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			<p>ORIGINAL. DUPLICATE.</p> <p>HEADQUARTERS IST. A.L.H. BRIGADE.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>---WAR DIARY ---</p> <p>for</p> <p>-----</p> <p>MONTH OF MAY. 1919.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Signature of Compiling Officer, <i>W. H. Bell</i> Major, Brigade Major, Ist. A. L. H. Brigade,</p> <p>Signature of Officer Commanding, <i>Geo Bell</i> Lieut. Col. Commanding Ist. A. L. H. Brigade.</p>	

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GHEZIREH.	1.5.19.		Nothing to report.	
"	2.5.19.		Strength of guards on bridges reduced by one half. Day patrol taken off.	
"	3.5.19.		Nothing to report.	
"	4.5.19.		Informed by the Assistant Director of Repatriation & Demobilisation, that remainder of the Ist. A.L.H. Brigade, would embark for Australia, on Transport ship "ORARI" in about a week.	
"	5.5.19.		Guards on Boulac and Zamalik Bridges and C in C's House relieved by N.Z.M.R. at 1800. Lieut-Col G.J.BELL.C.M.G., D.S.O. left for Port Said for the purpose of inspecting transportship.	
"	6.5.19.		Mounted men from "A" and "B" Squadrons 3rd. A.L.H. Regiment (Delta Barrage and Calub respectively) arrived at Ghezireh at 1200. Arrangements made for remainder of Squadrons to move to Ghezireh on 7.5.19. 29 Horses returned to Remounts Abbassia. Arrangements made for returning of equipment, prior to move to Kantara.	
"	7.5.19.)		Lieut-Col. G.J.BELL.C.M.G., D.S.O. returned from Port Said on completion of duty.	
"	8.5.19.)		Preparations for move to Kantara. Returning Animals and equipment.	
"	9.5.19.		Commenced loading baggage at 0700. Entrained Personnel at 0830. Train departed from Abu-El-Ela. Station (Cairo) at 0945, and arrived at Kantara West at 1430.	
"			The following Units joined the Ist. A.M.G. Squadron and 6th. M.V. Section in camp two miles south of Kantara on West bank of the Canal:- Ist. A.L.H. Bde. Headquarters. Ist. Signal Troop. Ist. L.H.F. Ambulance, Ist. Field Troop, 3rd. L.H. Regiment.	
KANTARA.	10.5.19.)			
"	11.5.19.)		Preparations for embarkation. Special Embarkation Order issued 11.5.19.	(Appendix 1.)
"	12.5.19.		Returning equipment to Ordnance, and general preparations for embarkation.	
"	13.5.19.		Preparations for embarkation.	
"	14.5.19.		Advance party as follows proceeded to Port Said and embarked on H.M.T. "ORARI". :- Lieut-Col. G.J.BELL.C.M.G., D.S.O. (O.C. Troops) Major. W.T. TACKABERRY (Ship's Adjutant) Hon-Major. A.K. WENDT. (Ship's Quartermaster) Lieut-Col. M.W. CAVE. (Senior Medical Officer) and 48 O/Ranks.	

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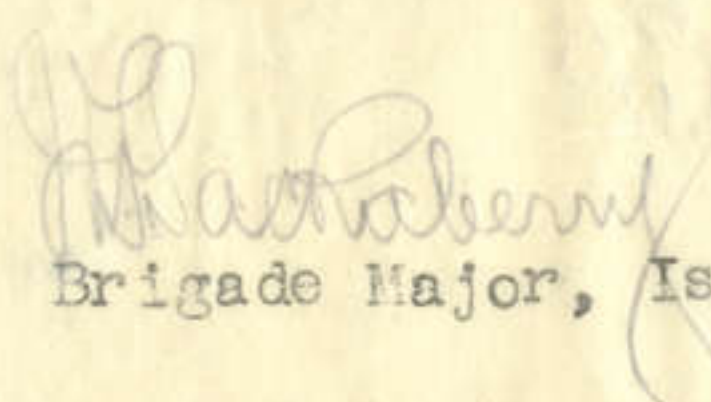

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KANTARA.	15.5.19.		H.M.T. "ORARI" left Port Said at 1500, and arrived at Kantara at 1845. Brigade returning equipment and generally preparing for embarkation.	
"	16.5.19.		The remainder of Ist. Bde. Headquarters, Ist Signal Troop, 3rd. A. L. H. Regiment, Ist. A. M. G. Squadron, Ist. A. L. H. F. Ambulance, 6th. M. V. Section, Ist. and 2nd. Regiment Details, embarked on H.M.T. "ORARI" at Kantara, and sailed at 1200 the same day.	
AT SEA.	17.5.19.0 to 31.5.19.)		On Voyage between Kantara and Colombo.	
<div>-----</div> <div>Appendix.1. Special Embarkation Order.</div> <div>-----</div>				
<div>-----</div> <div> Major, Brigade Major, Ist. A. L. H. Brigade.</div>				
<div>-----</div> <div> Lieut-Col. Commanding, Ist. A. L. H. Brigade.</div>				

SPECIAL EMBARKATION ORDER

by

Lieut-Col. G.J. BELL. G.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding Ist. A.L.H. Brigade



- (1). The undermentioned Units will embark for Australia on the "P.T. BARI" at KANTARA on 15.25.19.:-
Ist. A.L.H. Brigade Headquarters Ist. Signal Troop, 3rd. A.L.H. Regt.
Ist. A.M.G. Squadron, Ist. L.H.F. Amb. 6th. M.V. Section.
- (2). The embarkation of the troops will take place under the supervision of the Australian Embarkation Staff Officer. Leave will not be granted to Officers, Nurses, or other ranks after embarkation and prior to departure of the transport without permission of the Embarkation Commandant or his representative.
- (3). The undermentioned advance party will proceed to Port Said on 14.5.19.
C.O. Troops. R.S.M.
Ships Adjutant. Q.M.S.
Ships Quartermaster.
1 N.C.O. from each troop of L. Horse, Signallers, or section of Machine Gunners and 1 from the L.H.F. Amb.
20 other ranks as follows:- 12 from 3rd. L.H. Regt. 6 from Ist. A.M. Gun Squadron, 1 from Ist. Sig Troop and 1 from Ist. L.H.F. Amb.
- (4). Troop N.C.O.'s are to be in possession of complete nominal rolls of the troop or section which they represent. They will be shown the mess tables to which each troop has been allotted and upon arrival of their Unit at ship's side they will parade at the foot of the gangway and will conduct their respective troops to their proper quarters.
- (5). NOMINAL ROLLS. 12 copies of nominal rolls are to be handed to the E.S.O. at port of embarkation. These rolls are to be typewritten and will be compiled as under:-
(a) Front sheet to contain complete roll of all Officers embarking.
(b) Rolls will be made out by troops and alphabetically. Officers will be shown at the head of the troop roll.
(c) The names of all members of the advance party are to be included in the embarkation nominal roll of the troop to which they belong and such names will be clearly marked "Advance party".
(d) The Military District of enlistment for all ranks must be shown, also column for Mess No. and Deck No.
- (6). The order in which Units will embark will be directed by the E.S.O. 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 gangway, will be required to hand his paybook to the Paymaster's representative at the top of the gangway.
- (7). Fatigue parties and Officers batmen will not be required for duty at ship's side, and all ranks should therefore parade with the Unit to which they belong.
- (8). OFFICERS. Officers are not to attempt to embark individually but must parade with their Units. Each Squadron will be preceded by its Squadron leader, and each troop by its troop leader. Officers will accompany their Unit to its troop deck and there will 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 for them to leave their troop decks. No Officer is to leave a troop deck until everything is in order, after which N.C.O.'s. will be responsible that no smoking is permitted between decks and that order is maintained.

(9). OFFICER'S BAGGAGE. Officer's baggage will be stacked in two heaps at the Ship's side, one heap will consist of baggage to be taken into the cabin, and one of baggage to be stowed below. Each package should be clearly labeled "Not wanted on voyage" or "Wanted on voyage" as required. This baggage will not be carried aboard individually by Officers, but will be placed aboard by the E.L.C. when embarkation has been completed.

(10). INSPECTION. An inspection will ^{be} carried out immediately after completion of embarkation and will be for the purpose of ensuring that there is no overcrowding. At this inspection all troops will be seated at their mess tables, Sergeants will be seated in their own mess, and Officers will stand by with their troops, squadrons etc., After this inspection troops will be required by the D.N.T.O. to parade at Boat Station when life belts will be worn by all ranks.

W. P. Mackenzie
Major,
Brigade Major, Ist. A. L. H. Brigade.

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