

I almost forgot that you asked me about my

military experiences. Well on 4th August ~~1914~~ ¹⁹¹⁴

I got this wire You are to report at once at Townsville for duty in Thursday Island. I had for hours notice to leave practise etc.

At Thursday Island volunteers were called for for what was called the Pacific Ocean Expedition Force. I went in medical charge leaving T.I.

on 16/8/14 and arrived at Port Moresby on 18/8/14. The idea was that the Australian Fleet should meet the Sehornhorst & Gneisenau and that we should occupy Rabaul. The fleet missed the Germans and we were left to look after the wireless at Port Moresby until the Berrima arrived with a well equipped crowd which we were not. I handed over to Col now Sir Neville Howse. The Berrima arrived at Pt Moresby on 4/9/14 and we left together for German N. Guinea on 7/9/14. However the stokers on our ship the Kanowna refused to go on and Captain Glassop of the Sydney sent us back to Australia. On arriving back I again volunteered and was appointed to the First Australian General Hospital. We landed in Egypt on 18/1/15 and opened the Palace Hotel at Heliopolis as an Hospital. Here I was appointed X-Ray specialist and remained until the hospital ~~with~~ ^{arrived at} Rouen in France on 30/3/16

On the ^{Rouen} Somme battle starting I got permission to leave the base for the front and went up to a Field Ambulance and then to a Pioneer Battalion of which ^{Col} Garter was O/C and Charlie Helsham Adj. I managed to get nephritis and was invalided to England on 1/9/16. and after being boarded arrived in Australia on 25/1/17.

Take what you want from above but cut it short as possible

Max

I just gave the details for your own amusement