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WAR. DIARY.

of

8th. LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT A.I.F.

for

Period 1st. August 1919 to 7th. August 1919. (Date of Demobilisation.)

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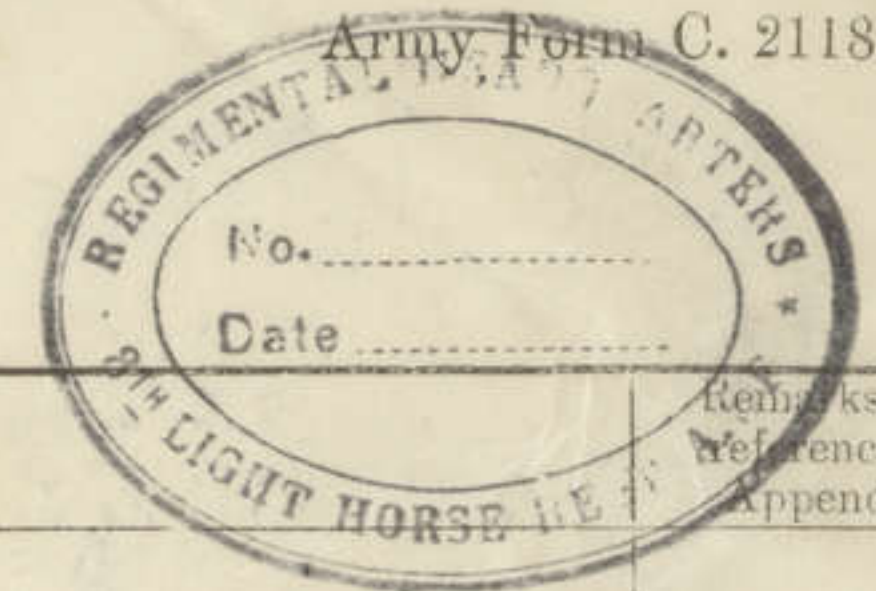
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At Sea. H.M.A.T. "MALTA"	Aug.	1st.	Captain of the Day:- Capt. M.W. Cowell. Regtl. Orderly Officer:- Lieut. L. Richardson. We were in sight of land nearly all day, the rough coast of Australia appearing far from inviting, it was a beautiful day with a cool (almost chilly) breeze blowing from the shore. At 0830 we passed the <del>XXXXXX</del> "Orontes" and at 1230 the "Runic", which original 8th, men remember as travelling alongside them to Egypt, also passed. The observations at noon were:- Lat. 35.10 Long. 116.53. Distance covered during past 24 hours i.e. since leaving Freemantle, 288 Knots, leaving 1399 to Melbourne. <i>h/f/h</i>	
		2nd.	Captain of the Day:- Capt. T.R. Peppercorn M.C. Regtl. Orderly Officer:- Lieut. C. Streeter. A cloudy, windy and rather cold day, with a fairly choppy sea, but the boat has behaved well not rolling nearly so much as she has in far calmer seas. This no doubt is explained by the fact that at Freemantle she took aboard a further 1000 tons of cargo. At 1445, the temperatures of all ranks on board were taken. This is to form part of the daily routine until arrival at Melbourne. Observations at midday:- Lat. 36.10 and Long. 112.35, Day's run, 284 Knots. <i>h/f/h</i>	
		3rd.	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> Regtl. Orderly Officer:- Lieut. H.A. Patterson. It is raining this morning and is bitterly cold, a fair breeze blowing from the North. The Port side decks are quite wet with the spray blowing over them. At midday we were in Lat. 37.12 and Long. 128.14. Distance covered during past 24 hours:- 279 Knots leaving 836 to Melbourne. <i>h/f/h</i>	
		4th.	Ship's Orderly Officer:- Lieut. C. Streeter. Regtl. Orderly Officer:- Lieut. M.L. Gray. The weather had been much warmer today, and on the whole we feel fortunate in our trip across the Bight. Our anticipations were that we would have a bad time on this ship, but to date <del>the</del> she has been surprisingly steady, and far more comfortable than when in the Indian Ocean. Observations at midday were:- Lat. 37.32 Long. 133.21. <del>XXXXX</del> Day's Run, 247 Knots. <i>h/f/h</i>	
		5th.	Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut. J.E. Chapman D.C.M. The acquittance of Disembarkation Pay to personnel of the 3rd. Military District took place at 1030 this morning. A quiet day has been passed but it can easily be seen that the excitement of the majority of the men of the Regiment is increasing at the prospect of seeing again, within the next few hours faces of loved ones. The days observations were as follows:- Lat. 38.35 Long. 139.8 Day's run, 276 Knots leaving 313 Knots to Melbourne. <i>h/f/h</i>	

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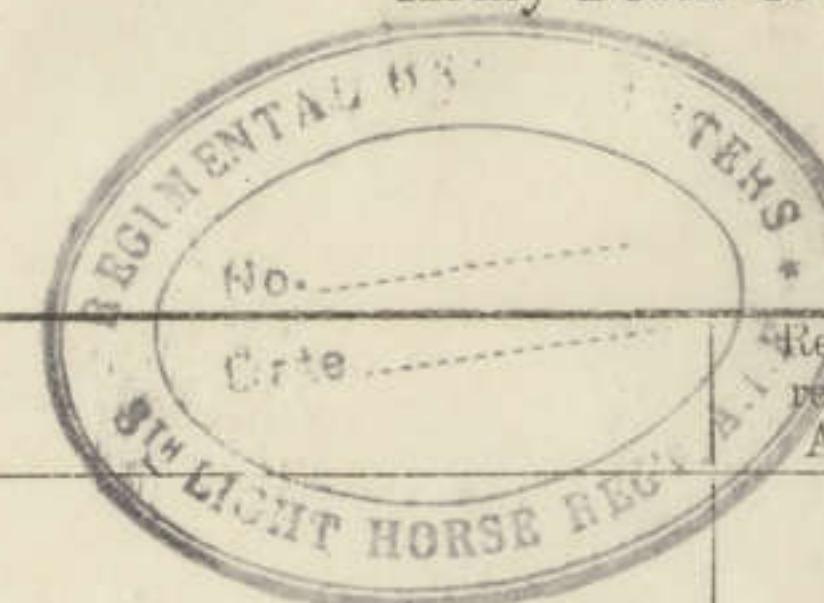
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H.M.A.T. Malta	Aug.	6	<p>Captain of the Day:- Capt-M.W.Cowell  Ship's Orderly Officer :- Lieut.J.E.Chapman DCM.  Regtl.Orderly Officer :- Lieut.D.A.Carmichael.  At reveille we were passing Cape Otway but later the land faded from sight for about an hour when it next it came to sight through a fine rain we found ourselves following the coast at a distance of about 5 or 6 miles. The heads were reached at 1300 by which time the rain had ceased and the weather was beautiful. After slowly passing through the Heads, the anchor was dropped off Portsea.  Medical inspection was commenced shortly after by the quarantine Authorities and the Ship was proclaimed "Clean"  At 1630 the Boat moved off up the Bay and at 1900 the lights of Melbourne hove in sight, and the "Malta" anchored at 2015  All on board are looking forward to the morning when they will disembark and meet their home-folk once more. Men who have scarcely been apart for four years will part to-morrow and naturally many have been busy to-day collecting addresses.</p>	
		7	<p>Regimental Orderly Officer:- Lieut.W.Lunn.  At 07.15 the anchor was raised and the "Malta" slowly made her way to the New Pier, Port Melbourne, where disembarkation routine commenced in a short time. By 08.30 the men were filing down the gangways to the waiting cars, and shortly afterwards moved off on the last ride of the 8th. Regiment.  The busy scene at the Victoria Barracks forms our last picture of our unit as a whole, but there in the meetings with dear ones again we forgot for a minute or two that the severing of true friendships was taking place. Our days abroad have taught us the true worth of our fellows, and friendships have been formed, which though distance may separate in the future mind and memory will ever keep near.  So with a "Good-bye, Jack." or a "Good Luck Tom." we pick up our kits and once more set off Home to re-enter civil life, but to ever have with us the memory of the GOOD OLD EIGHTH.</p>	

H J Shannon  
Commanding 8th Light Horse Regiment



# PRIZE WINNERS IN THE COMPETITIONS

HELD ON H.M.A.T. MALTA

3/7/1919 to 7/8/1919.

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Events Winners Prizes

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Bridge.	"A" Sqn. 8th. L.H. Sgt. Cameron & Tpr. Langlands	2 sets Brushes
	"B" Sqn. 8th. L.H. Tprs. Neale & Stamford	2 wallets & 2 sov. cases
	"C" Sqn. 8th. L.H. Tprs. Kielly & Lattimer	1 pr. vases & 2 fountain pens
	1st. Field Squadron Beattie & Badger	2 tobacco pouches & 2 Fountain pens.
	1st. Signal Sqn. Marsh & Bartley	2 watches
	D.H.Q. & 2nd. L.H.F.A. Capt. Walshe & Lieut. Munro	2 wallets.

	Ship's Championship Sgt. Cameron & Tpr. Langlands (8th. L.H.)	2 Auto razors.
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Whist.	1st. Sgt. Cameron (8th. L.H.)	1 auto outfit.
	2nd. Tpr. Langlands (8th. L.H.)	1 Mirror.

Draughts	1st. Sgt. Devlin (8th. L.H.)	1 Butter dish
	2nd. Tpr. Redding (8th. L.H.)	1 Swan pen.

Chess	1st. Tpr. Conyers.	1 swan pen
	2nd. Sig/Cpl. Young (8th. L.H.)	1 Ash tray.

Cribbage	"A" Sqn. 8th. L.H. L/Cpl. Kealey & Tpr. White	1 pr. vases & 2 fountain pens.
	"B" & "C" Sqn. 8th. L.H. S/Sm. Game & Tpr. Watson	2 fountain pens 1 wallet 1 mirror
	1st. Field Squadron Duffy & Evans	2 wallets & 1 cig. case
	1st. Signal Sqn. Roberts & McGregor	2 founth. pens & 2 cig. cases
	D.H.Q. & 2nd. L.H.F.A. Murtha & Peterson	2 founth. pens & 1 pr. vases
	Ship's Championship Murtha & Peterson	1 case razors 1 gillette razor

Essays	SERIOUS L/Cpl. Sinclair (8th. L.H.)	1 swan pen & 1 pr. vases
	HUMOUROUS S/sgt Moreton Cpl. Andres	

Tug of war Heavy weight Team of 8	1st. First Field Sqn.	Cash prize of £1 each & 8 brass trays, 1 razor to coach.
	2nd. "B" Sqn. (8th. L.H.)	Cash £1 each.

Light weight Team of 8	1st. First Field Sqn.	Cash prize of £1 each & 5 pipes, 2 rings, 2 vases 2 Jardinieres, 1 case
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Light Weight Team of eight	2nd. "A" Sqdn. 8th. L.H.	Cash prize of 15/- each
Treacle Bun	1st. Cpl. Maynes (8th. L.H.) 2nd. Tpr. Hughes	Cash prize 10/- 1 Fountain pen. 1 cig. case
Potato Race	1st. Tpr. Parsell (8th. L.H.) 2nd. Tpr. Tulley	1 set spoons 1 pipe in case
Lazy Stick Heavy Weight	1st. Cpl. Milbourn 2nd. Tpr. Rimmer	1 watch Cash prize £1
Light weight	1st. Tpr. Rivers 2nd. Sprr. Murphy	Cash prize £2. 1 Brass Gong
Skipping. Endurance	1st. Sprr. Duggan 2nd. Cpl. Nelder	Pipe in case 1 Brass Tray
Fancy	1st. Sprr. Sawkins	1 jardiniere & 6 napkin rings.
Quoits Deck	Cpl. Nelder & Sprr. Bell	1 Brass Bowl & 4 Finger Bowls.