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APPENDICES

Nil

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Gulf of Suez	1.7.19		Boat averaged 12½ knots per hour. Troops have accomodation on on Saloon - the whole of the Port side extending from Gangway forward leading on to Troop Deck to partion hear Orderly Room aft about 50 yards long by 5 wide, and in the officers have exactly the same deck space on starboard side. Apart f from this the troops ^{TROOPS} have the whole deck space forward and Aft on the Troop Deck. All ranks quite sufficient deck space. <i>WHR</i>	
AT SEA	2.7.19	19	Boat averaged 12 knots per hour the last 24 hours. Life-boats and rafts allotted to all ranks. Parade to acquaint troops with with location of Boat Stations. <i>WHR</i>	
"	3.7.19	19	Entered Red Sea this morning. Boat covered distance of 301 miles last 24 hours. A good many cases of sea-sickness, owing to strong southerly winds making the Boat roll a good deal. <i>WHR</i>	
"	4.7.19	19	Covered 300 miles during the last 24 hours. Sports Committee formed and held a meeting - deciding to hold athletic sports and boxing tournament commencing on on Monday 7th Instant. <i>WHR</i>	
"	5.7.19	19	Distance covered 295 miles. O.C. TROOPS accompanied by Ship's Staff inspect Ship each morning commencing with Troop Deck and Mess rooms forward. Up to present date everything satisfactory. Rations good, also discipline very good. <i>WHR</i>	
"	6.7.19	19	Distance covered the last 24 hours 294 miles. Strong SW wind blowing consequently many cases of sea-sickness. <i>WHR</i>	
"	7.7.19	19	Distance covered the last 24 hours 306 miles. Owing to rough weather sports postponed until after departure from COLOMBO. Expect Expect to reach COLOMBO about 10th Instant. <i>WHR</i>	
"	8.7.19	19	Distance covered 306 miles. Weather gradually calming down - only very slight breeze blowing to-day. <i>WHR</i>	
"	9.7.19	19	Weather quiet, calm. Distance covered in last 24 hours 318 miles. - That is the record day since departure. <i>WHR</i>	
"	10.7.19	19	Distance covered 318 miles. Sighted Ceylon about 1100 - arrived in COLOMBO COLOMBO harbour about 1200 - expect to remain 2 in days. Ship to change crews - also to take charge of tea aboard and also to take take coal and take in water. No Troops allowed ashore to-day only Ship's Staff who are to ^{are to} arrange shore leave for troops to-morrow. <i>WHR</i>	

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AT COLOMBO	11.7.1919		Arrangements were made by YMCA for Special train to take a party of 500 to KANDY for the day leaving ship at 0545 and arriving back at 1930 . Also all troops were allowed shore leave from 0830 till 1900. The YMCA did everything that could be desired for the troops while on shore. One meal was arranged for and paid out of Regimental Funds also car drives round the town - guides found and arrangements made for these parties by YMCA. The general behaviour of the troops while on shore was splendid and all ranks returned to the ship at the specified time. <i>WHR</i>	
COLOMBO	12.7.1919		Departed from COLOMBO at 1400 - weather very fair - slight rain falling. <i>WHR</i>	
AT SEA	13.7.1919		Distance covered in last 22 hours 258 miles - weather continues as previous day. <i>WHR</i>	
"	14.7.1919		Distance covered 258 miles - athletic sports held commencing at 1400. <i>WHR</i>	
"	15.7.1919		Distance covered in last 24 hours 269 miles. Athletic sports held commencing at 1400. Weather much xxxx the same as yesterday - slight slight showers falling but wind died down to slight breeze. <i>WHR</i>	
"	16.7.1919		Distance covered 266 miles. Athletic sports held commencing at 1430. These sports are to be held each afternoon for the next three days. This will complete the programme as laid down by sports committee. A boxing tournament was to be held commencing to-night but owing to heat on well deck aft the tournament will commence at 0900 to-morrow 17th Instant. <i>WHR</i>	
"	17.7.1919		Distance covered in last 24 hours 276 miles. Boxing tournament commenced 0900 this morning. <i>WHR</i>	
"	18.7.1919		Distance covered 256½ miles - weather fine. <i>WHR</i>	
"	19.7.1919		Distance covered 250½ miles. In touch with Fremantle by wireless. Boat Concert Party held first performance on Saloon deck, this party considering short space of time for preparation were very successful. <i>WHR</i>	
"	20.7.19		Distance covered in last 24 hours 286 miles - weather fine. <i>WHR</i>	

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AT SEA	21.7.	1919	Distance covered 287½ miles. <i>WLR</i>	
"	22.7.	1919	Distance covered last 24 hours 244 miles. <i>WLR</i>	
"	23.7.	1919	Distance covered 224½ miles - weather rough. <i>WLR</i>	
"	24.7.	1919	Distance covered 252 miles. Arrived Fremantle at 1100. Medical Inspection by Civilian Doctors. 51 cases of high temperature. <i>WLR</i>	
"	25.7.	1919	All men with high temperature taken ashore at Fremantle into Quarantine together with one Officer & 12 O.R. for discharge in Western Australia. Departed Fremantle 1130. <i>WLR</i>	
"	26.7.	1919	Distance covered in last 24 hours 320 miles-weather fine. <i>WLR</i>	
"	27.7.	1919	Distance covered in last 24 hours 294 miles - weather continues fine. <i>WLR</i>	
"	28.7.	1919	Distance covered 268 miles - weather fairly fairly rough. <i>WLR</i>	
"	29.7.	1919	Distance covered in last 24 hours 279 miles. Expect to arrive at Melbourne on 31st Instant. <i>WLR</i>	
"	30.7.	1919	Weather fine. Distance covered in last 24 hours 281 miles. <i>WLR</i>	
"	31.7.	1919	Medical inspection at PORT PHILLIP Quarantine Station - ten cases of Pyrexia sent ashore. Arrived Melbourne 1400. 3 Officers & 64 O.R. disembarked. Leave granted from 1500 to 2400 to all ranks. <i>WLR</i>	

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