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OF

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REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION.

BULLETIN No. 29.

Issued by Repatriation and Demobilisation Department.

*Liaison Headquarters, Sutton Veny,
1st September, 1919.*

During the period 25th November, 1918 (the date on which Demobilisation Instructions were received) to 31st August, 1919, Troops have been embarked for Australia as shown in the following schedule:—

PERIOD.	PERSONNEL.				TOTAL ALL RANKS.
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Total for December, 1918 - - -	491	55	1155	11,605	13,306
„ January, 1919 - - -	493	119	919	12,034	13,565
„ February, „ - - -	336	69	361	4619	5385
„ March, „ - - -	699	131	1336	13,653	15,819
„ April „ - - -	658	53	1674	12,718	15,103
„ May „ - - -	1399	88	1737	16,652	19,876
„ June „ - - -	822	67	1771	14,039	16,699
„ July „ - - -	1023	174	1813	19,983	22,993
Total Dec. 1918, to July 1919 (inclusive)	5921	756	10,766	105,303	122,746

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19	AJANA	Liverpool	20	—	48	838	906
22	ANCHISES	Devonport	102	20	65	1075	1244
27	CELTIC (AMERICAN IRRIGATION STUDENTS)	Liverpool	19	—	28	52	99
28	KANOWNA (HOSPITAL SHIP)	Devonport	62	17	77	515	671
Total for August			366	66	400	4969	5801

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