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Machine Guns

Item number: 24/32/35

Title: 3rd Australian Machine Gun
Squadron

August 1919



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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE	REF MAP.
H.M.T. OXFORDSHIRE	Aug 1st	0930	Coffee & milk, milk and soap distributed to mess decks - These gifts are supplied by Australian Comforts Fund - placed on board the Transport cotkanura - and some in England. managed on Board by Capt. Chaplin. Inver and Riley, 9th & 10th Regts Sports Continued - Relay Race Pillow Fight, Walking Greasy Pole etc. Personal Forms B and 122's of Personnel of 5th military district handed in to ships orderly room - Days Run 308 miles	G.B.R.
do	" 2nd	1000	Medical inspection of all Troops on Board. Medical Examination of 5th Military District Personnel of 3rd A.M.C. Sqn.	G.B.R.
do	" 3rd	2000 0930	Distribution of Prizes won at Sports. Ships Run for day 316 miles. Blankets, Hammocks, lifebelts and mess utensils checked and found correct. Working Suits of Western Australians of Gun Sqn handed in to ordnance	G.B.R.
do	" 4th	0700	In sight of Island of ROTTNEST. 0930 Arrived FREMANTLE. Temperature of all on board taken by Shore Authorities. Ship strictly Clean. 270 miles.	G.B.R.
do	" 5th	1245	3rd M.C. 5 & 10th Regt commenced disembarkation. Large crowd on Wharf - notwithstanding heavy Rain - to see Returning Soldier Relatives. Leave ashore granted to all troops on board - except those detailed for picket duty. Large number went PERTH.	G.B.R.
do	" 6th	1315	Heavy Gale blowing. Very cold. Much doubt as to whether our Boat could get away from Wharf in face of strong wind - only small tug available. Moved from wharf swinging round at 1200. Cleared Breakwater - absentee Report rendered - 1 absentee.	G.B.R.
H.M.T. OXFORDSHIRE	" 7th	2030	Heavy Sea. In sight of mainland. At midday in LAT. 34° S. 212 miles since leaving FREMANTLE. All ranks paraded at Dispensary and had Temperatures taken. Sea and Wind abating. Fine day with Pleasant sunshine. In LAT. 35° S at midday. Record Run for Voyage - 331 miles. Cakes and Fresh Fruit distributed on mess decks. This was taken on board at FREMANTLE - Gift from Australian Comforts Fund & Y.M.C.A. FORMS B and 122 called for for Personnel of 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st & 6th mil. Districts. Lecture by Mr. H.S. GULLET on interesting Phases of Peace Conference - Very interesting	G.B.R.

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HMT OXFORDSHIRE	AUGUST 8 TH		Parade of all Ratings to have Temperature taken. This is a daily occurrence. Particulars of Discharge forms filled in for Personnel of 3 rd & 4 th Military District. Apples issued to all from associated W.A. Funds. Run for day 300 miles	G.B.P.
do	9 th	1500	Malaria Return rendered to Ship's Orderly Room - Return for each State - Working Suits for 4 th Military District Personnel of 31 st A.M.C.S. handed in. Farewell speech by Capt G.H. Bryant to the men of his Squadron. Run for day 303 miles.	G.B.P.
H.M.T. OXFORDSHIRE	10 th	0600. 0700. 0800.	Reveille. Hammocks Blankets, lifebelts handed in. Breakfast. Anchored at entrance to Harbor. Waiting for Doctor for Quarantine inspection. As the C.O. 13 th A.M.C.S. - Capt G.H. Bryant disembarks here, the Squadron is practically broken up - a fact which is being realised by us all with no small feeling of Regret and - later - loneliness.	G.B.P.

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