

**Capt Percy Archer Clive (1873-1918)**

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[3] Detailed List1 Diary 1897

Jan 18	Starts by steamer for Tangier. Calls on Minister Sir Arthur Nicholson.
Jan 21	To camp in middle of Tent Club pigsticking preserves
Jan 22-28	Various hunting excursions
Jan 29	Journey near to Tetnam
Jan 31	Visits from Basha (governor) of Tetnam and British 'acting Vice-Consul'
Feb 4	Move to Negro, near Centa
Feb 5	Expedition into Centa
Feb 8	Clive's friends return to Tangier and he remains with Moors
Feb 9	Sets out to 'Paget's Ground' on shores of the Straights
Feb 13	Torpedo boat 48 sighted and anchored. More snipe shooting
Feb 15	Green attacked by two Riffs who are subsequently captured. Discussion of Moors methods of punishment
Feb 17	Dined with Bewicke, English Vice-Consul
Feb 18	Set out for Tangier
Feb 19	Visited Embassy and Austrian minister
Feb 20	Steamer to Cadiz
Feb 22	Visited British Vice-Consul
Feb 26	Left for Seville - stays there until March 2nd
Mar 2	Arrives Granada
Mar 4	To Gibraltar
Mar 6	Tangier
Mar 8	By steamer to Laraiche
Mar 9	Move to Wolad Hamon
Mar 13	Moved camp and returns to Laraiche
Mar 19	Tangier
Mar 21	Gibraltar. Photographs

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"Diary 1897: On the way out to West Africa  
Left England November 27th."

Dec 9	Description of voyage up to arrival at Las Palmas
Dec 14	Sierra Leone/Tangier
Dec 23	Steamer into Farcados River
Dec 24	Start voyage up Niger by gunboat, navigation difficult
Dec 25	Pilcher asks Clive to act as his Intelligence Officer. Begins with writing letters to Lugard[?] and Everitt describing position of French and RUC troops
Dec 26	Stop at Abutshi station briefly
Dec 29	Lokoja hills. Met Alastair Brodie who had returned from driving French out of Yauri

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3 Diary Dec 1899-June 1900

Dec-18	Description of voyage since leaving Liverpool for S. Africa on 1 December
Dec 27	Arrived Modder River camp. Joined 3rd Bn
Dec 30	Tour of Modder River battle field
Jan 17	Made reconnaissance in force
Feb 1	Sickness in camp. Joined by 7th Div
Feb 6-12	Took part, as Intelligence Officer to MacDonald's Highland Bde, to surround and cut Boers at Paynters Drift
Feb 15	Ordered to move to camp near Merton Siding
Feb 16-17	Looting forays
Feb 18	Klip Drift
[Feb 21 ?]	Visit by Cernje to camp
Mar 1	Escorted 3,600 prisoners
Mar 8	Ordered to aid Queenslanders in repelling 41 Boers around their camp
Mar 13	Arrived, after several days marching, at Bloemfontein
Mar 15	Expedition by train to open line to south

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Mar 23 Boers action kills and wounds men in the Rtn.

Apr March to Kaalspoint, then return to Bloemfontein (7th change of quarters since 13 March)

Apr [6 ?] News of Cavalry Division attacked at Thabancker

Apr 7 Invited to be Bde Maj to Pilcher, but forced to stay with his own btn. Interview with Lord Roberts

Apr 10 Talks with Winston Churchill in particular about an incident at Spion Kop and entry into Ladysmith

Apr 11 Returned to Kaffir River Bridge. Lists game shot there

Apr 20-29 Further marches and burning and looting of farms and houses

Apr 30 Bloemfontein. Dined with Sidney, Ned and George Clive

May 1 Set off again towards Karsee Siding and across Modder River west of Glen

May 5 Witnessed shell firing by Boers near Vet River but Boers bolted

May 6 Further marching - delays in crossing Vet owing to destruction of the large railway bridge and most of smaller bridges

May 10 Crossed Sand River

May 11 Enter Kroonstad with General Roberts. Stayed ten days

May 22 - to On/Rhenosten Sprint, Veedefort Station, Taniboseh Sprint, Viljoens Drift (into Transvaal) Klip River

May 29 Some Boers surrender to Polly [Pole]-Carew

May 30 24 hour armistice to allow Johannesburg to surrender

June 1 Into Cape Cart buying stores for the mess

June 3 Diary ends

Newspaper cutting Dec 27th [1899] Re. 2i/c of H.Co., Lt Clive, being wounded at Magersfontein near Modder River.

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4 Letter Book [Vol. 1] January-April 1900

Letters sent by Percy Clive, mostly to MKC, copied by Clive and others

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|----|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | 25 Dec 1899   | Modder River Camp. To Aunt Alice. Account of events since he landed. Myersfontein Hill.                                                               |
| 2  | 5 Jan 1900    |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3  | 12 Jan 1900   | Modder River Camp                                                                                                                                     |
| 4  | 19 Jan 1900   | Modder River Camp. Shelling of Bde Gds                                                                                                                |
| 5  | 25 Jan 1900   | Modder River Camp                                                                                                                                     |
| 6  | 26 Jan 1900   | Modder River Camp                                                                                                                                     |
| 7  | 2 Feb 1900    | Modder River Camp. To Marjory.                                                                                                                        |
| 8  | 9 Feb 1900    | On the road to Modder River from Koodoosberg Drift. Includes sketch map. Newspaper cutting from Cape Times 9 Feb, reporting the action at Koodoosberg |
| 9  | 21 Feb 1900   | Klip Drift. Occupation of Magersfontein position                                                                                                      |
| 10 | 24 Feb 1900   | Klip Drift Camp. To Marjory. Evidence of Gonje's rearguard fight at Drift. Convoy of wounded and prisoners from 18th Feb                              |
|    | [8 Mar 1900   | see below]                                                                                                                                            |
| 11 | 23 Mar 1900   | The Glen, Modder River. To MKC. Press cuttings - 'Mr Percy Clive's Experience! Poplar Grove Camp 8 Mar and The Glen 23 March                          |
| 12 | 1 Apr [1900]  | Glen                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13 | 5 Apr [1900]  | Bloemfontein Club. To MKC. Description of fighting at Thabaicher.                                                                                     |
| 14 | 18 Mar 1900   | Bloemfontein Club. To MHC. March to Bloemfontein. Task of checking railway track for damage.                                                          |
| 15 | 23 Mar [1900] | To Willy                                                                                                                                              |
| 16 | 6 Apr [1900]  | Bloemfontein                                                                                                                                          |
| 17 | 13 Apr 1900   | Kaffir River Bridge. Meeting Winston Churchill and latter's comments on the war                                                                       |
| 18 | 20 Apr 1900   | Kaffir River Bridge                                                                                                                                   |
| 19 | 27 Apr 1900   | March to Rietpoort. Looting and burning                                                                                                               |

Loose: letter dated 11 May [1900], presumably to Clive, from Pte J. Harrison, the General Hospital, Bloemfontein.

Photograph of African group.

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5 Letter Book [Vol. II] May-Oct 1900

- 1 2 May 1900 Karee Siding
- 2 8 May 1900 Smaldeel OUS. To Willy
- 3 14 May 1900 Kroonstad
- 4 21 May 1900 Kroonstad. News of Mafeking
- [27 May 1900 see below]
- 5 6 Jun 1900 Pretoria
- 6 18 Jun 1900 8 miles east of Pretoria. To MKC. Boer attack on 20,000 mounted troops
- 7 7 Jun 1900 Pretoria. To Mrs G. Clive
- 8 27 May 1900 Vereeningung, Transvaal. To MKC. Rhenoster Spirit - another false alarm about Boer attack
- 9 26 Jun 1900 Governments Kantoer, Pretoria
- 10 10 Jun 1900 Transvaal Hotel. To WMC. Description of fighting on Diamond Hill
- 11 1 Jul 1900 [?] Dorckenbach south of Pretoria
- 12 3 Jul 1900 Dorckenpoort
- 13 11 Jul 1900 Pretoria. To MKC
- 14 9 Jul 1900 Kleinfontein. Details - one of numerous battles
- 15 18[Jul 1900] Donkerhoet. To MKC
- 16 22 Jul 1900 Donkerhoek
- 17 28 Jul 1900 Brugspruit between Pretoria and Middelburg
- 18 30 Aug 1900 Telegram to Brockenhurst England that Clive convalescing in Pretoria
- 18 5 Aug 1900 Brugspruit
- 19 22 Aug 1900 Wonderfontein
- 20 26 Aug 1900 Hospital, Middleburg
- 21 5 Sep 1900 Pretoria Club
- 22 6 Sep 1900 Brugspruit Train derailed by Boers
- 23 25 Sep 1900 Ressano Garcia
- 24 25 Sep 1900 Koomati Poort
- 25 2 Oct 1900 Pretoria
- 26 20 Oct 1900 Bloemfontein
- 27 29 Oct 1900 Bloemfontein - plans for return journey from Capetown

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6 Letter Book [Vol III] Oct 1900-Sep 1901

1	30 Oct [1901]	Mount Nelson Hotel Capetown. To MKC
2	7 Nov 1900	Same to same
3	9 Nov 1900	Mount Nelson Hotel
4	10 Nov 1900	Mount Nelson Hotel
5	18 Nov 1900	Springfontein
6	25 Nov 1900	Colesberg Bridge
7	30 Nov 1900	Colesberg Bridge. To MKC
8	9 Dec [1900]	Colesberg Bridge. To MKC
9	18 Dec 1900	Colesberg Bridge. Investigates reports of Boers sniping bridge.
10	23 Dec 1900	Meusburg
11	30 Dec 1900	Meusburg. Attitudes of Boers towards end of War
12	13 Jan 1901	Norvals Point. To MKC
13	21 Jan 1901	Norvals Point. To MKC
14	27 Jan 1901	Norvals Point. Capture of 4-7 at Helvetia
15	4 Feb 1901	Norvals Point
16	10 Feb [1901]	Norvals Point
17	16 Feb 1901	Norvals Point. To MKC, Death of Queen Victoria.
18	3 Mar [1901]	Norvals Point
19	25 Feb [1901]	Norvals Point
20	9 Mar 1901	Norvals Point
21	17 Mar 1901	Norvals Point
22	1 Apr 1901	Norvals Point. To MKC
23	13 Apr 1901	Norvals Point. To MKC
24	20 Apr 1901	Norvals Point
25	3 May 1901	Norvals Point
26	11 May 1901	Norvals Point
27	25 May 1901	Vet River Siding
28	18 May 1901	Vet River Siding. To MKC

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29	31 May 1901	Brandfort, to MKC
30	5 Apr[1901]	Norvals Point
31	6 Jun 1901	Koodoosrand Drift. Refugee Camps
32	27 Jun 1901	Bloemfontein. Progress of War
33	9 Jun 1901	Doornlaagte
34	1 Jul 1901	Brandfort. To MCD
35	29 Jun 1901	Bloemfontein Hotel
36	7 Jul 1901 - 12th Jul	Breslers' Flat / Mubandhu.
37	17 Jul 1901	Bulberg
38	27 Jul 1901	Bethulie. To MKC. Refugee camps
39	3 Aug 1901	Vrede near Springfontein
40	10 Aug[1901]	
41	19 Aug 1901	Zwart Kopjes. To MKC
42	30 Aug[1901]	Bethulie. To MKC
43	6 Sep[1901]	Hotel Jubilee. To MKC
44	14 Sep 1901	In armoured train between Burghers Drift and Dordrecht
45	18 Sep 1901	Dordrecht. To MKC