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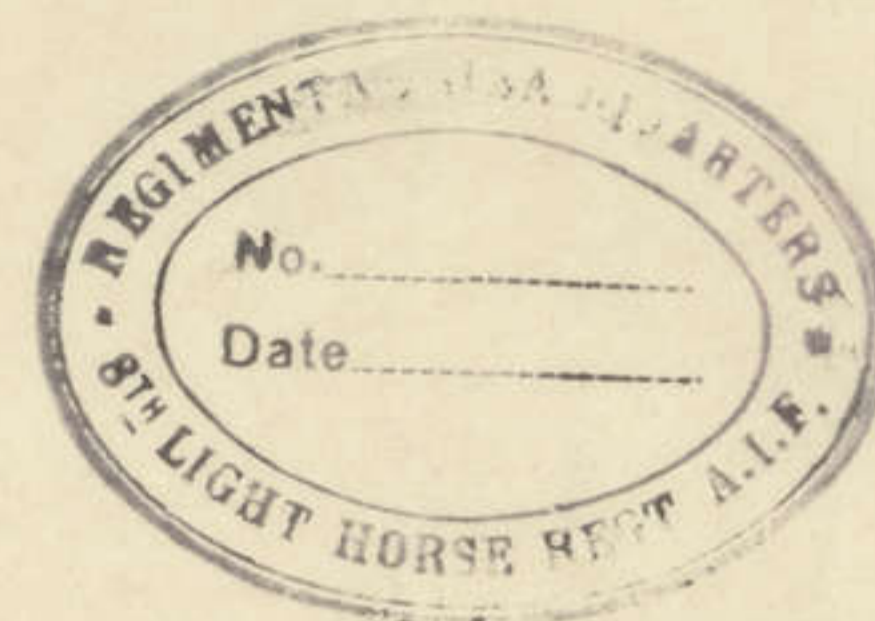
WAR DIARY.
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of

8th. Light Horse Regiment, A. I. F.

for

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H J Shannon

Major
Commanding 8th. Light Horse Regt.

H K Mitchell

Lieutenant.
Compiling officer, 8th. Light Horse Regt.

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| MOASCAR | JULY | 1st. | <p>Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. F.S. Rochstein. Paybooks handed to Regtl. Pay Sergeant to be finalised. All rifles and equipment belonging to Regiment handed in to Regtl. Quarter Master. Orders received from A.I.F. Hqrs. via Aus. Div. Hqrs. to prepare final Embarkation Rolls. Effective Strength:- Officers 25 O/Ranks 492. <i>h/fo/hj</i></p> | |
| | | 2 | <p>Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. R.F. Mann. Lieut. Col. T.J. Daly D.S.O., Capt. T.S. Austin, Lieut. C.F. Newman, W.O. Sinnott, RQMS Beard, 1 Sgt, per troop and 20 O/Ranks left for Port Said as Advance Party for Embarkation of Regiment on H.M.A.T. XXXXXX MALTA. All cooking utensils and fantasies that could be spared were handed in to R.Q.M's Store and only those necessary for cooking the breakfast the following were kept; The four remaining horses belonging to the Regiment were transferred to A.A.S.C. and limber handed in to R.O.O. Moascar. 2/Lieut. S. Williamson, A.A.S.C. reported to the Regiment and is taken on the attached strength from Aus. Div. Hqrs. for educational purposes during the voyage and for demobilisation in Australia with the unit. 12 Copies of embarkation roll completed and Rolls finalised. On strength of unit 25 Offrs. 43 Sgts. 446 O/Ranks 514 Total Attached Personnel 4 " 2 " 5 " 11 " 29 Offrs. 45 Sgts. 451 O/Ranks 525 Total <i>h/fo/hj</i></p> | |
| MOASCAR & H.M.A.T. MALTA | | 3 | <p>Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. C.M. Shaw. Reveille at 0500. Blankets, waterproof sheets and water buckets handed in to R.Q.M's Store at 0600, Blankets rolled in bundles of 20 and waterproof sheets in bundles of 30. Remainder of cooking utensils, plates, knives, forks, and spoons handed in at 0700. Sporting material (cricket & tennis) belonging to the Regiment forwarded to the Comforts fund at Kantara. 3 G.S. Waggons were supplied by A.A.S.C. for transporting the necessary baggage to Station Siding Moascar and returning R.Q.M's Stores to R.O.O. All paybooks were re-issued. The Regiment less advance party entrained at Moascar at 0920 and were due to arrive at Kantara at 1030 but owing to some unaccountable delay at Ismailia did not reach the destination until 1140. Troops were marched from the Station by Major H.J. Shannon D.S.O. to Ship's side some 1/4 mile South of Kantara Station and were then formed up in troops according to Embarkation Roll.</p> | |

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| <p>H.M.A.T. MALTA.</p> | <p>JULY 3</p> | <p>QUARTERS</p> | <p><u>Continued</u> As the Troops marched xxxxxx up the gangway they called their names to the SxEx E.S.O. who checked them off on Ship's embarkation roll. Paybooks were handed in to pay representative at the top of the gangway. All ranks on embarkation roll of 3/7/1919; were present. Embarkation commenced at 1200 and terminated at 1230. The homeward voyage commenced at 1530. The troop decks were very hot during the voyage down the canal. This was due to the wind which was very slight being behind, and the canal banks on either side. Slacks, hats & shoes issued to the men. XXXXXXXXXXXX The following Officers, W.Os., and N.C.Os. of this Regiment were appointed as Ship's staff O.C. Troops - LIEUT. COL. T. J. DALY D.S.O. Ship's Adjutant: CAPT. T. S. AUSTIN. Ship's Q.M. :- LIEUT. C. F. NEWMAN. Ship's Q.M.S. :- R. Q. M. S. BEARD. Ship's S.M. :- W. O1 SINNOTT. Major H. J. Shannon D.S.O. assumed command of the Regiment 3/7/19. Lieut. M. L. Mitchell to carry out the duties of Adjutant and Lieut V. J. Dorman the duties of R. Q. M. 3/7 Capt. R. H. Borbridge M.C. (F) returned to the unit after an absence of three months at 3rd. L. H. Bde. Hqrs. as Staff Trainee and was transferred from "C" Squadron to "A" Squadron and took over command of "A" Squadron Dated 3/7/1919. Lieut. C. M. Shaw carried out the duties of Orderly Officer (Ship's) from time of embarkation to reveille next morning. As the Boat round had to be done every two hours throughout the night he was assisted by Lieut. P. Burns. <i>h/ly</i></p> <p>4 Ship's Captain of the day supplied by Anzac Details. Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut. D. A. Carmichael The weather is decidedly cooler to-day and up on Deck it is very pleasant but troop decks although not so hot as yesterday are far from cool. The men seem very contented and meals are good 400 Books were brought on board by this Regiment, the Y.M.C.A. bringing another 400 as well as a piano, gramophones, cards, and games. The men seem to be taking full advantage of those comforts especially as regards the piano at nights, where they assemble on port hurricane deck and sing well-known ditties and songs. A canteen is situated on Starboard side of Hurricane Deck near Ship's Orderly Room, and during the hours that this is open, the tops of many lemonade bottles are pulled. The weather is decidedly thirsty. There is always a large queue of men here during the opening hours, each one patiently waiting his turn. <i>h/ly</i></p> | |

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Returns were rendered by Os.C. Squadrons for the purpose of checking embarkation rolls. These proved to be correct. Several cases of malaria have occurred since embarkation. At noon to-day we were in Latitude 27.57 and Long. 33.38 and had travelled 135 knots from Suez and were 3282 knots from Colombo.

5 A return was rendered ~~by~~ to Ship's Adjutant by 0900 showing the number of Sergeants, Corporals Lance /Corporals and Other Ranks available and unavailable for duty. The O.C. Troops inspected the Ship at 1000. Mess orderlies ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~onxxxxxx~~ and those on duty were the only ones allowed on Mess ~~Orderlies~~ decks at this inspection. Mess orderlies stood at the end of the their tables and water picquets at ~~xxxx~~ their respective taps. There is no outlet for the water on Mess decks and consequently all water on decks has to be mopped up. This picquet is responsible for emptying the receptacles as they become full, and for mopping up overflow. Boat station parade was held at 1100, the boat and raft accommodation having been allotted as follows:-

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| | Accom. | |
| Foc'sle head Starboard..... | 56 |) Allotment. |
| " " Port | 56 | |
| Forward Well Deck Star. Side..... | 80 |) "B" Sqdn. less D Troop and 14 O/Ranks. |
| " " Port Side..... | 100 | |
| | | |
| <u>Boat.</u> | | |
| Boat No.1 | 27 | X R.H.Q. |
| Boat No.2 | 21 | |
| Boat No.3 | 35 |) "C" Squadron |
| Boat No.3a | 42 | |
| Boat No.4 | 29 | X "D" Troop "B" Squadron |
| Boat No.4a | 43 | |
| Boat No.5 | 22 | R.Q.M., 7 Nurses & 14 O/Ranks. "B" Sqdn. |
| Boat No.5a | 44 | |

1 N.C.O. and 6 O/Ranks detailed out of each boat's ~~xxxx~~ compliment for the purpose of lowering outer boats, and 1 N.C.O. and 12 O/Ranks out of the inner boats ~~xx~~ compliments for getting their boats on to Davits and as lowering party. These men were each allotted their

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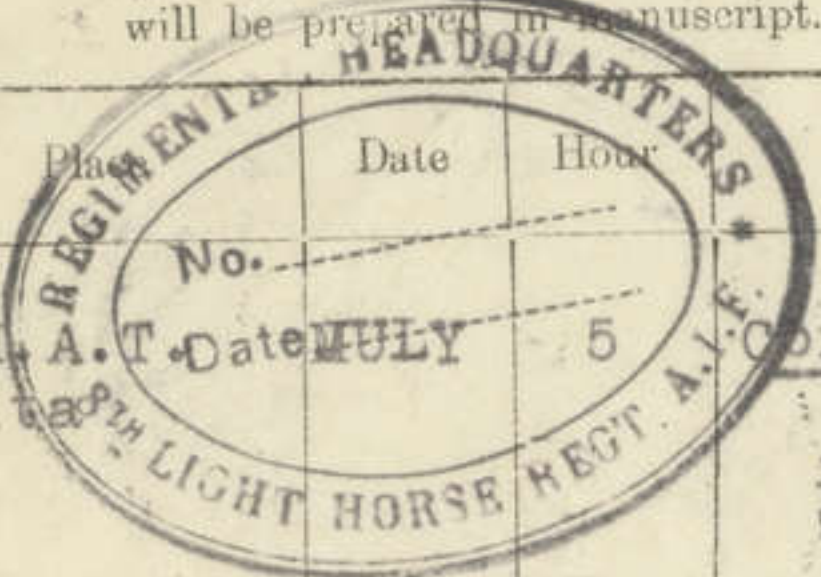
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Malta

respective stations.
The remainder of the boats' compliments paraded on the Hurricane Deck directly beneath their respective boats. Life ^{Boats}Boats were worn.
The weather is very hot again to-day and troops are bathed in perspiration at meal times. They go to mess as to a swimming parade, i.e. no shorts and with towels over their shoulders, for the purpose of wiping off the perspiration. Keen competitions follow to see who can wring the most from the towels towards the close of a meal.
A certain amount of Comforts were issued in the shape of fruit, cigarettes etc. These little luxuries greatly improve the ration issue which on its own is remarkably good.
Arrangements have been made for Coffee to be made at Cook's galley at 2000 nightly for distribution among the men before they yurn in for the night. WVery few hammocks ~~WERE USED~~ are being used as it is so hot below. Most sleep on foc'sle and hurricane decks which at night are nice and cool (although hareder) Distane covered in 24 hours-292 Knots Latitude - 23.46 Longitude - 36.15 Distance to Colombo 2990 Knots.

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| H.M. Malwa | July 6th. | 6th. | <p>Ship's Orderly Officer :- Lieut. R.F. Mann.</p> <p>Educational classes have been established both by 8th. L.H. Regt. and Anzac Details. Lieut. Maxwell and Lieut. Williamson are working the Ship's Educational Classes together. The rear smoke room on the hurricane deck is reserved for educational classes during the day and for Sergeants who have not been allotted berths, during the night. The Starboard side of Poop deck is reserved for all other sergeants who have not received accommodation.</p> <p>The O/C. troops inspected the ship at 1000. All troops except those on duty are clear of troop decks by 0900 and during the inspection all except the mess orderlies are paraded at boat stations. The weather still continues very sultry. Church Services:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Holy Communion (C. of E) held at 0630 in rear smoke room. (2) Mass (R.C.) held on port side of Poop deck at 0800. (3) Evening Service (C. of E) held on port side of poop deck at 1830. <p>The following hours are laid down for the opening of the A.I.F. Canteen.</p> <p>Week-days 1030- 1200 1200-1300 & 1430 - 1600</p> <p>Sundays 1030 - 1200.</p> <p>At mid-day we were in Lat. 19.38 and Long. 38.55. Distance covered since noon yesterday 288 Knots. Distance to Colombo 2702 Knots. <i>hft</i></p> <p>7 Ship's Captain of the Day:- Capt. M.W. Cowell. Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut. L. Julian MM The O.C. Troops carried out the usual inspection of the ship at 1000. The heat during the whole day was intense, and a thick haze surrounded the ship the whole day and a greater part of the night. Below decks conditions were very sultry. During the period of traversing the Red Sea the thermometer on the bridge registered 91 deg. during the day and 90 deg. at night midnight.</p> <p>The distance covered 24 hours till noon to-day was 304 knots leaving 2401 to Colombo. Lat. at 1200 15.21 Long. 41.43. Hell's Gates was passed at midnight. <i>hft</i></p> <p>8 Ship's Captain of the Day:- Capt. T.R. Peppercorn M.C. Ship's Orderly Officer :- Supplied by Anzacs. The weather is becoming cooler as the Red Sea voyage is nearly completed. Land was sighted on Port side at 1000 and Perrim was sighted the wireless station of Aden passed at 1100. H.M.A.T. Malwa carrying Indian Troops to Bombay, passed across our stern at 1600 in Gulf of Aden. Distance covered 309 knots leaving 2092 to Colombo. Lat. at noon 12.44 Long. 45.8. <i>hft</i></p> | |

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| H.M.A.T. Malta. | July | 9 | <p>Ship's Captain of the Day:- Lieut.L.Richardson. Ship's Orderly Officer :- Lieut.P.Burns. The sea is becoming rough and many of the troops are sea-sick. The monsoon through ^{which} it was expected we would have to pass has now borne Northwards into the Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf. Consequently instead of diverting the Ship's course to miss the expected rough weather, the direct course has been adhered to. Nevertheless a few days of rough weather are expected and all starboard port holes have been closed. The thermometer has dropped 12 deg. in 4 hours during the afternoon, and a much cooler condition prevails. Distance travelled 325 knots leaving 2067 to Colombo. Lat. 12.56 Long. 50.40. <i>njky</i></p> | |
| | | 10 | <p>Ship's Orderly Officer :- Lieut.F.S.Rochstein. The ship is rolling considerably to-day on account of the heavy swell and rough sea. The biggest roll throughout the day was 30 deg. but as this ship has been known to do 49 deg. for a week on end, the voyage so far has been very promising. Sickness has overtaken large numbers of the troops and men are lying about everywhere both above and below. Under the existing conditions, the usual inspection by O.C.Troops has been cancelled. The following are the observations taken at noon to-day:- Lat. 12.51 Long. 55.44 Distance covered in 24 hours 296 knots Distance to Colombo 1471 knots. <i>njky</i></p> | |
| | | 11 | <p>Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut.H.A.Patterson. The conditions to-day are much the same as yesterday and an informal inspection of the Ship was made by O.C.Troops on account of so much sickness. Sapper M.Richards of 1st. Aus Field Squadron died this morning this of pneumonia and was buried at sea at 1630. A large number of troops were present at the burial service which was conducted by Chap.Capt.Ure of Anzac Details. Observations at noon are as follows:- Lat, 11.46 Long. 60.40. Distance covered 300 knots Distance to Colombo 1171 knots. <i>njky</i></p> | |
| | | 12 | <p>Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut.M.L.Gray. Weather conditions remain unchanged and waves are continually breaking over Starboard deck O.C.Troops inspected the ship at 1015. Rain commenced at 2000 and continued at intervals throughout the night. A large portion of the troops troops were still sick and could not bear the conditions below in troop decks. Most of these slept on hurricane deck, and that portion on the starboard side fared rather badly by the rain. Mid-day Observations are as follows:- Lat. 10.31 Long. 65.45 Distance covered 303 knots Distance to at Colombo 868 knots. <i>njky</i></p> | |

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July 13th.

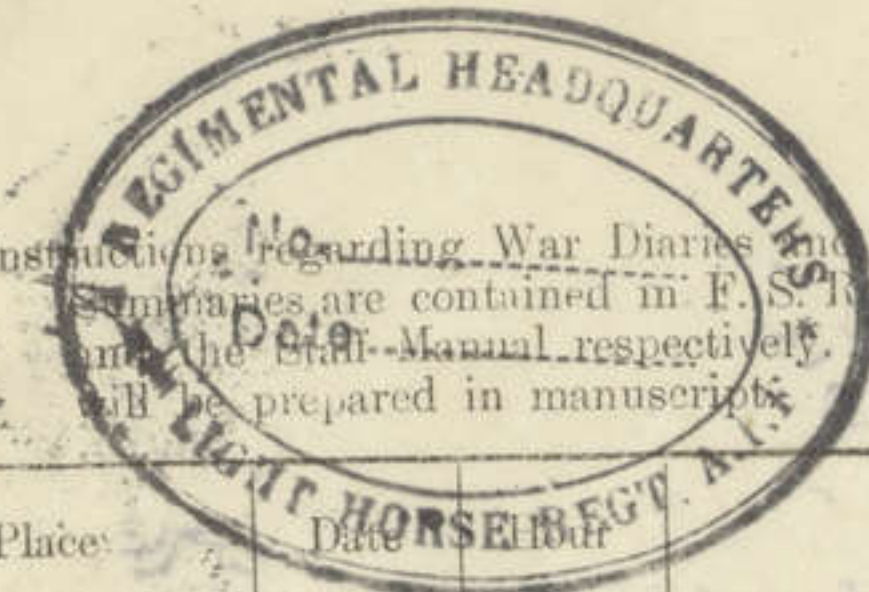
Ship's Orderly Officer :- Lieut. J.E. Chapman D.C.M.
Troops were paid to-day commencing at 1000, Lieuts. Burns, Shaw, and Streeter were in charge
of 3rd.M.D. pay on B Troop Deck, where men were paraded in alphabetical order. All ranks
below rank of Sergeant received £1/10/-, Sergeants, £2/10/- Officers ~~£~~ £5/-/-.
Church Services were held as under:-
R.C. Mass was celebrated at 0800, on Port side of Poop Deck.
C. of E. Holy Communion at 0630 in Smoking Room. Evening Service at 1830 on Port Side of
Poop Deck.
Observations to 1200 were as follows:- Lat. 9.11, Long. 70.35, Distance covered 300 Knots.
Distance to Colombo 568 Knots. *h/ky*

14th.

Captain of the Day:- Capt. M.W. Cowell.
Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. C.M. Shaw.
Return of all deficiencies of equipment issued by Ship's Q.M. was rendered to Ship's Orderly
Room by 1800.
Weather conditions:- Cool, Slight Showers, sea rough. At mid-day we had reached Lat. 7.46
and Long. 75.39. Distance covered since 1200 yesterday 310 Knots leaving 258 to ~~xxxxxxx~~
Colombo. *h/ky*

15th.

Captain of the Day:- Capt. T.R. Peppercorn M.C.
Regtl Orderly Officer:- Lieut. R.F. Mann. within.
Arrived outside Colombo harbour about 0930 and were at anchor/at 1000.
An Officer's Guard of 1 Sgt., 2 Cpls, and 30 O/Ranks is to be supplied daily while at Colombo.
This guard mounted 1000 under Lieut. D.A. Carmichael. The 8th. L.H. Allotment of this guard while
in port will be 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., and 20 O/Ranks.
The advanced Town Picquet, 3 Officers, and 18 O/Ranks, under Capt. Cowell left for the shore
at 1130. General leave was granted to all ranks not on duty from 1200 to 1800. Lighters were
provided to take the troops ashore and as all ranks were to be on board by 1800
arrangements had been made for lighters to be at the pier by ~~1730~~ 1730 to bring them back.
The town picquet was carried out in two reliefs as follows:- (1) 1200 to 1500 and (2) 1500 to 1800.
As loading of coal and cargo was in progress arrangements were made by Y.M.C.A. to accommodate
450 men for the night. The men chosen for this party were mostly those who had applied for
Kandy leave. Major McGrath took charge of ship's party and Lieut. M.L. Gray 250 men of the
Regimental Quota. The winches were working unceasingly throughout the day and night on loading



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| 1919. H.M.A.T. MALTA. | July | <p>15th. (Continued). operations, and consequently those on board did not have much rest. The few hours ashore were much appreciated and with the majority were well spent. Motor Cars were in great demand and were to be seen speeding out towards Mount Lavinia, or through the Cinnamon Gardens all day afternoon. The sight of so much beautiful vegetation proved soothing after Egypt's sand and the subsequent sea voyage. Each minute spent ashore brought charming glimpses of native life amid Nature's best.</p> | |
| | 16th. | <p>Capt. of the Day:- Capt. R.H.Borbidge M.C.(F). Regtl. Orderly Officer:- Lieut.W.G.Mackay. Officer in charge of Guard:-Lieut.W.Lunn. The routine for those proceeding on leave to Kandy was as follows:- Reveille..... 0330. Breakfast.....0400. Regimental party for leave paraded on Hurricane Deck at 0450 and boarded lighter at 0500. Major H.J.Shannon took D.S.O. took command of Ship's party, a total of 750 other ranks, of which 446 (including Y.M.C.A. party of 15th. inst. under Major McGrath) were men of this Unit. This party proceeded from Fort Railway station by Special train at 0635. To fully describe the delights of this trip is impossible, as every yard of track covered brought to view some new scene or object of beauty. Such sights as we had have formed in our memories mind-pictures which time can never efface. Slightly more than the first half of the line runs through flat and marshy country, covered for the most part with rubber and coconut plantations, with the paddy fields predominating along the marshy land. The greater part of the second half of the trip takes one through the hills affording scenic and panoramic views unsurpassed in beauty. As the train slowly ascended its winding track each turn brought to view new vistas of tropical grandeur. On arrival at Kandy lunch was provided by the Y.M.C.A., and then all were at liberty to see the sights of the charming town and its environments. Undoubtedly the most popular trip was the one made by Car or Gharry to the world famed XXXXXXXXXX Peradeniya Gardens. Here we saw and much admired the wonderful assemblage of beautiful and strange trees, plants and shrubs. Another favorite run was to Lady Haughton's Hill from which a fine view of Kandy and the surrounding country was obtained. The large tea plantations were seen from here comingled with the jungle. Still another favored ride, this time by rickshaw, was around the picturesque lake, with its bonny reflections of quaint and pretty bungalows amid tropical greens, on the placid water. Needless to say the troops all enjoyed the 4 hours spent at Kandy and the only complaint was that the time was too short by many hours. At 1530 the return journey was commenced and seldom did eyes rest at objects within the carriages,</p> | |

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| <div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <p>REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS H.M.A.T. M.L.H. LIGHT HORSE REGT.</p> </div> | <p>No. _____ Date July 16th</p> | <p>Hour _____</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">(Continued)</p> <p>rather on the passing scenes. Colombo was reached by 1930 and the return to ship by lighter made without incident. Tea was in readiness on arrival on board and all went to such with a feeling of delight at the memory of xxxxx most enjoyable day.</p> <p>Personnel who did not go to Kandy, with the exception of those on duty were allowed to proceed to Colombo on leave from 1000 until 1800. <i>hjtoly</i></p> <p>17th. Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. L. Julian M.M. Officer in charge of Guard:- Lieut. L. Richardson. Shore leave was granted to-day to all ranks not on duty, and arrangements were made for those unable to visit Kandy on 16th. inst to proceed by xxxxx train 17th. inst. (to-day). Regimental party consisted of 2 Officers and 43 other ranks, with Lieut. Maxwell in charge. Lunch was provided as yesterday by the Y.M.C.A. at Kandy. Colombo leave party paraded on Hurricane deck at 0950 and were conveyed to the shore by lighters. Strong picquets were posted throughout the town, under the same arrangements as those for the 15th. inst. Throughout the whole of the leave ashore the conduct of the troops was excellent and all seemed intent on making the most of the time at their disposal. Car, gharry, and rickshaw rides were indulged in freely to the great benefit of the owners of the vehicles. All troops on leave were clear of the town by 1730 and ready at the jetty for return to ship. Troop nominal rolls were checked at 1830 and all reported correct, with the exception of the Kandy leave party. This party returned at 2100, Lieut. Maxwell reporting all on board. <i>hjtoly</i></p> <p>18th. Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. P. Burns. At Reveille-0600- the second stage of the journey homewards was commenced, and by 1400, after following the coast line south, the sight of land was lost altogether. Returns were rendered by 1100 certifying that rolls had been checked and that all men were aboard with the exception of three men sent to the Government Hospital Colombo during the stay in port. Distance covered by midday:- 67 Knots. Distance to Freemantle :-3060 Knots. Lat. 5.58 N. Long. 80.11. <i>hjtoly</i></p> <p>19th. Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. H. A. Patterson. Rather a big swell is running to-day and many are again seasick. The observations at noon were as follows:- Lat. 2-13 N. and Long. 83.43. Distance covered during past 24 hours, 308 Knots, leaving 2752 Knots to Freemantle. <i>hjtoly</i></p> | |

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| At Sea. H.M.T. MALTA. | July 20th. | Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut.M.L.Gray. Capt. of the Day:- Capt.M.W.Cowell. Church Services as follows were held throughout the day:- Church of England, conducted by Chap.Capt. XXX Ure, Holy communion, at 0630 in Smoke Room Evening Service on Poop Deck at 1830. Roman Catholic conducted by Major.Woods, Mass at 0645. Distance covered during past 24 hours :- 303 knots. distance to Freemantle 2449 Knots. Position at midday:- Lat. 1.22 S. Long. 87.19. <i>nftol</i> | |
| | 21st. | Capt. of the Day:- Capt.T.R.Peppercorn MC. Regimental orderly Officer:- Lieut.J.E.Chapman DCM. Fairly rough weather has been experienced, consequently the distance covered during the past 24 hours has been reduced to 290 knots leaving 2159 to Freemantle. Lat.4.55 S. Long. 90.36. Boat Station parade was held at 1000. <i>nftol</i> | |
| | 22nd. | Capt. of the Day:- Capt.R.H.Borbidge MC.(F). Regimental orderly officer:- Lieut.C.Streeter We are in an adverse current today and consequently the distance covered has been further reduced to 271 knots, leaving 1888 knots to Freemantle. At noon we were in Lat. 11 8.15 S. and Long. 93.4. Competitions and games arranged by the Y.M.C.A. Representative aboard (Capt.Way.) are in full swing, and the Bridge, Cribbage, and Whist contests are creating a good deal of excitement. <i>nftol</i> | |
| | 23rd. | Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut.C.M.Shaw. Regtl. orderly officer:- Lieut.D.A.Carmichael. At 1430 we sighted land, and an hour later we were running along side Cocos Island, and further on we passed several Islands of the Keeling Group. These are pretty little islands covered with palms and other tropical vegetation, and fringed by a white beach. The boat is still travelling slower than formerly, the observations at noon being as follows:- Lat. 11.3, Long. 96.26, Distance covered during past 24 hours., 254 knots leaving 1634 to Freemantle. <i>nftol</i> | |
| | 24th. | Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut.L.Richardson. The majority of the troops are finding the life on board rather monotonous. Weather conditions are now much better. The observations at noon were Lat.14.46, Long.99.1, Distance covered in 24 hours, 256 knots. Distance to Freemantle 1378. <i>nftol</i> | |

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At Sea.
H.M.A.T.
"MALTA".

July 25th.

Ship's Orderly Officer :- Lieut. R.F. Mann. Regtl. orderly officer :- Lieut. W. Lunn.
It is becoming much cooler and warmer clothing has been drawn from kit bags.
At noon we were at Lat. 18.48 and Long. 101.55. Distance covered in past 24 hours 259 Knots, leaving 1119 Knots to Freemantle.

26th.

Capt. of the Day :- Capt. M.W. Cowell. Ship's orderly officer :- Lieut. L. Julian M.M.
Regimental Orderly Officer :- Lieut. W.G. Mackay.
The final competition for the tug-o-war championship was held on the Hurricane Deck today. There had been some keen and strenuous pulls the day before in the heats of the Heavy weight class, so that the final pulls between "B" Sqdn. of the 8th. and the 1st. Field Engineers caused a great deal of interest. The Engineers proved victorious but only after three hard pulls. The preliminary heats in the Catch weight class were also held.
Observations at midday were as follows :- Lat. 21.28, Long. 105.9, distance covered ~~2444~~ 274 Knots, leaving 845 Knots to Freemantle.

27th.

Capt. of the Day :- Capt. T.R. Peppercorn MC. Ship's orderly officer :- Lieut. W.G. Mackay.
Regimental Orderly Officer :- Lieut. C.M. Shaw.
Church Services were held as follows :- Church of England. Holy communion at 0630 in Smoke Room
Evening Service on Poop deck at 1830. Roman Catholic. Mass in 1st. saloon at 0645.
It became very rough late in the evening, and the ship rolled consistently to 45 degrees.
At midday we were in Lat. 25.6 Long. ~~108.45~~ 108.45 and had covered 294 knots in past 24 hours, leaving 551 Knots to Freemantle.

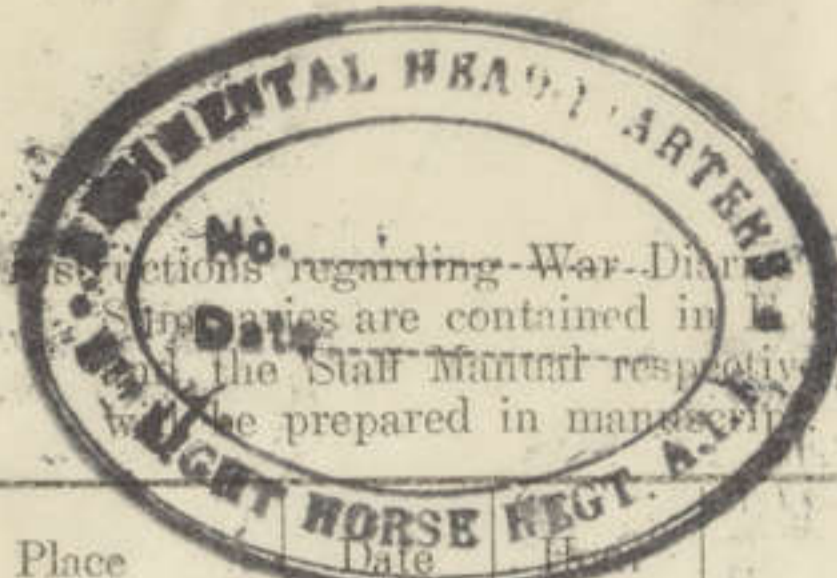
28th.

Capt. of the Day :- Capt. R.H. Borbidge M.C.(F). Ship's orderly officer :- Lieut. P. Burns.
Regimental Orderly Officer :- Lieut. R.F. Mann.
It had been very rough today, the boat rolling very much, at times shipping water on the well decks.
Medical inspection of all ranks was held at 1000 today.
The following observations were taken at noon, Lat. 28.88 Long. 112.4, distance covered in past 24 hours, 254 Knots, leaving 294 to Freemantle.

29th.

Ship's Orderly Officer :- Lieut. F.S. Rochstein. Regimental orderly officer :- Lieut. L. Julian M.M.
At 0800 we could get a faint glimpse of land just above the horizon, and in a few minutes the Port side decks were crowded with men eager to see Australian shores, some of whom had not seen it for ~~44~~ 44 years. (At 1500 we sighted Rottnest island on starboard bow and at 1645

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| At Sea H.M.A.T. "MALTA" | 1919 July 29th. | (Continued) (we anchored at the entrance to Freemantle Harbour.) Innumerable telegrams and letters of 'Welcome Home' came aboard in the xxxx evening. The night was bitterly cold, or so it seemed to us after just leaving the tropics. <i>hfsdy</i> | |
| | 30th. | Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut.H.A.Patterson. Regtl. orderly officer:- Lieut.P.burns. The "Malta" pulled in to the wharf at Freemantle at 1100. the salvation Army had a number of cases of oranges ready on the wharf, and sent them on board immediately the boat had tied up. They were very acceptable. Men of the 5th. Military District disembarked at 1130, and the remainder who were not on duty were granted leave from 1200 to 2200. The majority made good use of their leave and saw the greater part of Perth, which favorably impressed all. <i>hfsdy</i> | |
| | 31st. | Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut.M.L.Gray. Regimental orderly officer:- Lieut.F.S.Rochstein. A general parade and roll call was held at 1000 and an absentee report was rendered by Squadrons at 1030. (The boat sailed again at 1200 leaving 4 men behind who were A.W.L. The day was beautiful and typical of Australian early spring. <i>hfsdy</i> | |

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

1. Embarkation Order No. 1.
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31/7/1919.

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8th LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT EMBARKATION WARNING ORDER

By LIEUT. COLONEL T.J. DALY D.S.O. July 1st. 1919.

The Regiment will embark on H.M.T. HALTA, for Australia, at KANTARA on the 3rd. inst.

2. COMMAND:

The "Command" of the Transport will be as follows:
Lieut. Col. T.J. DALY DSO. O.C. Troops.
Capt. T.S. AUSTIN. Ships Adjutant.
Lieut. C.F. NEWMAN. " Q.M.
W.O.I. T. SINNOTT. " S.M.
RQMS. J.W. BEARD. " R.Q.M.

3. ADVANCE PARTY:

The above with 1 N.C.O. per Troop and 20 O/Ranks will proceed to PORT SAID by 1008 train on 2/7/19, and embark there. Advance party N.C.O's are to be in possession of complete Nominal Rolls of their troops. They will be shown the Mess Tables to which ~~the~~ each troop has been allotted, and on arrival of their unit at Ship's side will parade at the foot of the gang-way, and will conduct their respective troops to their proper quarters.

4. EMBARKATION PROCEDURES:

Troops will fall in strictly in the order in which their names appear on the Embarkation Nominal Roll. Each man will carry his Kit-bag and after being checked by the Embarkation Staff at the foot of the gang-way will be required to hand his Pay-book to the Paymaster's Representative at the top of the gang-way.

5. FATIGUE PARTIES:

Fatigue parties and Officers batmen will not be required for duty at Ship's side, and all ranks should therefore parade with the formation to which they belong.

6. BAGGAGE:

Officers and Regimental Baggage will be loaded by the E.L.C., but under no consideration will any Officer be allowed to have his baggage taken on board until all the troops are embarked, and then only under instructions from the E.S.O.

7. OFFICERS:

All Officers will, be instructed that they are not to attempt to embark individually, but must parade with their unit. Each Squadron will be preceded by its Squadron Leader, and likewise each Troop by its Troop Leader. Officers will accompany their Unit to its Troop Deck and will there be responsible that the men proceed direct to their Mess Tables, that Kit Bags are stowed neatly in the overhead racks provided for that purpose, and that no articles are hung upon the hammock hooks. They will instruct the men that they are to remain seated until permission is given them to leave their Troop Deck. No Officer is to leave a Troop Deck until after the C.O.'s inspection, after which N.C.O's will be responsible that no Smoking is permitted between Decks.

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(signed) T.S. AUSTIN Capt.
Adjt. 8th. Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.

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8th. LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT EMBARKATION ORDER NO.2

LIEUT. COLONEL T. J. DALY D.S.O.

July 2nd. 1919.

1. MOVE: The Regiment less advance party will proceed to-morrow, 3rd. inst., by 0920 train from MOASCAR, arriving at KANTARA at 1031 for Embarkation to AUSTRALIA.
2. REVEILLE: Reveille to-morrow will be at 0500.
3. PARADE: Regiment will parade ready to move to MOASCAR station by 0845, and when reported correct, Squadrons will be marched off under their own arrangements.
4. STORES: Q.M.'s. and Educational Stores will be ready by 0700 for transport to Station siding MOASCAR.
5. BAGGAGE: Officers' baggage will be stacked in front of Officers' lines by 0700. Squadrons will make their own arrangements for the necessary guard over this baggage. Men will carry their own kits.
6. TRANSPORT: 3 G.S. Wagons will be supplied by A.A.S.C. at 0700 for carting baggage, and stores to station siding, MOASCAR, also for the use of the R.Q.M.
7. BLANKETS ETC: Blankets and ground sheets will be handed in to R.Q.M. by 0630. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 30 and ground sheets in bundles of 10. Dixies and cooking utensils will be handed in as soon as possible after breakfast. Fantasies, water buckets, basins, plates, cups, knives, forks and spoons by 0700.
8. SANITATION: O's C. Squadrons will ensure that lines and Mess huts are left in a thoroughly sanitary condition.
9. INSPECTION: The C.O. will inspect the camp at 0830.

(Signed) M.D. MITCHELL Lieut.
for Adj. 8th. Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.

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