

## Trip No. 9

Party: G G Hopkins and J E Waller

1876

Saturday 18th November

Sent the boat on to Jessfield at 1:30. where she arrived at 5:30pm having kept us waiting for nearly 2 hours. Fortunately we found Cromie, Dr Gottburg and waiting for Overbeck's boat so we went on board their craft and made ourselves comfortable. Weather fine, wind ahead.

Dogs; Sailor, Loafer, Kitty and Lill.

Sunday 19th November

First frost last night. Made Lo-co-pan at 10am. Saw Hickling about to go ashore in the Quinsan marshes. Arrived at Quinsan at 3pm went on shore to stretch our legs. Hopkins small terrier Dan thought it better to return home so Hopkins has gone in pursuit. @ 3.30.

Amused ourselves making cartridges in the morning and hoping to make the candles work in the patent sticks but so far have been unsuccessful. Hopkins found his tyke and the delay brought Overbeck and Co up to us they came on board and refreshed themselves with vin du Port. E ding at 7pm lots of the vernacular going on expect to be smashed up any moment. Hopkins sleepy after a skin full of Oysters and Beer.

Monday 20th November

Soochow at 2am. First bridge at Woosie at noon. Discovered Kittie's ears are very bad with canker. Made 100 cartridges with Schultz powder. Through Woosie at 1.30. Stopped at 4 o'clock and went on shore for an hour on the left side. I was lucky and saw a good few birds. Hopkins was not in luck's way. Shot over Lill.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasants	Deer	
Hopkins	2	-	
Waller	5	1	Total head 8

Cromie and his friend passed us again. Overbeck still behind.

Tuesday 21st November

Had a collision last night with a native boat and got the front side window smashed in with part of the house - it was entirely The Lowdah's fault, there was no one forward keeping a lookout and the coolies tracking did not warn the man at the wheel who of course was half if not wholly asleep; they were too lazy to put down the mast when they went to track consequently the ropes got foul so altogether the Lowdah must pay for the damage.

Passed through "Chang Chow" about 4 am. Found the rafts a great nuisance they extend for some miles up the canal.

Went on to halfway between Pen Yu and Lai sin. Shot on the left bank did not see many birds and those we did see were wild with few exceptions. In the morning Hopkins shot 3 hens and 1 deer also 1 snipe. I got 5 cocks and 3 hens in the morning in about 3 li Hopkins 3 cocks and 4 hens. I Bagged 2 deer, 1 duck, 1 cock, 2 hens.

Moved back to Pen Yu at 5.30 on our way to Si li jou. Morning shot over Sailor afternoon Rover a very useful dog.

## Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Snipe	Duck	
Hopkins	12	1	1		
Waller	11	2		1	28 Head

Wednesday 22nd November

Passed a boat (Knoop's) coming from the Lee ta hong. Party ashore shooting at Fam heard several double shots very close together evidently gentleman missed with his first and didn't hit with his second, came up here to frighten the birds only.

At Ta Ying jou about 9am came across our friends Overbeck and Co. and saw them just moving out for the day had not time to speak to them - so went on towards the See lee jou creek. Shot on the right bank of the Kin tang creek in the morning and had but poor sport. Hopkins got 1 Deer, 2 Cocks and 2 Hens and I only brought back 1 Cock and 1 Duck - having to return to the boat to change Kitty who I found useless for Lill, this was at eleven o'clock. Refreshed myself and went out again and this time did not see a bird, returned to the boat at noon, just in time to see our friends Overbeck and Co making the best of their way towards us evidently bound for the Si lee jou creek, fortunately Hopkins turned up just in time to get under way in front of them. They caught us up however and I asked Overbeck "how many Pig he had shot", he having told me that they intended Pig shooting first, and in fact twitted me upon having broken my word with him; The wind on reaching the Si lee jou bridge was ahead so we gave them the go bye, Cromie asked if we intended shooting up this creek and on receiving an answer in the affirmative said well then we will go back through Kintang. Our afternoon sport was better as far as Hopkins was concerned he bringing back 7 Cocks and 2 Hens besides another deer - I only bagged a solitary hen.

## Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Duck	
Hopkins	13	2		
Waller	2		1	Total head 18

"Si lee jou Creek"

Thursday 23rd November

Moved on 10 li last evening and woke up this morning finding a most lovely day before us. Hopkins shot on the N side and had but poor sport bringing home only 4 Cocks and 5 Hens. I went on the south of the creek and had lots of shooting any quantity of birds but what with Loafer running wild and a choke bore gun also not holding my gun straight I only got 8 Cocks and 4 Hens. In the afternoon we moved on 3 li and both took the S side of the creek - again I had good sport only broke down with an awful pain in my groin, must have sprained myself somehow, managed to bring back 5 Cocks and 1 Hen but lost 3 birds returned to the boat at 4:15. Hopkins has sent back 3 deer so far, so expect he will have a string of birds. The result is 9 Cocks, 5 Hens, 1 Duck, 1 Teal His satisfied the only trouble being those damned dogs.

## Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Duck	Teal	
Hopkins	23	3	1	1	
Waller	18				Total 46 head

Friday 24th November

Moved on towards Mow Shan about 10 li and had some fair sport. I shot over Loafer in the morning and he behaved fairly well. He has a nasty knack of leaving his birds in the copses and taking them the wrong side of the creeks.

Hopkins shot 8 Cocks and 10 hens in the morning and I only 7 Cocks and 2 Hens.

In the afternoon I took Kitty and Lill out for a lark and sent them through all the longest grass I could find just to take the freshness off, so did not make much of a bag. 2 cocks, 3 hens and 1 deer being the result. Hopkins again headed me bringing home 6 cocks, 3 hens and 2 deer.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	
Hopkins	27	2	
Waller	14	1	Total 44 head

Knoops boat passed homeward-bound reporting plenty of pig at "Mow Shan" can't quite believe them though.

Saturday 25th November

Moved on this morning to the See Lee Jou village where we met Overbeck and Co they were civil this time and asked us to have a cocktail. We then went on and turned into the Mow Shan creek where the birds were in swarms on both sides. Hopkins was shooting badly but brought back 5 Cocks and 5 Hens with 3 Duck. I got 10 Cocks and 5 Hens, pretty good for me - a good shot could have had double the number.

In the afternoon we moved further up towards Mow Shan both of us shooting on the S side. I had fair sport and was shooting well, brought back 10 Cocks and 1 hen. Hopkins was off, headache and the cocktail with Overbeck completely upset him, he brought back 8 cocks and 3 hens.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Duck	
Hopkins	21	2	
Waller	26		Total head 49

Turned round and took to the See Lee Jou creek again with instructions to the Lowdah to stop after he has gone 10 li.

Sunday 26th November

Poor sport birds few and far between. The morning broke with a dense fog which did not clear till 10.30. I came back to the boat after starting out at 9.30 as I was afraid of shooting the natives the fog not allowing one to see more than 50 yards. Hopkins came back with 8 Cocks, 2 Duck and 1 deer. I only had 3 cocks and 1 hen. Moved further in land in the afternoon going towards Pou Yune, again had sport the creeks here are innumerable. Hopkins bagged 3 hens 1 Deer 1 Teal my lot consists of 2 cocks. 2 Teal

### Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Teal	Duck	
Hopkins	11	2	1	2	
Waller	6		2		Total head 24

Monday 27th November

Within 2 li of a place called "Pou Gih"; Thick fog again this morning, moved well in towards the hills last night in the hope of getting some duck today. Not much Duck however did not get on the right side for them. The hill side of the creek is the best and I did not find this out till the afternoon. This is a splendid place for duck later on, they are too wide-awake just now. Hopkins was in good form again today bringing back 11 cocks, 6 hens and 2 Duck in the morning I could not shoot a little bit only bagged 3 cocks and 1 hen. The afternoon sport was worse for both of us although I should have had a fair bag having seen plenty of birds. Hopkins came back with 3 cocks, 3 hens, 2 Duck and 1 Teal. My lot 1 cock 1 deer

### Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Duck	Deer	Teal	
Hopkins	23	4		1	
Waller	5		1		
					Total head 34

Tuesday 28th November

This morning we shot over the same ground as yesterday afternoon, and I should have made a decent bag had the choke bore with 3 shot must be held straight. I brought back 3 cocks and 2 Hens. Hopkins got only 3 cocks, 3 hens and 1 deer - he was shooting well enough but did not get a chance at the birds. By the bye, a curious incident occurred to me this morning; having wounded a duck I could not get Sailor to spot the exact place it had swum to so fired my gun at what I thought to be the place - a good splashing ensued and the duck as I suppose swam over to the far side of the creek and ran up the bank. I ran round and with the aid of Sailor spotted our bird but instead of a duck it turned out to be a cock pheasant!! I must have hit him when I fired into the Bank. In the afternoon we went back some 12 li and pulled up of a place called "Hoo-jau" lots of birds. Hopkins bagged 10 Cocks, 7 Hens, 2 Duck, 4 Teal and 1 Hare he is quite pleased with himself this evening; I can't hit them at all 2 Cocks and 4 Hens is all that I brought home.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasants	Duck	Teal	Deer	Hare	
Hopkins	23	2	4	1	1	
Waller	12					
						Total 43 head

Wednesday 29th November

Began to rain at 8:30am. Still at "Hoo dih" or "Hoo jau" the rain ceased at 10 o'clock when we both went out to try over yesterday afternoon's ground. I could not come across many birds so returned to the boat at 1/2 past 12. Hopkins did not turn up till 2.30. He got 10 Cocks 4 hens 3 Duck. 1 Teal and 1 deer. My bag consisted of 5 Cocks and 2 Hens. Moved into the See lee jou creek and pulled up some 5 li beyond the village. Shot on the S side. Hopkins brought back 4 Cocks and 2 Hens - and 1 hen and a deer.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Duck	Teal	Deer	
Hopkins	20	3	1	1	
Waller	8			1	
					Total 34 Head

Thursday 30th November

In The Tsze Bou creek at "Woo coong jou" @ 8 am dull morning rained nearly all day Hopkins went out for an hour in the morning and brought back 2 cocks and 2 Teal. I remained in the boat till after tiffin when we both started out about 3 o'clock returning at 5.30. Walked over some splendid ground saw but few birds. Hopkins bagged 4 Cocks 2 hens and 2 deer I shot 5 Cocks and 2 Hens.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasants	Deer	Teal	
Hopkins	11	2	2	
Waller	7			
				Total 22 head

Friday 1st December

Dull weather wind N.E. moved 10 li further towards Tsze Bou. Raining all day. Waited till after tiffin for it to clear off but no, it would not, so made up our minds to get wet anyhow so as to get some exercise. Hopkins is under the impression that there are some other boats in our vicinity but I doubt. The ground round about here is very good and on a fine day a good bag should be made. Hopkins brought back 4 Cocks 2 hens 1 Duck 1 Deer and 2 Teal. I 3 hens and 2 Duck.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Duck	Deer	Teal	
Hopkins	6	1	1	2	
Waller	3	2			
					Total 15 Head

Saturday 2nd December

Rained nearly all night. Moved on 3li or so. Nasty weather, raining on and off all day. This is a very good spot. There is a bridge called Tse-Hung Jou and a large village called Yih Hong. The birds are plentiful, Hopkins shot 11 cocks, 4 hens and 1 deer. My lot amounted to 4 cocks and 5 hens. Found our bag minus 11 of the 400 so although it was raining hard made up our minds to get the 4 centuries - the result being Hopkins 8 cocks 5 hens and 1 teal. Waller 3 cocks, 2 hens and 1 cat.

### Bag for the day

	Pheasant	Deer	Teal	Cat	
Hopkins	28	1	5		
Waller	14			1	
					Total 48 Head

Sunday 3rd December

Chang Fu at 6:30 am. 13 hours under Yu loh.

Met Douglas Jones, said he had been out 8 days, had had but poor sport. In the canal the far side of Chang Chao met Moore of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank also Wilson of Lane, Crawford's boat. Afterwards met Dr Winn who wished to be reported all well to the Mrs, said there was no news in Shanghai. When he all at once remembered that we could not have heard of Lovett's suicide, he shot himself in his room and no particular cause assigned, money matters to a certain extent but not sufficient to count for such an act. Passed Boomer's boat and Dent's with Wheelock, did not see them they having gone ashore. 5pm made up our minds to shoot up on shooting below the result.

### Total Game Bagged

	Pheasant	Duck	Deer	Teal	Snipe	Hare	Total
Hopkins	218	13	16	17	1	1	266
Waller	129	7	6	2			144
Total	347	20	22	19	1	1	410

Maclean passed up 5li the Shanghai side of Chang Chow at 6:45 pm. Waited here and told him that Dr Winn was waiting for him.

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Arrived at Woosie at 2am tracking all the time, cleared the town at 3:30am See se qui 10:30am. Soochow N end 1:30pm. Soochow E end 3:30pm. Met Withere and Layton about 3 miles the Shanghai side of Soochow, went on board their boat and had a drink. Little or nothing new in Shanghai, everything going on all right at the Club. Bachelor's Ball a success and the St Andrew's dinner gave satisfaction to all outsiders.

Tracking and Yu lohing all the way to Woosie, light wind from the NE.

Started from Tse Loo Creek @ 5:30 pm

Arrived at Chang Fu @ 6:30 am	13 hours		Yu loh
Arrived at Chang Chow @ 6:30pm	12 hours	25 hours	Yu loh
Arrived at Woosie @ 3:30am	9 hours	34 hours	Yu loh
Arrived at See se qui @ 10:30am	7 hours	41 hours	Yu loh
Arrived at Soochow N @ 1:30pm	3 hours	44 hours	Yu loh
Arrived at Soochow E @ 3:30pm	2 hours	46 hours	Yu loh
Arrived at E ding @ 7:30pm	4 hours	50 hours	Yu loh
Arrived at Quin San @ 12:30am	5 hours	55 hours	Sail 1M
Arrived at Lo co pan @ 6:00am	5.5 hours	60.5 hours	Sail 1M
Arrived at Wang Du @ noon	6 hours	66.5 hours	Yu loh
Arrived at Yah Kee tun @ 3pm	8 li from GKT started to walk		
Arrived at Jessfield			

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

The wind shifted round to the W at Quin san when we hoisted sail for the first time, it was very light however.

Wages for 6 coolies from 18<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December 17 days

@25 cents per man \$25.50

Sampan hire for 17 days

@50 cents \$ 8.50

\$34

Less paid on A/c

\$19

\$15