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15-6-19

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Kantara	1.6.1919.		Usual Camp duties. Full advantage is being taken of swimming. 1.O.R. evacuated to Hospital.	
"	2.6.1919.		Usual Camp duties. A cricket team left for CAIRO where several matches are to be played.	
"	3.6.1919.		Usual Camp Routine. Muster Parade was held at 0900 to inspect clothing- which on the whole was found in good order.	
"	4.6.1919.		Camp duties as usual- very hot day with no wind until late in the afternoon.	
"	5.6.1919.		Usual duties	
"	6.6.1919.		Usual duties	
"	7.6.1919.		Leave Party 1 Officer and 14 O.R. for CAIRO and 8 O.R. for Port Said left to-day. Usual Camp Routine.	
"	8.6.1919)		Usual Camp Routine	
"	9.6.1919)			
"	10.6.1919		Usual Camp duties. Cricket xxx is being enthusiastically carried out and many men proceed to the Canal daily for swimming.	
"	11.6.1919		Leave party for Port Said, Cairo and Jerusalem are allowed from the Brigade.	
"	12.6.1919)		Usual Camp duties - Regimental Cricket teams are doing very well in Brigade Competitions - also the team that was in Cairo gained three wins - one draw much in our favour out of four matches.	
"	13.6.1919)			
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Kantara	19.6.1919		Usual Camp duties performed - cricket matches played by "A" and "B" Grade teams.	
	20.6.1919			
	21.6.1919			
	22.6.1919			
	23.6.1919			
"	24.6.1919		Embarkation order No. 1 received.	
"	25.6.1919		Usual camp duties performed. Regimental Parade. Definite instructions re embarkation received. 2nd Brigade to embark H.M.T. "MADRAS" on 27th Instant. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	
"	26.6.1919		Camp struck to-day. Advance party consisting of 13 N.C.O's with 6 O.R's proceeded to XXX PORT SAID to embark on "MADRAS". Remainder of horses (20) handed in, also all Ordnance equipment handed in.	

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KANTARAH	27-6-19		Very hot day and shelters were made out of blankets &c - everything in readiness for embatkation.	
" & "MADRAS"	28-6-19		Reveille at 0530. All blankets and advance gear to be loaded into motors by 0700 - all kit bage and ships baggage to be loaded by same time - mid-day meal was cooked at cook-house - fall in was blown at 1300 and Regiment marched to "A" Wharf arriving there 1330. The "MADRAS" berthed punctually at 1400, and embarkation commenced immediately - troop quarters very good but deck spaces very crowded. KANTARAH was left at 1700 and no one seemed to have any regrets. ISMAILIA was passed at 2200 where the N.Z. Brigade are camped.	
H.M.T. "MADRAS"	29-6-19		SUEZ was passed at 0600 - weather very sultry and no breeze at all. Men are being very well fed and are quite content. Several vessels were passed during the day.	
	30-6-19		Extremely oppressive w-ith calm sea. A good many cases of malaria are coming to light and the hopital is half filled - Distance covered 305 Knots.	



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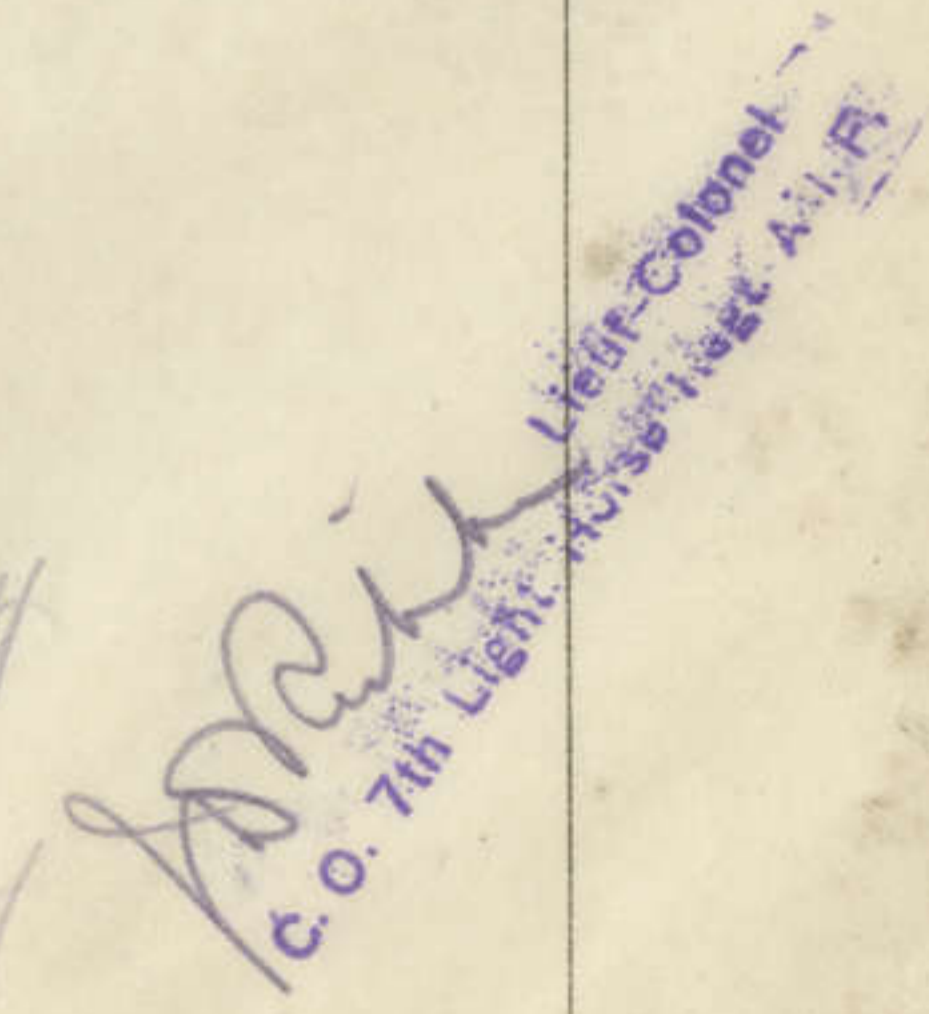
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H.M.T. " "MADRAS"	1.7.1919		Usual Ship's duties are being found. Boat Stations were allot allotted to-day. Weather is very hot and oppressive and all ranks are feeling the heat. Several Ships were passed during the day. Distance covered 305 Knots.	
"	2.7.1919.		No incidents of any importance to report, about a dozen vessels were passed during the day. Distance covered 297 Knots.	<i>clt</i> <i>clt</i>
"	3.7.1919.		Weather is still very hot and strong South West blow with moderate Sea experienced which caused a good deal of Sea-sickness. About 1600 calmer weather was met and most of the sick ones were able to come up to the evening meal. PERIM was passed early in the morning and ADEN was abeam at 1600, but not visible. Distance covered 301 Miles.	<i>clt</i>
"	4.7.1919.		Weather cooler, Sea slightly rougher, South West Moonsoon is now being felt. Distance covered 300 Knots.	<i>clt</i>
"	5.7.1919.		SOCOTRA was sighted at 0700 and was abeam on the Starboard side until noon. Wind blowing strong from South West with a moderate sea and the Ship is pitching and rolling considerably. Distance covered 293 Knots.	<i>clt</i>
"	6.7.1919.		Several Ship's duties, weather still rather rough and for the last few days there has been a good deal of Sea-sickness. Church Services were held on the Deck Morning and evening. Distance covered 294 Knots.	<i>clt</i>
"	7.7.1919.		Much cooler and sea smoother and everyone looking fit and well Boat Stations were held at 1000. Distance travelled 306 Knots.	<i>clt</i>
"	8.7.1919.		Weather calm with cool breeze. All seasick patients recovered. Communication established with COLOMBO. Quota for KANDY leave Party is out. This Regiment has 146 All Ranks on each Train. Distance covered 306.	<i>clt</i> 

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At Sea H.M.T. "MADRAS"	9.7.1919,		Weather still warm with calmer seas. Pay was made during the afternoon. Heavy rainstorms were experienced during the night-MINAKOI was abeam at 0500. Distance covered 315 knots.	
"	10.7.1919.		Weather fine, Sea smooth, COLOMBO was sighted at 1030 and Port was reached at 1205. No shore leave was granted to-day for the men owing to the difficulty in getting barges, Officers were allowed ashore until 2200. Arrangements were made for a leave Party for KANDY, and Y.M.C.A. made arrangements for the entertainment of the men who remained in COLOMBO. Coaling was proceeded with and loading of Tea and Water.	
"	11.7.1919.		At 0430 Breakfast was ready for the KANDY Leave Party and barges were alongside at 0500 to take the ship's quota of 500. Regiment sent 146 and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves returning to the ship at 1900. At 0945 six barges barges came alongside and took all men who wished to go ashore off practically every man went and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves returning to ship at 1800.	
"	12.7.1919.		Muster Parade at 0900 and no-one was found absent. Fresh Fruit etc the gifts of the A.I.F. Comforts Fund were loaded. COLOMBO was left at 1400. At 1200 the ULIMARIA arrived in Port with about 1100 N.Z.M.R. aboard. The sea is fairly calm and weather much cooler. Progress is very slow owing to Engine troubles and new stokers.	
"	13.7.1919.		Weather showery at 0400 the trouble in engine room was overcome to a great extent and about 11 knots were obtained. All the Chinese Crew were changed at COLOMBO and the Cooks have not properly got going and the meals on the Mess Deck are not too good. Distance covered 258 miles.	



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H.M.T. "MADRAS"	14.7.1919.		Weather showery and cool, Sea calm. Meals are much improved on the Troop Decks. Sports were started to-day, Jumping and Tug-of-War events were started. The Line was crossed at 1400. Distance covered 268 Knots.
"	15.7.1919.		Weather still very showery and calm, Deck Sports were continued during the afternoon. Boxing was to have commenced in the evening but the S.M.O. stopped it owing to the Heat down below. Distance covered 269 Knots.
"	16.7.1919.		Weather still showery with fresh S.E. Trade wind blowing- Sports were continued during the afternoon. The wind freshened towards Sundown and the Sea became moderate. Distance covered 266 Knots.
"	17.7.1919.		Weather fine with strong S.E. wind blowing sea moderate. Regiment paid at 0900. Sports were continued during the afternoon, Boxing was started this morning and threeebouts were put through. At 1130 a steamer was passed bound from Australia to England. Distance covered 276 Knots.
"	18.7.1919.		Weather fine sea rather rough with S.E. swell and vessel pitching considerably. Boxing was continued to-day and Sports were also continued. Distance covered 256 miles.
"	19.7.1919.		Weather fine, fairly heavy S.E. swell and vessel is pitching considerably. A message was received from A.N.A. MELBOURNE through H.M.T. KASR HIND welcoming all Australians on the "MADRAS" home again. The final of Tug-of-War pulled off to-day between 5th and 7th Regiment Teams resulting in a win for the latter after an excellent display on both sides. Early in the morning the engines were stopped to adjust a pump. Distance covered 250 1/2 miles. Concert Party gave their first performance to-night on Officers Deck which was much appreciated.



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H.M.T. "MADRAS."	20-7-19		Church services were held - Sea very calm. Usual duties. Distance 286½ miles. Weather beautifully fine and cool.	
"	21-7-19		Weather fine and cool, Sea smooth with rather heavy swell from south. Life boat stations were blown at 1000. Concert party are showing again for troops tonight. Distance covered 244 miles.	
"	22-7-19		Weather squally with heavy swell and the Ship is rolling heavily. Distance travelled 240 miles - All hands were medically inspected during the morning.	
"	23-7-19		Weather fine with heavy swell and ship still rolling heavily. FREMANTLE should be reached by 0700. Distance travelled 224 knots.	
"	24-7-19		ROTTNEST ISLAND was sighted soon after daylight and FREMANTLE was reached about 1000. H.M.T. "ORMONDE" arrived about 1 hour in front of us and there were crowds on the wharf to welcome W.A. men returning by her. After medical inspection she berthed at 1200. Port Officer and other M.O.'s came aboard at 1400 and inspected all troops and took temperatures of all men. 51 were marked for hospital. The Ship was quarantined and no one was allowed ashore. All men, who had temperatures were marked for hospital and many of the malaria cases were normal a few hours later.	
"	25-7-19		All men for hospital were disembarked at 0930 - some stores and water were taken on board and the ship left at 1100 for Melbourne. The "ORMONDE" left about 40 minutes later, and passed the "MADRAS" at 1630. Weather fine, sea smooth. White Triangle Concert Party held a performance on forward mess deck and was much appreciated by a large crowd.	
"	26-7-19		Weather very cold and sea choppy and strong north winds and spray is blowing over forward well deck and promenade deck. Distance covered 320m	
"	27-6-19.		Weather very cold and showery - sea rough and ship rolling heavily. A large number of the troops have severe colds. Church services were held on deck, morning and evening. Distance covered 296 miles.	

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H.M.T. "MADRAS"	28-7-19.		Weather still very cold with strong westerly winds and heavy following sea. Usual educational classes were carried out. Distance covered 264 miles.	
"	29-7-19		Weather finer with a cold strong westerly wind still blowing, with heavy following sea. Distance covered 275 miles.	
"	30-7-19		Weather fine but very cold - Great clean up of all troop decks all floors and paint work well scrubbed. Strong westerly wind with following sea but not so rough as previous day. Distance covered 281 miles.	
"	31-7-19		PORT PHILLIP HEADS were entered at 0700 and medical inspection was commenced at 0730 and a few patients were taken off and ship was declared "CLEAN". Railway pier was reached at 1500 and general leave was granted until mid-night, all ranks took advantage of a chance of a few hours ashore and proceeded to MELBOURNE.	
"	1-8-19.		PORT MELBOURNE was left at 0830 and the HEADS were cleared at 1300, the weather bitterly cold and sea rough outside - several men are A.W.L. from the ship.	
"	2-8-19		Weather fine and warmer and sea much smoother. WILSON'S PROMONTORY was passed shortly before mid-night - final pay was made during the day and a general clean up of the ship was made.	



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