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MOASCAR <del>BAHAGZIG</del>	1/7/19		The troop train arrived at Moascar at 0130, after picking up the 9 <sup>th</sup> ALHR Regt at TEL-EL-KEBIR en route. The Regiment camped alongside the railway siding for the remainder of the night, and marched into camp at daybreak. The baggage train arrived about midday, & was immediately offloaded.	JWC
	2/7/19		Busy all day, carting baggage from railway station, and erecting camp. All clothing and two blankets per man disinfected during the day. Notification received from AIF HQs, that Lieut HM MacNee DCM, had been awarded the Military Cross, and N <sup>o</sup> 2420 T/SQMS (now T/RQMS) K Mc J. Williamson the Meritorious Service Medal. All arms and Equipment were handed into the Regimental Quartermaster today.	JWC

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MOASCAR	3/7/19		(Busy preparing for embarkation) Captain J. R. Lyall M.C. proceeded to KANTARA for the embarkation to AUSTRALIA of the 8 <sup>th</sup> ALHR Regt by the "MALTA"	JWC
"	4/7/19		Compiling embarkation rolls.	JWC
"	5/7/19		Usual camp routine.	JWC
"	6/7/19		Received news that the Regiment will embark on the SS "OXFORDSHIRE" on the 10 <sup>th</sup> instant. In the evening the Moascar Cinema gave a free show to all ranks. Film entitled "Australia in Palestine"	JWC
"	7/7/19		Lieut E. J. Richardson M.C. reported back from Australian Base Depot Port Said, thus relinquishing his U.K. leave.	JWC

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MOASCAR	8/7/19		Final cleaning up of the Camp and return of Ordnance Stores. Orders received for Advance Party to proceed to KANTARA tomorrow	JWC
"	9/7/19		The Embarkation Advance Party consisting of 12 Corporals, (one from each troop) and 10 troopers with Lieut A.W. Martin in charge, left for KANTARA this morning. Lieut J.K. Lyall MC also left in charge of the Brigade Advance Party.	JWC
"	10/7/19		Lieut J.W. Cox MC promoted Temporary Captain in Part II Orders AIF in E list 38 1919 to date from 5.7.19.	JWC
"	10/7/19		The Regiment entrained at MOASCAR SIDING at 1000, every man with his kit-bag. The train left at 1045 and reached KANTARA about 1230, where all the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brigade units detrained, and headed by the Regiment, marched in column of sections across the Canal bridge to the ships side. The embarkation of the Regiment on the 'HMT. OXFORDSHIRE' of total strength 21 officers 317 ORanks Total 383 45 Sergeants	JWC

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MOASCAR	10/7/19		<p>(Continued) [Commenced about 1300 and took about 25 minutes.] Each man carried his kit-bag aboard, handed over his pay book to the Embarkation Staff; the whole process of embarkation was easy and efficient, &amp; occurred without a hitch. The men marched straight aboard, &amp; sat down to lunch on their respective troop decks. Immediately after lunch, hammocks blankets and life-belts were drawn from the ships stores. Later in the afternoon, the four captured cookers belonging to the Regiment were taken aboard. (At 1645, the "OXFORDSHIRE" cast off from the KANTARA wharf, &amp; commenced her journey to AUSTRALIA. At ISMAILIA, the ship slowed up to take aboard from a launch, General L.C. Wilson G.O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> ALH Brigade and his A.D.C. proceeding with us to AUSTRALIA. Major L.C. Timperley assumed command of the Regiment dated 9.7.19 on Lieut Col ACN Oldew DSO reporting to Australian Base Depot Camps Port Said to await embarkation to UK.)</p>	J.W.C.
			Brigade Routine Order 374 10.7.19	

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ATSEA	11/7/19		Entered the Gulf of SUEZ, Calm weather. Completing mess arrangements. The Regiment, less one troop accommodated on "D" Deck, one troop on "E" Deck. Major L.C. Jimperley made O.C. "C" and "D" Decks. R.S.M. L.W. Moore to be Ships Sergeant Major. Calm Sea - weather very hot.	JWC
"	12/7/19		Entered the Red Sea	JWC
"	13/7/19		Church services held on boat deck in the morning and aft in the evening. Very hot and close. Thick heat mist in evening.	JWC
"	14/7/19		A sweltering hot day. Thick heat mist over the sea. Almost unbearable heat below decks. Sea becoming choppy.	JWC

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AT SEA	15/7/19		Oppressive heat continues. Everyone drenched with perspiration. Liberal distribution of Australian Comforts Fruit, Cake, Biscuits, Cigars, Cigarettes &c. Concert held in the evening. Slightly cooler towards night.	JWC.
"	16/7/19		Big swell on during the morning. Freshening breeze all day. Several men feeling the weather and heat effects.	JWC.
"	17/7/19		Boisterous sea. Educational classes started today. Pay in afternoon. Every man received £3. Sergeants £5.	JWC.
	18/7/19		Sea calmer.	JWC.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AT SEA	19/7/19		Weather much cooler. All ranks enjoying relaxation.	
"	20/7/19		Lieut all Martin elected President of Ships Sports Committee. Sports to commence after leaving Colombo.	JWC
"	21/7/19		Received wireless from Colombo re arrangements for trip to Kandy.	
(COLOMBO)	22/7/19		(Arrived Colombo harbour about 0500.) Found arrangements made, + train waiting <sup>able</sup> to convey 600 men to Kandy if required. At 0700 barges came alongside, and took off the Kandy party. The Regimental party mustered 11 officers and 2290 ranks out of a total ships party of between 400 and 500. The balance of the Regiment disembarked soon after for shore leave in Colombo, all ranks to be on board not later than 1800. The Kandy trip arrangements were in the hands of the Australian YMCA representative (Mr. Soul) who met the party on the wharf and entrained them. The train left about 0930 and arrived at Kandy about 1330. Without any delay, the	JWC



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(COLOMBO)

22/7/19

(Continued) the Regimental party detrained, and conducted by a guide, marched easy in sections to the local barracks where a substantial lunch was awaiting them. With lunch over all were free to go where they pleased + see the sights, and to return independly to the railway station at 1745. At 1805 the train left for Colombo with all on board, + arrived at the wharf about 2300. The barges were waiting, + the whole party were on board the "Oxfordshire" by 2400. The Kandy train was given free of cost by the Government of Ceylon, and all other expenses were paid out of the funds carried by the S.C. Troops for such purposes!

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COLOMBO	23/7/19		Shore leave Colombo was granted from 0900 to 1800, and all ranks took advantage of this to visit the bazaars & see the sights of the place. Major L.C. Imperley, by arrangement with W. Soul, the Australian YMCA representative, gave each member of the Regiment a ticket entitling them to a free lunch and motor trip around the suburbs of Colombo. The arrangements for the entertainment of the troops were excellent, and all ranks showed their appreciation by their splendid conduct throughout the two days leave ashore. The Governor of Ceylon wired to the Defence Dept Melbourne his appreciation of the fine behavior of the troops of the "Oxfordshire".	J.W.C.

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COLOMBO	24/7/19		Owing to the uncertain time of sailing, no shore leave was granted. As the ships orders were to proceed from Colombo direct to Adelaide, the OC Troop cabled to the Defence Dept Melbourne for authority to call at Fremantle to land the 400 odd Western Australians on board. Major L.C. Imperley also cabled to the Premier of Western Australia on behalf of the Regiment (At 1715 the "Oxfordshire" continued her voyage to Australia.	JWC
AT SEA	25/7/19		Calm sea. The Educational classes were continued.	JWC
" "	26/7/19		Calm sea. Troops chiefly occupied reading, card playing etc	JWC

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AT SEA	27/7/19		Church Services held in morning and evening. Regimental Bridge and Cribbage tournaments started. Good money prizes from Regimental Funds. Heavy rain fell during the night.	JWC
"	28/7/19		Heavy rain on and off all day. Ships sports postponed.	JWC
"	29/7/19		Ships sports commenced today. Calm sea.	JWC
"	30/7/19		Ships sports continued.	JWC
"	31/7/19		Calm sea. Running off heats in Ships Sports. Received wireless message from the Premier of W.A. stating arrangements made for the Regiment to land at Fremantle, & welcoming us home. Lecture in evening by Mr H.S. Gullett Australian War Correspondent on Peace Conference in	JWC PARIS

War Diary

H.M.T. "OXFORDSHIRE",  
23/7/19.

To Major Timperley,

C.O., 10th L.H. Regiment.  
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(1) Herewith please find first progress report on Education Scheme in the Regiment, covering the period of the voyage from EGYPT to COLOMBO, viz:- From 11th to 22nd instants.

(2) For the first 5 days during the passage through the Red Sea, the heat was so intense, and the health of the men so effected, that no classes were held. After that, by the courtesy of the Ship's Captain, the First Saloon was placed at the disposal of the Regiment, and Educational work was begun on the 17th instant.

(3) Four and a half hours per day were devoted to the different classes which are so arranged that a man may, if he so choose, attend every one. Below is the timetable which has been published in Ship's Orders and posted at suitable places on board:-

TIME TABLE FOR 10TH LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT CLASSES:-

Morning 0900 - 1130.

Afternoon 1400 - 1600.

Day	IC eng	Bookkg	Arith	Geom	Com Eng.	Algebra	Agric.
MON	9-10	10-11	11-1130	3-4	2-3	-	-
TUES	9-10	10-11	11-1130	-	2-230	230-3	3-4
WED	9-10	10-11	11-1130	-	2-230	230-3	3-4
THUR	9-10	10-1030	1030-11	11-1130	2-230	230-3	3-4
FRID	9-10	10-1030	1030-11	11-1130	2-230	230-3	3-4
SAT.	9-10	10-1030	1030-11	11-1130	-	-	-

(4) The following abstract shows what has been done up to date, with other relative information.

ABSTRACT OF CLASSES:-

Subjects	Hrs or wk	Instructor	Av Att	Scope of work completed to date
Bkkpg.	4*	Lt Hopkins	25	Introduction. Definitions, The Journal, Opening Entries, Current entries and Transfer entries.
Arith.	3	Lt Hopkins	25	Four rules simple and compound in English and metric system.
Algebra	2	Sgt Hillman	2	Introduction, definitions, use of signs in four simple rules.
Geom.	2*	Sgt Hillman	3	Axioms, postulates, definitions, studies of angles and tri-angles.
Com Eng.	3	Lt Hopkins	12	Construction of sentences, analysis and synthesis, simple compound and complex sentences, correction of errors.
IC engines	6	Cpl Robinson	36	Parts of IC engine, principles, carburetter and magneto.
Agric.	4	Cpl Dyer	17	Soil, character, classification temperature, germination, soil bacteria.

(5) Apparatus and Aids. The I.C. engine class conducted on the fore-castle by Corporal Robinson is provided with a dozen fine diagrams, and a motor bicycle, and this subject is well illustrated.

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To carry on the remaining subjects there is a good supply of blackboards and chalk, but only a limited supply of Text Books. Several students have been able to borrow Text Books from the Educational Library on board.

(6) Examinations in the various subjects are to be held next week.

(7) During the Ship's stay at COLOMBO about 250 members of the Regiment visited KANDY, and it is suggested that an essay competition with this trip as the subject, be held in the Regiment.

(8) Next week a reading circle is to be opened for the general study of the booklet "Study of social problems"; and arrangements have been made to receive and answer questions on demobilisation and repatriation.

(9) The general library of fiction and biography, belonging to the Regiment has been open since *the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.*, and is largely used by all ranks irrespective of the units to which they belong. This library is conducted by the Regimental Education Staff under the direction of Sergeant Hillman.

*A Hopkins Lt.*  
*Education Officer*