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A degree of latitude or longitude
 = $59\frac{1}{4}$ miles
 = 59 geographical miles

1 metre = 3.281 ft — 1.0936 yds.
 1 kilometre = 1093.6 yds — .521 miles.

To convert Centigrade into Fahrenheit — multiply by $\frac{9}{5}$ + 32.

0° C = 32° F.
 5° C = 41° F.
 10° C = 50° F.
 15° C = 59° F.
 20° C = 68° F.
 25° C = 77° F.
 30° C = 86° F.
 35° C = 95° F.
 40° C = 104° F.

Length of Nile — from
 Victoria Nyanga to Berbertha
 = 3520 miles.

From Cairo to Khartoum
 = 1700 miles.

From Khartoum to Gondokoro.
 = 1081 miles.

Average high Nile { at Khartoum } Sept 5th } Average low Nile
 " low Nile { " " " } May 13th } 20ft — 0 ins.

Rainy season at Khartoum is from
 middle of June to September.

Mean annual rainfall = 7.09 ins.

Jubel Schmet - Igna.

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On opposite bank - just south of wood station.

Big herd of isaa & red fronted gazelle.

South end of island of Mad Bekker.

White eared Hob.

Jera' uer.

Waterbucks & topi

In bank opposite mouth - village with big trees on ridge

about 4 miles up stream, ^{to} E. along bank about 5 miles

Two Gray in swamps
& along bank.

to opposite wood station.

Saka ho

pottery - too wet & grass too long.

Barbaje - between Jera & Saka ho - on s. bank.

Hoan - topi - waterbucks - red bucc - oubi.

Elephant (*elephas (dixson) africanus*)

226 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

(130 - 124 lbs.)

Rhinoceros (*rhinoceros (diceros) simus*)

62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins to 26 ins.

Mrs Gray's Waterbuck (*obvus maria*)

33 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

(29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.)

Waterbuck (*obvus defassa typicus*)

36 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

{ 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
29 ins. }

Eland (*taurotragus derbianus gigas*)

41 ins. to 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

1910.

Dec 13th

Grosvenor Hotel.

London.

Left Westminster at 2.30 & reached King's Cross at 6.30. Did a lot of shopping.

Dec 14th

In train.

Left Victoria at 11 & got to Folies about 1.15. Had a roughish crossing over the Channel - saw the remains of the big German sailing ship on the rocks - & got to Paris at 5.45. Motored across to the Gare du Lyon & left at 9.20 - Sunday & I had a waggon - bit to ourselves.

Dec 15th

S.S. "Ophir" - Venturie.

Off Marseilles.

Got to Marseilles at 9.30 & went to the Hotel Tour de la Paix. Had a weary wait there as the "Ophir" did not get in till 5 p.m. - she was due to arrive at 2. Drove miles to the docks & had to go off in a tug. The "Ophir" seems a nice boat - though somewhat ancient - & every thing seems very well done & comfortable.

Dec 16th

S.S. "Ophir"

Mediterranean.

Run = 215.

Smooth & not too cold. Passed innumerable islands all day long & was generally in sight of Italy.

Kudu (*Strepsiceros capensis kora*)

61 ins. to 49 ins. outside curve.

44½ ins. to 38½ ins. straight.

(40 ins. - 31 ins.)

Oryx (*oryx beina*)

39 ins. to 34½ ins.

(38 ins.)

~~Great~~ Oryx (*oryx leucoryx*)

45 ins. to 39 ins.

Buffalo (*Syncerus caffer occidentalis*)

44 ins. to 32 ins. greatest width outside.

Roan (*hippotragus equinus bakari*)

37¼ ins. to 31 ins.

(29½ ins.)

Dec 17th

S.S. "Uphir"

Off Naples.

Anchored in the harbour at Naples about 6, 30 a.m.
Went ashore to the Aquarium, which was very interesting
& contained some very weird fishes.
Left Naples at 3, 30 p.m. — smooth & cool outside.

Dec 18th

S.S. "Uphir"

Taranto.

Told a smooth. Run = 202.
Was vaccinated by the doctor — a brother of R. A. Stephen
of Tweed, Stephen & Co. Anchored off Taranto about 7.

Dec 19th

S.S. "Uphir"

Mediterranean.

Due to a washout on the railway, the mails did not
get on board till after 9 & we did not leave Taranto
till 10, 30. Smooth & cold outside.

Dec 20th

S.S. "Uphir"

Mediterranean.

Calms a quite warm early, but got very cold in the
afternoon. Run = 353.
Passed the S. end of Greece early & went quite close
to frets in the afternoon.
Dined with Akulep Singh & his wife — Gordon Wilson &
the captain there too.
Ship vibrating tremendously.

Bushbuck. (*Tragelaphus scriptus* bor.)

15 ¹/₈ ins. to 11 ¹/₂ ins.

Hartebeeste (*Bubalis tora*).

22 ¹/₂ ins. to 17 ¹/₇ ins.

White-eared Kob. (*Kobus leucotis*).

20 ¹/₇ ins. to 25 ins.

(20 ins.)

Uganda Kob. (*Kobus kob thomasi*).

24 ¹/₂ ins. to 20 ¹/₄ ins.

(20 ins.)

Addax. (*Addax nasomaculatus*).

39 ¹/₈ ins. to 31 ¹/₂ ins. on front-curve.

34 ¹/₂ ins. to 26 ins. straight line.

Dec 21st

S. S. "Uphur"

Mediterranean

Smooth & cool. Therm = 27.3. Saw the lights of Port Said about 11.30 p.m. Had a merry evening with Powell & Mills

Dec 22nd

In train

Medical inspection about 1 a.m. & got to bed at 2 - coating going on & sleep impossible. Landed about 6.30 & got our things through the customs without much trouble. Left for Cairo by the 8.5 train & got there at 12.30. Lunched at Shepherd's & was busy looking for tickets on board P. & O. steamer leaving Port Said on March 5th etc, etc. Left Cairo at 0.30 on a comfortable sleeping car train which was very full owing to the Crown Princess of Germany travelling to Suvar on it. Very tired & sleepy.

Dec 23rd

S. S. "Victoria"

On Nile

Got to Suvar about 8 a.m., walked down to the river & left on a narrow gauge railway at 10. Country cultivated just along the edge of the Nile, but otherwise a sandy desert. The dust was awful & every thing was soon covered inches deep in it. Got to Shellal about 5.30 & after getting our luggage weighed for "water transport" went on board the "Victoria" - a very clean comfortable steam whaler. Eleven first class passengers on her. Started at 8 - with dark - it's wonderful how they can steer a boat up the Nile at night.

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Redra Gayelle. *Gayella sama supicollis.*

15 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. to 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ ins.

Redback. *Parvicapra cedronca coltoni.*

15 ins. to 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

(11 ins.)

Wartlesie. *Uabalis kelwel.*

26 ins. to 22 ins.

Dec 24th

S.S. "Victoria"

On Nile.

Shore on each side of Nile very rocky & sandy - in places low green hills. A few villages & the only cultivation just on the ^{west} banks which are covered when the river is high. A lovely day & not too hot. The steamer makes fair headway against the stream in spite of having a big barge lashed to her starboard quarter.

Dec 25th

In train.

A very cold windy night - as cold as it probably is in England now - but a lovely warm morning.

Reached Wady Halfa about 1 p.m. & got into a very comfortable sleeping car train. We now cut across the big angle formed by the Nile - passing over an absolutely bare desert.

Dec 26th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Got to Khartoum about 8.30 a.m. & had a very comfortable bath at the station. Passed through a bushy sandy country & reached Khartoum - over the new bridge - about 5.

Hall met us & said we could start tomorrow as our rifles, etc, had arrived - consequently very busy the rest of the evening buying the things we remembered we had forgotten. Rennie & his wife at the hotel, which is very comfortable - unfortunately a dance going on, so not much sleep.

Red Sea Route.

Khartoum	leave	11. a. m. Sunday.
Port Sudan	arrive	8.50. a. m. Wednesday.
Port Sudan	leave	12 noon "
Suez docks	arrive	Saturday.
Suez docks	leave	"
Sairo	arrive	"

Port Sudan arrangements to be arranged weekly a month
£300. per month.

- This sum includes every thing -
- 2 muzzers - one fitted up with water cistern, bath room, etc.
- Headman - Mahammed Marad - Assuan - Kenema.
- Two personal servants.
- Two gunbearers.
- Two stainers.
- Fuel for two boats.
- Six donkeys & two oxen.
- Beds, bedding, crockery, knives, forks etc., etc.

We provide nothing except wine & mineral waters.

Dec 27th

S. J. "Lairo"

On Ice.

Very early I went to see Hall about the visit arrangements
 in our trip & started in the "Lairo" — a small comfortable
 river steamer — about 9.30 a.m. Sir John Rogers on
 board, but the others — about a dozen — mostly foreigners.
 Had a large row of oars & picked up another at Woodburn.
 Went down the Lake into the Woodburn — an enormous
 collection of mud huts — a then up the White Lake through
 a very narrow passage, after which the river becomes more
 like a lake with very low lying land on each side.

Saw a good many geese & ducks — very little cultivation on
 the banks except close to Chertown. The "muggers" have
 gone up to North.

Dec 28th

S. J. "Lairo"

On Ice.

Stopped at one place during the night.
 A very hot wind from the E. shore blowing quite strongly.
 The banks of the river are still very low & in places
 well cultivated. Immense flocks of sheep at some
 villages & a lot of geese, ducks & cranes — a few
 "arabs".

Got to Aueam about 3 & ran ashore for the night —
 we dined with Buntson & McDonald at the mess & had
 a very cheery evening. We went up to the house in a
 boat — but the river was too shallow to get near the bank,
 so we had to be carried ashore by the boatmen.

miles.	Place	By steamer.	date	
110	Khartoum			27 th
	Suein	"	"	28 th
131	Kada	"	"	
153	Fachi Akoya	"	"	
175	409 Abu Yumra	"	"	29 th
222	Gebel el his	By nuggar		
281	Bank	"	"	
340	Gebel Ahmed el gna	"	"	7 th
396	Kaba	"	"	12 th
424	Malut	"	"	14 th
469	Modok	"	"	15 th
530	Taufikia	"	"	16 th
560	Khor Atter	"	"	18 th
749	Killet-el Kuer.	"	"	27 th
854	Shamile			
904	Neussa			
1047	Koro			
1057	Mongalla			
1073	Lado			
1082	Gondokoro			

date no

Dec 27th

S. J. "airo"

Hosts

2nd morning. The banks of the river get more bushy here & patches of papyrus appear & there seems very little cultivation. I called at the birthplace of the Mahdi but did not land & got to Goy Abu Yuma about 4. Stayed a short time & went on to the new railway bridge — to a hantoon & which we tied up — the line runs from Khartoum to U. Khaid. Our nigger is here & seems very comfortable as she is fitted up with two big wooden cabins, a bath room, etc etc.

Dec 28th

Our nigger

The Nile

Up early to see the bridge opened by the Sudan — he arrived in a train with about a dozen people, including Jottenkens, & marched through a long line of natives & made a speech & then walked over the bridge — the movable part of which was swung open & our niggers went through. Got a breath of wind & we could not make a start till nearly 2 p.m. — then the wind got up & we went along nicely. Apparently very little cultivation on either bank — both of bluish & very low — edged by small swamps. This a great nuisance till it got dark but, owing to the breeze, we were not much disturbed by mosquitoes though we had to do so & stay in a sort of small tent made of gauze which was not a very comfortable.

Another nigger belonging to a man named Murphy kept us company all day, but sailed away from us when the wind dropped in the evening.

Sudan Game since 1911.

£50.

x = near white-rile.

x Giraffe	(£50. extra)	1.
Rhinoceros	(except in N. & S. zones)	1.
x Mrs Gray's Waterbuck		1.
Elephant		1.
Kudu (strepsiceros)		1.
Deer Bena		1.
x Elephant		2.
x Buffalo		3.
x Water Bucks	(two only N. of Kodok)	4.
x Boar	" " " "	4.
Bush Bucks		4.
Dora Penteloni		4.
Deer decoryx		4.
x White-eared' Rob		4.
Uganda Rob		6.
Addax		6.
Addra gayelle		6.
x Redbuck	(four only except in N. & S. zones)	12. 8.
Jackson's Penteloni		12.
Klipspringer		1.
x Hippopotamus	(unlimited S. of Kodok)	4.
Ox		4.
Wild Sheep		2.
x West Hog		6.
x Man		6.
x Other gayelle & antelope not specified above.		12.
(Ariel, duiker, dig dig, rishi, red prated gayelle, dorcas gayelle.)		

Dec 31st

Am.

Our nagger

S. of Jabel ~~Almud~~ - the hills.

Failed all night though we had a good place - owing to rocks - to get through. We bumped our pretty hard but otherwise got on very well - the breeze increasing till about 8 a.m. when it dropped so we had to stop for about an hour. No cultivation to be seen on either bank. Breeze came up about 9 a.m. & we got on well till the evening, but it dropped again about 5.30 p.m. & we made very little progress.

Murphy's nagger was not opposite two hills where we wanted to land to get some gazelle, so we left the place to him, but as soon as we got about a mile beyond him, then he started after us & soon overtook us - he looks like being a nuisance.

Big bunches of sudd keep floating down stream.

We are quite a week too early in starting.

1. The grass has not been burnt & in places is very long.
2. There is still water inland & the game has not been compelled to come down to the Nile to drink.
3. The "sudd" on each side of the river is impassable whilst the Nile is high - when the river is lower one can wade to land on it - now one would wade through it into the water.

There is doubtless game all along the Nile banks, but at this time of the year one can very rarely land - owing to the sudd which sometimes extend quite a mile from the banks to open water.

Sudan Game Reserve. 1911.

Animals & birds which may not be killed—

Wild Ass.

Gebra.

Dotia.

Shoe Bill *Ardeotis*

Ground Horn Bill *Ardeotis*.

Secretary Bird *Caprimulgus*.

Reserves.

Kordofan Province south of a line connecting Sherikah, Rasid, Abu Karay, Abu Jabbar, Rahad & El Taleya.

The Bahar el Ghazal province.

Districts south & west of a line drawn from Kassas on the Nile to Fading on the Khon Nile, thence to the mouth of the Jeraf river (which no boat may enter) & thence to the western end of Lake No.

Sanctuaries.

All the E. & S. bank of White Nile except from Kassas to mouth of the Jeraf river & on to W. end of Lake No.

1911.

Jan 1st

In muggar.

Pile.

The wind was very weak during the night - & we made very little progress & had to tie up to the reeds about 7 a.m. as the breeze absolutely stopped. A muggar caught some fish - biggest = 5 lbs - on his rod & the men caught some with the crooked net. The wind did not get up again till about midday & then it was very light & we made very little headway till about 12 p.m. when she voyaged along well. Two more muggars.

Jan 2nd

In muggar.

Pile.

The wind dropped about 1 a.m. this morning & we had to tie up to the reeds till 9 a.m. when it blew quite strongly but too much from the E. to suit the boat, which can only really slip along with a following wind. Passed Murrhey's muggar but it showed no about 10, 30 a.m. no villages or cultivation to be seen - swamps between rivers & land nearly landing impossible in most places. Very few ducks or geese to be seen - in fact very little bird life of any kind. Wind dropped to a dead calm about 1 o'clock & we stopped at a village on the river bank to buy a sheep & some eggs. Started to pole up about 5, but made very slow progress owing to the masses of sudd coming down. Stopped fishing at 7 & as the cook boat was a long way behind, had a very late & cold dinner.

Ammunition allowed. 1711.

Ball cartridges for trip of 4 months 12 lbs.	400.
Book rifle cartridges.	1000.
Revolver	150.
Shotgun	1000.

Issued two revolvers.

Jan 3rd

On muggah.

Kile.

Hardly any wind in the night & we hardly made 1/2 mile. Started poking about 9 a.m. & stopped about 1.

Continued again about 5 & stopped at 7. Tried to sail about 8 but it was no use, so anchored for the night. Very hot.

Jan 4th

On muggah.

Kenk.

A slight breeze sprung up early & we got to Kenk about 6 a.m. Went ashore after breakfast & got a wire from the Sudan to about a tug to tow us down - £120 from Lake to Khartoum. Went to the Commissioner's - Brown's - house & had a talk. Kenk is a bare desolate looking place - cotton soil - with a big native village - a post office, court, & Commissioner's house. A nicely planted avenue near the river. Poked up a little way & then sailed over to the W. shore. Landed about 3 - had to be carried by the men through the swamp to the land as it was too shallow for the boat. Walked S. through thickish bush over dried up cotton soil & after crossing another swamp got into rather open country with patches of bushes dotted about in places. The shikaris walked in front - much too fast - & put up two gazelle which batted. I shot a bushard with his little wife. Eventually we saw a solitary gazelle & I got within 200 yds of it - but it batted but as I pulled. Got up to it again & missed a long shot at it facing me. Saw some more & had a go at them half hidden by long grass & missed again!! I did ditto. My altered 350 seems to shoot very high. Intensely hot & I got a bad head.

Killed one tope⁹ & hit another. not yet.

The ground is baked as hard as a brick & as it is much
 trodden by game & cattle in the wet season,
 it is awful walking — nothing but holes & hard lumps.

Killed two gazelles.⁸⁹

Jan 5th

by nigger

Mad-da-Kona-Mile

Made several attempts to sail during the night but the wind brought each time. It was again about 9 a.m. and we got us well & stopped at an island — Mad da Kona — about 2 but found it nearly covered by water so moved on about 3 miles & cut a passage through the bushes. Went where about 4 & went S. parallel to the river through long dry grass. Saw a small herd of topi 'testal' but something disturbed them & they 'galloped' across my boat about 100 yds away. Hit the first bull & it dropped — was a bull & a female & a cow ~~and~~ dead. Hunted after them 19 min. & as they 'galloped' got an antelope and brought 19 more. Hit one in the shoulder — cut the ear — & brought me. After that it was long hours of 'unsuccessfully' 'search' & 'kill' but we were able to save it. Got two '99'ers.

Jan 6th

by nigger

Mad-da-Kona-Mile
on an island

at 5:30 a.m. but could not land at 1970 hrs. Hunted a long time saw nothing but topi with our dogs. Saw 2 wild gazelle but they were too wild to get near. Eventually got within 250 yds of one & dropped him first shot. Went back towards the niggers & saw another one hidden in long grass. Charged him three times but he only moved slowly away & I luckily got him with the fourth shot quite 350 yds away. The pointed .350 bullet made a tremendous hole at its exit. Plenty lucky round a big grassy-dry-plain & very hard ground to walk on. Got 12 waterbuck. Started to sail about 2 p.m. but the wind was very light. The "Gordon Pasha" passed us about 5:30 — going N.

Killed one waterhuck^b — $32\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

Jan 7th

In ruggat.

N. of Jeddah - ~~Agia~~
~~Jeddah - Agia~~

We were in ruggat till about 10 a.m. when we had to
return & we did not get to our shooting place till 8 a.m.
sailed & when N. 'Tasoon' I tried up. Country
with a big river about 2 miles away from the river &
running parallel to it. Saw several water ducks - they
generally saw us first - but eventually three ducks
walked past us about 100 yds away & I dropped the
first shot. A good waterfowl shot. He was
about 200 yds from the water - about 5 minutes ago - & only
went a few yards before he was shot.
He seems to be leather on the wing & is a bit
stiff at 5, 30 & anchored at 10, 30 p.m. opposite a low hill

Jan 8th

In ruggat.

S. of Jeddah - Agia - Jeddah

We were sometimes finding a way to the shore through the
sudd & did not land till 7 a.m. I went N. more or less
parallel to the river, through a very dried up country with
occasional patches of *Memora* bush & long grass.
Saw some gazelle & a solitary topi, which I tried to
stalk, but he was very shy & I shot it just as I was
going to shoot. Saw some water ducks on the way back
but nothing seemed good enough to shoot. Back
about 12 - very tired. I saw nothing as we sailed
at 12, 30 with a very good wind but got stuck on
the lee shore about 3 & it took a long time to get
the boat going again. Anchored off the W. bank
about 6.

Killed one ⁶ man.
Missed one ⁶ partridge. (standing up shot.)

Jan 9thOn muggar.

S. J. Gabel Schmidt - Lgha - Pella.

Went at sunrise & went just inland & then N. over a very dried up country with patches of numerous bushes scattered about - otherwise, except for the long grass which is very coarse & high, fairly open. Saw nothing except two 'gagelle' - one of which I shot at - standing by - & missed at about 120 yds. As usual I was over it - one has to aim very low with this new kind bullet - a Piggly's & went S. & got a 'bear' - & was - but of a big herd.

As the shot & started to the line & then turned inland & in about an hour home saw some 'bear' in the open country saddled by single trees. They were very wild & in the first place trying to get near them but on the way home I saw two 'beats' deposited from the rest of the herd. One seemed to have a red head but I think 'lost' at the moment - & unless by me they must have emerged later - unless I hit one - about 200 yds away - too late then. He moved & barely away & I kept hitting & scratching him about the eye & through his at last he dropped. I was very hard on the way home when I was quite dark - & presumably - soon walked towards us & I had three shots at him. But as it was quite impossible to see him at the height of the light I tried to hit him. Back at 5.30 very hot & tired. These 'Kiparis' have no idea of the value of a head & are quite satisfied as long as 'something' is killed - my man was quite surprised when I was annoyed at seeing such a good head. We returned in a back water about 300 yds from the main river.

Milled one white-wood, lob⁶ - 20ms.

Jan 10th

Sea ruffed.

Mad Parker - Mile.

At 11^h with 2^h at 3 a.m. we went out to sea & left
 the town, I killed but not at 11. Close to it we saw
 the big head of a seal but an, probably being a storm wind
 a wild it. We it on to find again a seal a bay &
 as trying seal was heavily wind 2000 & found
 however they balled in some cases & though we got fairly
 close to some of the things again, we could not see a head
 with shooting or left traces. I and two pig^s coming
 back to the rufflers. started to head out into the main
 stream again & a strong wind at 11.30, but it took us
 nearly 2 hrs to get out. Anchored at 4.30 at an island

Jan 11th

Sea ruffed.

Kaka - Mile.

At 10.30^{a.m.} we went N. across a plain & used an 9 hrs
 in which we saw several white crosses but none seemed
 worth shooting. Eventually I saw one & had an upward
 shot - missing by - at 10.45 as he walked along - I hit him
 & he turned out to be quite a good head - 20 lbs.
 We went on into a more bushy country & a seal what he
 thought was a very good head, but he missed it & soon
 after got another at 11.30. Met two seals on the way back
 who said they were with Dickman, who was shooting
 but also on the E. bank - inside. We heard a great
 parade going on. started with a good breeze at 11.30
 & sailed till 11 p.m. when we anchored off Kaka - a collection
 of small villages.

Jan 12th

On nigger.

Hile. (Haka.)

started at 6, 30 a.m. & went N. past several villages in an open plain — then turned W. through a bushy country in which we progressed for several hours without seeing anything except a few gazelles — one of Sam's shot — & one horn. Mentally got back to the niggers at 2. Had the tenties on the first time. Pitchers' steamboat overtook us about 3. Stopped again at 4, 30 near the usual village.

Jan 13th

On nigger.

Hile.

Off at 5, 30 a.m. & went due W. inland till 8 o'clock when we turned back & got to the niggers at 11. Went through a bushy country — hunted by some Shilluk who brought a 24 ins. roan head into camp last night — with high thick grass in places. Saw a few fresh tracks of roan & some gazelle but nothing else — No doubt there is water inland & the game has not come down to the river yet. Failed about midday with a good breeze. I. is keen about the old game & getting up early & walking in the dark through in all his experience I have never done any good yet by so doing & all my good heads have been 'got late' in the day & nearly every time. There is a lot of gum on some of the trees inland & a few black berries which the natives eat but which to me are very unpalatable. The wind dropped into an absolute calm about 3 & we had to tie up to the bushes. Frightfully hot.

Jan 14th

In ruygar

St. Melut

Sailed all night - at 2 a.m. began started to pole but about 8 a slight breeze sprang up. Day dull cloudy morning & looks like rain.

About 10 the river made a bend & we got blown on to a lee shore & had to stay there till about 3, when by dint of poling we got on a bit. About 5 a breeze sprang up the right way & we got to Melut about 9, but as there were no letters for us we went on again & soon turned almost due S. again & with a good wind got on well.

Jan 15th

In ruygar

Port Kodok

Sailed well all night - but at 2 a.m. had to stop for the other ruygar to catch us up - she is a much slower boat. Bidding good night from the IV. & we made good progress & got to Kodok about 10 a.m. nothing much to see there - a few brick houses & a large collection of native huts & about 50 ruygar field guns. Some ruined brick houses on the other side of the river. Sailed at 11 a.m. & went well till about 9. When the wind dropped & we only creaked along.

The sand in places panicked & we went close to the land which, as usual, is very low - it seems thickly inhabited & we passed many villages.

Saw more ducks today than we have for a long time - we have practically seen none since we left Port & very few other birds.

Jan 12th

In nigger

Port Jaufré

Got to Jaufré about 7 a.m. — a small collection of
 fish houses a mud bank on what is practically an island.
 with a barabara — two sides. — came to see us a another
 man & talked about game. Delayed a long time mending
 the net & the other nigger boys had got opening.
 Went ashore a bought some cigarettes at a store in the
 lower. dined at the mess & started at 3 &
 passed the mouth of the St. John river at 5. The river
 they makes a sharp bend to the W. wind dropped
 about 7. & we had to anchor.

Jan 17th

In nigger

W. of Jaufré — In pile.

We were going up in the night a lot of the night, but
 weathering bad eye a ~~time~~ had to need across
 the ~~river~~ ^{stream} & make a ~~way~~ ^{way} across. But the wind
 became so strong that we could make no headway
 & had to put an anchor down. However the two boats
 tied together — dragged that & we had to put another
 down & the two hardly held us. looks as if it would
 take a long all its time to pull us down against the
 wind if it continues as strong as this. Started to
 pole & haul down — nearly due W. — about 4. But
 it was desperately slow work even when the wind
 dropped & we made very little progress & finally stopped
 at 7. when we had got back to the main channel
 of the river.

Killed one sibi.^b
Missed one sibi.

Killed one topi^b a hit another. (not got)

Jan 18th

In mugger

mile

Wind rose about 4 a.m. & we got on all right till about 8 when we were blown on to a lee shore. Tried pulling & hauling but hardly made any progress as the wind was very strong & jammed us on to the rocks. The river since passing the mouth of the delta has turned almost due W. & the wind continues N. Eventually we hauled both muggers across the river & then sailed on all right till we got to a village on S. bank where we tied up.

I & I went W. over a big plain with a fringe of trees along the river bank. Saw nothing except two birds which I had a shot at but hardly see them owing to the long grass which is just like stubble. Missed but on going a little way on, one jumped up a few away. I had a go & missed & I got him by an awful fluke. Horribly shy of us. Failed again at 5.30 but the wind soon dropped.

Jan 19th

In ~~the~~ mugger

Gaba Mahid

Wind rose early & we tied up at a wood station about 6.30 a.m. I & I went inland due N. over a plain & eventually saw two herds of tops - I had a go & got one - 19 1/2 ins - & I had a shot at one out of the same lot immediately afterwards & hit but though we hunted it right back to the river bank we could not get near it & eventually lost it. Saw another small lot a few after them & I was so blown that I had six shots at one before I hit it - a poor head of 17 1/2 ins. A hard morning & very footsore. The S.A. & E's 10's steamer arrived & brought us letters & some claret. Ronnie & his wife on board.

Missed one waterbuck. ^{xxx} found traces of blood in the place
 where I shot the day after - 21st.

Killed one waterbuck.^b
 Missed one waterbuck & one topi (standing up, shots.)

Jan 20th

In muggar.

Barrel Jerry - Mile.

Left at 5, 30 a.m. & went west-due S. across the plain but could see nothing except two birds. Then turned towards the river & into the bush alongside it, which in places is very thick, though only a narrow belt. I saw quite a good waterbuck. He made a mess of him altogether as my stalker did not see him when he was close to us & went on when I stopped. Later on saw a smaller one which I missed most disastrously at about 80 yds - was down - there were bullets in every sign at close range. I got a topi & a small waterbuck. Sailed to the Jerry river.

Jan 21st

In muggar.

Opposite Jerry river - Mile.

Left at 2.15 p.m. & followed the Jerry river for some time over an open plain with bush at the S.W. end & in places some dry grass quite soft here. Eventually saw two waterbuck & got fairly near them - I had a shot through Wavy grass & missed at about 250 yds - found the top of sight had been knocked up!! Pursued them & had another shot at a buck almost hidden in long grass & missed again - had to stop standing up. Came up to two bushes again - probably the same - I got one at about 100 yds - moderate head & 28 in. Went on & saw a solitary topi & after a long stalk through very long grass, got fairly close to him tried to shoot standing up with my rifle resting on the shikari's shoulder but he was very shaky & the right barrel refused to go off!! Pulled several times by which time the shikari was shaking like a leaf & of course missed. I got a bad & a moderate waterbuck. Sailed about 2.45 anchored at 3.30 on the N. bank opposite a village near a big tree.

Jan 22nd

On muggar.

W. of Douga — Mile.

Off at 5, 30. a. m. & went through about 300 yds of the swamp in the small boat & then had to be carried by the men to shore — thousands of mosquitoes biting me all the time. Went E. along a "muggar" swamp & then went N. & found it. Got a few Mrs Gray but none worth shooting for a long time, but after going into the swamp, which was interrupted by "holes" about 2 ft deep, we saw two rapid hawks & a " " we had won the loss had on your side & got one — a pair had a 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in the long grass. Walked round the swamp's borders but saw nothing worth getting — there was one other about 100 yds with the one & shot but he was missed.

Jan 23rd

On muggar

W. of Douga — Mile.

Off about 5, 45. a. m. & had the usual trouble getting ashore — had to be carried nearly 200 yds which is not much fun in the dark. Went further E. than we did yesterday & then crossed over the swamp — in places the water up to ones' middle. Saw three small Mrs Gray hawks & at the E. end of the swamp, what looked like a ferris one, but after looking at him for a long time let him go. Saw nothing else except some does, so went back to the muggar about 10 & sailed soon after with a strong wind but too much on the beam. The reeds are very long at the E. end of the swamp. Sailed about 10. & got to Douga at 12 — Bombashi Bailey came on board. Posted some letters & started again at 2 with a wind which got very light about 5. Stopped about 8.

One oribi killed^b.
 Two tope hit - one killed by d.^p & one not yet.

x = 20½ ins.

One roan killed - 29½ ins^b.

Jan 24th

Um nuggar.

Barbours — Nile.

Could not see till it got light if we were at the place we wanted to be, so had to wait till it was light enough to see. Found it was the right place & landed about 5.45. I went W. inland over a plain into some scrub where we saw some topi & waterbucks. Had a go at what seemed the best of the former & hit him second shot. He almost fell but recovered & went off. Followed the herd & had two shots at what I thought was the wounded one & an arrow hit him, but he went into some very long grass & we lost him. It turned out afterwards that the wounded topi would back a head the men out with us. Went on over a scrubby country full of old tracks of elephants & saw other deer, twenty sea porpoise, some waterbucks, a reedbuck, a topi but did not shoot again. I got a reedbuck & an oribi. I saw some buffalo tracks not very old. Went out after tea to look for the wounded topi but did not see her & settled her — 20½ ins. That an oribi.

Jan 25th

Um nuggar.

W. of Barbours — Nile.

at 5.45 a.m. — very dark — I went N.E. & then E. to a big ~~thicket~~ ^{swamp} — coasted along that & eventually saw some roan & ~~topi~~ ^{waterbucks}. One of the former seemed a fairish head but it took me a long time to get near it — eventually I got within about 250 yds & had to shoot from my skinkaris shoulder. However I broke both its fore legs high up & went up & settled it. A nice head of 29 ins. I got a waterbuck of 30 ins. Sailed at 11.30. But had to stop about 8. Papyrus begins to show in the swamps now.

Jan 26th

On nuggar. E. # of Lake No. — Mile.

No wind in the night - so could not sail till nearly 10 a.m. The wind was always on the beam & we did not do much good & about 2 the other nuggar got hung up & we had to wait a long time for it - the rain didn't help! The sudd now is very thick on each side of the river - a mass of reeds matted together with some sedges & other creepers - & the channel grows narrower. Quite a dull cloudy afternoon & very hot. Saw a few ducks which looked like mallards. Wind dropped about 8 & it became very hot & the mosquitoes came out in thousands. Steamer passed at 7.

Jan 27th

On nuggar. Lake No. — Mile.

A breeze coming up about 8 a.m. & we sailed slowly till about 9, when it got stronger. The rain now becomes much higher here, quite a thick mist early in the morning & very cloudy - sun did not get out till nearly 12 o'clock! Arrived at the entrance to Lake No. about 11.30 & tied up on the N. bank. It looks a big sheet of open water & the country all round is absolutely flat & looks covered with very long grass. Landing is easy as there is no sudd here by the bank. Went out W. after tea over a most horrible country - long grass & ground trodden into holes by hippos in the wet season & now quite hard & holes with water up to one's middle & innumerable mosquitoes. An immense plain stretches away to the N. but we only saw two (two grey!!) kinds. Turned quite chilly at night.

Jan 28th

In nigger.

E. of Lake Ho — In nigger.

A quite very cold morning & did not get up till 8 a.m.
 Went N. into a heavy country — long & deep water did the
 holes made by the diggers & into which one continually fell.
 After going about 1/2 mile inland, we got into water & waded
 through it — it was generally up to our knees & occasionally
 higher — or about 1/2 mile within & then turned E. but soon got
 stopped by thin water & had to return to the nigger.

Two three ducks & two geese but no signs of a brood —
 no water, very bad at times. This seems a peculiar place
 as there are no trees here, it would be almost impossible
 to track them going to the water & making a passage
 through the water. Quite a thin man — again today &
 we could not say any more. Started down stream at 12.30
 & got on very well as there was no wind to speak of.

The course however was not very straight, as first the boat &
 then the stem — we had no sail set — kept catching in
 the reeds & we moved in a succession of circles which
 made one feel quite dizzy at times. However we always
 floated off whenever we hit the reeds without falling &
 made good progress.

It turned very cold at sundown — in fact owing to the very
 various mist, the sun never really shone all today & it
 was always quite chilly — I set on a coat for the first
 time all this morning & my cabin — instead of being
 stiflingly hot — was really quite comfortable.

The mosquitoes at Lake Ho are a yellowish colour & not so
 big as the black ones lower down the river.

Up to three days ago, I have been taking 5 grains of
 quinine every night, but I fancy it makes me very
 jumpy & rather deaf, so I shall try the same dose every other
 night.

One white-eared ^bBob killed — 19 ins.
" " " " hit; but not got.
One reeduck (galloping) missed.

Jan 29thIn mugga.Balouze Lake No. Balouze - Nile.

The wind stopped us a good deal during the night & blew strongly about 8.30 a.m. & we made scarcely any progress at all - but going round in circles - & tied up at 9.30. started again about 12 - the "dove" passed us in the sort of lake there is here - & about 4 o'clock a white-eared kobo about a mile from the bank on the S. side not far from some villages & big herds of cattle in an open plain. I landed & missed it - two long shots with his telescopic sight. started drifting again about 6 p.m.

Jan 30thIn mugga.Balouze - Nile.

Tied up at midnight - & so I was a wretched sleep night, the men very naturally did not put off Balouze as there are no landmarks of any sort. so said I we were called at 4.45 a.m. & got up for nothing. I. being indignant - with the men's "stupidity" I drifted down a just ~~about~~ above the post-marked 30 We saw two elephants in some bush & not far beyond them a lion - it was impossible to land - they were on the N. bank - owing to a very big swamp. The elephants looked to me small tusks. Wind got up about 8 a.m. & we had to tie up, but got to Balouze about 2. Went W. after tea & stalked a white-eared kobo & hit him first shot but missed a galloping reeduck immediately after. Pursued the wounded duck & had two shots at him - standing up & very pumped - & missed him. He went into a swamp & I had to leave him. Coming back missed a kobo twice but got him third shot - broke both his fore legs just below the body at 250 yds. Horns = 19 ins.

Two redheads killed.
One " missed. (standing up shot.)

Jan 21stIn nigger.Balouge-hile.

I left dark morning & not off till 3 a.m. Went W. over the plain & soon saw some indications of a party close to me but was too much preoccupied with a bad light - things were bad too. I missed a few birds. Pursued him & soon knew that he was actually near - then away, we saw him no more. Went over into the plain but the redbacks were very wild & hard to get near - eventually I had a go at one on the skinner's shoulder & both his legs very high - it was & seemed to die. Coming home saw another & got close to him - shot over the skinner's shoulder & was a bit more just below the eye - his jaw being smashed to bits. Both birds about 11 ins, which is bad for the Sudan. Sailed or rather started at 7 - no wind. Got wind from dinner about 5.4 p.m. no letters. Very hot.

Feb 1stIn nigger.E. of Fonga - In Nile.

Got to Fonga about 4 a.m. & tied up. Menemef went ashore but could get no information about Mrs Gray or Fonga island - the natives not seeming to recognize their names at all. Settled to go on to the place where Sunday got his & as the wind, which had been blowing very strongly all the morning, dropped a little about 2. We started to drift down again & made fair progress as it soon became quite calm. A row of villages all along the N. bank after passing Fonga till it got dark. Tudd miles while the other side.

1 ~~Miss~~ Grey ♂ hit but not got.
1 " " ♀ killed.

Feb 2nd

In muggy.

Opposite Graje. — Mile.

Woke up about 2 a.m. & as soon as I was light drifted down & eventually found a pair landing just about one mile above what we landed when I got the Mrs Gray. Got off in consequence till 2.15 a.m. & went E. beyond the patch of papyrus in the swamp & soon afterwards spied several ducks — one very black & seeming to have a good head — a doe on the far side. Started to stalk the best one but on the way to it across the swamp, we ~~found~~^{put} up some ducks & does & they ran on to the good side lot & they all galloped off to the E. end of the swamp & vanished.

We then saw the good bird again & I rather impudently & hurriedly — invited the natives with us to attempt a "drive" which naturally failed. The good bird must have very soon doubled back into the middle of the swamp, for we spied him again on the S. side & some distance from the swamp. I passed it & found them between the swamp & the river but quite open & bare ground — made a hurried crawl on a run towards them, but apparently they got my wind & trotted back towards the swamp & I had a very awkward shot though not more than 100 yds away — standing up. Hit him just shot — apparently high up in the fore leg, but the bullet unfortunately went on & broke a doe's hind quarter — the natives killed her. Followed on ^{in the dry grass} the ducks blood trail but eventually had to give him up. Did not get back till after 1. & no sooner had we finished lunch, than my shikari came in — he had gone back to get his sandals — & said he had some of the ducks very sick & had almost speared him!!! We rushed out again but after two hours walking in water, could find nothing but a few blood spots, so left it till tomorrow.

One Mrs. ^b billed - 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Feb 3rd.On muggarOpposite Jerof, i. — Mile.

Went about 5 a.m. & went E. along the lake — I stayed at the muggars & d. Went with the men to the E. end & drove it towards the villages. Saw several bucks & at last got a view of one lying down — he signalled to me & I had a most awful scramble through high reeds & water up to ones' waist — only about 350 yds but I was dead beat when I got through. The buck moved as soon as I came up & went away very much as if he had been wounded but he somehow slipped us on the W. end of the swamp & we never saw him again, so back to the muggars about 11.

Feb 4th.On muggar(Jerof i) — Mile.

Went at 5,50 a.m. & walked near along the edge of the swamp — due E — for 3 hrs. The swamp gets very narrow eventually & we only saw a few birds before we turned back, then the natives spread out in bit-bits long grass in places & suddenly we saw over 150 "Mr Gray" — mostly birds. They stood in the open plain — long grass — between the river & the big village & we had a long look at them about 500 yds away. Nothing looked very good but some of the birds looked very black. We walked towards the river to get down wind of them & then had a long crawl & got within 150 yds of them. I picked out the blackest buck — I don't think the best — but dare not stand up & tried several places to shoot from the shoulder of my skibeen — both sitting down. It was blowing very hard & I could not get above the wavy grass but eventually had to chance it through the grass & missed both barrels!!!

Feb 7th continued.

stood up a and another go a was certain I did him but my
 shikari said not. Followed them for some time a a male
 near the big village turned back a one left them looking
 my way but my shikari said would not have it. That he
 was not a would take no trouble to track him. Luckily
 our natives were following up behind a suddenly came upon
 him a ran him down here we could get to them. Hunted
 quite a nice head of 29 1/2 ins, but his horn unfortunately very
 badly broken. Horn at 1. Probably some very good
 looks in the head if we had had more time to skin one
 of. Started drifting about 3. a stopped at the mouth of
 the Jeraf river about 5 p.m. A lucky day.

Feb 5th

On muggar.

E. of Jeraf river — hike.

did not get up till late. a. went off S.W. but had
 no luck — only getting an oribi. He hit a gazelle a
 missed a curious kind of reedbuck. A very strong wind
 all the morning a quite cool — unfortunately it is
 always hottest here in the afternoon a evenings.
 The Government steamer went down early this morning.
 The mouth of the Jeraf river is just opposite the E. end
 of the swamp where we first saw the grey a where a.
 I got his. Started drifting about 5 p.m. but made
 very little progress at first, as the wind blew quite
 strongly till after sunset.

1 crocodile killed.

Feb 6th

In nuggar.

Pelikan Jerah a ~~...~~ the Sobal-river

The wind dropped altogether in the night & we drifted well till about 7 p.m. when it began to blow very hard & we had to stop - no chance of landing. It looks hopeless now trying to drift down from here to Gubel Gemut-Island - it is nearly 200 miles from Gubel - & as we don't want to go back towards Lake No, the only thing to do seems to be try the Sobal, but we were told Murphy had done no good there recently. Wrote several letters. Off about 6.30 p.m.

Feb 7th

In nuggar.

Part of the Sobal-river

Drifted very slowly till 7.30 a.m. when the wind got up & blew us ashore. Landed about 9.45 a.m. & went W. & then had to cross a deepish swamp to get to some villages on a ridge. Passed them & got into a very dry bushy country with patches of Mimosa in places & occasional small plains. Got 4 quinea fowl & a quail & a. got 2 quinea fowl & a small oibi. Started drifting about 3 p.m. - the wind dropped & it turned very hot & sided. About 5 Mallit saw a small crocodile on the bank - I got a rifle & hit him three times but he spluttered into the river. However Mallit with great presence of mind had taken the casting net into the pelucca & got him first cast - only a small one. Offered a reward of 5 piastres to anyone who saw a Crocodile. Saw a big lot of whistling teal opposite the mouth of the Sobal - which we passed at 5 - & a. took my gun & got one & some bronze-winged geese.

Feb 8.th

On muggar - towed by "Amka" to Kodok.

Drifted down to clauflia about 2 a.m. & tied up.
 Went ashore about 9, 30 a.m. & saw Bralayan in the
 orderly room - found Marley there who had arrived last
 night to take over the station. Bralayan took us to see
 the engineer of a steamer here. He said Kitchener's boat -
 the "Amka" - was due here today & might give us a tow
 to ~~some~~ Jabel Khmed Agia. She got in about 12 a.m.
 & we saw the engineer, who eventually said he would
 tow us in under \$1000 - but exact sum was not
 settled. Rang on to the steamer about 12, 30. Went
 to Hall about our new arrangements. Started at 1, 30
 pushing a big barge in front & with our two muggars
 one on each side. Anderson Bey on board the steamer -
 went on board & saw Kitchener's heads - nothing very good
 except a Mrs Gray. Got to Kodok about 9, 45 p.m.
 & left at 10, 30. Saw a good many "crows" today, but none big.

Feb 9.th

On muggar - towed by "Amka" to Mad Bekker.

A very strong wind got up about 8 a.m. & made quite a
 sea - rather uncomfortable as the muggar is always bumping
 against the steamer. Were towed till about 3 p.m. when
 we appeared to reach our destination a good deal sooner
 than was expected & had to cast off in a great hurry.
 Had to sign a paper saying how far we were towed & the
 result ^{was} we were not cast off before we had gone some
 distance below the other muggar & had to sail back.
 Very hot at night.

Feb 10.¹⁴

Um nuggar.

Wad Bekker.

Off about 6 a.m. & went N. skirting the ~~bay~~ plain on the island - saw a big herd of white-eared hoes with one buck but did not think him worth shooting. Further on saw another herd with two bucks - one of which looked a nice one. I let 'd' shoot & he missed it - the first two shots & luckily got it galloping the third - quite a good head of 27 1/2 ins. but it will doubtless shrink - my 21 ins. one - shot on Jan 11th - has shrunk exactly 1 inch. Went on as far as we could down the island but saw nothing more worth shooting so turned back. started to land about 4 p.m. but the wind was strong & we made very little progress & had to stop about 8.

Feb 11.¹⁴

Um nuggar.

N. and Wad Bekker

Wind blew hard all the night & increased to almost a gale early in the morning - we are only about 1/2 mile from the camp place but it is quite impossible to get there till the wind drops. Some Thullaks came on board & asked us to shoot a hippo, which lives in the backwater where we land at the camp place, as it goes for their canoes. Quite a sea on in the river & it will be a hard job towing us down if this wind continues so strong as it is now. Wind increased all the evening & we had great difficulty in keeping the mosquito net down on the deck!

Game killed on the Antelope
1911.

1	Mrs Gray's Waterbuck	29 1/2 ins	one horn broken.
2	Waterbuck (defenses)	32 3/4 ins.	(lost head.)
2	Roan	29 1/2 ins.	" "
3	Triang	20 1/2 ins.	" "
2	White-eared Hob	20 ins.	" "
2	Reedbuck	11 ins.	" "
2	Uribi		
2	Red-fronted Gazelle	10 ins.	" "
1	procodile		

Sent to Rowland Ward

- 1 Mrs Gray.
- 1 Waterbuck.
- 1 Roan.
- 1 Triang.
- 2 White-eared Hob.
- 1 Reedbuck.
- Uribi.
- Red-fronted Gazelle.

Feb 12th

On nigger.

Mad Pecker.

As the wind did not drop at all in the night, we sailed up to the S. end of Mad Pecker early in the morning & D. & I landed - I feeling very seedy - about 6 a.m. Went the usual route & saw the usual kob - the bucks in the hind herd looked better than usual, so I talked him & had a longish shot at him almost hidden in the long grass & holding my rifle against a tree with my head in a prickly branch. Missed both barrels. Went on to the end of the island but saw nothing worth shooting till just at the S. corner when we spied a buck & some does which soon lay down. I did not think the buck worth shooting, but D. & my shikari did, so I had a go - standing up at about 150 yds - & knocked a big piece of flesh off him somewhere which we picked up, but try as we would, we never found him - no blood tracks at all. A very annoying day - alone I should have shot at nothing. We've got a nasty chill & took 20 grs of quinine & two pills tonight - the wind is really very cold now & the servants are miserable in consequence.

Feb 13th

On nigger

S. of Jabel Achemel. Agba.

Wind blew all night - so had to stay here. did not get up till nearly 10. & feel rather better but have a bad head, throat, chest, etc. D. went out nearly more S. than we have been before & saw a fair lot of kob - one of which he missed - He got two bustard & some quinn's fowl - close to the big swampy between this island & what we think is the main-land. Started to drift about 5 & got to the usual place about midnight.

Location	Distance	Notes	Date	Remarks
<u>Left London</u>			<u>Dec 14th 1910.</u>	
Arr Marseilles			" 15 th	
Left "			" 15 th	S.S. "Opik"
Arr Naples			" 17 th	" " "
Left "			" 17 th	" " "
Arr Taranto			" 18 th	" " "
Left "			" 19 th	" " "
<u>Arr Port Said</u>			" 21 st	" " "
Left " "			" 22 nd	" " "
Arr Suez	30 " 3 O.N.		" 22 nd	" " "
Left " "			" 22 nd	" " "
<u>Arr Khartoum</u>	15 " 36 O.N.		" 26 th	" " "
Left " "			" 27 th	Steamer " "
<u>Arr Kosti</u>	(176 miles from Khartoum)		" 29 th	Steamer " "
Left " "			" 30 th	<u>Kuggar</u>
Arr Kenk	281 "		<u>Jan 4th 1911.</u>	"
Arr Jebel Ahmed Agha	340 "		" 7 th	"
Arr Kaka	390 "		" 12 th	"
Arr Melut	424 "		" 14 th	"
Arr Kodok	469 "		" 15 th	"
Arr Taufikia	530 "		" 10 th	"
Arr Bahr-el-Jeraf			" 20 th	"
Arr Jonga	575 "		" 23 rd	"
<u>Arr Lake No.</u>	(615 ")		" 27 th	"
Left Lake No.			" 28 th	"
Arr Bahr-el-Jeraf			<u>Feb 4th</u>	"
Arr Taufikia			" 8 th	"
Arr Kodok			" "	towed by steamer
Arr Melut & Had Bekker			" 9 th	" " "
Arr Jebel Ahmed Agha			" 16 th	" " "Raka"
Arr Kenk			" 18 th	" " "
Arr Jebelain			" 19 th	" " "

Feb 14th

In nuggar.

S. of Gebel Ahmed-Agha.

Stayed in bed till 12 a.m. - feel a little better but still very seedy. I went out - saw a lot of roars but did not think any worth shooting - some were close to the boat & as he started before it was light, he could not see what they were. He went out after tea & had a "battle" with a gazelle which defeated him. He had a shot in the dark after dinner at a hippo but was very short.

Feb 15th

In nuggar.

S. of Gebel Ahmed-Agha.

Up late & still feel very seedy though my throat is better. I went out early & saw a good roan but did not get a shot though later he got a gazelle. Our tug - the "Pahad" arrived about 10 a.m. the engineer lunched with us. He brought some papers for us. We propose to leave here tomorrow.

Feb 16th

In nuggar - towed by "Pahad"

Between Kenia & G. A. Cape

I landed early & went inland to try & get a roan - we left about 8 a.m. & were towed down to the wood station - it took us about 45 mins - & took in wood. I got in about 12 - very much annoyed because he had shot a roan & it turned out to be only 22 ins!!! I can't get rid of this beastly chill & throat & don't feel much better today. Started steaming about 1.30 p.m. at first there was a very strong wind against us, but it dropped at sunset. Passed Gebel Ahmed Agha about 3 p.m. & tied up at Mad da Kona about 10 p.m.

Arr Kosti	Feb 20 th	on muggar towed by "Nah"
Arr Suva	" 20 th	" " " " "
Arr Khartoum	" 21 st	" " " " "
Left Khartoum	" 28 th	on train
Arr Port Sudan	March 1 st	" " " " "
Arr Suva	" 4 th	on S.S. "I. Bahira"
Arr Jairo	" 4 th	by train.
Left Jairo	" 0 th	" " " " "
Left Port Said	" 0 th	on S.S. "Arabia"
Arr Marseilles	" 11 th	" " " " "
Arr London	" 12 th	" " " " "

Feb 17th

In nuggar - towed. Mad de Rona.
 Feb a little better today but not as hot as the 12. Went N.
 & got two liang - one = 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Quite cloudy today but
 very hot indeed & very little wind.
 Very few mosquitoes here - in fact we have seen very few since
 we left the Kong river. The river has made most of the
 swamps along the shore dry now & that is probably the
 reason.

Feb 18th

In nuggar - towed. S. of Fellehair.
 Did not get up till late & feel a good deal better - was
 able to smoke a whole pipe which I never knew how to do
 in the 12. Went ashore early & saw a good waterbuck
 with which he had a great "battle" - firing innumerable
 shots at it & eventually hitting it in the mouth.
 However it got away in the end - he also saw a leopard
 & a white-eared kob. Started off at 11.30 a.m. But
 had a very strong wind against us, which made us
 knock about a lot & our progress was very slow. Passed
 Bunk at 3.20 p.m. but did not land. Stopped to take in
 wood at 4.30 p.m. & started again at 8.
 The river seems very much lower now than when we
 came up & most of the swamps on the banks look to
 be dry. There are grass fires in every direction & the air
 is full of burnt particles, which make everything very
 dirty. Very cold at night.

On nuggar - 1910-11.

December 1910.

Sailed 2 days — from East.

January 1911.

Sailed on 8 days.

Sailed & shot on 20 "

Shot only on 3 "

(sailed 440 miles.)

February 1911.

Sailed on 7 "

Sailed & shot on 9 "

Shot only on 5 "

towed 5 of them

Total.

Sailed on 15 days.

Sailed & shot on 29 "

Shot only on 8 "

Feb 19th

In muggar—towed.

N. J. Gebelien.

It blew hard in the night & the waves, hitting the bows of the two muggars led each side of the tug, went into the hold of the latter & at one time nearly filled her in spite of her pumps. Had to tie up at 11.30 p.m. to pump her clear—consequently did not get to Gebelien till nearly 7²⁰ a.m. When I & I landed & went inland to the three hills! Saw nothing for some time but eventually came across a small herd of red fronted gazelle in an open plain & I got within about 250 yds of the bunch, but the dogs to show that as I was going to shoot—in a change sitting down—I missed him—I was very shaky too. Made a big circle N. but saw nothing else except females. I got a small gazelle. Started at 12.15 against a very strong wind, which however moderated about 2 p.m. Very many wild ducks at sunset. I hit a crowble but as usual it dived into the water. Tied up at Abosich at 8 to wood—much noise. I had to stay all night as the bridge at Kosta is only open in the day.

Feb 20th

In muggar—towed.

Between Kosta & ~~Abosich~~ ^{Kherboun}

Left about 5.30 a.m. & went through the bridge at Kosta at 7.15. Not much wind & we got along well. About 6.30 p.m. we were stopped by an S.A. & E. P.'s steamer which was taken by a Belgian court, & asked to transfer our skinner. He at first refused to go but eventually agreed & was transhipped. Much warmer today & tonight—Very cold last night & early this morning. Passed Queen about 8 p.m.

Feb 21st

On muggar-towed.

Khartoum.

Made good progress in the night & took some wood from a steamer early in the morning. The wind got up later & made it quite rough & the muggars made very bad weather of it, however it dropped in the afternoon & we got to Khartoum at 5.15 p.m.

Feb 22nd

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Went to see Hall about 8.30 a.m. & also Butler about our heads. Packed up & got to the Grand Hotel about midday. Not many people here apparently & what there are, nearly all Germans. Butler inspected our heads.

Feb 23rd

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Went to see Butler & gave him our shooting returns & had a very interesting talk with him about the distribution of game in the Sudan, etc, etc. Also saw his hawks — about which he is very keen & photographed them in various attitudes. Went to see Hall — who was out — & had the usual stroll after sunset. Made the acquaintance of Ismail & Mrs Ladd — Thomas after dinner & talked shooting. We dined in the open tonight — under trees very prettily light up with electric light. A big crowd of foreigners arrived in a steamer this morning from Gondokoro.

Feb 24th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

dined with Mrs Hall & then rode donkeys to the race course—awfully hot—to the station & on out to the desert beyond. Held a small & racing unexciting but my wife was introduced to several people there—Meyers, Morgans, etc. & rather enjoyed it though Mrs Hall's horse was only 3rd in the big race. Found Jimmy Morrison & his new wife at the hotel when we got back. I dined at the hotel & up till very late though I did not take the floor—was chiefly occupied in drinking & talking.

Feb 25th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Went by the light railway at 10.30 a.m. to the ferry & across by steam boat to Abdurman & then on donkeys to the Khalifa's "palace"—a rabbit-warren of a very low type—his tomb, which was shelled to pieces.

Walked back through the markets to the boat & got back to the hotel about 2. A very interesting place to see.

At 4 p.m. went to Butler's & after tea walked with Major Bekel—about three miles into the desert & had several flights with his hawk after tagged pigeons, which flew very well. The first beat the hawk completely & the second was a trick but not killed—the other pigeons flew badly. Stopped at Morgan's on our way back & had several drinks—I have very rarely been so thirsty as I was today—Abdurman is an awfully hot place.

Feb 26th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Went with the Harrisons & lady Brocklehurst - to the Palace - a very nice garden but not much else to see except the place where Gordon was killed. Too hot to move in the middle of the day - I was from the C. D. & I. Co. & lunch with us & afterwards I went to the so-called Zoo. Station Pasha came in at tea time to see the Harrisons & we had a talk to him - he is a short - rather stout man & very cheery & full of fun. Received a very big bill from the C. D. & I. Co. for £900!!! - £140. for taking the Harrisons' lift.

Feb 27th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Busy all the morning settling up with the Sudan Co. & with the Bank - as I paid the C. D. & I. Co. with a cheque on my bank at home, I find I am a considerable loser as the bank here charge 1% to transfer my money back to London. It has been a most-expensive trip altogether, but the taking added £140. to our acc^t. No doubt it could have been done very much cheaper but that would have meant a lot more trouble & a good deal more discomfort. Dined with Morgan - Butler there. Temp = 105.8 in the shade.

Feb 28th

In train.

Left Khartoum at 11 a.m. & went through the flat - bushy country to Albara where we branched off to the W. Goutte, Garvei & Mrs Patton - Petterson on the train.

March 1st.

S.S. "Ukara"

Red Sea.

A rain storm had made the line dangerous in the night— so we were two hours late at Port Sudan— after daylight we passed through low rocky hills— where there are ibex— & thinly bushed country! Port Sudan has a fine harbour & warehouses but is a wretched looking place otherwise is built on a sandy plain. The boat started at 2 p.m. & as soon as we got outside, there was quite a cool breeze from the N— she is small & below very stuffy & hot & rather too full up. & not too clean.

March 2nd.

S.S. "Ukara"

Red Sea.

A strong N. wind got up early & made quite a big swell & the boat pitched very much all day & there were not many people at meals. It was very cold too & one had to put on a great coat to sit on deck & there was unpleasantly chilly. Ports ~~closed~~ closed all day & horribly stuffy & smelly below.

March 3rd.

S.S. "Ukara"

Gulf of Suez.

The wind dropped in the night— & it was much smoother in the morning but quite chilly on deck. Got into the Gulf of Suez about 2 p.m. Captain Gardner was a prisoner at Pretoria & was in the plot to escape which Winston Churchill took advantage of— it was intended that all should escape together.

March 4th

Savoy Hotel

Cairo

landed at day at 6, 30 a.m. — very cold — & after passing
the customs, started in the train at 7, 30. Passed through
desert & along the canal to Sidi Barrani, then turned w. past
cultivated land to Cairo, which we reached at 1, 15. Went
to the Savoy Hotel, which was very full & with difficulty
we got a room each. Went to books after lunch to get our
P. & O. tickets & sent a cable home saying I should arrive
on the 12th. A dance at the hotel — the music is very bad that
way wherever we go — & a lot of people here — amongst
them Hills.

March 5th

Savoy Hotel

Cairo

Wrote & took a taxi to the Menzies Hotel, where we
lunched & afterwards went to the Zoo, where Hills met us.
A beautifully arranged place — very pretty flowers — & a very
good collection of animals. It was an old palace &
an enormous amount must have been spent when the
artificial rockery & the paths which are made of stones
inlaid like mosaic — the whole effect very pretty.
Quite a big collection of animals from all parts of the
world, though not "Mrs Gray" & "White" said "Kob" &
they nearly all look very fit & well. Motored back to
the Egyptian Palace Hotel & then on to the Savoy,
which was very quiet tonight. Had to move from my
yesterday's room to the first floor as the hotel — the
only one so in Cairo — is very full. The German
from Paris arrives tomorrow.

March 6th

P. & O. "Arabia"

Mediterranean

Left Lario at 11 a.m. & got to the docks at Port Said at 2.30. Went on a tug to the "Arabia", which is not very full, & started at 6.15. As soon as we got outside, it began to blow & we pitched a good deal - it looks like a 'masty passage. Have got to buy bad calms - I paid for one to myself too - an inside one & so dark that one has to always have the electric light going all day. Ship not very full - nobody on board I know.

March 7th

S. S. "Arabia"

Mediterranean

The boat pitched a bit in the night & early in the morning but the sea moderated during the day. Very cold.

March 8th

S. S. "Arabia"

Mediterranean

Run = 368.

Sea almost quite smooth but a very cold wind though a bright sun.

March 9th

S. S. "Arabia"

Mediterranean

Passed the Straits of Messina about midday - snow on hills. Smooth very a following wind but cloudy though not so cold as yesterday.

March 10th

S.S. "Arabia"

Mediterranean.

Passed through the straits between Corsica & Sardinia about 1.30 p.m. — quite warm before but afterwards it turned very chilly. Sea smooth.

March 11th

on train.

Got into Marseilles harbour about 9.30 a.m. dunched at the hotel square & then went back to the P.O. special train started at 6 p.m. close to the boat. I had a sleeping car to ourselves. Dined on the train.

March 12th

Berkeley Hotel.

London.

Went round Paris & passed beyond about 8 a.m. Got to Calais at 12 had a smooth passage in the Pas de Calais to Dover. Got to Harling Cross at 6 p.m. Very cold. J. Timmins dined with me.

March 13th

Harmston

Busy shopping most of the morning. Left town at 4 & got to Harmston at 6.50 — it was snowing when I arrived & very cold.





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