

by Indian in Botanical
Gardens (Pala's reading).
Very accurate as regards
my character.

Walked around the streets
of the Fort Area. Felt sorry
for rickshaw-men. Couldn't
bring myself to be pulled
around by some miserably thin
native. Rickshaws have
bells & lamps.

Rested for half an hour in
rest-room at Muller's.

Walked to Garrison parade
ground. Marched to getty &
returned to Aquitania by
6 P.M. Had 2 handles of beer
at wet canteen. Slept on
deck.

Friday 10th. Oct. 1941

Up at 5 A.M. Shave & cold
bath as usual. Sunny day.
Dutch troopship departed
at 6 A.M. & waited outside
harbour. Many small native
rowing boats laden with wares
(abundant elephants, cigars, book-
ends etc.) came alongside
ship. Goods hauled up in
bags tied to rope. Exorbitant
prices asked. e.g. 15 rupees
for fruit-bowl. Reduced
after much talk to 4 rupees.
We lifted anchor at 10
to 9, preceded by the
other Dutch liner & followed
by H.M.S. Glasgow.
Sea calm, slight breeze.