

Steele Diary 1891 2008.1 Box 1, Folder 6

## **January**

Thursday 1  
Macleod

Weather fine but cloudy  
No snow Mercury 55° in the shade. Did not call on anyone but many called at the barracks \_\_\_\_\_ or the mess.

Friday 2  
Macleod

Weather fine, west wind blowing hard like Spring. Busy all day in the office. \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ attended to many important matters. The Walrond ranche house(?) (Lower) was burnt last night by an incendiary. Have ordered Insp Wood to the scene to investigate. I do not think we shall ever get the perpetrator.

Saturday 3  
Macleod

Delightful day just like spring balmy breeze blowing clouds bunched up over the Mts no sign of snow yet.

Wrote until late a great many letters and some officials read and signed for Tuesdays mail. Had supper at 11.00 ate too much I think, hope not, will clear off all correspondence tomorrow. Several people came and practiced with May for the concert she has planned.

Sunday 4  
Ft Macleod

Church parade attended as usual, inspected the barracks, cells, hospl etc as usual at dinner time present Begin, Starnes, Baker, Wood. Mac not here for the day. Wroughton present.

Wrote all day afterwards to Jas Ross, Corbould, Galbraith, Chas Clark, the \_\_\_\_\_ Canada Life, Rae, Mr Harwood, DJ Campbell, J.C. Steele, \_\_\_\_\_ G. Dennis, and several others

Dined with Mays only

Weather fine no snow. 60° in the shade.

No complaints except the Indians which rectified.

Monday 5

Macleod

Wood returned today and reported result of his investigation of the fire at the Walrond ranche. He can get no clue to it but two parties are suspected of it.

Very busy all day in various matters, visited \_\_\_\_, canteen, hospital, and other parts of the barracks.

Tuesday 6

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine just like spring, no snow or frost. Visited the different institutions of the barracks and found all fairly \_\_\_\_, ordered a change where required.

Wednesday 7

Macleod

Busy all morning some orderly room cases disposed of. read reports, letters etc and gave orders \_\_\_\_ for witnesses for court

Jerry Potts to Regina to get those in rape case. Pocklington called, went through the whole affairs of the Indians with him.

Visited the different barracks, Q.M. Stores, Canteen, cells, \_\_\_\_ room, etc.

Delightful weather just like April or Sept.

Thursday 8

Macleod

Court (\_\_\_\_\_) meets today only criminal cases to be tried today

I am summoned in Dixon vs McHugh action for false arrest.

Visited Hospital, Stables, Sick Stable, Carpenter, Shoeing smith shops, Canteen, oat store looked at potatoes

\_\_\_\_ the last of the latter from Calgary, very good and \_\_\_\_\_. Ordered (*xed out* wood and) fuel and hay to be sent to Legacys place for Constable Morgans horse and qtrs.

Looked into everything most thoroughly today

Several cases up  
My decision in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Stafford(?) sentenced.

Friday 9  
Ft. Macleod

Weather windy and somewhat chilly but fine. Busy all morning attending to different police matters. No prisoners in orderly room today

Attended court as witness in Dixon vs JJ McHugh. The jury \_\_\_\_\_ for the plaintiff in four hundred dollars damages  
Judge \_\_\_\_\_ that way. My \_\_\_\_\_ with McHugh. \_\_\_\_\_ appealed.

Saturday 10  
Ft. Macleod

Busy all day with every kind of \_\_\_\_\_ matter.

Sunday 11  
Ft. Macleod

Did not attend church or inspect the barracks attended to my mail and gave order for work during my absence South of here

Walked out with May in the afternoon.

Monday 12  
Lees Creek

Left Macleod with Wroughton and my four horse team.

Went by Lower Reserve found only one fairly good place to cross

Reached Stand Off at 1.00. dined. M\_\_\_\_\_ came in from Macleod

I inspected the whole of the barracks, horses, hay, stables, stores etc. Left from here at 2.30 arrived at 5.30 had supper

Sgt Marshall \_\_\_\_\_ on duty at St Marys.

Very windy, \_\_\_\_\_ dust very thick and unpleasant, not cold. Horses handled well.

Tuesday 13  
Lees Creek

Left with Wroughton and team Const Ritchie and Holland for \_\_\_\_\_ ranche four miles north of the boundary line on \_\_\_\_\_ (boundary) reached there 16 miles at 1.30 kindly received , dined. Saw a band of horses sent a settler named Peterson a Swede who was alarmed by the passage of forty \_\_\_\_\_ Indians armed. The Mormons from the States had caused the alarm. Asked him if he could accommodate any police and he said he could or some others would. Came back at 3.00

Called on Mrs Card and came home at 11.00.

Wednesday 14  
Ft. Macleod

Left at Eight from Lees Creek and crossed on the ice at St Marys and inspected the whole of the horses stables \_\_\_\_\_ rooms etc at Lees Creek then \_\_\_\_\_ reached Stand Off after a cold disagreeable drive. Halted two hours left at 4.30 after a \_\_\_\_\_ and reached here at 7.00 finding my dear wife waiting dinner for me.

Thursday 15  
Macleod

Very busy all day  
Tried a case Pelham(?) for selling liquor to Indians. Macdonnell officiating with the sentence guilty and two months H.L. Did \_\_\_\_\_ of other \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 16  
Macleod

\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and liquor alone the case Reg vs \_\_\_\_\_ larceny of \_\_\_\_\_ remanded until tomorrow very busy all day  
Asst Cmr arrd with Dr Fraser.

Saturday 17  
Macleod

Up as usual. Busy all forenoon \_\_\_\_\_ with until Asst Cmr arrived. When he asked for explanation re \_\_\_\_\_ Potatoes do. and storage of same.

Asked why Macdonnell \_\_\_\_ took Haultain and Leask(?) to \_\_\_\_ on the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec and \_\_\_\_ kept up all night. Told him \_\_\_\_ and sent for Macdonnell who said it was \_\_\_\_\_. Asked also why Drs team took Dr to Lethbridge Explained that he sent it himself without my \_\_\_\_\_, I being out all the time. Roth up again on \_\_\_\_\_ remanded again for evidence.

Sunday 18  
Ft. Macleod

Attended church and inspected the barracks at dinner time lots of writing done for mail.

Asst Cmr left at 11 AM for Lethbridge. Sergt Braithwaite left at 2 P.M. Wrote a note to Deane asking for Corpl. Matthews to come up per return trip of Sergt Braithwaite's team.

Wrote Matthews to send on Fitzgerald if possible to sing at concert, if willing.

Sgt. Nursall \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Waite punished.

Monday 19  
Ft. Macleod

Sent Sergt Morison & Christie with two four horse teams to Montana at 2 P.M. to catch Welch horse thief, gave letter to J.P. M\_\_\_\_, also full instructions to have committed for extradition if caught and to send names of witnesses for Conybeare

Busy all day and most of the evening at all sorts of routine work. Beautiful day and evening delightful, nice and warm. Large party at my qrs practising for the concert for Pere LaCombe

Hall to be given for \$7.00 by D.J. Campbell.

Telegram from Cmr to reduce staff and send list of the employed men.

Tuesday 20  
Ft. Macleod

Glorious weather bright with \_\_\_\_\_ huge blowing thunderheads 58° all day and in the shade at that.

Busy at routine inst. Men cleaning up the new part of the square and raking the \_\_\_\_\_ into piles. All hands at the house practising for the concert.

Retired at 12 midnight and had a bad nights rest. Inspected a great deal of the barracks during the day.

Wednesday 21  
Ft. Macleod

Very busy all day and attended to all duties, visited many places in barracks.

Thursday 22  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine, 50° at noon

Pocklington gave some information on Indians

Went to concert got up by Maye in the Hall it was a success. Most respectable gathering. Father LaCombe thanked the audience for their attendance and expressed his gratitude. Maye delighted, came back in a good humour with herself and the rest of the performers. I had a dull time of it waiting for the dance to conclude.

Do not think I will go to any more concerts unless I decide to go home immediately after and not wait for the dance.

Friday 23  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. A concert held yesterday for Father LaCombe is said to have been a great success, receipts \$115.00 net profits \$107.50.

Busy all day at all sorts of routine. Sentenced a constable to imprisonment with Hard Labor for fourteen days and given a fine of one months pay.

Constables name LeCourt a big stupid mulatto(?)

Ordered Begin to Pincher Creek to relieve Inspr Morris for two days from \_\_\_\_.

Saturday 24  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine above freezing point up to midnight. Slight balmy breeze blowing visited the herd and inspected the buildings found stables untidy and saddlery badly cared for indeed gave orders to have a change. Wrote orders to Corporal Macleod to amend his ways. Horse 510 \_\_\_ fractured the pastern joint and had to be shot on recommendation of the Veterinary Surgeon. No hope of a cure. Drove around town visited(?) Dr. Allan and

other public places. Wrote orders to \_\_\_\_\_ to find out if \_\_\_\_\_ had been on the Reserve.

Sunday 25  
Ft. Macleod

Church as usual service not long. Sent team to Kipp to be ready to take me along to Lethbridge tomorrow morning as I must get back tomorrow night, and must stake my claim tomorrow morning.

Attended church in the evening, good service. Walked home with D\_\_\_ and spent evening then retired at 11.30.

Arranged to start in the morning to see Conybeare in Lethbridge about extraditing Walsh alias Billy the Kid. Wired him to that effect.

Monday 26  
Ft. Macleod

Weather delightful.

Started for Lethbridge at 7.00 picked up Morris at his house and at 8.30 arrived at Kipp. Took \_\_\_\_\_ train \_\_\_\_\_ off \_\_\_\_\_, and went on reached Leth. At 10.30. Went to Conybeares office at once and arranged with him to telegraph to \_\_\_\_\_ to have Walsh arrested and to Sedgewick to get permission to extradite the man Billy the Kid alias Walsh at once. \_\_\_\_\_ coal oil claim \_\_\_\_\_ and paid for same got a \_\_\_\_\_ also. \_\_\_\_\_ very civil and prompt. Paid into the bank \$50.00 first call Pincher Creek Petroleum Coy. Looked up Col Macleod

Tuesday 27  
Arrd Macleod here at 6.00 3.20 each way

Weather very fine no snow yet. Conybeare arrd from Lethbridge at \_\_\_\_\_ and called to see me about the cases of Indians and Billy the Kid the former for cattle killing the latter for horse stealing all for extradition if in \_\_\_\_\_ them. Wrote Hilliard to get evidence against the \_\_\_\_\_ and Indian \_\_\_\_\_ to meet \_\_\_\_\_ at Choteau to recognize the Indians at Agency(?) when called upon. Attended to many other matters and inspected the barracks during the daytime. Sent up \_\_\_\_\_ arranged to go to Pincher Creek to \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered teams for Judge Macleod \_\_\_\_\_ trip \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ on Rape of Louise G\_\_\_\_\_.

Wednesday 28  
Pincher Creek

Weather fine but windy

Saw \_\_\_ have paid Baker(?) & Co \$50.00 to \_\_\_\_\_  
Sent to Sergt Morison at Choteau and ordered him to return home. \_\_\_ and  
Christie(?) to wait for orders of Galliher from Great Falls. Signed lots of  
letters and made copy of information of \_\_\_\_\_ J.P. to give Galliher the  
means of bringing charges against (*xed out* Indians for cattle) Billy the Kid  
to extradite him. Started for Pincher Creek with Charley Wood and . D \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ ride \_\_\_ took Broughton along. Left at 2.30 and reached here at  
5.40(?) Put up at Begins and had a good dinner.

Thursday 29  
Kootenai

Weather fine but very windy the dust flying in clouds in the town of Pincher  
Creek. Up and breakfasted at 9.00 and at 10.30 inspected with Vty Surgeon  
Wroughton the horses, hay and stables of the detachment here  
Also myself inspected stores saddlery, barrack rooms kitchens etc and found  
all as it should be and a great improvement in the mens quarters.  
The store rooms should have been better \_\_\_ out. Went to court with 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ for a jury, and \_\_\_ no admittance, the evidence being smutty.  
Left at once for here arrd at 6.50 P.M. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ night

Friday 30  
Pincher Creek Alta

Inspected Kootenai Detachment much improved since the last one. Horses  
clean well shod and in good condition one has a slight splint(?)  
Coal from Christies mine is bad. S \_\_\_ coal much better  
Men no complaints  
Dined at 1.00 PM and left at 1.30 for here the trail not so heavy with snow as  
expected and reached here at 4.10 18 miles in tow hrs 40 min. Dined at  
Begins heartily. Gigot there, Morton(?) and Jack Garrett(?) \_\_\_ and asked  
me to go to the banquet to Haultain but I declined as did the other officers  
present. (*last sentence illegible*)

Saturday 31  
Ft. Macleod



Weather intensely stormy and snowing hard. Started for here from Pincher Creek at 2.00 and arrived at 5.50. Froze my cheeks several times and nose also, so did Wroughton. De \_\_\_ and Wood sat with their backs to the driver & horses and escaped the trouble of freezing. Poor \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ again he must have had a dreadful time driving down. Found Maye with a cold, and glad to see me back. Got cipher from White re the returning officer and to tell Dunn to name him in cipher of police which I did by Sunday(?) Tel.

## February

Sunday 1

Ft. Macleod

Weather cold 28 below zero last night. 15° below when we came fom P. Creek yesterday

Did not go to church, a parade as usual but too cold, men got noses and ears frostbitten en route.

Did nothing all day but attend to correspondence.

Monday 2

Ft. Macleod

Weather not so cold, 15° above zero all day, strong south wind promising "Chinook"

Wired Conybeare re the extradition of Indians, reply cannot do so, on account of the extradition treaty not being in force when crime committed Morison, Sgt \_\_\_ at Stand Off tonight. Ordered two men to be sent to St. Marys tomorrow for permanent duty if (*xed out* required) weather favorable. Did a lot of writing official \_\_\_\_\_. Too unwell to attend orderly room caught cold thro getting up to light the fires in the night. Wrote Matthews about the two men. Maye wrote Father Legalt \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Jones(?) & Fitzgerald(?)

Tuesday 3

Ft. Macleod

Busy all day at correspondence Sgt Morison arrd. Finished my monthly report and finished up everything. Peters P. W. dep. and wife arrd at 5.30 and put up with us found him nice. Mays concert party busy all the evening

at practice. A great \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. P. delighted with the music. Arranged with Peters to have the \_\_\_\_\_ all ready for the Police so as to show the expenditure for the fiscal year.

Chinook blowing all day snow going and the mercury at 32 above zero.  
Retired at 11.30 Peters put up at the Doctors place.

Wednesday 4  
Ft. Macleod

Up at an early hour.

Peters inspected his work, and sat with me and discussed further repairs and renewals of the barracks for next summer and new buildings at Kootenay, Boundary Creek, Milk River and Stand Off. Canteen and sick stable and dispensary in barracks.

Case of vagrancy in Macleod tried by Wood and self. Holton(?) prosecutor, judgment for a few days \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ some time in O.R. and signed papers the Peters went away at 2.00 for Lethbridge.

Thursday 5  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Court held today in the C.O.'s office in barracks

I held investigation on Const Jones and Const Craig the former for stealing the latter for receiving oats from the former. The \_\_\_\_\_ tried for Horse Stealing by Col. Macleod and let off. Some dissatisfaction on account of it.

The squaw raped on reserve married the Indian before the judge.  
What a farce! What a travesty on law and justice.

Committed Jones and Craig for trial before next Court of Competent Jurisdiction to be holden at Macleod

Friday 6  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine in the morning. Routine duties. Casey(?) called. Up for the Benedicts hall in the town tonight. The \_\_\_\_\_ staying with Baker in the barracks.

Maye not well enough to call.

Wood and I disposed of vagrancy case and dismissed it on the 5<sup>th</sup> which I forgot to enter.

Lots to do, \_\_\_ one. Did not go to the ball neither did Mrs Mac or Mr \_\_\_ Mac.

Saturday 7  
Ft. Macleod

Weather cold. 8° above zero but bright and cheerful. Busy at routine, visited \_\_\_ and cells. Gave orders to Baker to see about the potatoes in the \_\_\_ house and to attend to other complaints about their potatoes and scarcity of matches.

Maye busy practicing all day with her friends for the concert at Lethbridge. A performance of A \_\_\_\_\_ Minstrels from Pincher Creek held in town hall tonight. A great many ill-timed and injudicious local "hits."

Sunday 8  
Ft. Macleod

Weather sharp but fine and calm. Maye started for Lethbridge to the concert with Lee party. She Mrs. Macdonnell Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Gigot in one trap with S.S.T. Wood. Messrs Befin Haultain, Jones and D \_\_\_ in another. Sgt Thompson(?) Sergt Huntley, Sergt Davis(?) and Const Fitzgerald in another, all four horse teams. They started at 1.30 P.M. I dined at Macdonnells at 8.30 P.M.

The Dr. there also. Sat up late, mailed a lot of official and private letters. Matthew in for a while and seems to be cheerful and jolly.

Monday 9  
Ft. Macleod

Fine weather but windy mercury 20° above zero  
Busy all day, reprimanded three Sgts for allowing Ruby Clifton to be in the same room with them at Mrs M \_\_\_\_\_s place. Canteen supplies from A. Macdonald arrd from Lethbridge in good shape.

Afternoon raw windy cold. Inspected all the barracks except the \_\_\_ and RR visited the hospital and saw the sick.

Morris to Pincher Creek today. Visited a number of the barracks and \_\_\_\_\_, had improvements made in many things.

Tuesday 10  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all forenoon visited stores and sat on some cases.  
Attended to correspondence received reports etc  
Mr Hilton called in the afternoon. In the evening read my papers until  
visitors called. Maye is delighted at the success of her concert. Canteen  
stores unpacked and declared in good order more sent for to Wpg

Wednesday 11  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but cold usual routine duties going on.

Thursday 12  
Ft. Macleod

Macpherson arrived from the East and reported to me He looks well and has  
evidently had a good time away  
Busy all day at routine visited the barracks as usual

Friday 13  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but cold  
Macpherson called and told me the news. Routine very busy.

Saturday 14  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine nothing of importance going on  
Cleaning up day. Mail not large  
Attended to usual routine duties.

Sunday 15  
Ft. Macleod

Weathe fine. Nothing of importance. Visited barracks as usual and attended  
to the routine work of the district. Wrote many letters for Hd Quarters  
Church parade I attended.

Monday 16

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine Nothing of importance Sat on Reg vs \_\_\_\_\_ obtaining goods under false pretences.

White Fraser and wife Colonel Irvine and others arrd from Lethbridge tonight. Wrote letters to \_\_\_\_\_ F. White DW Davis and others. Wrote Denny and Sgt Hilliard re the stallions.

Tuesday 17

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine, a Chinook commenced making the snow soft and drifting it up. Col. Irvine called, mail came in. Discussed the pension bill with the rest. Craig and Jones cases on today at 4.00 P.M. S\_\_\_ tells me that there is a strong feeling for Davis in the barracks. White-Fraser called. Busy in the morning punishing(?) Const Grady(?) for breaking barracks and being improperly dressed in town.

Wednesday 18

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine and mild, mercury at 33° all day. Sat on case of one \_\_\_\_\_ and remanded on bail until Monday next and then to appear. Busy at different work. Mailed letters for R\_\_\_ and several places. Macdonnell sick with cold and takes on pretty badly in it. Sat up late. Wroughton called. Sent Potts and Constable for an Indian named White Top Knot who escaped last winter from here could not find him where said to be. Gave orders for Potts to go up to Pincher Creek on Friday to get him at "Many \_\_\_\_\_". Sent orders \_\_\_\_\_ for the Boundary Camp.

Thursday 19

Macleod

Weather fine. Political meeting in the town Hall. Davis and Reilly addressed it good order prevailed and majority for Davis. Lots of questions asked. Did not go.

Friday 20

Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. Reilly called to see about the votes of the men but I do not think he \_\_\_\_\_  
Davis and Haultain called and were well received by the men. Gave Davis a list of our wants properly explained.

Saturday 21  
Macleod

Weather cold, usual routine. Inspected the barracks alone, Busy all day. Col. Irvine got a team to take him to Pincher Creek to the election meeting Reilly and Davis went also with Haultain to address the meeting.

Sunday 22  
Macleod

Cold and stormy. No church parade or inspections of \_\_\_\_\_ rooms. Wrote letters. Retired early. Jerry Potts back from the Creek. Did not get White Top Knot. Says he has gone to the Blood Reserve.

Monday 23  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine and cold. Nothing doing but routine work.

Staff Sgt Hilliard got in this A.M. with Medicine or White Top Knot, a poor decrepit old man think he might be released as he is unfit to stand anything in the way of punishment must be very old,

Tuesday 24  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Routine duty nothing of any importance going on as yet. Election talk(?) big. Davis went to Calgary yesterday Reilly \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_.

Wednesday 25  
Ft. Macleod

Weather cold but fine  
Usual routine.

Thursday 26  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but cold

Election excitement all the time. Did lots of routine \_\_\_ on duty. Mail in lots of election news appears as if the contest would be close.

Friday 27  
Macleod

Weather fine. Macdonnell went to the Mormon settlement with Dr Allen. We have cold weather, about 25° below last night and ten above today Const Anderson \_\_\_ on the way to Stand Off they (*xed out* he and) Duchesnay (*xed out* got in) left for Stand Off and the formers horse fell and escaped from him. Duchesnay got back in the evening I sent a man out to Stand Off to look for Anderson

Saturday 28  
Macleod

Weather fine but wintry. Nothing of importance. Mail in early, politics all the talk of the day

Macdonnell of the Glengarry ranche called and swore out a warrant against the man who stole his buckboard and harness, \_\_\_ by name. Issued a warrant. Did lots of work today and had lots of the usual annoyances incidental to a Command in the Police

Anderson and Duchesnay got in and returned to Stand Off.

## **March**

Sunday 1  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on today. Church parade as usual. Snow deep making walking heavy. Inspected Barrack rooms, mess, guard, cells, Hopl, Recreation room, Stables etc and found all correct excepting a few irregularities. Complaint re dinner from \_\_\_ having no meat arranged to prevent the recurrence of the same

Macdonnell came in tonight. Telegram from the Commissioner authorizing him to go to Ontario, his mother being very ill.

Monday 2  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Macdonnell busy handing over Division. Insp Morris placed in command of the Divn during Macdonnell's absence in the east

Parade of all constables

Offrs and men mounted at 2 P.M.

Told them off in two Divisions mounted and drilled \_\_\_\_\_ on horses many awkward \_\_\_\_\_ whose names were taken for extra drill. Staff Sergt Davis had \_\_\_\_\_ Division and Segt Evans the \_\_\_\_\_ best

H drilled somewhat better than D. Morris rusty but improved a good deal.

Tuesday 3  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but cold

H Division handed over to Insp Morris by Supt Macdonnell and receipt given in duplicate by my orders. one copy left in the O.R. and Macdonnell to retain the other one all right until return. Macdonnell left for the east backed his note for \$200.00 to enable him to raise money on (*xed out* his) it. Drill (foot) from two to three visited the squads and all the barracks in the afternoon. Found Offrs gambling in the mess at 9 P.M. Poker the game \_\_\_\_\_ them. Feel displeased at such conduct.

Wednesday 4  
Ft. Macleod

Wrote memo to Insp Morris to explain why he permitted gambling in the mess last night and why he took part in the same contrary to orders and law. Busy most of the morning, ordered cooking for the prisoners to be done in H Kitchen on small stove and in turn of David \_\_\_\_\_ as no other stove is available

Weather cold and fine. Report that Const Herron of Kipp was lost came from Lethbridge today as he did not appear at Pot Hole of \_\_\_\_\_ Sent at once to Kipp to find out.

Thursday 5  
Macleod



Weather fine. Got a report in reply to my inquiry re Herron lost en route to Pot Hole of K(?) Division. Sent orders to Stand Off to turn out every available man in the detachment \_\_\_ and all. Corp in charge Kipp reports that Herron must be lost, he followed his trail yesterday and found it zig zag. I fear he has been \_\_\_ but not lost, has been stunned and frozen while unconscious. He left on Sunday for Pot Hole on regular patrol and refused to let the other Const available to accompany him there thus disobeying a local order.

Friday 6  
Macleod

Weather fine. The Government sustained in the elections, majority reported at various figures between twenty and thirty. Hugh J. Macdonald elected by 461 majority of the votes over Isaac Campbell, Liberal. Sir John sick(?) in Kingston. Elected by 451 majority over \_\_\_ Green, Liberal. Davin elected for W. Assiniboia by 407 votes over Thos. Tweed of Med Hat, both Conservative. Great excitement. Davis elected by over 1600 majority over Reilly of Calgary. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick sustained the Govt. Ontario less for Con. \_\_\_ Quebec \_\_\_ back on Sir John. Poor Herrons horse found \_\_\_ in saddle \_\_\_

Saturday 7  
Macleod

Weather fine, \_\_\_  
Poor Herrons body found one and a half miles from (St Marys) \_\_\_  
ranche. He had dismounted from his horse and let it graze(?) around and  
lying down pistol in hand slept to death  
Wired the Commissioner the report of same. Ordered Corporal in chg. Kipp  
(Dewitt) to come in with Constable Walker on Monday next. Sent team for  
the body.  
Ordered finding party to come in with it for inquiry as to cause of death .  
Ordered \_\_\_ to be \_\_\_ warned coroner and directed arrangements for  
burial of the poor fellow, on Tuesday next.  
Mail arrived today

Sunday 8  
Macleod, Alta.

Weather fine. Church parade for all denominations in tunics, boots and spurs. Went myself. Inspected all the barracks, visited messes, Hospl. Stables Recreation room etc.

Dined at Mrs. Macdonnells. Dr Allen Mrs C.S.D. Wood, and Mr Parker there. Leask and Dr \_\_\_\_ came after dinner. Night warm a Chinook commenced.

Const Herrons remains arrived from St Marys River (Brown(?) Ranches) at night, ordered into the Hospital.

Monday 9  
Macleod Alta.

Warm in the morning but changed at 11.00 to a blizzard this first serious(?) one of this winter. Dr. finds that Const. Herron shot himself and was not frozen to death at all. Reported(?) to Coroner Johnston Campbell being away at Lethbridge. Ordered it for 10 A.M. tomorrow morning. Funeral for the afternoon if fine. Had to cancel the riding and mounted drill except Matthews squad which had finished before the storm. Tried one Hunt for giving liquor to a squaw. Begin sat with me. Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten oclock.

Tuesday 10  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Busy at routine in the morning. Const Herrons remains buried with military honors at the C. of E. cemetery here. Rev Hilton was the officiating clergyman. Good choir in the church, many civilians attended the funeral. An inquest held in the forenoon by Mr Johnson, Coroner. Adjourned until the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. at 10 A.M. when more evidence will be taken. Held investigation myself in O.R. from 7 to 9 P.M. Took evidence of Ben De Roche and Eagle Tail Chief. Adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Wednesday 11  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Proceeded with inquiry and report re Herrons death, found that he must have been snow blind and shot himself. He was then only a mile and a half from Browns ranche on the Saint Marys River  
Drill \_\_\_\_ in the afternoon, many unsteady men and awkward ones in the ranks.

Busy in the afternoon after drill. Mail came in. The driver had got lost on the way down and had to stay all night at Kipp Monday therefore had no mail on Tuesday. \_\_\_\_ on driver. Storm upset the coach at "Nine Mile Butte."

Thursday 12  
Ft. Macleod Alta.

Mail came in late. Busy at routine, foot drill \_\_\_\_ as usual  
Eight men from Regina paraded in O.R. at 7.30 gave them some good advice. Rather good looking men on \_\_\_\_ Some old hands who have \_\_\_\_.  
Macpherson reported state of detachments, did not tell him to do so, but he has done so. Lees Creek reported unfavorably upon. Sgt Hilliard gave some evidence re Herrons death  
Mailed report to Commissioner. Sent letter to next of kin and promised some particulars. Walked about, inspected the barracks in the afternoon.

Friday 13  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Wind changed to the north.  
Signed monthly returns this A.M. Ordered another ride for awkward men.  
Did lots of routine work in the orderly room.  
Drill (squad) on foot in the afternoon.

Saturday 14  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Chinook blowing until 9 P.M. Snow going fast, and water holes everywhere.  
Committed Bertrand(?) for stealing rails from Copsey the gardener.  
Visited a lot of the barracks. Mail came in late. \_\_\_\_ wrote letters to several officials.  
Nothing of importance going on.  
Letter from Starnes speaking of election  
Also of servant and house. Paymaster etc etc.

Sunday 15  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Chinook not blowing. Easy east wind blowing.  
Church parade as usual (*xed out* going on) \_\_\_\_\_ than usual C of E full  
R. Catholic \_\_\_ pretty good, walk sloppy.

Sent for S. Sgt Hilliard and De Roche and Indian scout who saw and  
found Herrons body I wish to take some evidence in this case to clear up  
matters. Signed letters Inspected all the bks as usual.

Monday 16  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Busy in forenoon in the orderly room. Const Jarvis made a  
report on Corpl Ar\_\_\_ Porcupine Hills detachment and in it stated that he,  
(Ar\_\_\_) had disposed of oats wrongfully to one Holland(?) and \_\_\_ had  
made false entries in the diary in which he said that men had been patrolling  
when they had not been doing so. Drill mounted at 2 P.M. men need it  
badly. Squad in the riding school in the morning, and I believe it is  
improving \_\_\_\_\_.

Felt sick in the evening suffered from head cold

Tuesday 17  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. Attended to a lot of routine  
work and wrote letters. Arranged many matters requiring attention  
Two men up \_\_\_ for inattention at drill, dismissed with a caution. Const  
Edwards neglect in not handing letter to his Comg Offr Orderly to busy \_\_\_  
\_\_\_, dismissed with a caution. Prisoners who refused to clean the Latrines at  
detached posts reconsidered and went at it today. Foot drill as usual, and  
some improvement is manifested already  
Hope snow will go and give us a chance to get on with the drill.

Wednesday 18  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. Drill as usual inspected  
barracks saddles, stables, stores canteen Hopl. Recreation room. Remanded  
Corporal Ar\_\_\_s case and asked Dr. Allen to try him and Holland this was  
done and cases dismissed. Mail went out today Mtd drill in squads going on  
as usual.

Thursday 19  
Macleod

Weather fine but dark snow going fast. Thermometer at 60°  
Reduced Corporal Ar\_\_\_ to the ranks for making 32 false entries in his diary the official one of the post at Porcupine Hills claiming that there had been patrols done which had not been done by the detachment.  
Drill as usual. Ordered Stewart (Const) to Pincher Creek, and Jarvis to the detachment at Big Bend Both were witnesses against Corporal Ar\_\_\_ the latter(?) voluntary.

Friday 20  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Two squads riding and the whole at foot drill three hours in all. Busy  
Professor Tyndall mind reader called upon me and arrangements made to have a lecture on it in town hall. Passes \_\_\_\_\_ to the men.

Saturday 21  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. C.S.D. Wood called this A.M.  
Busy all forenoon  
Maye and Mrs Macdonnell out in the afternoon. Played whist at C.S.D. Woods this evening. Dr. Allen, Cowdry, and Prof. Tyndall there. Some mind reading gone through.

Sunday 22  
S.B. Steele Macleod

Church parade. Did not go on account of my great toe nail being sore, nail coming off. Busy with mail wrote many letters  
Church parade large Sent Detachment reports to the Commissioner. All Detachments told to write them properly.

A little whist at Zach Woods, Wroughton there. Came home at 9.30  
Dr Fraser and Mrs Macdonnell in the house She had dined with us  
Prof Tyndall invited but could not come owing to the fact that he had a prior invitation

Monday 23  
Ft. Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Drill as usual and lots of routine. Usual visits to barracks stables etc

Tuesday 24  
Ft. Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Usual routine and foot & riding drill the latter for \_\_\_ men and recruits.

Did lots of work today.

Wednesday 25  
Ft. Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Drill as usual. Not satisfied with the instructors for pushing the men on too fast. Gave orders to Offr Cmg Divisions to keep the recruits at open file (\_\_\_\_) until fit to go further on. Also to have the most advanced kept at intervals until the second half hour.  
Rides doing well.

Thursday 26  
Ft. Macleod Alta.

Weather very fine.  
Drill as usual. Wood and I sentenced "Good Young Man" a Blood Indian to 6 (six) mos. impt. H.L. for obstructing \_\_\_ Child Indian Policeman, in his attempt to arrest Blood Ind. "Goes Alone" Alias for cattle killing on the Cochrane ranche in 1890, while I was east.

Mail small today.

The riding class is doing well and quite a credit to themselves

Friday 27  
Ft. Macleod Alta.

Weather fine, but turned cloudy in the afternoon  
Attended church. All officers except Morris there  
His wife and family attended

Many of the men there although not compulsory for them to be so. No service in any other. The R.C. have service this P.M. Maye and Mrs Mac went there as usual.

Saturday 28  
Macleod

Weather stormy, nothing of importance going on. Cleaning up day  
No mail on account of the storm which \_\_\_ at Lethbridge \_\_\_ but was not very bad here. A summers day at Dunmore it is reported. Pollinger(?) must have found it bad when he could not face the storm.

Sunday 29  
Macleod Alta.

Weather fine. Easter Sunday. No church parade as there is no room in the building for the police and the civilians on the occasion of special services such as Easter Sun., and I do not wish to crowd the civilians out of the church. I did not go. Wrote many letters. Maye went in the (*xed out* afternoon) with the \_\_\_ (*xed out* in the) morning. I (*xed out* forget which). The Police went to the R.C. in good strength \_\_\_ did to the C. of E.

Dined at Mrs Macdonnells at 6.00 Zach Wood and wife and Dr. Fraser self and Maye. Good dinner. Pleasant evening.

Monday 30  
Macleod Alta.

Weather wet and at times windy. Very disagreeable all day.  
Drill in the afternoon both mounted and dismounted. Wrote several letters and received many this A.M. when the mail was distributed.

Two prisoners up in the orderly room this morning both charges dismissed but with a lecture.

Pd Mr Hilton \$24.00 on church \_\_\_\_\_ for the year. Maye busy preparing for her party on Wednesday evening. It will be quite a good crowd.

Tuesday 31  
Macleod

Weather fine. Drill as usual. Routine as usual. Kept me going.

Spent evening at C.S.D Woods and had my hair cut in the afternoon.  
Enjoyed the evening very much as none but nice people were present. Dr.  
Allen is a host in himself. Sorry he is not coming to Maye's party tomorrow  
evening. As the Ks(?) and he together would not \_\_\_\_.

## **April**

Wednesday 1  
Macleod

Maye had a whist party, nearly every body present. It dragged. Two or  
three parties present who act as a wet blanket on everybody else. They  
started off immediately after supper and not a sign of a particle had Maye  
eaten, but they must go so she had to get up and see them off. Busy all day  
at important work. Drill as usual. Dr Allen not being here made matters  
disagreeable as his wife is so good at a party and those who came instead of  
him are poor substitutes  
Vulgar, stuck up and ignorant

Thursday 2  
Macleod

Weather fine, busy at routine all morning visited stock at noon and found all  
correct  
Drill going \_\_\_\_ on parade during the whole time. Matthews drilling two  
rides as usual. Morris and Dr. Fraser called.

Friday 3  
Macleod

Weather fine. Routine duty as usual. Inspected the herd and found all  
correct, horses too far out to see as it was late, but that does not matter as I  
see them often. The house might have been cleaner \_\_\_\_ about. It was all  
right inside as were the stacks and corrals. The \_\_\_\_ is bad and requires some  
work done on it, as it is too narrow. Mrs Mac and Maye came with me and  
enjoyed the drive  
Drill as usual for all hands on foot and two rides for recruits as well.

Saturday 4  
Ft. Macleod



Weather fine. Const Thompson a newly joined man up before me at 11.00 for stealing a confidential memo to Dr Fraser from me and the reply to same both abstracted from the Drs table. Pleaded guilty but I took the evidence in writing and on oath. Prisoner put in in his defence two letters one from his father and one from a brother. They cannot help him much as he is upbraided by both for complaining of sickness. Remanded until afternoon and also until Monday morning. Ordered Asst Surgeon Fraser to examine him for fitness for service as he says he is not. Drill for one ride of recruits in the forenoon. Visited the stables.

Sunday 5  
Macleod

Bad cold in chest did not attend the church today. The parade is large Stayed at home and talked with the Colonel (Irving) Felt very miserable indeed and did not feel inclined for conversation but worried through with it to help the Colonel along.

Monday 6  
Macleod

Weather fine Drill as usual. Maye washing did not disturb \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  
Colonel Irving here came on Saturday

Busy at routine work all day long. Hope to have the men through with it soon.

Tuesday 7  
Macleod

Weather very fine  
Drill (setting up and riding) going on as usual. Busy at routine work in the morning. Went out for a walk with Maye in the P.M. and looked on at the ride under Capt Matthews. The men have improved wonderfully and Maye took great interest in their graceful performance of the movements.

Ploughing going on in the garden. Craig digging \_\_\_\_ garden for Mac by stables and ours. Hotbed cleaned up and made ready for the manure.

Wednesday 8  
Macleod

Weather windy. A general fatigue at cleaning up the square for the summer. It is a change to be able to get a few men for work, so different from last summer.

Worked at routine duty. Col. Irving is staying with us and makes the time pass very pleasantly indeed as he is agreeable and we know so many mutual friends of one another.

Thursday 9  
Macleod

Weather fine. Drill at riding for the two classes and a fatigue for all the rest at cleaning up the barracks square. Busy at routine until 2 P.M. when Maye and I went to Macfarlanes ranche and spent a pleasant half hour with Mac and his wife. He is going to put in a large crop. The two men are at work plowing at the garden and making ready for the seeds. A prisoner is working at the officers gardens and hotbeds.

Friday 10  
Macleod

Usual routine except general fatigue cleaning up the barrack square and hauling the rubbish away from the place. Busy all day. Garden being worked, and harrowed, plowed and manured.

Saturday 11  
Macleod

Routine. Garden work and cleaning square and hauling rubbish away. Cleaning rooms. Busy in the office Mail came in. Another of the Chiefs polite letters re the teams at Pincher Creek and my having lent one to Colonel Macleod at the court sitting at the Pincher Creek during the storm of the last week in January. It does not \_\_\_ he may as well stop and we will be at peace. I do not care one scrap for him. I do my duty without fear and care not for him or any other official in the country.

Sunday 12  
Macleod

Weather fine Went to church. Our party large. None in the Presbyterian or R.C. today

Church packed full

Inspected Barracks, dinners(?), gd room, Saddle room stables etc and found in good order. Recreation room might have been better.

Monday 13

Macleod

General fatigue all day hauling gravel(?) away from the square and raking up rubbish.

Usual routine gardening going on.

Tuesday 14

Macleod

General fatigue as on Monday routine the same.

Wednesday 15

Macleod

Weather very fine

General fatigue and gardening as on Monday.

Busy in the office and \_\_\_\_\_. Everything done in barracks by fatigue parties and gardeners

Thursday 16

Macleod

Weather fine. Gen. fatigue as usual going on. Gardening

Inspected and visited \_\_\_ stable and other buildings work \_\_\_ \_\_\_ as usual.

Friday 17

Macleod

Weather fine. Gen fatigue cleaning up the barrack enclosure and gardening as during the rest of the week. Office \_\_\_ for me and a good deal on \_\_\_ about looking after \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and every thing \_\_\_ also stables as usual, garden also

Saturday 18  
Macleod

Weather fine. Busy as usual in office and O.R. General fatigue in the forenoon, and gardening going on briskly. Afternoon 42000 lbs potatoes and oats. 12000 of the latter came in had to deprive the men of a part of their half holiday and ordered a pint of ale each for them \_\_\_ and after the work was done. Very soon finished it.

Sunday 19  
Macleod

Went out to the post at Stand Off. Dr. Fraser with me inspected the stables and looked around a good deal made arrangements for the fence and garden Noted several wants on the back of this diary

Dined and after a smoke left at three and arrd here at five came by Paces Crossing.

Weather fine. The post in fine order

Macpherson in. Ordered the QM Stores to \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ needed for St Marys etc.

Told Macpherson he might \_\_\_ \_\_\_ with teams for P. Creek

Monday 20  
Macleod Alta

Weather fine. Fatigue as usual. Ordered the men a pint of beer at night.

Busy all day at all sorts of things. No end of work on hand.

Tuesday 21  
Ft. Macleod

Fatigue going on as usual cleaning up  
General fatigue men working well.

(*xed out* Committed) Three Indians for trial for stealing horses of Mr Miller of Pincher Creek and Remanded for the evidence of said Miller of the Creek.

Wednesday 22  
Macleod

Weather very windy fatigue as usual cleaning up the (*xed out* quarters and) road and \_\_\_\_ of stores everything much improved in appearance. Ordered drill for tomorrow afternoon and prisoners to finish the fatigue  
Walked around the garden and \_\_\_\_ after dinner with Mays, Baker and Wroughton.

Wind went down in the evening Sat up late

Thursday 23

Macleod

Cowdry Brs \$108.00

July and August. Division list.

Tried Segt Brooke today both witnesses swore opposite ways Jarvis (Const) that false entries were made and Fisher(?) (Const) that none were made. Decided to dismiss and give the benefit of the doubt.

Sent out the detachment to Mosquito Creek with written orders for \_\_\_\_ Corporal Bullock to be in charge of it.

Potatoes from Steele Bros Toronto came in last night. \$25.00

Burpees \_\_ Early and Crown Jewel.

Friday 24

Usual routine, lots of work. Fatigue etc cleaning up the square etc

Saturday 25

Macleod

Weather fine. Usual routine going on.

Sunday 26

Did not go to church too windy, no parade many volunteered

Went for a walk in the afternoon to Copseys(?) garden with Maye His plants are looking well.

Detachment sent to Milk River with 5 months provisions.

Monday 27

Macleod

Weather fine, drill as usual. Lots of work on hand.  
Prisoners and others at work.

Tuesday 28  
Macleod Alta

Weather fine Drill and usual routine men improving \_\_\_\_ worked a great deal

Wednesday 29

Weather fine. Drill and usual routine.  
Prisoners digging the trench and the cisterns in coulee to be filled from the spring (for watering the the garden)

Thursday 30  
Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing doing but drill. Busy all day at various duties. Went out for a walk in the evening with Maye.  
Prisoners digging a cistern or two and a trench from spring to point opposite the garden.

## **May**

Friday 1  
Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine but cold and hot by turns.  
An examination of N.C.O. (*xed out* and Co) in Standing Orders rules and regulations of the Force. They passed well indeed  
Went to whist party of Mrs Morris. Cowdry and wife, Baker, Begin, and Mrs Macdonnell there, had a nice time. Received a telegram from Mrs McGillen(?) asked me to break the news to Mrs Macdonnell that \_\_\_\_ her sister (Mrs Jarvis) is dead of pneumonia. Did not say anything tonight to spoil her pleasure.

Drilled the men on foot today they did well

Saturday 2  
Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather stormy, snow falling since late last night, soft but plentiful. Broke to Maye the news of her aunt \_\_\_s death and asked her to break it to Mrs Macdonnell as requested by telegram of Mrs Eliza McGillen.

Signed three drafts in favor of John Darlington Tailor Quebec thro Cowdry Bros and Union Bank for the sum of \$14 each at sight and two and three mos after \_\_\_\_\_ 14 4. 91. three in all

Sunday 3

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine nothing doing but church parade. Could not go an account of my foot which is bruised(?) on the big toe nail of the left. Did nothing but write letters, wrote a good many. 8 long ones and some others all of which I left to be mailed.

Monday 4

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine enough.

Drill as usual. Did lots of routine and visited the drills going on and corrected any errors, men doing very well indeed. Mail departed for Lethbridge at \_\_\_ A.M. on new scheduled time.

Could not wear my boot at all on account of my nail being bruised and did not wear my uniform.

Tuesday 5

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine but warm 70° in the shade at 10.00 A.M. Mail in at noon from the east got a large batch of letters. One from Galbraith and one from J.J. McHugh.

Maye not feeling well works too hard. Wrote letters in reply to all but one letter received here today. Men at foot drill with arms for two hrs except the awkward squad which drills three hours Morris see quart(?)

Visited the squads at drill as usual and corrected any errors observed(?).

Wednesday 6

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather warm and windy. Drill going on as usual mail left on new team as per arrangement. Men improving found it necessary to order helmets this P.M. as it is too hot for the forage caps, 80° in the shade. No prisoners in O.R. Mailed letter to Harwood Auguste(?) and Robert Do. DW Davis MP, C \_\_\_\_ MP, J.J. McHugh in reply to \_\_\_\_ of yesterdays mail.

Col. Macleod and family to Pincher Creek with a two horse team from here Constable Carruthers is the driver of same. Not \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yet. Wrote De \_\_\_\_ about the position offered by Galbraith.

Thursday 7  
Macleod

Weather fine. Drill as usual going on.  
Routine as well.

Friday 8  
Macleod Alta

Weather fine. Drill as usual going on and other routine such as gardening a fatigue by the prisoners.

Saturday 9  
Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on.

Sunday 10  
Macleod Alta

Weather very fine  
Church parade as usual. I inspected the whole of the Bks afterwards and the mens dinners, Hopl. Etc. Placed three N.C.O.s under arrest for neglect in not keeping the Barracks clean.

Monday 11  
Macleod



Weather fine. Drill as usual both mounted and dismounted. Comr at Pincher Creek.

Did lots of work attended to \_\_\_ matters in O.R. nothing came of it. Col. Macleod holds court at Pincher Creek.

Tuesday 12

Macleod N.W.Ty.

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Court at 2 P.M. Three Indn horse thieves got light sentences. The poor \_\_\_ who lost his horses lost so much time in connection with the loss that he has no crop in nothing but potatoes. The sentences were 6 mos for the principal thief and a month each for the two others.

The Indian who shot the Cochrane cattle got two years for a wonder. It is a pity the Col makes such a farce of these things.

Wednesday 13

Macleod Alta

Weather fine and 80° in the shade. A good growth has started. Drill as usual inspected it and attended to all routine. Spent the evening at Mrs. Johnsons place a whist party.

Thursday 14

Macleod

Weather fine, but chilly and hot alternately. Drill in riding school and on foot \_\_\_ a day. A great improvement is noticeable. Mail in \_\_\_ from Eastern Canada.

Accident on the CPRwy east Winnipeg \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. C.S.D. Wood got back from Lethbridge with Miss \_\_\_

Friday 15

Ft. Macleod Alta

Drill as usual everything going on nicely. Mtd and dismounted all the time. Usual routine going on.

Saturday 16

Macleod Alta

Drill in forenoon. I dismissed(?) two squads of men and thus have two to handle yet, they will pass this day week.

Investigated charge against Consts Flowers(?) and Draycoll \_\_\_ the former, \_\_\_ Const Draycoll from custody. Using bad language to Corpl G\_\_\_, assaulting same. Breaking Bks.

Draycoll, breaking \_\_\_ from custody Breaking barracks etc. Took evidence on oath and took the evidence as \_\_\_ on by Flowers. Decided to give sentence on Monday morning.

Sunday 17

Macleod Alta

Church parade. \_\_\_ irrigation and I got \_\_\_ too full \_\_\_, came home.

Wrote some letters ordered half holiday for tomorrow and no drill.

Matthews to Kipp to inspect and study the regulations.

Recd telegram saying that Whitney left Rocky Springs with the whiskey for Macleod (Illicit)

Chalmers sent telegram dated from Coutts.

Sent copies to Hilliard, May\_\_\_ and Paddington and others in charge asking that all efforts be made to catch the fellows. The men start tomorrow morning with the dispatches as above.

Monday 18

Macleod Alta

Weather threatening rain in the forenoon. No drill. Spring Races of the S.A.T.A.(?) I am one of the judges with Colonel Macleod and \_\_\_ Mollison.

Races at 2.30 went off well. Mays Mrs Morris and Mrs Matthews went together to them. \_\_\_ Clerk of the Court. Dr. De \_\_\_ starter of \_\_\_.

Best running time made by Moonshine 50½ sec. the ½ mile. A Dance in town hall at 8.30

Indian race the last prize raised by subscription for the same by people present

Cowan Secy of course and Byrd(?) and C.S.D. Wood Timekeepers.

Sentenced Flowers to 12 mos H.L. and \_\_\_ to 1 \_\_\_

Tuesday 19

Macleod

Weather fine. (*xed out* Nothing doing) Everything going on as usual, drill both mounted and dismounted all day.

Wednesday 20  
Macleod

Drill as usual lots of routine work going on.

Thursday 21  
Macleod

Weather fine. Drill as usual, and lots of routine work.

Friday 22  
Ft. Macleod

Drill as usual. I examined or rather inspected the first class ride and then dismissed it. It was quite satisfactory  
Very good in fact. Well dressed, exceedingly clean and well up on all the movements and horsemanship good.

Saturday 23  
Macleod

Held examination of all the officers of the district. It turned out difficult. 12 questions in the general orders and the same in Local and Gen. orders of a permanent nature. It took from 10 to 4.30 to finish.

Sunday 24  
Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day at the papers (examination of officers)  
Results not all that could be desired. Decided to hold another examination on Saturday next.

Monday 25  
Macleod

Weather fine. Holiday as \_\_\_ came on Sunday did not fire a salute.

S.S. Hilliard reports that some Gros Ventres are expected on the Res. soon  
Sent back \_\_\_ to do his \_\_\_ as usual and report their arrival to me as soon  
as they come.

Tuesday 26  
Macleod Alta

Fine. Drill mounted as usual, 24 men  
Last squad of first batch of men at foot drill dismissed. I shall have to wait  
until I can get in some from the outposts before I start at it again.

Busy at routine work as usual. I dismissed the men charged for being  
drunk last night as I consider the beer should not have been placed at their  
disposal.

Wednesday 27  
Macleod Alta

Weather fine but threatened rain which at 9.30 came down in torrents much  
to our delight as we require it \_\_\_ to the hot winds of the last few days have  
had a bad effect on the crops.

Mays and I went to the Johnsons for whist and although no one but  
the Dr turned up we \_\_\_ had a nice time but got wet coming home again. Sat  
up a little while and smoked (*xed out* again) until tired.

Drill mounted as usual today 24 men (in manege)

Thursday 28  
Macleod NWTy

Weather (*xed out* first hot part of the day the rest) rainy, heavy rain last night  
and as we were on our way back from Johnsons party. Got wet. It was  
stormy indeed. Inspected the canteen and other institutions in the barracks,  
all satisfactory indeed.

The committee on \_\_\_\_\_ sports sat and made some programmes(?) of  
the same.

Letters. J.A. & A.R. Dickey M.P. Vivian(?) Steele, HBCo, Rd  
Herbert(?), Auguste Harwood and others.

Friday 29  
Macleod Alta

Weather fine Nothing doing of importance the usual twenty four men undergoing instruction in (*xed out* rifle practice) riding drill in the manège. They shew marked improvement in every respect. I was busy at routine. Inspected the drill and the gardens, Canteen etc. Wrote usual official letters.

Wrote to Regina for some lances for tent pegging. Inspected the new boat being built, and the \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ of the same. Letters Macdonnell Mr Harwood & Campbell

Saturday 30  
Macleod

Weather wet all day, pouring steadily.

Exam of offrs in Reg. and orders of the Force. Macpherson(?) detained by the rain and high water Belly and St. Marys are not fordable. The exam a success. Matthews and Wood very high, the former 98 and latter 96 per cent. Averaged the whole also, and purpose sending it in to Regina. Sir John reported dying , poor old man he has been a good man for the Country and many will miss his support.

Sunday 31

Weather fine, usual routine.

## **June**

Monday 1  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine, usual routine. Drill etc.

Tuesday 2  
Ft Macleod Alta

Usual work going on daily. Drill time(?) each day . Usual routine Visited a great deal of the Bks.

Wednesday 3  
Macleod Alta

I was roused (*xed out* early) shortly after seven by Sergt \_\_\_\_ Spicer(?) who says that the Indian Goes Alone, Flowers and Pollock had cut their way out of the Guardroom. I went out and turned out the whole command available. Spicer, Wood, Baker and others went out at once after the villains, and others volunteered during the (*xed out* week) day and after an hour or two both Pollock and Flowers were recaptured. Men worked fairly well.

The whole country was scoured very well but no sign of Indian.

Thursday 4  
Macleod Alta

Party of men searched the country towards the Peigan Reserve all night but no sign of the escaped Indian "Goes Alone" alias "\_\_\_\_ White Horse"  
Another party started at dawn to the Stand Off detachment to do what could be done in the matter of recovering the Indian. I fear we shall not get him he is too wily and has been too hard to catch already

Friday 5  
Macleod Alta

Pollock and Flowers who escaped from guard room up on preliminary investigation on advice of Crown Prosecutor

Saturday 6  
Macleod Alta

Weather fine. Committed the two escaped prisoners who were recaptured, (Pollock and Flowers) for trial before Judge Macleod. I had wired for advice on the \_\_\_\_ to Coughlan and Galliher Wired the same thing Billy the Kid horse thief could \_\_ got if required. Went through usual routine all day and left nothing undone.

Sir John A. Macdonald died at Ottawa at 10.25 P.M. Wired letter of condolence from the members of the Force here.

Sunday 7  
Macleod N.W. Ty

Weather very windy No parade. I was too busy with correspondence to be able to go if otherwise. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ . Court tomorrow train went up for witnesses.

Monday 8

Macleod N.W. Ty

Weather fine. Court today. Judge Macleod sentenced Flowers and Pollock to 18 mos each for breaking out of the guard room, and gave an Indian six months for horse stealing. Galliher and Mac\_\_\_ called. Invited the latter to stay until he intends going back to Lethbridge. Saw Galliher about the extradition of Welch alias Billy the Kidd.

Tuesday 9

Macleod N.W. Ty

Weather fine. Busy all day at routine and looking after matters in general. Drove out in the evening. Walked about a great deal as well. Got letters from Galbraith, A.B. Dickey Esq M.P. and \_\_\_ also a few offl papers. Wrote to Buchan, Huot, Steele E. and De\_\_\_.

Wednesday 10

Macleod N.W. Ty

MacCaul(?) left today for home. Sent Const Garreau & Grogan to Winnipeg to report to Begin for duty on Lake Wpg. Lent a team to Const Watson to bring up his fathers family Bros and sisters etc. also a team for boxes.

Thursday 11

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Riding drill and usual routine which was carried out well.

Friday 12

Ft. Macleod

Passed out sixteen men as dismissed from riding drill they passed very well indeed. I gave direction(?) for another class on Monday \_\_\_ until passed.

Saturday 13

Ft. Macleod

Usual Saturday routine going on.

Sunday 14  
Ft. Macleod

Church parade. Weather fine. Attended church as usual and afterwards visited the mens dinners the barrack rooms cook houses, stables Recreation room hospital \_\_\_\_\_ rooms. Veterinary stable Guard, cells and Canteen \_\_\_\_\_ a minute inspection and pointing out a few errors. There were but few.

Monday 15  
Ft. Macleod

Usual routine

Tuesday 16  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine Nothing of importance going on here. Drill in menage. Attended to my numerous duties as usual.

Wednesday 17  
Macleod

Weather as usual  
Nothing of importance going on.

Thursday 18  
Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing doing but drill in the menage and the routine. Attended to all work closely.

Friday 19  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but pretty windy Drill in riding school as usual. Broughton got back from the inspection of \_\_\_ Div horses. Spent evening at the Zach Woods and played whist with them getting badly beaten.



Busy all day at routine and closely inspected all but the barrack rooms, visited the garden and \_\_\_\_ .

Saturday 20

Ft. Macleod N.W. Ty

Weather windy and cool. Mail small. Final a/c of D\_\_\_\_\_ arrived in form of draft at sight which has been sent down to Cowdry the full amount 23.80 from Baker of Wpg.

Sunday 21

Ft. Macleod

Church parade. Made a rigid inspection of the barracks after church. Also left no place without a visit. All rep\_\_\_\_\_ of the barracks \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Monday 22

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Usual routine. Nothing of importance going on.

Tuesday 23

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing but routine, busy all day in the office and barracks. Was asked to a farewell party for Wood at Sergt \_\_\_\_\_ but declined on the grounds that it would be improper and against discipline

Wednesday 24

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather changeable

The change of Sanders for Wood \_\_\_\_\_ to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> the letter arrived today I am informed by Sanders that he was hurried(?) up so fast that he had not time to turn around as they the Herchmers wanted to give Insp Wood no time to have the change countermanded. I told Wood to inform Sanders when he would be ready

Sanders says Jarvis was \_\_\_\_\_ the Herchmers for \_\_\_\_\_ him to remain a day longer.

Thursday 25  
Macleod

Usual Routine.

Friday 26  
Macleod

Usual Routine

Saturday 27  
Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather as usual  
Routine ditto.

Sunday 28

Weather fine  
No church parade owing to bad weather (rain)

Monday 29  
Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on today.

Tuesday 30  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. Kennedy called.

## **July**

Wednesday 1  
Macleod

Weather fine. Holiday going on. No \_\_\_\_\_.  
Worked as usual

Thursday 2

S.B. Steele Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. In aft(?) arrival of Deane who was put up in Capt. Macdonnells room. Mac \_\_\_ with us. Preparations for sports today going on.

Dr. Allen had a dance going on in honor of the Zach Woods who go on the 4<sup>th</sup> to Maple Creek

Friday 3

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Our Annual Sports held

Lengthy programme. Large crowd. Judges Macleod, Pocklington, Haultain, Matthews. The civilian judges took great interest in the affair \_\_\_ events good. People from all over in the grounds. Deane from Lethbridge also a judge in \_\_\_ with Macleod and he stayed with us. Large numbers of fellows with us in barracks had a good time. Gave several passes. After sports Dance in town. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ no good. Man played fool in front of the D.D. quarters but had a bad time of it.

Saturday 4

Macleod

Weather very warm slight threatening of rain and thunder.

Const De Beaupre(?) fined and confined to barracks for neglecting to hand me important telegram about the arrest of a man in Calgary for forgery. Said man passed through leaving a Calgary horse and stealing one of D.J. Cochrane. Wired Deane \_\_\_ at Coutts. Sherriff \_\_\_ at Great Falls sent out the description to detachments. Ordered Macpherson to pursue also to follow to the States and arrest as usual. Sent memo after to several \_\_\_.

Z.T. Wood and family left for Maple Creek today.

Sunday 5

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Church parade as usual. \_\_\_ very hot. Inspected the barrack rooms, messes, Recreation room, stables, Hospital, saddle rooms, canteen, cells, guard & \_\_\_ room and found all correct excepting the R.R. in which a screen had been knocked down by

Cons(?) Hickey, ordered him under arrest, and the barracks room which appeared to be less orderly than usual.

Monday 6  
Macleod

Weather fine. Men commenced to scrape and repair guns & carriage under the supervision of Sergt Spicer, they much need repairs they should never be in the open air except when required.

Gardening and \_\_\_\_\_ going on at the same time, and a general fix up of everything.

Tuesday 7  
Ft. Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather (*xed out* fine) dull. Went to Stand Off at 2.30 Mays also. Took supper then inspected saddles, arms, \_\_\_\_, ammunition, stables, rooms etc and asked men if any had complaints, none had any. The place looked well horses also in fact all. Inspected the whole fence carefully and found it to be one of the best in the country. It is not quite finished a few top rails and the \_\_\_\_ along the river, all the rest complete. A new \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ is required. Only fault men \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as I arrived. Cook not as good as the last. Rained in torrents before we got in.

Wednesday 8  
Macleod

Fine morning after the rain but very windy.

Did not get up so early as usual, but was in the O Room on time and signed reports before breakfast. Ordered inspection and \_\_\_\_\_ of recruits and men on equitation. Hayter Reed, Ind. Com. arrd at 5.30 Called on him in the evening Col. Macleod & Lady Drayton & Hull called at the same time. Ordered team for Res. Platform wagon for Reed. Came home at 11.00 with Drayner. Col. Macleod goes out with Reed to Peigans tomorrow.

Thursday 9  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but hot. Squaw of Haussman complained of Johnson & Johnson taking her horse in payment of the formers lawyers fee. Young

Johnson came up and after a talk with the Inspr decided to give horse up. Sent woman down and he refused to do so without having been pd. Wrote Judge Macleod and sent Inspector to him with squaw. Const De \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ . Horse not \_\_\_\_ results of it \_\_\_\_ . Wrote letters and attended to routine all day. Saw McHugh crop contractor regarding the contract. Passed sixteen recruits riding under Matthews They did well Called on Dr Allen Campbell called \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ .

Friday 10  
Ft. Macleod

Weather wet and disagreeable at intervals. Busy at routine all day.

Saturday 11  
Macleod

Fine in forenoon. \_\_\_\_  
Dined at C.S.D. Woods at 7.00 pleasant eveing but very wet on our way home, it poured all evening, very humid.

Sunday 12  
Macleod

Weather wet and sloppy. Countermanded church parade and inspections. W

Monday 13  
Macleod

Weather fine, hot. Busy all day, retired early in the evening. Hayter Reed and others called at 10.00 I had retired before that as no one had come around.

Tuesday 14  
Ft. Macleod

Weather hot. Major Hayter Reed went home today at 4.00 called at the barracks first. \_\_\_\_ all booming every day for some time. Dr Allen got back from Lees Creek after a bad trip. Several whiskey and other cases being tried by Inspt Drayner and Sanders

Called on Father LaCombe. Pocklington called on me this evening.  
\_\_\_\_\_ going in.

Wednesday 15  
Ft. Macleod

Weather warm. Usual routine did lots of work and knocked about all over the place.

Thursday 16  
Ft. Macleod

Weather very warm

Inspected a great deal of the barracks and work going on on them

Mail came in late called on Dr. Allen.

The Chas. Woods, Dr Allen and Miss \_\_\_\_\_ dined with us. I looked after lots of routine work. Riding drill from 8.45 to 10.45 under Matthews, a class of 16.

Wroughton left for Wood Mt. gave him a transport requisition  
Macdonnell in Lethbridge.

Friday 17  
Macleod

Weather warm. Signed(?) all up and refunded balance as certified per this mail. Signed Q.M. returns as usual. Did lots of work as usual.

Saturday 18  
Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Riding drill as usual going on in forenoon.

Sunday 19  
Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Church as usual, visited and inspected the whole barracks and hospital, recreation room, saddle room, stables canteen guard room cells, kitchens etc. and found that my (*xed out rep*) \_\_\_\_\_ on orders last week had a good effect.

Monday 20  
Macleod

Weather fine but very windy all day  
Busy in the office and around barracks for most of the day  
Wrote letters for the mail

Tuesday 21  
Macleod

Weather fine, busy up to one o'clock then took Mays to Peigan Sun Dance. S Sgt Patterson(?) was there and a party of the \_\_\_\_\_ who were encamped with their wives and \_\_\_\_\_.

Saw the dance which is not much. Very tame in comparison to old times. Took some tea at the \_\_\_\_\_ camp \_\_\_\_\_ Patterson very kind. Met Haultain there, he came home with us. \_\_\_\_\_ up to a late hour. Got telegram from Galliher re Welch and habeas corpus asking for Christie(?). Wired McIlree about it and asked him to wire Galliher and persuade Christie to go to Montana.

Wednesday 22  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Busy up to one o'clock with traders for hay and other office work. Drayner went to the Sun dance & took the Kennedys (\_\_\_\_\_) returned at 8.00. Inspected the garden twice Mac and Mays the second time. Gave orders to put Miss M\_\_\_\_\_s out of bounds because it is reported by \_\_\_\_\_ as a house frequented by prostitutes and other loose characters.

Very hot in the afternoon but became cooler and threatened rain.  
Riding drill of \_\_\_\_\_ squad under Inspr Matthews.

Thursday 23  
Macleod

Usual Routine. Drill foot and mounted in squads in the forenoon.  
Did lots of work.

Friday 24  
Macleod

Weather hot. Usual routine. Signed several hay contracts this P.M.  
Rouleau and \_\_\_\_\_, also Lavery \_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and Sun Dance to come up  
and sign.

Saturday 25  
Macleod

Busy all morning. Denny fined by Dr. Allen for assault upon \_\_\_\_\_  
Robertson, gave him a lecture and some advice afterwards. Very hot. Mac  
went to Kipp to look at the hay. Says it is not good. Drayner to Mosquito  
Creek to inspect the posts en route and arrange for hay contract at Mosquito  
Creek.

Col. Baker went up yesterday to Pincher Creek en route home, took  
my team.

Sunday 26  
Macleod

Fine. Church parade a usual. Inspected all the barracks etc at mens dinner  
time. The messing is very good.

Wrote \_\_\_\_\_ re Dr \_\_\_\_\_s salary as Indian Deps Doctor Kootenay.  
Wrote Can Life Ins Cy Wpg saying that if they applied to the Comptroller at  
Ottawa the \_\_\_\_\_ on renewal would be passed.

Monday 27  
*Blank*

Tuesday 28  
Big Bend

Left Macleod for here today at 8.45 and halted at Kootenai for dinner. Left  
at 5.00 for here, trail good pass better than I have ever seen it. Had tent  
pitched all right and had good rest

Mosquitos bad, but smudge saved us. Mays was not tired. Corporal  
Brown and men very civil.

The Belly river rose to six feet above its usual height and swept away  
the bar in front of the post. Gave orders re hay \_\_\_\_\_, garden etc.

Wednesday 29



## Pincher Creek

Up at 6 A.M. Inspected Big Bend detachment thoroughly at 8.30 No complaints. Satisfactory.

Fire guard wanted at all the posts. Mosquitos bad, pass very good indeed. Left at 9.00 and arrd at Kootenai at 11.15 inspected it at once. Post very much dilapidated. New qrs are required at once. The river was six feet above its usual height here, stable overflowed. No complaints at Kootenai. Horses hoofs require branding at all these posts. I must send them up. Left at 3.10 and arrived at 5.45 and put up at the hotel. Ordered a parade for tomorrow at 9.

Thursday 30  
Ft. Macleod

Weather wet last night

Up at 7.00 and after breakfast inspected the detachment at Pincher Creek thoroughly Found everything in good order as circumstances would permit. The garden is excellent, (*xed out* also) the wire fence good (*xed out* and) the Detachment have now a field of nearly 160 acres of good to fair pasturage. Water in one corner from the creek passing McCulloughs. Spent some time there with Col. Baker \_\_\_\_\_ and Scobie. Lunched at W. Frasers, Baker also. Left for here at 2.10 and arrived at 5.45. Dined as soon as possible. Large mail which I read through.

Friday 31  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but warm

Drill mtd in menage and foot drill as usual good. Prepared to start for Southern detachments in the district. Dr. Allen came with some guests(?) he hired team and sent out \_\_\_ and provisions on a liberal scale. Larson(?) goes with me to visit the detmnts and as his wife and he have not yet had an outing for the summer. They will take a team and bring two friends. I will take the Woods and others in my trap. Dr Allen as well. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Cowdry's also came with their own trap. Called at Dr. Allens with Mays and \_\_\_\_\_

**August**

Saturday 1  
Cardston (Lees Creek)

Weather fine. Moved off from the post at 9.30 arrived at Dr. Allens to find most of the party late. Picked up Mr. and Mrs. Wood & Miss Thos(?) The whole party finally together arrived at Stand Off in good time with the loss of lead \_\_\_ which was broken in slough near the barracks at St Off. Halted until three P.M. Lunched and inspected the Detachment, found all correct. Left for here and arr at six, the trail bad very rough and soft in places. Found the \_\_\_ (*xed out* in slough) near the \_\_\_\_\_. The whole party hospitably(?) \_\_\_ and dined at the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ at 12.00

Sunday 2  
(*xed out* Ft. Macleod) Lees Creek

Up at 8.00 A.M. and left for St. Marys at nine, got there at 10.15 \_\_\_ had changed entirely also fords. MacP pretended he did not know we were going but I know he was lying as Const Wright who was at Cardston last night would never forget to tell him. Found detachment in fair order except the saddle room and (*xed out* stables) and store room both of which were very untidy \_\_\_ that the men were wrong about.

The detachment had no complaints to make. Returned \_\_\_ and arrd here at 12.00 started again at 2 P.M. for Bay Creek(?) Macpherson leading, bad trail new \_\_\_ unfit for travel with load. Inspected Detachment. All correct. House not in a good place for \_\_\_.

Monday 3  
Macleod N.W.Ty.

All hands and the cook had breakfast at 9 A.M. Inspected the arms etc and horse of the Constable here. All correct the place very clean and the Constable sensible. Told him to look very carefully into matters and report to me confidentially in anything of importance to inform me about. The \_\_\_ visited the Mormons and said Good Bye to them. We left at 1.00 and arrd at Stand Off at 4.00 P.M. \_\_\_ at 4.30 and left at 6.00 and here at 8.15 All really glad to get back again to their homes. CSW drove from Stand Off

Tuesday 4  
Macleod N.W.Ty.

Weather hot. Up early and busy at back correspondence all morning. Const McDowell up and tried for drunk and disorderly in town and \_\_\_\_ etc.

Sentenced to one month and a fine of one months pay. Busy at everything.

Talked to Dr. Allen this afternoon, also had hair cut in town. Mays Mac and I to Dr. Allens after dinner and returned at 10 P.M. returned at eleven wrote Richard \_\_\_\_ describing our trip etc

Wet in the afternoon, bad for hay, etc.

Wednesday 5

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather wet and very chilly. Usual routine busy all day and inspected hospital etc in the forenoon, the gardens etc in the afternoon. No men at the orderly room today I hope they will keep away from it a little more.

A girl named Laura Clifton fined \$5 & costs for using bad language in the streets of Macleod Dr Allen and Insp Drayner JPs

Raining hard all PM bad for the hay

Thursday 6

Usual routine

Friday 7

Macleod

Usual routine.

Saturday 8

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine Nothing of importance \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Inspected first class ride which passed well.

Sunday 9

Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Parades as usual. Did not go at all. Mac inspected the barracks

I had writing on hand and besides Trivett preached and I do not approve of him in the slightest degree.

Monday 10  
Macleod

Weather fine. A new ride on. A good lot this finishes the whole of the men in the barracks.

Tuesday 11  
Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine nothing of importance. Drayner and Dr. Allen had committed Bertrand and he being tried today \_\_\_ Judge Macleod for the larceny was acquitted.

Mail as usual. It is reported that Langevin resigned his position.

Wednesday 12  
Macleod

Weather fine but hot good for haying operations. Busy at routine work.

Thursday 13  
Lethbridge

Team of 11 to play Cricket here Heap captain Morris and others members of \_\_\_\_. Left with Mays at 2.00 PM and arrd here at 6.00 dined at the Lethbridge House and afterwards went up to Deanes. Met the family there and all the rest, Casey(?) etc

Came away and \_\_\_ at Bentleys at 10.30 Mays had \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and was in deep confab with Mrs B \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_. Came to hotel at 12.30 AM. Rooms \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_. Weather warm and clear.

Friday 14  
Macleod

Up at 9.00 breakfasted and went up to Deanes  
Left Mays at the Bentleys Came down to lunch at their place. Nice time  
Invited them to come up to Crows Nest pass for a trip and to camp there for a week (accepted)

After dinner saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings of Macleod vs Lethbridge (cricket) the Macleod was disposed of easily except Morris. Lethbridge won by an innings and a goodly number of runs. Left at 6.30 P.M. for here, after

saying Good Bye to Deane & family. He is under orders for Bford. Got here after a delightful drive of four hours. Ret at 1.30 A.M. 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 15  
Macleod

Up early and attended to routine duty. Arranged for completion of the root house. Morris and cricket team not back yet from Lethbridge. \_\_\_\_ must have kept them a longer time than expected. Inspected all the post

Saw Sharples(?) at night and arranged to get team (four) 4 horses for James Ross. He (Sharples) to meet me at the Winder ranche at ten \_\_\_\_ tomorrow. I \_\_\_\_ go to Leavings and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ having a heavy team to drive them who \_\_\_\_ the wagon.

Weather hot hay coming in.

Sunday 16  
Winder Ranche

Left Macleod with four in hand and Wroughton for Leavings and we arrived at Leavings at 2.30 dined and lay around until after tea then inspected the Det. All correct. Arms horses etc in first class order. Looked at stables and arranged for alterations on same. Left at 7.30 P.M. for here and arrd at 8.30. No Sharples yet and no one at home Got throught the window and made ourselves at home, regaled ourselves on corn beef and water. Read Parkman Jesuits in America and history of Indians in Canada. Retired at 12.30 went to sleep at 2 A.M. 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Monday 17  
Macleod

Up at 7.30 A.M. Breakfasted at 8.30 Then the team was caught nice looking horses two dark bay and two light, had the wheeler tried in the wagon some difficulty to start them but after a while they were got off Macdonald driving and \_\_\_\_ very \_\_\_\_ considering that they are not yet broken.

\_\_\_\_ arrived at 7.00 from Leavings and (*xed out* they) brought heavy wagon.

Sharples came at 3.00 P.M. and we then drove the leaders. They went well. Start for here at 4.30 drove by the trail west of Wilson Creek got here at 7.30 and (*xed out* \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ ) dined at 8.45

Tuesday 18

Macleod

Up early. Signed all Q.M. returns for July  
Wrote memoranda on many things. Had no prisoners up here of an  
consequence during absence. Very windy but good haying weather.

Wednesday 19  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on.

Thursday 20  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Usual routine, drills, etc going on. Worked hard. Inspected  
everything in the place

Friday 21  
Ft. Macleod  
Weather warm. Usual routine.

Saturday 22  
Ft. Macleod

Weather hot. Routine duties as usual. Very busy.

Sunday 23  
Ft. Macleod

Weather excessively hot. The Surgeon advised no church parade as  
sunstrokes might result. Did not have any parade. \_\_\_ and Dr. and the  
Sanders dined here today at 5.30 C.S.D. Wood called and talked cattle and  
railroads. Macpherson arrived at 3.00 P.M.

Monday 24  
Ft. Macleod

(*xed out* Monday) Wrote to QMS Fane today directing him to pay up the amount of oats in the discrepancy return books and the receipts of the N.C.O on detachment and in charge of the herd.

Wrote Jim(?) asking him to take letter to Fane and bring back his reply.

Wrote Fane telling him to wire the amt as credit in Union Bank, Lethbridge to enable me to pay for the oats in question.

Senator Cochrane went east today.

Ross team busy \_\_\_\_.

Comr at Regina and to be here the tenth instant.

Tuesday 25

Ft. Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather very wet grass turning green again. Busy in O Room for some time. Took information for horse stealing from Bull \_\_\_\_ Plume, our horse thief in custody. Staff Sergt Hilliard \_\_\_\_ in last August. Very chilly in contrast to the very hot weather recently.

Wednesday 26

Pincher Creek

Weather pleasant. Left \_\_\_\_ at 2.30 and arrived here with Mays and Mac at 6.00 had supper and then saw White-Fraser. \_\_\_\_ necessary things

Spent part of the evening at Dr. \_\_\_\_s place. Retired at 12.00 Mac went to Drs for the night. We stayed at the hotel.

Thursday 27

Macleod

Weather very hot. Left Pincher Creek and after seeing \_\_\_\_ and arranging with White-Fraser. Got here in 3½ hrs from 11.30 to 3.00 P.M.

Lunched at \_\_\_\_s and then looked up matters requiring my attention visited the garden as soon as possible after 6 PM

Friday 28

Ft. Macleod

Weather hot, but a nice breeze blowing all day. Went around the barracks in the forenoon and part of the afternoon.

Routine of a large mail in the morning  
Gave orders for the horses tails to be cut according to order.  
Arranged for hay to be hauled from Peigan Reserve on Monday to the herd camp. Ordered Sanders to go out to the Detachments on Sat – tomorrow. Wroughton to go also and inspect the horses.  
Lots of oats, arranged for the purchase of 23000 lbs for the store, to make up Fane's shrinkage

Saturday 29  
Macleod

Busy at routine in the forenoon. Nothing particular in the PM Very warm, about 90° in the shade

Sunday 30  
Macleod

Hot. No parade on account of the heat, the Dr., Aylen having reported it as too hot for a parade without risk

Wrote a great deal  
Commenced using an \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ and snuff as well.

Monday 31  
Macleod

Sent off a large mail. Hot day, but rained all night in torrents.

Busy and visited the whole (*xed out* country) barracks and in a \_\_\_\_ way looked over everything.

## **September**

Tuesday 1  
Macleod

Weather fine and cool. Inspected the Barracks except for the mens rooms. Visited Stables, shops, etc.

Macdonnell to Lethbridge to arrange about \_\_\_\_ for canteen.  
Wroughton to do for Board on horses at 2.00 P.M.  
Case of Indian horse thieves. Mr. La Chappelle brought in for selling liquor to Indians.



Wednesday 2  
Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on today.

Thursday 3  
Macleod

Fine. First day of the races here. \_\_\_ starting much delay  
A few fined, which did good. Lunched at Macleods. Mays did not go. Polo  
in the forenoon, too busy at work to attend

Friday 4  
Macleod

Races all afternoon. Weather best known in race meet. All races promptly  
started in comparison to former times. Polo match in forenoon Macleod vs  
P Creek the latter winning easily. The officers entertained the people (men)  
to luncheon at 12. I was one of the judges on races. Pocklington one also  
with Judge Macleod.

Saturday 5  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. The team brought for Mrs James Ross was handed over to Mr  
Burns of D. Manns outfit, wrote Mr. Mann per him. Sent Macdonnell to  
help him and the teamster as far as the other side of Willow Creek. The  
horses were seen by Wroughton before leaving and were all right. The  
teamster told Macdonald that he though the team a good one.

Spent the evening in the mess where I met the Bicton(?) brothers and  
Mr \_\_\_ and had a nice supper before leaving.

Sunday 6  
Ft. Macleod

Weather fine Church parade as usual. Did not inspect the dinners. Very hot  
in the afternoon.

Monday 7

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. \_\_\_ I inspected the whole barracks except cells. Also visited the sick all of whom are cheerful and convalescing.

Fined two men for being drunk on duty on race track. They were both charged with disob of O. on the same occasion but I dismissed that as there was a doubt in the case. Sanders and I fined La Chappelles squaw for selling liquor to Indians. Tried \_\_\_ for same.

Remanded for further evidence until tomorrow at 2 P.M.

Tuesday 8

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but very (*xed out* windy) warm. Busy at routine all day. The Commissioner arrived at 5.00 and was put up in the mess and the \_\_\_ Bennett(?) in the Baker

Wednesday 9

Ft. Macleod

Horses for casting paraded before the Commissioner, most of them cast.

A row raised about one of the horses having a girth gall on him caused by the riding of Corporal D \_\_\_ which Const L. \_\_\_ forgot to report to vet.

The rest of the day occupied in buying horses. Men paraded at 8.30 for purchase of horses at 9 A.M. Rain hard in the afternoon.

All horses not bought  
Busy at the usual routine.

Thursday 10

Ft. Macleod

Weather fine but windy

Some more horses bought and an inspection of stores to be condemned in Q.M. dept and D Division. Also some clothing in casualty store of H(?) to be disposed of as they have too much. Orders given and noted down.

Approval obtained for the purchase of lumber for root house and noted down. Said to Comr that I would not recommend Payne to be hired as we did not need him but it was no use Macpherson had \_\_\_ him first.

Friday 11  
Macleod

Usual routine.

Saturday 12  
Macleod

Usual cleaning up routine going on.

Sunday 13  
Macleod

Church parade and a rigid inspection of the barracks and all the stables etc etc. Very nice day no wind

Monday 14  
Macleod

Usual routine.

Tuesday 15  
Macleod

Usual routine.

Wednesday 16  
Macleod

Windy part of the day but not all day  
Busy at routine, visited all the barracks

Thursday 17  
Macleod

Weather very windy bad for shooting.  
Busy at routine.  
Insp Morris and family went off on a trip to Calgary for a week.

Friday 18

Macleod

Weather windy. The musketry going on as usual. Busy at all routine  
Inspected everything in barracks except mens rooms.

The weather very windy for target practice.

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## **November**

Sunday 1

Lees Cr

Started from Macleod at 10.30 Lunched at Pocklingtons. He states that the feeling among the Indians is good towards the Police. I stopped a moment at Stand Off and told Macpherson where I was going and that I would be \_\_\_ that way. Reached here after dark. The Det want stationery & \_\_\_ foolscap and blotting paper. Det in good order. Card called and spent the evening with us.

Monday 2

Big Bend

Started for St Marys with Drayner Met Sgt Cotton(?) and Const Denny they turned back. I inspected the Detachment which required a rake and a couple \_\_\_ men gave orders to see to the gang frequenting the Saint Marys Lakes and told Drayner to report to the Agent if anything wrong (Peigan Agent)

Returned to Lees Creek and dined one horse had a touch of colic. Started for Big Bend leaving him behind and took another made a good time across country although I had never been that way got there at 5.00 White-Fraser and Delmage came in afterwards.

Tuesday 3

Left Big Bend at nine arrd at Kootenay at 11.00 and inspected new stable which is getting on well and is well situated. All correct at the Detachment Const Le \_\_\_ complained that I had ordered \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ out until his time would expire. He \_\_\_ as he is kept \_\_\_ until I order him to \_\_\_ on account of a \_\_\_ with a woman who is mess cook for officers. I told him it was for his own good and necessary on account of his \_\_\_\_\_

November 4 – December 31 Blank

**Memoranda**

Ft. Macleod

Pd on the 28<sup>th</sup> fifty doll to Segt Wright amt \_\_\_\_\_ on pay from Const \_\_\_\_\_ same from C. Bros.

Pd for ditto ten dollars on 18<sup>th</sup> inst. total up to end of Jan \$60.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ at Dunmore of \_\_\_\_\_ will write.

**Weather Record**

28	Jan – Mild windy	50°
29	“ “ “	50°
30	“ Snow 3” _____ cold	

**Cash Account – January**

Date		Received	Paid
19	Const Ritchie for services		5.00
“	Const Palmer services Dec.		8.00
“	do Nov.		2.00
	Contingent a/c		10.00
	Fred White in		
	Dec(?)		25.00
	Canada _____		
	profits	51.71	
	Pay for Dec. per		
	order in favor of		
	Cowdry Bros.	56.00	
	Cash on pay	32.00	
	_____ for		
	F. White	25.00	

Amt of superann.

3.66

26 Petroleum Coy 50.00  
Pincher Creek  
First call.

**Cash Account – February**

Date	Received	Paid
10 By Dept. on a/c Of loan from Compt _____ Subscription & Super		37.33
QM Stoppages Cowdry		7.75 57.00
_____ of Cmdg of Division Diff stoppage for Supt	116.66	
( <i>xed out</i> _____)		10.00)
F. Shaw, dentist		6.00
Small sums		

**Cash Account – March**

Date	Received	Paid
Dept on a/c of loan and Supn		27.32
QM Stoppages		4.99

	Cowdry on a/c of advance to pay Comptroller		58.00
	cash	116.66	
	Ritchie - Groom two mos wages		10.00
	Le Grow, Cook		15.00
	Balance on Hand – Cr.	116.66	<u>1.34</u> 116.66
30	Revd. R. Hilton on a/c of subs. to the church		24.00
	Loan – Const	24.00	
	Mays for Pere LaCombe		5.00
	Loan - Const	5.00	
	Cowdry Bros for Comptroller		59.00
	Pay	59.00	
	Dr. De___ on ___ of ___		5.00
	Supt Macd		5.00
	Cook Le Grow		8.00
	Mays		5.00
	Do	1.75	
	D___ pay	52.00	

Pd Department	2.33
QM Stoppages	3.30
HBCo	25.00
RB B____ in full of all demands	5.75

**Cash Account – April**

Date	Received	Paid
30	Subs for Mays to R.C. Church	6.00
15	____ Henderson Thro Cowdry Bro	100.00
14	John Darlington Thro Cowdry at sight	14.00
14	Dr. Do one mo after date	14.00
14	Dr. Do two months after date	14.00
	Cowdry Bros on a/c of amt borrowed from F White last year.	60.00
	DoDo Scott etc	



furniture thro Cowdry Bros.	30.00
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Servants Le Grow and Miss Arnold	14.00
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Sundry amts  
to Mays

### Cash Account – May

Date	Received	Paid
10 From Dept.	116.66	
Do. Dept paid what was ____ in full		54.33
Do. Macleod hardware Store		1.25
Do. Cowdry, ____ Henderson and F. White a/c		59.00
Cash on hand		<u>2.08</u> 116.66

### Cash Account – June

Date	Received	Paid
Pd Cowdry		57.00
Mays		25.00
Servant girl Emily Palmer		10.00

Le Grow Cook	8.00
Macdonald	5.00
Stoppages for Superannuation	2.75
Other	2.00
Cash on hand	1.00

**Cash Account – July**

Date	Received	Paid
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**Cash Account – August**

Date	Received	Paid
5	116.66	
5	Hudsons Bay Co. on a/c	20.00
	Cowdry Bros	54.00
	Q.M. Stoppages	9.66
	Sir J. McDonald Monument fund	1.00
	Emily Palmer servant girl	10.00
	Const Macdonald Groom for self	5.00
	Const Le Grow	5.00

my servant

Supn Stoppages 2.33

Montreal Weekly  
Star 1.00

Mays 1.00

Do. 5.00

Cash on hand 1.00

### **Cash Account – September**

Date	Received	Paid
		Girl 10.00
		Groom 5.00
		Servt 5.00
		Steel & _____ 20.00

### **Cash Account – October**

Date	Received	Paid
4	<b>Cash</b> 116.66	
		Girl 10.00
		_____ 5.00
		Macdonald 5.00
		Dr Allen Customs _____ 17.50

HBCo	6.55
Cowdry note	56.00
Cash	10.00
Comptroller	2.50
Sundries	3.11
HBCo. per note which is not charged against pay of this month	50.00

**Cash Account – November**

Date	Received	Paid
23	Hudsons Bay Co per order on Cowdry for \$57.00	50.00
23	Scott & Leslie Per ( <i>xed out</i> last) draft on Cowdry Bros Last payment on my furniture a/c	20.00

**Cash Account – December**

Date	Received	Paid
	Supn	2.33
	QM Stoppage	1.89
	Cowdry	20.88
	___ payment	

on _____ a/c Cowdry	43.10
Floral wreath for Sir John	.30
Servant girl	10.00
“ man	5.00
Horse(?)	24.00

116.66

### **Back Endpaper**

S.B.S.  
N.E. Qr. Sec.  
24 Tp. 3 Range 30  
West of 4<sup>th</sup> initial Mer.

A.R.M.  
N.W. Qr. Of the same

All the diaries to \_\_\_\_\_ in  
SBS

Seeds for Saint Marys P. Creek and Lees Cr. Spikes for Stables at St Marys  
Scrub \_\_\_ & brooms do. Rake at do. Coffee Mill P Creek  
Horse Medicine.  
Seed Potatoes. 200 lbs for Stand Off 100 lbs for P Creek and Lees Creek  
Buckboards for \_\_\_\_\_

### **Notes etc removed from Diary**

Macleod 17 October, 1890  
Receipt from Hudson's Bay Co for \$30.00

Macleod, Mar 1, 1891	
Officers' Mess Receipt	
“Subscription for Feby	1.30
Account Recd	11.94
	13.24”

Macleod, April 8 <sup>th</sup> 1891	
Officers' Mess Receipt	
“Share for Col Irvine's Dinner	3.89
Subscriptions for Dec, Jan, Feb & Mar	5.20
Beer in Jan 19 pts	1.90
“ “ Feb 35½ pts	3.55
March 2 “	<u>20</u>
	14.74

Macleod April 13, 1891  
 Receipt from R.B. Barnes, Druggist and Stationer for \$5.75

Macleod April 13, 1891  
 Receipt from Hudson's Bay Co for \$25.00

Macleod April 14, 1891  
 Draft on Union Bank Wpg for \$14.00

Ottawa, 13 May, 1891  
 Receipt from Bank of Montreal for \$100.00 “which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this bank”

Canada life Assurance Company 23 May, 1891  
 “ FINAL NOTICE

S.B. Steele Esq  
 Dear Sir,

I beg to remind you that the Premium on your policy as under-noted, which fell due on 30<sup>th</sup> April 91 remains unpaid. The 30 days of grace will expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 91, when the Policy will cease to be in force, unless payment be made on or before that day, or until thereafter revived in accordance with the rules of the Compnay.

Yours Truly,

WL Hutton  
Agent

Policy No. 42629

½ Premium \$75.50

Please to bring this notice upon payment.”

n.d. letterhead

“F.W.G. Haultain, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.  
MACLEOD, N.W.T.

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*(Rest written in indelible pencil)*

The Alberta Petroleum Land Development Company, Limited.

I S.B.S. of Macleod etc, Supt etc., the attorney of A.R.M. in the within  
Power of Atty mentioned do hereby substitute nominate & appoint  
(*xed out Laff*) Lafayette French of Pincher Creek in my nme and place to  
act as attorney for the said A.R.M. for the purposes mentioned in the within  
Power of Atty & do hereby give the said L. French full power and authority  
to act in such capacity and to do everything that I could do under the said  
Power of Atty

Dated

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in presence of

S.B.S. (*in circle L.S.*)”

“

Fort Saskatchewan  
Beaver Lake

Major SB Steele

Dear Sam

I had a good crop this year but did not get Threshed out yet and have  
not been able to sell any grain yet would you very kindly send to Steele Br.  
Co. Toronto \$6.69 and the enclosed order for seeds if you can do so without

troubling you much Jim is married and happy we are starting a school here the place is settling up fast and when the Rail Road is Finished we hope to be able to sell grain for cash wich we can not do now Annie and children are well we have had a Fine winter so far hoping you and Mrs Steele are well

Your Efectionate  
Brother  
RE Steele

PS

Godfrey is well and getting on well”

“Steele & Wing  
474 Main St. Winnipeg  
Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 1891

Major Steele,  
Macleod, Alta.  
Dear Sir,

We enclose a/c for photo and views, and will forward the work in a few days. Kindly excuse the delay in filling your order as we have been away to Montreal, New York and other eastern points recently on a business trip.

With best wishes  
We remain  
Very respectfully yours  
Steele& Wing”

Invoice, Steele & Wing (“The Steele & Wing Photographic and Art Rooms”) March 13, 1891

	No	
3 – 8X10 Photos Self <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Standing	1973	3.30
6 - “ “ “ “ Sitting	1974	6.60
1 - “ “ “ “ Standing	1975	_____
3 – Cabinet “ from same	1975	1.50
1 – 8X10 “ full figure standing	1976	_____
3 - “ “ Officers	1926	3.30
1 - “ “ Segts Mess Macleod	122	1.10
1 - “ “ “ “ Regina		1.10



3 - “ “ Parade No 123, 127 &129

3.30  
20.20

Winnipeg, 17<sup>th</sup> July 1891  
Canada Life Assurance

Notice asking payment of premium due in April (75.50 plus 1.51 fine)  
Enclosed in letter from agent indicating Steele paid fine but not premium.

Macleod 5 August, 1891  
Receipt from Hudson's Bay Co for \$20.00

Montreal, August 7<sup>th</sup> 1891  
Invoice from John Martin & Co. (“Uniforms and Accoutrements for  
Military, Police, Fire Brigades, Bands &c.”)

“ 1	blue venetian patrol jacket	26.50
1	pr cavalry riding breeches	15.00
1	Scarlet fatigue jacket	4.50
1	pr “ breeches	4.50
1	N.W.M.P. officers A.S. cap	3.50
		\$54.50