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Artillery Brigade

October 1914



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Date	Place & Line		Remarks references to Appendices attached
<p>1914 Oct. 1st</p>		<p>As member of Board I attended Col. Forsyth in conjunction with Capt. Watson on "Star of England" from 1-30 to 5-30 pm. & condition of Horse stalls and Horses. Board proceedings completed and recommendations made to the effect that</p> <p>(Original of above will be found on page 7 of diary for month of September 1914 and bound with that month)</p>	

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Oct. 4 th		<p>that hours being unworked it was desirable to remove 60 or 70 stabs from ship also a similar number of boxes and that an oat ration should be provided daily such ration to be gradually increased during the last week of voyage.</p> <p>Trouble with men generally regarding leave only 5% being allowed by Head Quarters. At 2 o'clock forward quarter portion of 7th Battery refused to fall in - I had guards put through the ship and every man punished. Spouted out the scurrilous of their position and read the Governor General's Warrant empowering me to hold Courts Martial. About 60 men</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct. 5 th		<p>were ordered into arrest and subsequently continued and released.</p> <p>Sixty two NCOs and gunners placed under arrest for breaking ship and absence without leave. After referring the matter to Col North and General Propper, I stopped pay to extent of £5 reduced NCOs to Permanent rank and stopped all leave for those concerned while in Pass. If their conduct proves satisfactory hereafter I shall remit fine to £1 -</p>	
Oct. 6 th		<p>Headed out to OMRAN, STAR OF ENGLAND and ANGLO-EGYPTIAN then preparation of oak and cotton for use in England.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Evacuation authorities altered stalls on ship by removing two lower dividing boards. I verbally protested and finally officially wrote Colonel Hobbs. In my opinion that stalls as now arranged are unsafe. because a horse can now when in a fallen position put his legs through into adjoining stalls and if kicking would in all probability bring down the next horse, and so along the whole length of stalls.</p> <p>While in Melbourne many articles of equipment were provided by Ordnance and condensed articles replaced. The Lt. Col Melbourne was most obliging and gave us</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct. 17 th		not valuable and ready assistance. Purs. Minute, Minute of Defence, G.O.C. Admiral Caswell, and other officials inspected men, horses and ship. Purs. Minute made a Complimentary speech to Commodore who in turn transmitted it to me for benefit of Command generally.	
Oct 18 th		Embarked all rebels and gave away our own men to work winds and ship - Obtained sand for use on ship -	
Oct. 19 th		Commenced embarkation of Horses at 10 AM and completed all work at 1-30 PM. Sampson moved away from Pier at 4-30 PM and proceeded to Anchorage at, Wellington.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct. 20 th		<p>During stay in Melbourne much valuable work was done. Horses became acclimatized, also men, for we had extremes of heat and cold during the three weeks stay. Good work done with team in battery drill and maneuvers, also gun drill, loading, signalling, making of gun jacks, swimming horses, rifle shooting etc. - Followed Horses in Melbourne.</p> <p>Left Adelaide at 2.30 PM. with order to proceed to Albany. Very good weather across the Bight. Neither men nor horses ill - Good training carried out. Exercises for Officers and NCOs. Completed. One horse died</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct. 25 th		<p>Just before reaching Albany - Four further cases of Venereal disease reported to Hospital.</p> <p>Practice for Head Quarter, Officer and Gunner of 7th Battery with rifle from stern of ship at moving targets - very fair shooting.</p> <p>Two attributed cases of Colic among Horses.</p> <p>Both recovered before reaching Albany.</p> <p>Boat and fire stations allotted and practiced during the run across Bay.</p> <p>Anchored in position in KING GEORGE'S SOUND at 2 P.M. Disturber board officer shortly afterwards came alongside - Reported by signal at night to Colonel Hobb condition of men and Horses.</p>	

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Date	Place & Time		Remarks & References to all papers etc. attached
1914 Oct. 26		Sent off Syllabus of Training for officers and N.C.O.s. of Brigade to all Unit Commanders for use on Home Journey.	
Oct. 28		Conference on "OTRVIETO" (Original of above will be found on page 1 of diary for month of November 1914 and bound with that month.)	

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