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Disembarkation	Date	9.11.16	30.11.16	
Number of days	on the voyage	71		
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oth. 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?

7th. Have the conditions of the Charterparty been carried out?

(NOTE.—The Officer commanding the Treops is authorised to apply to the Master for a perusal of the Form of Chatter-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?

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?

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?

11th. Has fresh bread, of good quality, been baked and issued daily to the troops, Women and Children ?

12th. Was the Cooking apparatus provided for the Troops sufficient?

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- (4) One copy to the Australian Naval Transport Officer, Egypt. (5) Additional in the case of disembarkations at Aden and ports in India or Burmah, to the Disembarka

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Number of Officers .....

- Officers' Children ......
  - Warrant Officers.....
    - " Wives.
  - Men (including Male Servants)

  - - Horses or Mules.....

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15th. Name and Address of owner of the Ship

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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.

Naval Transport Officer or Master.

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# REPORT of

# O. C. Troops H. M. A. E. "Argylishire"

1 DEPARTURE. Left Sydney 2 P.M. 31-10-16. (Major W.B. Carter, #A/O. C. Troops) 2 DATE OF ARRIVAL AND SAILING FROM INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

Arrived Fremantle 8-11-16, Departed Do. 9-11-16. (Lt-Col. C. R. Bavies, C.O. Troops embarked). Arrived Durban 24-11-16. Departed Do. 26-11-16. Arrived Capetown 28-11-16. Departed Do. 1-12-16. Arrived Freetown (Sierra Leone) 13-12-16. Departed Do, Do 20-12-16. Arrived Dakar (Senegal) 22-12-16. Departed Do Do 27-12-16.

3 DATE AND FORT OF DISEMBARKATION. Arrived Plymouth 2.30 a.m. 9-1-17. Disembarked at Devenport 10-1-17.

behad 4 HEALTH EN ROUTE The health on route has been generally good no serious epidemic and no deaths, Mumps, Measles, Influenza, and few cases of Chicken Pox occurred but not in large numbers. The Medical Officers and Mursing Staff carried out their duties most efficiently and I attribute our satisfactory Medical Difficer (Capt. C. C. Humphries) performed the senior Medical Officer (Capt. C. C. Humphries) performed two success-ful Appendicitie operations during the voyage, one of the patients being a member of the Ship's crew.

TRAINING. Five hours a day was devoted to training, a longor time not being possible owing to the meals of Officers, R. Q.O's, and men all being at different hours, Training included Physical Exercises, Musicity Instruction, (chiefly theoretical as only 80 Hills were on bourd, these being utilised by Units in turn). Bayonst Fighting, (by Units with dummy bayonet outfit). Lectures both to man and Officers.

6 DISCIPLINE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PORTS OF CALL. The discipline on board has generally been very good. At Fremantle 8 men failed to remembark of those granted shore leave, but no adverse report was received of the behaviour of the remainder while on shore.

At Durban full leave ashore was granted to all troops on the 2 days of our stay. One man only failed to re-embark and the behaviour of the men while ashore was excellent.

At Capetown, leave was granted to all the troops for a few hours while the ship was in dock. The men again behaved extrem, -ely well and when the ship left the wharf at 5 p.m. every

"Bay well and the side side and the sound as the sound as aboard. As Freetown, (Sierra Leone), during our stay each man was allowed one trip schore and the conduct of the men again was vary good, with the exception of a disturbance one evening at a hotel in which one of our men was involved. One man desert-At Dakar (Senegal), no leave ashore was granted except on tothose

duty.

At Durban, Capetown, and Freetown the authorities closed the hotels while troops were ashere, thus largely conducing/the absence of disorder. to

PERSONAL. A total of 33 Officers and 1772 other ranks embarked at the a total of your of laters and 1/2 wher ranks embiring at the ports of Sydmoy, Frazemile and Freetown, Rose embaring at the latter place(De Officer and 100 men of the free fraze the Troophily Inf\_Nati.Yucgresented portion of the troops frac the Troophily " Port Lincoln ", which went aground at this port. T The ship also carried Three A.M. C. Nurses.

8 CASUALITIES. The casualties totalled 1 officer and 19 men-as follows, Fremantle, sick disembarked, lofficer and 5 others: failed to re-embark 8. Durban, Failed to re-embark, 1. Capetown. Sick disembarked, 4. Frectorn, Failed to re-embark, 1. Balance of Personnel on board at date of disembarkation 33 Officers and 1751 other ranks.

9 MESSING ARRANGEMENTS. Messing arrangements were quite satisfactory. Table space was quite adequate, and all ranks were able to have each meal at one sitting. Food and food-supplies were very good and formed the subject of favourable comment among the men. Owing to the prolongation of the voyage beyond the expected period, potatoes gave out three weeks from home. Porridge also failed about 10 days from Port, anextra allowance of meat being substituted. For some days in the Tropics bread was unsatisfactory but assisitance was given to the ships staff by several of the troops with baking experience and thereafter the quality improved.

£3360.was received in Sydney being for 1680 men @1/- per diem 10 Pay ring a balance in hand of fifty pounds lo/6d, A large numbor of officers wre short of pay owing to the lengthened per-iod of the voyage, and £45 of the above balance was apportioned "fifteen officers at 25 per officer, the same being accounted for in their paybook. An outstanding item of may of 15/- was also paid leaving a balance in hand of the e/e troops of 24-15-6.

11 LOSSES OR DEFICIENCI S OF STORES charges against (a) Troops (b) Commonwealth and how adjusted

# 12 15 14 15 (No horses on board)

16 CENSORSHIP. The Senior Chaplain Capt H F Mercer acted as censor, carry rying out the duties most assiduously. He was assisted by the R. C. Chaplain, Salvation 7 Y. M. C. A. representatives. About 2000 letters passed through the censor's hands.

17 Ship's Arrangement including accommodation for personnel. The ARCYLLSHIRE proved a most comfortable ship for all ranks. The troop decks were roomy and conveniently accommoda-ted the tropps allotted to them. At Freetown an extra one gundred men joined the ship and room was made for them with out undue crowding . The Officers were most comfortably quarter; ed in double and single cabins and in addition to dining axiant saleon a roomy lounge was at their disposal. The main hospital was conveniently situated in the centre of the boat on the Promenade peck, extra isolation wards were constructed on the Boat and Poop decks.

SANITATION AND SANITARY ACCOMPODATION WAS very good The continuous fluching system being adopted in the main intrine. Ample frech water accommodation and salt water shower baths were provided " fore and aft.

19 CO-ORTINATEN OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH MASTER OF SHIP

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The relation between the Master of the years and the O/C troops were at all times excellent, each mitually assisting each other in the carrying out of their respective responsibilities.

20 AMUSEMENTS SPORTS ETC. ?

These werein the hands of a committee, who provided a programme of sports for each unit. Boxing, swimming & coaling competitions also tool place. Prizes were also given formthe best kept messes. The sum of £85 out of Canteen profits wors divided for prizes. A series of concerts were held during the voyage, and a considerable amount of tolent being available. The men were well provided with deck games and literature.

21RELIGIOUS SERVICES CHAPLAINS AND Y.M. C. A. REPRESENTATIVES

The Chaplains were assiduous attheir duties. Protestant and R. C., services being every Sundayincluding Hoty Communion and Mass. The Salvation Army Secretary held services, while the V.M. C.A. Representat ive did excellent work, not only in the matter of the matter of the entertainment of the men, but also in the way of holding musical services, these being held daily during the xe voyage.

22 WRATHER CONDITIONS were excellent with the exception of the journey across the Bight, where rough weather was encountered, and the last 50 hours when the ship had to force its way through very heavy seas and a gale of wind.

23 RECOMMENDATIONS

The arrangements generally were quite above adverse criticism . Attention however is drawn to the comparatively small number of life boats provided, being nine only, accommodationg not more then 360 of the tropps. For the belance, rafts were provided these were up to Board of Trade requirements.

It is suggested that in the event of several troopships being | in Port at one time, the Senior O/C troops will take charge of all Military arrangements, to whom will be referred all matters relating to shore leave, shore picquets, rowing in or about the harbour, swim ing etc., Sso that action throughout the convoy can be uniform.

24. The troops were fortunate in being on board a well provided ship and were not called upon to put up with any shortage of food due to the unexpected prolongation of the voyage. The ship was also fortunate in that no serious sickness occurred, and no deaths , hence the spirits of the troops were always excelted lent.

CRDTURES. Lt Coli 0/C Troops H.M.A.T.Argyllshire.

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Any further communic subject should be addressed The Director of Tra-

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WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.,

29th January, 191 7.

SIR,

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I am directed to transmit to you the attached report of the Officer who commanded the troops on board the "Argyllshire" on the voyage from cydney.Solth Ostober, 1916. to Devokport,loth January,1917. and with reference to the General Remarks of the Military

Commanding Officer to observe :--

"No remarks".

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Director of Transports, Admiralty, S.W.

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# H.M.A.T. A. 8 - " ARGYLLSHIRE ". SHIP'S STAFF.

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