

John Herbert Affleck Diaries

1914 Diary

England to Kenya

9 February 1914: Leave Victoria. Victoria 11 o'clock.
10 February: Marseilles 8-30. Stayed Marseilles night.
11 February: SS Adolph Woerman one o'clock
12-16 February: Mediterranean
17 February: Port Said
18-22 February: Red Sea
23 February: Aden
25 Feb to 1 March: Indian Ocean
2 March: Arrive Mombasa, 1-30 train to Nairobi.
3 March; Arrive Nairobi 5 o'clock. Was late

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12 July: 11-30 train to Mombasa
13 July: Arr. Mombasa 8-0. Breakfast Hotel Thorpe. Lunch on board. Llandovery Castle sailed 6-0 o'clock
14-17 July: Indian Ocean
18 July: Arr. Aden dock 12-0
19-20 July: Red Sea
21 July: Arr. Port Sudan. Day break. Left 12-30
22-23 July: Red Sea.
24 July: Suez Port Said
25-28 July: Mediterranean
29 July: Arrive Naples. Doing break. Left by train 1-40. Arr. Rome evening.
30 July: Left ? Morning. Arrive Paris 11-40.night ?? crossing Channel.
31 July: Arrr. Charing Cross 11-0 morning. Lunch with mater.

1915 Diary

England to Kenya

21 January 1915: Train to Tilbury. GW's & Phoebe to see me off. On board Matiana 1-00 o'clock wet &?
22 January: English Channel
23 January:
24 January: Very rough, Bay of Biscay
25 January: Very rough, of Cape St Vincent
26 January: Lovely Morning
27-28 January: Mediterranean
29 January: of Sardinia
30 January: Arrived Naples, on shore with Renton to lunch, dinner & evening on shore
1 February: rough night, boat carried away
2 February: Sea very rough
3 February: Cold and ?
4 February: Thunder, shower & cold
5 February: Port Said morning went ashore

6 February: Port Said
7 February: Left Port Said
8 February: Suez Canal, saw many troops
9 February: Arrived Suez 2-0 o'clock
10-12 February: Red Sea
13 February: Port Sudan, 6 morning
14-16 February: Port Sudan
26-27 February: Indian Ocean
28 February: Church service on deck-morning
1 March: Docked Mombasa, caught 12 train to Nairobi
2 March: Arrived Nairobi 11-15. Lunch Stanley. Dinner Norfolk John Deny
3 March: Saw ? in bank, ??, gold finch? With me, motored out to Jims afternoon
4 March: met Higgins, Renton etc. train ? Stanley, they dined Norfolk with me
5 March: Lunch Norfolk with two ladies, Renton & Higgins after, drinks Roys Higgins & Renton
6 March: To Escarpment by 12-0 train, rode down Riddles farm by 6-0 dinner with ?
7 March: Rode over on mule with Masai to Bor? Lunch & tea, calling G-Wm building on way back 6-15
8 March: Rode over to G-Wm's new house morning
9 March: Out with ?, shot Grant morning
10 March: Went out on mules with Masai to buy sheep but no use
11 March: Rode Bahati to Kijabi., lunch there with ? & 4-0 train to newarba slept on train
12 March: motored to Government stock sale bought ? sheep 50 & 35 rpe, slept in train
13 March: arrive Nairobi 11-30 lunch Norfolk Rickshaw to Jim Elkington
14 March: Elkington motored me Masai to lunch & tea met Mathis
15 March: Bank morning and shipping, lunch Danforth ? dinner with me, Stanley after met ? Davis
16 March: Caught 12 train to Kijabe stayed Aggett
17 March: Walked into Kijabe, rode mules from Aggett to Thorneys
18 March: rode over to see Buckle & house & cattle, out evening ?
19 March: Rode mule to Escarpment station 10-45 train Nairobi, Shipping afternoon, tea Mrs Ewart ?55
20 March: Bank & W.C Flmite & bought heifer & calf & in calf heifer 170rs
21 March: Rickshaw out to Jims with Gilatham to lunch Higgins dinner Norfolk
22 March: Bank & hunters lunch Norfolk, Fontain Parklands
23 March: Down to Station to put cattle on 5-0 train for Escarpment 3-0 drove heifer & calf & heifer down to Imp stayed night Buckle
24 March: up to look at Quarry & house and on to Higgins on Buckles mule
25 March: Rode over with masai to Twiggs, shot impala, on to look for place for boma for sheep
26 March: Rode Fran's mare up to Escarpment for 1-15 train 1 ½ bus late, lunch Naivasha station, bank after, theatre Friday evening
27 March: Drive ? to Kedong started 7 arrived 7 evening
28 March: walked out to get meat for boys, saw nothing, heavy rain evening
29 March: rode over to house after lunch saw Buckle and stock
30 March: Put Maria in double harness, rather wild

31 March: rode to see house after lunch, shot grant
1 April: Nairobi, from Kijabe rode to station and took mules ? to Ali Khan
2 April: 8-30 train to Escarpment with grey mule from Ali Khan ???
3 April: Rode over to look at sheep ? not ? & on to rea house
4 April: Rode to house and on to see cattle & sheep at Thika
5 April: Rode round to see cattle & sheep out house, shot Grant afternoon.
6 April: rode to Kijabe from Thorney's saw agate 12-0 goods arrived Nairobi 9-50, wet & cold
7 April: Shopping morning, bought cables G-W 15 rupies owing, theatre evening with Mayers. Paid Harnau 1 month to 31 march
8 April: Caught 12 train Nairobi arrive Kijabe 8 o'clock, naped waiting room night
9 April: walked to Thorney house morning
10 April: Put Snowball in trap very wild.
11 April Drove Snowball to Kijabe, took Hen boy, saw broker there, mainly upset on meeting moter??
13 April: Rode Bahati to Kijabe, saw Webb re money for wages
14 April: Rode ? to Escarpment, saw Webb re ? 1500 rupees from bank

Kenya to South Africa

9 July: Caught evening 10-0 train to Mombasa
10 July: Arrived Mombasa 8-30 o'clock ?
11 July: Dinner Graham Club Mombasa
12 July: Slept on board Dilwara
13 July: Dilwara first class cabin 4-0
14 July: ran upon Zanzibar arrived about 4-30
15 July: Zanzibar train to Bar Bar...Lunch Zanzibar to licensed bar after and dinner Hotel Afrique
16 July: Lunch onboard and fruit market after.
17 July: Lunch onboard . On shore after dinner Hotel Afrique
21 July: Arrive Mozambique. Morning, lunch on shore.
24 July: arrived Biera. Went on shore and had dinner Grand Hotel off 9-0
25 July: Left Biera 2-0 o'clock
26 July: a little rough. Bridge in second class after dinner.
27 July: Arrive Delagoa(now Maputo) by 3-0. Dinner evening on shore
28 July: Left Lourenço Marques (Maputo) about 12-0
29 July: Arrive Durban 3-30. Staying Waverley Hotel. Went Criterion evening.
30 July: Tram down to pier. Picture palace evening
31 July: Union Castle offices and station, walk after lunch pictures evening.
1 August: Watched bathing, left 5-40 train for Joburg
2 August: Arrived Joburg 6-30, ? evening
3 August: Walked town morning, went to hear Botha and Smuts speak at union, 10 train for Cape Town
4 August: In Cape Town train
5 August: Arrive Cape Town 4-35. Stay Grand Hotel, theatre evening
6 August: Cecil Rhodes house and grounds morning, museum after lunch, Tivoli evening

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7 August: Started Kenilworth Castle 1-0 o'clock

8-23 August: Kenilworth Castle.

24 August: Plymouth

25 August: Arrive Tilbury and took 4-10 train, Fenchurch street, dined Tilanus & Inunshall

England

26 August: Took Tilanus to passport office, 1-40 to Worcester & Malvern, stayed ?? mater Redgate

27 August: Office 9-18, lunch Star, rode ? bike over to Thorney. Redgate 6-26 train.

28 August: Office 9-18, lunch club, Thorney afternoon, Redgate 6-26

29 August: cycle meter 22066 miles, Worcester 10-26 train, Thorney ???away Redgate 3-0 Frank there

30 August: motored to office by 10-50, lunch club, motored? Lawnmont to Kapt?? Back to Dunner Ormadd,

31 August: Motored Redgate to Broadway to lunch wickheffer??

1 September: Office morning, motored over to 48 by 3-0 back by 6-0.

2 September: Motored to Lulsley to see Cliff and on to see Bishley? 2 train to London, Dinner and stayed Piccadilly, Frank theatre & supper ? club, Dan and Mrs Bullyk

3 September: 8 train for Portpatrick fetch Flather & Biddell

4 September: hurt back in fire escape.

5-18 September: Shooting Dunskey (Scotland)

19 September: Loafed Dunskey

20 September: motored to Stranraer to see doctor re back, leg up afternoon

21 September: motored Portpatrick morning & caught 10-3 train Stranraer, ???to Euston

22 September: lunch Piccadilly. Empire evening & ? supper.

23 September: 1-40 Worcester, stayed Annadale

24 September: Office morning, lunch Annandale, motor to Knightwick & on to Malvern tea mater & Redgate

25 September: Office morning, lunch Annandale, motor to Knightwick back 4-30

26 September: Motored over to Redgate by 10-15, sat in garden with mater & took her motor drive morning & afternoon motor back ?11-55

27 September: Office morning, motored to Knightwick, John walkers afternoon, dined Cartlands Clauries?

28 September: Motored up to Bennett Radley to see ceiling, motored to Mrs Jeffrey Hollyword on to Born no 48, back 6-15, motor over Redgate re Eva stayed night

29 September: Motor to Worcester, breakfast Annandale, met 8-16 train back to Malvern 9-18,?? 10-00, out again 2-30 met Nora Redgate

30 September: Motored office by 10-30, motored Betty over to Thorney lunch there, Redgate by 4-30, talk with Arthur

1 October: office by 11-00, over Thorney for clothes, motor low? To Malvern by 12-50, lunch Redgate, funeral Abbey 2-30, slept Redgate.

2 October; office by 10-15 motor Lunch Annadale, Redgate by 4-30, Walk with Arthur.

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