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WAR DIARY

OF

1<sup>ST</sup> A.L.H. REGIMENT FOR MARCH 1919.

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ADJUTANT 1<sup>ST</sup> A.L.H. REGIMENT.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER COMMANDING

CO. 1<sup>ST</sup> A.L.H. REGIMENT.



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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Date 21/3/19

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RA FA	1/3/19.		Physical Training and Games carried out from 0700 to 0715. One Other Rank to Hospital from Isolation. One Other Rank detached to Brigade Canteen. Three Other Ranks rejoined from duty. One Other Ranks rejoined from Brigade Canteen.	
UR	2/3/19.		Physical Training and Recreational Games carried out from 0700 to 0715. Major F.V.Weir, D.S.O., and 9 O/Rs. proceeded on leave to CAIRO.	
UR	3/3/19.		Physical Training and Recreational Games were carried out as usual. 1 O/R. marched out to Ambulance. 2 O/Rs. detached to CAIRO. 3 O/Rs to Empire Club. 3 O/Rs rejoined from Empire Club. 1 O/R rejoined from KANTARA. Route March carried out from 1000 to 1130. Capt. S.S. MOORE lectured to N.C.O.s from 1145 to 1215. Lieut. W.G. DRUMMOND marched out on leave to CAIRO. Lieut. R.G. FAWCETT rejoined from leave.	
UR	4/3/19.		Physical Training and Games from 0700 to 0730. Educational classes carried out as usual from 1000 to 1145. Preparatory instruction for Mounted Drill was carried out from 1000 to 1130. Capt. S.M. MOORE in charge of N.C.Os. class. (Squad Drill) Major A.A. WHITE, M.C. lectured to junior Officers on Duties and Responsibilities from 1145 to 1215. 1 O/R rejoined from ZEMTOUN.	
UR	5/3/19.		Physical Training and Recreational Games carried out from 0700 to 0730. Educational Classes were carried out from 1000 to 1145. Guards and Sentries work carried out from 1000 to 1045. Squad Drill from 1100 to 1130. Lieut. D.M.O'CONNOR marched out on duty to CAIRO. Capt. F.H. OTTON in charge of N.C.Os. parade from 1145 to 1215. 1 O/R marched out to Hospital. 1 O/R rejoined from detached list. Capt. F.H. OTTON and 52 O/Rs. marched out to MOASCAR to await embarkation to UNITED KINGDOM.	
UR	6/3/19.		Physical Training and Recreational Games carried out from 0700 to 0730. Educational Classes were carried out as usual from 100 to 1145. Farriery Class carried out in 1st. Bde. Machine Gun lines at 1030. Squad Drill under major A.A. WHITE, M.C. from 1000 to 1145. Major G.H.L. HARRIS, M.C. lectured on junior Officer on Guards and Sentries.	
UR	7/3/19.		Physical Training and Recreational Games from 0700 to 0730. Educational Classes carried out from 1000 to 1145. Farriery Class as usual. 2 O/Rs. to Hospital. Squad Drill carried out from 1000 to 1145.	
UR	8/3/19.		Physical Training and Games were carried out as usual. Educational Classes as usual from 1100 to 1145. Farriery Class carried on in 1st. Bde. Machine Gun lines at 1030. 2nd./Lieut. W.H. STOREY, D.C.M. and 2nd./Lieut. M.E. PEARCE proceeded to MOASCAR to await embarkation to AUSTRALIA. Recapitulation of work during week was carried out from 1000 to 1130 as found necessary. 3 O/Rs. to Ambulance.	
UR	9/3/19.		Physical Training and Games carried from 0700 to 0730. Major A.A. WHITE, M.C. and 9 O/Rs. proceeded on leave to EGYPT. 1 O/R to Ambulance. 1 O/R. transferred to A.S.C. Divisional Train. 3 O/Rs. rejoined from A.I.F. H. Qrs. 1 O/R. rejoined from D.H.Q.	

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3/3/19

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA.	10/3/19.		Physical Training and Games were carried out as usual from 0700 to 0730. 10/R rejoined from D.H.Q. 3 O/Rs. rejoined from B.H.Q. 10/R rejoined from Hospital. 40/Rs. marched out to Ambulance. 10/R transferred to 3rd. L.H.Reg.	
	11/3/19.		Physical Training and Games carried out from 0700 to 0730. Educational Classes carried out as usual. Capt .M.E.WRIGHT. and 11 O/Rs. proceeded to PORT SAID as advance guard for embarkation of Unit to AUSTRALIA. 2/Lieuts. J. GLENNIE. AND W.WEST. "MM" marched in from ZEIT OUN. Lieuts. C.A.HORDERN. AND A.I.MAC DONALD. "MC" proceeded to MOASCAR on furlough to U.K.	
	12/3/19.		Physical Training and Recreational Games were carried out as usual. The Regt. marched to RAFA and entrained at 1830 for KANTARA.	
KANTARA.	13/3/19.		The Regiment arrived at KANTARA at 0400 and detrained at wharf at 0730. Embarked on H.M.A.T. ULIMAROA at 0830. The Transport moved out at 1430 for AUSTRALIA. With 21 Officers and 486 O/Rs. on board. 16 O/Rs. marched on board from Details MOASCAR and were attached to the Regiment for the voyage. Lieut. T.P.ALLSOPP. was struck off strength to A.I.E. H.Qrs. for Duty. Lieut. J.A. MARKWELL marched out to MOASCAR to await embarkation to U.K. 1 O/R to Hospital.	
H.M.A.T. ULIMAROA.	14/3/19.		Physical Training carried out for Officers from 0630 to 0730. and for O/Rs. from 0800 to 0900. The C.O. Troops inspected troops and Ship at 1000.	
	15/3/19.		Physical Training carried out as usual. 5 O/Rs. to Hospital. Educational classes carried out from 1030 to 1130 and 1400 to 1500. All ranks went through Disinfectant Bath during the morning Boat Drill was carried out by the Regiment at 1545. The Band played during Mess.	
	16/3/19.		Physical Training and Educational Classes were carried out as usual. Inspection by Master of Ship and C.O.Troops at 1030. 30/Rs. to Hospital. 2 O/Rs. detached to Band. Major G.H.L.HARRIS "MC" Capt. S.M.MOORE. and Lieut. S.E.GREGORY. "MC" was selected to represent the Regiment on the Sports Committee.	
	17/3/19.		Physical Training and Educational Classes were carried out as usual. Major A.A.WHITE "MC" was Officer of the Day. All ranks went through the Disinfecting Bath. Concert held on Well Deck during the evening.	
	18/3/19.		Physical Training and Educational Classes carried out as usual.	
	19/3/19.		Physical Training and Educational Classes carried out as usual. 2 O/Rs. to Hospital. 5 O/Rs. rejoined from Hospital. Capt. F.M.MACK was Officer of the Day. Inspection at 1000 by Master of Ship and C.O.Troops.	
	20/3/19.		Physical Training and Educational Classes carried out as usual. 2 O/Rs. to Hospital. Fresh water was issued to the men for washing purposes at the rate of 1 bucket per man.	
	21/3/19.		The usual Classes were held.	
	22/3/19.		Physical Training and Educational Classes were carried out as usual.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
H.M.A.T. 22/3/19. ULIMAROA			1 O/R to Hospital. 4 O/Rs rejoined from Hospital. All Ranks were put through disinfectant bath.	
UR 23/3/19.			Church Service was held on the Well Deck at 0900. All Ranks of the 2nd. Military District received pay. Sports were held on the Well Deck. 4 O/Rs. to Hospital.	
UR 24/3/19.			Usual Classes were held. Sports continued from previous day and completed. 1 O/R to Hospital.	
UR 25/3/19.			5 O/Rs from Hospital. Usual Classes were held. The Transport entered Colombo harbour at 1710. The C.O. Troops went ashore shortly after anchors were dropped and returned at 2100. 1 O/R to Hospital.	
UR 26/3/19.			Shore leave having been granted the Regiment sent a Town Picquet of 8 Officers, 8 N.C.Os. and 40 O/Rs. ashore to Colombo under Major G.H.L. HARRIS, M.C. At 0930 four lighters drew alongside and the Regiment proceeded to the jetty, from where they proceeded to Echelon Barracks and were dismissed. The Regiment reassembled at 1600 and returned to the Transport at 1650.	
UR 27/3/19. 0300.			2 O/Rs. rejoined from Hospital. A Lecture by Capt. Chap. BACKHOUSE on "Mohamed and His Teachings". The Transport left Colombo en route for Fremantle. Physical Training was carried out as usual. Educational Classes were carried out as usual. All Ranks attended disinfectant parade commencing at 1100. Fruit was distributed to Troops. 3 O/Rs. rejoined from Hospital.	
UR 28/3/19.			Physical Training and Educational Classes were carried out as usual. Lieut. W.G. DRUMMOND and Lieut. C.E. UPTON were detached to Hospital. 1 O/R rejoined from Hospital.	
UR 29/3/19.			Physical Training and Educational Classes were carried out as usual. 3 O/Rs. rejoined from Hospital.	
UR 30/3/19.			Physical Training and Educational Classes were carried out as usual. Lieut. C.E. UPTON and 2 O/Rs. rejoined from Hospital.	
UR 31/3/19.			Physical Training and Educational Classes were carried out as usual. 6 O/Rs. marched out to Hospital. Kits of all ranks were inspected at 1400. All Government Property, except that shown on Personal Form "B", was confiscated. A Lecture by Capt. Chap. BACKHOUSE, on "Garden of Eden and the Flood."	

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1st. A. L. H. REGIMENT.

Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Sick.		Transfd.		Joined.	
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