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	1916. AUGUST.		<p>-- <u>INVALIDING</u> --</p> <p><u>H.T. "ITONUS"</u> A cable was received from Defence Department, Melbourne on 19/8/16 stating that the victualling and general arrangements of transport "ITONUS" was highly unsatisfactory and asked that if suitable transport could not be secured to Australia in future that Invalids should be sent in preference to England. The Commandant, Australian Headquarters, Cairo, wrote to Australian Naval Transport Officer and asked for a report. The N.T.O. in reply said that he was responsible for using the "ITONUS" for transport of Invalids and pointed out that the ship was rationed by the Army Service Corps and that the medical inspection of the ship at Suez before sailing was satisfactory. He added that the "ITONUS" was used owing to the large accumulation of Invalids and the unusual shortage of suitable ships. Copies of cables and correspondence with the Naval Board on the subject were enclosed.</p>																				
	SEPTEMBER		<p><u>H.T. "ASCANIUS"</u> The H.T. "ASCANIUS" left Suez on 2/9/16 with 262 Invalids on board. The numbers of patients and details were as follows:</p> <table><thead><tr><th><u>INVALIDS.</u></th><th><u>Cot.</u></th><th><u>Walking.</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Officers</td><td>7</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>O. Ranks</td><td>101</td><td>150</td></tr></tbody></table> <table><thead><tr><th><u>SHIP'S STAFF.</u></th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Officers</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Nurses</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>O/Ranks</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>Disciplinary</td><td>6</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The Invalids left Cairo by two Hospital Trains on Sept. 1st. The first train left at 9.45 a.m. and the second at 10.45 a.m. Arrangements were made by wire with the E.M.O., Suez for the requisite number of stretcher bearers to be in attendance on arrival of the trains. The kits and Paybooks of these men, who had not them in their possession, were sent to Suez by train on 1st Sept. A memo giving number of Invalids was sent to Red Cross Commissioner by the A.D.M.S., A.I.F. in Egypt on 28th August, and arrangements were made for the usual Red Cross supplies to be put on</p>	<u>INVALIDS.</u>	<u>Cot.</u>	<u>Walking.</u>	Officers	7	4	O. Ranks	101	150	<u>SHIP'S STAFF.</u>		Officers	5	Nurses	8	O/Ranks	50	Disciplinary	6	Appen. 1
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	SEPTEMBER		<p><u>H.T. "ASCANIUS" (Cont.)</u> <u>board.</u> Small comforts were distributed at Cairo Station and food and lemonade was supplied for the train journey.</p> <p>A cable was sent from Australian Headquarters, Cairo, to Defence Department, Melbourne on 7th Sept. 1916 to arrange for accommodation of New Zealanders, who embarked on "ASCANIUS", on arrival at Melbourne pending transshipment to New Zealand. A complete Nominal Roll of Invalids and details was cabled to Defence Department, Melbourne on 5/9/16 and a copy of Nominal Roll was posted on 7/9/16 to Melbourne and London.</p>															
	AUGUST		<p><u>H.T. "BORDA"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "BORDA" left Suez Docks on 17/8/16 with the following Invalids and details on board:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nurses</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O/Ranks</td> <td>321</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red Cross Workers</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>---</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>337</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>---</td> </tr> </table> <p>All the Invalids were light cases. They were entrained at Cairo and proceeded to Suez by Hospital Train.</p> <p>Major W.C. HARVEY acted as O.C. Troops and Captain W. O'HARA as Senior Medical Officer. Dr. KLATCHO of the Russian Imperial Reserve who had been attached to the A.I.F. and was working with No.1 Australian General Hospital was embarked as Medical Officer for the voyage under authority from the I.G.C. He was appointed to act in this capacity by the A.D.M.S. owing to the shortage of A.I.F. Medical Officers in Egypt.</p>	Officers	9	Nurses	4	O/Ranks	321	Red Cross Workers	3		---	TOTAL	337		---	
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	SEPTEMBER		<p><u>H.S. "KANOWNNA"</u></p> <p>The H.S. "KANOWNNA" left Suez on 25/9/16 with 131 Invalids from Egypt, as follows:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>Cot.</u></td> <td><u>Walking.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Officers</u></td> <td>6</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>O/Ranks.</u></td> <td>46</td> <td>79</td> </tr> </table>		<u>Cot.</u>	<u>Walking.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	6	-	<u>O/Ranks.</u>	46	79						
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	SEPTEMBER		<p>The following cable was received from Defence Department, Melbourne, on 19/9/16:-</p> <p>"WY20 18th AAA MENTAL CASES SHOULD ONLY BE RETURNED WHEN SUITABLE CABINS CAN BE PROVIDED AND THE BEST POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE ARRANGED FOR THEM."</p> <p>DEFENCE.</p>																					
	NOVEMBER		<p><u>H.T. "AYRSHIRE"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "AYRSHIRE" sailed from Suez at 0630 on 21/11/16, with the following Invalids and details on board:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td>Cot Cases</td> <td>28</td> <td>Walking cases - Officers</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>O/Ranks</td> <td>181</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td>" "</td> <td>7</td> <td>Officer</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>O/Ranks</td> <td>22</td> </tr> </table> <p>Major EDWARDS was Senior Medical Officer, and Captains J.G. McKAY and L.B. DALY, Medical Officers.</p> <p>The "AYRSHIRE" was timed to leave on the 19th but did not leave till 21st as the Invalids did not entrain on the 19th. A copy of letter of explanation from Commandant, Australian Headquarters, and copies of letters in reply from Australian Naval Transport Officer are shown in Appendix 3.</p> <p>A letter was received from D.M.S., E.E.F. on 23/11/16 saying that the Commander-in-Chief had ruled that the responsibility for the Medical Equipment and Stores of all transports (British and Australian) lies with the D.M.S., E.E.F. and he should take steps to see that all Hospital Ships leaving Egypt are properly and adequately equipped.</p> <p><u>H.T. "AYRSHIRE"</u></p> <p>Interim Report of voyage from Colombo showed that everything was satisfactory and that the health of the troops on board had not suffered in any way during the voyage. The sanitation and feeding was quite satisfactory.</p>	<u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u>	Cot Cases	28	Walking cases - Officers	5				O/Ranks	181	<u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u>	" "	7	Officer	1				O/Ranks	22	<p>Appen. 3</p> <p>Appen. 4</p>
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	JANUARY		<p><u>H.T. "EURIPIDES"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "EURIPIDES" sailed from Suez on 22/1/17 with the following Invalids and details on board:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td><u>Officers,</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>1</td> <td><u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Noncot</td> <td>3</td> <td><u>Officers,</u></td> <td>Non cot</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>W/Officers</u></td> <td>"</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>O/Ranks.</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>22</td> <td><u>O/Ranks.</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Noncot</td> <td>239</td> <td></td> <td>Non cot</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Mental</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>Mental</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>STAFF.</u> Major E.T.H. GOUCHER - O.C. Troops. Lieut. E. McCAUGHAN - Adjutant.</p> <p><u>MEDICAL STAFF.</u> Lt.Colonel D.C. CROLL Major R.S. ROSENFELD. Capt. - ORBELL (N.Z.M.C.)</p> <p>Matron M. GRAHAM Sister C. SORENSON. " Z. LYONS. S/Nurse M. ROBSON. " A. PURCELL. " A.E.ENBURG.</p> <p>and 12 O/Ranks Medical Orderlies.</p> <p><u>CHAPLAINS.</u> Chap.Gen. C. RILEY. " Capt. W.GRIBB (N.Z.)</p> <p>Report from Colombo (1/2/17) by O.C. Troops showed that the patients were all progressing favourably and that there was no other sickness on board. Embarkation rolls were complete, 22 Officers, 6 Nurses, 344 O/Ranks , Total 372. The food supplied to the troops was of good quality.</p>	<u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u>	<u>Officers,</u>	Cot	1	<u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u>					Noncot	3	<u>Officers,</u>	Non cot	4		<u>W/Officers</u>	"	3					<u>O/Ranks.</u>	Cot	22	<u>O/Ranks.</u>	Cot	5			Noncot	239		Non cot	20			Mental	-		Mental	1	
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	MARCH		<p><u>H.T. "WILLOCHRA"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "WILLOCHRA" left Suez on 8/3/17 with the following Invalids on board:-</p> <table><tr><td>Officers</td><td>21</td><td>(Cot 5)</td></tr><tr><td>Nurses</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>O/Ranks</td><td>222</td><td>(Cot 4)</td></tr></table> <p>Patients were entrained at Cairo on 7/3/17 at 0745 and left for Suez at 0900.</p> <p>Lieut.Colonel N.B. GANDEVIA was Senior Medical Officer and Captains W.R. TOMLINSON (A.A.M.C.) and - SIMPSON (N.Z.M.C.) acted as Medical Officers for the voyage.</p> <p>A list of Medical Staff is shown in Appendix 5.</p>	Officers	21	(Cot 5)	Nurses	4		O/Ranks	222	(Cot 4)	Append. 5
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	MAY		<p><u>H.T. "NEURALIA"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "NEURALIA" sailed from Suez with 8 Officers and 153 O/Ranks on board,(Invalids) on 21/5/17. As no Nurses were carried on the voyage no patients that required continuous or careful nursing or the comforts of a fully equipped Hospital Ship were sent.</p>										
	JULY		<p><u>H.T."PORT SYDNEY."</u></p> <p>The H.T. "PORT SYDNEY" left Suez on 11/7/17 carrying the following Invalids and Nurses:-</p> <table><tr><td>Nurses.</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Officers.</td><td>Cot 8</td><td>Walking 15</td></tr><tr><td>O/Ranks.</td><td>" 83</td><td>" 127 Mental 2</td></tr></table> <p>They were conveyed from Cairo to Suez by Hospital Train which left Cairo at 0900 on the 11th and arrived at Suez at 1400. Nominal Rolls in quadruplicate were given to O.C. train and delivered by him to Embarkation Medical Officer, Suez.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S., A.I.F. in Egypt consulted with Senior Surgeon and Physician of No. 14 Australian General Hospital with regard to selection of cases to be embarked. Only cases that could travel on the "PORT SYDNEY" were allowed to embark.</p>	Nurses.	4		Officers.	Cot 8	Walking 15	O/Ranks.	" 83	" 127 Mental 2	
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	NOVEMBER		<p><u>H.T. "WILTSHIRE"</u> The H.T. "WILTSHIRE" arrived at Suez on Novr. 10th. Arrangements were made for Medical Orderlies to embark on her arrival. All walking cases, Nurses and non-invalids embarked on the afternoon of the 11th and cot cases at 7 a.m. on the 12th. The ship sailed as soon as all cot cases were on board.</p> <p>The following Invalids and details embarked:-</p> <table><tr><td><u>AUSTRALIAN.</u></td><td><u>Officers</u> -</td><td>Cot.</td><td>2</td><td><u>NEW ZEALAND.</u></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Non cot</td><td>17</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td><u>Nurses.</u> -</td><td>Cot</td><td>1</td><td><u>Officers,</u></td><td>Cot 2</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Non cot</td><td>1</td><td></td><td>Non cot 5</td></tr><tr><td></td><td><u>O/Ranks.</u> -</td><td>Cot</td><td>59</td><td><u>O/Ranks</u></td><td>Cot 12</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Non cot</td><td>365</td><td></td><td>Non cot 107</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Mental</td><td>12</td><td></td><td>Mental 1</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td><u>STAFF.</u></td><td><u>Officers</u></td><td>5</td><td>(1 R.A.M.C.)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td><u>Nurses</u></td><td>13</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td><u>O/Ranks</u></td><td>23</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>The Senior Medical Officer of ship reported that embarkation was unsatisfactory at Suez. Cable from Defence, Melbourne and reply from Commandant A.I.F. Headqtrs. in Appen. No. 8</p>	<u>AUSTRALIAN.</u>	<u>Officers</u> -	Cot.	2	<u>NEW ZEALAND.</u>				Non cot	17				<u>Nurses.</u> -	Cot	1	<u>Officers,</u>	Cot 2			Non cot	1		Non cot 5		<u>O/Ranks.</u> -	Cot	59	<u>O/Ranks</u>	Cot 12			Non cot	365		Non cot 107			Mental	12		Mental 1	<u>STAFF.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	5	(1 R.A.M.C.)		<u>Nurses</u>	13			<u>O/Ranks</u>	23		
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	MARCH		<p><u>H.T. "WILTSHIRE"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "WILTSHIRE" left Suez on 30/3/18 with 7 Officers and 79 O/Ranks ex "WANDILLA" on board. The "WANDILLA" arrived at Alexandria at 1800. A certain number of the lighter cases, 7 Officers and 79 O/Ranks were disembarked and left for Suez by Hospital Train at 2030 to embark on the "WILTSHIRE". The rest of the patients remained at Alexandria whilst waiting for the "KANOWNA" to arrive and take them to Australia.</p> <p><u>STAFF:</u> Colonel W.E. SUMMONS - Senior Medical Officer. Captain BLASHKI (R.A.M.C.) Medical Officer.</p> <p><u>Nurses.</u> A.A.N.S. 1 QAIMNSR. 2</p> <p>6 O/Ranks for duty as Nursing Orderlies.</p> <p>Four Invalid Nurses were also embarked.</p> <p>As notification that the "WILTSHIRE" was to be used as an Invalid Transport was only received on the 27th and as she was due to sail on the morning of 29th, there was no opportunity of inspecting the ship or of making any alterations that might be considered necessary. In this connection a letter was sent to D.A.D.M.S., G.H.Q., E.E.F. by the A.D.M.S., A.I.F. in Egypt (Appendix 9)</p>																												
	APRIL		<p><u>H.S. "KANOWNA"</u></p> <p>The H.S. "KANOWNA" sailed from Suez on 15/4/18 with the following Invalids on board:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>OFFICERS.</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Non cot</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>SISTERS.</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Non cot</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mental</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Attendants</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>O/RANKS.</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Non cot</td> <td>298</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mental</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </table>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	Cot	9		Non cot	24	<u>SISTERS.</u>	Cot	1		Non cot	3		Mental	1		Attendants	4	<u>O/RANKS.</u>	Cot	99		Non cot	298		Mental	4	<p>Appendix No 9.</p>
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	APRIL		<p><u>H.T. "TOFUA"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "TOFUA" sailed from Suez on 29/4/18 with 16 Officers and 3 Nurses on board,; of this number the Invalid walking cases were, Officers 9, Nurses 2.</p> <p>It was proposed to send 36 Officers and 219 O/Ranks Invalids in this ship, and arrangements were made accordingly. However, on 13th April a memo was received from P.N.T.O. E.M.O. saying that there would only be room for 20 Officers and that the remaining Officers and 219 O/Ranks should proceed in the "PORT SYDNEY".</p>	

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	1916. AUGUST.		<p align="center">-- INVALIDING --</p> <p><u>H.T. "ITONUS"</u> A cable was received from Defence Department, Melbourne on 19/8/16 stating that the victualling and general arrangements of transport "ITONUS" was highly unsatisfactory and asked that if suitable transport could not be secured to Australia in future that Invalids should be sent in preference to England. The Commandant, Australian Headquarters, Cairo, wrote to Australian Naval Transport Officer and asked for a report. The N.T.O. in reply said that he was responsible for using the "ITONUS" for transport of Invalids and pointed out that the ship was rationed by the Army Service Corps and that the medical inspection of the ship at Suez before sailing was satisfactory. He added that the "ITONUS" was used owing to the large accumulation of Invalids and the unusual shortage of suitable ships. Copies of cables and correspondence with the Naval Board on the subject were enclosed.</p>	Appen. 1																	
	SEPTEMBER		<p><u>H.T. "ASCANIUS"</u> The H.T. "ASCANIUS" left Suez on 2/9/16 with 262 Invalids on board. The numbers of patients and details were as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>INVALIDS.</u></th> <th><u>Cot.</u></th> <th><u>Walking.</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td align="center"><u>7</u></td> <td align="center"><u>4</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>O.Ranks</td> <td align="center">101</td> <td align="center">150</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>SHIP'S STAFF.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td align="center">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nurses</td> <td align="center">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O/Ranks</td> <td align="center">50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disciplinary</td> <td align="center">6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Invalids left Cairo by two Hospital Trains on Sept. 1st. The first train left at 9.45 a.m. and the second at 10.45 a.m. Arrangements were made by wire with the E.M.O., Suez for the requisite number of stretcher bearers to be in attendance on arrival of the trains. The kits and Paybooks of those men, who had not them in their possession, were sent to Suez by train on 1st Sept. A memo giving number of Invalids was sent to Red Cross Commissioner by the A.D.M.S., A.I.F. in Egypt on 28th August, and arrangements were made for the usual Red Cross supplies to be put on</p>	<u>INVALIDS.</u>	<u>Cot.</u>	<u>Walking.</u>	Officers	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	O.Ranks	101	150	Officers	5	Nurses	8	O/Ranks	50	Disciplinary	6	
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	SEPTEMBER		<p><u>H.T. "ASCANIUS" (Cont.)</u> <u>board.</u> Small comforts were distributed at Cairo Station and food and lemonade was supplied for the train journey.</p> <p>A cable was sent from Australian Headquarters, Cairo, to Defence Department, Melbourne on 7th Sept. 1916 to arrange for accommodation of New Zealanders, who embarked on "ASCANIUS", on arrival at Melbourne pending transshipment to New Zealand. A complete Nominal Roll of Invalids and details was cabled to Defence Department, Melbourne on 5/9/16 and a copy of Nominal Roll was posted on 7/9/16 to Melbourne and London.</p>															
	AUGUST		<p><u>H.T. "BORDA"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "BORDA" left Suez Docks on 17/8/16 with the following Invalids and details on board:-</p> <table><tr><td>Officers</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Nurses</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>O/Ranks</td><td>321</td></tr><tr><td>Red Cross Workers</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>---</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>337</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>---</td></tr></table> <p>All the Invalids were light cases. They were entrained at Cairo and proceeded to Suez by Hospital Train.</p> <p>Major W.C. HARVEY acted as O.C. Troops and Captain W. O'HARA as Senior Medical Officer. Dr. KLATCHO of the Russian Imperial Reserve who had been attached to the A.I.F. and was working with No.1 Australian General Hospital was embarked as Medical Officer for the voyage under authority from the I.G.C. He was appointed to act in this capacity by the A.D.M.S. owing to the shortage of A.I.F. Medical Officers in Egypt.</p>	Officers	9	Nurses	4	O/Ranks	321	Red Cross Workers	3		---	TOTAL	337		---	
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	1916 SEPTEMBER	The following cable was received from Defence Department, Melbourne, on 19/9/16:- "WY20 18th AAA MENTAL CASES SHOULD ONLY BE RETURNED WHEN SUITABLE CABINS CAN BE PROVIDED AND THE BEST POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE ARRANGED FOR THEM." DEFENCE.																					
	NOVEMBER	<p><u>H.T. "AYRSHIRE"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "AYRSHIRE" sailed from Suez at 0630 on 21/11/16, with the following Invalids and details on board:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td>Cot Cases</td> <td>28</td> <td>Walking cases - Officers</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>O/Ranks</td> <td>181</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td>" "</td> <td>7</td> <td>Officer</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>O/Ranks</td> <td>22</td> </tr> </table> <p>Major EDWARDS was Senior Medical Officer, and Captains J.G. McKAY and L.B. DALY, Medical Officers.</p> <p>The "AYRSHIRE" was timed to leave on the 19th but did not leave till 21st as the Invalids did not entrain on the 19th. A copy of letter of explanation from Commandant, Australian Headquarters, and copies of letters in reply from Australian Naval Transport Officer are shown in Appendix 3.</p> <p>A letter was received from D.M.S., E.E.F. on 23/11/16 saying that the Commander-in-Chief had ruled that the responsibility for the Medical Equipment and Stores of all transports (British and Australian) lies with the D.M.S., E.E.F. and he should take steps to see that all Hospital Ships leaving Egypt are properly and adequately equipped.</p> <p><u>H.T. "AYRSHIRE"</u></p> <p>Interim Report of voyage from Colombo showed that everything was satisfactory and that the health of the troops on board had not suffered in any way during the voyage. The sanitation and feeding was quite satisfactory.</p>	<u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u>	Cot Cases	28	Walking cases - Officers	5				O/Ranks	181	<u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u>	" "	7	Officer	1				O/Ranks	22	<p>Appen. 3</p> <p>Appen. 4</p>
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	JANUARY		<p><u>H.T. "EURIPIDES"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "EURIPIDES" sailed from Suez on 22/1/17 with the following Invalids and details on board:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td><u>Officers,</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>1</td> <td><u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Noncot</td> <td>3</td> <td><u>Officers,</u></td> <td>Non cot</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>W/Officers</u></td> <td>"</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>O/Ranks.</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>22</td> <td><u>O/Ranks.</u></td> <td>Cot</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Noncot</td> <td>239</td> <td></td> <td>Non cot</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Mental</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>Mental</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>STAFF.</u> Major E.T.H. GOUCHER - O.C. Troops. Lieut. E. McCAUGHAN - Adjutant.</p> <p><u>MEDICAL STAFF.</u> Lt.Colonel D.C. CROLL Major R.S. ROSENFELD. Capt. - ORBELL (N.Z.M.C.)</p> <p>Matron M. GRAHAM. Sister C. SORENSON. " Z. LYONS. S/Nurse M. ROBSON. " A. PURCELL. " A.E. ENBURG.</p> <p>and 12 O/Ranks Medical Orderlies.</p> <p><u>CHAPLAINS.</u> Chap.Gen. C. RILEY. " Capt. W. GRIBB (N.Z.)</p> <p>Report from Colombo (1/2/17) by O.C. Troops showed that the patients were all progressing favourably and that there was no other sickness on board. Embarkation rolls were complete, 22 Officers, 6 Nurses, 344 O/Ranks, Total 372. The food supplied to the troops was of good quality.</p>	<u>A.I.F. INVALIDS.</u>	<u>Officers,</u>	Cot	1	<u>N.Z.E.F. INVALIDS.</u>					Noncot	3	<u>Officers,</u>	Non cot	4		<u>W/Officers</u>	"	3					<u>O/Ranks.</u>	Cot	22	<u>O/Ranks.</u>	Cot	5			Noncot	239		Non cot	20			Mental	-		Mental	1	
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	MARCHE		<p><u>H.T. "WILLOCHRA"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "WILLOCHRA" left Suez on 8/3/17 with the following Invalids on board:-</p> <table><tr><td>Officers</td><td>21</td><td>(Cot 5)</td></tr><tr><td>Nurses</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>O/Ranks</td><td>222</td><td>(Cot 4)</td></tr></table> <p>Suez at 0900.</p> <p>Patients were entrained at Cairo on 7/3/17 at 0745 and left for</p> <p>Lieut.Colonel N.B. GANDEVIA was Senior Medical Officer and Captains W.R. TOMLINSON (A.A.M.C.) and - SIMPSON (N.Z.M.C.) acted as Medical Officers for the voyage.</p> <p>A list of Medical Staff is shown in Appendix 5.</p>	Officers	21	(Cot 5)	Nurses	4		O/Ranks	222	(Cot 4)	
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	MAY		<p><u>H.T. "NEURALIA"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "NEURALIA" sailed from Suez with 8 Officers and 153 O/Ranks on board,(Invalids) on 21/5/17. As no Nurses were carried on the voyage no patients that required continuous or careful nursing or the comforts of a fully equipped Hospital Ship were sent.</p>	Append 5									
	JULY		<p><u>H.T."PORT SYDNEY."</u></p> <p>The H.T. "PORT SYDNEY" left Suez on 11/7/17 carrying the following Invalids and Nurses:-</p> <table><tr><td>Nurses.</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Officers.</td><td>Cot 8</td><td>Walking 15</td></tr><tr><td>O/Ranks.</td><td>" 83</td><td>" 127 Mental 2</td></tr></table> <p>They were conveyed from Cairo to Suez by Hospital Train which left Cairo at 0900 on the 11th and arrived at Suez at 1400. Nominal Rolls in quadruplicate were given to O.C. train and delivered by him to Embarkation Medical Officer, Suez.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S., A.I.F. in Egypt consulted with Senior Surgeon and Physician of No. 14 Australian General Hospital with regard to selection of cases to be embarked. Only cases that could travel on the "PORT SYDNEY" were allowed to embark.</p>	Nurses.	4		Officers.	Cot 8	Walking 15	O/Ranks.	" 83	" 127 Mental 2	
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	AUGUST		<p><u>H.T. "BOORARA"</u> The H.T. "BOORARA" left Suez with the following Invalids on 23/8/17.</p> <table><tr><td>A.I.F. <u>Officers:-</u></td><td>Non cot</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>" <u>O/Ranks</u></td><td>" "</td><td>76</td></tr><tr><td>N.Z.E.F. <u>O/Ranks.</u></td><td>" "</td><td>30</td></tr></table> <p>Lieut. Colonel WHITE was Senior Medical Officer for the voyage. An undertaking was signed by the Invalids that they were willing to travel on the transport under troop transport conditions and to sleep in hammocks. The Senior Surgeon and Physician of No. 14 Australian General Hospital certified that the men were fit to travel under the conditions indicated.</p>	A.I.F. <u>Officers:-</u>	Non cot	3	" <u>O/Ranks</u>	" "	76	N.Z.E.F. <u>O/Ranks.</u>	" "	30																																														
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	MARCH		<p><u>H.T. "WILTSHIRE"</u></p> <p>The H.T. "WILTSHIRE" left Suez on 30/3/18 with 7 Officers and 79 O/Ranks ex "WANDILLA" on board. The "WANDILLA" arrived at Alexandria at 1800. A certain number of the lighter cases, 7 Officers and 79 O/Ranks were disembarked and left for Suez by Hospital Train at 2030 to embark on the "WILTSHIRE". The rest of the patients remained at Alexandria whilst waiting for the "KANOWNNA" to arrive and take them to Australia.</p> <p><u>STAFF:</u> Colonel W.E. SUMMONS - Senior Medical Officer. Captain BLASHKI (R.A.M.C.) Medical Officer.</p> <p><u>Nurses.</u> A.A.N.S. 1 QAIMNSR. 2</p> <p>6 O/Ranks for duty as Nursing Orderlies.</p> <p>Four Invalid Nurses were also embarked.</p> <p>As notification that the "WILTSHIRE" was to be used as an Invalid Transport was only received on the 27th and as she was due to sail on the morning of 29th, there was no opportunity of inspecting the ship or of making any alterations that might be considered necessary. In this connection a letter was sent to D.A.D.M.S., G.H.Q., E.E.F. by the A.D.M.S., A.I.F. in Egypt (Appendix 9)</p>																												
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