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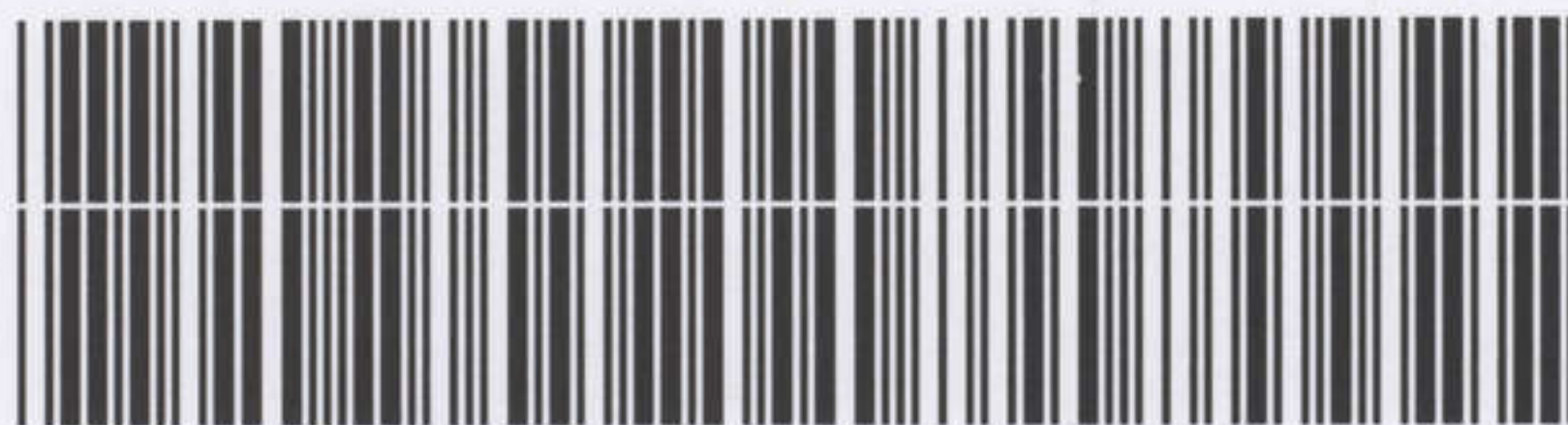
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Renald Andrews
for Colonel.
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JULY	1919	1	<p>H.T. "OXFORDSHIRE". Sailed for Egypt from U.K. 25th June.</p> <p>DECORATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF A.A.M.C., AIF., IN EGYPT. A.I.F., List No 482 of 6:6:1919 contains the following awards:-</p> <table><tr><td>Colonel D.G. CROLL, DDMS., AIF., in Egypt</td><td>C.B.E.</td></tr><tr><td>Major A.M. DAVIDSON, AAMC., (Since embarked for Australia)</td><td>O.B.E.</td></tr><tr><td>Lt.Col. A.J.H. SAW, AAMC., (Since embarked for U.K.)</td><td>O.B.E.</td></tr><tr><td>Colonel W.E. SUMMONS, AAMC., (Since embarked for Australia)</td><td>O.B.E.</td></tr><tr><td>Lt.Col. W.L.KIRKWOOD, AAMC., †</td><td>O.B.E.</td></tr><tr><td>Lt.Col. C.V. SINGLE, AAMC.,</td><td>D.S.O.</td></tr><tr><td>Lt.Col. G.E.M. STUART, AAMC.,</td><td>D.S.O.</td></tr></table> <p>A.A.N.S., A.I.F., IN EGYPT.</p> <table><tr><td>Sisters A.G. BONNAR,</td><td>E.M. COOKE,</td><td>K.M. DONALDSON,)q</td></tr><tr><td>M., JONES,</td><td>E.J. WHITE,</td><td>I.T. BORWICK,)</td></tr><tr><td>N. NAGLE,</td><td></td><td>)</td></tr><tr><td>Staff Nurses E.E.J. HEDDERMAN,</td><td>E.I. HUTTON,</td><td>)</td></tr></table> <p>R.R.C., 2nd CLASS.</p> <p>Captain T.C. BACKHOUSE, AAMC. Attached R.A.F., Struck off strength of A.I.F., in Egypt for purpose of being granted a commission in R.A.F.</p>	Colonel D.G. CROLL, DDMS., AIF., in Egypt	C.B.E.	Major A.M. DAVIDSON, AAMC., (Since embarked for Australia)	O.B.E.	Lt.Col. A.J.H. SAW, AAMC., (Since embarked for U.K.)	O.B.E.	Colonel W.E. SUMMONS, AAMC., (Since embarked for Australia)	O.B.E.	Lt.Col. W.L.KIRKWOOD, AAMC., †	O.B.E.	Lt.Col. C.V. SINGLE, AAMC.,	D.S.O.	Lt.Col. G.E.M. STUART, AAMC.,	D.S.O.	Sisters A.G. BONNAR,	E.M. COOKE,	K.M. DONALDSON,)q	M., JONES,	E.J. WHITE,	I.T. BORWICK,)	N. NAGLE,)	Staff Nurses E.E.J. HEDDERMAN,	E.I. HUTTON,)	
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	3		<p>H.T. "MALTA". Wire received from Lt.Col. C.H. ANDERSON, AAMC., SMO., of this boat, stating that he has inspected the "MALTA" in company with O.C., Troops. The accommodation is unsatisfactory, particularly for debilitated troops going through the tropics. Some of the living accommodation has been condemned as unfit. Lt.Col. ANDERSON considers that only 600 troops should be carried on this boat. Above wire repeated to E.M.O., A.I.F., with instructions that a report be forwarded this office immediately.</p> <p>No 6453 T/S.Q.M.S., O.EDWARDS, AAMC. reported ex Anzac Divnl Headquarters and proceeded to Port Said by 1100 train, for duty with E.M.O., A.I.F.,</p> <p>Colonel W.L. KIRKWOOD, AAMC. DDMS., AIF., sent following cable to DMS., AIF., London "Colonel W.L.KIRKWOOD desirous obtain military employment U.K. 6/12 months strongly recomm- "-ended. Refer Fowler. Reply urgent".</p>	Appendix I																										

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	3		<p><u>Captain E. TYRRE, AAMC.</u>, Recommendation for temporary promotion to rank of Major whilst performing duties of E.M.O., A.I.F., submitted to A.A.G., A.I.F., in EGYPT.</p> <p><u>QUININE FOR RETURNING TRANSPORTS.</u> Memo sent A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Division asking for an estimate of the amount of Quinine in the Division that might be made available for use on Transports.</p> <p><u>H.T. "MALTA".</u> Embarked for Australia carrying personnel ex A.I.F., in Egypt:- 53 Officers, 4 Nurses, 97 Sergeants, 859 Other Ranks. No Invalids were embarked.</p> <p><u>MEDICAL - D U T Y.</u> Lt.Col. C.H. ANDERSON, AAMC., SMO., Major H. SUTTON, AAMC., MO., Captain D.W. McCREDIE, MC., MO.</p> <p><u>NURSING DUTIES.</u> Sister A.M. SCANLON, Staff Nurses H. McDONALD, H. STEWART, J.L.M. DAVIDSON, 16 other ranks ex 7th Sanitary Section, 63 other ranks ex 2nd L.H.F.A. (See appendix 1)</p>	
	4		<p><u>Captain N.B. HALL, AAMC.</u>, <u>Captain H.A. LAMBERT, AADU.</u>, Advice received from "TRANSPORT" that these Officers are to report to E.S.O., Port Said by 1400 on 6th Instant for embarkation to U.K. per S.S. "GOENTOER".</p> <p><u>PROPHYLAXIS DEPARTMENT AT AUSTRALIAN DEPOT STORES GEZIREH CLOSED.</u> Tprs MOORE & CHIDGLEY (Orderlies) transferred to Australian Headquarters.</p>	
	5		<p><u>Captain W.R. TREMBATH, AAMC.</u> reported for duty ex 3rd L.H.F.A. as M.O. to Australian Headquarters Cairo.</p> <p><u>No 14 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.</u> Memo sent by DMS., AIF., to DMS., EEF., stating that it is desired to close No 14 AGH., as soon as possible after 10th Instant, by which date less than 100 general and 100 venereal cases would remain. DMS., AIF., advises that if the Australian patients are then transferred to an Imperial Unit, he could detail for duty, M.O.'s at the rate of 1 for 50 patients - these officers to be at absolute disposal of DMS., EEF., and not necessarily for duty with Australian Sick. Two of these Officers will have had experience with Venereal Disease. It is not proposed to send Nursing Orderlies with the patients unless specially required by DMS., Arrangements will be made to embark all Australian Sick on the last Transport, about the first week of August and passages will be arranged for the venereal cases as they become discharged from Hospital. All patients fit for discharge, including venereal, can be sent to Australian Details Camp Port Said.</p>	

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JULY	5		No 14 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL (Cont'd) DDMS., AIF., asks that instructions be issued as to disposal of No 14 A.G.H. Equipment - whether to be returned to store or handed over to 27th General Hospital.	
			Staff Nurse S.F. HATTERSLEY, AANS., embarked for U.K. on H.T. "PRINCESS JULIANA" for termination of appointment.	
	7		Report by E.M.O., A.I.F. on A.G. "Dunluce Castle"	APPENDIX 2.
	11		Sister A.G. BONNAR, AANS., Staff Nurse N.E. BROMLEY, AANS. Advice sent C.O., No 14 A.G.H., that these nurses are to proceed to Port Said by 0700 train on 12th instant for embarkation to U.K. on S.S. "CALEDONIA". These ladies are proceeding on non-military employment.	
			H.M.A.T. "DUNLUCE CASTLE". Memo as under sent by DDMS., AIF., to AAG., AIF., :- "Following upon a conversation of DDMS., AIF., in Egypt, the N.T.O. at Suez and the Master of the "DUNLUCE CASTLE" on the 7th July representations were made by the Master that owing to the fact that the ship had been detailed for a voyage to Australia as an Ambulance Transport immediate docking was essential. From a medical point of view the advantages to be obtained by docking are:- "(1) Increased speed of the vessel through the tropics lessening the time to be spent in a hot climate. "(2) Increased efficiency of necessary ventilating apparatus such as windsails, windscoops, etc., with a corresponding lowering of temperature in the wards. "The disadvantages of delay are:- "(1) The majority of the patients are in unfavourable accommodation for the present climatic conditions. "(2) It is deleterious to most of the patients to remain a day longer in the present climate than can be avoided. "(3) The majority of the patients have been boarded for many months and cannot be said to have had fair treatment in being delayed so long. "I recommend therefore that priority docking should be obtained if possible and failing this the ship should be ordered to sail in her present condition and not wait for her turn at the docks".	
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	12		<p><u>Sister A.G. BONNAR, AANS. Staff Nurse N.E. BROMLEY, AANS.</u> embarked for U.K. on H.T. "CALEDONIA" Non military employment.</p> <p><u>H.T. "OXFORDSHIRE".</u> embarked for Australia carrying personnel ex AIF., in Egypt :- Officers 72. Nurses 4. Other Ranks 1198. No invalids were embarked. <u>Medical.</u> Lt.Col. G.E.M. STUART, DSO. AAMC. SMO. Major S.R. STAFFORD, AAMC. MO. Captain L.T. BAKER, AAMC. MO. <u>Nursing Duties.</u> Sister L.G. ANDREWS. Staff Nurses L.H. DEANE, L.McDONALD. A.C. RAMSAY. 64 other ranks ex 3rd L.H.F.A.</p>	
	13		<p><u>Colonel W.L.KIRKWOOD, AAMC.</u> Reference War Diary notes of 3rd Instant. Reply cable now received from "ADMINAUST" "75599 10th July 1919 Your telegram C.M.254 of 5th July No Military employment United Kingdom for Colonel KIRKWOOD".</p> <p><u>Captain E.TYRIE, AAMC., EMO., AIF.,</u> Promotion to rank of Major temporarily, approved as from 11:7:1919. Memo AAG., AIF., in Egypt 125/506 of 15:7:1919.</p>	
	14		<p><u>Lt.Col. E.E.BROWN, AAMC. MAJOR E.N.BATEMAN, AAMC. Captain H.B.GILL, AAMC. Captain J.W. SMITH, AAMC.</u> Embarked for U.K., on H.T. "MAGDALENA" for Post Graduate work. <u>Captain H.F.H. ELVINS.</u> Embarked for U.K. on H.T. "MAGDALENA" - 10% Leave.</p>	
	15		<p><u>AAMC OFFICERS WITH AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION</u> Instructions sent ADMS., Australian Mounted Division that all M.O's remaining when their Units have embarked are to be sent to Australian Base Depot, Port Said to await disposal - this office to be advised.</p>	
	16		<p><u>Colonel D.G. CROLL, CBE., and Major P.J.B.MURPHY.</u> proceeded Suez by 0700 train from Cairo for embarkation to Australia on "DUNLUCE CASTLE".</p>	
	17		<p><u>CLOSING OF No 14 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, ABBASSIA.</u> The No 14 A.G.H., was closed to-day remaining patients (62) being transferred to 27th General Hospital, Abbassia. The venereal patients numbering 72 were transferred to 17th General Hospital, Alexandria in charge of Captain J.F. CHAMBERS, AAMC., Captain Chambers is to remain at 17 G.H. doing duty with these Australian patients. ADMS., Alexandria District advised that these patients, as they become fit for discharge, are to be sent to Australian Base Depot, Port Said, to await embarkation to Australia. A daily bed state of patients in Hospital to be rendered this Office also a nominal roll of all patients discharged from time to time.</p>	

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JULY	1919	17	<p><u>CLOSING OF 14th A.G.H. (Cont'd)</u> AAMC., Officers attached for duty at this Hospital are to be transferred to Australian Base Depot Port Said to await embarkation for Australia and U.K.</p> <p><u>AUSTRALIAN PATIENTS IN IMPERIAL HOSPITALS.</u> Memo sent to D.M.S., E.E.F., asking that any Australian patients now in British Hospitals be sent to 27th General Hospital Abbassia forthwith.</p> <p><u>VENEREAL PATIENTS (AUST) IN 17th GENERAL HOSPITAL, ALEXANDRIA.</u> Memo sent ADMS., Alexandria District asking that a daily bed state be forwarded this office - also that those fit for discharge be sent to Australian Base Depot Port Said for embarkation, a nominal roll of all such to be forwarded to this office.</p>	
		18	<p><u>Captain C.S. MOLESWORTH, AAMC.,</u> proceeded Port Said by 1100 train from Cairo for embarkation to Australia per H.T. "MORVADA".</p> <p><u>SHIPPING ACCOMMODATION FOR INVALIDS.</u> Following cable received from "ADMINAUST" "75906, 14:7:19 Your telegram 4th July C.M.240 "DELTA" only ship now fitting here, hospital accommodation will be increased 3%, if necessary increase hospital accommodation other ships in Egypt"</p> <p><u>Captain P.G. CRAGO, AAMC.</u> ex 14th A.G.H. posted for duty with Australian patients at 27th G.H. Abbassia.</p> <p><u>H.S. "DUNLUCE CASTLE".</u> embarked for Australia carrying invalids ex AIF., in Egypt as follows:- <u>Officers</u> 14. <u>Nurses</u> 2. <u>Other ranks</u> 673. <u>Duty.</u> Colonel D.G. CROLL, AAMC., SMO., Major P.J.B.MURPHY, AAMC., MO., Major F.G.GRIFFITHS, AAMC., MO., Major F.C.B.GAFFNEY., AAMC., MO., <u>A.A.N.S.</u> Staff Nurses G.E.HOMEWOOD, L.L.BENTLEY, M.DARE-LUND, F.M.LARSEN, S.WHITE, M.K.WHITEHEAD, Head Sister E.H.CHAPMAN, Sister M.JONES, <u>Masseuses</u> E.COCKS, U.N.DAVIDSON. <u>A.A.M.C.</u> Nursing Duties 29 other ranks ex 14th A.G.H. <u>A.A.N.S.,</u> Invalids Staff Nurses E.K.McLAUGHLIN, "Debility" Staff Nurse E.CHADWICK, "Debility".</p>	

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JULY	20		<p><u>H.T. "DELTA"</u> Following cable received from "ADMINAUST" "76024, 15:7:1919 "DELTA" sailing 15th not carrying troops, stores are advised intact".</p> <p><u>H.T. "CITY OF EXETER"</u> Sailed from U.K. 13th July. Accommodation available 2 officers 5 Sgts 19 other ranks.</p> <p><u>A.A.N.S., A.I.F., IN EGYPT.</u> Memo sent Principal Matron AANS., AIF., in Egypt stating that approval has been obtained for the members of AANS., now remaining in Egypt (14) to live at the Empire Nurses Club, and Continental Hotel. Only actual Board & Lodging expenses will be met by the A.I.F. and a daily nominal roll to be kept by the sister in charge who will be prepared to certify as to its correctness.</p>	
	22		<p><u>H.T. "MORVADA"</u>. Embarked for Australia carrying personnel ex A.I.F., in Egypt as under:- <u>Officers</u> 67. <u>Nurses</u> 3. <u>Other Ranks</u> 1072. No invalids were embarked. <u>DUTY:-</u> Lt.Col. C.V. SINGLE, DSO., AAMC., S.M.O. Captain S.E. HOLDER, AAMC., M.O. Captain A.A. LANG, M.O. Captain C.S. MOLESWORTH, AAMC., M.O. <u>A.A.N.S.,</u> Sister G.M. SHARPE, AANS., AIF., in Egypt, Staff Nurses A. McKNIGHT, A.A. BINDLEY, <u>Nursing Duties:-</u> 74 Other Ranks ex 4th L.H.F.A.</p>	
	23		<p><u>Captain R.J. HUNTER, A.A.M.C.</u> proceeded to Port Said by 0700 train from Cairo for embarkation to U.K. on H.T. "TAGUS".</p> <p><u>MEDICAL OFFICERS FOR POST GRADUATE WORK IN U.K.</u> The following officers ex AAMC., AIF., in Egypt embarked on H.T. "TAGUS" at Port Said for U.K., to-day:- Captains R.J. HUNTER, J.E. SHELLEY, J.J. KELLY, E.S. JOSKE, H. CRAWFORD, W. CROSSE, C.T. ANDREW, F.C. THOMPSON, T. FARRANRIDGE, and A.E. TAYLOR.</p> <p><u>AANS., FOR U.K.</u> Matron CREAL (Principal Matron AANS., AIF., in Egypt) and Staff Nurse ALLEN E. proceeded Port Said for embarkation to U.K., on H.T. "TAGUS". Matron CREAL proceeds on duty, Staff Nurse ALLEN for non-military employment.</p> <p><u>Captain F.M. WILCOX, AAMC.</u> proceeded U.K. on H.T. "TAGUS" - 10% leave.</p>	
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	25		<p>Captain P.G. CRAGO, AAMC. attached to 27th General Hospital, Abbassia marched out to Australian Base Depot Port to await embarkation for U.K.</p>	
	26		<p><u>Siater D. BAWSTON, Staff Nurse S.B. NICHOLAS, AANS.,</u> embarked for U.K., on H.T. "PRINCESS JULIANA" for non-military employment.</p> <p><u>H.T. "BURMA"</u> embarked for Australia carrying personnel ex A.I.F., in Egypt:- Officers 45. Nurses 3. Other Ranks 924. No invalids were embarked. <u>DUTY:-</u> Lt.Col. C.L.CLARKE, AAMC., SMO. Capt. W.R.TREMBATH, AAMC., MO., Capt. E.S.MORRIS, AAMC., MO., Capt. H.G.HUMPHRIES, AAMC., MO., Q.M.&Hon. Capt.F.H.PHILLIPS., QM. AANS., AIF., in Egypt:- Staff Nurses M.E.BRIGGS, M.PERRIER, L.H.KELMAN, <u>Nursing Duties:-</u> 26 other ranks balance 5th L.H.Field Ambulance. 14 other ranks 8th Sanitary Section.</p>	
	27		<p>Captain J.G.M.BEALE, AAMC., Following cable received from "ADMINAUST" "76979, 23:7:1919 Captain "J.G.M.BEALE., AAMC., wire reason granted Temporary Major and duty on which sent England" In reply DDMS., AIF., sent following:- "Your 76979 of 23rd Instant "Captain BEALE promoted to complete authorised proportion of Majors and approved G.O.C., AIF., "in EGYPT. Sent England for Post Graduate work".</p>	
	28		<p><u>DISPOSAL OF AIF., VENEREAL PATIENTS IN EGYPT.</u> In reply to a memo from DMS., AIF., in Egypt, requesting instructions as to disposal of chronic V.D. cases amongst the A.I.F., in Egypt, the following is received from DMS., AIF., LONDON:- "Treatment is to be continued in Egypt until each officer or man is free from infection, and "in a fit state to be returned to Australia not classified as suffering from V.D." This course is recommended by DMS., AIF., London and approved by the Minister for Defence Australia.</p>	
			H.T. "TAKADA"/	

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	31		<p><u>DEMOBILISATION OF AAMC., & AANS., AIF., IN EGYPT.</u></p>	(See APPENDIX ³ 4)

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OF

D.D.M.S., A.I.F., IN EGYPT

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2. REPORT BY D.D.M.S., & E.M.O., A.I.F., on A.T. "DUNLUCE CASTLE".
3. REPORT ON DEMOBILISATION OF A.A.M.C., & A.A.N.S., A.I.F.,
IN EGYPT.

Appendix I

AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS (EGYPT)

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H.T. "MALTA".

I beg to report as follows on H.T. "MALTA" which sailed from Kantara for Australian Ports on 3:7:1919.

I proceeded to Kantara on 2:7:1919 and embarked 4 nursing sisters for duty on the voyage. Sister SCANLON, Staff Nurses:- STEWART, DAVIDSON, and H. McDONALD. Lt. Col. ANDERSON, SMO., Major SUTTON and Captain McCREDIE, MC., embarked for medical duties. On arrival at ship I received a despatch from EMO., AIF., Port Said stating that the SMO., had condemned certain portions of the ship.

On inspection, in company with SMO., the parts condemned viz:- troop deck sections "A" & "C" were paid special attention. It was decided that no troops should be put in a deck owing to faulty ventilation, proximity to crews' quarters & offensive odour emanating from dried eastern food in an adjacent storeroom. Troop deck "C" on inspection, was found to be in my opinion, well provided with electric ventilating blowers and permanent windsail fitted into end of deck opposite to blowers. The lighting of this deck is artificial. During a storm which would necessitate the closing of the port holes in the troop deck above "C" the latter deck would be the only one which would receive a regularly renewed supply of fresh air as its ventilating system is independent of all other decks. Major Harvey SUTTON, DADMS., Anzac Mounted Division considered that the air on this deck is renewed about 6 times per hour. Lt. Col. HERCUS also considered the deck satisfactory. Considering all the factors governing the repatriation of the A.I.F., in Egypt viz:- the Egyptian Summer, the repeated delays that have been encountered and the inadvisability of breaking up units and leaving small detachments behind of a division that has ceased to exist owing to the return of all its personnel to Australia. The space allotted the troops on this deck is very liberal only 89 men being detailed for this portion of the ship.

For sentimental reasons only I made arrangements with O.C. Troops that the men occupying this deck should have preference for deck space for sleeping purposes if they wished to do so. The remaining troop decks and Sergeants' accommodation are satisfactory, ventilation being effected by ports, windsails and fans.

DECK SPACE is very limited that on the promenade deck being cut up by many temporary deck houses. The well decks afford no space whatever for men owing to the presence of large winches, hatches and deck houses. It was strongly suggested to the O.C. Troops that as the first class accommodation was good, all the space possible should be made available for the use of the troops. He instantly concurred with my views on this matter.

HOSPITALS. Hospital accommodation is ample, the general hospital being situated in the 2nd dining saloon which is quite satisfactory for the purpose. The Isolation fitted with 10 beds is situated on the poop. Disinfection room is situated on the port side.

LATRINES. ABLUTION etc. 26 seats for other ranks, 38 wash basins and 12 showers are provided. 5 plunge baths were placed on board for ablation purposes.

TROOP GALLEY. In my opinion the galley is deficient in capacity and faulty in position. If very rough weather occurs, some difficulty may be experienced in serving mess orderlies with food.

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H.T. "MALTA" (Cont'd).

This vessel does not compare very favourably with others recently made available for repatriation of A.I.F., in Egypt. She is deficient in beam for trooping purposes and the deck space is limited and encumbered.

However taking all factors into consideration and the fact that the units it was proposed to embark consisted of the remnants of the Anzac Mounted Division; also the excellence of the ration and the very large amount of foods and comforts placed on board by Australian Comforts Fund and Australian Red Cross, I am of opinion that the troops will not suffer in any degree by being embarked.

.....Captain.

E.M.O., A.I.F., IN EGYPT.

Appendix II

A.T. "DUNLUCE CASTLE".

INSPECTION BY D.D.M.S., and E.M.O., A.I.F., on 7:7:1919 AT SUEZ.

The vessel was seen on approaching her to be in a very dirty condition and that opinion was verified by the Master who stated that the speed of the vessel was very poor owing to the fact that she had not been docked since November last.

On internal inspection the vessel was found to be occupied by invalids transferred from a shipwrecked vessel in the Red Sea.

In spite of this fact it was considered that the vessel was a first class hospital carrier. The air space, ventilation, sanitation, and scale of rations on board, also large deck space making her eminently suitable for the purpose.

The first class accommodation for staff is very good. The saloon having seating accommodation for 45.

The accommodation in cabins for staff and others as required is 38.

WARDS.

Officers' Ward contains	34	swing cots)	
" " " "	16	" ")	50
"A" " "	92	single "	92
"B" " "	256	double tier cots	256
"C" " "	128	single cots	128
"D" " "	92	double tier cots	92
"E" " "	116	" " "	116
Mental ward contains 3 cells & guard room			3
Ship's Isolation Hospital (Bunks)			8
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STAFF QUARTERS.

W.Os' room contains 3 beds)	
Orderlies' quarters 66 double tier beds)	73
Sergeants' room contains 6 beds)	<hr/>

ALTERATIONS REQUIRED.

- (1) Removal of 15 beds in forward end of Ward "C" and fixing up 4 Mess tables in ~~space~~ space obtained.
- (2) Fitting up present mess accommodation amidships in "C" Ward with shelves, pigeon holes, fans, etc., to serve as Pay Office.
- (3) Screening off space in Medical Staff quarters to accommodate 18n extra sergeants; batten screening will be quite sufficient, so that ventilation not interfered with.
- (4) Removal of upper & lower boards in present Sergeants' dormitory containing 6 beds to improve ventilation of same.

Captain.
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OFFICERS.

At commencement of Demobilisation there were 102 Officers of AAMC., AIF., in Egypt for disposal. These have been disposed of as follows:-

	Embarked for U.K.	40
	Embarked for Australia	46
	Discharge in India	1 (Major W.G. FORDE)
	Discharge in Egypt	1 (Capt. T.C. BACKHOUSE to RAF)
(1)	Awaiting embarkation to U.K.	8
(2)	Awaiting embarkation to Australia	6

(1) Lt.Col. S.H. SECCOMBE, Major G.S. SHIPWAY, Captains J.A. WALL, H.P. CLARK, D.C. WORCH, P.G. CRAGO, J.F. CHAMBERS, H. DOLMAN. With the exception of Captains WORCH and CHAMBERS who cannot yet be spared - all of these officers are due to embark for U.K., on H.T. "CALEDONIA" on 2nd prox. Captain CHAMBERS is in charge of A.I.F., Venereal Patients at 17th General Hospital Alexandria and Captain Worch is acting as S.M.O., at Australian Base Depot Port Said. It is anticipated both these officers will be released from duty in a couple of weeks and will then proceed to U.K.

(2) Colonel W.L. KIRKWOOD, Major E. TYRIE, Captains R.S. ANDREWS T.Y. NELSON, D.L. HOWELL and R.J. MURPHY. All these officers will embark for Australia on H.T. "DELTA" due to leave on 2nd prox.

A.A.N.S.

With the exception of three nurses, all members of AANS., AIF., in Egypt have embarked for U.K., or Australia. Three now remaining are proceeding to Australia on H.T. "DELTA" on 2nd prox. A final report on the AANS., AIF., in Egypt by Principal Matron Creal has been forwarded you to-day.

GENERAL.

All AAMC., Units embraced in Australian Mounted Division and Anzac Mounted Division have embarked for Australia, also 2nd Australian Stationary Hospital and part of the 14th Australian General Hospital. The remainder of 14th Australian General Hospital are embarking on H.T. "DELTA" on 2nd prox.

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