

Trip No. 8

Party: H Müller and J E Waller

1875

Wednesday 22nd December

Müller and I started from Jessfield at 10pm, when we met Orme and MacDonald also bound for a long trip.

I paid the Lowdah \$13 in advance in Shanghai.

This is first trip in Big boat; a present from Sinjee. I went up in her last trip with Hopkins, she then belonged to Carvallio; from whom I persuaded Sinjee to buy her for me, as he was anxious to make me some sort of cumshaw, for winding up Pallants and Crofts estates, and, as this was the most suitable thing I could think of; he was generous enough to pay t/s150 for her - she is cheap; as she is a good sound boat, and only wants some few alterations, painting etc, to make her A1. These have been partly done, and the finishing touches, will be put to her, on our return.

Thursday 23rd December

Reached "Wong du" at 10:30am and Quinsan at 10pm. amused ourselves putting things in order; using the tool chest freely; etc, etc.

Friday 24th December

Through Soochow at 10am. Fair wind (S.E.) making good way - Woosie at 4pm. Stopped about an hour to buy a small table, some bamboos for the game, a couple of kettles; one of our saucepans being cracked; some fish and some kerosene oil for Sinjee's mangy dog "Flo". Found that Master Joe has put two bottles of George Smith's Irish whiskey on board instead of spirits of wine; so that we shall have to make our coffee in a saucepan. Our stove too, has been a source of great trouble to us, we can't make it draw properly. Made Wong ling jou at 11:30pm - stopped 3 li beyond.

Saturday 25th December

Xmas Day. Sent a coolie to buy another stool, to put the stove on, but before he returned, we had it set up on the stool purchased at Quinsan and an empty gin box - it's all right now draws splendidly. Went on shore about 1/2 past 9; could scarcely see 50 yards for the fog; this lifted about noon. I should have had 4 brace but only got 3 birds. Müller did not get one.

Went on during the afternoon to beyond Chi-tzar-an to a place called Ma-Ka-jou. Ormes boat passed up - they were shooting about here. We went on again bound for "Lin-cur" I forgot to mention, that I should have bagged three deer; and, that one coming through some reeds, nearly knocked my coolie on his back-side. I could not get a shot at the beast, as I might have bagged the coolie instead.

Bag for the day

Pheasants		
Müller	1	<u>Total head 4</u>
Waller	3	

Sunday 26th December

Stopped halfway between Pen Yu and La Fung; shot on the S Bank in the morning, and had very bad sport. Changed over to the other side and found the country better; not many birds however. Moved on arrived at La Fung @ 5pm.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Duck	Deer
Mellor	4	3	0
Waller	6	4	1

Total head 18

Monday 27th December

Rained all night; and cleared up about 9. Went out at 10, shot on the N. Side, saw few birds, the country is all cultivated - no covers. Went on during tiffin about three miles and shot on the S. side; had a little better sport, but nothing to boast of.

Bag for the day

	Deer	Pheasant	Duck
Miller	1	6	3
Waller	0	9	2

Total head 21

Tuesday 28th December

About 3 li beyond Lin-cur; a beautiful morning. Very poor sport, saw lots of deer, only could not get them. We have the boat full of nice things, and rats in the bargain; they amused themselves eating a hole in the sail last night. Made up our minds to make for the Tsung, to see if cannot pick up some better ground.

Started at 5pm.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Hare
Miller	6	0	0
Waller	12	1	1

Total head 20

Wednesday 29th December

Touse jou at 8 am. Ta Yin jou at 10. Changed our minds going to try the Pou yu- (Pnou Yune) creek first (This I found out afterwards to be the See lee jou creek where I shot with Overbeck last year) arrived in this creek at noon; went on shore, saw several deer, I bagged one. Miller shot a hare. Returned to the boat at 1/2 past 1 had Chow, and moved further on. Went on shore again at 4 and found some very promising ground. Miller got a few birds. Went on again and came to anchor at 6:30 in a very snug place.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Hare	Deer
Miller	7	1	0
Waller	2	0	1

Total head 11

Thursday 30th December

This morning we started out about 10 o'clock, on the N bank. Saw any quantity of deer; unfortunately wounding several but not bringing them to bag. The duck were flying about in all directions; but as usual they were too wary. This place is called Woo-chi-jou by the Lowdah. There are

any quantity of birds if you can only find them, and it's only by walking hard and covering that a bag can be made.

Bag for the day

	Deer	Pheasant	Duck	Teal
Miller	1	3	1	1
Waller	1	15	2	0

Total head 24

Friday 31st December

Moved up to the next bridge Pah-lee-jou. I went some distance in land, and came across a small lake; we are going to try and get into this tomorrow. There is good general shooting all about here, it does not much matter where you go. The natives are very civil, so from this, we fancy the Yang-qui-tsze has not visited this spot very much.

Miller indulged in one glass of port being the last day of 1875, a truly disastrous year for many of us.

Two more after dinner just to show there was no ill feeling, and hell to the gout. The old enemy will return we shall see through.

Bag for the day

	Deer	Pheasant	Duck
Miller	1	4	2
Waller	2	9	0

Total head 18

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Saturday 1st January

Rained during the night; weather warm and muggy. Met Overbeck, Rosewald, Crossie and Pinkfoss on their way home, they however stopped the day with us and I got beastly drunk after dinner. Can't say anything about the other fellows but fancy they must have been a little on too. Roasted the turkey on the bank, and it turned out a failure. Sold Croft's gun to Rosewald for Tls110.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Duck	Deer
Miller	6	2	0
Waller	5	2	1

Total head 16

Sunday 2nd January

Near Min Shan. Shot on the SE bank; did not see many birds: head d - d bad. very seedy could not shoot at all, should have missed a haystack if it had got up; so returned to the boat. The Lowdah being on shore yesterday one of the coolies managed to ram the landing plank through the front of the boat and today another coolie broke a pane of glass in the cabin door.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Duck	Deer
Mellor	2	1	0
Waller	3	0	1

Total head 7

Monday 3rd January

Same place as yesterday. Took two cockles last night and feel much better this morning. Shot very well only was unfortunate in not getting my birds. Lost 3 brace and a half in the morning; the dogs would not face the reeds.

Bag for the day

Pheasants		Total head 18
Miller	5	
Waller	13	

Tuesday 4th January

Moved down to the Sluice gate ground, shot on the opposite side and had good sport.

Bag for the day

	Duck	Pheasant	Deer
Miller	2	0	0
Waller	4	8	2

Total head 16

Wednesday 5th January

Snowed heavily during the night; and still doing so this morning. Moving towards home; anchored for the night at See-lee-jou. Had quite an exciting bit of sport after a deer that got up close to the boat. Tried the rook rifle at him first had two shots but no effect - so took my gun on shore making sure of the beast, but missed him. Miller had a shot with my Remington with the same result. Did not go out all day.

Thursday 6th January

Raining hard all night so made up our minds to return. No wind, going along under Yee Lok. Left See lee jou at 9am. Chang Lee@ 4pm. Pin tah Hu@5.15. There is good ground all along this Pin tah Hu creek. I have marked it on the map.

Friday 7th January

Arrived at Woossee at 6am having made a splendid run from Chang Chow. Anchored as it was too dark to proceed. Sail up again outside Woossee at 6am by Miller's watch but not the one he lost in the Yung King pang, so there is little faith to be put in it. All the wind had deserted us and it does nothing but rain hard - every thing is wet and miserable. We have not been out of the boat for three days.

Total Game Bagged

	Pheasant	Deer	Duck	Hare	Teal	Total
Miller	44	3	14	1	1	63
Waller	85	10	14	1	0	110
Total	129	13	28	2	1	173

See jie quan @ 3.30pm

Soochow @ 5.15 pm

Do. Clear of.@ 8pm

Wai kwa dong @ 9.30 pm. Raining hard; head wind; told Lowdah to stop.

Saturday 8th January

Rained all night. Started at 8am, Wind dead against us. E-ding at 11am slow work this. Through Quinsan at 4pm. Sail for up at 5pm at last: wind E N E. Lo-co-pan 7:30pm. Under Yeeloh again. Miller was bound to have some sport see a lot of crows sitting on a tree he let fly two barrels at them and brought down about a dozen. Sail up again at 7:40 and down again in an hour. Rain, rain, rain.

Sunday 9th January

Four am, the most dreadful weather; raining in perfect torrents told the men to stop for an hour or so. On again at 8 o'clock still raining arrived at Jessfield at 1/2 past 11 by Miller's watch which should make the time about 10 o'clock.

Arrived at Jessfield at 11 o'clock correct time rain very hard. Send on shore and ask Schmidt to lend us a trap to drive in. Schmidt's trap smashed and pony lame so walked in arrived at the Club at one.