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16 Quota

5.3.1919. A Draft of the 2nd. A.I.BRIGADE and attached Units, which is henceforth to be known as No,16 Quota, was ordered to concentrate at BOUFFIOULX near CHARLEROI for the purpose of administration before leaving for Australia as a complete Unit.

Units comprising the Quota and numerical strength are as under:-

5th Bn.	Officers.	6.	N.C.OS.	27.	O/R.	68.
6th Bn.	do	8.	do	29.	do	52.
7th Bn.	do	7.	do	28.	do	67.
8th Bn.	do	10.	do	31.	do	64.
1st. M.G.Bn.	do	10.	do	12.	do	121.
1st.Pioneers Bn.	do	4.	do	6.	do	95.
2nd. F.A.Brigade &)						
Engineers.) do					
A.A.M.C.)					
1st.2nd.& 3rd Field Coys)	1	do	10.	do	130.	

These Units were formed into Companies as above and lettered from "A" to "H" respectively.
Lieut. Colonel J.C.M. TRAILL, D.S.O., M.C. 5th Bn in command of the Quota and Major R.J.WALLIS M.C. Second-in-command.

6.3.1919. Company Commanders carried out an inspection of their men during the morning and nominal rolls were checked. A general inspection of the Quota by the Commanding Officer was held on the 5th Battalion Parade ground at 2 p.m.

7.3.1919. For the information of all concerned the following organisation was published in orders :-

COMPANY COMMANDERS.

"A"	Company	-	Capt. S. Ricketson.	D.C.M.
"B"	Company	-	T/Capt. M. Abson.	
"C"	Company	-	Lieut. R.V. Swallow.	
"D"	Company	-	Lieut. J.H. Witherden.	
"E"	Company	-	Capt. G.R. Harrington.	
"F"	Company	-	Capt. R. Gregson.	
"G"	Company	-	Lieut. F. Rogerson.	
"H"	Company	-	Capt. L.E. McMahon.	

The billets in BOUFFIOULX are roomy and clean. Each man carries three blankets in addition to full equipment.

- 8.3.1919. Usual inspections were carried out. Great interest centered in a match between 1st and 2nd Divisions (Australian Rules) during the afternoon. A good game was provided resulting in a win for the 1st.Div. by 11 Goals 3 Behinds to 6 Goals 8 Behinds. The Quota was paid during the morning. Orders were received to march to CHARLEROI on the 9th Inst., to the Div. Reinforcement Wing for one night preparatory to entraining.
- 9.3.1919. Quota paraded and marched to the Square in CHATELET. where they were addressed by the G.O.C. 1st.Division Lt.General Glasgow, before continuing the march to CHARLEROI. An advance party had secured adequate billets at the Camp and Reinforcement Wings for all ranks.
- 10.3.1919. Parade was held at 0745 when a final check and roll call was made and emergency men above the Quota allotment were returned to their Units. Entraining commenced at D900. Trucks were all marked and provided with straw and fuel beforehand and the entraining was completed without difficulty. The train left CHARLEROI at 10.30 a.m.
- 11.3.1919. Contrary to expectations The Quota was destined to spend only one night in the train. Abundant rations and two issues of rum were supplied and we arrived in good time at HARFLEUR at dusk. Detraining was rapidly carried out, baggage guards were left behind and the Quota proceeded by march route to No.3 Reception Camp RUELLLES where they were taken in hand by the camp staff and quickly allotted to their quarters.
- 12.3.1919. Baths, clean change, and clothing issue filled up the morning and at 3 p.m. the Quota paraded and was transferred from the Reception Camp to A.G.B.D. Here all ranks were comfortably installed in NISSEN huts.
- 13.3.1919. During the week spent at LE HARVE all arms and equipment were withdrawn and new clothing and sea kit bags issued. The camp was well catered for with Cinemas, Concerts and Dances and afternoon leave was open to LE HAVRE. Parades were reduced to a minimum being merely formal roll calls and on three mornings of the week short route marches were carried out. All hands underwent a searching medical examination before sailing for ENGLAND.
- 19.3.1919.
- 20.3.1919. After one false alarm, orders were received to embark on the night of the 20th. The Quota was conveyed to the Steamer in two lots by motor lorry, the first leaving at 5.30.p.m. and the second an hour and a half later. Quota embarked on H.M.T. "THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE", and left LE HARVE about 10.00. Rain was falling but passage across proved exceptionally smooth and we disembarked at WEYMOUTH about 1000.
- 21.3.1919. The disembarkation feeding and entraining of troops at WEYMOUTH has been reduced to a fine art and works wonderful well. The Quota was mustered in fours on the wharf and marched to the ALEXANDRA GARDENS where breakfast was provided free. They then paraded on the beach and marched to the station, forming single file at the entrance to the station yard. On passing on to the platform every man received a lunch bag and followed straight on to his carriage. The weather in England was distinctly colder than in France and snow

- 21.3.1919. (CONTD). COULD BE seen in places from the train. Our destination was the R.B.A.A. CAMP HEYTESBURY and the detraining station CODFORD. A two mile march brought the Quota into camp and after a meal the rest of the day was spent in drawing blankets etc., and allotting huts.
- 22.3.1919. Notification was received that 14 days leave for the Quota would be granted from the 27th inst., and Companies were ordered to prepare nominal rolls. Lieut. O.J.E. HARRIS M.C. "C" Company was appointed Ships Sports Officer to arrange with Company Sports Officers for a programme of Football, Cricket, Boxing etc.. Lieut. A.E. MCKAY D.C.M. "D" Company arranged for dancing classes for the men, to be held in the Cinema Hall. Lieut. G.M. KENT "E" COMPANY WAS APPOINTED Temporary Assistant Adjutant to the Quota.
- 23.3.1919. General HEANE, C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. visited the Quota during the morning. General ROSENTHAL, C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. inspected and addressed the men on parade.
- 24.3.1919. Fares were collected for the forthcoming leave and Quota paraded by Companies for clothing issue. During the afternoon the Quota was paid and paybooks of all ranks were retained ~~by~~ to be forwarded to A.I.F., H.Q. for checking. Men with private money in Banks were therefore given a letter as to means of identification while on leave.
- 25.3.1919. & Mainly preparations for leave; orders regarding blankets, spare kits, men remaining in camp, etc..
26.3.1919. Railway tickets and passes were issued to Companies with instructions that they were to be held until after 8 p.m. on 26th., in order to prevent personnel catching unauthorised trains. Companies were instructed to submit boat rolls immediately on return from leave.
- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Captian A.G. CAMPBELL D.S.O. 8th BN. having marched in was posted to "D" Company to command.
Captain L.L. MCMAHON. A.A.M.C. having been transferred to CODFORD Depot (AAMC), Lieut. W. Goad 6th Bn. assumed command of "H" Company.
- 27.3.1919. Quota proceeded on leave by special train leaving CODFORD at 7.35.a.m.
- 10.4.1919. Leave for the Quota ended at 2359 on 10th. The majority of men were in camp by 8 O'Clock. The Y.M.C.A. supplied a hot drink at the hut at 11 p.m. for all men. Company Q.M.Ss., paraded men at the blanket and kit store for the re-issue of same.
- 11.4.1919. The day was mainly spent in check parades, re-allotment of accomodation and checking shortages in huts, which amounted only to a few broken windows and numerous electric light globes. The latter are most elusive

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12;4;19. A permanent staff of 1 Cpl. 2nd 2 men was placed in charge of the baths which are thus made available daily from 1000. Orders were received for the transfer of H.Coy (A.A.McC.) to FOVANT. Complaints were received that in several instances Officers and other ranks had called at A.I.F. H.Qrs. Horseferry Rd. while on leave to enquire regarding applications for N.M.E. EARLY Repatriation, discharge etc. However, in many instances these applications appear to have been granted by A.I.F.H.Qrs. with the result that the list of men absent without leave was larger than it should have been. Telegrams notifying that certain men had been detained on military or other duties in London did not reach the quota office in some cases for several days and the men had accordingly been marked A.W.L. un

The messing arrangements which up to date had been somewhat satisfactory were re-organised by Lt. R. W. Dowling, an N.C.O. being placed in charge of each table and nominal rolls being posted up. Men will now always occupy the same place at table and scrambling will be avoided.

Dancing classes under the supervision of Lt. Mackay D.C.M. re-commenced to day and will be held daily at 10.30.

Applications were invited for men willing to organise and form a dramatic party for entertainments on the boat.

13;4;19. Leave for 24 hours was opened to Bath Bristol and Salisbury half fare vouchers being provided, also week end leave from 1200 Saturday till 2359 Sunday (Road passes only.)

Routine in future will be as follows, -

Reveille	0730
Breakfast	0800
Sick parade	0845
Dinner	1230
Tea	1700
Company parades	0930

14;4;19. Sports which were to have been held at Greenhill house Sutton Veny on 25th inst. were postponed until 1st. May. A cricket competition was arranged for the quota the following being the fixtures for the first round. -

Apl. 15.	G. Coy. v. B. Coy.
Apl. 16.	C. Coy. v. A. Coy.
Apl. 17	E. Coy. v. F. Coy.
E. Coy.	Bye.

A football match between teams from the right and left half battalions had to be abandoned at half time owing to rain.

15;4;19. Lt. W. H. S. Dicker ^{ADEN} having marched out for N.M.E. was struck off strength. Information was received that owing to a shortage of family ships and consequent delay in embarkation of such personnel, the G.O.C. had approved of applicants who have been waiting embarkation for a period longer than 4 weeks and whose wives reside in U.K. being allowed leave of absence if desired, subject to certain rules and considerations. A Concert by the attractives was given at Anzac theatre this evening.

- 16.4.1919. Usual parades and inspections were held. A Football match (Australasian Rules) was played against the 14 Quota resulting in a win for 16 Quota by 4 points.
- 17.4.1919. Billiard Tournament commences. The Cricket match set down for the 15th., and postponed, was played to-day between "G" and "B" Companies, "G" Company had an easy victory by 8 wickets.
- 18.4.1919. It was decided that in future a full Quota parade would be held daily in place of the usual Company parades followed by a short route march.
Lieut. W.HIGGINS "G" Company was transferred to "C" Company R.B.A.A. as from 17th inst., to proceed on indefinite leave awaiting family ship.
A Billiard room for the use of 16 Quota has been made available at the Corporals room No.3 Canteen, a Sergeant and 1 O/Rank have been placed in charge.
"C" Company were victorious in their draw against "A" Company for the Cricket match in the afternoon, scores "C" Company 53. "A" Company 37.
- 19.4.1919. It was notified that the Quota would be inspected by Senator Pearce, Minister for Defence, and the Divisional Commander, Major General Bosenthal, on the 22nd inst., when a presentation of Medals would be made to Officers, N.C.Os, and men whom had not previously been presented with same.
The Easter week end was to be kept as a holiday as far as possible for all ranks.
During the afternoon the draw between "E" AND "F" Companies in the Cricket Competition was played off, the latter winning by the narrow margin of 3 runs.
Scores - "E" Company - 31. "F" Company - 34.
- 20.4.1919. The allotment for this Quota to take part in the ANZAC DAY MARCH, was received in a preliminary order and consisted of the following :-
10 Officers - 50 N.C.Os, - 350 men.
Rifle, Bayonet, Leather equipment, less pack and entrenching tools were to be carried with Greatcoats carried on the belt. Personnel will proceed to LONDON, on the 24th inst., and return on the 26th,.
- 21.4.1919. Easter Monday; to-day was regarded as a holiday for all ranks as far as possible and Staffs were reduced to a minimum.
- 22.4.1919. A full parade of Quota was held to-day at 1600 for inspection by the Minister of Defence, Senator Pearce, and a presentation of Medals was made to all personnel who had not previously received them. After the parade the Quota "marched past" Senator Pearce. All men proceeding on the ANZAC DAY MARCH were paraded at 0930 for inspection and issue of equipment. They were formed into two Companies No.1 Commanded by Capt. A. Campbell, D.S.O. 8th Bn. and No.2 by Capt. M. Abson, 6th Bn.

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- 23.4.1919. A Special Order by Brigadier General, J. HEANE C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. Commanding No.1 Group, was received regarding the ANZAC DAY MARCH. The following personnel to be supplied by No.16 Quota :-
2 Company Commanders, - 7 Subalterns, - 50 N.C.Os, - 350 Others.
The Battalion was commanded for the March by Lieut.Col. C.H. ELLIOT C.M.G. D.S.O. 12th Bn., with Lieut. R.V. ANDREWATHA, 8th Bn. as Adjutant. Personnel will leave camp on 24th Inst., and return on 26th.
During the afternoon "D" Company played off the draw in the Cricket competition against H.Q., winning by one run. Semi-final round now stands as follows:-
"C" Company V "F" Company.
"B" Company V "D" Company.
- 24.4.1919. The ANZAC DAY Personnel entrained at GODFORD at 1350 for PADDINGTON, dinner being served at 1100. Evening meal was carried in haversacks.
- 25.4.1919. ANZAC DAY as far as possible was observed as a holiday for all men remaining in camp. Luckily it was a fine day for the march. Routine Orders were not published and Sunday privileges were granted to other ranks regarding bounds.
- 26.4.1919. Previous orders had stated that the men returning from LONDON, would entrain at PADDINGTON at 1105 and meals were arranged accordingly. They returned unexpectedly about mid-day, no notification being received that a earlier train was arranged.
Twenty Other Ranks marched in from TIDWORTH and were taken on strength of various Companies.
- 27.4.1919. Twenty nine Sergeants were transferred from this Quota, to No.12 Quota, sailing on the 30th inst., on the H.M.A.T. "KARAGOLA", and marched out to number ten Group LONGBRIDGE - DEVERILL. Lieut. W.C. SMITH, "E" Coy. acted as conducting Officer.
The Boat Roll of this Quota is expected to be called for at any time and arrangements are so far forward that it can be submitted at short notice.
A Church Parade of all Protestants was held at the ANZAC THEATRE this morning. The Service was conducted by Chaplain Williamson.
- 28.4.1919. One Officer CAPT. G.R. HARRINGTON and 42 Other Ranks being applicants for Family Ship Passages were transferred from No.16 Quota to "C" Company R.B.A.A. FROM 28TH INST.
Eleven cases of A.W.L. were dealt with and struck off the strength of the Quota.
- 29.4.1919. Thirteen O/Ranks being applicants for Family Ship Passages were transferred from the Quota to "C" Company R.B.A.A. Also twenty nine O/Ranks applicants for extended leave were transferred to "C" Company.
- 30.4.1919. Usual Routine carried out.

- 1.5.1919. A parade was held of all men proceeding to LONDON on the "DOMINION MARCH". The allotment for this Quota was - 8 Officers - 30.N.C.Os., - 260 men.
Lieut.H.E. EWINS, assumed command of "E" Company vice CAPT. R.G. HARRINGTON, transferred to "C" Company R.B.A.A. to await Family Ship.
Fifteen O/Ranks being Absentees from the ANZAC MARCH were transferred to "C" Company, R.B.A.A.
- 2.5.1919. Notification received that this Quota would sail on the 11th or 12th inst., on H.M.A.T. "SOUDAN" and that only 29 Officers could be carried. Strength of Officers was reduced to 27 and two 3rd Division Officers marched in to complete. At the same time it was advised that the Quota strength would be increased to about 1,350. Officers struck off this Quota are to sail on the H.M.A.T. "YPRIRANGA" on or about the same date.
- 3.5.1919. Personnel for DOMINION MARCH breakfasted at 0345 and entrained for LONDON at 0525. They returned by train leaving PADDINGTON at 2020.
Captain M.ABSON D.S.O. was incharge of the parade.
Lieut. D.B. CROSS 39th BN. and Lieut. W.P. WILSON 38th BN. marched in with 276 O/Ranks and were taken on strength. Considerable difficulty is being experienced with parties marching in who are not completely equipped with necessary papers and in some cases with pay books.
Boat Rolls must be in LONDON, at A.I.F., H.Q., on the 4th inst. All leave is stopped.
H.M.A.T. "SOUDAN" will carry West. Australians and will sail via SUEZ.
- 4.5.1919. A Court of Enquiry assembled during the morning to deal with two cases, one of "Absence without leave, and the other regarding "The loss of certain kit by men on the ANZAC DAY MARCH.
Five other ranks were dealt with at C.O.'s Orderly Room and transferred to "C" Company R.B.A.A. being Absent without leave from the DOMINIONS MARCH.
- ~~5.5.1919.~~
5.5.1919. Lieut.F.FENTON. Education Officer (8th Bn)., marched out on extended leave and was replaced by Lieut R.H. GREGORY, Education Service General List.
- 6.5.1919. The majority of men marching in from O.T.B., arrived to-day and were allotted to the Companies, bringing the strength of each company up to approximately 170. A great many men are without Q.I.Forms, Conduct Sheets (A.F.B .122)., and Medical History Sheets.
Official War photographs and Capt.EILKINS and Lieut.DYSONS books were available for sale in the camp yesterday and to-day. Boat Pay was commenced.
- 7.5.1919. A special parade was held for all men who recently marched in to the Quota for C.O. inspection.
"A" and "B" Companies received their Boat Pay.

8;5;17. Consequent on a special order received from H.Q. regarding the entrainment and embarkation of troops a complete reorganization of companies was found necessary. The final boat rolls had been prepared in order of precedence of units and it was imperative for proper checking of personnel that the quota should entrain and embark in the exact boat roll order. Accordingly the quota was reorganized into 6 companies A to F. in order of Infantry Battalions, Artillery Engineers Pioneers, Machine Gunners and details. This necessitated a re-adjustment of Officers and the undermentioned Officers received command of the Companies A to F. respectively.

CAPT. M. ABSON

CAPT. A. G. CAMPBELL D.S.O.

LT. D. V. CROSS D.C.M.

LT. R. W. SWALLOW

LT. H. E. EWINS

LT. F. ROGERSON MC.

The whole quota was paraded and told off to their companies.

9;5;19. An advance party from 1st M.G. BN. consisting of Lt. A. R. Pegler 2 Sgts. 4 Cpls and 24 Other ranks together with Ships R.S.M. MacDonald, Ships RQMS Reid, Sgt. R. J. Perry and Ships Librarian Sgt. Thomas H. L. proceeded in advance by the 0801 train from Codford to London and thence to H.M.A.T. SOUDAN at the Royal Albert Docks. During the day a complete check of blankets was held and certificates rendered by Companies shewed that no shortage of blankets existed. All remaining men of the quota received their embarkation pay. Later in the day the following quota officers left for London to accompany the ship to Plymouth.

Lt. COL. J. C. M. TRAILL D.S.O. M.C. CMDNG. LT. R. V. ANDREWARTHA ADJT. LT. S. E. COHEN QUARTERMASTER.
LT. O. J. E. HARRIS MC. SPORTS OFFICER. LT. R. H. GREGORY EDUCATION OFFICER.

10;5;19. Companies were kept busy checking their nominal roll with quota boat roll. Some confusion was caused in Company Orderly rooms owing to the fact that certain men who were shown on rolls as having marched in were deleted and had never joined the quota. These deletions were not received from R.B.A.A. until the day before leaving Heytesbury. A complete medical inspection was held during the morning and 5 men were struck off the boat roll as unfit to travel.

11;5;19. Times of trains leaving Codford were received from Lt. Adams Asst. Staff Capt. at No. 1 Group and the movement order was accordingly published. The first train is to leave Codford tomorrow 12th inst at 0900 and the second at 10.25. Train parades were held today to enable all ranks to see exactly what is to be done and to avoid any confusion tomorrow.

12;5;19. Reveille 0430. Breakfast 0500. An early start was necessary in order to ensure that the Camp being left in a clean condition and all barrack stores being properly handed in and accounted for. No complaints of any kind with regard to this were received from the Camp authorities. The first party marched to the Station in ample time and arrived there. The men filed passed two coffee stalls arranged by the Y.M.C.A. Staff and received coffee and biscuits after which they led straight for the platform and on to the train. The band and the baggage party with all baggage travelled on this train. The second train load went through the same progress in their turn and with equal dispatch and the train left Codford a little before time. The entire process of entrainment was carried out without a hitch. A halt was made at Exeter where the Lady Mayoress had excellent facilities for dispensing tea and biscuits. Arrived at Plymouth the Embarkation Officer Capt. H. Lane MC 18th BN. and a staff of NCO's took charge made slight re-adjustments in the order of personnel where necessary and the men filed on board a tender and were conveyed down the Sound to where the transport was lying.

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12;5;19.			The embarkation was complete by 17.30. The advance party had worked hard on the journey round from London and all blankets hammocks table utensils etc. were issued. This considerably lightened the work when the ota arrived on Board. The Soudan more than fulfils expectations and is a really first rate troop ship. Her extreme cleanliness is not the 1st of her good points. Owing to accommodation of C.O. and his wife and infant being inadequate Gen. Wisdom sanctioned the return of 2 Officers Lt. Borthwick and Lt. Jones. This made the accommodation on board for all concerned satisfactory. Gen. Birdwood arrived by Admiralty launch at 6.30 pm and said good bye to many of the lads personally and wished them God Speed. The band played him away. A comfortable night was spent.	
13;5;19.			Left Devenport at 7 am.	
14;5;19.			Noon. Latitude. 45.34 N. Longitude 8.26 W. Run 287 miles Wind W. S.W. 4 Weather for the day was fine with a fair swell. A fairly large number of the troops are still feeling the effects of sea sickness although the number is rapidly decreasing. A conference of Staff Officers and Company Commanders was held at 6pm and all points of re-organization necessary and further steps of the comfort for the troops and the distribution of extra stores and comforts was gone into and decided on. The troops food is good and the spirit of the men excellent. The lights of the Spanish coast were sighted during the evening. One man is under treatment for appendicitis and it is hoped that an operation will not be necessary. With the exception of a few cases of minor complaints and the sea sickness the health of the troops is good.	
15;5;19.			Glorious weather and a smooth sea. Many ships and fishing smacks sighted. Boxing and medicine ball practice carried out during the morning troops being very keen and enthusiastic and in splendid spirits. The health of the troops very good and sea sickness practically finished with. Arrangements made to supply hot coffee to ships guard at midnight and other improvements in ships working was arranged for.	
16;5;19.			Magnificent weather and a smooth sea. Troops in splendid spirit and very keen on boxing, Cricket and other sports which were carried on throughout the voyage. After lunch a piano was brought on deck and the troops passed the afternoon dancing and singing on main promenade decks and quots and other games on poop and forecastle decks. Health of the troops good and organization for sports going ahead fast. Point St. Vincent passed 7.30 am and also many ships	

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	16;5;19.		Magnificent weather and a smooth sea. Troops in splendid spirit and very keen on boxing and two wales during the day. Libraries are being much appreciated. Canteen is being well patronised. The stocks of tinned fruit are not sufficient to supply all demands, the sale of samshaving to be limited daily to enable stock to hold out for voyage. There is also a strong demand for minerals etc. but under instructions from Head Quarters London these are not being sold until after our departure from Port Said as stock of same is very limited. The spirit and discipline of troops perfect.	
	17;5;19.		Weather conditions continue to be perfect. Two protestant church services were conducted during the morning, one in fore part of ship and one aft. as accommodation was too limited to assemble the whole ships company at one parade. The R.C. service was also conducted in the morning. During the evening another R.C. Service was conducted which included the ships crew. (many of the native mebers of same being christians) The Y.M.C.A. Representative assisted by the padre gave an exhibition of biblical lantern slide views combined with a service of song in the evening on the promenade deck. All services both parades and voluntay were fully attended.	
	18;5;19.		Weather conditions perfect. Usual parades held and sports programme in full swing. The afternoon was devoted to Athletic sports which were keenly contested and afforded much excitement and amusement to the onlookers. The sports officer Lt. Harris M.C. put a fine programme on for the concert which was held on deck at night. The promenade deck was crowded to its full capacity and the performers received a very enthusiastic reception. The Capt. and the Staff of Ships Officers are lending every assistance and meeting us in every way possible to ensure the comfort of the troops and a maximum of sport and enjoyment on the voyage. The curtesy and attention of Capt. Brooks and his officers have done much to lighten the task of the O.C. Troops and his Staff.	
	19;5;19.		Usual parades and inspections carried out during the morning. Ships Captain expressed his appreciation of the condition in which the troop decks are always found on inspection. Sports programme proceeded with during the afternoon and competition keenly contested. A dance was held for the troops on the promenade deck during the evening and was very popular. Troops are in excellent spirit and the morale and discipline perfect. The band performed during the afternoon and evening on the deck and is much appreciated by the men.	

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	20;5;19.		Weather conditions good and health of troops excellent. Morning recreational parades and Physical training classes proceeded with. Educational classes under Lt. Gregory are being well patronised. A summary of his work for the week is attached. Sports programme proceeded with in the afternoon and successfully carried out. A dance and sing song had been arranged for the troops for the evening on the promenade deck and was well patronised. The ladies ably assisting with the piano etc. The ships troops officer Mr. Bloomfield spares no time or trouble to assist the sports officer. and this is largely owing to the energy of this Officer that athletic deck sports are conducted so successfully.	
	21;5;19.		Fairly choppy sea; and a few cases of sea sickness. Parades and P.T. Classes carried on as usual in the morning and many good boxing bouts were fought. The sporting programme was proceeded with in the afternoon successfully. Big field starting in all events. The usual dance and sing song was held by the troops on the promenade deck after dinner. Ladies and Officers assisting in the programme.	
	22;5;19.		Sea fairly choppy and fairly fine. Usual deck parades and P.T. Classes carried out during the morning. In the afternoon the usual sports programme was carried out. Full field and keen competition being the order of the day. A dance and sing song was held on the promenade deck during the evening. Chorus songs were readily taken up and the dancing of the men reflected great credit on the instructors in the dancing classes which are being carried on on Board.	
	23;5;19.		Weather warming up considerably but not so as to prevent sports being proceeded with. O.C. Troops wired Base Commandant Port Said requesting permission to land the quota for the route march on arrival at that port. The ships paper published by the quota on Board and called the Boomerang we is in full swing and has had four issues to date copy attached. The health of the troops continues good and the men are very contented. It has not been found necessary to bring a single case to Orderly room since the sailing of the ship and discipline throughout is excellent.	
	24;5;19.		Ship arrived at Port Said early in the morning and proceeded up the Canal several miles from the town where we moored to some bouys, placed there by the Admiralty especially for Aust. Troops Ships. In response to his request the O.C. Troops was informed that on no account could troops be allowed ashore under any conditions whatever. It was pointed out by the embarkation officer that we came ashore ^{D. D. & L. London E.C.} this was in consequence of the bad behaviour of the troops of 2 Aust.	

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24;519.			boats., who had been allowed ashore recently and had badly abused the privelege. It was intended to coal the boat at Port Said but owing to the employess on the Canal Coy.being on strike this was impossible. We were compelled to remainat anchor in this isolated corner of the Canal well away from the town from early morning until 3.30. am the following morning. A request to allow the nursing sisters ashore was also refused by the above authorities. It certainly seemed hard on the troops of which the greater part of the men were 1915 men and the Officers 1914. whose discipline had been perfect, that they should be penalized for the conduct of such poor specimens of soldiers as were on the Wyreema. The A successful effort was made to give themen an enjoyable day as possible under the circumstances. The ships Capt. kindly placed some ships boats at our disposal making swimming possible all day and in the after-noon boat races were held between company crews. A good concert was arranged for for the evening and with the swimming boat races and music an enjoyable day was spent. I consider that the troops of the Wyreema should be punished.by their fact of their larrikinism at Port Said being put before the Public in some tangible form such as the press pointing out the effect it had onall subsequent Australian Troops being xxxxxx treated as social outcasts at the Ports of call en route to Australia. 4,000 oranges were purchased from funds ina hand or issue to the troops during the hot weather in the Red Sea. These were purchased through the agent of the P. &.O. Company as only the Senior M.O. was allowed ashore to procure drugs.	
25;5;19.			Anchor was weighed at 3.30 am and all hands were early on deck to see all the objects of interest during the passage of the Canal.Same was especially of interest to those troops who has spent some months in garrison in that Zone. Both Protestant and R.C.Church Services were held during the morning.Services being fully attended. A service of song and an exhibition of lantern slides were conducted on the promenade deck in the evening by the Padre assisted by the Y.M.C.A.Representative.Weather warm , but as yet not severe. Usual check parade, sports and P.T.Work greatly modified by necessityowing to the heat. Dancing classes however were still carried on. 2 large sail baths have been prepared in the forewell deck and these are greatly appreciated. Considering the trying conditions the health of the troops was made very good.	
26;5;19.			In Red Sea and all hands feeling the heat severely. Parades and duties reduced to a minimum and all precautions taken to combat heat and avoid sunstroke. The Southern Cross was sighted during the evening and was greeted with a cheer from the decks. Usual inspections were carried and music and singing on the deck at night.	
27.5;19				

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	28;5;19.		Sea calm and weather still very oppressive. All parades curtailed at usual inspections carried out. During the evening a fancy dress promenade and ball were held and was pronounced to be one of the most successful events of the trip. Over two hundred Offrs.N.C.O's. and men were dressed in fancy costume and prizes were awarded as follows,- The best characters and dress. The chief Ships Officers assisted in every way and despite the heat a tip top night was spent. Lime Juice iced, was provided for the dancers and was much appreciated. Pay was made during the day to all Companies.	
	29;5;19.		Still in Red Sea and conditions of weather weather very trying for the men. All possible sleep on decks, but not sufficient sleeping room on decks for all hands. Old hands of Ships Coy. worst and hottest trip ever experienced through the Red Sea. A few cases of heat exhaustion but nothing serious amongst the troops. Under the circumstances the men are wonderfully cheerful and in good spirits.	
	30;5;19.		Arrived Aden 6.30am and proceeded to take on coal and fresh water. Numerous BumBoats surro unded and traded such things as Beers antlers, etc. to the men. Coaling was finished at 3.30 and anchor was weighed at 4.30am. Every effort was made to prevent the ship becoming dirty through coaling. Sports etc. had to be suspended until cooler weather was reached.	
	31;5;19.		In Arabian Sea. Monsoon blowing and heat very intense. Regret to record that Ships Chef died this morning and was buried at Sea. Cause of death Heat stroke. Ships Capt. turned the ship round at 4 hour intervals to enable the breeze blowing to cool down ship. The breeze unfortunately was blowing parallel to our course and the sea at the same speed as our boat so that when steaming we were as if in a dead calm. All ranks are feeling the heat severely but morale remains good and the men are in good spirits.	
	1;6;19.		Sea very rough until 11am when we were sheltered by the Island of Socotra until 3.30 pm. Still much too hot for sports and only necessary parades and inspections are conducted. Boat station drill was held during the afternoon and was successfully carried out.	
	2;6;19.		Sea very rough numerous cases of sea sickness. Monsson still blowing strongly. Usual inspection carried out during the day and ship in a splendid clean and sanitary condition.	

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	3;6;19		Still very rough but we expect to be in calm water tonight. There was a large sick parade this morning but nothing serious. In spite of the bad weather and consequent sickness no fault could be found with the cleanliness of the ship.	
	4;6;19		The sea has been fairly calm to day though it is still very hot. We are unfortunate in always striking a following breeze. Mail closes 7 pm 6th for Colombo.	
	5;6;19.		Cooler today owing to a Southerly breeze. All ranks were paid in expectation of getting ashore at Colombo. Expect to arrive at Colombo at 4 am on 7th.	
	6;6;19.		Much the same sort of day as yesterday. Remarkably little sickness on Board. An impromptu dance was to be held on hurricane deck this evening but owing to a death on board it was postponed. A man of the 39th Bn. died at 7.45 pm as the result of an operation for appendicitis. He was buried tonight at 10 pm.	
	7;6;19		This morning the ship woke to find itself in Colombo Harbour. And after breakfast it was made known that all hands were to go ashore. Several picquets were told off and left the ship at 0930 and the remainder went off in 8 large barges at 10.30. All hands turned up at the wharf at 6 pm ready to go aboard and there appeared to be no stragglers. The Military Authorities at Colombo intimated that this quota that this quota is the most orderly ship load of troops they have had there.	
	8;6;19		A parade and roll call this morning disclosed the somewhat surprising fact that there were none missing. We left Colombo at midnight tonight and with a calm sea and against a cool breeze. Passed the S.S. Kashmere just entering Colombo 22 days out from Sydney. There is now any amount of fresh fruit on Board and also extra good from the Comforts fund.	
	9;6;19.		Cool breeze and calm sea. A Coy sports were held at 2pm an issue of comforts was made to all messes, consisting of 3 packets cigarettes and 1 lb. plum pudding per man. Tinned pineapple was also issued. 5 tin per table of 14 men.	
	10;6;19.		Cool head breeze. Smooth sea to day. We are in the South East Trades. Passed the equator between 12 and 1 pm. Wireless news received regarding strike in Australia. B Concert was held tonight on the hurricane deck.	

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	11;6;19.		Another calm day but hot and muggy. Wind promises to increase. General cleanup of ship was carried out this morning and all woodwork was washed. A Comforts Fund issue of Fruit and milk was made at 2.00 pm. Quota sports were held this afternoon.	
	12;6;19.		Wind increasing to occasional rain squalls. Final of boxing tournament were held this afternoon. Concert at 8.30 pm.	
	13;6;19.		Seas beginning to get up a bit. Wind right ahead strong and squally. Usual inspection carried out and check roll called. Two rough for games. Passed about 50 miles west of Cocos Island today.	
	14;6;19.		Very strong wind and big head seas today, reducing our speed considerably. Heavy rain falls at intervals. Only 215 miles logged today. Fancy dress dance was held on deck during the evening.	
	15;6;19.		Church parade this morning on port side Hurricane Deck. Wind lessened considerably.	
	16;6;19.		Sea and wind considerably eased off today. Weather perfect. A.Coy. sports were held during the afternoon.	
	17;6;19.		Strong South East winds sea fairly smooth. Usual check parades after which medical inspection of all Companies were carried out. An impromptu dance was held this evening on Hurricane Deck.	
	18;6;19.		Weather moderating and getting cooler. Seemed a very long run to Fremantle.	
	19;6;19.		Usual check parade. In touch with Fremantle by wireless. Authorities there evidently under the impression that we are a hospital ship.	
	20;6;19.		Rottenest Island sighted just before breakfast. XXXXXXXXXXXX	
	21;6;19.		Soudan anchored off Breakwater for several hours to undergo medical inspection.	

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21;6;19. (Contd)			Quarantine Authorities declared after inspection that the ship was clear and they saw no objection to the troops going ashore. S.M.O. did not approve of same as however the ship was tying up at wharf it was thought advisable to grant some leave on the Quarantine Authorities word this was done about 4 p.m.. Men behaved themselves well and caused no trouble. The necessary Picquets were in force to maintain order. 18 Men failed to return by the time the ship was ready to sail 10 p.m.. These nearly all being bad characters it was not possible to hold up the ship for them.	
22;6;19.			Left Freemantle last night at 10 p.m., By midday today had covered 169 Miles. The run across the Bight promises to be very smooth. Church Parade was held this morning. Inoculation Anti-Influenza of all ranks is proceeding.	
23;6;19.			Weather cold and showery, sea smooth usual parades were held.	
24;6;19.			Sea still very smooth and bright sunny day. Usual parades A Dance was held tonight on the Hurricane Deck.	
25;6;19.			Expect to arrive at Adelaide about 3 p.m. tomorrow. Weather perfect. Boat Drill was carried out during the afternoon.	
26;6;19.			Arrived off Outer Harbour and anchored about 3.30 p.m. After a short wait Medical Authorities came on Board and passed the ship as clean. Several other Troop Ships were in the Harbour, and we did not pull in until 7 p.m. After the South Australians had gone off, general wharf leave was granted till midnight. The ship started coaling at once and worked all night.	
27;6;19.			Wharf Leave was again given this morning and every one took the opportunity for some exercise. Mails were unloaded and a few stores taken on board, and the ship left the wharf just after 12.0' Clock. A Rollcall was held at dinner time showing that there are 4 absentees from the ship. Sea smooth with cold westerly winds	

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28;6;1919.			Sea rough, Weather cold and showery. Usual parades were held. Victorian and Tasmanian personnel received disembarkation pay.	
29;6;1919.			Passed by Quarantine Authorities as "Clean Ship" at 7.30.am, and proceeded to Port Melbourne. Disembarkation of Victorian and Tasmanian Personnel was quickly carried out, after which "Shore Leave was granted to N.S.W. and Q'land Personnel until mid-night.	
30;6;19.			Left Port Melbourne 6am 30;6;19. Crossing the Rip was very rough . 1 man failed to return from leave.	
1;7;19.			Strong winds blowing from the South and strong winds. At 4 pm wind changed fr and blew from the West making the sea very calm.	
2;7;19.			Arrived Sydney 2pm 2;7;19. All ranks disembarked in a very orderly manner reflecting great credit on those concerned ., at 9.30 am on 3;7;19. This was in accordance with a wireless message to the effect that troops would not dis embark on the day of arrival.	

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S.M.O.'S REPORT.

2;7;1919.

General Health has been good. The out patient Department has been busy each day treating various minor complaints. The daily average number of patients in the hospital has been about 12. Three cases for hospital were landed at Melbourne and 1 at Sydney. Nil elsewhere.

1 case appendicitis died on board no other deaths. One case mumps reported at Melbourne and was promptly landed at quarantine.

An M.O. with three orderlies held sick parade each morning, another M.O. visited the Hospital daily.

Hospital arrangements were satisfactory. The food and comforts were good. One major operation was performed but the disease had gone ~~far beyond~~ too far before the patient reported and he died.

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SOME HOSPITAL REMINISCENCES.

Indignation reigned in our Mess when we first heard that we were to Nurse Prisoners of War. - Turks and BULGARS; but angry talk ended in one an all going meekly on duty amongst the Mahomets, Mustafas, Costoffs and Nicaloffs. Very soon we grew quite fond of the dirty old beggars and found them very amusing.

The Bulgars had the utmost contempt for the Turks who, quite politely returned the compliment. It was a terrible crime to mistake a Turk for a Bulgar and vice-versa.

One Turk developing a sudden thirst whilst Sister and orderlies were absent took a long draught from his hot water bag. When Sister returned up started Johnny Bulgar and indicating the culprit with the finger of scorn exclaimed - "Sistra- Sistra!! Him Turk, Him 'lastic drink"!!

The Turks especially had a wholesome (or unwholesome?) abhorrence of soap and water. When washing time came and the hated dish of water was placed beside them, they were suddenly stricken with complete loss of the senses of sight and hearing; but there was a little slip of an orderly who, was a match for the best of them. He was only a bit of a kid and they called him "Piccaninny Orderly" and in their wicked old hearts they thought the world of him. He got to work on one of the old sinners with a scrubbing brush and nearly boiling water and gave him "the best scrubbing he'd ever had in his life". That settled the matter for all time so far as that Ward was concerned. All the rest sat up with bulging eyes, very emphatically intimating their ability and eagerness to cleanse

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themselves. The P. O. Compound was separated from the Tommy Wards by a high barbed wire fence, through which much business of barter and exchange was carried on. Fee Jock with an eye to the main chance, proffered a razor (keeping the broken blade well hidden) in exchange for a string of beads. Now a razor was an article holding great attractions to old Mahomet and he eagerly seized it. One glance showed him how he had been taken in and with many expletives (which did not sound at a complimentary) he cast it after the retreating form of Jock, who, with a canny smile picked it up and returned to his Ward, to tell the boys of his good bargain while Mahomet continued to paint the air. Jock was satisfied to let the matter end there, but not so Johnny Turk. He sought out the Sister of his Ward and with much gesticulation succeeded in impressing her with the seriousness of the situation. The Tommies were rather mystified when a few minutes later the Ward Sergeant came to their lines and ordered all up patients to parade before the wire barrier - "It's not a fatigue" he remarked facetiously - "six paces forward" and as one man they moved to the barrier and Mahomet bursting with eagerness pointed out the defrauder and recovered his precious beads. Now the Sister in the prisoners compound was a woman capable of making a few words go a long way and she passed a few through the barbed wire to Jock who came back to his ward muttering ruefully "It wasna sae guid a bargain after all."

CLYTIE. K.

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A lie is an abomination unto the Lord but a very present help in time of trouble....



# Things we want to know

Division portion of the quota did not get some surprise to find that their sailing had not been cancelled again.

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Who was the thoughtful Officer who compiled the instructions referring to the troops jumping overboard and if he has had any personal painful experiences.

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If the Captain of the Ship has been at Sea thirty years and he was older than a certain Officer of the Quota before he went to sea, how old is our skipper now? The Editor would be glad of any information that would throw some light on this matter as he is feeling the nerve strain from so many enquires from ladies which he is unable to reply to, up to the present.

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Is it really true that life on the deep blue sea appeals to undermentioned as much as they expected. - Lt. Andrewartha, Lt. Harris, Lt. Hughes, W.O. Palmer, Sgt. Rowe, Sgt. Hill, Quota Band, and certain ladies who shall be nameless.

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What a certain fairly good tempered Officer says when he find the sentries on the water tight doors absent at night and whether it is just as well there are no ladies about.

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Whether the Colonel does not look some "swish" in his light drill uniform.

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Why the P. & O. Coy. dont give their native crews a decent uniform instead of dressing them like scarecrows.

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===== PITHY PARS. =====

Some extracts from letters received from dependents by A.I.F.H. Qrs. -

"Please let me know if John has put in his application for a wife and child"... ..

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"I am writing to ask why I hav'nt received my elopement."... ..

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"My boy has been in charge of a spittoon - Do I get more money?..."

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"Previous to his departure we were married to a Justice of the Peace"

"I have a four months old baby and he is my only support"

"He was discharged on a goitre and went home on it."

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"I am a lone woman and parsley dependent."

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"I have received my Insurance Polish and have since moved my Post Office"

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"You ask for allotment number- I have four boys and a girl"

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"I aint received no pay since my husband has gone from nowhere."

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"You have changed my little boy to a girl will that make any difference.?"

## A FATHER'S LOVE.

"I punished you merely to shew my love for you", said the fond father, after the chastisement.

"T-that's all right", sobbed the small boy. "But it's a good thing for you I aint big enough to return your love - t-t-t-thats a-all."

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Most of us are married men. We may be clever, but when we get home we realize our limitations... ..





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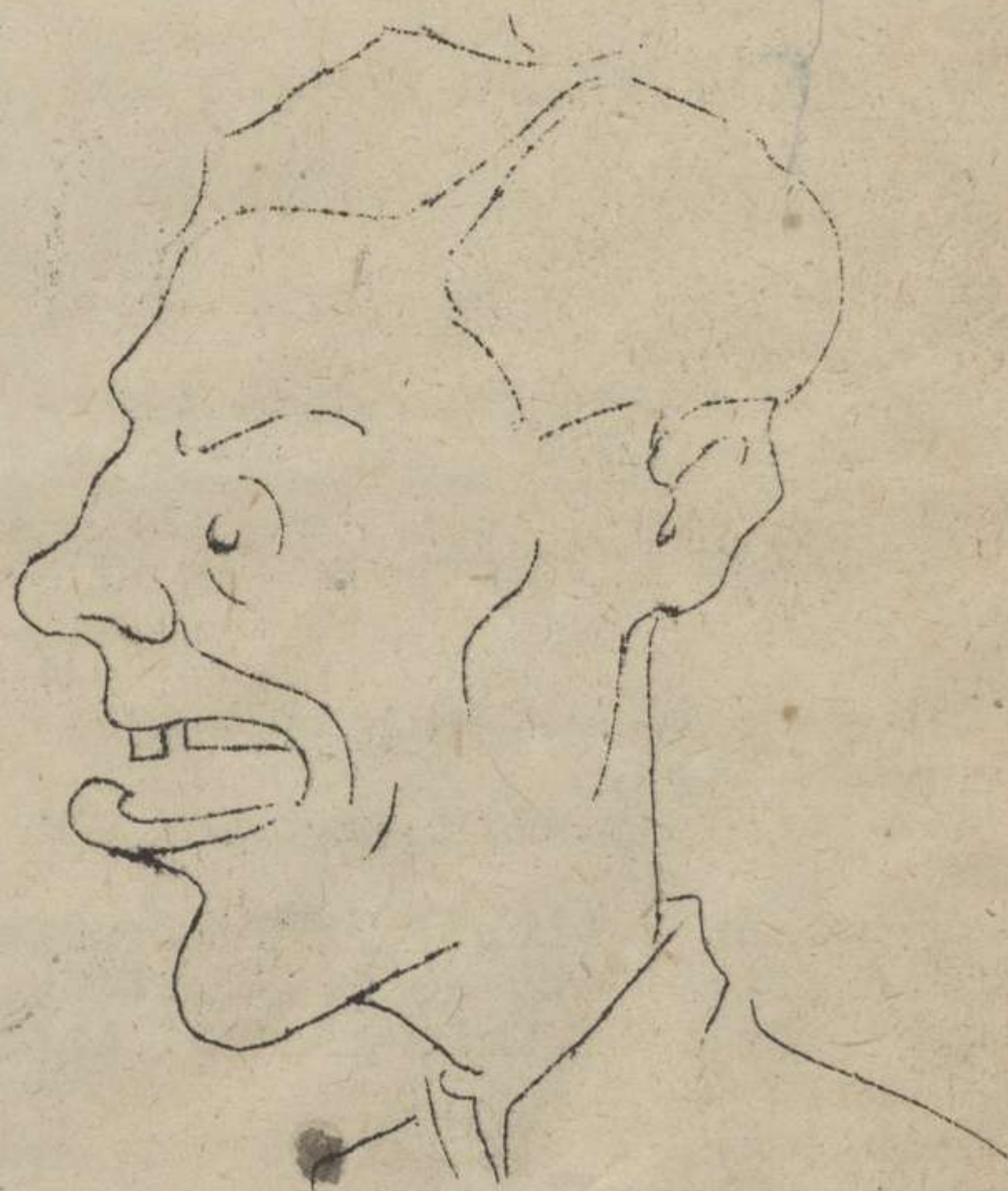
The talkative one; "In one stunt I was in I had four Germans on one bayonet, That do you think of that?  
The Other; Bosh! All Bosh!



OFF THE COAST OF SPAIN.  
The Digger; 'Struth ! I wish  
shed strike a mine now.



The Pessimist; "Sure  
Bill, She told me  
as I wouldnt get home  
as the boat I was on  
would hit a bloomin  
mine. "  
The Optimist; Well  
all I can say is we  
wont cost our prople  
anything for burial".



WHAT! BULLY AGAIN?



# AN ANZAC LAMENT.

A year ago I sat inside a bivvy,  
Cursing about my miserable lot,  
Wishing that I were once again a  
civvy

Roaring about the things I had'nt  
got.

Talking of home and all the old  
attractions,

Thinking of Katie, Joyce and  
Josephine,

Hating the blessed war and all its  
actions

Dreaming of all the things that  
might have been.

Now I am home and all my dreams are  
shattered,

Send me back to France again,  
Back to the life where nothing really  
matters

Aussie today is giving me a pain  
I, who had hoped to celebrate and  
maffie,

Find civvy life is hardly what I plan  
I even get the "wind up" over crackers  
and lose my head when walking round  
the block,

Out far beyond all other irritations,  
Is this infernal jazz this wretched  
dance,

That's done by all my friends and  
relations

And yet of which I'm still in  
ignorance!

There was when I could trip the  
light fantastic

But Jazz is right beyond my ken,  
So I look on while Katie grows  
sarcastic

And Josephine goes round with other  
men.

I loath Jazz bands, trap drummers,  
Jazz Conductors.

I'm fed right up with Jazz and let  
me go.

Better be merry with "jerk" instructors  
Then sad after Jazz and Tickledee,  
Take me away from this growth, this  
discanker,

I cannot jazz, I can play Crown and  
Anchor,

If this is peace let's have another  
war.

J. G. Rowe.

# TEN LITTLE DIGGER BOYS.

Ten little Digger boys going up the  
line

One lost his B.R.S. and then there  
were nine.

Nine little Digger boys, sleeping in  
so late,

One missed his bally draft and then  
there were eight.

Eight little Digger boys, met with Huns  
eleven

One broke his average and then there  
were seven.

Seven little Digger boys, did'nt know  
how to mix,

The stuff to make a jam tin bomb, and  
then there were six.

Six little Digger boys, full of joi-de  
vive

One met a mademoiselle, and then there  
were five.

Five little Digger boys looking for  
some more,

One went and found one, and then there  
were four.

Four little Digger boys out to have a  
pre,

Too much des ouefs et pommes de terre,  
and then there were three.

Three little Digger boys "fairly fou the  
oo"

One hit an A.P.H. and then there were  
two.

Two little Digger boys to see how it  
was done,

Went monkeying with a Mills Bomb and  
then there was one.

One little Digger boy telling how the  
war was won,

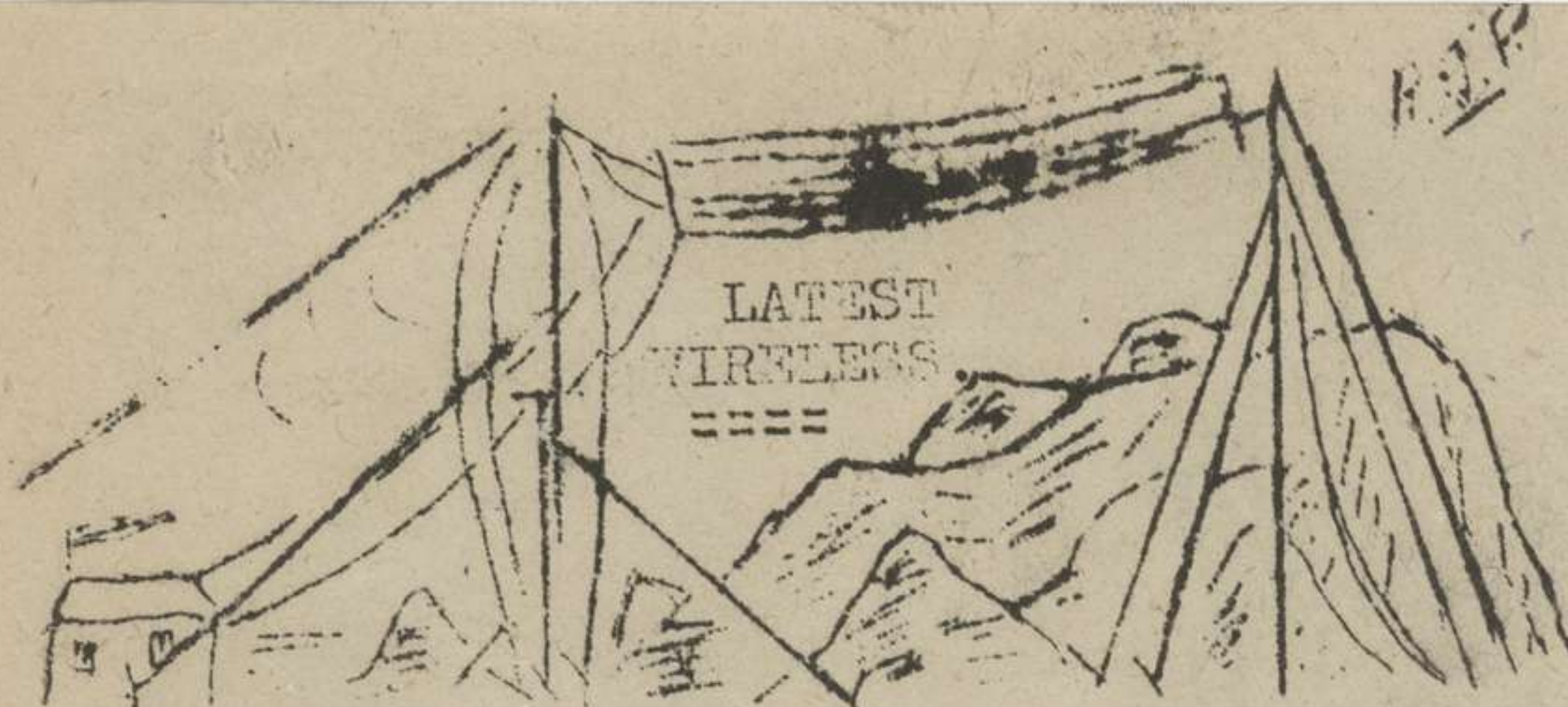
Strained his imagination and then there  
were none.

J. P. H.

One of our Sergeants had attended a  
little "comrades of the war" gathering  
in town, and was endeavouring to find  
his way home to the Anzac Buffet by  
train.

After a long search for  
trains he staggered into what he was  
old was the right train. A clergyman  
sitting opposite fixed him with an icy  
disapproving glare and said - "Do you  
now where you are going? The festive  
one replied that he was going to  
Horseferry Rd. You are going straight  
to Hell said the Parson. Oh! Lor said  
the Aussie. Wrong - hic - wrong train  
again.





Following received 19:5:19  
Reference to the conversation relating to Fiume and the Adriatic territories, and the territories relating to Austria which have been discussed. It is proposed to occupy the territories. The new boundary line of the frontiers are being laid down and guarded. All the parties interested are being represented in the Guard whilst the last hand is being played.

The conference confirming these matters commenced Monday and will probably last three days.

The conference will take place in the Great Hall of the Cheateau of St. German with great ceremony and in the presence of the German delegates.

The notes of Rantzau to the Council of Four.-

The Council of Four held meetings on Saturday morning and afternoon and are now prepared to respond to the last notes of the Commission of Intercession by Count Rantzau.

M. Clemenceau Pres. of Peace Conference received a new note from Rantzau on Saturday relative to the valley of the Saar. In this document, the Chief of the German delegation proposes to arrange joint combinations for the exploitation of this valley. An equal portion of this trade to go to Germany together with the profits therefrom.

#### Accident in Brussels.

In the course of an interruption in the electrical current connected with the Tramway Companies, wires became misplaced and 22 passengers were badly injured. Amongst the passengers were British and American Soldiers. Another accident occurred, to wit, a collision between a passenger and goods train on the Brussels -Anvers line. A number of passengers were very badly injured and the danger to material is excessive.

The Captain of the Good Ship SOUDAN forwards the following,-

#### SUEZ CANAL.

The Suez Canal was first opened to traffic on November 20th 1869, by an International Convention signed October 24th 1887, it was declared neutralized. It is exempt from Blockade and vessels of all nations whether armed or not are allowed to pass through either in peace or war. The Canal was created by Ferdinand de Lesseps, French Engineer who was born at Versailles on Nov. 19th 1805 and died near Paris on Decr. 7th 1894. The original cost of constructing the Canal was £19,000,000 in spite of the fact that it was all done by forced labour.

The total length of the Canal is 87 miles; of this distance 66 miles are actual canal, the remaining 21 miles are made up by passing through Lake Timsah and the great and Little Bitter Lakes.

A Canal from the Red Sea to the large lake near Port Said was made by King Ramesses II. in 1333 B.C., and the remains of it were discovered when the present Canal was under construction.

In the year 1906 3,957 ships amounting to 13,445,504 tons passed through the Canal. Of this tonnage 74% was British. The total receipts in Canal Dues in 1906 amounted to 4,326,746 Pounds Turkish. (The Turkish Pound in pre-war days was equal to 21 British shillings.)

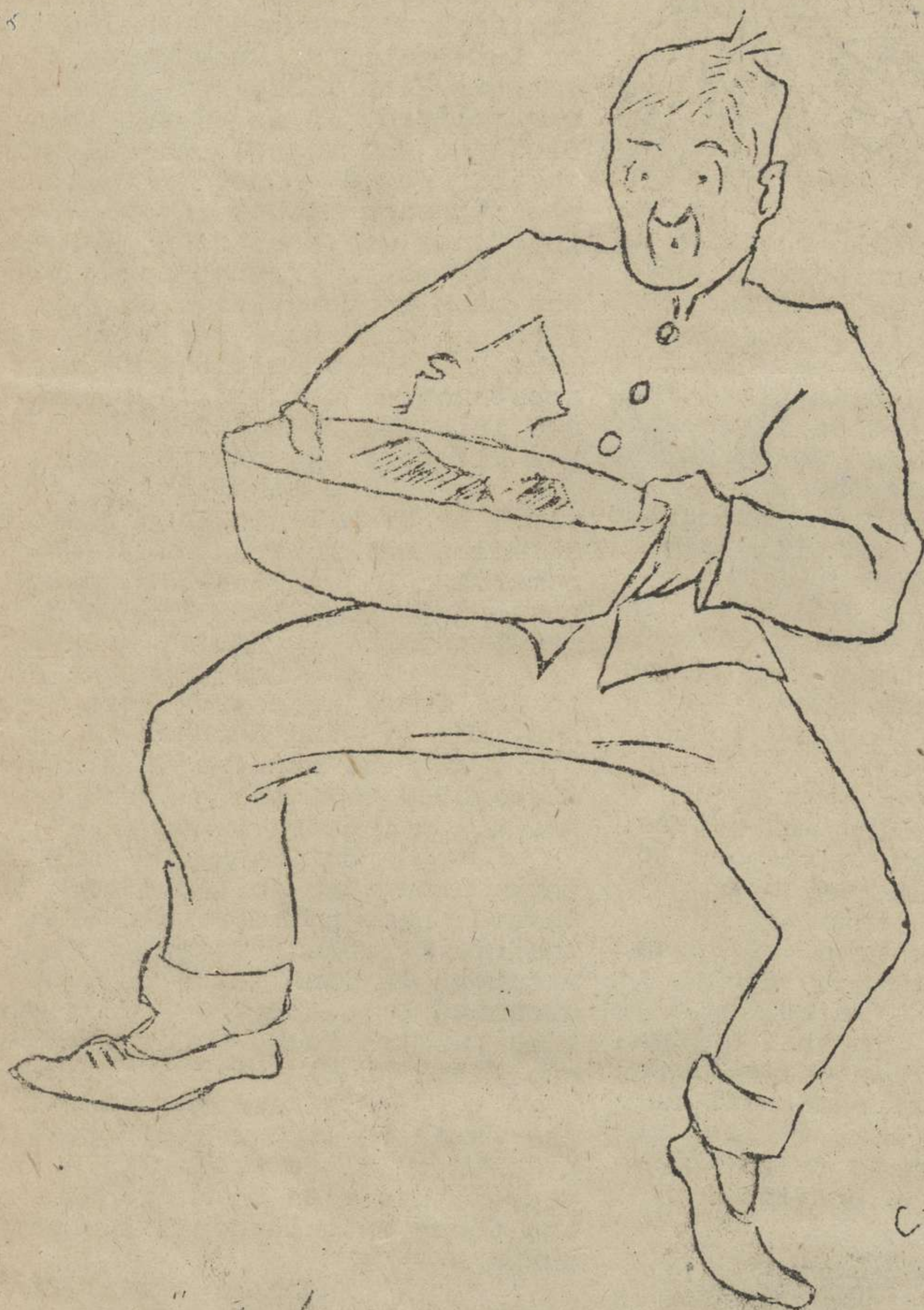
The average breadth of the Canal in 1908 was 320 feet with a depth of 31 feet. Since that year it has been both widened, so that today much larger ships can pass through.

There is a very fine statue of Ferdinand de Lesseps on the breakwater at Port Said.. This can be seen on the right hand side at the Shore end of the breakwater.

People who think they are foolish always think they are wise; that is one of the signs of their folly.

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C. GILMORE

"NO! THIS IS NOT A NEW JAZZ,  
ONLY OUR PRIZE MESS ORDERLY  
MAKING HIS WAY FROM THE  
COOK-HOUSE."



