

Trip No 10

Party F Reid & E Waller

1876

Saturday 23rd December

I started from Fan Chang jetty at 10 o'clock and left Reid to come in to Jessfield at noon. Wind and tide against us after passing the stone bridge I got out and walked the whole way to Jessfield where I arrived at about 1-20pm.

I originally intended this trip with Miller but he could not go. Ashley then disappointed me and Overbeck was the next one who threw me over, so at last by a fluke I got hold of Reid. Reached Wing du at 10pm.

Sunday 24th December

Fine weather but wind against us. Clear of Quinsan 8-30am. E Ding 11-45. Finished Soochow @ 5-30pm. Reached Woosie @ 7am.

Monday 25th December

Xmas day. Making the best of our way to Je lang jou to meet G Coin and Boomer - against a strong NW wind - progress very slow. At noon our Lowdah said we could not possibly reach there till 3am tomorrow so despatched our extra boat with a chit to them to say we should be with them on the morrow and asking them to wait for us. Went on shore for an hour to stretch our legs and brought back only a few birds. Reid shot 3 cocks and I only 2 - saw but few pheasant and these were wild so had our chow and proceeded on. Reid was particularly anxious to go on shore again to shoot along the banks, though I told him that he would be frequently stopped by creeks, however we went and had not been out five minutes before we had to return on a/c of not being able to get over a large creek leading to the hills. We tried the other side and I got 1 hen when I again tried to return to the boat being stopped by the water. Reid however spied a bridge and made for it but found a creek stopped him so he had to walk about 2 miles to get round, when he came to the conclusion that it was best to keep on board. We tried to get a native to show us the way but 1½ Mex being the lowest it could be done for we determined to find our way ourselves to Je lang jou.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	
Reid	3	
Waller	3	
		Total 6 Birds

Tuesday 26th December

Arrived at Hoo Jow at 2-30pm and reached Ju lang jou @ 4-30pm anchored till daylight about 3li beyond the village.

Wednesday 27th December

At dawn spied a mast about a li in front of us which turned out to be G Coin & Co. All turned out about 9 o'clock for a day after pig, but only saw one. We walked all over the range of hills during the day and had a very enjoyable day. Bradfield and Short turned up during the night as we were on our way to Fung siu tun having made up our minds to leave Ju lang jou as useless.

Thursday 28th December

Arrived at Fung siu tun about 7am - engaged 10 beaters for \$4 with a proviso that got \$1 extra if we bagged a pig. Started about 9-30 and had not gone along the side of the hills more than 2 miles when we saw an immense boar on the side of them. All blazed away at him with our rifles without effect. Rambled over the hills for miles saw 4 pig and had some splendid sport - it was a delightful day we enjoyed our tiffin on the top of the hill immensely. After tiffin we still persevered and were rewarded, just as we had made up our minds to return, by my getting a good shot at an old boar. S Coín also had him and finally after a short chase gave him the coup de grace. So we claimed a half share each.

Bag - 1/2 a Pig

Friday 29th December

Started off again this morning in quest of pig and turned one up about half past eleven. S Coín and I shot at him in the valley with our rifles and one of us hit the brute he however ascended the hill going towards Boomer whom I directed straight over the pig when he had a splendid shot at about 20 paces he missed with his first but with his second shot hit the beast right in the chest, this did not stop him. S Coín had two more shots and Boomer also. I ran round the top of the hill and saw the gentleman trotting slowly away so I favoured him with one, I lost sight of him for a short time but following I arrived in time to see him roll over when I gave him the coup de grace. We tried again after tiffin but did not see any more.

Bag 1/3 of a Pig

Saturday 30th December

Had one more day after the porkers, but after wandering over the hills for nearly four hours without seeing a hair we concluded to give up the chase. The natives say the pigs must have crossed over to Hosai. Bade farewell to S Coín and Boomer about 10 o'clock they being on their way home - and we started en route for Se lee jou.

On our way to Se lee jou shot during the day but had but poor sport. Moved on again in the evening. Passed Tom Smith last night.

Bag for the Day

	Pheasant	Teal	
Reid	5	0	
Waller	4	1	
			Total 10 Head

Sunday 31st December

Stopped a short way beyond Sun ta jou so the Lowdah calls these hieroglyphics. Reid shot 3 cocks and 1 hen in the morning and also bagged a woodcock. I shot a deer the pheasants are not plentiful. This is the See lí jou creek. In the afternoon I shot another deer and 3 cocks and 2 hens. Reid only 1 cock. Sailor had a very bad fit which I fancy was through overwork.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Woodcock	
Reid	5		1	
Waller	5	2		Total 13 Head

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Monday 1st January

At 8 o'clock moved onto the Mow shan creek and stooped a little beyond the 1st bridge. I shot well in towards the hills and saw Hill's boat in the distance, we did not have much sport as there was almost a gale from the NW the whole day.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	
Reid	9		
Waller	9	1	Total 19 Head

Tuesday 2nd January

Shooting in the creek going towards Pou Yih plenty of birds but there is a want of straight powder on both sides. Reid's gun has given him a great deal of trouble. It's very nearly played out the cartridges are continually sticking. Our bag for the day will be found below.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Teal	
Reid	11		
Waller	12	1	Total 24 Head

Wednesday 3rd January

Moved on 10 li in the morning and found Hill had passed us during the night so went about a mile and a half ahead of him. Splendid sport in the N side of the creek. Reid shot on the S bank and found little or nothing. In the afternoon again went on 10 li and had some very fair sport. Came across some native sportsmen and Reid showed them how the Yangquitzer can bowl the Yah Kees over - it was a fluke however anyway - as far as they were concerned I proved that Hopkin's gun was chalks better than their dirty gas pipes.. Again we moved on some 15 li and pulled up within some few li from a place called Pin Yah this is how Mat makes it - (Mat by the bye is short for cook)

Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Duck	Teal	
Reid	13	1	1		
Waller	11			1	Total 27 Head

Thursday 4th January

Within 10 li of Pin Yeh and shooting on the N bank the birds here are in quantities - came across Irving, vail, Gubbins and Hill. Irving shot 16 hens to his own gun in the afternoon between 1 and 4 o'clock. Reid bet me \$5 that he would get more birds than I in the afternoon which I won, getting 4 brace to his 3. Dined with vail & Co in the evening and started for home at midnight,

Bag for the Day

	Pheasant
Reid	10
Waller	14

Total 24 Head

Friday 5th January

In the neighbourhood of Chang Fu on our way home Reid saw several pheasants flying about so took his gun along the bank and managed to bag 5 brace. I thought I would try my hand but was not so lucky. I only had two shots but got a cock and a hen.

Bag for the day

	Pheasant
Reid	10
Waller	2

Total 12 Head

Saturday 6th January

We were stopped last night at Pin sí jou by the man refusing to open the barrier but after waiting some 20 minutes I produced my passport which had the desired effect. Passed the Yin Lee boat at anchor on the SE side of Chang Chou at 10-15am.

Total Game Bagged

	Pig	Pheasant	Deer	Duck	Teal	W'cock	Total
Reid	0	66	2	1	1	1	71
Waller	5/6	60	3	0	2	0	65
Total	5/6	126	5	1	3	1	136

Clear of Woosie @ 7-30pm and arrived at Si se qui at 4am.

Sunday 7th January

Made thee N side of Soochow at 8am having stopped early this morning for an hour on account of the fog - passed through considerable quantities of ice during the night but it was very thin and broken up. Clear of Soochow @ 10-15am. Sail up for the first time @ 11am! A d - d fraud, had to be downed in half an hour. E Ding @ 2-15pm.

Quinsan 6-30pm

Monday 8th January

Wong Du Fam. Yuloing all night; commenced tracking @ 8am
Jessfield at noon - walked in.