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to lunch with Papa two days ago. Papa  
gave a dinner party and after dinner  
one of his friends played such funny tricks,  
with Eggs, and Beans, & Cards - & Pins &  
Pegs - Papa had all the officers to see  
the tricks & everybody laughed so much.

Mattie Eddy on Papa.

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My wee pet Boy -

I was very much afraid last night  
that we were going to have another  
gale of wind like that I described  
to you some little time ago - but  
the weather looks quieter now - and  
Papa hopes this evening to be able  
to take his usual walk with Ruby.

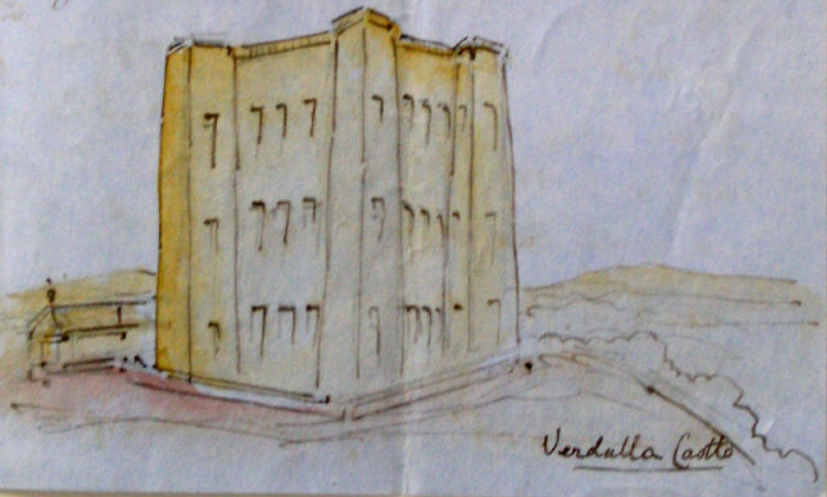
Poor Ruby was quite tired on  
Sunday. Papa took him and some  
of the officers such a long walk. 20 miles  
on Saturday

Some day. When Eddy gets rather big  
Papa hopes that Eddy and Papa will  
take long walks together. with their  
knapsacks on their backs like Soldiers  
and go and see beautiful Countries  
and climb high hills



Papa old & sleeping  
Eddy young & straight

together. Papa took his officer a walk right across to the other side of Malta to the sea, and his steward had a good dinner in a large basket, and went with the basket in a Calèche. It was a rainy day. So when the sun shone we put our Mackintosh Coats & umbrellas into the Carriage so when it rained we took them out again and at last we reached a house belonging to Papas friend the Governor. Here it is! and there



Verdalla Castle

we had our dinner, and very hungry  
 we were, after dinner we picked  
 Oranges off the trees and eat them  
 but they were Oh. so sour -

When we were coming back one  
 little boy - called "Starr" - said if you  
 please Cap: Ryder - I should like  
 to go in the Carriage I am rather  
 tired, and a big Lieutenant said  
 I am going to a dance in the evening  
 and I think I shall be very tired. so  
 I should like to go in the Carriage... so  
 Papa had only 4 companions left.

but they walked on. I got back to  
 the ship just as the Sun set, Papa  
 slept very well that night, and he  
 had a little blister at the end of  
 one of his toes but it didnt hurt him  
 much.. Papa is going to walk  
 to day to see some Soldier's shorts  
 at a market. Eddy would have liked