

7. stayed. We were out in the country about 30 miles away some of the time, at a place called Unkwood. It is south of Durban & is one of the hundreds of 'places' all the way along the coast, & although it was only 30 miles away, it took an hour & two quarters by train - stops averaged twice a mile! The photograph is sent you taken at Unkwood, & it was while we were there that we went up river to the Savanna plantations.

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At Sea

Darling Maria,

I have just written a terrifically long letter home, but I know ~~you~~ heard almost as soon as I had given it in to be centered by our commanding officer that we are allowed to mention the name of the port we had such a good time in - it was Durban. How nice to be able to say so, after the circumventions & paraphrases of the last few weeks, whenever one was writing letters! We called ~~it~~ ~~side~~ on the West African side on our way out -

walk swimming to water, & have
on the water rather than
voiced. Their singing gets
monotonous after a while.

I don't think there's any
more news as I wrote so much
to you, all over yesterday.

I wish you'd call up your PA friend
to see if we can't keep a book out
for Harry Napier - have you
got his address? If so, please
let me have it.

All best wishes - Take care
of yourself & write soon to me.
So much love to you & Ruth,

Yours ever,

Margot

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I leave you to guess the tempera-
ture. It was lovely in Durban,
not too hot, but sunny all
day's everyday almost, with
quite a strong, warm wind
most of the time. Durban
itself I liked, though people
told us that it would have
been nicer at the Cape, as
Cape Town is older & has more
historical interest. I nearly
called home direct, as the
latest rate, 36 hours or so
each way, but ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{rather} ~~rather~~
we were assured & so
I procrastinated as usual,
& didn't eventually get it
done in time to get an answer
back before we left.

I have rambled on at
great length to Mum & my
all about Durban & what
we did there, & the people
I met. I enjoyed every
moment of it while we