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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*5<sup>th</sup> A.L.H.F. Ambulance*

FOR

*26-7-19 - 29-8-19 191*

Signature of Officer compiling.....

Signature of Officer Commanding..... *Captain*

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Aposcas	26.7.19		The remainder of the Unit comprising of 1 Officer (Capt. J. W. Phillips) & Sgt & 22 Planks embarked at Aposcas on troop train at 0700. At 0800 train moved out & arrived at Kantara 0925. Heavy baggage under escort moved to boat by motor lorries, the Unit carrying their kit & personal kit marched to ship HMT "Lurana", lying at wharf south of bridge. Embarked at 1000. The advance party of 1 mes & 1 ofk directed the Unit to tables 15 & 17 'A' Deck allotted to Unit. Rations were not carried aboard & a hot lunch was available for troops. Sgt Aselsen & two Planks were sent on the 25 <sup>th</sup> unit to take over & prepare the ship hospital. Sgt Cooney, T. James & 1 ofk were brought on board under guard to finish sentence of 7 days FPN 2. Sgt Aselsen & 7 Planks detailed for hospital staff for journey. 7 Sgt Lambidge & 1 ofk detailed for Educational Section for English & Cook. Kupaia. Hammocks & blankets drawn & issued. Boat sailed at 1430. The troop deck space very hot on account of no portholes available & air ventilated only through windblades.	
Kantara			Reached Suva at night 2200 on 26.7.19 & take in water. The Unit & 6 admitted to hospital (Palacio Hotel) 0930 sailed from Suva. Kupaia & 2 und distributed good supply of stores to Unit. 1 ofk Dunstan sent to the on embarkation SRO.3. 5 Rafts on the starboard side forward allotted to Unit & men practised in taking up position & party detailed off for throwing rafts overboard. Ship Sports Committee held. Capt Phillips, Sgt Aselsen & 1 ofk Dunstan to represent Unit for all branches of Sport & concerts. 1 ofk Dunstan reappointed 1 ofk for voyage side SRO.4. The Unit & 6 discharged from hospital to duty. Weather very hot & close.	
Suva	27.7.19		The sentence of Sgt McCarty, James & Cooney exposed. Comf. 2 und distributed stores to Unit & keep up small supplies every day to assist ships fare. Boats on troop decks owing to heavy seas running. Weather rough, Aposcas. The Sports Meeting arranged had to be cancelled & postponed until 6.8.19 on account of rough weather. Unit entries for all events very satisfactory.	
At Sea 338 miles from Suva	28.7.19			
627 miles from Suva	29.7.19			
924 miles from Suva	30.7.19			
1229 miles from Suva	31.7.19			
1919 miles from Suva	1.8.19			

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At Sea 185 miles from Quez.	4.8.19		Passed Socotra Island & sea abated a great deal which allowed the sick men a chance on deck. Part of the Unit ill.	20 21
2127 miles from Quez	3.8.19		Church services cancelled owing to weather.	
5247 miles from Quez	4.8.19		Weather & seas settling down & men recovering. The food allowed to men has been plentiful & fair assortment, but the meat unsatisfactorily cooked in most instances. Compt's fund allowing tinned fruits & jam & sugar to aid the patients. Fresh coats available for washing.	22
2770 miles from Quez	5.8.19			
3013 miles from Quez	6.8.19		Day for at 11.05 AM, 5 <sup>th</sup> of 10 <sup>th</sup> at 1100. Annecoy Island passed in morning. 1500 ships sports on aft well deck, unit competed in all events.	
3304 miles from Quez	7.8.19		1000 V.D. inspection & lecture by Lt Col Clarke. Orders read to Unit re landing at Colombo, when a trip is being arranged to Kandy.	
Colombo	8.8.19		Reached Colombo 2000 7/8/19. 3 of 19 of ranks took trip to Kandy & returned at 0530 to catch train leaving at 0600. Enjoyable day for all ranks. Returned from Kandy 1900. 3/4 per man taken from Compt's fund to pay for lunch & tea. 2 of 19 on town precinct & 2 daily for half day in hospital & allowed leave in afternoon. All troops from ship (mat order) & complimented by Govt of Colombo. Left at 1200. D <sup>r</sup> Apils 31/8 in hospital & arrived for 19/8.	
Colombo	9.8.19			
At Sea	10.8.19		Church services by Cannon Garland during morning. Weather calm. Miles travelled 1900. Miles travelled for 48 hrs ending noon today 284 miles. Boxing contests 1930.	
574 miles from Colombo	11.8.19			
819 miles from Colombo	12.8.19		Medical Examinations "536" "A & B" carried out during morning. Heavy sea prevailing. D <sup>r</sup> Apils discharged from hospital. Concert held on ship aft deck.	
1064 miles from Colombo	13.8.19		Medical Examinations "536" "C & D" carried out during morning. Concert 8 PM. Information on Demobilisation in booklet form issued to all ranks. Gift stores distributed to officers.	
1314 miles from Colombo				

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1311 miles from Colombo	14.8.19		<p>Day for all districts made. Concert held on board. The General Sports Committee organizing sports, concerts, boxing, Whist, Bridge &amp; Carriage, Draughts &amp; Chess held. made splendid arrangements for amusement of troops. Almost every night there is some form of entertainment, &amp; each day the units have card drives for competition in the ship events.</p> <p>Prizes of splendid value often exceeding the worth of the event, are given by Y.M.C.A. Band, Y.M.C.A. etc.</p>	
1561 miles from Colombo	15.8.19		<p>Keeling Island passed about 1100 &amp; Coors Is one hour after. Keen excitement on board on account of the landing event. Ship not sighted from "Sirma" as we passed on the eastern side of the group. Medical Examination "G to J" of landing events held during the evening. Penicillin of Inj. was held.</p>	
1807 miles from Colombo	16.8.19		<p>Examination (Medical) "H.K.L." 9.45 am. Sports Meeting. This was the second held on the ship &amp; all events very keenly contested. Ft. Whist admitted to Hospital. W</p>	
2058 miles from Colombo	17.8.19		<p>Church Service held by Canon Garland. Weather very cold &amp; windy. Unit with large percentage of colds. Medical examinations "M.N.O.P.Q." W</p>	
2316 miles from Colombo	18.8.19		<p>0900 Medical Examinations of "R.S.T. &amp; Z" held. 1615 Examination of Officers. Boxing contests held. Navy, Medical weight &amp; Antennae rights all represented. This is the most popular of all amusements on board. Y.M.C.A. gifts to troops. W</p>	
2563 miles from Colombo	19.8.19		<p>Rat inspection held for all goods dutiable of Unit &amp; Certificate given for all stores to customs. Very little whole unit stores under \$10.00. Warrant discharged from Hospital. All stores checked for blankets, Hammocks &amp; Messing utensils. W</p>	
2761 miles from Colombo	20.8.19		<p>Medical inspection of troops &amp; ships medical officer. Drums B1 &amp; B2 passed &amp; landed over to Ships Adjutant for all men &amp; receipt given. Camp Band distributed stores. W</p>	
2991 miles from Colombo	21.8.19 22.8.19		<p>Extra blankets issued to troops. W</p> <p>Arrived at Fremantle 0900 inspected &amp; health officer &amp; no further tendered. General leave given to troops 1100-1400. The troops were very orderly &amp; quiet. Ship moved out at 1700. W</p>	

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223 files from Dunmuntle	23.8.19		Discharge forms & transfer forms for unit filled in and nominal roll of addresses & State rendered. W	
515 files from Dunmuntle	24.8.19		Church service & Comm. Garland. Recalls delayed until 0630 & Roll Call 0700 W	
795 files from Dunmuntle	25.8.19		Day (Re-embarkation) for 4 <sup>th</sup> M.D. for sailing of members of unit for Adelaide W	
1076 files from Dunmuntle	26.8.19		Medical inspection of troops & ship medical officers. W	
	27.8.19		Arrived Outer Harbour Adelaide at 1100. Inspected by health officer, moved to wharf at 1400. Boat left 1700. W	
223 files from Adelaide	28.8.19		Day for members of 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> M.D. W	
	29.8.19		Arrived at Port Melbourne at. 13 members of unit disembarked as per nominal roll. W	

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Embarkation Memorial Roll

EMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLL.

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Regt No.	Rank.	Name.	Military District.
<del>-</del>	Cptain.	Staphensen.	K.A. 3
<del>-</del>	"	Nelson.	T.V. 2
<del>-</del>	Hon Capt & QM.	Phillips.	F.H. 1
16842	Sgt.	Axelsen.	E. 1
18857	T/Sgt.	Bainbridge.	T. 1
18188	L/Sgt.	Pittman.	C.F. 3
1415	W.O.	Postlethwaite.	O. 3
2040	Cpl.	Bowman.	T. 1
<del>2359</del>	Pte.	Bradley.	H.J. 2
4051	Cpl.	Capes.	T.E. 2
3472	Dvr.	Cooney.	T. 2
16965	"	Dalling.	H. 4
16956	Cpl.	Dunstan.	L.&c 3
16953	Pte.	Fiddes.	R.R.F. 3
<del>2636</del>	Dvr.	Frame.	J. 2
4630	Pte.	Gourlay.	H.C.G. 3
19143	Cpl.	Greenslade.	F.A. 3
4010	Pte.	Griffin.	C. 2
2106	"	Grimes.	M. 2
1414	"	Hunt.	R.C. 1
16930	"	Kirk.	A. 3
16933	Dvr.	Lanyon.	J.R. 3
2935	"	Loves.	N.&I. 2
1595	Pte.	Mc Carty.	E.H. 3
16954	Dvr.	Mc Lean.	C.D. 3
<del>16938</del> 16938	Dvr.	Miles.	F.Y.E. 3
16943	Pte.	Purcell.	J. 3
3520	"	Smith.	T.L. 2
16849	Dvr.	Stevens.	F.N. 1
20106	Pte.	Suters.	A.R. 2
18191	"	Taylor.	Y.R.H. 3



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Avaroa	26.7.19		The remainder of the Unit comprising of 1 Officer (Capt J. H. Phillips) & 1 Lt & 22 privs arrived at Avaroa on troop train at 0905. At 0800 train moved out & arrived at Kantara 0925. Troop baggage under escort moved to boat by motor launch. The Unit comprising an Lt & 20 privs & 20 privs & 20 privs embarked to ship HMAT "Luma", lying at wharf south of bridge. Embarked at 1000. The average party of 1 man & 1 ofk directed the Unit to tables 15 & 17. A Deck allotted to Unit. Rations were not carried aboard & a hot lunch was available for troops. Lt. Adams & two privs were sent on to 25th to take over & prepare the ship hospital. Sgt. Cooney, T. Gimes & party of 6th were brought on board under guard to assist in the care of 7 days. F.P.H.s. Sgt. Adams & 4 privs detailed for hospital staff for journey. 7 Sgt. Stimpbridge & 1 Sgt. Dunstan & 6 privs detailed for Educational Section for English & Art. Supplies & blankets drawn & issued. Boat sailed at 1130. The troops deck space very hot on account of no portholes available & are ventilated only through windows. X	
Kantara			Reached Suva at night 1300 on 26.7.19 & take up water. The Unit R.B. admitted to hospital (General Hospital) 0900 sailed from Suva. Company Fund distributed. good supply of stores to Unit. 30 privs Dunstan sent to the on embarkation 380.3. X	
At sea	28.7.19		5 days on the Starboard side forward allotted to Unit & men practised in taking up positions & parties detailed off for throwing rafts overboard. Ship Spots Committee held. Capt Phillips, Lt Adams & 1 Sgt Dunstan to represent Unit for all branches of Spots & general. Lt Dunstan reappointed 3rd Lt for voyage side 380.4. X	
677 miles from Suva	29.7.19		The Unit R.B. discharged from hospital to duty. Weather very hot & close. X	
9th miles from Suva	30.7.19		The sentence of Sgt. McCarty, Gimes, & Cooney expired. Company Fund distributed. Stores to Unit & keep up small supplies every day to assist ships. privs. X	
1209 miles from Suva	31.7.19		Covers on troop decks owing to heavy seas running. X	
1919 miles from Suva	1.8.19		Weather rough. Spoons. The Spots Meeting arranged had to be cancelled & postponed until 6.8.19 on account of rough weather. Unit orders for all events very satisfactory. X	

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At Sea 185 miles from Suva	4.8.19		Washed Sooty Island & sea abated a great deal which allowed the aircraft men a chance on deck. Part of the unit ill.	
2127 miles from Suva	3.8.19		Church services cancelled owing to weather.	
1747 miles from Suva	2.8.19		Weather & seas settling down & men recovering. The food allowed to men has been plentiful & air assortment, but the cement unsatisfactorily cooked in great quantities. Comptrol Band allowing trained fairs to join & cigars to aid the rationing. Fresh water available for washing.	
775 miles from Suva	3.8.19			
3013 miles from Suva	6.8.19		On for Pt M. 0530 at 5 <sup>th</sup> of 1100. Spencer Island passed in morning. 1100 ships part on aft well deck unit completed in all events.	
3300 miles from Suva	7.8.19		1000 V.D. inspection & lecture by Lt Col Clarke. Orders sent to start landing at Colombo, when a trip is being arranged to Kandy.	
Colombo	8.8.19		Reached Colombo 2000 9/8/19. 3 of 19 ranks took ship to Kandy & returned at breakfast 0530 leaving ship at 0530 to catch train leaving at 0600. Enjoyable day for all ranks. Returned from Kandy 1900. 4 per man taken from Comptrol Band to pay for lunch & tea. 2 of 19 on train project & 2 duty for half day in hospital & allowed leave in afternoon. All troops from ship (material) & complimented by Govt of Colombo. Left at 1700. 5 <sup>th</sup> of 1100 in hospital provided for.	
Colombo	9.8.19		Church services & games - Garland during evening. Weather calm. Mile hauled 290. Miles hauled for 4th ending noon today 284 miles. Losing contents 1900.	
At Sea	10.8.19			
1574 miles from Colombo	11.8.19		Medical Examinations "536" A & B carried out during morning. Heavy fog prevailing. 5 <sup>th</sup> of 1100 returned from hospital. Concert held on ship aft deck.	
819 miles from Colombo	12.8.19		Medical Examinations "536" C & D carried out during morning. Concert 8 PM.	
1063 miles from Colombo	13.8.19		Information on Demobilization in booklet form issued to all units. Gift stores distributed to officers.	
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1561 miles from Colombo	15.8.19		Keeling Island passed about 1100 & Cross Is one hour after. Great excitement on board on account of the Enderby event. Ship not sighted from morning as we passed on the eastern side of the Group. Medical Examination "E to J" of day's events held during the evening. Penicillin of Inj. was held. Examination (Medical) "H.K.L." 9.45 am. Sports meeting. This was the second held on the ship & all events very keenly contested. Lt. Hunt admitted to hospital. Church Service held & Kanori Island. Weather very cold & windy. Unit with large percentage of colds. Medical Examinations "M.N.O.P.Q."	
1807 miles from Colombo	16.8.19		0900 Medical Examinations of "R.S.T. & Z." held. 1615 Examination of Officers. Boxing contests held. Navy, Medical Corps & Artillery rights all represented. This is the most popular of all amusements on board. Y.M.C.A. gifts to troops.	
2058 miles from Colombo	17.8.19		Kit inspection held for all goods dutiable of unit & Certificate given for all stores to Customs. Very little whole unit stores under \$10.00. Hunt discharged from hospital. All stores checked for blankets, hammocks & messing utensils.	
2316 miles from Colombo	18.8.19		Medical inspection of troops & ships medical officer. Drums 3.15 & 8 person landed on to ship. Assistant for all crew & receipt given. Composite Band distributed stores units cold & most of unit with colds.	
2563 miles from Colombo	19.8.19		Extra blankets issued to troops.	
2964 miles from Colombo	20.8.19		Arrived at Demantle 0900 reported 9 parts of unit & in bus return landed. General Leave given to troops from 1100-1400. The troops were very orderly & quiet. Ship moved out at 1700.	
2991 miles from Colombo	21.8.19 22.8.19			

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220 ofiles from Dunbar	23.8.19		Discharge forms & health forms for unit filled in and nominal roll of addresses & state rendered.	
515 ofiles from Dunbar	24.8.19		Church service & Cairns Garland. Health delayed until 1630. Roll-call 1700.	
795 ofiles from Dunbar	25.8.19		Day (disembarkation) for 5 <sup>th</sup> M.D. 9 <sup>th</sup> sailing of members of unit for Adelaide.	
1076 ofiles from Dunbar	26.8.19		Medical inspection of troops & ship's medical officers.	
	27.8.19		Arrived Port Harbor Adelaide at 1100. Inspected by port officer, moved to wharf at 1200. Boat left 1400.	
233 ofiles from Adelaide	28.8.19		Day for members of 13 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> M.D.	
	29.8.19		Arrived at Port Melbourne at 10. Members of unit disembarked as per nominal roll.	

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Regt No.	Rank.	Name.		Military District.
-	<del>Captain.</del>	<del>Stephenson.</del>	<del>K.A.</del>	<del>3</del>
-	"	Nelson.	T.V.	2
-	Hon Capt & QM.	Phillips.	F.H.	1
16842	Sgt.	Axelsen.	E.	1
18857	T/Sgt.	Bainbridge.	T.	1
18188	L/Sgt.	Pittman.	C.F.	3
1415	W.O.	Postlethwaite.	O.	3
2040	Cpl.	Bowman.	T.	1
<del>2359</del>	<del>Pte.</del>	<del>Bradley.</del>	<del>H.J.</del>	<del>2</del>
4051	Cpl.	Capes.	T.E.	2
3472	Dvr.	Cooney.	T.	2
16965	"	Dalling.	H.	4
16956	Cpl.	Dunstan.	L.E.C	3
16953	Pte.	Fiddes.	R.R.F.	3
<del>2636</del>	<del>Dvr.</del>	<del>Franc.</del>	<del>J.</del>	<del>2</del>
4630	Pte.	Gourlay.	H.C.G.	3
19143	Cpl.	Greenslade.	F.A.	3
4010	Pte.	Griffin.	C.	2
2106	"	Grimes.	M.	2
1414	"	Hunt.	R.C.	1
16930	"	Kirk.	A.	3
16933	Dvr.	Lanyon.	J.R.	3
2935	"	Loves.	N.KI.	2
1595	Pte.	Mc Carty.	E.H.	3
16954	Dvr.	Mc Lean.	C.D.	3
<del>16938</del>	Dvr.	Miles.	F.Y.E.	3
16943	Pte.	Purcell.	J.	3
3520	"	Smith.	T.L.	2
16849	Dvr.	Stevens.	F.N.	1
20106	Pte.	Suters.	A.R.	2
18191	"	Taylor.	Y.R.H.	3