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War Diary

of

3rd Australian Machine Gun Squadron

From 1st July 1919

To ~~31st July 1919~~ 10th Aug 1919

Geo. B. Richardson Lieut officers
compiling

W. Bryant Capt. officer
commanding



PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE	REF MAP
MOASCAR	JULY 1 ST	0030	Arrived Moascar from ZAGAZIG by Troop Train. Proceeded to Camp Site - where Advance Party had already erected most of the tents required.	EGYPT
		0600	Cookhouse cleaned out & arrangements made for Breakfast. Unloading Parties busy all morning unloading Baggage Train. Transport Supplied by A.S.C.	
		1100	Squadron marched to Camps Canteen for midday Meal. This meal and one large loaf of Bread to each two men was paid for from Sphing funds.	
		1230	Parties of 30 or proceeded to disinfecting Station every 40 minutes to have Blankets and Clothing fumigated.	GBR
		1400 1500		
MOASCAR	JULY 2 ND	0600	Reveille. Muster Parade of Squadron and complete list taken of Clothing etc required to complete to Scale laid down for Embarkation.	
		0800	Lieut G. B. Richardson Proceeded to TANTARA to witness embarkation of 8 TH A.L.H.R.	
		1500	8 TH A.L.H. Regt sailed from TANTARA for AUSTRALIA aboard H.M.T. MALTA.	GBR
MOASCAR	JULY 3 RD	—	Machine Guns, Equipment - Rifles, Bandoliers, Belts Bayonets, Haversacks and Waterbottles - and Ammunition handed in to Ordnance Depot - MOASCAR	GBR
do.	JULY 4 TH to 8 TH	—	Organisation and Preparation of Returns Nominal Rolls etc for Embarkation. Weather Hot. Greater part of Squadron went in swimming in Lake Timsal and to Swimming Bath in ISMAILIA. Sqdn was paid $\frac{1}{2}$ English & $\frac{1}{2}$ Egyptian currency.	GBR
do.	JULY 9 TH	1000	Advance Party - 1 Representative from each Subsection and one from Headquarters - Sgt Murphy in Charge - Entrained for Port Said to go aboard Transport and take over mess tables, utensils etc. Sents struck & returned to Ordnance	GBR
MOASCAR	JULY 10 TH	0500 0530	Reveille. Breakfast. all Blankets (in Bundles of 20) Ground sheets and Quinine sheets (in Bundles of 10) Water Buckets handed in to Q.M's Store. Messing and Cookhouse Gen washed and handed in - all Returns sent to Ordnance. Camp area left thoroughly cleaned. Unit entrained for TANTARA at 1000.	GBR

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H.M.T. OXFORDSHIRE	JULY 10 th	1230	9 th & 10 th L.H. Regts, B.H.Q. 7. Ambulance, Mobile Vet. Section and 3rd A.M.G.S. went aboard - were met by their respective Advance Representatives and conducted to their Tables. H.M.T. OXFORDSHIRE moved out from Embarkation Pier - KANTARA - During afternoon Bagadier General L.C. Wilson came aboard about 2130 as the Boat was passing through Lake TIMSAH - close to ISMAILIA. G.B.R.	
do	July 11 th to 15 th		Weather extremely hot. Humid atmosphere. Very misty and hazy. Troops being crowded - occupied every possible spot in which a hammock could be swung - avoiding sleeping down on the mess decks where heat was unbearable. Issue of food on Board was very good. There has been a very liberal issue of comforts daily which is greatly appreciated. It consists of tinned fruits, Orange juice, Coffee & Milk & Biscuits. From LAT. 24° 16' N on 12 th July to LAT. 12° 23' N. on 15 th July this was the daily mileage - 318. 330. 316 and 324 miles. G.B.R.	
do	July 16 th to July 22 nd		Out of the Red Sea - Steaming for COLOMBO. Weather still hot. Less humid atmosphere. Rough weather - it being the monsoon season - is expected. Rafts made secure and awnings taken down. A fair amount of sea sickness. We missed the severe draughts, Bridge and Criffage tournaments organised throughout all units and decks. Good issue of comforts daily. From LAT. 12° 36' N. on 16 th to LAT. 7° 25' on 21 st daily mileage was 314. 314. 317. 308. 309. 286. To Colombo on 22 nd - 194 miles. G.B.R. G.H.P. and others	

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H.M.T. OXFORDSHIRE	22 nd July	0530	Reveille. Early Breakfast. A Party of 600 or 700 were taken off in Lighters at 0745. Marched from the Jetty to Special Train which was in readiness to take us to KANDY.	
do	23 rd		3 rd A.M.C.S. Party was 2 Officers & 45 O.P.s. Special Train was provided by CEYLON GOVERNMENT. Arrangements for Lunch at KANDY and for the whole Trip were carried out by Y.M.C.A. Representative at COLOMBO. All had most enjoyable trip arrived back on OXFORDSHIRE at midnight. ^{Honour of having cleanest deck went to M.G. Squadron} G.B.R.	
do	24 th	1700	Cleared Colombo Harbour, En Route Adelaide. Run 253 miles. G.B.R.	
do	July 25 th to 29 th		From LAT. 3° 21' N at midday 25 th to LAT. 11° 30' S at midday on 29 th . Daily Runs were 310, 288, 281, 272. Heavy Rain experienced each night after crossing Equator on 26 th July. On Saturday 26 th at 1630, a Boat Station Parade was carried out. All Ranks wore lifebelts. This Parade has been carried out each Saturday. A Second Draughts Bridge and Cribbage tournament in progress and creating much interest & keenness. Sports Program arranged & good entries received. G.B.R.	
do	July 30 th and 31 st		Weather much cooler. Heats of 440 yds run off. Hop. Step jump - M.G.S. 1 st 2 nd 3 rd monkey on string & dog jump - M.G.S. 1 st in each. Potato Race. High jump - M.G.S. 1 st 2 nd 3 rd H.T. Wireless communication established with Australia 2200 on 30 th . O.L.S. received to TO FREMANTLE. LAT 15° S. midday 30 th . Run 266 miles 31 st LAT. 18° 33' S. 298 miles. Band Recital 1830. Passed 2 ships. First since COLOMBO. G.B.R.	