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Report on work being done on H.T. ESSEX at
Port Said (dated 7.6.19)

Work was started on this boat at 0730 on 2nd June. Although timber was short for certain jobs the men were able to carry on with dismantling etc. Tools bolts for carpenters & plumbers were short, complete sets being obtained for the carpenters on the morning of the 4th. There is still a shortage of plumbers tools, also a delay in the delivery of timber for special jobs.

The work that has been completed up to 1630 on the 4th is as follows:-

Two Bulkheads removed & re-erected which includes 400 sq. ft. of flooring (new) seven cabins have been erected, four bunks in each cabin (wood), two lockers completed, four partially, two wardrobes completed, four partially. Four officer's lounges almost complete; One bathroom erected containing 6 taps & showers, concrete floor approx. 20'x6' with concrete flushing which is continued round bottom outside of cabins mentioned. In this & other plumbing jobs not yet completed approx. 200' of 1" piping has been used & each joint has had to be re-threaded.

Two WCs (china pans) are almost completed. The installation of these has been delayed somewhat on account of head wiping tools not coming to hand.

Quite a lot of lead piping (standing) has had to be repaired.

Electric light has been installed in all cabins & officers' lounges.

" fans have " " on " benches where men are working & where possible near other jobs other than bench.

An isolation hospital of asbestos & approx 14'x14'x8' has been erected aft. & so fitted with electric light.

Iron joists fitted to iron girders to take hooks for supporting hammocks have been fixed and approx 200 hooks put in.

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Work to be completed is as follows :-

- 1 Partition (wood) 20' x 4'
- 20 Small tables approx. 4' x 2'
- 12 Mess tables & forms complete approx 16' x 2'
- 12 Lockers
- 12 Wardrobes
- 36 Latrines
- 4 Frames & grills for doorways
- 1 Partition approx. 30' x 6'
- 1 Companion way
- 1 Coal chute approx 12' x 10" x 12"

400 sq. ft. flooring with joists

All work to be painted except floors & ceiling joists

Work, Conditions etc.

The men are working eight hours per day. Their hours are as follows 0730 to 1130 & 1230 to 1630.

The electric fans installed assist them considerably

They have their own cook & the food is to use their own words, "Tip-top"

Sleeping accommodation is fair, each man has a hammock the area is ventilated by port holes & electric fans.

They all seem contented & are working well

