to remain in until next week.

Saturday, Pretoria

Wired O.C.H. to relieve W\_\_\_\_ of A. 78 with a post of four (4) men and  
26 A to send the men of W\_\_\_\_ 78 to Dornkop 46. Wrote to C.S.O. to  
the effect that I shall need all of the men of C. Available after the Dukes  
visit.

6 Tuesday

Up early and still on sick report. Dr. Laing called to see me. Told me to remain off duty until he tells me about it and calls again. I certainly made a great fool of myself in being so careless as to catch cold. Wrote full instructions to the Mobile Tps re duties and patrols.

7 Wednesday

Up early. Still on sick report. I am improving. Attended to all duties.

8 Thursday

Up early as usual Still on sick report but much better than yesterday. Wrote up all official correspondence as usual and also many private letters.

9 Friday

Still on sick report. Wrote Capt AH Macdonell Lethbridge Alberta. Major R. Belcher CMG do. Big Tattoo at 9.30 of all garrison until 11 PM. Trouble in Natal. Police collecting from the Zulus the hut tax. Two N. Police shot. Colonel Curtis telephoned asking me to be at the 'phone' tomorrow at any time between 8 and 11.

10 Saturday

Went up to the office and telephoned Colonel Curtis who replied ordering that C. Mobile Tp be kept in barracks here and all of its men not on the ~~Ry~~ Chinese Cordon and on the Ry to be brought to Pretoria. Wilfred O.C. Pretoria Dist and C. Mobile Capt Kirkpatrick has asked me if I can be at Germiston. Replied yes, on Tuesday. Wrote J.H. Robinson, Box 2743 J.burg and Capt McDonnell, Sydenham, O.R.C. in reply to theirs.

Feb 11 Sunday

Letters to Lord S. One re 700\$ a person borrowed, one asking how his leg is. Mrs S. Allen, AH Strange, H. Tennant, Clerk of Law Dept thanking him for kindness on the occasion of the Tattoo. Mrs. Nicolle, Clendon Hall, Durham, Major Gen T.B. Strange, Cox & Co. Sir F.W. Borden thanking him for his letter.

12 Monday

Up at 7 AM. Still suffering from a cold but it has improved a great deal. Telephoned the Chief of the T.T.P. asking when he can give me an interview at his office. Drew five pounds from the bank for travelling expenses. Telephoned O.C. A. Mobile to the effect that I cannot see Capt Samson until I see the Chief of the T.T.P. Wired Kirkpatrick in reply to his that I would be down Wednesday to see the Commissioner and could arrange later to see Capt Samson at Germiston. Reply from Com<sup>r</sup> that I could see him on Wednesday next at any time. I wired that I would be there on Wednesday 11 AM. Rained in torrents all afternoon the heaviest for some years past.

Pretoria 13 Tuesday

Up at 7.15 still the cold hangs on to me. Sent "Star," Standard to Capt Cornwall. Wrote letters of recommendation for Giles & Stokes. Wrote Godfrey re land and dentists. Attended to my official duties. Wrote James about Godfrey, land and his wishes re business.

Pretoria 14 Wednesday

~~Busy in the office all forenoon.~~

Went to Johannesburg at 8.35 arrd at 10.35 proceeded to the office of the Comr of the T.T.P. Saw Mr Showers and Col O'Brien at 11 AM and arranged to place men from my Mobile troops at the posts vacated by D. Troop Mobile \_\_\_ on account of the fuss in Natal. All are satisfied.

Saw Capt Sampson who is one of the TTP, and he was a rancher at Mosquito Creek, Alta. Saw the \_\_\_ I.G. who is satisfied. Returned to Pretoria by 2.15 train.

Krugersdorp 15 Thursday

Left Pretoria by 2.15 train for here and arrived at 6.25 changing cars at Johannesburg. Before leaving Pretoria tried Corporal Gibson and severely reprimanded him for refusing to obey an order of Lieut French. After dinner here Captain Bristow and R\_\_\_ went up with me to Major Ringles room and talked over the recent phase of the Chinese question. Arranged that the Pochefstroom D.C. would cause his Modderfontein 360 post patrol into the Krugersdorp dist on farms Waterpan 17 Elandsfontein 13, Ciphefontein 32 and save extra work of V. Wychs Rust. Retired at 10.30. Mosquitos bad.

16<sup>th</sup> Friday

Up at 7 AM. Bath, breakfast at 8 AM. Capt Pringle here with me. Talked of the Chinese corps(?) many are remarkably well educated. Sixty hidden in a shaft and some in other places. Sent for Randall talked over matters again. Wrote the D.C. Pochefstroom to get Modderfontein 360 to patrol farms in Krugersdorp district. Waterpan 17, Elandsfontein 13 and Ciperfontein 32. Wrote I.G. in diary full report, wired G.H. Troops asking if the men are all placed on six posts T.T.P.

17<sup>th</sup> Feby Saturday 1906

Up at 6.30 bath, breakfast at 8 AM. and took 10.15 train to J.burg went to Auckland Park saw I.G. and told him all about what I had done. He will send men and horses to Krugersdorp on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant and also to the G.H. Tp I then left for Pretoria and arrived at 4.30 PM. French and Shockels(?) called.

18 Sunday

Up at 8 AM. Office at ten and arranged for tomorrow as well as writing to V. Steele, Gus, Frank, Jarvis, Greener etc. Got wire from Robinson that Doc Donaldson called Lord Strathcona wrote.

Kaalfontein 19 Monday

Up at 6.30 Office at 9 AM. Wrote Lord Strathcona confirming my telegram or rather cable re Dr. Donaldson. Returned to qrs at 12 \_\_\_ and having previously gone up with the three children to school got measured for a suit of clothes and a tunic. On arrival home found \_\_\_ that they had found a very nice suit of tweed a beautiful fit by Wallace of Montreal but it is too late to cancel and besides a tweed suit made here is good enough. Took 5.5 train and arrd here at 6.05. Fall arrd with Mrs \_\_\_ 6.35 PM

20 Tuesday

Up at 6.30 slept in sitting room on a/c of my former qrs being scrubbed out Left at 9.30 for J.burg took cab to A. Park met Greener and then Madoc re the staff of Dist Comdr all agreed that the clerk should be left with D.C. as he has much more to do. Saw Col Anderson and had ten minutes chat. He is a bit worried about his removal from the Corps being probable. Got back here at 12.30. Lunch. Capt Palmer came at three thirty and I settled matters for him.

21 Wednesday Klip River

Up at 6 AM shaved and left with mules and \_\_\_ Native boy driving at 7 AM got to Zuurfontein at 7.30 breakfasted with the Palmers as invited by him yesterday. Mrs Palmer asked me to stay when I liked. Left at 8.15 reached "Knights" at 9.30 changed mules got a guide (!) and after 19 miles driving and seven or eight out of our way the axle broke.

Borrowed a cart and team left the "boy" with the remains came here. Sent Treys to Joburg for an axle \_\_\_ driver of borrowed cart 10s and sent boy grub \_\_\_ and ordered him to stay all night.

22 Thursday

Started off this AM with a borrowed cart obtained from a Tasmanian gentleman and driven by a bright Kaffir boy. Constable Rayner guided us (!) he took the wrong road. I told him to take me to Jacksons drift, Oliphantsvlei 132. Later on his horse fell with him knocking him senseless. I sent boy for water and had him washed and brought to his senses, he had been drinking. I drove him back to Klip R. in the cart Capt Tait there who smelled liquor off the Const as I had. I put him on sick report. Went in afternoon to Jacksons Drift 132. Van Wycks Rust. In \_\_\_ \_\_\_ at J.burg. Got home at 8.00

"Jacksons" 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday "Drift"

Trey having got back with the axle. I got up at 6 AM, charged Constable Rayner with being drunk, fined him five pounds. Put Const Johnson in charge. Gave orders to Const Grant Scott to the effect that he is to tell Const Johnson that the men are to know their way to all posts next to them in any district. Left for Jacksons Saw the S.A.C. Doc to Hartzenburgfontein 132. Called at a Dutch farm house. The lady satisfied, no Chinese troubled them, not afraid on account of S.A.C. Drove on. Saw Const in chg at Hartzenburgfontein. Post just clear of glanders, and had orders to move. Wired O.C. F. Troop not to move them without orders. I placed them on Farberfontein 214. Drove back to Jackson and had lunch. Called on Potgeiter on the way. He is pleased with S.A.C. Drove to Van Wycks, inspected horses went on to Ciferfontein(?) (32) inspected then to Klipspruit 58. Inspected and drove back to Jacksons drift via Van Wycks, seventy five miles today.

24 Sat

Jacksons D. To Kaalfontein 40 miles.

Sunday 25 Pretoria ~~Saturday~~

Up at 7.30 office at 9. Attended to all correspondence at once and wrote letters to different people. Capt de Havilland reported and had a chat. Lieuts French and Shackel supped with us at 6.45 and spent the evening. There is no doubt friction between de Havilland and his troop officers as well as between him and those of the district

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Wrote to Mobile troops and arranged a lot of matters. Wrote Jas. B. Steele, D.A. Mann, Mrs Moon, Capt Logan D.S.O., the Sask<sup>n</sup> Valley Land Co. Frank Harwood D.D.S(?) 137 St. Denis St. Montreal PQ, Lieut Hardy. Saw French he is not pleased with his O.C. but of course I can say nothing as he will not report him. The lack of tact in some men is absurd and stupendous.

Went up town at 4 PM and tried on my new tunic and new coat at Pearlmans Tailors shop.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feby 1906

Up at 7 AM. Sandow as usual. Recruits are as usual wonderful. Wrote my diary to Col. Curtis and gave orders to mobile troops as usual. Some recruits sent around. Asked I.G. for three men for F. Mobile Troop. Sent Hatch up town for new glass and sent for cart and its cost. Sent papers to Fall, Bidy and Cornwall.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 1906

Wrote several letters to CSO and the O.C. Mobiles. \_\_\_ Wright Regina, O.C. Prince Albert, F.A. Robinson J.burg and Capt S.A.C. J.burg. Sask<sup>n</sup>

Valley & Alberta Land Co. Diary to I.G.

## March

Pretoria 1 Thursday

Went to J.burg today. Saw I.G. he is now gazetted. Saw Browne, Hartigan and Colonel Madoc. Nothing to do, visit is useless. Returned by 2.15 train after doing some shopping in Johannesburg. Went to the Skillings on my return. Mrs Skillings Mrs S and Mrs S Crosby there too. Sandow a great deal as usual.

2 Friday

Up early. Lots of correspondence. Office at 9 A.M. did not lunch. Went up town at 2 P.M. Sandow a great deal. Got home at 3.30 with the children Wrote Jarvis, Godfrey, Laidlaw, James B. Steele etc etc. Gave orders to Molder to intercept Kaffir deserters from the Rand Wrote George Cowan a long letter. Sandow at night.

3 Saturday

Up early. Wrote Swift. Wrote diary to I.G. particularly about men at the Station. The Welch banquet in J.burg was a success Lord Selborne gave them some good advice about the Boers praising the latter very much. Wrote Swift re rifle and demanded returns from the Mobile troops. Did lots of work in office.

4 Sunday

Busy in the office all forenoon. Wrote many letters. ~~Telephone from~~ Lord Selborne wishes me to report on Monday

5 Monday Pretoria

as requested by telephone through Lieut the Hon. H. Fitzclarence. I



proceeded to Sunnyside Johannesburg and reported to Lord Selborne who asked me many questions about the Chinese who desert, cause for desertion, object in being out of bounds. If farmers houses are well secured from housebreakers. If the S.A.C. are in harmony with the Transvaal Town Police. If the settlers and farmers are on good terms. If our men are contented Reported in the best way possible.

1<sup>st</sup> that we did not know that Chinese as a body went out to commit crime. In fact some went for a holiday and meant no harm. Some were thought at first to attempt to get to China by a short cut. That some were caught in Secucuniland(?) some north of Pretoria. That S.A.C. and T.T.P. are on good terms. That the S.A.C. and the farmers are also. That the farmers have rifles, that their doors are fairly secure. That I have visited the farmers and that the S.A.C. have cause for complaint being out of pocket when arresting and charging the Chinese.

6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Very heavy rain. Got reports of posts from all officers Comg Mobile troops under my command. Some men not prompt enough. Wired yesterday about it. Wrote many orders for them and all of \_\_\_\_.

7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Arranged to leave at 4.30 for Kaalfontein and sent cape cart with Const Treys to that place at 11.30. Went up town to the tailors. Replied to \_\_\_\_ and asked him and Miss Vivian to come to lunch Sunday. Wrote \_\_\_\_ to tell me about Canadian ships for Mrs. Folger.

8 Thursday Pages Farm Oliphantsfontein

Up at 6 AM arranged to leave at 9 AM for Zuurfontein. Wired C.S.O. that the new recruits for G. and H. Troops are urgently needed. Wired to O.C. Pretoria not to move the men ordered to leave Kaalfontein until

further orders. Wired C. Troop to send out patrols to find Chinaman who escaped last night. The Chinese who committed outrages on natives near here were all captured last night but one and one was shot dead by a Constable in self defence. Left Kaalfontein at 9.45 and reached Zuurfontein at 10.15 Capt Palmer not home. Went east visited all of the farmers and farms en route as well as the posts of the S.A.C. Every farmer pleased with the men of the corps giving them credit for good honest work. Met Capt & Mrs Palmer at Vlakfontein coal mine post. Promised to see them tomorrow. After passing Pulfontein(?) torrents of rain and hail fell for the rest of the day from 3.30 until 6.30. Went on to Oliphantsfontein and was put up for the night and very kindly treated by Mr and Mrs Page.

9<sup>th</sup> Friday – Kaalfontein

Up at 6.15 breakfasted called on the Langleys bade farewell to my kind host & hostess first and visited many farms, returning via Katboschfontein and Knoppiesfontein Lunched at the latter place and returned here via Oppermans(?) ranche. Saw him, a most forbidding creature told him I came for the purpose of seeing about further protection against raids of the Chinese. He offered a small house for a post and grumbled a great deal. Mr de Villiers a ~~magistrate~~ lawyer interpreted altho Opperman speaks English. Opperman said that all of the Chinese should be removed.

Pretoria Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Up early. Wrote out official and private diary. Mailed confidential diary to I.G. with full account of the trip around. Wrote out letter of recommendation for the Corpl here Twist(?). Left at 9.20 AM and moving east visited eight farms and moving along was overtaken by a Mr Woodtons son. I asked for a hotel and he directed me over the hill in

sight of Pretoria-Johannesburg road. Went there which saved us from going to Leeuwkop post. Lunched & fed mules. Left at 4.00 reached here at 7 AM and took them by surprise.

Pretoria Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1906

Up at 7 AM office 9.00 AM. Gave orders and dictated lots of letters and orders de Havilland came to see me. Ordered his 15 men to be sent to Gough. Palmer for new posts.

Monday 12 March

Busy all forenoon at correspondence.

Craighall Tuesday 13 March

Left by road and mule cart for Craighall visited many farms. Lunched at Leeuwkop (Reitfontein) visited many farmers storekeepers and others. Arrd at Craighall at sunset and put up at hotel.

14 Wednesday Mulders Drift Hotel

Left Craighall for Canada, Reitfontein 69. Visited farms and stores all the way. Lunched at 71 Canada After lunch visited many farms and heard good accounts of S.A.C. Asked the people the following questions. Name of resident owner or tenant. Have good gun and amm<sup>n</sup> Have you seen any Chinese Have they done you any harm Do S.A.C. patrol and call at your place. Are they on good terms and civil to you. Is your house secure. All spoke well of SAC. Some were armed few houses were secure, the windows no bars or shutters

Mulders Drift Hotel 15 Thursday

Took a glass of plain soda for dinner last night and had indigestion all night vomiting. Decided not to breakfast. Started out at 8.30 feeling pretty seedy. Visited many farms covering many miles of ground asked

the same questions as yesterday. \_\_\_\_ ten miles north of Ft. Canada. Well received by all classes and nationalities all seemed grateful and spoke well of S.A.C. Returned to hotel. Lunched and started out again at 3 PM and visited many farms until seven P.M. Came back to hotel for night felt much better ate a little.

#### 16 Friday Kaalfontein

Up at 5.45 and left Mulders Drift at 7 delayed by the boy with the mules he said he had nothing to eat and was sickly. Drove by Boskop Hotel and Hudson Estate called on many farmers and a dairy man well received. SAC well spoken of. Reached Craighall at 11.30 Inspected post kits, horses, arms, stables, q<sup>rs</sup>, latrines, forage, paraded the men manual exercise. Lunched and left for here called on a few farmers changed mules at Modderfontein. Mules are footsore not shod.

#### 17 Saturday Pretoria

Up at 6.15 breakfast 8.00 left at 9 AM for the Chinese cordon east of Zuurfontein called at the house of Mr. Jacob on Reitfontein 286 and inspected the post there in charge of Constable Mackenzie. Went on and inspected new post on Reitfontein 180 and called at Red house of D.P. Roux. Saw C.J. Marais there, also A.P. Roux Came back to Kaalfontein and took train here. Up at 8 AM and after breakfast wrote 8 letters, Jarvis, Mrs Harvie, Capt Hilliard, S. Major MacBrien, Capt Hertzell.

#### Pretoria Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Busy in the office all day

#### Pretoria 19 Monday

Up early. Office all day. Trew, de Havilland and Sillifant called upon me the latter to ask if I could get him a billet somewhere. I told him I

would do all possible for him. I wrote letters to numbers of people. We have no cart so the poor children have to get out extra early for the “bus,” and Ringham has to carry the books on horseback.

Jacksons Drift 20 Tuesday

Up early. Took eight o'clock train. Should have left by the 7.30 consequently missed getting off at Kaalfontein. Got off at Germiston and took first train back to Kaalfontein. Lunched and then started for here. Boy took wrong road and got us into a big field all wired. I had to turn back so that when we got to Salal(?) Spruit it was dark and we had great difficulty in finding the road. Got here at 10.30 and went to be after getting full particulars of the state of affairs in this neighbourhood from the corporal and others. Called at Knights and changed mules en route here. Saw Coler property.

21 Wednesday Jackson Camp

Up early wrote letters asking for D. Mobile to patrol and fifteen from C. to place in three posts along the Kopjes north of here. Sent by orderly got reply early in the evening in the shape of 50 men of C. Troop under Long-Innes. \_\_\_ for the South Kopje on main road to K\_\_\_. Called on several farmers and one Mrs Mabelle Arranged to change post on Hart\_\_\_fontein, which got there by mistake of the corporal – to FARDESFONTEIN. All of my recommendations approved of but I.G. is away therefore I am not sure of all \_\_\_ so. Drove up the main R. to J.burg got back at 6.

Jacksons Drift 22 Thursday

Up at 6 AM. Left with cart at 9 AM and visited all of the farmers north of the Klip R. and east of the Johannesburg road. Saw 45 in all, called on several on the south side of river. All glad to see us, few houses

secure, few men armed. Got back at five Kirkpatrick arrived. Troop at patrolling Kopjes under Long-Innes all day. No Chinese found. Sat up until 10.30 then retired.

23 Friday

Up early. D. Troop patrolled all day and found no Chinese although caves and other holes were searched. Did not go out. Wrote letters and sent dispatches to H<sup>d</sup> quarters. Men from C. Troop have not arrived yet. Gave Kirkpatrick leave to go in he took my letter to I.G. and C.S.O. with him.

24 Saturday

Kirkpatrick left for Johannesburg at 8 AM took \_\_\_ for Mays, letters, two, for Mays letter to Colonel Curtis and despatch to C.S.O. I drove out to ascertain from a Mr La\_\_\_ about his complaint to Capt Kirkpatrick re Corporal at Klip River not coming to arrest Chinese when wanted. He was from home. I went to Klip R. got explanation from Corporal and called on about 35 farmers in the afternoon. Lunched at K. River. C. 15 men arrd by Krugersdorp!! Long Innes put out one post tonight.

Sunday

Long Innes put out the other posts today and one of his own. Changed Hartzenburg fourteen post too. I wrote letters \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and sent them by orderly. Sent diary to I.G. and explained all. Visited the post on Bennetts farm and drove up the hill towards J.burg returning by Lapin\_\_\_. Had a lot of bother. K'patrick and Lt Long-Innes came \_\_\_

26 Monday

Up at 6.15 AM shaved and Sandow as well as taking a bath in the first

rate place in the stream for the purpose. Sent for the A. Troop mules to Van Wycks Rust they came late. Then went to Tudhopes farm and inspected the post and instructed the men in Camp two. Sergt Nicholl was away and two on patrol. From thence I drove to Cohens on \_\_\_ and saw our new post there Corpl Heaps in charge visited some farmers, got back to lunch and at three started out again and visited all farms but two or three along the right or south bank of Klip River All were pleased to see me. I go back to Jacksons at 6.45 Kirkpatrick came and reported returns from Labour changes.

27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Left Jacksons Drift at 9 A.M. and drove to the headqrs Auckland Park in two hours. Saw the Inspector Gen. In the afternoon went to the Com<sup>r</sup> (of Police) office and met there as arranged Col. O'Brien Mr. Showers (Com<sup>r</sup>) Col. Curtis (I.G. SAC) and \_\_\_ Harbord of the dept of Mines. Talked over the Chinese desertions. Not much done. Left in time for 4.40 train and arrived here at 6.30 took cab to Skinners Court. Lunched at Grand National. Sent \_\_\_ by road he arrived at 8.30 PM

Pretoria 28 Wednesday

Busy in the office today getting up my back correspondence, and writing private letters as well as some official letters. Got all of my notes on trip around the farmers extended(?) properly and four copies made. Worked until 6.10 PM before all was complete.

Pretoria 29 Thursday

Up as usual 6.30 AM. Office as usual Sandow as usual. My notes of trip fully extended. Wrote letters and worked until four thirty took no lunch whatever. Prepared for trip to Johannesburg tomorrow to attend a meeting there.

Pretoria 30 Friday

Left at 9 for office worked until 10.45. Drove to station and took 11.32 train for J.burg. Lunched at Grand National Hotel. Shopped for Mays went to meeting at 2.30 presided over by Sir Richard Soloman, talked over the affairs of policing the Rand on account of Chinese. All were civil about the police except one fellow who spoke to the effect that we did not catch the Chinese but that the farmers did it and that the Boers could not get rifles. I spoke up and stated that I had been all over the cordon, had seen 285 farmers and not one had a comp<sup>lt</sup> to make to the effect that they were refused rifles. Sir Rich<sup>d</sup> backed us up well. Sir George F\_\_\_ Jameson and others were there. Left by 4.40 train and arrd at 6.30 P.M. Sandow as usual

31 Saturday

Up at 7. Sandow as usual. Office. Told Lieut French to send in a report for the Insp. Gen. Re lack of support by his officer Comdg (C. Mobile)

**April**

1 Sunday

Went to Church at 10.25 arrd at 10.45 came home at ~~1.15~~ 12.30. Read all day. Got two telegrams. One yesterday re the death of a coolie at a farm and the second to the effect that there was a statement sent in from F. on cordon subjects. Sandow as usual.

2 Monday

Up at 7 AM. Sandow. Office at 8.45 Flora to school. Dubbie stayed at home so did Gertie both have colds. C.B. Aylmer called re the situation. French reported to me he got to the posts along the Klip River. Wrote AB Macdonald congratulating him on being raised to the Senate. Wrote



Mr. Cullen of the dynamite factory asking for a billet for Lillifant and CS Aylmer. Wrote many letters to others all official. Colonel Curtis telephoned me to go down to the headquarters of F Troop and settle the indiscipline there. Arranged to go tomorrow.

Pretoria 3 Tuesday

Up at 5.30 Left by 8.32 train for Germiston and was met at station by \_\_\_ of F. with a cart. I went to Knights met Cole, parade the men at head<sup>qrs</sup> and told them I had come to hear their complaints and that I would see them in the orderly room before their O.C. troop. I then saw each one separately and heard his complaint Cole took name and statement. I advised them as the course they should have adopted when aggrieved. Saw all on parade and said the same things to them. Went to J.burg and HD<sup>qrs</sup> then drove to Col. Curtis at Park Town told him all. He was pleased. I came home \_\_\_ 4.40. Palmer and wife also came with me to Zuurfontein from Johannesburg.

Pretoria 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Up at 6.45 Sandow. Office 8.55 AM. Mays and children to circus. Wrote full report to C.S.O. re the complaints of men of F. Troop which I investigated yesterday it took fourteen pages of foolscap de Havilland called signed many officials and sent French his orders also Cole to the effect that Capt Cole has charge of his own and the C. Troop posts under Lieut. French. French to be used as far as "Knights" if necessary. Wrote Shields Rustenburg and thanked him ~~from~~ for Photo. Outrage by Chinese on Jacobs farm. They used dynamite and injured him. Constable slept in house and rendered unconscious.

5 Thursday

Up at 6.30 Sandow. Telegraphed to Randall to inform him that I want

only the names of the farmers on the area patrolled by his men and who have no arms to defend themselves against assaults by Chinese. Sent Mrs. Fall the Heralds of Empire by Agnes Laut and sent back the book "The Truants." Jacobs house was attacked by Chinese on the night of the third  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Alberton and dynamite used to blow it up. A Constable was there on duty and rendered unconscious. Orders to all posts to \_\_\_ for Chinese.

6 Friday

Up early Sandow as usual. Attended to all correspondence. Wrote to Lillifant in Johannesburg asking him if he could typewrite or write shorthand and to write Mr. Cullen the Mgr of the Dynamite factory informing him of his capabilities. Wrote the Minister of Militia on his behalf to get a free passage home and the prospects of repaying same out of his pay. Went to the christening of the Fitzclarence baby at 3.00. Only Dudley, Capt de Havilland there and a lot of cold English women, Lady Solomon, Lady Hildyard, the bishops wife and two others, and some single ladies. It is extraordinary the absence of vivacity in these people. Some is at their \_\_\_\_. Ordered a Cap (Staff)

Pretoria 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Up early. Colder this AM 48° at 7 AM. Wired to Com<sup>r</sup> of police to know how many guns (shot) he could spare me for farmers on the outside Chinese cordon.

8 Sunday

Up early. Sandow. Went to office at 9.30 and worked until 1.00 on correspondence. Read over and revised the diary of Lord Strathconas Corps. Mays and I called on Gen. Sir H. Hildyard at the cantonments  
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Pretoria 9 Monday

Up at 6.15 AM. Sandow as usual. Office 9.15 Correspondence as usual Ordered Cole to issue shotguns to the families in isolated farm houses south of the Rand in our area. Only 200£ available eight hundred pounds needed for the purpose. Wrote to the effect that I need more than nine hundred £. Drove out in the afternoon and called with Mays upon the Hess' and Miss Dixon that was. Sat up late reading. Night cold. Temperature at 7 AM 52°

10 Tuesday

Up early. Sandow as usual. Several men in from Jacksons Drift Reitvlei 133 with enteric fever. Wrote French to look carefully to water supply and to boil water half an hour at night and set it aside for drinking uses purposes for next day. Wrote French to take more care of his horses. Wrote him about the cost of meals at the detachments of the SAC. Wrote Mr. Cullen re the appt of Aylmer. Got letter from Lillifant telling me of his troubles. Wrote Cole in reply to one of his. de Havilland called and stated that French had said that he was an honorary Capt and had been an S.M. in the MP. I wrote to French on the subject.

Pretoria 11 Wednesday

Left for J.burg by 8.25 train arrived at 10.13 went to Chamber of Mines with Capt Sampson was not required until 2.30 went then and gave evidence. Suggested fencing the mining ground with a double wire fence and with lights at night so as not to give too many exits. Also a \_\_\_ and uniform form of pass restricted to a certain area with name number and thumb mark if the latter is practicable. A reduction in the size of the Rand area so that desertion can be charged where it cannot be now. Explained system of patrols, feeling of the people towards the Chinese, state of alarm. Sort of guns needed distance of cordon from the

mines system of patrols, conduct of Chinese in America when on large works. The Chairman is Rose-Innes, R.M. for Pretoria. \_\_\_ as Col. Curtis I.G. SAC Mr Showers Chief of the J.burg T.T. Police, Jameson head of the foreign labour department, Major Harbord, Secy Chamber of Mines and two others names unknown. I suggested \_\_\_ careful roll call. I stuck up for my men at their work. Got home at 6.30 Teys(?) at 10.30 Sandow as usual.

Pretoria Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Up at 7 AM Mays, Mrs Harwood, Antoine and Flora went to their Easter duty and got back from church for breakfast. Sandow as usual. Office 9.30. Wrote many letters to C.S.O. answered enquiry of Lord Selborne re Boers who are unable to buy guns for their own use. Gave orders to the troops re system of patrols so that they will not cover same ground at the same time each day. Wrote letters re shotguns to Cole also to all re the T.T.P. work of SAC so that no friction can occur.

Pretoria Good Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1906

Up at 7.30. Sandow. After breakfast wrote letters until luncheon. After lunch wrote also. Wrote Scott, Wright, \_\_\_ Hilliard, Wm Pearce, Esther Miller, Capt Folger, Vivian Steele, and Blackmore. Papers came in late.

Saturday

Sent C.B. Aylmer five pounds to be repaid end of May next. Capt Browne called, C.B. Aylmer called. Mr Cullen gave him a billet at the dynamite factory, 18£ per month house fuel and light. Saw Sir R Solomon and wrote him about guns for Boers to protect them from Chinese.

Pretoria April 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Busy all morning. Wrote letters.

16<sup>th</sup> Monday

Easter Monday. All enjoying sport. Mays and I stayed at home. The Malans and A went to a picnic. Mr Malan and Miss Hogarth(?) came to spend the evening with us, went home at 10 PM. Sandow as usual. Asked I.G. about different matters.

17 Tuesday

Up early, busy all day. Sandow. I.G. called me up on the telephone and asked me to relieve the posts of C. Troop and place others instead of them from the rest of the cordon. I arranged at once. Wrote to G. Troop to move to Katboschfontein, Middle \_\_\_ and Reitkop to take the place of the C. posts on Bennetts farm (Reitvlei 133) Tudhopes do. Cohens on Nieslund 96. Ordered Lt Pryce to go down and bring in the C. Posts but French to remain in chg of that post. Wrote full instructions to I.G. Telephoned him again for authority to attach Pryce to C. Mobile instead of French.

J.burg 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Saw Capt de Havilland today and talked over concentration of his troop. Wired Capt Palmer O.C.G. and Capt Gough O.C.H. to arrange for a post to go to Oppermans farm to take the place of C. Troop post there and directed officers to do with three or four men to a post until I can get recruits. The I.G. rang me up again and asked me to see that de Havilland concentrated tomorrow to go to Ashoek, Swaziland, and asked me to go down and see him today. Things are supposed to look black in Kaffir quarters. Left Pretoria at 2.15 and put up at the Grand National on arrival, then at 5.55 <sup>o</sup>c PM proceeded to C\_\_\_ Lodge and saw I.G. The Mobile troops are to be sent away to Swaziland and Lydenburg.

Farmers sons \_\_\_ etc if possible hired likewise natives to do the work of the outside cordon. The T.T.P. to police their own area, pay five shillings per diem, horses one shilling per diem. The D\_\_\_ to Command under my supervision. Wrote D.C. Krugersdorp and O.C, A Troop to see how many they can get to serve us and how many needed. Wrote O.C. F. to get the shot guns for the farmers and when obtained to wire to the O.C.A.G. and H. Mobile to come and get them. Wrote wire to O.C. F. to do this and confirmed by memo. The above is quite a surprise. The news from Natal is bad re natives hence the mobilization and all this bother. Martinis to arm the farmer police. We should be able to do the work with less men as all the Boers are to be armed with shot guns. Went to bed at 10. Wrote to O.C. A. Mobile about the employment of special constable to hold the Chinese cordon. Wrote Capt Bristow on the same subject. Wrote to Capt Cole to purchase arms for Boers.

19<sup>th</sup> Thursday Pretoria

Left J. burg at 8.35 AM and got here at 10.30 AM. Saw Trew about the Chinese cordon. Went to office and drafted scheme for protection of the rural population, had same typewritten and mailed to HDQ<sup>rs</sup>. Wired Cole in reply to his telling him to purchase shotguns at once. Wired Capt Palmer to meet me at Kaalfontein tomorrow morning at 11.00

Pretoria Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Up late. Sandow. Office at 9.30. Madoc spoke to me about French and Pryce. French to stay at Klip R., Pryce to go with de Havilland to Swaziland. Wired O.C. F., O.C. Krugersdorp to this effect and asked through phone for Hartigan to telephone French to leave his baggage at Klip R. Madoc wants Pryce to take C details to end of track in the Gremels(?) district, and wait for details of C. troop. The three posts got in last night and left with A. for Swaziland. Did not report this to me.

Pretoria Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Apr.

Up at 6.20 AM. Sandow as usual. Office 9.00 AM. Madoc telephoned asking if the man from Hamanskraal(?) had come in and if Pryce was waiting at end of track on Springs line until they arrive. I replied that the men had not yet come in and that Pryce would go to end of track. Madoc also said that the burghers were keen to join to take the place of our people ordered away to Swaziland and that the recruiting will take place next week. Wired O.C.G. to send Pryce down to end of track on Springs line to wait until the 7 men get there and to get transport from O.C. Ermelo. ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Sunday~~ Got telegram from Capt Cole F. Troop asking if he would hand over guns to Capt Palmer. Wired in reply that he could do so in accordance with lists sent to him today. Wired Palmer to take over for G. & H. Troops.

Sunday

Office at 9.30. Sandow at 7.30 to 8.30. Saw Fitzclarence and had a talk. He says San Francisco is totally destroyed. Wrote Randall & Bristow re their new posts. Major Jarvis C.A. Harwood Montreal Standard re Handwriting.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Up at 7. Sandow. Office at 9.00. Wrote Mr. Driscoll D.L.S. Wrote Mr. De Ridder(?) in reply to a request of his for a billet and for Mrs F\_\_\_s address. Wrote Hilliam(?) addressed pamphlets or circulars re Legion of Frontiersmen. Drew ten pounds out of the bank five to Mays and same to me. Telephoned Colonel Curtis and Hartigan re French and Pryce also about the men who are to come to me today. Asked about equipment of details from here to C. Mobile etc etc Got telephone from Col. Madoc to the effect that the T.T.P. are relieving Coles posts on the inside cordon and that A. G. and H. will be relieved soon. Telegram

from Hamans Kraal that the men of C had arrived there and the D.C. Pretoria informs me through SM Tweedie that they have now wired to come here by the P.M. tomorrow at the latest.

Pretoria Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Up at 7.20 Sandow. Went to D.C. Office Pretoria and met Opperman at 9.30, he came with Fall. I told him that I wished his assistance to enlist men of the farms to act as Chinese police under the D.C. He stated that they were willing to go they should have horses. I said yes, and he further said that if I put the conditions in writing he would be glad to assist us. I told him pay for them including their food which they would find themselves would be five shillings per diem and one shilling per diem for a horse, arms and am. to be furnished by the govt. He seems to be in a better humour. I then told Lieut Fall to take over the work of issuing the guns from Capt Cole and when I got back to the office wired Capt Cole to that effect and also Fall. Wired Capt Palmer that Fall would take over and that he (Palmer) would arrange with Fall if he had any guns from Cole. Wrote Bristow and Lillifant. Wrote Cartwright of Heidelberg on the subject of recruits for the Chinese cordon. Went home at 4.10 PM Sandow. Came back to the office at 6.15 and telephoned the I.G. who told me not to do any more for the present re engagement of farmers for Chinese cordon around the Rand and that he had been informed that they could get four hundred men at 5 shillings per day and one shilling for a horse per diem and that he would have a meeting of farmers to see about it and that I would be present at it. He also said that he wanted me next week at Jo'burg and Fair also. The I.G. does not want Fall to drop R.J.P. work lest we lose our grip on that post. He certainly cannot do both Chinese Cordon and R.J.P. I wired for Lieut Henry to distribute the guns for the farmers and Cole to hand over papers etc to him.



25<sup>th</sup> April Pretoria

Up at 7.20. Sandow. Drove up town at 9 AM and saw Capt Trew. Told him to do no more about the employment of the farmers as special constables on Chinese Cordon and that he should have telephoned I.G. before arranging that Fall would be relieved of the work of the R.J. Peace Court, and that he had better communicate with the I.G. or Hartigan and he said he would. This affair is being managed in a very unsatisfactory manner. Wrote Bristow re the posts he should fill in on outside cordon. Wrote Cartwright re a man who he wishes to assist him if we employ Dutch constables on the Cordon around the Rand. Wrote French to say that he must be mistaken in the number of people who need guns to protect them from housebreaking Chinese. I saw all who needed guns. Left at 2.15 on foot for home as it is a half holiday in town and the clerk has worked regularly. Sandow at 4.30

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Sandow at 7.30 Up at 7 AM weather fine temp 50° at 7 AM 60° at 8 AM. Clerk at Lord S Corps diary. Have not heard from Lord S for months nor have I a receipt from him for the diaries sent. I have written Major I.F. Macdonald Lt Gov Staff, Toronto, for a copy of his. I have asked him in writing several times but it is the old story out of sight out of mind. Wrote Laidlaw. Wrote Capt Randall officially and privately re the issue of shot guns to tell him that Col. Madoc has right to direct him not to move the posts on the outside cordon until other men replaced his. Told him to get receipts for the shot guns in duplicate.

Friday

Busy all day. Sandow. Office at 9 AM Capt Gough and Lt Henry came to see me about the issue of shot guns to the farmers. Wrote Munro re cost of Photos.

Saturday

Got letter from HdQuarters. Ed Browne is to be on my staff. Bristow thinks T.T.P. will take over all of the area. I think not for why send Browne to me. Wrote C.S.O. with full account of what repairs needed to make the farm houses secure. Got an estimate from several contractors sent the cheapest. Sent Clyde letters of introduction to Chas Harmon(?), Hugh Lumsden and Major Hodgins. Got letters on Thursday from Gen Strange, Jim, Frank and several others including James Henderson. Ordered Wright my clerk to make up my account as soon as possible and I told him that he would never succeed in life if he procrastinated as he does. Busy all morning. Sandow several times.

Pretoria April 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Sandow. Could not go to church too busy in the office all forenoon. Wrote letters to Sir F. Borden, one re \_\_\_ one re Capt Snider, to get him on the reserve of officers Canada. Patched up as far as possible the mistakes made re guns and ammunition for farmers.

Pretoria April 30<sup>th</sup> 1906

Wrote Gus re land and asked him to find out terms upon which it can be got from Govt, C.P.R. or Saskatchewan Land Company. Saw Bucke Shoeing Smith who called to see if he could join. Wrote Major Sanderson about him. Wired D.C. Heidelberg to get three white and two native constables for Hartzenburgfontein 132 & Vlakplaats 313, Roodekraal 257 and Natalspruit and that I would see him at Heidelberg tomorrow.

Pretoria Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

My day has been occupied at Heidelberg and on train. Left at 7.15 for train Too early, wrong train. Left Stn at 8.35 and reached Heidelberg at

12.00 took cab. Was met by Major Cartwright who drove with me to dist office. Arranged for relief of posts at Hartzenburgfontein 257, Natal Spruit, Vlakplaats 313 Roodekraal 257. Saw Mr. Keyter the R.J.P. late a commandant of the Boers and he arranged to place the special constables on the above posts in relief of the F. Mobile men who have to rejoin their troops from same. Talked over the number of posts needed to make the outside cordon of the Heidelberg District quite secure. I called on the Moffits and saw Mrs Folger who asked me if I were really going in October. I said Yes! and in reply she stated that Mrs Stevens said I was going to stay on. These rumours are absurd. I lunched with Cartwright at the hotel and met our friend the auditor. Left at 4.10 P.M. Cartwright and Lumley ~~shewed me~~ saw me off. I arrived home at 8.15 train arrd 7.45. Sandow at night.

Pretoria Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Office at 9.15 Sandow at 7 to 8 including bath and shaving. I got telephone from Colonial Secy asking if we had a Dr here I replied no but that there was a medical corporal. I was wrong he had been removed from here and the Q.M.S. looks after the work. Got telephone from the private Secy of the Lt. Governor asking for an orderly and stating that they needed one very much and that the High Court and the Commission on the Constitution ~~also~~ had two each. Telephoned Madoc who replied that he would do what he could in the matter. This I informed the Secy by telephone. I informed Madoc by telephone of the state of affairs in the Heidelberg district on account of the ridiculous conduct of the RM in not allowing any but officers to prosecute in cases of the petty character that are usually before them. I also informed Madoc that I had arranged for the relief of the F. Troop posts on the Chinese Cordon and that I was writing him on the subject of my trip to Heidelberg. He said Friday would be a better day to go down when I asked him about it and

said that the I.G. was away a great deal \_\_\_ and would be in Pretoria on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> with Lt. Colonel Fair. Got a letter from the firm supplying guns they are satisfied with our arrangements. Wrote to \_\_\_ WM Gregory of the Legion of Frontiersmen asking for advice re taking some of them to Natal. I advised him to see the government first as he could not recruit for war without permission. Wrote A.W. Hellewell(?) late R.R. expedition now at B\_\_\_ in chg of prisoners. Busy until four P.M.

J.burg Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Busy at Pretoria all day and left at 5.5 Cols \_\_\_ and Fair with High Court on the RC Estimates. Mr Gyde(?) to lunch. Bought Mays a present for her birthday. Left for here at 5.50 and was met at Park Stn by Col and Mrs Madoc. Put up there for the night and enjoyed myself very much.

Pretoria 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1906

Up at 6.30 bath and breakfast went with Madoc to Headqrs and went into questions officers to be retained with the I.G. (Col Curtis) Col Fair and Madoc. All done justly I think. Left for here at 4.40 and arrd at 6.30 \_\_\_ Landau

Pretoria 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1906

Up early Sandow as usual. Lt Browne came to office and reported. I told him how he stood. Wrote letters. Hillyard called to see me he has not got a billet yet. Sent orders to Burke to go and see the P\_\_O at Auckland Park. Went home at 2.00 lunched and Sandow for 1½ hours 2 hrs today. Wrote and wired Van Dam \_\_\_

Pretoria 6<sup>th</sup> May

Up early. Mays and Flora to church. Sandow 1 hr. Breakfast then

office. Wrote a long letter to Augusts re affairs here and sent him three 131 papers with agitation(?) re Chinese \_\_\_\_ Wired authority to Krugersdorp to engage Natives.

Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>

Castellani called at office. Saw Trew about defence scheme. Saw ex Const Burke re his billet in J. burg S.A.C. Saw Fitzclarence and E.W. Browne. Got letter from W.M. Gregory, Bloemfontein re Legion of Frontiersmen. Ordered Wit\_\_\_\_ post to be relieved by Dist Cmdt Heidelberg. Walked home at 3.30 P.M. Sandow for an hour and a half.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Up at 6.50. Bath as usual. Sandow  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour. Breakfast 8.30 Office 9 AM. Lieut Henry came to see me about the issue of guns to farmers for defence. I gave orders in writing that he is to be communicated with by the O.C. Mobile troops re the guns to be issued to the farmers around the "Rand." Secy to acting Lieut Governor rang me up and asked me to see Sir Richard Solomon this PM any time I liked. I fixed three o'clock Saw him then. Mays came up with me to town. I got my hair cut. Saw Sir Richard who asked me about the guns to be issued to Boer farmers. I ~~wrote him and~~ I explained that I could not get all of the guns yet as i had to send to England thro the contractor for them but that I issued guns to all the isolated farms first and gave guns to odd ones where there were \_\_\_\_ of farm houses. Sir Richard expressed himself satisfied and we had a talk over the Chinese and causes for the trouble. Drove home. Sandow for an hour.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1906

Up at 7 AM Bath as usual. Sandow as usual for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour had not time for more. Sent photo and coats to the tailor to shew that the pockets in

new jacket are not as they should be. Ordered a couple of groups to be prepared by Munro the photo artist to be sent to America. Wired to Major Cartwright of the Heidelberg dist to place detachments of five men each at Schoonzicht and Diepkloof. Wrote a letter and enclosed Capt Trews defence scheme for the Pretoria district. Submitted a list of posts needed to prevent outrages by Chinese and to be manned by Special Constables to be selected from amongst the Boer farmers of the districts in which the posts are to be situated. Got a four mule team selected for the trip I wish to make next Saturday by the chain of posts around the Rand.

Pretoria 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1906

Office 9 AM, was up at 7 AM. I.G. rang me up and gave me a report of the statement that a white woman was killed at Natal Spruit. He gave me authority to put on the rest of the Heidelberg district special posts. Arranged to go to the Catholic club ball. Wired to Heidelberg directing the dist to send give the specials horses if possible and not less than two in any case to each post. No Sandow today.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Up at 6.30 Sandow. Left home at Pretoria at 11.30. Sent mules and Cape Cart by \_\_\_ and Kaffir driver to Kaalfontein. I arrived there at 12.30 Lunched with the Falls. Left orders for my mules to be sent on to Reitvlei 383. Left Kaalfontein at 2.15 and arrived at J.burg at 4.15 Moved on and got \_\_\_ at the Junction Hotel. Road bad after that and as expected we had a capsizing of the cart fortunately the mules were lazy and tired or we would have been badly hurt or killed. I got a fearful wrench and had my ribs almost broken. We had to lift the cart off Constable Nys(?) whose leg was very badly bruised. We righted the cart and drove very slowly arriving here at 8.30 PM. French and Br\_\_\_ -

Creagh here and a party of ladies and gentlemen from Johannesburg for the week end. Went to bed at 11.30 very sore and stiff. Got \_\_\_ for Nys.

Jacksons Drift 13<sup>th</sup> May Sunday

Up at 6.30. Sent dispatches to Van Wycks asking Capt Bristow to await my letter as I had written I.G. re Specials for cordon instead of A. Troop men. Sent despatch to I.G. by one of the men at Tudhopes asking I.G. re relief of A and Specials. Remained quiet all day. Met two young ladies brought in by French for week end both teachers Miss Bryden, Scotch, Miss Lewis, American of Syracuse N.Y. very bright girl and exceedingly well educated. Miss Bryden also bright but with more British reserve. A great treat to hear the American refined accent again and talk of dollars & cents. Orderly came in late. French and Lamb took the ladies back to Johannesburg and to church. Went to bed at 10.30 French and Lamb back at 11.30

Jacksons Drift Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1906

Up early Orderly like a goose posted my despatch in Johannesburg instead of delivering it to the Inspector General therefore I had to send a private letter by Const Slaughter to I.G. asking for instructions. He got back early with them. A. is not to be relieved, and specials will be hired \_\_\_ to hunt up the Chinese. Drove with French to N\_\_\_ and saw the post and inspected it gave orders to the Const in chg to shoe horses behind and send Kaffir Const through the hills in the daytime. Drove on to Van Wycks. Arrived at 4.30 Saw Bra\_\_\_-Creagh and had tea. Bristwo had gone before my letter arrived. Drove back here arriving at 6 PM. Wrote letters after dinner for French to take in tomorrow, addressed to Bristow, Randall and Cartwright re the Specials. Went to bed at 11.45 Still stiff from fall. Nys improving.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May Jacksons Drift Eckenhof P.O.

Up early. French left for J.burg to attend an inquest on two Chinese shot and killed by Const Hale and Mr Smit in the act of trying to blow up the house of the latter on K\_\_\_berg 141. I left at 9 AM for the posts at Tudhopes and Bennetts. Saw both and gave orders to have horses shod behind and Kaffir Const to patrol in the hills in the daytime, and get rations nightly. Visited farm at K\_\_\_ 141 (Smits) which the Chinese tried to blow up. Signs plain of the attempt also of burning of the thatch of the house. Party of T.T.P. busy making themselves snug. They told me Smit is coming back to the farm tomorrow morning. The Const in charge shewed me the damage. Distance one mile as the crow flies from Bennetts. Got back here at 1.30 Gave orders in writing in the diary of each post for the men to warn T.T.P. at Booyens if they saw or heard of Chinese being out and to warn all posts as well per messenger. Booyens to be warned in writing. Mules very lazy and tired. Ordered extra mealies for them.

Jacksons Drift Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> Eickenhof P.O.

Up early. Proceeded by Cape Cart with French and visited the posts in the line of specials at Reitspruit and Tambohufontein(?)211 via Klip R. The corpl did not know much about them. Called at a farm house on Knopperskraal 290. None of the men at home women well pleased with the posts put out to protect them from the Chinese marauders from the mines. Visited Reitspruit specials post at 2.30. The men all out but one after Chinese who are reported to have broken into a Jew store at Roodekraal. One farmer reported to be against the specials. Visited Tambohufontein 211. All present. Gave them orders re the patrols and left at 3.15 got back here at 6.00 At 7.30 French went out on receipt of a telegram that there are 400 Chinese out going south to the Kopjes. I told him to go to Smits farm lest they are coming out for revenge.



Jacksons Drift, Eikenhof P.O. 17<sup>th</sup> May 1906

Up at 6.30. Wrote I.G. diary of work yesterday. Wrote Mays. Told her all I had done yesterday. Mining man yesterday evening told me that the petitions of working miners to have the Chinese retained were the result of whiskey and were signed at random in bars and treats given to already fuddled miners. He also stated that the miners were afraid of the Chinese who would murder them if they went down if they had a row previously. All hands would do it not one Chinaman alone but several. He added that several miners had been already murdered by Chinese in that way and nothing said about it. He said also that there were very few of the old class of miners on the mines now. All were green and had not enough pluck to have their grievances aired. The informant was in S.A.L.H.

18<sup>th</sup> Friday Pretoria

Up at 6.30 ~~drove~~ into J.burg and saw I.G. as requested. He arranged to fill up all of the posts in outside Cordon of Krugersdorp dist. with specials as A. Mobile troop. Capt Randall is to be relieved and go to the Zoutpansberg today. I asked him if Palmer would be able to get ten days leave but he could not do it. I lunched with the Stubbs at 1AM and then drove to HdQrs of G. & H. Mobiles at Turffontein got there at 4.40 waited until 5.28. Palmer and Gough came to see me at station. I got here at 7.00 Chappell with me all the way from Zuurfontein. We talked "chow" and politics. Went to bed at 11 P.M.

Pretoria 19<sup>th</sup> 1906

Up early. Office at 9.30 went through all my correspondence and gave orders to clerk re all of my letters. Lt Browne here in the office until one P.M. Wired Krugersdorp to let me know when he has relieved the outside posts on A. Signed and mailed diary of Lord Strathconas Corps.

It is extremely well got up and not a single error in it. I wrote Lord Strathcona on the subject. I cannot understand his failure to acknowledge the last. I think that I am entitled to better treatment considering the reputation of the Corps to which I am entitled to have some of the credit. His honour and ours were often impressed upon the men and for his sake we all did wonders. Doering(?) with us tonight.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Pretoria

Up early went to office wrote letters, came home for dinner early. Lt. Browne came to supper. Mr Lewars(?) a young Australian lawyer came to spend the evening. They left at 11 P.M. Pleasant time

Pretoria Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Up at 7 A.M. Office 9.10 busy sent off several letters to friends, Lord Strathcona Major Woodside, James B. Steele, Calvert and others. Capt Stubbs called at the office, and at the house. Went home at 2.15 PM. Stubbs called at 4.00 I shewed him maps of Canada and letters and pamphlets of same for immigration purposes. Wrote Messrs T.W. Beckett & Chappell on behalf of A.S. Hillyard for Secyship of Chamber of Commerce Pretoria. Wrote up my diary. Wrote officials to the D.C. Krugersdorp. Wrote Mrs Kingsmill, Geldenhuis \_\_\_\_\_. Wrote letter to Mr Chappell re Hillyard

Pretoria 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1906

Up early Office 9 AM Wrote officials. Wired Krugersdorp. Intend to go tomorrow. Capt Trew called and recommended Major Pretorius as supervisor on specials posts. Asked ~~Krug~~ Heidelberg to see about the Grayling case. Went to lunch at 1.25

Pretoria Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Up at 5.10 Left for Krugersdorp at 8.30. Met at Stn by Bristow and Craig. Lunched at the Bristows. Telephoned Colonel Curtiss re the specials and told him that the pay is too small to induce men to join and that they should have horses and provide them themselves but that they should have an allowance of 1.4 for rations. Col. asked to return and meet him with the Lieut Governor tomorrow at 10.00 Left for here at 3.19 arrd 6.45

Pretoria 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Empire Day

Letters from Canada re course at Aldershot Minister to Gov Gen Letter from Jarvis re the land at Moosomin, will see about it at once. Fear I cannot take it. Went office of Lt Gov and met him and Colonel Curtis. Got authority to hire Van Dam and lend him a horse also hire rest of Zarps [Zuid Afrikaansche Republike Politie – pre-war Transvaal police] at seven shillings and four pence if they provide a horse each and we are to lend Van Dam one. I explained that without horses they will be useless. Came back and wired D.C. Krugersdorp to take on the Zarps but not to refuse good farmers.

Pretoria 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Up early Sandow, busy at the office.

Pretoria Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Left for Zuurfontein at 7.05 AM. Met Palmer there and drove along his posts visiting Hudsons farm, Vlakfontein 169, Vlakfontein 168, Putfontein 171, Knoppiesfontein 180, Katboschfontein 134, Reitvlei 383. All correct. Called upon the Langleys and another farmer returning by Baksfontein to Kaalfontein getting back just in time for the train. Fall not at home. Arrived here at 6.45 Took a cab for home.

Pretoria Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 06

Up at 6.40. Left for office at 9.35 and got back at 1.30 Major Dixon with us all day. All glad to see him, very amusing and cynical as usual keeping laughing. He left at 11.00 P.M. Ringham drove him up.

Krugersdorp Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Up at 5.50. Left for J.burg at 8.35 arrd 10.30. Saw I.G. and he says that we have to take Zarps if possible but they must be reliable. Left for here at 2.05 arrived at 3.15 went to the office told Bristow that we must have Zarps even without horses. Went to Rices. Bristow called at 8 P.M. and sat up with me until 11. He seems to be a very nice fellow, sensible too. Sandow at 11.30.

Pretoria May 29<sup>th</sup> 1906

Up at 5.10. Breakfast at 7 A.M. Took team at 7.40 J.burg 8.45. Went to the office saw I.G. He states that the ZARPs would be no good without horses. I telephoned Bristow Krugersdorp to take ZARPs and that they must get horses. Spoke to I.G. on Stubbs behalf. Left for here at 8.30 arrived at 1.30 reported to Sir Richard Solomon Acting Lieut Governor but as the Chamber of Mines did not appear for a meeting as arranged I was told that it would be tomorrow at 2 PM. Went office after lunch and did a lot of work. Jarvis called and stayed until 6.40. I walked home in twenty minutes.

Pretoria 30<sup>th</sup> May 1906

Up early. Office at 9.05. Gave orders for the kitchen boy to be discharged tomorrow. Went to the meeting of the Chamber of Mines with Lieut Governor. After a great deal of discussion it was arranged that the area in which the Chinese are restricted to move is to be reduced in size and posts put around to define it. The mines to be fenced. Five men to be in the mines (each mine) to take charge of the lock up and be

on gate duty one at the gate all the time. The members stated that there is now a daily roll call. I gave Sir R. Solomon information to the effect that we could draw on our posts except at the south side of the Rand. Telephoned Hartigan that the Zarps and artillery have no horses. Wired Colonel Curtis that the Zarps and art have none and have asked for instructions on the subject.

Pretoria May 31<sup>st</sup>

Went home at 4.30. Sat up until 12 midnight.

## **JUNE**

Pretoria 1<sup>st</sup> June 1906

Up at 6.45 Office 10.30 Went to town at 8.45 got wire to the effect that I am to engage Zarps etc two dismounted to a post and three farmers mounted to the same. Trew has sent fifteen with horses and bykes (2 horses and 13 bicycles) H\_\_\_ to relieve Frenchs lot.

Pretoria 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1906

Up early. Sandow. Temp 35° at 7 AM. Froze last night and the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. D.C. Krugersdorp telephoned about men (Zarps) for posts is filling the posts up on A Cordon. The men Trew sent had no horses except two and two had no 'bikes.' Told him to go ahead. D.C. Heidelberg wires that he has twenty nine men to take charge of the posts on Kilpreviarsburg.

Pretoria 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1906 Sunday

Weather fine. Sandow. Up at 7 A.M. Got tooth filled. Did not go out. Mr Hess called in the P.M. Telegram from Bristow D.C. Krugersdorp to the effect that he can get the remainder of the men for his Chinese Cordon. Wired Gough to bring in Henry to settle a/c of guns purchased

to protect the farmers in the danger zone, Chinese coolies the cause. Went home at 1.30. Colonel & Mrs Madoc called on Mays and then came to the office to see me. They are staying at the Leper Asylum. Caledonian Sports and public holiday today.

5<sup>th</sup> June

Office 9 AM. Sandow as usual. Saw Sir R. re Cordon and hire of Zarps and gave him all information I could. Lord Selborne had asked him to see General Botha about two men Kroon and Blignault who wish to be employed on the Chinese Cordon and of whom I had received and forwarded reports for His Ex information. His Ex wished Botha to let him know if Kroon and Blignault could be given a trial. He also in the event of one not being ~~wanted~~ fit wishes other to be taken. Kroon came out from Holland to fight against us in the Boer army as an instructor in artillery. Sir Richard promises to let me know the results of his influence with Botha. I wrote William, James B. Steele, Major Jarvis the latter I sent five pounds to pay the taxes on my share of the Sand Cr. Property near the mine Gale & Polden 22<sup>s</sup> Cold today at 7.00 40° Drove up town in the afternoon with Mays. Back at 5.30 Sandow as usual at night. Retired at 11 PM. The Gale and Polden P.O.O. is for military books.

Pretoria 6<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 7.00 Sandow as usual, also club. Office later than usual owing to some trouble in getting the youngsters off to school (9.25) etc. etc. Wright my clerk back from hospital gave him a lecture before Lieut Browne re registering his correspondence properly and ordered him to make all good. Wrote Col. Biggar, Sir F.W. Borden, Capt Dallas and Chief of Police Paris, Ont. Thanked Sir F.W. for writing Horse Guards. Went home at 1.30 The Malans Mrs Norgart(?) and Lewars came to

spend the evening. Went to bed at 12 min

Pretoria 7<sup>th</sup> June Thursday

Up at 7 A.M. Sandow. Office at 9 AM busy all morning. Wrote Mrs Thos Nixon, H.M. Clarke, and A.E. Hillyard the latter wants me to give a cheque to the bank and they will credit me with a draft on Philadelphia \_\_\_\_ I see my way to do it. Went up town to see Sir R. Solomon at 3.30. He informed me that Gen Botha recommended Capt de Jaager and Capt Kruger as supervisors of the special constables on the Chinese Cordon. I asked Capt Trew to find Jaager and ask him if he would come at one pound a day. My mail came in. Letters from Jim, Belcher, an attorney at Montreal the latter stating that the draft sent by Hillyard and backed by me had been repudiated. I wrote Hillyard on the subject. Letter from Colonel Biggar CASC re Hilbert. Letter from Vivian Steele. Letter from Mrs \_\_\_\_ on behalf of Joe who wants a Chief Constables billet. Letter from James Henderson Toronto. Wrote Magr of the National Bank to cancel the draft on Philadelphia for Hillyard as the other one was not paid. Wrote J.B. Steele and accepted his proposal to farm on shares and asking him to get land a section through Driscoll if possible and some Edmonton suburb and Saskatchewan lots. Decided not to go on trek until tomorrow morning.

Pretoria 8<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 5 A.M. Antoine Harwood and Bagnall left this AM by 7.05 train for Canada. Office at 9 AM, cold miserable day. High wind blowing. Called to Auguste to let Mrs Minnie Macdonell have one hundred dollars to assist her after the funeral of her husband. Wrote Auguste also explaining the whole thing to him. Wrote Belcher re his lots.

Jacksons, Eikenhof from Pretoria Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Up at 5 AM breakfasted took 7.05 train. Nys(?) with me. Told Ringham to see about the baggage sent back by Antoine Harwood. Got to Zuurfontein at 8.15. Nys got off at Kaalfontein for the Cape Cart and mules. I met Palmer and Gough. Gave them the I.G.s message re one officer to stay at Zuurfontein always while the other is out. Found out for I.G. the truth re the report that nearly all G. and H. would resign in a body under the new conditions. There is no truth in it. Five men of G. are entitle to go on leave pending discharge and thirteen more mostly men of under one years service wish to take advantage of the order re discharges in July next. This is approximate. I wired I.G. as requested by him and left for here with Nys and cart at 10.30 got cart wheels repaired at the smiths, bolts put in tires cost 5s went on at 11 AM. Changed mules at the forks of Booyens and Turfentein rds went by the Bezuidenhout valley. Gave the Const who had mules 4s to get lunch and lectured the other man of G. for drinking Left at 2.20 and arrd here at 3.30. French here. Got lunch and put up for the night. French asked my advice about leaving the SAC. I declined to give any advice.

Jacksons Drift Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 6.30. left at 9 AM and inspected the specials on Bennetts and Tudhopes farms. Bennett spoke highly of our men S.A.C. said could not be better. Tudhope not pleased with the change to specials. The latter are attentive and comfortable. They need handcuffs, field glasses, leg irons and holsters. I promised to get them if possible. Got back to Jacksons at 1.15 Lt and Mrs Craig there. They came to lunch with French. Craig is the Lieut in charge at Van Wycks Rust. I drove to Hartzenbergfontein in the P.M. Saw the specials. They are Heidelberg men and alert. They have no handcuffs and need one field glass. Got back at 6. Sat up until 12 talking to the two Mrs Jacksons and French. There were many people here from Johannesburg for the day. I did not



know any of them.

Krugersdorp Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 5.30 dressed and called \_\_\_\_\_. Left at 7 AM. Inspected \_\_\_96 at 8 AM and went on to Van Wycks breakfasted with the Craigs at 9 AM and left at 10 AM for Ciferfontein. Inspected the burghers (specials) Arranged with Mr Donnellan for quarters for them water and coal at the Waterworks, had a sandwich and came on here arriving at 3.30 three thirty PM. Met an American friend at the door of the Grand . Changed Wrote particulars of the specials to Capt Bristow and sent a message asking him to come here tonight to see me if possible.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Mulders Drift Hotel Krugersdorp District T.C.

Up at 6 AM Left at 9 AM for the post of specials at Elandsvlei No 23 7 miles south west and inspected the post. Had a long talk with Sp Constable GCA Miller a Dutch ex Zarp in charge. He reported all correct and no complaints whatever I gave him orders re the patrols. Rtd to Krugersdorp at 11.15 changed mules. Told Capt Bristow that Major Pretorius is not to be taken on in the corps unless Capt de Jaager and Kruger refuse to come.

I left at 12.10 for Sterkfontein 68 and saw the post. Talked with and the men they had no complaints whatever. Thorne(?) a farmer is in command of them. He was not there but caught me up on horseback and expressed himself satisfied. He wants to arrange for the purchase of horses on re-payment.

Went on to Kroondraai (Crooked- \_\_\_\_ ) at 2.25 arrd at 3.30 lunched. The Misses Pretorius gave us tea and were very good. The men were contented and had no complaints. Sp Const Muller in chg. Left Kroondraai at 4.30 and reached Mulders Drift Hotel at 6.15.

Pretoria 13<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 6 AM breakfast at 8 AM and left at 8.30. Called on some farmers. Muller had no rifle, promised to get one for him or a gun. Called on Tossel who complained so much. He is now quite satisfied. Told me that he was a burgher and fought in the late war. Did not fire at a soldier. Said he hated Lord Milner but liked Lord Selborne. Said Botha asked to be made a commandant general for the British. Said Smuts was clever and \_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Boers, that De La Rey is \_\_\_\_ man and most trusted. Said his wife is a good shot and could use the gun if he were away. He expressed himself as highly pleased with all that had been done for him and asked me if I was the officer who had charge in the Klondike

I found one post at Wilge Spruit relieved. Called on Mrs. E\_\_\_\_ a Dutch lady, a widow, son in the Low Country wants a gun. Gave us an invitation to coffee which I could not avail myself of owing to loss of time.

Got to Weltvreden and had some of our sandwiches spoke to the men. Two Consts Borthwick and B\_\_\_\_ wish to leave when the new conditions come out owing to the cost of living. The former stated that he was much better paid in the Cape Corps. The Corpl Carr who seems to be a good N.C.O. will re-engage as he will be better off than formerly. My relay of mules had been taken away without my orders so we shall have to hurry along. Entered all facts in diary and at 11.20. Left at 12.30 fed mules here.

Went to Klipfontein 479 and 135. No one leaving on account of new terms. Corpl Buntin in chg.

Arrived at \_\_\_\_ at 2.05 fed mules and left at 2.40. Telephoned to Auckland Park asking them to telephone Pretoria that I will come by

7.30 train. Called at Cyferfontein. Const Bigge says he leaves under new reg<sup>ns</sup> if he can get a billet in town (Jburg). Stopped at Ciferfontein 2<sup>nd</sup> post Const Taylor in charge. All correct. One Const will leave under new rules Taylor and Smallman will sign on. Passed on a \_\_\_\_ Kaalfontein at 5.50 too late for train 6.40 Fall and Mrs Fall away in Johannesburg. Took 6.50 train off the line at Oliphantsfontein. He stopped until the train came for us from Pretoria. Arrd in Pretoria at 10.30 and dined.

Pretoria 14<sup>th</sup> June

English mail in. Mr Russell S.R. Solomons pte secy wrote me asking me to see Sir R early this AM. I went but too late as I had not got the letter in time being away. Mr Russell came and the \_\_\_\_ has explained as being a complaint that the specials are paid less than the regular S.A.C. I explained that the S.A.C. pay is to be 6/6 per diem and horse found. Boers get 7.4 and free horse. Regular S.A.C. pay is now 5/0 per diem horse found and one shilling and four pence also clothing also clothing found that is 6/4 per diem to cover pay and rations. These busy bodies are a perfect nuisance. The men get less pay than the Boers. Wrote Trew to cancel the bargain with Pretorius. He afterwards telephoned me to the effect that he had the authority of the Insp Gen to employ Major Pretorius as the other Capts de Jaager and Kruger had not bee found after three days search. Sandow at 5.20 PM.

Pretoria 15<sup>th</sup> June 1906 Friday

Up at 7.20 Sandow until 8.30 Office 9.15 There is nothing particular on hand today.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 6.30 Sandow. Office 9 AM wrote Auguste, Edith, Captain Beer,

ap-Ryce Pryce etc. Up town at 4.00 PM ret at 6 PM

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 7 AM. Did not go to church. Read Stonewall Jackson etc etc

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 7 AM Office 9.30 went late as the mail is not in until after ten on the Monday. Arranged for a trip around the Heidelberg district. Wired D.C. Heidelberg that I wish Keyter to meet me at Klip River post at ten AM Wednesday to go around the posts. Wrote ap-Ryce Pryce and de Havilland, Belcher and Jarvis re diary of SH. Laidlaw do. Wired D.C. Heidelberg to send Keyter special Constables supervisor to meet me at Klip R. Stn at 10 AM Wednesday next.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Took train to Johannesburg. \_\_\_ went as far as Kaalfontein and took my cart to Park Station. I saw I.G. at Auckland Park. He agreed with my proposal that juniors should not give testimonials to officers and said he would see to it. Drove from Park Stn to Jacksons Drift. Stayed all night met Mr and Mrs Scholes Const Tr\_\_\_. Cold and very dusty all day.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up early. Left at 9.20 and reached Klip River Station and post at 10.30 Keyter met me as requested and we drove around and inspected Reitspruit, Sp Const Strydom in charge five men all told all horsed. Tamboekiesfontein Sp Const Smit in charge. All well horsed men good. No complaints. Tents good, fed mules, men good. Halted at Schoonzegicht, Keyters farm, inspected the post. Constable Ackerman in charge. Men good all well horsed. Met Miss Van de Merwe teacher who asked me about Lt Bailey. I did not bite. She is engaged to him she

afterwards admitted.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1906

Up early Left with Keyter before breakfast. Went by Reitspruit and Tamboekiesfontein to Roodekraal inspected post Sp Const Buitonage in charge. Tents bad, horses good, all horsed. No complaints. Breakfasted here on bread, butter, eggs, tongue & coffee. Went on to Vlakfontein 65 Sp Const Coen in charge. No complaints. Tents old and useless all horsed well, good men. Would be the better of iron bedsteads.

Went on to Grootfontein, Sp Const Gravett in charge. Men good, horses good, all horsed. No complaints

Went on to Blesbokspruit Sp Const Smit in charge. All correct, no complaints. Well horsed.

Went on to Vischuil, Sp Const Honeyball in charge, good men no complaints Parted \_\_\_ to here and went on to Springs for the night. Stopped at the Springs hotel met Bell of the C.S.A.R.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1906

Up early Left at 8.30 and drove to Kaalfontein calling at Pulfontein S.A.C. post Hennings farm. Drove on to Vlakfontein Changed mules went on calling at Reitfontein, Jacobs farm and arrd at Kaalfontein at 1.30. Lunched and took the 3.20 train for here, arrived at 4.30 Drove home Arrd at 5.00 P.M.

Saturday Pretoria 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Up at 7. Office 9. Wrote letters and fixed up all office work. Came home at 1 PM, lunched and wrote letters to Lieut Browne, Klerksdorp, Lt Davies, Wolmaranstad, Richard Morgan, Butte Montana, \_\_\_ Miner, Vivian F. Steele, Ottawa, A.B. Macdonald, Glengarry ranche, Macleod

Alberta, Canada, Vivian Bartram 61 Gilmour St Ottawa, Canada.

Pretoria Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 06

Up early, wrote Esther Miller, Orillia Ontario, Auguste Harwood and several others.

Pretoria Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 06

Up early. Office 9 A.M. Wrote report on my trip through Heidelberg dist. Special Const for C.S.O. ~~Up at~~ Wrote remarks on report of Chinese who ~~where~~ were arrested near Veilaagte with dynamite in their possession. Recommended that there should be a search for explosives made as the people came up (Chinese) from the mines.

Pretoria 26<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Pretoria 27<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up at 4.45 Left for Johannesburg at 6.15 AM. Saw I.G. about specials and was informed by him that the Mobiles G and H would be relieved at an early date by farmer Specials. I have mentioned to him that three supervisors are needed and he has approved. I asked him about Mr de C\_\_\_ who is recommended and he said that he could put his name down and in the meantime offer him a post. I got to Kaalfontein at 12.30 Lunched and left for the post at Oppermans farm as soon after lunch as possible \_\_\_ 2.15. Inspected post. Constable Stevenson in charge. All correct except the shoeing of one horse of Vlakfontein. Gave orders on the subject, got back here at 6.30

Pretoria 28<sup>th</sup> June 06

Up early. Went up town and saw Trew re the supervisors and specials. Agreed to let him have Pretorius from Klip R. and send Kruger in his place if DC Krugersdorp is satisfied. I also ordered him to take Kroon

and Blignault as assts.

The I.G. telephoned me to take on the hundred specials at once and relieve G.H. troops. I phoned Trew to do so and hire the supervisors. Wrote Capt Press. Wrote Elliot Watson to the effect that I have no place for him but that I will give him charge of the post at his farm if he likes until there is a chance of a vacancy. Wrote de C\_\_\_ to the same effect. Went to the ball given by the mayor with Mays and enjoyed it greatly. Left for home at 12.30 arrd at 1 AM.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Up early. Wrote several letters One each to Scarth, Logan, Jarvis, Giles, Bateson, Trew and others. Reasons as follows. I have been informed on all sides that Stewart the second in command de Havilland, Browne (Capt) and others of my staff during the time I was in command of the Northern Transvaal worked against me for the purpose of damaging me with the High Commissioner by making false statements with regard to me. I have written to the DC and a few others so as to get statements from them for the purpose of bringing same to the notice of Lord Selborne. If any man could have been cursed with a worse lot of double faced scoundrels as our Staff in B(?) with a few exceptions it would have been a surprise to me. I name those who are not included. Major Carstairs, Major Birdwood, Capt Hildyard, Capt Irvine, Smith Capt, Lieut Castellain (perhaps) I have confidence in the Dist Comdts of the old division and some of the new. Wrote Colonel Damant about this matter. Sandow

Pretoria 30<sup>th</sup> June 1906 Saturday

Up early. Wrote letters. Sandow before breakfast. Wrote Giles and others. Saw French, told him that de Havilland had complained of non payment of the canteen a/c. French explained same. I ordered him to

write at once and pay up this he promised to do.

Pretoria 1<sup>st</sup> July 1906

Up at 7.30. Sandow. Wrote letters. Mays and the children went to church. \_\_\_ and I busy at home. Wrote letters of introduction for French and others. Wrote letters of introduction for Mr ap Ryce Pryce late S.A.C. French and Shackle came to supper. The Dudleys came afterward. We had a musical evening. Retired at 12.30 guests left at 11.30 PM. Sandow as usual.

Monday Pretoria 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1906

Up early. Sandow at 7 to 8.30 including shaving and toilet. Office 9.30 AM Mailed letters for Pryce introductions to people in Canada. Wrote some for French and Pryce to others. Attended to usual duties. Left for home early.

Pretoria 3<sup>rd</sup> July 06

Up at 6.45 office nine AM. Sandow as usual.

Wm Clarence(?) called at the office. He is going to a mobile troop at Machadadorp. Is disgusted with things in general. Signed my monthly cheques as usual. Mailed my pension certificate yesterday. Met Mr Fall at Station and brought him to the house for lunch. Saw Trew about the Special constables. Very few offering as yet. Saw Lt French and advised him not to go to Natal or hang around Pretoria, better to go home and see about his commission in the Canada force. Drove Mr Fall to station at 5.10

Pretoria Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 06

Up early. Office at 9 AM. Wrote letters Sent war services off to Canada.



Weather cold 30° last night. Left for home 1.15 PM. Drove up to the fountains to see how things were going on there. Got back at 5.30. Mr J. French Miss Lewis and Miss Briggs called and were at the house when Mays and I got back. There are very few recruits coming in. Trevor called. He is retiring voluntarily.

Pretoria Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up at 7 AM Sandow as usual. Office 9 AM Only thre recruits attested, this of specisla for the Chinese cordon around the Rand. Horses are the cause of so few coming as their horses are down the low country. Telephoned the secy of the I.G. Captain Hartigan that 20 men under Keyter are coming up to be sworn in. Also informed him that it is difficult to get recruits with horses. After lunch went up town and talked the matter over with Trew.

Pretoria Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up early. Sandow and clubs as usual . Office 9 AM. Telephoned Hartigan re Specials and the leave to be given by the I.G. to Henry to go to the races. I.G. would not allow it. Wired Henry to that effect and also wired to Dist Comdt Heidelberg re Specials asking him to hurry it up this he did I believe but we have not the men yet. Went to town saw Trew about the Specials and came home at 6.15. Night cold, 35° at 7 AM. Cabled 403 \$413.00 to Jarvis and 50£ to Juin(?)

Pretoria 7<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up early. Clubs and Sandow as usual. Wrote de Havilland, Jarvis and James B. Steele. De Havilland called to see me and I talked over the whole matter of the statement he is alleged to make re the I.Gship. I then wrote him re the same conversation. Paid for my cart 18£ and for Armstrongs funeral 7£ 10/ Wrote DA Macdonald re the money that

Stewart drew on his father for and which I had to pay. The old man should have paid this as I saved his son from starvation.

8 July 1906 Sunday

Wrote Aylmer, Major Jarvis, Capt Scarth, Colonel Damant, JP French and others. Mr Hess supped with us and spent the evening with us. Busy until 11.20.

Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>

Wrote letter of recommendation for Capt Dudley who expects to be seconded for service in Canada. Saw Trew about Specials from Keyter. Gave Keyter a horse to go out and meet his men at the fountains. Gave him orders to watch Kroon who has been drinking with the men who are to go on the cordon tomorrow. This man is a Hollander who came out in the late war \_\_\_ to fight the against the British and is a strong anti-British fellow, drunken and not thought much of by the Dutch but someone has recommended him to Lord Selborne who says we must try him and one Blignault. Saw Pretorius and told him to be very strict with his men and keep an eye on Kroon. Lieut Henry came up and I gave him verbal orders to settle up the whole of the gun account with the paymaster as soon as possible. Wrote Colonel Biggar on Dudleys behalf re appmt in the Canadian ASC. Col. Madoc called, he is here to see about the disposal of the drugs (vty) to be sold. He had a lot to tell me and asked me to spend the night there. Drove up town in the PM. Sandow and great improvement on that account.

Pretoria Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up at 7 AM. Went to town at 9 AM and saw Capt Trew about the specials to be taken on He swore in 38 yesterday, Keyter and Pretorius went to Zuurfontein to place them nd relieve eight posts of G. Mobile

troop. I wrote to T.H.A. Williams from whom I got a letter today about a sum of money owed him by an officer of the S.A.C. I sent his complaint on to the officer in question. Wrote C.B. Aylmer in reply to his and asked him to postpone his payment of the five pounds he has to pay me at the end of the month. It was due on the 30<sup>th</sup> prox. Wrote G. Montgomerie giving him Williams address. Weather fine but frost as usual. Drove up town in the PM after four o'clock and called on the Roddas but did not find them at home. Mrs Roddas sister was there and received us very nicely. A Miss Forde also called. Sandow & clubs.

Pretoria 11<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up early. Sandow and clubs in the AM Usual routine office at 9 A.M. Wrote Capt Beer, de Havilland, Munro, photo artist. Wrote Trevor also to get him a billet in the Field Force now employed in Natal. Got a reply from de Havilland to my note of the 10<sup>th</sup> re the remark that he was said to have made. He gives a clear explanation stating that Major Leggatt was the cause of all of the trouble and that Sellar and other army officers had a hand in it. This was just as I expected.

Pretoria 12<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up early clubs and Sandow. Office at 9.30 AM. Wrote up diary. Received a very nice letter from Giles re the Leggatt matter.

Pretoria 13<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up early Sandow clubs as usual. Office at 9.30 AM Got a very nice letter from Lieutenant Harry re the scandal and replied thanking him. Recd one from Capt Trew re the same. Saw Trew about the special police and was told by him that he can relieve all with the new men on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> instant. Ringham is to get his leave and will start for England on the 16<sup>th</sup> by \_\_\_ Castle Line. Drove up town. Nys is driving

the cart for me instead of Ringham and took over all stores at the house and stables.

Pretoria 14<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up early, Sandow and clubs. Office at 9.30 arranged with Head<sup>qrs</sup> through Hartigan to relieve all the posts (now occupied by the Mobiles) by special police four men at three of them and 3 men at one of them. Wrote Trew to that effect so that he can act also. Wired Gough O.C. Mobiles at Zuurfontein asking him to have specials placed instead of his men through Trew. Capt        called to see me he is the chief Quartermaster of the S.A.C. now. I think that a great mistake was made by the I.G. in not keeping Capt Dudley instead. I presume that he did so because Dudley has rank in the army. Nys bought a sack of potatoes for us today. Wrote Mrs. D.W. Davis a letter of condolence on the death of her husband D.W. Davis my old and valued friend addressed c/o Curran Greer, Macleod, Alberta, Canada.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 1906

Busy all day at correspondence. Mays and Gertrude went to church. Sandow and clubs.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Saw Trew about specials for his district he informed me that he had relieved all of Goughs posts (19) He got letters from Gough lat at night and sent them to me. I wired Gough to the effect that all of his posts should be relieved by specials of Pretoria district whether in T.T.P.(?) area or not and to do the best he can about tents for specials. Sandow and clubs. Office 10.30 D.c. office 9.30 Saw Trew about relief by specials of all of Goughs men. I left for office at 10.30. Weather cold, an east wind blowing. Kirkpatrick is at Trews and told me in the office

before Trew that the feeling all over in the force is most unsatisfactory. Telephoned yesterday to say to Hartigan that my specials had relieved all of Goughs Mobile column men including those in T.T.P. area. Wired Gough to the effect that Dreifontein post on \_\_\_ is not needed. These people are all armed.

Pretoria Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Up early. Sandow and clubs. Office at 9.30 Nothing of importance going on today.

Pretoria Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Up early. Office 9 to 1.30. Telephoned Hartigan re the relief of the mobiles told him that 92 men are engaged and that I would go down to the specials at Zuurfontein today. I left today for ~~the~~ Kaalfontein arrived at 8.10 and put up for the night. Cold and hard frost.

Kaalfontein & Pretoria July 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Up at 6.30 breakfast at 8.30 left Kaalfontein at 10.00 after causing a memo to be typed to Dist Cmdts to the effect that the specials must be told that they are for Chinese duties only.

Left at 10.30 for Zuurfontein. Saw Gough there Pretorius away. I went away to Kaalfontein, Fall with me and saw the post. Patrols not satisfactory. Saw Elliot Watson on the Hudson farm and he interpreted for me to the men. I asked the hours of patrolling and found that they were not the same as the Mobile troops. Got back to Kaalfontein at 1.20 lunched the wrote to Pretorius to see Gough and get his patrol orders from him and to Gough to let him have them. Left for Pretoria at 5.40 and got here at 6.40.

Pretoria Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Up early. Clubs and Sandows developer. Office at 9.20 Wrote patrol orders for specials and asked for bedsteads for the Boer specials. Telephoned I.G. and got authority to take on two men Wright and Hammond on strength who had been sent to the wrong place by mistake and were too late at Kaalfontein. Also got authority to let the Boer specials have \_\_\_ cots of G.H. Mobile troops. Wrote Cherry Steele in reply to his and returned his fathers letter referring to Teds illness. Wrote Vivian Steele my reply to his. Did a lot of official work Went home after lunch time as there was no more office work available. Col Curtis asked me on telephone what my plans are after October next. I replied that I was going to Canada but would be at Aldershot for three months first. He asked me if I had a Canadian appt and I said that I was offered one. He congratulated me and I thanked him.

Pretoria 21<sup>st</sup> July 1906

Up early. Clubs and Sandow. Office at 9.30 AM. Wrote last night and mailed today. Capt Trew, Capt Gough, Major Cartwright C.S. Fall, Capt H.M. Clarke, Jarrats \_\_\_\_. Mailed one to Lester Buchman and Miss M Skinner for Flora and Gertrude.

Wrote Lt Fall re the \_\_\_ of Elliot Watson and the publication of the faults in his post when inspected by the Asst I.G. Wrote \_\_\_ re trespass by Mayor of Nylstroom and others on the farms under his control. Wrote Fall, Esther Miller, Scarth re debt to Tom Williams, Tom Williams re same. Major Dixon A.R.M. Wrote Major Pretorius re patrols.

Pretoria Sunday July 22 1906

Up at 7.30. Wrote numerous letters and gave Constable Ringham recommendation to friends in the west to enable him to get a situation when he goes there. The letters were to Col Herchmer, Majors Belcher and Jarvis, George Hope Johnson, Frank Steele, Hon J.A. Lougheed.

Did not have time to go to church. Constable Ringham left for England today. West, Constabulary batman got leave to see him off.

Monday Pretoria July 23 1906

Up early and had clubs and Sandow. Went up town to see about West who had not come home last night. Found that the poor chap was run into by a cycle without a light and knocked senseless & was still unconscious when Capt Trew rang up the hospital. These lightless cyclists should get six months imprisonment. Wrote memo to Dist Commandant to the effect that if any of the specials employed on the Chinese Cordon circulate reports to the effect that they are now doing all the work of the S.A.C. in the Cordon they will be instantly dismissed. Got Parks of the Mobile troop as a servant until further orders.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1906 Pretoria to Springs

Left Pretoria by 7.05 train Kaalfontein at 8.05 Breakfasted and afterwards started for Zuurfontein with Fall. Met Gough there at 10 AM. Took Major Pretorius with us and proceeded east along the Chinese Cordon. Inspected Vlakfontein 442 Elliot Wilson in charge all correct. First saw Reitfontein Sp Const \_\_\_ and three men all correct. Went on to Vlakfontein No 2 and inspected all correct. Men alert. Went on to Pulfontein inspected. Horses too far out told Sp C. Scabbert to have them nearer in future. Supervisor Blagnault was there, told him the same.

Went on to Orchards Knoppiesfontein had a cup of tea and went on to \_\_\_sprit post all correct. Told them what I expected.

Went on to Katboschfontein. All correct.

Next to Reitvlei where a battle was during the late war. Inspected all correct, no complaints. Went on to Reitkol and inspected. One tent

has no pole. No \_\_\_\_

Went on to Hoogefontein. Inspected all correct. The drove in to Springs twelve miles, got caught in a wire fence in the dark and broke neck bar. Got in at a walk and put up at the hotel Springs. The posts inspected today are all under the control of Pretoria District and Major Pretorius is supervisor. He was in the Staats Artillery during the late war.

Springs to Schoongezicht (Keyters) 25<sup>th</sup> July 1906 Wednesday

Fall left Springs for home by rail and I got a new neck bar for ten shillings . Left Springs at 11.30 and struck out for Vischkuil and took the wrong road through the boy saying that he knew the right one, he misunderstood me. I cut across when I found out and got to the post at 1 PM Sp Const Honeyball in charge all correct. They gave us tea and bread and butter. I took Honeyball with me to drive to the next post. Left at 2.00 PM arrd at Blesbockspruit. All correct. Sp Smit in charge.

Drove on with another man to Grootfontein. All correct Sp Const Gravell in charge. Met supervisor Keyter here and he came back with me. We took a man to drive. Mules very tired. Left at 4.00 Got to Vlakfontein (3<sup>rd</sup> ) Sp Const J. Koln in charge at 5.00 and found all correct. Pushed on to Roodekraal and found the post all correct Sp Const Beutendag in charge. Got a good fresh team of mules. Left at 6.10 and arrived at Tambokiesfontein at 7.40 P.M. Sp const Smit in charge all correct no complaints. Went on to Reitspruit Sp Const Strydom in charge. All correct, arrd at 8.30 PM, men getting ready to go out on overnight patrol. Went on and a mile out saw a fire on the kopjes south. It went out soon \_\_\_\_ and some thought it a lamp I did not being too large. Two men went to investigate. We went on and arr at Keyters at 10 AM(?) Had a good supper the ladies sat up for us. Mrs Keyters child ill but improving. Keyter got my bottle of medicine and



he got better at once on receipt of it and slept well. Sat up until 12 M  
Schoongezicht to Jacksons Drift 26<sup>th</sup> July 1906 Thursday

Left with Keyter in his trap a nice American buggy and inspected Kaffir Kraal 8 miles at 11 AM. Long valley with many farmhouses. Retd to Schoongezicht I had inspect the post there at 9.15 Sp C Skernan(?) in charge. All correct, a very good detachment.

Left for Diepkloof at 1.20 and arrd at 2.20 PM had coffee. P\_\_\_ Sp const Lindequist in charge. No complaints. Left for Klip R. at 3.00 and arrived at 4.20 had tea and bread and butter. The corporal S.A.C. a good man well spoken of gave tea to the ten men with me. Left for Jacksons Drift at 5.20 and arrived at 7 PM \_\_\_ got

[Busy writing all day it rained hard. Did not go out on account of the whole of the Chinese not being in and the rain being very hard. Arranged to leave] *this seems to be out of place. RM*

rooms for the two specials and me and put up the mules at the Stn Met supervisor Kruger here favourably impressed by him. Went to bed at midnight.

Jacksons Drift to Jacksons Drift after inspecting Krugers posts at and the posts of Keyters at Hartzenbergfontein.

27<sup>th</sup> July 1906 Friday

Up early. Left at 9.00 for Hartzenbergfontein, arrd at 10.15 all correct. Const Jacobin in charge. Left at 10.15 and returned to Jacksons at 11.30. Wrote up my diary and ordered mules for the afternoon. Left Jacksons at 1.15 and with Kruger in the cart and one of his men driving visited Tudhopes and Bennetts posts all correct. Called on the Tudhopes and was questioned about Canada as they are inclined to go there next year.

We came from Bennetts by the outside road as the one over the kopjes is very rough. Went on to \_\_\_ and found all correct. The men are in a house but will have to vacate on account of the rent. Got back to Jacksons at 6.10. Sat up until 11.30 and then retired.

