

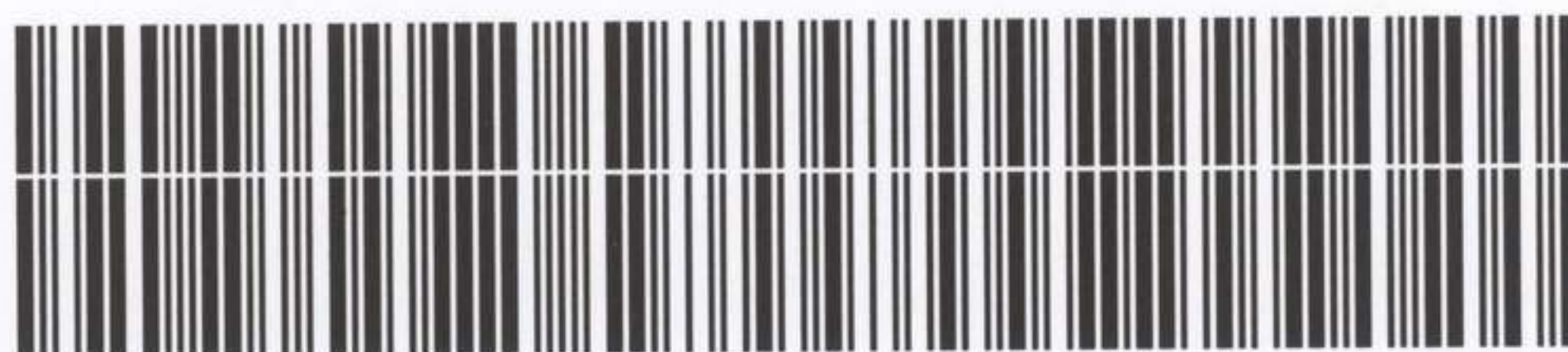
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WAR DIARY

OF

Branch 2D. REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION
FOR

FEBRUARY 1910

Signature of Officer compiling

Rayton-Smith

Signature of Officer Commanding

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LIEUT.-COLONEL,
MOVEMENTS AND QUARTERING BRANCH,
DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION, A.I.F.

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or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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LONDON	1920. Feb.	1	Strength of Branch 15 officers 59 other ranks 14 civilians.	1.
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		3.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 59 other ranks 14 civilians	
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		9.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks, 15 civilians.	
		10.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians. General Progress for fortnight ending 7.2.20.	2.
		11.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians.	
		12.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 58 other ranks 15 civilians. Final inspection of "HORORATA"	3.
		13.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians. "ANCHISES" embarked at GLASGOW 4 officers, also 16 women and 2 infants.	
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LONDON	Feb. 16.		Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians Instructions issued to Advance Party "ORONTES"	4.
	17.		Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 13 civilians.	
	18.		Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 13 civilians.	
	19.		Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians.	
	20.		Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians.	
	21.		Strength of Branch 14 officers 56 other ranks 15 civilians. Struck off strength: Lieut. F.J.B. Annear to embarkation on "ORONTES" "ORONTES" embarked at Tilbury 9 officers 3 W.O's 9 other ranks, also 22 women and 2 children	
	22.		Strength of Branch 13 officers 55 other ranks 16 civilians.	
	23.		Strength of Branch 13 officers 55 other ranks 16 civilians. Struck off Strength Lieut. C.M. TREACEY for Return to Australia. General Progress for fortnight ending 21.2.20	5.
	24.		Strength of Branch 13 officer 54 other ranks 16 civilians.	
	25.		Strength of Branch 13 officers 53 other ranks 16 civilians.	
	26.		Strength of Branch 13 officers 53 other ranks 16 civilians. Instructions issued to Advance Party for "DEMOSTHENES" Instructions issued for embarkation "ASCANIUS" Instructions issued for embarkation "ORVIETO"	6. 7. 8.
	27.		Strength of Branch 13 officers 53 other ranks 16 civilians.	
	28.		Strength of Branch 12 officers 53 other ranks 16 civilians. Struck off Strength Lieut. A.L. BOOL to Indefinite Leave	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																				
LONDON	Feb. 29.		<p>Strength of Branch 12 officer 53 other ranks 16 civilians.</p> <p>The following applications for passage to Australia were received during the month:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>1st Cl.</th> <th>2nd Cl.</th> <th>3rd Cl.</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Dependants of A.I.F. etc.</td> <td>30</td> <td>85</td> <td>216</td> <td>331</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex.A.I.F. and dependants</td> <td>7</td> <td>5</td> <td>144</td> <td>156</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>37</td> <td>90</td> <td>360</td> <td>487</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		1st Cl.	2nd Cl.	3rd Cl.	Total	Dependants of A.I.F. etc.	30	85	216	331	Ex.A.I.F. and dependants	7	5	144	156		37	90	360	487	
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WAR DIARY

OF

BRANCH 2D. REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION

FOR

F E B R U A R Y 1910

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Instructions issued Embarkation "ANCHISES"
2.	General Progress for fortnight
3.	Final inspection "HORORATA"
4.	Instructions issued Advance Party "ORONTES"
5.	General Progress for fortnight
6.	Instructions issued Advance Party "DEMOSTHENES"
7.	Instructions issued for embarkation "ASCANIUS"
8.	Instructions issued embarkation "ORVIETO"

"ANCHISE"

EMBARKING AT GLASGOW FRIDAY 13th INSTANT.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Thurs. 12th instant.

PROCEED Leave Euston 9.15 a.m. Friday 13th inst. arrive
Glasgow 7.25 pm. Friday 13th.

NUMBERS 3 Officers
O.C. Troops
Pay Officer
1 special

and wives families and dependants to be warned and entrained
as arranged between E.D.5. and E.D.1.

Copies to:- S.O.D. & R.T. (2) E.D.1. S.O.11 (3) Sgt. Haggitt.
Sgt. Stewart S/Lgt. Madden. S/Lgt. Hawkins.
A.R.E.O. Devonport, A.R.R. Liverpool.

Feb. 2th 1920.

P.B. Sawkins

Staff Sergeant.
E.D.2.a.

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DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION

BRANCH 2D.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING
7. 2. 1920.

RAIL TRANSPORT

- (1) Issue of Railway Warrants as required, and check of railway warrants issued by A.I.F. in U.K. and returns in connection with same.
- (2) Adjustment of irregularities in railway warrants used by A.I.F. personnel.
- (3) Sundry stores were forwarded to the s.s. "ANCHISES"
- (4) ^{Movements of} ~~numerous~~ miscellaneous stores in U.K. and France were arranged.
56 packages of Comforts and Red Cross stores were despatched to the Australian Graves Section in Belgium.
- (5) Arrangements made for entrainment of personnel embarking s.s. "ANCHISES".
- (6) General correspondence in connection with above and in connection with ~~bag~~ missing baggage of personnel previously embarked for Australia.

BOARD OF SURVEY

Progress Inspections

"GERMANIC"
"HORORATA"
"ZEALANDIC"

Haydon-Smith
Lieut.-Colonel.
Staff Officer,
Movements & Quartering Branch,
Repatriation & Demob. A. I. F.

10.2.1920.

DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION, A.I.F.

Board of Survey & Fitting of Transports) Final Report on Inspection of
 2.D.6.) of
 Australia House,) s.s. "HOROKATA"
 Strand, W.C.2.)
 12th February, 1920.) Allocated for Australian
) service.

Owners New Zealand Shipping Company.

Fitting at Victoria Docks.

Berth 2 Jetty

Expected to sail Middle of March.

1. Numbers to be provided for:-

Officers A.I.F.	23	
Nurses	6	29
Sergeants (hammocks)	20	
" (Cabins)	4	24
Other Ranks A.I.F.	425	
Women & Children	500	925
Prisoners in cells		10
	Total	980

2. 1st Class Passengers.

O.C. Troops Cabin	5	
" " Office	In Cabin	
S.M.O.'s Cabin	4	
Nurses Cabins	To be allotted.	
Number of berths other than above available for allotment		21.
Officers' Baths	No. 2 Situation) Pt. Side Upper Dk) to be	
" W.Cs.	5 ") " ") fitted.	
Ladies Baths	1 " Prom. Deck. Stbd.	
" W.Cs.	1 " " " "	

3. 2nd Class Passengers. No. 1 Main Amidships.

Sergeants' Mess	
Seating	28
" Hammocks	20
" Cabins	4
" Latrines	3 Portside, Upper Deck.
" Baths	-
" Washbasins	2) to be fitted and
" Showers	1) bulkheaded off.

Final Report on Inspection of s.s. "Hororata" Contd.

4. Troop Decks. Sheathed.
5. Weather Decks. Ample and sheathed.
6. Troops' Washplaces. Upper Deck forward portside 13
 Women's " Main Deck amid. 9
 " " Aft 44
7. Troops' Showers. Upper Deck Ford. Stbd. 9 to be fitted.
 Women's Baths. Main Deck Aft. 6
 " " Amid Pt. 4 to be fitted.
8. Troops' Latrines. Upper Deck Ford. Port. 8
 " " " Stbd. 8 - 16.
 Women's. Upper Deck Aft.
 " " Port.

9. Hospital General.

	<u>Male.</u>			<u>Female.</u>	
Situation	Upper	Dk. Pt.	Side Aft.	Upper	D. Aft.
Single Cots	-			-	
D.T.B's	10			8	
Messing	8			6	
W.Cs.	1			1	
Sink Hopper	Tap over W.C.			Tap over W.C.	
Bathroom	1			1	
Showers	1			-	
Washbasins	2			2	
Pantry fitting				Dresser.	

10. Dressing Station. Upper Deck Port. Aft.
11. Dispensary. Adjoining Dressing Station.
12. Dental Surgery. Use Dressing Station.
13. S.M.O's Office. Desk in Male General Hospital.
14. Isolation Hospital.

	<u>Male.</u>			<u>Female.</u>		
Situation	Prom.	Dk.	Port.	Upper	Dk.	Amid. Stbd.
Single Cots	-			-		
D.T.B's	12			4		
Messing	8			6		
W.C's	1			1		
Sink Hopper	Tap over W.C.			Tap over W.C.		
Bath	1			1		

Final Report on Inspection of s.s. "Hororata" Contd.

14. Isolation Hospital Contd.

Washbasins	2	2
Showers	1	-
Remarks	Dresser	Dresser

15. Guard Room.

Forward Troop Deck.
Stbdside Aft (Main Deck)

6 Hammocks
10 Cells to be fitted.

16. Maternity Ward.

Fan to be fitted.

Situation	Main Deck Portside Aft.
Accommodation	2 Cots
Remarks:	2 Chairs
	Fyffe's Chair
	Washbasin Sink
	All steam fittings to be in Food Preparation Room.

17. Venereal Ward.

Use Male Isolation.

18. Orderly Room.

Prom. Deck stbdside aft.

19. Pay Audit Office.

Abaft Orderly Room.

20. Spray Room.

) Upper Deck, Portside, Aft to be fitted
) with 3 Radiators, Drying hooks, etc.

21. Disinfector.

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22. Education Room.

Upper Deck Portside Amidships.

23. Canteen Issue Room.

ditto.

Berth for Canteen Sergeant in W.O's Cabin.

24. Y.M.C.A. Issue Room.

Upper Deck, Portside Amidships.

25. Store Rooms.

Canteen	3,000 C.F.)	To be arranged.
Bedding	1,000)	
Baggage	1,000)	
Owners arrange for women's baggage)	
General	3,000)	

26. Refrigerator Space Report.

Adequate.

Final Report on Inspection of s.s. "Hororata" Contd.

27. <u>Bakery.</u>	Position Capacity	Upper Deck Ford. & Ship's. 2,000.
28. <u>Food Preparation Room.</u>	Main Deck, Portside, aft.	
29. <u>Nursery.</u>	Upper Deck, Amid. aft. in old Galley.	
30. <u>Laundry.</u>	Main Deck Aft. (2 compartments) Ironing Room in Lavatory Upper Dk. Portside to be fitted. Drying Room Spray Room to be fitted for this purpose.	
31. <u>Galley.</u>	Position Capacity	Ship's & Upper Deck, ford. 2000.
32. <u>Fresh Water Capacity.</u>	Adequate.	
33. <u>General Remarks.</u>	<p>Women's Recreation Room Upper Deck, portside, Old Sergeants' Mess to be fitted.</p> <p>Kicking Pens 4 4 ft. x 4 ft. 2 4 ft. x 2 ft.</p> <p>Baby Cots To be provided.</p> <p>Baby Baths 25% of number of Babies; to be supplied.</p>	

Steam to all Baths to be fitted.

Women's Mess Room : backs to be fitted to 40% of seats.

Officers' Lounge to be fitted in after part of existing Officers' Mess Room.

3rd class Smoke Room in stbdside alleyway to be refitted as such.

(Signed) H.W. Johnson, Major,	President.
" E.W. Morris, Major.	Medical Member.
" A.H. Ninnis, Lieut.	Naval Member.

BOARD OF SURVEY & FITTING OF TRANSPORTS, A.I.F.

Department of Repatriation & Demobilisation, A.I.F.

Board of Survey & Fitting of Transports.

Troop Deck allotment to s.s. "Hororata"

Date: 12th February, 1920.

Deck.	Fitted. Mess. Sleep.	Allotted.	Cub.ft. per man.	Ventilation.	Remarks.
Main Ford.	W.Os. (In cabin)	4			Good Troop Deck
	Sgts. 28	20)	42 Ports	
	Other Rks. 425	425)	2 Hatches (large)	
	Prisoners	10)	2 companions.	In Cells.

459 (Including 4 W.Os. 20 Sgts. & 10 Prisoners)

Signed: A.H. Ninnis, Lieut.
Naval Member.

Signed: H.W. Johnson, Major.
President.

Signed: E.W. Morris, Major.
Medical Member.

"O R O N T E S"

ADVANCE PARTY EMBARKING TILBURY DOCKS SAT. 21st INST.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Friday 20th instant.

PROCEED Leave Fenchurch Street 9.5 a.m. Sat. 21st inst.
arr. Tilbury Docks 10.4 a.m.

<u>NUMBERS</u>	3 Officers.	2 others.
	O.C. Troops	O.R.E.
	Adjutant	Pay Sergeant
	Pay Officer	

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PROVOST

1 N.C.O. and 3 other ranks instructed to report A.E.S.O.
Tilbury Docks Sta. at 9 a.m. Sat 21st instant.

MAIN EMBARKATION AT TILBURY DOCKS ON SAT. 21st instant.

Report for Instructions 3 p.m. Friday 20th instant.

PROCEED

1st Train conveying 3rd class passengers leaves
St. Pancras 9.20 a.m. Sat. 21st inst. arrives Tilbury
Docks about 10.30 a.m.

2nd Train conveying 1st and 2nd class passengers
leaves St. Pancras 10.30 a.m. Sat. 21st inst. arrives
Tilbury Docks about 11.45 a.m.

NUMBERS e- 4 special Officers. 1 Special of RC
and wives families and dependants to be warned and
entrained as arranged between E.D.5. and E.D.1.

Copies to:- S.O.R.T., (2) S.O.E.t. (2) S.O.11 (3) S/Sgt.
Madden. Sgt. Haggitt. Sgt. Stewart, S/sgt. Sackins.
A.E.S.O. Tilbury.

16th Feb. 1920.

P.B. Sawkins.
S/Sgt. E.D.2.a.

DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION

BRANCH 2D.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING 21.2.1930

RAIL TRANSPORT

- (1) Issue of Railway Warrants as required, and check of Railway Warrants issued by A.I.F. in U.K. and returns in connection with same.
- (2) Adjustment of irregularities in Railway Warrants used by A.I.F. Personnel.
- (3) Dundry stores were forwarded to the following transport:-
S.S. "ORONTES"
- (4) Movements of Miscellaneous Stores in U.K. were arranged.
- (5) Detrainments of details embarking by the S.S. "ORONTES" were arranged and supervised.
- (6) General supervision of baggage belonging to A.I.F. personnel who embarked on the above vessel.
- (7) Collection and despatch of missing baggage of personnel previously embarked for Australia and correspondence in connection with same.
- (8) Shipments of Post Bellum Army Equipment, Ordnance Stores, Records etc. for Australia, were completed as follows:-

S.S. "MARINA"

6789 packages Post Bellum Equipment
1696 " Ordnance Stores.
32 " Australian Comforts and Red Cross
15 " Kit Store Records
67 " Australian War Records Museum
3 Aeroplanes do do do
6 packages A.A.P.C. Records.

S.S. "BULLA"

55 wagons post Bellum Equipment.

SEA TRANSPORT

The following transports embarked:-

Vessel	Offs. & Sgts. & Nurses W.O's.	Other Ranks	Total A.I.F.	Remarks
ANCHISES	4	-	4	16 women 2 Infants
ORONTES	9	3	21	22 women 2 children

BOARD OF SURVEY

PRELIMINARY INSPECTIONS:-

"Cap Finisterre"
"Mobile"

PROGRESS INSPECTIONS:-

"ECERRANIC"
"HORORATA"
"ZEALANDIC"

EMBARKATIONS:-

"ORONTES"

23.2.1930.

Rayon - Finisterre
Lieut.-Colonel
Staff Officer,
Exeter & Quartering Branch.

"D E B O S T H E N S"

ADVANCE PARTY EMBARKING IN STREAM TILBURY ON FRIDAY
5TH MARCH.

Report for Instructions. 4 p.m. Thursday 4th instant- March

PROCEED Leave Fenchurch Street 9.5 a.m. Friday 5th March
arrive Tilbury 10.4. a.m.

NUMBERS

2 Officers

1 O.Ranks.

O.C. Troops
Pay Officer

O.R. Corporal.

PROVOST

1 R.C.O. 3 O.Ranks instructed report A.R.S.O. at Tilbury
Station at 9 a.m. on Friday 5th March.

MAIN EMBARKATION IN STREAM TILBURY ON FRIDAY 5th MARCH

Report for Instructions. 4 p.m. Thursday 4th

PROCEED Leave St. Pancras 11 a.m. on Friday 5th arrive
Tilbury 11.52 a.m.

NUMBERS

2 specials 1st class

and wives, families and dependants to be warned
and entrained as arranged between R.D.B. and
R.D.I.

P.B. Sawkins.
Staff Sergeant.
R.D.B.A.

Feb. 26th 1920.

Copies to:- R.O.S.A.R.F., R.O.II (3) W/Sgt. Haggitt. W/Sgt.
Stewart. S/Sgt. Madden W/Sgt. Sawkins.
A.R.S.O. Tilbury.

"ASCANIUS"

EMBARKING AT GLASGOW ON FRIDAY 5th MARCH.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Thursday 4th instant.

PROCEED Leave Auston 9.15 a.m. Friday 5th March arrive
Glasgow 7.25 p.m.

NUMBERS 2 Officers.

O.C. Troops and Pay Officer
1 Special.

and wives, families and dependants to be warned and entrained
as arranged between 2.D.5. and 2.D.1.

RP Sawkins.

Staff Sergeant.
2.D.2.a.

Feb. 26th 1920.

Copies to:- S.O.S. & R.T., S.O.11 (3) S/Sgt. Sawkins. S/Sgt. Madden,
Sgt. Stewart, Sgt. Haggitt. 2.D.1.

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"O R V I E T O".

ADVANCE PARTY EMBARKING AT TILBURY DOCKS ON SAT. 6th MARCH.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Friday 5th March.

PROCEED Leave Fenchurch Street 9.5 a.m. Sat. 6th March.
arr. Tilbury Docks 10.4 a.m.

NUMBERS 4 Officers. 2 other ranks.

 O.C. Troops. O.R. Clerk
 S.M.O. Pay Sergeant.
 Adjutant
 Pay

NURSES

1 Nurse leaves St. Pancras Station at 10.30 a.m. Sat. 6th
March arrive Tilbury Docks about 11.45 a.m.

PROVOST

1 N.C.O. and 3 other ranks instructed to report to A.E.S.O.
at Tilbury Docks Railway Station at 9 a.m. on Sat. 6th March.

MAIN EMBARKATION AT TILBURY DOCKS ON SAT? 6th March.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Friday 5th March.

PROCEED 1st Train - conveying 3rd class passengers leaves
St. Pancras Sta. at 9.20 a.m. on Sat.
6th March arrives Tilbury Docks about
10.30 a.m.

2nd Train - conveying 1st and 2nd class passengers
leaves St. Pancras at 10.30 a.m. Sat.
6th March arrives Tilbury Docks about
11.45 a.m.

NUMBERS 3 1st Class.

 1 M.O.
 3 specials

and wives, families and dependants to be warned and
entrained as arranged between 2.D.1. and 2.D.5.

P.B. Sawkins

Staff Sergeant.
2.D.2.a.

Feb. 26th 1920.

Copies to:- S.O.S.&R.T. s.O.11 (3) S/Sgt. Madden, S/Sgt.
Sawkins. Sgt. Stewart. Sgt. Haggitt. 2.D.1.
A.E.S.O. Tilbury.