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Title: Headquarters, 3rd Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

September 1914



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Couple of days in BRISBANE. Then returned to Sydney with my Orderly Officer, leaving my adjutant in Brisbane to assist O.C. 7th Batty specially in drawing equipment, and also in training of Head Quarters. I remained a few days in Sydney and then with my Orderly Officer proceeded to Tasmania via Melbourne. I stayed some days in camp with 9th Batty in Brighton Camp watching their work and checking their equipment. Then returned to Sydney via Melbourne, stayed in Sydney some days attending to arrangements of men & horses</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>embarking from Sydney for Lae, being part of the Brigade Ammunition Column. While in Sydney under General Bridges' instruction I inspected Troopship A 22. <i>Pangatua</i> lying at Fernside Wharf. I found her eminently suited for the requirements of horses and troops. I sent my orderly and horse to Brisbane by the Lamport, and some days afterwards myself left by rail for Brisbane, arriving there on the evening of September 24th. I immediately reported to the District Commandant. On the morning of the 25th in company with the District Commandant and District Naval Officer.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Sept 25 th		<p>I went by launch to Pirrama and boarded the transport, which had been loaded with horses the night before.</p> <p>Left Pirrama at 12.50 PM. The District Commandant gave me a message from the State Governor to be read to the troops and to be forwarded by wireless to the other transports which left from Pirrama. This message was duly delivered and an acknowledgment sent back to District Commandant.</p> <p>Excellent weather prevailed round to Melbourne. For the first 36 hours some officers and men were sea sick but recovered rapidly.</p>	

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		<p>Arranged splendid exercise space for horses, also sand bath, and found both of greatest value. One horse was placed on board sick. The Veterinary officer refused to take him, but was ordered to do so by Veterinary Board. This horse had to be destroyed on the second day at sea. Ship's routine generally arranged including daily inspection by Capt of Ship, OC Troop and Medical officer, also weekly foot parade by Medical officer and weekly marching order parade by OC Troop. N.C.O.'s classes instituted. Proper syllabus being prepared both</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>for NCO's and Officers, to come into effect, after leaving Albany. Units being trained each day in gun drill, signalling, harness fitting, physical exercises etc. From cause of venereal disease developed during trip from Brisbane to Melbourne.</p> <p>On Monday night a message was received from Wilson Promontory yesterday the Captain to call at Queensland for orders. We were afterwards instructed to report at Melbourne.</p> <p>Berthed at new Railway Pier Port Melbourne. I reported immediately to Head Quarters -</p>	

Sept. 29th 10 AM.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Sept 30 th		<p>Obtained permission for men to remain on Board Horse to be picketed at Frodoon bend. General Bridges and Colonel White inspected Ship at 10.30 AM. The General expressed his satisfaction at the condition of the Ship. All details on Ship other than those belonging to 3rd & 7th Brigade disembarked and proceeded to various Camps.</p>	
Oct 1 st		<p>As member of Board I attended Col Forayth in conjunction with Capt Ineson on "Steer of England" from 1.30 to 5.30 PM re condition of Horse stalls and horses. Board proceedings completed and recommendations made to the effect that</p>	

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