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Bank Holiday

Feb 16. 1915 Out at sea now  
left on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> "Fiji" Maunyanui  
then "Apurima" then "Tahiti" and  
"Warrimoo" steamed through  
Boof Blouls in single line in  
a head sea. the Maunyanui was  
wet from end to end with spray  
while the "Tahiti" & "Apurima"  
masts were at times all that  
could be seen of them while the  
"Warrimoo" was lost in huge action  
yesterday we were all down  
with mal-de-mer but are  
about right now. the sea was  
smooth today and forecades  
were held as much as the  
rolling of the ship would permit.  
We were steaming in two divisions  
Maunyanui & "Apurima" on one  
and "Tahiti" & "Warrimoo" on  
other on our port side

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Lost my small diary somewhere  
so making a fresh start on this  
left Colombo Sat 13<sup>th</sup> after two  
days stay. Arrived here Thur  
morning and went into city harbor  
which is inside the moles. Fresh  
water about two miles long. There  
are no wharves loading & unloading  
being done by lighters. Sailors seem  
indeed miserable men great beggars  
and thieves. When we got in some  
washed baggage came alongside also  
some small boxes. coconuts immediately  
started to beg and got on ship and  
started to steal. Got by hand passing  
it up stages like steps of stairs. About  
four men on each stage. Passed  
from one stage to next until reached  
top. I did not see boys all work  
night and day in reliefs. Went  
ashore on Friday. Got night show  
and went through native  
quarter on Pettah. Very dirty and  
squalid. Went to fruit market also  
they took to tiffin after that we  
took a motor and went for driving  
through Bannanow Gardens which  
is flash residential suburb of  
Colombo. visited a Buddhist  
Temple and then went to Mt  
Lavinia Hotel. had a drink and  
went back to Colombo via Fort  
"Galle Face" Hotel. Saw some  
native soldiery. Punjabi. Look  
very fine. All dirty and fierce  
looking. Saw some sailing frigates  
morning for front with 10. Pullau  
aboard.