

8.2.50 Wednesday  
Southampton. Sailed 4-0  
9.2.50 B of B very rough all night  
10.2.50 Coast of Portugal. weather  
over, very windy.  
11.2.50 Grand morning clear sky  
warm sun, smooth sea. 2-0 pm  
entered the port of Gibraltar  
saw porpoises, sun hot  
wonderful going. Played tennis at night  
12.2.50 Bright sun early, windless  
until lunch time, then very hot  
and still. Grand view of Algerian  
Coast, ship went close in to.  
algeria had splendid view of town  
13.2.50 Bright morning sun warm  
Tunisia over a cloudy hazy  
passed Bryant to 12-0 Good news

14.2.50 Hellesc  
269  
1110  
1118  
1429  
353

Tues 14.2.50

Called Malta, fine view of town  
Saw an aircraft leave carrier deck  
rocket assisted. Fine day hot sun  
cool wind. Left Malta 12.0 o'clock

Wed 15.2.50

Fine weather & cool wind

Thurs 16.2.50

Arrived Port Said early afternoon  
fine view of town, bought goods  
from natives in boats alongside  
Egyptian soldiers on guard on all  
decks. Romchi on way back to  
England anchored close by to  
take on water. Town quite  
beautiful lit at night.

Fri 17.2.50

Morning still @ Port Said. native  
boats still doing good trade

Convoys

with passengers, entered Suez  
Canal about midday, and  
travelled a few miles, then lied  
up to bank at 2 o'clock. Good  
road runs parallel with canal  
and single track railway.

Went to bed at 5.30 feeling

groggy, dozed up with aspirin and  
brandy. Sweated it out. Still  
in canal.

Saturday 18.2.50

Woke early feeling better but  
a bit shaky. Fine sailor  
during night right through canal.  
Sorry we missed it would liked  
to have seen it all from end  
to end. Weather grand  
cool breeze and hot sun

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Hills on both sides of Gulf of Suez, show up in fine  
the colours pink & mauve,  
very desolate, but attractive  
from ship. Grand sunset, very  
warm night.

Sunday 19.2.50

Very warm day cool breeze, saw  
volcanic rocks standing up from  
sea including 12 apostles.

Monday 20.2.50

Still hot, high wind. Rained  
10ft at Kombolta

Tuesday 21.2.50

Arrived Aden early morning. Went  
ashore about 9.0. Took taxi to  
native town, in water. Dreadful  
conditions, awful smells, many blind

and deformed people; all looking  
as if starved, so do camels and  
dogs. Returned to Steamer point,  
and walked to NAAFI, and had  
lunch. Played until 2.30 and  
returned to Steamer Point, went  
into dusty stores, and bought  
short, pyjamas, and two bags.  
Fun pieces, listened to ship at  
4 o'clock. The anchor is made up of  
crumpled volcanic rock, no natural  
vegetation grows, except small  
gardens that are irrigated.

Wednesday 22.2.50

Hot sun cool breeze. Saw island of  
Soorutor, and hills of Buit-Sobrati  
land in distance. Saw shark  
chasing porpoises.

Thursday 23.2.50 } Weather fine  
Friday 24 }  
Saturday 25 : Nothing particular  
to report

26.2.50 Sunday.  
Arrived at Colombo at  
about 8 A.M. Police Customs  
and Cooks men come on board  
and after some time decided  
that there would be no  
shore leave. Everybody very  
dissappointed, as we had all  
made plans to buy gifts etc.  
Crew & Passengers swim in  
Harbour until 10.30 P.M.

27.2.50 Monday

Sailed from Colombo during  
night, travelled a few miles  
Ceylon shore, very hilly island.

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Weather very hot, and breeze  
warm. No land in sight after  
lunch. Have seen a great many  
flying fish during last few days.  
Tuesday 28.2.50. Crossed equator  
very early morning, no ceremony  
whatever. Heavy rain shower  
in afternoon.

Wednesday 1.3.50. Nothing in  
particular to report.

Thursday 2.3.50 Tidied up  
on board's decoration. Kids  
of crew dress and tea party in  
afternoon.

Friday 3.3.50

Adults fancy dress show, very  
good effort by two old ladies  
Hattie made good effort too

Saturday 4.3.50

A member of crew died early this morning, and buried at sea 4.30 AM. A very good looking display at night, everybody very satisfied.

Sunday 5.3.50 Weather still good sea choppy. Doris not feeling well she's a shaky sailor.

Monday 6.3.50 Sighted coast of Western Australia at 8.30 AM. Went ashore at Fremantle at 1.30 walked round town, had a beer with Bob at Aussie Bar. Went to Perth, a fine town, clean and well ordered. Had good meal of steak and 2 eggs, enjoyed it very much. Returned to ship at 5.30 sailed at 7.0 clock, weather very hot and dry.

Tuesday 7.3.50

Coast of West Coast in sight until late afternoon, then turned eastward in St. George's Bay. Sea fair weather cooler.

Wednesday 8.3.50 Weather cloudy much cooler

Thursday 9.3.50 Cool sea a little rough.

Friday 10.3.50 Land in sight all morning, cloudy cool. Entered harbour at 2 o'clock, very pleasant country both sides. Sky clear, warm.