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OF

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FOR

• JUNE-JULY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MOASCAR.	June			
	1st	1830	One N.C.O. and 6 Men supplied as a dismounted Picquet in ISMAILIA.	
	3rd	1300	Guard of 1 Officer and 80 Other Ranks supplied as TRAIN GUARDS from ISMAILIA STATION. Guard of 1 Officer and 31 Other Ranks supplied as guard to MOASCAR AERODROME.	
	7th	1000	Train guards returned from ISMAILIA STATION.	
		1010	16 Other Ranks proceeded on CAIRO leave.	
		1700	Picquet supplied to AIF Canteens MOASCAR.	
	8th	0930	Tenative Boat Roll forwarded to AIF Headquarters CAIRO.	
		1400	Pay received.	
	9th	1400	Invitation received from 12th A.L.H. Regiment for Officers, Sergeants and Other Ranks to be their guests for the evening of the 10th inst.	
	10th	1030	Court of Enquiry held to report on loss of Sacks Drums etc of Brigade.	
		1400	Aerodrome guard returned.	
		1500	5 Other ranks marched out to Base Depot for to await embarkation for 10% leave to U.K.	
		1700	Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 4 Men supplied on Railway Bridge ISMAILIA. Pleasant evening spent by all ranks at the 12th A.L.H. Regt.	
	11th	1400	Cairo leave party returned.	
	12th	1000	Definite word received for the Regiment to embark on "ESSEX" at KANTARA on 15th inst. All ranks disinfected.	
	13th	1015	Advance Party consisting of 2 Officers and 26 Other Ranks proceeded to PORT SAID to board the "ESSEX" and prepare for the general embarkation of the Regiment at KANTARA on the 15th inst.	
		1100	All equipment handed in to Ordnance.	
	14th	1015	Lieut-Col M.W.J. BOURCHIER, D.S.O. proceeded to PORT SAID to take over the duties of O.C. Troops on "ESSEX".	
		1100	Remaining Horses and Mules handed in to Australian Remount Depot.	

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		0430	Remaining gear handed in. Tents left standing. Camp thoroughly cleaned.																													
		0550	Regiment formed up and marched to MOASCAR station to entrain for KANTARA.																													
		0800	Train left Moascar and arrived at KANTARA at 0830. Troops were immediately on detraining marched to Ship's side on east side of Suez Canal.																													
		0900	Embarkation commenced in the order Headquarters, "A" Squadron, "B" Squadron, & "C" Squadron, all of which were embarked in 20 minutes. Troops embarked consisted of the following :-																													
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"ESSEX"	"	1200	"ESSEX" moved off and commenced its journey through the Canal. 2nd L.H. Bde Band played selections on the wharf during the embarkation of the troops.																													
		2200	Arrived at SUEZ and dropped the Pilot.																													
	16th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 27.48 N., Longitude 33.44 E. Distance covered 144 Miles.																													
		1500	Meeting held of those interested in Sports to arrange Sports for the voyage.																													
	17th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude. 24.12 N., Longitude 36.26 E. Distance covered 261 Miles. Orchestra being formed under Lieut Spargo.																													
	18th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 20.34 N., Longitude 38.42 E. Distance covered 252 Miles.																													
		1615	Boat Station parade held. Heat very excessive.																													
	19th	1200	Position of ship. Latitude 16.52 N., Longitude 40.45 E. Distance covered 251 Miles.																													
		1500	Tug-of-war held. Final won by team from A.A.S.C.																													
	20th	1030	Passed a B.I. Steamer on rocks, but did not require assistance from the "ESSEX".																													
		1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 13.35 N., Longitude 42.58 E. Distance covered 237 Miles.																													
		1730	Passed PERIM ISLAND.																													

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"ESSEX"	21st	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 12.32 N., Longitude 46.31 E. Distance covered 248 Miles.	
		1900	Concert held on No 3 Hatchway.	
	22nd	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 12.51 N., Longitude 50.35 E. Distance covered 239 Miles.	
	23rd	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 13.1 N., Longitude 54.13 E. Distance covered 213 Miles.	
		1300	Passed Socotra Islands. Heavy seas running.	
	24th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 11.50 N., Longitude 58.10 E. Distance covered 246 Miles. Still rough.	
	25th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 10.48 N., Longitude 62.19 E. Distance covered 252 Miles.	
	26th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 9.43 N., Longitude 66.41 E. Distance covered 266 Miles.	
	27th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 8.34 N., Longitude 70.57 E. Distance covered 262 Miles. Rain Squalls all day.	
	28th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 7.38 N., Longitude 75.2 E. Distance covered 268 Miles.	
	29th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 6.49 N., Longitude 79.39 E. Distance covered 260 Miles.	
		1430	Arrived at COLOMBO.	
	30th	0515	* 7 Officers and 400 Other Ranks proceeded by barges to join Special Train for KANDY, where a very pleasant day was spent. The scenery throughout the trip being magnificent.	
		0815	Picquet of 14 Officers & 74 Other Ranks supplied in COLOMBO.	
		0830	Remainder of Troops went ashore for the day.	
		1930	Troops returned from Kandy trip.	
		2100	All troops returned to SHIP.	
	JULY		weighed	
	1st	1330	"ESSEX" weighed anchor and moved off from COLOMBO.	
	2nd	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 4.20 N., Longitude 82.2 E. Distance covered 221 Miles.	
		1500	Tug-of-war held between Officers and Sergeants. Won by Sergeants.	
		1900	Concert held on No 3 Hatchway.	

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	JULY			
	3rd	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 1.27 N., Longitude 84.11 E. Distance covered 217 Miles.	
	<i>JMR</i> 3rd	1900	Boxing Tournaments commenced.	
	4th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 1.27 S., Longitude 86.14 E. Distance covered 213 Miles.	
	5th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 3.45 S., Longitude 88.35 E. Distance covered 195 Miles.	
	<i>JMR</i> 5th	1430	Tug-of-War held. Won by SEA "C" Squadron team.	
	6th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 5.52 S., Longitude 90.20 E., Distance covered 165 Miles.	
	7th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 8.22 S., Longitude 92.31 E. Distance covered 199 Miles.	
	8th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 10.23 S. Longitude 95.19 E. Distance covered 244 Miles.	
	9th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 14.20 S., Longitude 97.51 E. Distance covered 231 Miles.	
	<i>JMR</i> 9th	1430	Light Weight Tug-of-War held. Won by "A" Squadron team.	
	10th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 17.95 S., Longitude 100.32 E. Distance covered 228 Miles.	
	11th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 20.6 S., Longitude 103.12 E. Distance covered 234 Miles.	
	12th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 22.46 S., Longitude 105.33 E. Distance covered 206 Miles.	
	13th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 25.30 S., Longitude 108.27 E. Distance covered 228 Miles.	
	14th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 28.18 S. Longitude 111.28 E. Distance covered 234 Miles.	
	15th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 31.3 S., Longitude 114.44 E. Distance covered 236 Miles.	
	<i>JMR</i> 15th	1300	West coast of West Australia first sighted.	
		2000	Anchored outside FREMANTLE.	
	16th	0700	Quarantine Authorities on board. Medical examination. Temperatures taken as precautions against Influenza.	
	<i>JMR</i> 16th	1000	Ship granted pratique and proceeded to a berth at the wharf.	

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	JULY			
	16th	1130	8 Other Ranks of the Regiment disembarked at FREMANTLE.	
		1145	Remainder of Troops on board went ashore on leave till 10 pm.	
	17th	1200	Left Fremantle for Melbourne.	
	18th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 35.11 S., Longitude, 115.53 E. Distance covered 215 Miles.	
	19th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 35.40 S., Longitude 120.15 E. Distance covered 237 Miles.	
	20th	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 36.14 S., Longitude 124.58 E. Distance covered 232 Miles.	
	21st	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 36.55 S. Longitude 129.48 E. Distance covered 236 Miles.	
	22nd	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 37.47 S. Longitude 134.31 E. Distance covered 232 Miles.	
		1900	Prizes won from tournaments held during voyage presented to winners by Lieut-Col M.W.J. BOURCHIER? <u>CMG ISO.</u>	
	23rd	1200	Position of Ship. Latitude 38.35 S. Longitude 139.9 E. Distance covered 224 Miles.	
	24th	1200	Position of Ship Latitude 38.55 S. Longitude 143.04 E. Distance covered 207 Miles.	

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