

"Ceramic"

Sailed from Sydney. 7th Oct, 1916.

Arrived at Plymouth 31st Nov 1916.

5/24 T.-106.

REPORT OF THE MILITARY COMMANDING OFFICER ON THE DISEMBARKATION OF TROOPS



(VOYAGE REPORT)

From the Hired Ship **CERAMIC.** (940)

On its voyage from *Australia (Sydney)* to *England (Plymouth)*

This report is to be filled up and signed by each Military Commanding Officer when he himself disembarks, and will be rendered as follows:—

- (1) One copy to be retained for reference.
- (2) One copy to the Master of the Ship.
- (3) Two copies to the Disembarking Staff Officer for transmission to the Secretary, War Office.
- (4) Additional in the case of disembarkations at Aden and ports in India or Burma, to the Disembarking Staff Officer:—
One copy for transmission to the Quartermaster General in India.
One copy for transmission to the General Officer Commanding at the Port of Disembarkation.

Note.—No report need be rendered unless more than 20 Troops have been embarked.

If more than ten horses or mules be carried, the Commanding Officer will make a full report on their conveyance, and attach it to his voyage Report, together with any separate remarks of the Veterinary Officer on board. If a Resident Officer proceed, his report will be similarly dealt with. The following points should be touched upon in such reports, viz. (a) Horse fittings, type of, (b) Drainage, (c) Ventilation, (d) Water, (e) Forage, (f) No. of horses embarked, (g) Casualties during the voyage, (h) Any prevalent disease.

[Should there be a Naval Transport Officer on board the Ship, the Reports are to be first handed to him for his remarks.]

SUBJECT	REPORT
1st. What Troops are embarked, viz. :—	
Regiment or Corps	<i>Various Reinforcements</i>
Number of Officers	<i>Sydney 4 1/2</i>
" Ladies <i>(Nurses)</i>	<i>do 3</i>
" Officers' Children	<i>do 5</i>
" Warrant Officers <i>themish</i>	<i>do —</i>
" " " Wives	<i>do —</i>
" " " Children	<i>do —</i>
" Men (including Male Servants)	<i>do 269 1/2</i>
" Women (including Female Servants)	<i>Durban 2</i>
" Soldiers' Children	<i>Cape Town 3</i>
" Horses or Mules	<i>Total 240 1/2 Men</i>
2nd. What portion of them have now disembarked, viz. :—	
Regiment or Corps	<i>47</i>
Number of Officers	<i>3</i>
" Ladies <i>Nurses</i>	<i>—</i>
" Officers' Children	<i>—</i>
" Warrant Officers <i>Nurses</i>	<i>5</i>
" " " Wives <i>of Rte.</i>	<i>87 1/2</i>
" " " Children	<i>—</i>
" Men (including Male Servants)	<i>Durban 2</i>
" Women (including Female Servants)	<i>Cape Town 23</i>
" Soldiers' Children	<i>25 Men</i>
" Horses or Mules	<i>—</i>

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SUBJECT	REPORT
3rd. { Port Embarkation { Date of Embarkation... { Date of Sailing Arrival at and { Port Sailing from { Date of Arrival other Ports { Date of Sailing Dis-embarkation { Port { Date Number of days on the voyage	Sydney NSW, 4 th October 1916 7 th October 1916 Durban Cape Town M. Vincent Is. 25/10/16 30/10/16 13/11/16 28/10/16 1/11/16 13/11/16 Durban Plymouth to 21 st November 1916. 46
4th. Has there been any unnecessary delay in making the passage?	No
5th. Has the Ship been properly fitted? and kept in a clean state?	Yes. But latrines barely sufficient
6th. Has the Master discharged his duty to the Troops in a proper and satisfactory manner; and afforded every care and attention to the Women and Children on board?	Yes
7th. Have the conditions of the Charter-party been carried out?	Yes
(NOTE.—The Officer Commanding the Troops is authorized to apply to the Master for a perusal of the Form of Charter-party, as well as of the Regulations for H. M. Transport Service, whenever he may require them.)	
8th. Has the Officers' Mess been properly kept, and satisfactorily provided under the established Regulations?	Yes
9th. Has there been any cause of complaint of the Provisions, or Medical Comforts, either as regards quantity or quality, or any inattention in their issue?	No. Except on two occasions (food badly cooked)
10th. Has the distilling apparatus been in operation during the voyage; has it worked well; and have the Troops been properly supplied with good water?	Distil not used
11th. Has fresh bread, of good quality, been baked and issued daily to the Troops, Women and Children?	Yes
12th. Was the Cooking apparatus provided for the Troops sufficient?	Yes

SUBJECT	REPORT
13th. Has any Sickness been prevalent among the Troops, or other persons on board, and if so, to what cause can it be attributed?	For Mumps measles Pneumonia dysentery in further largest with the many subsiding and owing to rain during embarkation
14th. Have the Regulations interdicting smoking below been attended to?	Yes
15th. Name and Address of Owner of the Ship.	White Star Line
Name and Address of Broker of the Ship.	30 James St. Liverpool
Name of Master of the Ship.	John Shivers.

GENERAL REMARKS (IF ANY) OF THE MILITARY COMMANDING OFFICER.

The amount of sickness has been such that
hospital accommodation was quite inadequate

N.B.—The remarks are intended to be confined to the general arrangements of the service.
Comments of a personal nature, if necessary, should be made the subject of separate
and special communications.

Dated at Bombay this 21st day of Nov 1866.

Signed Jameson P. Duff

Officer Commanding the Troops on board.

GENERAL REMARKS OF THE NAVAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, OR OF THE MASTER
OF THE SHIP IF THERE BE NO NAVAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ON BOARD.

Jameson P. Duff

Naval Transport Officer or Master.

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H.M.A.T. A.40. "CERAMIC".



SHIP'S STAFF.

Officer Commanding Troops.	Colonel J.W.MacARTHUR-ONBLOW, V.D.	Transport Duty.	✓
End. in Command.	Captain G.G.GARDINER.	13th. Battalion.	✓
Adjutant.	Captain A.McKEAN.	Transport duty.	✓
Senior Medical Officer.	Captain L.COWLESHAW.	A. A. M. C.Ris.	✓
Other do do	Captain H.S.THOMAS.	do do	✓
do do do	Captain B.M.SAMPSON.	do do	✓
Chaplains.	Captain D.BRUCK.	Transport duty.	✓
	Captain C.O'REGAN.	do do	✓
	Captain F.M.BETTS.	Continuous Service.	✓
Staff Sergeant Dispenser.	No. 206. R.JAMIESON.	Transport Duty.	
Matron.	E.J.DELAY.	A. A. N. S.	✓



H. M. A. T. A. 40. "C E R A M I C".

21/11/1916.



U N I T.	E M B A R K E D.			Died at sea.	D I S E M B A R K E D.			
	Australia.	Durban.	Capetown.		Durban.	Capetown.	PLYMOUTH.	Sick transferred to Hospital, Plymouth.
	Off. O.R.	O.R.	O. R.	O.R.	O.R.	O. R.	Off. O.R.	Off. O. R.
21/1st. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	-	2 150.	- 3.
21/2nd. Battalion.	2 151.	-	-	-	1	1	2 149.	- 6.
21/3rd. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	1	-	2	2 147.	- 7.
10/30th. Battalion.	2 151.	-	-	-	1	1	2 149.	- 6.
6/53rd. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	1	2 149.	- 2.
6/54th. Battalion.	2 151.	-	-	-	-	2	2 149.	- 3.
6/55th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	1	2 149.	- 3.
6/56th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	-	2 150.	- 4.
16/17th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	1	2 149.	- 2.
16/18th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	2.	2 148.	- 3.
16/19th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	3.	2 147.	- 6.
16/20th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	3.	2 147.	- 8.
21/13th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	-	2 150.	1 9.
6/45th. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	2	2 148.	- 6.
6/49th. Battalion.	2 149.	-	-	-	-	-	2 149.	1 15.
6/52nd. Battalion.	2 150.	-	-	-	-	4.	2 146.	1 9.
5/1st. Cyclist Batta.	- 19.	-	-	-	-	-	- 19.	- 4.
2/Light Trench								
Mortar Batteries.	2 110.	-	-	-	-	-	2 110.	- 1.
Sept. Reinf. Engrs.								
1st. to 5th. Divs.	3 135.	-	-	-	-	-	3 135.	- 1.
A. A. M. C.	- 28.	-	-	-	-	-	- 28.	- -
Carried Forward:-	37 2694.	-	-	1	2	23	37 2668.	3 98.



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Brought forward:-	37 2694.	-	-	1	2	23	37 2668.	3 98.
-Canteen Sergeant.	- 1.	-	-	-	-	-	- 1.	- -
-Medical Officers.	3 -	-	-	-	-	-	3 -	- -
-S=Sergt.Dispenser.	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	- 1.	- -
-Y.M.C.A.Representve.	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	1 -	- -
-O.C.Troops.	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	1 -	- -
-2nd. in Command.	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	1 -	- -
-Adjutant.	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	1 -	- -
-Nurses.	3 -	-	-	-	-	-	3 -	- -
-Chaplains.	3 -	-	-	-	-	-	3 -	- -
-Munition Chemists.	5 -	-	-	-	-	-	5 -	- -
-Various Details.	- -	3	2	-	-	-	- 5	- -
<u>T O T A L S.</u>	55 2696.	3.	2.	1.	2.	23.	55 2675.	3 98.

6. Two (2) Other ranks proceeded LONDON - escort Canteen Monies.

3. Three (3) Other ranks proceeded London with ship, purpose checking stores.



Transport A. 43. "O E R A M I C" left Sydney 7th. October, for the United Kingdom via the Cape. Due Devonport about 21st. November, 1916.

ORDER OF DISSEMBARKATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

--- 5 Trains. ---

DUNTON:

September Reinforcements:-

Officers. Other ranks.

1st. Battalion.	2	150.
2nd. Battalion.	2	150.
3rd. Battalion.	2	150.
30th. Battalion.	2	150.
33rd. Battalion.	2	150.
34th. Battalion.	2	150.
35th. Battalion.	2	150.
36th. Battalion.	2	150.
17th. Battalion.	2	150.
18th. Battalion.	2	150.
19th. Battalion.	2	150.
20th. Battalion.	2	150.
	<u>24</u>	<u>1,800.</u>

CONFORD:

13th. Battalion.	2	150.
46th. Battalion.	2	150.
49th. Battalion.	2	149.
52nd. Battalion.	2	150.
	<u>8</u>	<u>599.</u>

FIDWORTH:

1st. Cyclist Battalion.	-	19.
Trench Mortar Batteries (Light).	2	110.
Field Engineers - 1st. to 5th. Divisions.	3	135.
A. A. M. C.	-	28.
Medical Officers.	3	--
Y.M.C.A. Representative.	1	--
Staff Sergeant Dispenser.	-	1.
	<u>9</u>	<u>293.</u>

LONDON:

Officer Commanding Troops.	1	--
2nd. in Command.	1	--
Adjutant.	1	--
Chaplain.	3	--
Nurses.	3	--
	<u>9</u>	<u>--</u>

TOTAL: Officers: 50. other ranks: 2,692.

Train.	Index No.	U	N	I	R.	Officers.	Other ranks.	Station.
1st.	1.	1st. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	2.	2nd. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	3.	3rd. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	4.	39th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
						6	600.	
2nd.	5.	53rd. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	6.	54th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	7.	55th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	8.	56th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
						8	600.	
3rd.	9.	17th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	10.	18th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	11.	19th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
	12.	20th. Battalion.				2	150.	Binton.
						8	600.	
4th.	13.	13th. Battalion.				2	150.	Codford.
	14.	45th. Battalion.				2	150.	Codford.
	15.	49th. Battalion.				2	149.	Codford.
	16.	52nd. Battalion.				2	150.	Codford.
						8	599.	
5th.	17.	1st. Cyclist Battalion.				-	19.	Midworth.
	18.	Trench Mortar Batteries (light).				2	110.	Midworth.
	19.	Field Engineers - 1st. to 5th. Divs.				3	135.	Midworth.
	20.	A. A. M. C.				-	28.	Midworth.
	21.	Medical Officers.				3	--	Midworth.
	22.	Y.M.C.A. Representative.				1	--	Midworth.
	23.	Staff Sergeant Dispenser.				-	1.	Midworth.
						9	293.	

Proceeding LONDON per passenger train:-

24.	Officer Commanding Troops.	1	--
25.	2nd. in Command.	1	--
26.	Adjutant.	1	--
27.	Chaplain.	3	--
28.	Burser.	3	--
		9	--

The above figures are only approximate and are subject to amendment.

Lymouth.
25/11/1916.

[Signature] Lieutenant.
Rebarkation Staff Officer, A.I.F.
for Rebarkation Commandant.

Copy to:- Rebarkation Commandant. Adm. H.Q., A.I.F., London.
Mr. H. Bennett, C.W.R., Devonport. Mr. H. Tucker, C.W.R., Millbay.
H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom, Midworth.
R.A.C., do do do do.

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28-11-16

10 a.m.

From Australian Embarkation Staff Officer. Plymouth.
To Administrative Headquarters A.I.F. London.

EP 734 21st AAA CERAMIC disembarked Officers 43 Chaplains
3 Nurses 3 I.M.C.A. Representative 1 Munition Chemists 5
others 2675 including Canteen Sergeant 1 various details
embarked Durban and Capetown others 5 and admissions to
Hospital Officers 3 others 98 including mumps chicken pox
and scarlet fever AAA Following railed Denton 21st Reinf.
1st Battalion officers 2 others 147 21st Reinforcements
2nd Battalion officers 2 others 143 21st Reinforcements
3rd Battalion officers 2 others 138 10th Reinforcements
30th Battalion officers 2 others 143 6th Reinforcements
33rd Battalion officers 2 others 147 6th Reinforcements
34th Battalion officers 2 others 146 6th Reinforcements
35th Battalion officers 2 others 146 6th Reinforcements
36th Battalion officers 2 others 146 16th Reinforcements
17th Battalion officers 2 others 147 16th Reinforcements
18th Battalion officers 2 others 145 16th Reinforcements
19th Battalion officers 2 others 141 16th Reinforcements
20th Battalion officers 2 others 139 AAA To Godford
21st Reinforcements 18th Battalion officers 1 others 138
5th Reinforcements 45th Battalion officers 2 others 142

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6th Reinforcements 49th Battalion officers 1 others 134
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AAA To Tidworth 5th Reinforcements 1st Cyclist Battalion
others 15 2nd Reinforcements Light Trench Mortar Batteries
officers 2 others 109 September Reinforcements Field Engineers
1st to 5th Divisions officers 3 others 134 A.A.M.C. others
28 Medical officers 3 Chaplains 3 I.M.C.A. Representative
1 Staff Sergeant Dispenser 1 various details embarked
Durham and Capetown others 5 AAA Proceeding London O.C.
Troops 2nd in Command Adjutant Nurses 3 Munition Chemists
5 and 2 other ranks 3rd Battalion Escort Canteen Monies
AAA Proceeding London with Ship others 3 13th Battalion
AAA Canteen Sergeant disembarked and proceeded London for
discharge Colonel ONBLOW will furnish particulars AAA 17
cases surplus Medical Stores left on board in charge Q.M.S.
BURRESPORD 13th Battalion kindly arrange forward to Base
Medical Depot AAA Deaths on voyage 1 6479 Pte. BURTON VICTOR
RAYMOND 1st Reinforcements 3rd Battalion 16th Nov. pneumonia
kin Mother Mrs. E. CAPES Globe Hotel, Rylston, N.S.W.
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