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			<p align="center"><u>SHIPS MILITARY STAFF.</u></p> <p>C.O. Troops - Lieut Col. J.F.DONNELLY DSO 1st Pioneers Second in Command - Capt J.M.HOGG MC 1st M.G.Battlion. Adjutant - Capt J. C. HOGE MC do Assistant Adjutant - Lieut E. M. Mitchell do Ships Medical Officer - Major M. L. Spiers 3rd A.C.C.S.</p> <p align="center"><u>Company commanders.</u></p> <p>'A' Company - Capt G. Stobie M.C. 6th Battalion. 'B' " - Lieut A. J. Waters 7th " 'C' " - Lieut C. D. Raymond 1st M. G. Battn. 'D' " - Capt J. R. Miller MC 1st Pioneer Battn.</p> <p>Chaplain - Major A. W. Tonge. Sports Officer - Lieut E. H. Christian 6th Battalion. Education Officer - Lieut C. E. Booth 5th Battalion. Paymaster - Lieut F. W. Sexton A. F. C. Dental Officer - Capt. F. Herbert S.S.M. - CSM BRUCE W.D. MM 1st Pioneer Battn. SQMS - RQMS Wall G. 6th Battalion. SORS - Sgt Smith A.V. 7th "</p>	

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BRISTOL LONDON.	1919. June 9.		<p>At 11 a.m. the advance party of FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL QUOTA No 32 went aboard H.M.A.T. 'PORT DARWIN', a vessel of 10,000 tons of the Commonwealth and Dominion Line with Capt R. CRAVEN in command, at Victoria Docks.</p> <p>Included in the party were Lieut. Col J.F.DONNELLY DSO 1st Pioneer Battn C.O. and Capt J. C. HOGE MC 1st M. G. Battalion - Adjutant; Major M.L.SPIERS 3rd ACCS S.M.O. and Lieut F.W.SEXTON AFC Ships Paymaster in all 7 Officers, 19 Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 82 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Hammocks blankets and messing gear issued to those on board and dinner served at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Allotment of decks, mess tables etc commenced in afternoon.</p> <p>Majority of Ships crew appeared to be ashore.</p>	
	10.		<p>Moved off at 9.15 a.m. under escort of 2 tugs and made way down stream.</p> <p>Comforts Fund, Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. Stores checked from lists in possession.</p> <p>Slight deficiency in the stock of socks discovered but this was counteracted by an excess of sugar and tobacco.</p> <p>At 11 a.m. the estuary of the Thames was left behind and we entered the channel under fine weather conditions. All on board had their final distant view of the shores of France.</p>	
	11.		<p>Entered Plymouth Sound at 3 p.m. and dropped anchor close to H.M.A.T. 'THEMISTOCLES!'</p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	
DEVONPORT	12.		<p>Preparations were proceeded with prior to the arrival of the troops, such as drawing messing utensils, hammocks and blankets, and getting the ship generally in order.</p> <p>At 2.30 p.m. a lighter conveying the first batch of troops drew alongside and embarkation proceeded steadily until all troops and gear were safely on board.</p> <p>An hour later the second lighter arrived with the last batch of troops and as before all were taken on board without incident.</p> <p>With the exception of a few prisoners who came on board later all were now safely embarked but owing to certain restrictions we did not sail until the following morning.</p> <p>The personnel on board, with the exception of a few details, represent Light Horse, Artillery, Infantry, Machine Gun, Pioneer and Engineer Units.</p>	

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DEVONPORT.	1919. June 12.		<p>The Light Horse who have served in the Eastern campaign and have just completed their leave in England have representatives from 1st and 2nd Brigades and 11th and 12th Regiments while the Artillery consist of men from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades and 11th and 12th Batteries. The majority of the Infantry are drawn from the 2nd Brigade (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Battalions) but there are also a few details from each other Battalion of the Division. The Machine Gunners, Pioneers and Engineers are all 1st Divisional Units and are composed of men from the different Australian States with the exception of West Australia.</p> <p>In all we have on board 28 Officers, 134 Warrant Officers and Sgts., and 1070 Other Ranks.</p> <p>As regards accommodation - that of the Officers appears to be hardly adequate on account of the limited cabin space, some being situated amidships on the main deck and the remainder on the boat deck.</p> <p>The Troops are accommodated on one main troop deck which extends fore and aft, a small portion of which has been set aside as a Sergeants Mess.</p> <p>'A' and 'B' companies are situated forward while 'C' and 'D' companies are aft.</p> <p>Owing to the state of cleanliness, good ventilation and excellence of fittings generally, the men are highly contented. The first night on board was spent on port which enabled all ranks to become acquainted with their new surroundings. A special portion of the troop deck has been reserved for the Hospital on the starboard side also part of the Boat Deck for convalescents.</p> <p>The Orderly Room and Education Office are situated aft on the port side of the main deck while the Pay Office is on the starboard side side of the same deck.</p> <p>Below, amidships on the troop deck are to be found the Y.M.C.A., Canteen, Showers and Wash Houses.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
AT SEA.	13.		<p>All ranks paraded on deck at 9 a.m. for check Roll call, Boat Drill and Allotment of Fire Stations.</p> <p>Clocks were put back 1 hour and 20 minutes.</p> <p>Weighed anchor at 9.15 a.m. and stood out to sea during cloudy weather and a fair breeze. Suitable items were rendered by the Band as our boat cleared Plymouth Sound. The South West coast of England remained in sight until we cleared Land's End at 3 p.m., after which our voyage commenced in earnest.</p> <p>Unfortunately our boat rode well above the plimsoll mark, accounted for by the</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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AT SEA.	1919. June 13.		<p>5. absence of cargo and it was not long before the powerful swell that was running made itself felt.</p> <p>Up to the present the food has been quite up to the standard and it is to be hoped that as the voyage proceeds there will be no slackening off in this important item.</p>	
	14.		<p>Lat. 46.16 N. Long. 9.12 W. Course S.W. Distance 307 miles Time steaming 24 hours, 17 min. 26 secs.</p> <p>Clocks were put back 17 min. 56 secs during the day.</p> <p>Barometer 30.22 Thermometer 64 deg. To Cape Finisterre Abeam 185 miles.</p> <p>To Cape Town 5531 Miles.</p> <p>Crossing Bay of Biscay. Weather - Fine. Moderate swell.</p> <p>Well stocked canteen which opened yesterday and much appreciated by all.</p> <p>The chaplain Major A.W.TONGE, supervised the issue of books from the Library supplied by the Y.M.C.A. and other reading matter and games distributed to those on board.</p> <p>Arrangements being made to start Boxing competitions and other outdoor games as soon as possible.</p> <p>During the day 'A' company underwent an inspection by the Dental Officer and in turn all troops on board will undergo this inspection.</p>	
	15.		<p>Lat. 41.32.N Long 11.25 W. Course S 19 W. Distance 303 miles.</p> <p>Time steaming 24 hrs. 8 min. 52 secs. Weather Fine. Now travelling in Portuguese Trade Wind.</p> <p>Passed Cape Finisterre 2 a.m. at distance of 70 miles and now passing down Coast of Portugal with Oporto abeam 125 miles.</p> <p>By Wireless :- "Vickers aeroplane left Newfoundland at 16.12 GMT 14th</p> <p>"All ships are to keep a look-out".</p> <p>Distances :- To Cape Town 5228 miles. To Melbourne 11228 Miles.</p> <p>Voluntary Church Parades held by chaplain in morning and evening also Communion Service.</p> <p>Each man on board received an issue from the comforts Fund viz :- 1 pr socks and 2 packets of cigarettes and a liberal supply of condensed milk, tinned fruit and Cocoa and Milk was issued to all Mess Tables for the evening meal.</p>	

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AT SEA.	1919. June 16.		<p>6.</p> <p>Lat. 36.33 N. Long 12.54 W course S 13 W Distance 307 miles. Time steaming 24 hrs. 5 min. 56 secs. Average speed 12$\frac{1}{2}$ knots.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. Expected to take the North East Trade Winds about noon to-morrow and to pass the Canary Islands from 10-12 to-morrow night.</p> <p>Distances - To Las Palmas, Canary Islands 515 Miles. To Cape Town 4921 Miles. To Melbourne 10921 Miles.</p> <p>In touch by Wireless Telegraphy with the 'Themistocles', which left Plymouth a few hours in advance of us bound for Australia with Australian troops on board. This vessel was ahead of us 129 miles at noon yesterday on a south bearing.</p> <p>Education. - This department has a fine stock of books of all description numbering 1035, dealing with a wide range of subjects and these are sold at cost price to those desirous.</p> <p>Arrangements have been completed for the commencement to-morrow of classes to be held daily in the following subjects :-</p> <p>Mathematics, French, Book-keeping, Drawing (Freehand and Architectural), House Construction, Bee-keeping, Arithmetic, Typewriting, Popular Science, Psychology, English, Shorthand History and Photography.</p> <p>Judging by the number enrolling for these classes it is apparent that many men are availing themselves of the fine opportunities offered by this scheme under the able guidance of Lieut C.E. BOOTH and his capable instructors.</p> <p>The Stadium for Boxing contests has been erected in the fore part of the troop deck and entries are being received for this and the numerous other sports which are to be held.</p> <p>Sporting Material, such as Boxing Gloves, punching and medicine balls etc. have been distributed and eager contestants have started training.</p> <p>Wireless despatched to-day to "ADMINAUST" London stating :- 7241 Pte GAGAN A. 4th Battn embarked Port Darwin 12/6/19. Not on boat roll. RECORDS.</p>	
	17.		<p>Lat. 32.26 N. Long 14.39 W course S. 16 W Distance 319 miles. Time Steaming 24hrs, 7 min. Average speed 13.22 knots. Weather Fine. Becoming warmer.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Las Palmas 190 miles. Noon to Cape Town 4602 miles. Communication was kept up by W/T with the Land Stations of Brest, Lisbon and Cadiz and several boats including the 'Themistocles' which is gaining slightly on us, being now 152 miles distant.</p>	

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AT SEA.	1919. June 17.		<p>7.</p> <p>A certain part of the boat on the starboard part of main deck aft has been fitted up as a Spray Room under the supervision of the Ships Medical Officer as a preventative against Influenza. Today all troops were paraded to this room and underwent treatment. An effort is being made to inaugurate a Ships Paper and with this end in view a meeting was called this afternoon at which representatives from the different units attended.</p> <p>A commencement was made this afternoon with the Sports 'A' company holding successful contests under ideal weather conditions. During the evening Boxing Contests took place in the presence of a large and representative gathering, and were much appreciated by all.</p> <p>At 1150 p.m. we sighted Anaga Light on the north end of Teneriffe Island.</p>	
	18.		<p>Lat. 26.27 N. Long 16.38 W. course S 19 W. Distance 317 miles. Time steaming 24 hrs. 7 min. 56 secs., Average speed 13.14 knots. Weather Fine. Warm sun and calm sea - moderate wind, astern.</p> <p>Distances Noon to Capetown 4285 miles Noon to Melbourne 10285 Miles. Nearest African coast - Cape Bojador 110 miles distant.</p> <p>The Peak of Teneriffe (12,000 feet) was in sight at 8 a.m. this morning, bearing N.W. 63 miles.</p> <p>'Themistocles' still gaining on us and is now 170 miles distant SSW. Her last days run was 334 miles.</p> <p>News received by W/T this morning of the success of the Trans-atlantic flight and all on board expressed their admiration of this fine feat.</p> <p>Wireless communication kept up during the 24 hours with many boats in neighbouring waters and also land stations.</p> <p>During the evening the Quota concert Party organised by Lieut L.T.UNDERWOOD, 1st M.G.Battalion gave a successful performance on the main troop deck. The party consists of 10 performers excluding 2 violinists and one pianist and the program rendered by them was of a very xxx creditable nature. The role of the feminine impersonator was filled by Pte O.M.WENBAN, 3rd A.G.H. and this difficult part was ably carried by him and caused great merriment to the large audience. Owing to limited accommodation 'A', 'B' and 'D' companies only were admitted and for the benefit of the remaining company and Details a repetition of the same program will be given on 'C' company's troop deck in a few days.</p>	

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AT SEA	1919 June 19.		<p>8. Lat. 21.31 North, Long 18.9 West, course S 16 West, Time steaming 24 hrs 6 mins. Distance 308 Miles, Average speed 12.78 Knots. Distance to Cape Town 3977 Miles. Weather: Fresh N.E. Trade wind, moderate swell, warm. Entered Tropic of Cancer early this morning and for next 24 hours our course lies due South. Distant from African coast, Port Etienne 60 Miles. 'THEMISTOCLES' at noon was S. by W. 186 Miles. Given fair weather, good coal and no unfavorable circumstances out Skipper hopes to reach MELBOURNE by Thursday, July 24th 1919.</p> <p>Through the kindness of the Engineer Officers and Wireless Operators small parties of the men have been shewn through the Engine and Wireless Rooms and others desirous of seeing these interesting portions of the Ship will be conducted through May by day.</p> <p>News that we have entered the Tropics canvas awnings have been erected by the crew over the boat and main decks for the general comfort of those on board.</p>	
	20.		<p>Lat. 16.29 North, Long 18.15 West, course S, Time steaming 24 hours Distance 302 Miles. Average speed 12.78 Knots. Weather N.E. trade wind failing. Light air hazy horizon, calm sea, Hot. Barometer 29.90. Distance to CAPE TOWN 3675 Miles. To Plymouth 2188 Miles.</p> <p>Owing to our course lying due South for the first time since the commencement of the voyage no alteration was made in our time. From now onwards we will be gradually making east, consequently it will be necessary to put on our clocks daily, nautically known as "flogging the clocks".</p> <p>'THEMISTOCLES' at noon bore South $\frac{1}{2}$ East 230 Miles.</p> <p>At 10 p.m. we were abreast of DAKAR a French possession distant 40 miles. During the early part of the War this place was used as a rendezvous for convoys of merchant ships etc., but owing to the virulence of malaria fever Sierra Leone was substituted.</p> <p>Inter-company card and Draught Tournaments were commenced to-day for which a fair number of entries were received. During the afternoon the Master of the Vessel gave a most interesting lecture taking as his subject "NAVIGATION AND TONNAGE OF A VESSEL". At the conclusion of his address he was applauded in a most whole-hearted manner. It is thought by those who were fortunate enough to attend that they were rewarded by gaining an insight into many nautical matters.</p>	
	21.		<p>Lat. 11.31 North, Long 18.8 West, course S 1 E, Distance 298 Miles. Time</p>	

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AT SEA.	1919 June 21.		<p>steaming 24 hours. Averagespeed 12.42 Knots. Weather : Hot and Sultry, Calm Sea, North East Trade wind. Thermometer 88. Distances : Noon to CAPE TOWN 3397 Miles. To BLYMOUTH 2486 Miles. To nearest African shore 100 Miles.</p> <p>'THEMISTOCLES' at noon was S $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Distant 270 Miles.</p> <p>We will cross the line a.m. of the 25th inst in 5 Degress W. Long.</p> <p>At 4.25 p.m. a practice fire alarm was sounded by a long blast of the ship's siren followed by a violent ringing of the ship's bell. Immediately there was a general rush for lifebelts and after same had been adjusted correctly all ranks fell in quickly at their allotted fire stations without confusion. A few minutes later the alarm was again sounded when the ship's crew stood to their fire stations. After a general inspection by the Master of the Ship, the C.O. and Adjutant all hands were dismissed.</p> <p>The second performance by the Quota Concert Party was given to-night on the Main Deck in the presence of a large assemblage who gave the performers a good reception.</p> <p>During the evening we saw a sight on our starboard bow and low in the heavens which we gazed on not without a feeling of thankfulness. It was the SOUTHERN CROSS - the emblem that adorns our flag - and which we had not seen for some time past. As a rule, astronomy does not seem to interest the majority but on this occasion there was hardly a man on board who failed to take advantage of seeing a sight so long denied him, especially considering the circumstances which have necessitated our absence from our native land.</p>	
	22.		<p>Lat. 7.41 North, Long 14.53 West, course S 40 East, Distance 300 Miles. Average speed 12.61Knots. Time steaming 23 hrs, 47 mins. Clocks were put forward 13 minutes during the day. Distances : Noon to SIERRA LEONE 70 Miles, To CAPE TOWN 3077 Miles, PLYMOUTH 2886 Miles, At midnight to-night we will half-way from Plymouth to Cape Town.</p> <p>Weather - We are now passing through "THE DOLDRUMS" - a region subject to variable winds, thunderstorms and heavy rains ; which is an exact description of the weather we have experienced for the 24 hours under review.</p> <p>Out of touch with the 'THEMISTOCLES' owing to the atmospheric conditions prevailing but W/T communication was maintained with other vessels and the shore stations of Bathurst and Dakar.</p> <p>To-day we crossed the magnetic equator. This equator is a very important one to navigators and it is the place where a freely suspended needle takes up a perfectly</p>	

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AT SEA.	1919. June 22		<p>10.</p> <p>horizontal position shewing that the influence of the North Magnetic pole and the South Magnetic pole are equal in this locality.</p> <p>A somewhat tardy W/T message was received to-day, to the effect that the Vickers aeroplane landed at Clifden on the coast of Galway at 9.40 a.m. on the 15th inst. This transatlantic flight was completed in 16 hours and at the conclusion both airmen were well and in good spirits.</p> <p>At 1.25 a.m. this morning we ran into typical "DOLDRUM" weather. There had been electrical disturbances in the heavens throughout the night and the climax came at the hour stated. The rain came down in torrents and the wind which at times bordered on a gale blew from all directions. Owing to the heat a large number of the troops were sleeping on deck and in their hurry to get below (the storm broke very suddenly) many articles of clothing were either lost or blown away.</p> <p>Voluntary Church Parades were held morning and evening by the Padre and also a Communion Service at the conclusion of the first parade.</p> <p>A liberal supply of comforts Fund goods were distributed during the day amongst the troops. Each man received cigarettes and sweets while Christmas Puddings, fruit and milk were issued to each mess table.</p>	
	23.		<p>Lat. 4.51 North, Long 11.20 West, course S 50 East, Time steaming 23 hrs, 45 mins 48 secs. Distance 272 Miles. Average speed 11.45 knots. Distances Noon to CAPE TOWN 2805 Miles, To PLYMOUTH 3058 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - Fine and cool, calm sea. The present wind is called the Sou' West Monsoon and extends from 100 to 200 Miles off the coast.</p> <p>The former German West African colony - The Cameroons - lies about 700 miles East of us and in this possession much money was spent by the Germans on harbour works, hotels, towns etc., thus rendering it up to date in almost all every detail. W/T communication was maintained with the steamers 'Monarch', 'Anchises' etc and also with the shore stations of Sierra Leone, Monrovia, Dakar etc.,</p> <p>This afternoon a continuation was made with the first Boxing Tournament when in the presence of a large assemblage the Middle and Feather Weight championships were decided. The winner of the former was Dvr N. RUTHERFORD, 1st M.G. Battn, while Pte H. MANDELSON, 8th Battn., proved victorious in the latter. Both boxers put up a very creditable performance and received a great ovation.</p>	

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AT SEA	1919. June 24.		<p>11.</p> <p>Lat. 2.0 N. Long 7.20 West, course S 55 E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 44 mins. Distance 294 Miles. Average speed 12.4 Knots. Distances - To CAPE TOWN 2597 Miles. To PLYMOUTH 3352, TO MELBOURNE 8597 Miles, Equator 128 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - clear cool and fine, calm sea. We are on the outer edge of the South West monsoon and close to the South East trade wind. We cross the Equator to-night or early to-morrow morning heading south east for Cape Town. Wireless communication kept up with various vessels and the shore stations of Monrovia, Bathurst and Ascension Island.</p> <p>Particulars of 'PORT DARWIN'. The following is some interesting information referring to our transport, not previously quoted :-</p> <p>Launched July 9th 1917 at Belfast. Official Number 140446. Signal letters JRTD. W/T sign Y G L. Length between perpendiculars 480 feet, (Overall 500 feet). Breadth 60.2 Depth 43.8. Gross Tonnage 10,365 Tons. Net Tonnage 7,804 Tons. Suez Tonnage 8,075 Tons. Panama Tonnage 8,296 Tons. Refrigerated space 316,688 cubic feet. General space 338,768 cubic feet. Permanent bunkers hold 1900 tons of coal. Consumption 70 to 80 tons of coal per day according to quality. Crew 102 hands.</p> <p>At 2 a.m. this morning we received from Ascension Island a Wireless Tel. message to the effect that drastic preparations had been completed by the Allies in view of the possibility of the Germans refusing to sign the Peace Terms viz :- "British fleet ready to put to sea at short notice and the Allied armies to advance at 7 p.m. 23rd inst".</p> <p>A sports meeting was held this afternoon under ideal weather conditions, amongst representatives from 'C' company and A.M.C. Details,. The events held were similar to those of the three previous company's sports and the winners are eligible to compete in the ship's sports to be held at a later date.</p> <p>At 9.15 p.m. we received a W/T message from Ascension Island containing the following news :- "Return of the British Airship R 34 from her cruise of 2000 miles over German territory. Germans agreed to sign Peace Treaty probably on June 25th. "British victory over Bolsheviks in Northern Russia. Scuttling of interned German ships at Scapa Flo by their own crews. Serious strikes of cotton workers in Lancashire district.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
	25.		<p>Lat. 1.56 South, Long 5.0 West. course S 31 E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 50 mins 36 secs. Distance 275 Miles. Average speed 11.53 knots. Distances Noon to CAPE TOWN 2322 Miles, PLYMOUTH 3629 Miles, CAPE TOWN TO MELBOURNE Via 40 South 6000 M. (approx). crossed the line early this morning.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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AT SEA.	1919. June 25.		<p>12.</p> <p>Weather - Fine and cool, calm sea, Travelling in a gentle South East trade wind and slight South East swell.</p> <p>Usual wireless telegraph messages received from boats and shore stations, the latter including Ascension Island which sends out the press news.</p> <p>Boxing will was again continued in the afternoon when the finals of the welter and light weight championships were decided. In the former the a draw was declared between No 6558 Dvr. RUTHERFORD N. 1st M.G. Battn (also winner of the middle weights) and his brother No 1155 Tpr RUTHERFORD W.J. 2nd Sig. Troops. No 5179 Pte RUSSELL L. 6th Battalion proved the winner of the light weights after a strenuous contest.</p> <p>During the evening the concert Party gave a performance with complete change of program and it was the opinion of all that they more than upheld the good name already earned by them.</p> <p>At 9 p.m. a W/T message was received from Ascension containing the following news :- "Rupture of relations between Don Cossacks and Bolsheviks. Remarkable address by Bauer before a crowded assembly in Berlin protesting against this 'Treaty of' & 'violence and destruction and enslavement of the German people' ".</p>	
	26.		<p>Lat 5.57 South, Long 2.11 W. Course S 35 W. Time steaming 23 hrs 48 mins 44 secs. Average speed 12.34 Knots. Distance travelled 294 Miles.</p> <p>Distance to Cape Town 2028 Miles, To Plymouth 3921 Miles, Nearest African point 600 Miles, To Ascension 700 Miles.</p> <p>Weather. Warm, calm sea - Moderate East Trade Wind.</p> <p>W/Telegraphy communication with land stations only.</p> <p>The finals of the Ship's Deck sports were held to-day with very satisfactory results. The competitors were those who had been successful in their company events and all events were keenly contested. The Officials were seriously handicapped owing to the very limited deck space and the manner in which the sports were conducted reflects great credit on those responsible for the arranging and carrying out of the same.</p> <p>It is intended to hold further sports meetings after we leave the Cape, concluding with the championships just prior to our arrival at Melbourne.</p> <p>List of events and winners names will be found in Appendix 'A' attached.</p> <p>Dancing has been indulged in by a fair number of men during the evenings on both decks and has proved to be an enjoyable and popular pastime.</p>	

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AT SEA	1919 June 26		<p>13.</p> <p>By Wireless from Ascension Island received at 9.15 p.m. :-</p> <p>"BERLIN. Bauer, referring to the Allied demand for unconditional surrender said "Let us sign, but is it our hope to the last breath, that the attempt to wound our honor, may "one day recoil upon the authors".</p>	
	27		<p>Lat 10.1 South, Long 0.32 East, Course S 34 E, Time steaming 23 hrs 49 mins 8 secs. Average speed 12.3 Knots. Distance 293 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - Fine, Light to moderate SE Trade wind and moderate head swell.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Cape Town 1735 Miles, To Plymouth 4214 Miles, To Ascension Island 900 Miles, To St Helena 550 Miles.</p> <p>We have now crossed the meridian of Greenwich and are in East longitude.</p> <p>W/Telegraphy. No vessels spoken to during the day but the following was received from Ascension Island at 2 a.m. this morning :-</p> <p>"News of agreement to sign Peace Treaty received quietly in London, but great "demonstrations took place in Paris. Cotton strike settled by terms advantageous to "the workers."</p>	
	28		<p>Lat 14.16 S, Long 3.23 E. Course S 33 E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 48 mins 40 secs. Average speed 12.81 Knots. Distance 305 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - Fine and cool. Cloudy. Steaming along to the southward against a light South East trade wind with a light head swell.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Cape Town 1430 Miles, To Plymouth 4519 Miles, To Melbourne 7430 Miles, To St Helena 500 Miles.</p> <p>W/Telegraphy. In touch with various vessels including the 'Themistocles' and land stations of ST Helena and Ascension.</p> <p>Boxing took place during the afternoon, the contestants being mainly novices. As a 'finale' two of the crew (both feather weights) fought three rounds and when a draw was declared by the referee the onlookers shewed their appreciation by "showering" a good issue of coins, silver and copper into the ring.</p> <p>At 4.20 p.m. the alarm was sounded and all troops and crew fell in at their allotted places with their lifebelts. After a tour of inspection by Ships' and Military Officers, all hands were dismissed.</p> <p>In the evening the concert Party gave a performance on 'C' company's Troop Deck</p>	

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AT SEA	1919 June 28		<p>14. for the benefit of the men in that company and for other details. Radio message despatched via Port Nolloth (1200 miles distant) to Transport Officials at Cape Town, giving them particulars of troops on board, our position and time of expected arrival at that Port.</p>	
	29		<p>Lat 18.25 S. Long 6.20 East, course S 35 E. Time steaming 23 hrs 48 mins 8 secs Average speed 12.73 Knots. Distance travelled 303 Miles. Distances - Noon to Cape Town 1130 Miles Plymouth 4822 " Melbourne 7130 " Weather - cool and pleasant, Light SE Trade Wind and slight head swell. W/Telegraphy - During the day we were in touch with ss 'Themistocles' ss 'Euripides' and ss 'Ormonde' and the land station of Ascension. Swapokmund the main seaport of the former German colony of German Sou' West Africa bears at noon south 45 E distant 540 Miles. Received from Ascension at 2 a.m. the following W/T message :- "PARIS. 28th June 1919. PEACE TREATY SIGNED" "ARCHANGEL. 23rd June 1919. continued British success on this front" Voluntary church Parades were held on board to-day by the Padre. The usual Sunday issue of comforts Fund goods took place to-day when Xmas Puddings, cigarettes, golden syrup and milk were distributed to those on board.</p>	
	30.		<p>Lat 22.42 South, Long 9.7E course S 34 E. Time steaming 23 hrs 48 mins 52 secs Average speed 12.05 Knots. Distance 287 Miles. Weather - Fine and cool, slight head swell. Prevailing wind - south east trade wind. Distances - Noon to Cape Town 843 Miles, Plymouth 5109 Miles, Nearest African shore 270 Miles. W/Telegraphy communication maintained with numerous vessels and land stations. During the afternoon we passed out of the Tropic of Capricorn in 23½ Deg South. Received at 1.45 a.m. a W/T message from Ascension giving particulars of actual signing of the Peace Treaty which was completed by 3.35 p.m. on 28th inst. The Master of the vessel gave an address to a crowded "house" on the main troop</p>	

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	30		<p>15.</p> <p>deck during the afternoon. He took as his subject "The Barometer - Its Uses and Abuses - "And Weather Signs" - and his lecture proved most interesting and instructive.</p> <p>Pay was distributed to all ranks on board during the day.</p>	
	July			
	1		<p>Lat 26.18 South, Long 12.19 E. course S 37 E. Time steaming 23 hrs 47 mins</p> <p>12 secs. Distance travelled 293 Miles. Average speed 12.32 Knots.</p> <p>Weather - Fine and warm, slight swell, Southerly winds.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Cape Town 550 Miles, Plymouth 5402, Melbourne 6450 Miles</p> <p>W/Telegraphy. During the day we were in touch with the steamer ss 'Port Albany' and shore stations of Cape Town and Port Nolloth and at 2 a.m. we received from Ascension a message dated PARIS 28th June describing the festivities in that city after the signing of the Peace Treaty.</p> <p>Owing to weakness of signals and atmospheric disturbances this was the only portion of the Press able to be read.</p>	
	2		<p>Lat 30.13, South, Long 15.37 E course S 37 E. Time steaming 23 hrs 46 mins</p> <p>48 secs. Average speed 12.32 Knots, Distance travelled 293 Miles. Weather Fine and clear</p> <p>Warm sun, moderate swell, South wind.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Cape Town 260 Miles, Plymouth 5695 Miles, Melbourne 6260 Miles.</p> <p>W/Telegraphy communication maintained with Port Nolloth and Cape Town during the day. With favorable weather we should arrive off Cape Town about 9 a.m. to-morrow 3rd inst.</p> <p>In order to allow men to obtain any necessary articles from their kit bags, all members of Companies have had access to the hold containing these bags during specified hours.</p> <p>In Appendix 'B' will be found a statement issued by the Ship's Educational Staff shewing the different subjects taught during the past few weeks, enrolments, average attendance etc etc. By reading this communication and judging by the interest displayed by all on board who are undergoing studies it is apparent that great headway and success has attended the efforts put forth by the Staff of this Department.</p> <p>Our arrival at Cape Town will mark practically the half way line of our voyage and it is the opinion of all on board that, so far, our trip has been an excellent one from every point of view.</p>	

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CAPE TOWN	1919 July	3	<p>16.</p> <p>At daybreak we sighted Dassen Island and Robbin Island, which guards the entrance to Table Bay, was passed by 7.30 a.m.</p> <p>After standing by for a short time the Pilot was taken on board and we drew alongside No 2 Jetty to which the boat was safely moored just as the midday gun sounded ashore.</p> <p>At 1.30 p.m. a Picquet of over 100 all ranks left the boat to report to the shore authorities and at 2.15 p.m. General Leave was granted to all on board with the exception of those on duty. Goaling was commenced within an hour or so of our arrival and our supply of fresh water was replenished.</p> <p>The men appreciated very much the kindness and attention extended to them by the "Visiting Troops Entertaining Committee" and the "Anzac Lounge" run in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. The people connected with these institutions did all in their power to make the men's short stay in this port as pleasant a one as possible.</p> <p>Leave expired at 11.30 p.m. by which hour all ranks had returned on board.</p>	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
		4	<p>Shore Leave was granted from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. to all not on duty, but unfortunately the weather was unsettled and this fact slightly marred the day's outing. News was received by wireless to the effect that the 'Themistocles' which had sailed from this port a few hours before our arrival had collided with and sunk the barque Eddersyde off L'Agulhas at 12.30 a.m. during a heavy fog.</p> <p>During the day our canteen stock was replenished by goods purchased ashore and through the thoughtfulness of the Australian Comforts Fund a large number of apples, oranges, bananas and pineapples were placed on board for the benefit of the troops at a later date.</p>	
		5	<p>The ss 'Ormonde' (family ship of 13,500 tons) carrying 1400 Australian troops berthed opposite the 'Port Darwin' at 7 a.m. Shortly afterwards the 'Themistocles', well known to all of us, returned to Port, carrying the survivors of the ill fated Barque and to undergo examination as to the extent of the damage done.</p> <p>On account of three large Australian troopships being in port at the same time and general leave on each boat having been granted, the streets of the city were thronged with men representing practically every unit of the A.I.F.</p> <p>The weather was beautiful and the men enjoyed the fine scenery that is to be seen</p>	

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CAPE TOWN	1919 July 5		<p>17.</p> <p>in and around Cape Town such as Hout Bay, Camp Bay and Sea Point.</p> <p>The Padre during the day replenished our Library by the purchase of a considerable number of books and this addition to our reading material will be welcomed by all.</p> <p>Four of the prisoners who were placed on board this boat at Plymouth under escort escaped from the cells during the day. Of this number two returned of their own free will before midnight. IX</p> <p>In order to have all hands on board prior to our departure in the morning Leave expired at 11 p.m. and by that time practically all troops had returned to the ship.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
AT SEA	6		<p>At 8.5 a.m. we got under way and soon cleared the narrow entrance to Table Bay heading easterly. The South coast of Africa remained in sight the whole day and the flash of a light house was the last we saw of this coast as we entered on the final stage of our voyage.</p> <p>A check roll call was held on board shortly after we left port and fortunately it was found that with the exception of the two prisoners every man was aboard.</p> <p>In the morning a W/T message was received from the 'Ormonde', which was on her way to Durban a few hours ahead of us, informing us that the two prisoners in question were on board that ship.</p> <p>Our boat had got into a dirty state by reason of the coaling and much time was spent during the day getting her ship-shape again.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	7		<p>Lat 35.47 South, Long 24.33 East, course S 75 East, Time steaming 23 hrs 36 mins Distance travelled 307 Miles. Average speed 13 Knots. Weather - Fine and cloudy, considerable swell. W</p> <p>We are now in the Agulhas current which sets to the South West, at times very strong. In this region occur the greatest number of gales per annum in the Southern Seas and is also notorious for the high cross dangerous seas that run during bad weather.</p> <p>Distances Noon to Melbourne 5599 Miles, Plymouth 6310 Miles, Cape Town 255 Miles, Durban 480 Miles.</p> <p>W/Telegraphy. In touch with the steamers 'Ormonde' and 'Salamis' and the shore stations of Cape Town and Durban. A remarkable point as regards Wireless Signalling is that much longer distances are reached down south of the Line in the high altitudes than up north On a bright clear moonlight night it is more difficult to hear W/T signals than on a pitch</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
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AT SEA	1919 July 7		18. dark night. Pineapples and oranges which were put on board at Cape Town by the Comforts Fund representatives were issued during the afternoon to each Mess Table.	
	8		Lat 37.21 South, Long 30.34 East, course S 72 East, Time steaming 23 hrs 35 mins 56 secs. Distance travelled 305 Miles. Average speed 12.92 Knots. Weather - cold, fresh Northerly wind, considerable swell. Distances - Noon to Melbourne 5294 Miles, Cape Town 660 Miles, Plymouth 6615 Miles, Albany 3794 Miles. W/Telegraphy. During the day we were in touch with several steamers and the land stations of Cape Town and Durban. The programme of the forthcoming Ships Sports was drawn up to-day. Entries close on the 15th inst. A Court of Enquiry was held on Board to-day to investigate into the escape of the four prisoners from the Ship's Guard during our stay at Cape Town.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	9		Lat 39.7 North, Long 36.43 East, course S 70 E, Time steaming 23 hrs 35 mins 34 secs. Distance 310 Miles. Average speed 13.14 Knots. Weather - Dull and cold, strong Westerly wind and fair sea running. Barometer down 3/10ths. Distances - Noon to Melbourne 4984 Miles, Plymouth 6925 Miles, Cape Town 970 Miles, Albany 3484 Miles. We are now "running the Easting down", and Melbourne lies almost ahead. W/Telegraphy. In touch with the shore stations of Port Nolloth and Durban but did not hear any ships working. With reference to the food, with the exception of potatoes, it has been on the whole, good and the extras supplied by the Comforts Fund have been a welcome addition to the Ship's Menu.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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AT SEA.	1919 July 10.		<p>19.</p> <p>Lat 39.58 S. Long. 43.12 E. course S. 80 E. Time steaming 23 hrs 34 mins 4 secs</p> <p>Distance 305 Miles. Average speed 12.44 Knots.</p> <p>Weather - Fine cold NE Wind, Moderate swell.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Melbourne 4679 Miles, Cape Town 1275 Miles, Plymouth 723 0 Miles, Albany 3179 Miles.</p> <p>W/T. In touch with Durban, Port Nolloth and Lourenço Marques. No ships spoken to.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	11		<p>Lat 39.57 South, Long 49.57 E. course E. Time steaming 23 hrs. 33 mins.</p> <p>Average speed 13.16 Knots. Distance 310 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - Unsettled and squally - North West winds.</p> <p>W/T. Still in touch with Durban and Lourenço Marques. The steamer 'Ormonde' was still at Durban at 10 p.m. last night.</p> <p>Distances -- Noon to Melbourne 4369 Miles, Plymouth 7540 Miles, Cape Town 1585 Miles, Durban 1100 Miles, Albany 2865 Miles.</p> <p>Arrival at Melbourne. Should the weather prove favorable and no extraordinary circumstances occur our captain hopes to arrive off Pt. Lonsdale p.m. of July 25th.</p> <p>This afternoon Capt CRAVEN delivered a Lecture to a large and appreciative gathering on the troop deck. The subject on which he spoke was "Flogging the clock", and the Lecturer in his able and descriptive manner pointed out to what an extent navigators have to depend upon "Time" and incidentally made clear many other points connected with navigation of which the average shoreman has a very hazy knowledge.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	12		<p>Lat 40. South, Long 57.1 East. course E. Time steaming 23 hrs, ³¹ mins 44 secs</p> <p>Distance 325 Miles. Average speed 13.81 Knots.</p> <p>Weather - cold and cloudy, strong NE Wind, Moderate sea.</p> <p>Distances. Noon to Melbourne 4044 Miles, Cape Town 1910 Miles, Durban 1500 Miles, Albany 2700 Miles, Plymouth 7865 Miles.</p> <p>W/T. We have heard the following steamers working - 'Ormonde' and 'Schiedyk' and the shore stations of Durban and Mauritius. attention of</p> <p>In the afternoon a series of Boxing contests occupied the afternoon a majority of those on board: the main interest was centred on a challenge contest (6 2 minute rounds) for a side wager of £10 between Dvr N. RUTHERFORD, 1st MG Btn and Pte D.T. YOUNG 34th Btn.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	12.		<p>20.</p> <p>After an interesting exhibition by both Boxers the decision was given in in favour of the former who is also the holder the Ships Welter Weight championship,. The Concert Party gave a performance in the evening on the troop deck.</p> <p>The wind began to blow hard from the NE towards night and before lights out it was whistling through the halyards to a regular tune.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	13		<p>Distance travelled 300 Miles. Average speed 12.73 Knots. No other information was issued from the Bridge.</p> <p>On going on deck before breakfast it was apparent that we had run into dirty weather as the sea was running high and the wind blowing hard from the NE. As the day progressed the gale increased in violence and it was only with great difficulty that it was possible to walk the deck. The Orderly Room and Education Office which are both situated on the deck were partly swamped and many of the books and papers, particularly in the latter office, were seriously damaged. It is suggested that in order to guard against any further mishaps of this description the shelves should be built on a slant and not straight or better still cupboards should be provided with sliding doors and thus make certain that however badly the ship may roll the books will not fall from the shelves to the floor.</p> <p>Towards the evening the wind dropped a little and veered to the NE and the sea was not as rough as earlier in the day but the improvement in the elements was only temporary.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	14		<p>Lat 40.15 South, Long 69.22 East. Distance 268 Miles.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Melbourne 3476 Miles, Albany 2200 Miles,</p> <p>To-day the sea was again running high and the wind which had veered round to the SW was blowing as hard as ever. The ship, although she bore herself well through the bad weather, rolled badly causing considerable discomfort to all on board.</p> <p>During the day's run we were stopped 2 hours 40 mins on account of the barometer being down to 28.85 which is unusually low.</p> <p>The large island of Kerguelen was passed at noon to-day lying about 500 miles due South of us. This place was formerly used as a whaling station by the French and is also famous XXX as the island where Capt COOK landed in 1776, to replenish supplies of water etc before continuing his voyage to Tasmania.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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AT SEA	1919 July 14		<p>21.</p> <p>Troops were paid during the afternoon, this being the second pay since embarkation. A further issue of comforts Fund goods took place in the evening also a third blanket to each man.</p>	
	15		<p>Lat 40.27 South, Long 74.58 East, course 88 E. Time steaming 23 hrs 37 mins 36 secs. Distance 258 Miles. Average speed 10.92 Knots.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Melbourne 3218 Miles, Plymouth 8691 Miles, Cape Town 2736 Miles, Albany 1718 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - The gale has subsided considerably and the wind (now blowing from the SSW) and sea were down to their normal state by the evening. The barometer has also risen to 30.10 a good improvement on 28.85. The forecast is for a spell of fine weather.</p> <p>Speed - Our speed for the last 24 hours under review fell very short of our average day's run caused by excessive racing of the engines in the heavy sea. This racing is counteracted by reducing speed, putting on a mechanical governor that automatically shuts off the steam as the stern rises to the sea, or by an Engineer standing by the throttle valve. These precautions are taken in order to guard against damage to the engines.</p> <p>W/T. During the day we were in touch with the steamers 'Ormonde' (North of us 500/600 Miles) and 'Dongarra' (German prize boat) and the shore station of Durban. We will soon be able to pick up Perth. We expect to be 300 miles due South of the Leewards soon after midnight on Sunday next, 20th inst. At 6 p.m. we passed due South 100 Miles of the volcanic islands of St. Paul and Amsterdam. These islands are practically void of vegetation and owing to their isolated positions distress depots have been established there containing stores of food and clothing for the benefit of shipwrecked mariners.</p> <p>A welcome addition has been made to the men's daily rations by the issue of tea to mess tables at 8 p.m. daily.</p>	
	16		<p>Lat 40.33 South, Long 80.54 E. course S 89 E. Time steaming 23 hrs 36 mins 16 secs. Distance 272 Miles. Average speed 11.53 Knots.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Melbourne 2946 Miles, Perth 1800 Miles, Plymouth 8963 Miles, Cape Town 3008 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - Cold strong SSW wind. Heavy side swell. Barometer steady at about 30 (normal).</p>	

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AT SEA	1919 July 16		<p>22.</p> <p>The area we have now entered is not so subject to gales as that through which we have just passed, but seeing that it is now mid-winter in these regions we cannot look forward to any tropical weather.</p> <p>W/T. During the day we were in touch with the steamers 'Ormonde', 'Dongarra' and 'Schiedyk'. The first named vessel was 1010 NW of us in Lat 30 S. at noon yesterday. We have now crossed the half way line between Cape Town and Melbourne.</p> <p>Socks, biscuits and bananas were issued from the Comforts Fund supply to the troops during the evening.</p> <p>Arrangements have been completed by which wireless messages can be despatched from the ship to any address in Australia at the rate of 11½d per word.</p> <p>It is understood that a large and varied assortment of literary contributions have been received by the committee of the Ship's Paper, which is to be printed in Sydney. The cost has been fixed at 1/- and already 1500 orders have been received.</p>	
	17		<p>Lat 40.39 South, Long ⁸⁶ 28.26 East. course S 89. Time steaming 23 hrs, 37 mins 53 secs. Distances 253 Miles. Average speed 10.7 Knots.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Melbourne 2687 Miles. Plymouth 9216 Miles, Perth 1440 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - Fine, calm, sea light, North East breeze.</p> <p>Wireless - Not in touch with any ship or shore station during the day.</p> <p>Owing the to the dirty class of coal which is being used, choking up the tubes thereby reducing the speed of the ship it is necessary to clean out these tubes during the day by blowing steam through them.</p> <p>A good exhibition of boxing took place during the afternoon when 4 contests were decided before a large crowd of onlookers. Following the boxing a commencement was made with the Ship's deck sports as the committee deemed it wise to take advantage at the time of the fine weather. Several of the events were decided the remainder being held over till some future date.</p> <p>At 5.30 p.m. Wireless communication was established with Perth when the latest Australian and English news was received.</p> <p>Disappointment was expressed by those on board when it was known that Peace Day celebrations were being held in Australia to-morrow, the 19th inst instead of early in August as previously arranged.</p>	

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AT SEA	1919 July 18.		<p>23.</p> <p>Lat. 40.37 South, Long. 93.7 E. course E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 33 mins 16 secs. Distance 306 Miles. Average speed 13.2 Knots.</p> <p>Distances. Noon to Melbourne 2377 Miles, Perth 1120 Miles, Cape Town 3567 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - cloudy, NW Wind. Moderate sea. Bar. fallen 2/10ths.</p> <p>W/T. In touch with the following steamers 'Ormonde' and 'Schiedyk' and the shore stations at Perth. Melbourne is only 110 Miles N. of our present situation - our course lying nearly due East.</p> <p>The Master of the Vessel gave a lecture on board during the afternoon, his subject being "Wild Beasts". Owing to the wide experience that he has gained from shipping many different species of animals from the East to America, he was able to make his lecture interesting and at the same time humorous.</p> <p>W/T message received from Perth at 4.25 p.m. containing the following news :-</p> <p>"Australians success in Rifle Matches at Bisley. Particulars of the Rhineland agreement between Britain, France, Belgium, America and Germany. Industrial unrest in "Australia".</p>	
	19.		<p>Lat 40.37 S. Long 99.41 E. course E. Time steaming 23 hrs 33 mins 44 secs. Distance 300 Miles. Average speed 12.73 Knots.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Melbourne 2077 Miles, Perth 890 Miles, Plymouth 9822 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - cold and showery, NW wind and moderate sea. Bar. falling slightly.</p> <p>W/T. During the past 24 hours we heard the steamer 'Ormonde' working and the shore station at Perth.</p> <p>The date of our arrival in Melbourne is still uncertain as the ship being light (Over 1500 tons of coal, water and stores have been used since our departure from Cape Town) she races at a very moderate swell. If an average of 13 knots is maintained we should be off Lonsdale on Saturday morning next 26th.</p> <p>The concert Party gave another performance during the evening and presented an entirely new program.</p> <p>At 8.30 p.m. a Wireless message was received by the C.O. from Mr W.A. Holman Premier of N.S.W., in which he, on behalf of the people of that State and on our arrival in Australian waters extended a hearty welcome home to all New South Wales troops on board this ship.</p>	

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AT SEA.	1919. July 19		24. Radio message despatched to Navy House giving Ship's position, date expected to arrive and health of crew and troops. From now onwards until our arrival off Lonsdale a message will be sent daily to the authorities in Melbourne.	
	20.		Lat 40.37 South, Long 106.2 East. course E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 34 mins 36 secs. Distance 290 Miles. Average speed 12.3 Knots. Distances - Noon to Melbourne 1787 Miles, Perth 680 Miles, Plymouth 10,212 Miles, Nearest Australian coast 540 Miles. Weather - Fine, calm sea. Light NE breeze. Barometer rising. W/T. In touch with the steamer 'Ormonde' and shore stations of Perth and Geraldton. The Ship's Deck Sports were concluded to-day under ideal weather conditions, and a list of events and winners will be found in the Appendix. Besides numerous prizes donated by the Y.M.C.A. the sum of £20 has been awarded to the winners of the different units in the two meetings. A liberal issue of comforts Fund supplies was made in the evening to each Mess Table including the following :- cigarettes, tobacco, preserved fruits, biscuits, milk, cake and sweets. Voluntary church Parades were held both morning and evening. London, Melbourne and Sydney news was received by radio from Perth at 5.30 p.m.	
	21.		Lat 40.37 S. Long. 112.10 E. course E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 25 mins, 28 secs. Distance - 280 Miles. Average speed 11.87 Knots. Distances - Noon to Melbourne 1507 Miles, Cape Leeuwin 390 Miles, Cape Town 4437 Miles, Plymouth 10392 Miles, Nearest Australian Shore 380 Miles. Weather. Unsettled and showery. calm sea. Mild NE Wind. Barometer still rising slowly. W/T. In touch with the 'Ormonde' 'Port Macquarie' and 'Madras' and the shore stations of Perth, Geraldton and Esperance. The 'Ormonde' is due in Fremantle on Thursday. In the afternoon a check was made of all gear such as hammocks, blankets and messing utensils on issue to troops and mess tables. The concert Party gave a repetition of their last program at No 4 Hatchway for the benefit of the company and A.M.C. Details.	

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AT SEA	1919			
	July 22		<p>25.</p> <p>Lat 40.37 South, Long 118.10 East. Course E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 36 mins. Distance 274 Miles. Average speed 11.6 Knots. DISTANCES Noon to Melbourne 1233 Miles, Albany 330 Miles, Cape Town 4711 Miles, Plymouth 10,666 Miles. Weather cold and foggy, calm sea, North East Wind. W/T. During the day we were in touch with the steamers 'Ormonde' and 'Madras' also the shore stations of Perth, Esperance and Adelaide. Boat Drill took place on board this morning at 11 a.m. A W/T message was received by the G.O. from the Secretary of the A.N.A. extending on behalf of that body a hearty welcome home to the troops on board the ship. The final exhibition of Boxing took place in the afternoon when 8 contests were decided in the presence of a large gathering. In all £70:12:6 has been awarded as prize money for this sport during the voyage and credit is due for those responsible for arranging and carrying out everything connected with this popular pastime.</p>	
	23		<p>Lat 40.19 South, Long. 123.50 E. Course N 86 E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 37 mins 20 secs. Distance 260 Miles. Average speed 11 Knots. Distances Noon to Melbourne 973 Miles, Plymouth 10,926 Miles, Nearest Australian Point 440 Miles. Weather cold and squally North wind heavy swell. W/T. In touch with ss Ormonde and Madras and the shore stations of Geraldton, Perth, Esperance, Mt Gambier and Melbourne. A Wireless message was received from the authorities in Melbourne to the effect that all men of the first and second Military Districts will proceed to Sydney with this ship which was contrary to expectations. Amongst the press news which was received from Perth was an intimation from London to the effect that a gift of £100,000 was being paid to Sir Douglas Haig and XXX Admiral Beatty in recognition of their war services. The judging of the material for publication in the Ship's Paper was concluded yesterday and prize money to the value of £15:5:0 was paid to the winners of the different competitions.</p>	

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AT SEA	1919 July 24.		<p>24.</p> <p>Lat 40.18 South, Long. 132.32 East, course N 90 E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 33 mins 12 secs. Distance 307 Miles. Average speed 13.04 Knots.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Melbourne 666 Miles, Plymouth 11,233 Miles, Cape Town 5278 Miles, Adelaide 490 Miles.</p> <p>Weather - Fine, warm sun, light breeze from the North - North East. Moderate sea. Barometer Low at 29.20.</p> <p>W/T. During the day we were in touch with the shore stations of Perth, Melbourne, Geraldton and Adelaide but did not hear any steamers.</p> <p>It is expected that we will arrive off Lonsdale about 6 p.m. Saturday next and probably anchor off Williamstown at 2 a.m. Sunday 27th.</p> <p>At noon we were a little East of Eucla which is at the head of the Bight. When we reach the vicinity of Cape Nelson we consider we are across the Bight and this we expect to do by 6 a.m. Saturday.</p> <p>The canteen was finally closed at 9 p.m. to-day in order to allow time for stock taking and winding up. Good foresight was exercised in stocking the canteen before the trip without perhaps one exception that being Eno's Fruit Salts of which only a very small quantity was placed on board. This Department has been appreciated to the fullest extent by the troops judging by the daily cash takings which amounted in one case to over £80 and for the whole voyage £1537.</p> <p>The concert Party gave their final performance in the evening and prior to the commencement the Band played selections on the Troop Deck. Both the Band and concert Party have helped considerably to break the monotony of the voyage especially during the long nights and the thanks of all on board are due to them for their untiring efforts.</p> <p>A Radio message was received received in the evening from Melbourne to the effect that all troops will disembark at that port thereby cancelling their previous communication.</p>	
	25		<p>Lat. 39.33 South, Long. 136.45 East, course N 81 E. Time steaming 23 hrs, 35 mins, 8 secs. Distance 290 Miles. Average speed 12.3 Knots.</p> <p>Distances Noon to Melbourne 376 Miles, Plymouth 11,523 Miles,</p> <p>Weather - Fine, calm sea, westerly breeze, barometer rising slowly.</p> <p>W/T. During the day we were in touch with the shore stations of Adelaide, Perth Melbourne and Esperance but no steamers.</p> <p>At 2 p.m. a surprise kit inspection was held by companies with the object of tracing any dutiable articles in the possession of those on board.</p>	

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AT SEA	1919 July 26		<p>27.</p> <p>Lat. 38.51 South; Long 142.45 E. Time steaming 23 hrs. 36 mins. Saverage speed 12.16 Knots. Distance 287 Miles.</p> <p>Distances - Noon to Pilot 98 Miles. Cape Otway 35 Miles. Cape Town 5855 Miles, Plymouth 11,810 Miles,.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. warm sun, calm sea, mild, southerly breeze.</p> <p>W/T. In touch with Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Esperance and Hobart, also numerous steamers. The following points of land were passed at the times stated :-</p> <p>Port Fairy 10 a.m. Distant 28 Miles, Moonlight Head 2 p.m. Distant 5 Miles abeam.</p> <p>Cape Otway 2.45 p.m. Distant 3 Miles abeam, Apollo Bay Beacon 4 p.m. distant 6 Miles, Eagle's Nest Lighthouse 6 p.m. distant 4 Miles, Baywon Heads 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>We arrived off the Heads shortly after 8 p.m. and picked up our Pilot about 2 miles south of the RIP.</p> <p>A certain amount of excitement prevailed on board when we first sighted the mainland of Australia early this morning and during the day everyone was kept busy completing his final arrangements preparatory to disembarkation.</p> <p>Those in charge of the Australian Comforts Fund deserve great praise for the large quantity of well chosen goods that were placed on board in England which supplemented the Ship's rations and were greatly appreciated.</p> <p>The remaining details of our voyage are contained in the following 'Radio' message received from the Navy House Melbourne this morning "On arrival Port Phillip proceed "Quarantine anchorage Portsea for night. Have troops mustered on deck at 7.30 a.m "Sunday ready for medical inspection. After medical Officer gives clearance proceed to "berth Outer West New Pier, Port Melbourne, arriving there as early as possible to but not "before 1.30 p.m. Troops for all States will disembark as soon as the ship berthed".</p> <p>The following message was conveyed to all on board by the Master of the Ship :-</p> <p>"I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and staff to wish you one and all "a speedy trip to your homes. May the best of luck and much happiness attend you and yours "in the future".</p> <p>(Sgd) RICHARD CRAVEN,. Master H.M.A.T. 'PORT DARWIN'.</p>	

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'A'	<u>1919</u> June 26. List of Events and Winners Names at Sports Meeting
'B'	July 2. Statement shewing different Educational subjects taught, enrolments, average attendance etc.

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SHIPS DECK SPORTS.

EVENT	WINNER
TUG - OF - WAR	'C' Company.
EGG AND SPOON RACE	Pte HAY 'C' company.
BACKWARD JUMP	" COOK 'C' "
WHISTLING RACE	" ABBOTT 'D' company.
OBSTACLE RACE	" HAY 'C' company
COCK-FIGHTING	" MOORE 'D' "
POTATO RACE	" WHITFORD 'B' company
CIGARETTE RACE	Sgt FOGARTY 'A' company
SACK RACE	Pte HOLSTEIN 'C' company
STANDING HIGH JUMP	" VOLZ 'C' company
STANDING FORWARD JUMP	" KNUCKEY 'C' "

Herewith list of Educational classes shewing
Enrolments and average attendance:--

Group.	Subject.	Enrolment .	Average Attendance.	Hours per Week.
1.	Bee-keeping.	34	27	12
11.	House-construction	11	9	6
	Photography.	30	28	7
111.	Book-keeping 1 & 2.	36	30	12 12
	Shorthand	18	15	6
	Typewriting	15	12.	6
IV.	Arithmetic 1 & 2.	30	24	12
	Mathematics	8	6	6
	History	7	6	3
	English	7	6	3
	Latin	5	5	6
	French 1 & 2.	32	30	12
V.	Architecture & Drawing	16	14	6
VI.	Psychology & Popular Science.	7	5.	6