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Diary of my
trip to
South Africa

On Feb. 11. at
11-15 AM we
left the Warrnam
barracks and
arrived at
Southampton
at about 11-30
PM. We then
had some light
refreshment
The boat the
Poum Castle
was a bit late
owing to bad
weather the
previous night
We embarked
at 8-30 We
then got the
luggage on
board. We then

Took about
two hours
The steamer
steamed out
out of port at
10:30 pm
Sunday we
had a very nice
supper then
went to bed
We were called
up about 7:30
The next morning
we had nothing
to do for the
first few days
until we got
used to the
sea. On Tuesday
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Bay of Pienay
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rough as ever
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than others
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and we had
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a few boxes
of fruit on the
Monday we had
a church parade
and the Welsh
were sung on
the ~~top~~ square
We had some
fruit given
us from the
ship owners
There was nothing
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next week
but one day
we saw about
20 sharks and
the officers shot
one of them
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Sunday out
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a steamer
going to the
Gaup but
she was much

smaller than
our boat and
we soon left her
We had some
sports on board
cock fighting
fallow fighting
and a tug of
war but the
Welshmen were
not lucky enough
to take any of the
prizes our officers
then had cock
fighting in
which one of
ours won the
first prize
On the 23rd Feb
we crossed the
Equator but
it was not as
hot as I expected
but it was
a dull day or else
it would have
been very hot

We had an
climber on the
ship so we did
not feel the
heat as much.
We passed
one of the castle
islands on
Thursday but
she did signal
to us

Diary of my trip to South Africa

Edward Ferdinand Norman Roberts

On Feb 11 at 4-15am we left the Wrexham barracks and arrived at Southampton at about 4-30pm. We then had some light refreshment. The boat, The Doune Castle, was a bit late owing to the bad weather the previous night. We embarked at 8-30. We then got the luggage on board which took about two hours. The steamer steamed out of the port at 10-30pm, Sunday. We had a very nice supper then we retired.

We were called up about 7 o'clock the next morning. We had nothing to do for the first few days until we got used to the sea. On Tuesday we got into the Bay of Biscay it was as rough as ever. We were nearly all sick but some had it much worse than others. About Thursday the weather had quite settled and we had nothing more but very fine weather until we got to the Cape.

On Feb 16 we arrived at Madeira and to a fresh supply of water and coal. There were about twenty small boats with fruit but they should not sell us any, they were sent off the ship when they came on board, but they did smuggle a few boxes of fruit. On the Sunday we had a church parade and the Welsh Guard sung in the service. We had some fruit given us from the ship owners. There was nothing much the next week but on one day we saw about 20 sharks and the officers shot one of them. On the second Sunday out we passed a steamer going to the Cape but she was much smaller than our boat and we soon left her. We had some sports on board cock fighting, pillow fighting and a tug of war, but the Welshmen were not lucky enough to take any of the prizes. Our officers then had cock fighting in which one of ours' won the first prize.

On the 23 of Feb we crossed the equator, but it was not as hot as I expected but it was a dull day or then it would have been very hot.

We had an awning on the ship so we did not feel the heat as much. We passed one of the Castle boats on Thursday 2 March, but she did signal to us.