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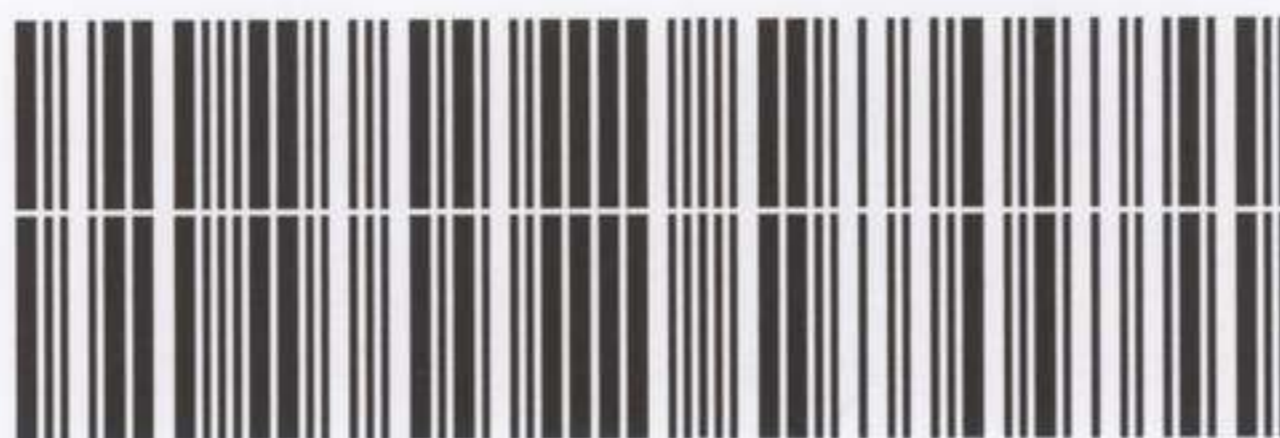
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		0950	D.N.T.O's office advise that "La Marguerite" left Southampton at 0500 this morning and would be here about 1330 1315.																					
		1000	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and advised them to have ready to move at 1300 hours. Blankets and Baggage to be at Quai by 1330.																					
		1030	Aust. Base Depots advised that the men would be moving to ship per one Convoy. As only one Convoy was proceeding I told them to have the men ready by 1400 hours to move out as that would be quite early enough.																					
		1045	Spoke to Aust. Base Depots and asked them to try if possible and always get the men men down in one Convoy, as that brought to minimum the waiting time of the ship.																					
		1130	Was informed by N.T.O. that the "La Marguerite" would berth about 1330.																					
		1230	S/Sgt. Davies went down to the wharf to superintend the loading of Baggage and Blankets. Embarkation of No. 20 Quota today per "La Marguerite". Col. Ferres D.S.O., M.C. in charge. Embarked 24 Officers 948 other Ranks.																					
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			A slight delay was caused between the actual debusing and the actual embarkation. This was due to the fact that a Hospital train was lying right across the track of the troops to the gangway and thus prevented them from getting on the ship. The embarkation went very briskly once started and there was absolutely no delay owing to the fact that the troops came down in one Convoy. The weather was fine and mild.																					
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Havre	2 Apr	1450	<p>Staff Captain notified me that all the quota had moved off in one Convoy. Embarkation of No.21 Quota per "YALE". Major Miles 2nd. Field Bakery, O.C. Quota. Embarked 30 Officers 1096 other Ranks.</p>																																									
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			<p>Time was unavoidably lost between the arrival of the Convoy and the time of embarkation. This was due to the fact only having one gangway 2000 Blankets took a lot of time to load. Capt. Marks, Staff Captain Aust. Base Depots, accompanied by Col. Hurry, D.S.O. and Major Phillips M.C., were present at embarkation and witnessed the difficulties under which the blankets are loaded.</p>																																									
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		1930	M.L.O. advises that the ship for tomorrow's draft and quota is the "Archangel". 1200 all ranks.																																									
		1935	Rang up A/Staff Capt. and advised him accordingly. He said the same arrangements would be made tomorrow as today as regards Motor Lorries. That is, 1100 will come in one Convoy and 100 will proceed by train.																																									

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Havre	3 Apr	1000	Ascertained that the "Archangel" would berth about 1230 hours.	
		1050	Rang up A/Staff Capt. and he advised me that lorry with blankets had left at 0900 hours. I instructed them to have Convoy ready to move at 1300 hours.	
		1200	M.L.O. rang up to say that the "Archangel" was in and that we could move the troops as soon as we liked.	
		1210	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them to move troops out as soon as possible. Embarked per "Archangel" today Quota No.23 in charge of Col. Elliot, C.M.G., D.S.O. Embarked 56 Officers 911 O/Ranks	
			Details of embarkation as follows:-	
		1230	Ship arrived	
		1315	Blankets and Baggage loaded	
		1445	Troops arrived	
		1500	Commenced embarkation	
		1545	Completed embarkation	
		1700	Ship sailed The embarkation was done in fine weather. A lot of time was lost owing to the lorries conveying troops not arriving to time.	
			Miscellaneous drafts embarked per "Archangel" as follows:-	
			Advance party of Quota No.23, 2 Officers 14 O/Ranks consigned to 1st Command, Sutton Veny.	
			Also draft No.59, 66 Officers 116 O/Ranks as follows:-	
			3 Officers 80 O/Ranks to 1st.T.B. Sutton Veny	
			6 " 15 " Parkhouse	
			8 " - " 1st.C.D. Sutton Veny	
			16 " - " Longbridge Deverill	
			33 " - " No.4 C.D. Hurdcott	
			3 " Weymouth	
			18 " Sutton Veny	
		1750	M.L.O. rang up to ask if we had any troops for Saturday and I told him "No".	
			Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.	
			Quota No.19 ----- 3 O/Ranks	
			" " 22 ----- 56 Officers ----- 919 "	
			" " 23 ----- 50 " ----- 943 "	
			" " 24 ----- 50 " ----- 950 "	
			Early Repatriation ----- 2 " ----- 37 "	

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Havre	3 Apr		<p>Non Military Employment ----- 9 Officers ----- 228 O/Ranks Other Personnel ----- 61 " ----- 91 " <u>228 Officers</u> <u>3171 O/Ranks</u></p> <p>2130 Rang up A/Staff Captain and confirmed all arrangements for today.</p> <p>4 Apr 0930 Rang up A/Staff Captain and he informed me that he had 25 extra lorries for today and that the troops would arrive in one Convoy. All would be ready to move at 1300 hours on receipt of news from this Office.</p> <p>1030 Capt. Saul rang up re shipments for Sundays. I told him that if we did not make up our shipments to total 6000 for Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, then we would have to send a draft on Sundays to complete. As we had only sent 5800 I told him I would make arrangements for space for 200 on Sunday.</p> <p>1130 Arranged with M.L.O. for space for 200 on Sunday to complete the 6000 for the week.</p> <p>1230 Spoke to N.T.O. and they told me that the "St.David" was coming right into berth at 1300 hours.</p> <p>1315 Staff Sgt. Davies rang up to say that the "St.David" was then coming alongside.</p> <p>1325 Rang up M.L.O. and asked permission to send troops down to the "St.David". This permission was granted.</p> <p>1330 Rang up A/Staff Captain, Aust.Base Depots, and asked him to move troops out.</p> <p>1335 A/Staff Captain rang up to say that first lorry had left.</p> <p>1345 Went down to ship. Particulars of embarkation of No.23 Quota per "St.David".</p> <p>1315 Ship arrived</p> <p>1100 Blankets and Baggage arrived</p> <p>1415 Blankets and Baggage loaded</p> <p>1430 Troops arrived</p> <p>1445 Embarkation commenced</p> <p>1530 Embarkation completed</p> <p>1700 Ship cast off.</p> <p>The time lost between the actual completion of Embarkation and sailing of the ship was due to the fact that the Naval Authorities did not order steam till 1700 hours. This ship returned with 4000 blankets and 22 Blanket party, the whole of which were unloaded and returned to Camp.</p> <p>Particulars of Miscellaneous drafts which embarked per "St.David" at 1700 hours. Advance party No.24 Quota -- 2 Officers 14 O/Ranks for 2nd.T.B.Codford. Draft No.60 comprising 7 Officers 197 O/Ranks consigned as follows:-</p>	

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Havre	4 Apr		1 Officer 70 O/Ranks to Parkhouse		
		5	" " 4 C.D. Hurdcott		
			" " 67 " 1st C.D. Sutton Veny		
			" " 58 " 6 Camp Sutton Veny		
			" " 2 " Fovant		
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		1725	Returned to Office from Quai.		
		1730	Phoned the embarkation figures to A/Staff Captain, Aust. Base Depots.		
	5 Apr	1000	Rang up A/Staff Captain and ascertained that he had 270 O/Ranks to proceed on draft Sunday.		
		1030	Rang up M.L.O. and asked him if he could arrange for another 70 tomorrow, making 270 in all.		
	1045	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them that the "Archangel" would not be in till Sunday after-noon and told them I was sending Blanket xxxx lorries back. Lorries for "YALE" to be there at 1200.			
		Strength in Camp at 1100 hours to day awaiting evacuation to U.K.			
		Quota No. 24	----- 50 Officers -----	950 O/Ranks (includes advance party)	
		" 25	----- 48 " -----	913 "	
		" 26	----- 29 " -----	970 "	
		Early Repatriation	----- 1 " -----	15 "	
		Non Military Employment	----- 5 " -----	94 "	
		Other Personnel	----- 35 " -----	106 "	
			<u>168 Officers</u>	<u>3048 O/Ranks</u>	
6 Apr	0915	Arriving at Office met Capt. Spiers from Demobaust and had a talk with him reference to the new proposed alteration in the making out of Rolls for the Miscellaneous drafts.			
	0945	Capt Spiers went out to interview the Commandant, Aust. Base Depots.			
	1000	Rang up M.L.O. and endeavoured to ascertain the time the "St. David" and "Archangel" would berth. They could not give me any definite information.			
	1030	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them I could not give them any definite information re the arrival of shipping owing to the fact that there were only two berths available and 8 ships to come in.			
		Embarked per "St. David" at 1600 hours Draft No. 61 consisting of 43 Officers 196 O/Ranks con- signed as follows:-			
		2 Officers 61 O/Ranks to 1st. T.B. Sutton Veny			
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Havre	6 Apr		<p>5 Officers 52 O/Ranks to Parkhouse 35 " - " 2nd. C.D. Weymouth - " 40 " Fovant <u>43 Officers 196 O/Ranks</u> also embarked Advance party Quota No.25 -- 2 Officers 14 O/Ranks consigned 3rd.C.D. Hurdcott. 1700 Capt. Spiers departed to Paris. 1900 Aust. Base Depots rang up to say that they had only 986 all told for our ship today. 2000 Rang up M.L.O. and informed him that owing to sickness etc, we only had 986 troops to put on the "St.George".</p>																																											
	7 Apr		<p>Embarkation of Quota No.24 per "St.George". 1345 Ship alongside 1415 Baggage loaded 1445 Troops arrived 1500 Commenced embarkation 1525 Completed embarkation 1530 Ship cast off. Major Ferguson M 4 1st Battn, O/C Quota. Embarked 47 Officers 920 Other Ranks. Also embarked Advance Party Quota No.26 -- 3 Officers and 15 O/Ranks consigned 2nd. Command Depot, Weymouth. This was a record embarkation and was carried out in splendid weather. Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="656 1420 2136 1665"> <tr> <td>Quota No. 24</td> <td>-----</td> <td>48</td> <td>Officers</td> <td>-----</td> <td>922</td> <td>O/Ranks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 25</td> <td>-----</td> <td>49</td> <td>"</td> <td>-----</td> <td>855</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 26</td> <td>-----</td> <td>29</td> <td>"</td> <td>-----</td> <td>950</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Early Repatriation</td> <td>-----</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>-----</td> <td>11</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Personnel</td> <td>-----</td> <td>4</td> <td>"</td> <td>-----</td> <td>135</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"B" Class</td> <td>-----</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>-----</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"> <u>130 Officers</u> <u>2876 O/Ranks</u> </p> <p>1800 Rang up Aust. Base Depots and informed them that our ship for tomorrow was the "St.David" and that she would take 1200 all told. Capt. Saul advised me that the grand total to be shipped was 1102. He informed me that the same arrangements would be made as usual, that is 1000.</p>	Quota No. 24	-----	48	Officers	-----	922	O/Ranks	" 25	-----	49	"	-----	855	"	" 26	-----	29	"	-----	950	"	Early Repatriation	-----	-	"	-----	11	"	Other Personnel	-----	4	"	-----	135	"	"B" Class	-----	-	"	-----	3	"	
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Havre	7 Apr		would come per transport and 100 per train. All would be ready to move at 1300 hours.	
	8 Apr	0930	Ascertained from the N.T.O. that the "St. David" would berth at 1300 hours.	
		1000	A/Staff Captain Aust. Base Depots rang up re my letter to Commandant about Blanket parties and the E.S.O., Southampton. He is having definite instructions given to each N.C.O. in charge of Blanket parties, that they must not apply for pay at Southampton and must leave some of his party always in charge of the Blankets, and cannot be given leave in any other town than Southampton.	
		1805	M.L.O. advises that the "St. George" will be the ship for No. 26 Quota and No. 63 draft tomorrow.	
		1810	Advised Aust. Base Depots and reminded them that there were Blankets and Party on board to be returned to Camp.	
			Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.	
			Quota No. 25 ----- 44 Officers ----- 929 O/Ranks	
			" 26 ----- 26 " ----- 899 "	
			" 27 ----- 41 " ----- 924 "	
			Early Repatriation ----- " ----- 28 "	
			Non Military Employment ----- 9 " ----- 355 "	
			Other Personnel ----- 7 " ----- 80 "	
		"B" Class ----- " ----- 3 "		
		127 Officers 3218 O/Ranks		
		Embarkation of No. 25 Quota per "St. David". Col. Salisbury, D.S.O., O/C Quota.		
		Embarked 44 Officers 929 O/Ranks.		
		1315 Ship arrived		
		1345 Baggage loaded		
		1400 Troops arrived		
		1415 Embarkation commenced		
		1450 Embarkation completed		
		1505 Ship cast off.		
		Also embarked per "St. David" 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks advance party of Quota No. 27 and Draft No. 62 comprising 4 Officers 147 O/Ranks to various destinations.		
	9 Apr	1000	Ascertained from the D.N.T.O. that the "St. George" would berth about 1300 hours.	
		1015	Informed Aust. Base Depots of above.	
		1045	D.N.T.O. advised that the ship would not berth till 1400.	
		1100	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them that the ship would not berth till 1400 hours, and in consequence not to have the troops ready to move out till 1345.	

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Havre	9 Apr	1250	S/Sgt. Davies went to Quai,	
		1345	S/Sgt Davies phoned that the ship was then coming in and I at once ordered troops down.	
			Embarkation of Quota No.26 per "St.George" at 1300 hours. Col. Freeman D.S.O., O/C.	
			Embarked 2 ^b Officers 943 O/Ranks.	
		1345	Ship arrived	
		1430	Baggage loaded	
		1445	Troops arrived	
		1450	Embarkation commenced	
		1535	Embarkation completed	
		1600	Ship cast off.	
			The embarkation was carried out in fine weather. Blanket Party on board.	
			Also embarked Draft No.63 . Capt.Pellow in charge. 12 Officers 224 O/Ranks to various destin-	
			-ations.	
		1800	Rang up M.L.O. and arranged with him that in view of the fact that we obtaining ships which	
			would just hold our quota, could he arrange for us to have space in one of the other ships	
			for 230 men (details) daily. He said he would arrange this.	
		1815	Informed Staff Captain, Aust.Base Depots of this arrangement. I told him that I had done this	
			so that the quotas could have a complete ship to themselves and the drafts could go per another	
			ship.	
		1830	-Arranged for space with Major Noel for 10 Officers and 368 O/Ranks of Light Horse from Egypt	
			to cross tomorrow.	
		2130	Rang up A/Staff Captain re Blankets for "Western Australia". Decided not to put them on.	
			Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.	
			Quotas No.27 ----- 39 Officers ----- 885 O/Ranks	
			Early Repatriation ----- 1 " ----- 45 "	
			Non Military Employment ----- 12 " ----- 368 "	
			Miscellaneous Drafts ----- 7 " ----- 60 "	
			"B" Class ----- - " ----- 4 "	
			<u>59 Officers</u> <u>1362 O/Ranks</u>	
	10 Apr	1000	N.T.O. informed me that the "Prince Arthur" would berth about 1300.	
		1010	Rang up Aust.Base Depots and informed them that they were to have troops ready to move out at	
			1300 hours.	

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Havre	10 Apr	1125	Was informed that the "Prince Arthur" would not berth till 1400 hours.	
		1140	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them that as the "Prince Arthur" would not be in till 1400, not to have troops ready to move till 1400 hours.	
		1355	Aust. Base Depots rang up to say that Quota was ready to move and had we any orders. I told them I had no instructions from the wharf yet.	
		1420	Staff Sergt. rang up from the Quai to say that the ship had not come in and that it was dirty weather outside.	
		1445	Told Aust. Base Depots that I still could not give them the order to move but would do so as soon as I could.	
		1530	Staff Sgt. rang up from the Quai to say that the "Prince Arthur" was coming in the roads.	
		1535	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and ordered troops out.	
		1540	Aust. Base Depots rang up to say that the convoy had left. Particulars of embarkation per "PRINCE ARTHUR" Quota No. 27, Col. Henderson in charge.	
		1615	Ship arrived	
		1700	Baggage and Blankets loaded	
		1620	Troops arrived	
		1705	Embarkation commenced	
		1750	Embarkation completed	
		1800	Ship cast off. Embarked 39 Officers 919 O/Ranks. The troops arrived down just as the ship was berthing and as the blankets and baggage had to be loaded, it necessitated the troops waiting for at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. The weather was cold and bleak. Also embarked Advance Party of Quota No. 29 -- 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks and 1 Officer of Draft No. 64.	
		1630	Particulars of embarkation per "Western Australia" drafts totalling 4 Officers 244 O/Ranks and Mr Barry ex Lieut. Barry, destinations as under. 1 Officer 37 O/Ranks to 1st. T.B. Sutton Veny " 177 " " No. 6 Camp Sutton Veny 3 " 19 " " A.A.S.C. Camp Parkhouse " 3 " " A.A.M.C. Fovant " 4 " " No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth " 4 " " and Mr Barry, A.I.F. Hqrs., London.	

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Havre	10 Apr	1830	Also embarked per "Western Australia" 10 Officers 356 O/Ranks of A.L.H. Regiments, proceeding to U.K. on leave destination London.																															
		1915	Returned to office and dispatched telegrams to Southampton.																															
		1620	Staff Captain rang up to say that the figures for tomorrow's draft will be 8 Officers 228 and 226 other Ranks. Nominal Roll will be in about 2250 hours. XXXX																															
		2100	Rang up M.L.O. and asked for the name of tomorrow's ship. Was told the "Archangel".																															
		2110	Rang Aust. Base Depots and told them our ship for tomorrow would be the "Archangel".																															
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	11 Apr	1000	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them that the "Archangel" was expected to berth at 1200 hours and not to move troops till 1300.																															
		1100	N.T.O. rang up to say that the "Archangel" would berth shortly after noon.																															
		1115	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and asked them to try and have convoy ready to move at 1230																															
		1130	A/Staff Captain rang up to say that he would be ready to move troops at 1230.																															
		1145	Repeated to Staff Captain the telegram from Embarkment, Southampton to General Wisdom ST/130 of 16th.																															
		1720	Advised Capt. Saul that "St. George" with Blanket Party would be arriving at Quai d'Escale about 1400 hours tomorrow. He will send three lorries to meet same.																															
	12 Apr		No shipment this day.																															
	13 Apr		No shipment this day.																															
	14 Apr	1000	Rang up D.N.T.O. re space for Y.M.C.A. stores to Southampton. He advised me to ring up A.D. Docks.																															
		1007	Rang up A.D. Docks re space for Y.M.C.A. Goods. He is to let me know as soon as possible exactly when he can arrange space.																															

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Havre	14Apr	1020	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them that as we had no authentic news of the "ARCHANGEL" owing to the weather being very bad out, not to make any definite time for loading up the Convoy, and asked them to explain to troops that any delay would be due to rough weather.	
		1100	Went down and interviewed the M.L.O. re the subject of two convoys from the Camp to the Quai. He is very much in favor of, and in fact distinctly wants one Convoy. He has no recollection of any conversation with the A.D.T. on the subject of transportation, and certainly	
		1345	Was rung up and told that the "Archangel" had was berthing.	
		1350	Ordered troops out for the "Archangel".	
		1400	Particulars of embarkation of Quota No.29. Major Keating in charge.	
		1545	Ship arrived	
		1600	Baggage and Blankets loaded	
		1650	Commenced embarkation	
		1700	Completed embarkation	
			Ship cast off.	
			Embarked 51 Officers 924 O/Ranks, also embarked Advance parties of Quotas Nos.30 and 31, each consisting of 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks.	
			Draft No.67 comprising 4 Officers and 214 O/Ranks consigned to various destinations as under	
			2 Officers 119 O/Ranks to 1st T.B. Sutton Veny	
			1 " 5 " 6 Camp "	
			1 " 37 " Parkhouse	
			42 " Fovant	
			11 " London	
			The embarkation was carried out in very squally and windy weather. The Commandant, Aust. Base Depots accompanied by Capt. Marks and Col. Hurry, was present during the embarkation.	
			Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.	
			Quota No.29 ----- 53 Officers ----- 925 O/Ranks	
			" 30 ----- 47 " ----- 883 "	
			" 31 ----- 39 " ----- 919 "	
			" 32 ----- 49 " ----- 952 "	
			Early Repatriation ----- " ----- 24 "	
			Non Military Employment --- 4 " ----- 107 "	
			Other Personnel ----- 3 " ----- 166 "	
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			<u>3976 O/Ranks</u>	

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Havre	15Apr	1345	Embarkation of Quota No.30 per S.S."YALE". Major Playfair, D.S.O., in charge.	
		1500	Ship berthed	
		1515	Blankets and Baggage loaded	
		1535	Troops arrived	
		1605	Embarkation commenced	
		1730	Embarkation completed	
		1730	Ship cast off	
			Embarked 43 Officers 883 O/Ranks, also embarked Advance Party Quota No.32, 2 Officers 14 O/Ranks	
			Draft No.68 also embarked 4 Officers 83 O/Ranks consigned as follows:-	
			4 Officers 30 O/Ranks to No.2 Group Sutton Veny	
			- " 48 " Parkhouse	
			- " 3 " London	
			- " 1 " Fovant	
			- " 1 " Weymouth	
			The weather during the embarkation was cold and wet. Blankets were put on board for all men.	
			2 Officers, Lieuts. Smith and Lane of 15th. Battrn. missed the ship.	
			Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.	
			Quota No. 31 ----- 28 Officers ----- 912 Other Ranks	
			" 32 ----- 49 " ----- 930 " "	
			" 33 ----- 89 " ----- 951 " "	
			Early Repatriation ----- 1 " ----- 19 " "	
			Non Military Employment ----- 8 " ----- 66 " "	
			Other Personnel ----- 2 " ----- 93 " "	
			<u>177 Officers</u>	
			<u>2971 Other Ranks</u>	
	16 Apr	1000	Capt. Saul rang up to say to put Lieut. Cowper on Roll of Draft No.69 proceeding today. I told him that I could not give him any definite time for one ship today.	
		1010	N.T.O. rang up to say that "PRINCE ARTHUR" would berth at 1330, "ST.DAVID" 1330 and "NOPATIN" 1415.	
		1030	Rang up Aust.Base Depots and told them that as the "PRINCE ARTHUR" would berth about 1330, to have troops ready to move at 1330. Draft to be sent in per train.	
		1230	My S/Sgt. Davies went to the wharf.	
		1315	Received information that the "PRINCE ARTHUR" was coming alongside. I decided not to order the troops out till about 1420, so as to allow time for the blankets to be loaded.	

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Havre	16Apr	1420	<p>Ordered troops out. Particulars of embarkation of Quota No. 31 per "PRINCE ARTHUR". Col. Cheeseman in charge.</p> <p>1330 Ship berthed</p> <p>1545 Baggage and Blankets loaded</p> <p>1500 Troops arrived</p> <p>1600 Embarkation commenced</p> <p>1700 Embarkation completed</p> <p>1710 Ship cast off. Embarked 37 Officers 937 O/Ranks. Embarkation was carried out in cold and bleak weather. This ship is a tremendous cram for 1000 men. Also embarked 6 O/Ranks, Official Cinema Operators.</p> <p>1600 Embarkation of Draft No. 69 per "NOPATIN" 8 Officers and 94 O/Ranks</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="646 1038 1478 1189"> <tr> <td>4 Officers</td> <td>55 O/Ranks</td> <td>to Sutton Veny</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 "</td> <td>33 "</td> <td>Parkhouse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- "</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>Fovant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 "</td> <td>5 "</td> <td>London</td> </tr> </table> <p>1735 Returned to Office.</p> <p>1740 Rang up Base and gave them the figures for today.</p> <p>1745 Rang up M.L.O. and ascertained that our ships for tomorrow were "PRINCE GEORGE" for Quota and "CHARLES" for Draft.</p> <p>1750 Informed Aust. Base Depots of our ships for tomorrow. Told them the same arrangements to stand.</p> <p>1755 Sent telegram to Southampton.</p> <p>Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="646 1481 1909 1703"> <tr> <td>Quota No. 31</td> <td>-----</td> <td>38 Officers</td> <td>933 O/Ranks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 32</td> <td>-----</td> <td>47 "</td> <td>883 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 33</td> <td>-----</td> <td>89 "</td> <td>951 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Early Repatriation</td> <td>-----</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>17 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non Military Employment</td> <td>-----</td> <td>7 "</td> <td>60 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Personnel</td> <td>-----</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>36 "</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>183 Officers 2880 O/Ranks</u></p>	4 Officers	55 O/Ranks	to Sutton Veny	3 "	33 "	Parkhouse	- "	1 "	Fovant	1 "	5 "	London	Quota No. 31	-----	38 Officers	933 O/Ranks	" 32	-----	47 "	883 "	" 33	-----	89 "	951 "	Early Repatriation	-----	1 "	17 "	Non Military Employment	-----	7 "	60 "	Other Personnel	-----	1 "	36 "	
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Havre	17Apr	1000	<p>Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them that the "Prince George" would berth about 1330 and to have troops ready to move at that time.</p> <p>1020 Rang up A.D.Docks re space for Y.M.C.A. goods. He says that there is no space available at present but that he will let me know as soon as he has any. My memo is before him.</p> <p>1230 Aust. Base Depot rang up to see if Major Smith could travel per packet tonight. I told them to instruct Major Smith to report to M.L.O., Quai ALEXANDER Southampton at 2130.</p> <p>1310 My Staff Sgt. rang up to say that ship was alongside.</p> <p>1320 I rang up Aust. Base Depots and instructed them to move troops out.</p> <p>1340 Proceeded to Quai.</p> <p>Particulars of Embarkation of Quota No.32 per "Prince George". Col, Donnelly D.S.O., 1stPioneers C.O.</p> <p>1310 Ship berthed</p> <p>1415 Baggage and Blankets loaded</p> <p>1425 Troops arrived</p> <p>1500 Embarkation commenced</p> <p>1540 Embarkation completed</p> <p>1600 Ship sailed.</p> <p>Time was lost owing to the fact that the Canadians had to load over our ship and two lots loading at the one time caused congestion and confusion, also this ship is a bad ship to load owing to the shortage of troop deck space and narrowness of gangways and companionways. Capt. Marks, Staff Capt. Aust. Base Depots, inspected the ship during the loading. The embarkation was conducted in fine weather.</p> <p>1700 Embarked per "Charles" Draft No. 70 composing</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="640 1430 1373 1584"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Officer</td> <td>11</td> <td>O/Ranks</td> <td>to 2</td> <td>Group</td> <td>Sutton</td> <td>Veny</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>"</td> <td>5</td> <td>"</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Parkhouse</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Fovant</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Codford</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>6 Officers 19 O/Ranks</p> <p>Also embarked Advance Party Quota No.33 comprising 2 Officers 14 O/Ranks consigned 1st T.B. Sutton Veny.</p> <p>1740 Returned to Office from Quai.</p> <p>1745 Sent telegrams to Southampton.</p> <p>1750 All telephone lines to Harfleur out of order.</p>	1	Officer	11	O/Ranks	to 2	Group	Sutton	Veny	4	"	5	"			Parkhouse		-	"	3	"			Fovant		1	"	-	"			Codford		
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Havre	17Apr		<p>Strength in Camp today at 1100 hours awaiting evacuation to U.K.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Quotas Nos. 32 and 33 -----</td> <td>134 Officers -----</td> <td>1764 O/Ranks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Early Repatriation -----</td> <td>- " -----</td> <td>8 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non Military Employment -----</td> <td>6 " -----</td> <td>65 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Personnel -----</td> <td>- " -----</td> <td>38 "</td> </tr> </table>	Quotas Nos. 32 and 33 -----	134 Officers -----	1764 O/Ranks	Early Repatriation -----	- " -----	8 "	Non Military Employment -----	6 " -----	65 "	Other Personnel -----	- " -----	38 "	
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		1820	Rang up M.L.O. and ascertained that our ships for tomorrow were "Western Australia" for Quota and "Lorina" for Draft.													
		1825	Cannot raise Harfleur on telephone.													
		1830	Rang Aust. Base Depots and told them I would arrange for the extra 3 Officers and 35 O/Ranks for tomorrow and to send the rolls in tonight without fail.													
		2120	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and informed them that our ships for tomorrow were "Western Australia" for Quota and "Lorina" for Draft. Asked them to make a distinction between the Baggage of Officers going per Quota and the Baggage of Officers going per Draft.													
	18Apr	0915	All Harfleur telephone lines out of order and it is impossible to get through.													
		1000	N.T.O. notified me that the "Lorina" would be alongside at 1230 and "Western Australia" at 1315 hours.													
		1230	Got into touch with Aust. Base Depots and told them to have troops ready to move at 1330.													
		1315	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them that the "Western Australia" would not be in till 1500 hours, but to send down the draft for "Lorina".													
		1430	Was informed by M.L.O. that the "Western Australia" was coming into harbor.													
		1500	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them to move troops out for "Western Australia".													
		1515	Proceeded to Quai. Particulars of Embarkation of Quota No.33 per "Western Australia". Capt. Fletcher, D.S.O., M.C. in charge.													
		1515	Ship berthed													
		1550	Troops arrived													
		1600	Blankets and Baggage loaded													
		1610	Embarkation commenced													
		1640	Embarkation completed													
		1700	Ship cast off. Embarked 88 Officers 836 O/Ranks. Also embarked 2 Officers 140/Ranks Advance party Quota 24.													

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Havre	18Apr	1500	Embarked per "Lorina" drafts No.71 and 72 comprising the following, with destinations as shown under. <u>Draft No.71</u> 8 Officers 61 O/Ranks No.2 Group Sutton Veny 23 " " A.A.S.C. Parkhouse 7 " " A.I.F? Hqrs, London 1 " " 32 Grosvenor Square, London <u>Draft No.72</u> 4 Officers 34 O/Ranks No.2 Group Sutton Veny 1 " 7 " A.A.S.C. Parkhouse 2 " " A.I.F. Hqrs London	
		1800	Car No.M24003 arrived from 1st A.M.T. Coy with 16159 Driver Young A.E. as driver.	
		1810	Rang up A.D.T. and arranged for my car to garage at 35 Aux. Petrol Coy.	
		1815	Went to 35 Aux. Petrol Coy to arrange for the garaging of the car.	
		2100	Reported arrival of car to Commandant, Aust. Base Depots.	
	19 APR		Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K. Quota No 34 ----- 56 Officers ----- 898 O/Ranks " 35 ----- 48 " ----- 920 " " 36 ----- 66 " ----- 938 " Early Repatriation ----- - " ----- 19 " Non Military Employment --- 2 " ----- 98 " Other Personnel ----- - " ----- 24 "	
			172 Officers 2897 O/Ranks	
	20Apr	1430	No shipment today. → <i>Went to Base Depots saw Staff Captain about Shipments</i> No shipment today. Strength in Camp today at 1100 hours awaiting evacuation to U.K. Quota No 34 ----- 54 Officers ----- 921 O/Ranks " 35 ----- 48 " ----- 920 " " 36 ----- 63 " ----- 915 " Early Repatriation ----- - " ----- 24 " Non Military Employment ----- 3 " ----- 102 " Other Personnel ----- 3 " ----- 119 "	
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Havre	20Apr	1730	Rang up M.L.O. and ascertained that our ships for tomorrow are "Prince Arthur" for Quota and "Yale" for draft. No news of arrival yet.	
		1800	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and informed them of ships for tomorrow and told them I would let them know all my definite arrangements later. Instructed them to keep the Baggage of the Quota and Draft separate, so that I could load them on to their respective ships.	
Havre	21Apr	1000	Ascertained from the N.T.O. that the "Yale" would berth at 1330 and "Prince Arthur" at 1430.	
		1015	Rang up Aust Base Depots and told them not to load lorries for Quota before 1445 as the ship would not be in till then, but asked them to send the draft down at the usual time.	
		1020	Arranged with A.D.Decks for space for Y.M.C.A. goods. He is to let me know definite arrangements later.	
		1030	Arranged with M.L.O. to send about 50 packages of Y.M.C.A. goods per "Yale" today owing to their being urgently wanted in England for use on troopships.	
		1045	Informed Aust Base Depots that the Advance parties of Quota No 35 and 36 would be proceeding per "Yale" and not by "Prince Arthur" as per their instructions.	
		1130	Proceeded to M.L.O.'s office and arranged definitely that there would be no shipments on Friday next.	
		1145	Went and saw to the arrangements for Baggage for "Yale" and Prince Arthur", also Y.M.C.A. goods per "Yale".	
		1236	Returned to Office.	
		1400	Went to Quai and shipped draft per "Yale" Particulars of embarkation per "Yale". 2 Officers 14 O/Ranks Advance party Quota No.35 consigned to Hurdcott. 2 " 14 " " " " 36 " " Weymouth Draft No.73 also embarked 7 Officers 206 O/Ranks consigned as follows:- 6 Officers 186 O/Ranks to No.2 Group Sutton Veny 1 " 16 " Parkhouse 3 " Fovant 1 " London	
				<u>7 Officers 206 O/Ranks</u>
		16 men were deducted from this draft at the last moment owing to their being measles contacts. The embarkation was carried out in fine weather. Ship sailed at 1730 hours.		
	1630	Particulars of embarkation of Quota No.34 per "Prince Arthur", Col.Wilcocks, D.S.O., Commanding.		

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Havre	21Apr	1545	Ship berthed	
		1615	Blankets and Baggage loaded	
		1615	Troops arrived	
		1630	Embarkation commenced	
		1710	Embarkation completed	
		1715	All clear	
		1730	Ship cast off.	
			Embarked 52 Officers 912 O/Ranks.	
			Embarkation was carried out in fine weather. Owing to this ship being a small ship for 1000, the men were rather packed. Blanket-party of 11 men on board.	
		1800	Returned to Office from Quai and dispatched telegram to Southampton.	
		1810	Rang up M.L.O. and ascertained that our ships for tomorrow were the "Prince George" for Quota No. 35 and "Nopatin" for draft.	
		1815	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and informed them of our ships for tomorrow were "Prince George" for Quota and "Nopatin" for details.	
	22Apr	1000	Rang up D.N.T.O. but could get no definite information re the "Prince George"	
		1010	Informed Base Depots that I could get no definite information re the "Prince George" but told them it would not be in before 1330.	
		1100	Ascertained that the "Prince George" would berth at 1400 hours.	
		1105		
		30		
		1150	Could not raise Base Depots.	
		1155	Got Base Depots on phone and told them that the ship would not be in till 1415 and to have Convoy ready to move at that time. Spoke also to Commandant and informed him that I could make arrangements for the stores of <i>Re L M B Coy</i> to be sent straight from Sequence to Hangar "R" where the Cadre ship will eventually berth.	
		1200	Arranged passage per packet for Colonel Clark for tonight.	
		1400	Embarked per "Nopatin" Advance party of Quota No. 37, 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks consigned R.B.A.A., Heytesbury.	
			Particulars of embarkation of Quota No. 35, Col. Spurge commanding.	
		1520	Ship berthed	
		1550	Blankets etc. loaded	
		1600	Troops arrived	
		1610	Embarkation commenced	
		1650	Embarkation completed	
		1715	Ship cast off.	
			Embarked 45 Officers 925 O/Ranks. Blankets loaded. Embarkation carried out in fine weather.	

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Havre	22Apr	1800	Returned to Office and wired Southampton.	
		1900	Rang up M.L.O. and ascertained that our ships for tomorrow were "Prince Arthur" for Quota and "Charles" for draft.	
	23Apr	1905	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and informed them that our ships for tomorrow were the "Prince Arthur" for the quota and "Charles" for draft.	
		1000	Ascertained from D.N.T.O. that the "Prince Arthur" would not berth till 1430.	
		1520	Staff Sgt Davies rang up to say that the ship was just then coming alongside. I said I would order the troops out at 1545.	
		1525	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and instructed them to move troops out at 1545, also informed them that Mr Larkin could proceed per Packet tonight.	
		1530	Particulars of embarkation of Draft No.74 per "Charles". 5 Officers 110 O/Ranks consigned as follows:-	
			4 Officers 84 O/Ranks to No.2 Group Sutton Veny	
			" " 17 " Parkhouse	
			1 " 5 " London	
			" " 2 " Fovant	
			" " 2 " Weymouth	
	Strength in Camp at 1100 hours today awaiting evacuation to U.K.			
	Quota No. 37 ----- 40 Officers ----- 900 O/Ranks			
	" " 38 ----- 57 " ----- 933 "			
	Early Repatriation ----- 1 " ----- 12 "			
	Non Military Employment ----- 2 " ----- 53 "			
	Other Personnel ----- 4 " ----- 47 "			
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		<u>104 Officers</u> <u>1947 O/Ranks</u>		
	1545	Received a message from Aust. Base Depots to the effect that the Convoy had left Camp. Particulars of embarkation of Quota No.36 per "Prince Arthur", Major Wark, V.C., D.S.O. in Command. Embarked 61 Officers 909 O/Ranks.		
	1600	Ship berthed		
	1605	Baggage and Baggage loaded		
	1615	Troops arrived		
	1630	1630 Embarkation commenced		
		1715 Embarkation completed		
		1730 Ship cast off.		

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Havre	23Apr		Embarkation was carried out in fine weather. Base Commandant was present at the embarkation also Major Officer, D.A.A.G. Aust. Corps.																																		
		1800	Returned to Office and sent telegrams.																																		
		1850	Rang up M.L.O. and ascertained that our ships for tomorrow were the "St.David" for the Quota and Marguerite" for draft.																																		
		1900	Advised Aust. Base Depots of our ships for tomorrow.																																		
	24Apr	1030		Could not get any definite information about the "St.David"																																	
				Informed Base Depots accordingly.																																	
				1130	Went to Camp to see Commandant re the goods for E.M. and B Coy. Asked him to find out the number of the trucks it was coming in and the number of the train.																																
				1445	Ordered troops out of Camp.																																
					Particulars of embarkation of Quota No.37 per "St.David", Col. Rafferty Commanding. Embarked 40 Officers 924 O/Ranks.																																
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			- " 17 " Parkhouse																																		
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		Advance Party Quota No.38 also embarked 2 Officers 14 O/Ranks																																			
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Havre	25Apr	1800	Ascertained from M.L.O. that our ships for tomorrow were the "Prince Arthur" for Quota and "Nopatin" for draft.	
		1810	Informed Aust Base Depots of our ships for tomorrow.	
		2205	Quota No.41 arrived. 66 Officers 938 O/Ranks	
	26Apr	1015	M.L.O. rang up to know if the Advance Party of 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks was all the draft available today.	
		1020	Asked Aust Base Depots if this was all and was informed that there was no more, but there would be a draft of 230 for Monday.	
		1025	Advised M.L.O. accordingly. ^{D.N.T.O.}	
		1030	Received information from D.A.T.'s Office that the "Prince George Arthur" would berth at 1500 hours today, but that no definite information was available as to the berth she would occupy.	
		1425	Received word that the ship would not be in for some time.	
		1430	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and told them not to load up Lorries as we had no definite news of the ships, but that we would inform them as soon as we could get some definite news.	
		1555	Received word from the wharf that the "Prince Arthur" had just come in.	
		1600	Rang up Aust. Base Depots and asked them to move troops out as soon as possible and to let me know when they actually move.	
		1610	Capt. Saul rang up to say that the last of the lorries would be leaving in about 15 minutes. Particulars of embarkation of Quota No.38 per "Prince Arthur". Embarked 56 Officers 903 O/R Col. Forbes, D.S.O., commanding.	
		1600	Ship berthed	
		1640	Baggage loaded	
		1715	Troops arrived	
		1720	Embarkation commenced	
		1755	Embarkation completed	
		1830	Ship cast off.	
		S	Ship was delayed owing to severe head winds. Weather very squally. Embarked per "Nopatin" at 1730 hours Advance Party of Quota No.39, 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks consigned No.3 Group, Codford.	
		1730	Aust. Base Depots rang up to say that the Draft strength for Monday would be 284.	
		1850	Informed M.L.O. that our total for Monday would be 1280.	
			Strength in Camp at 1100 hours awaiting evacuation to U.K.	
			Quota No.39 ----- 63 Officers ----- 887 O/Ranks	
			" 40 ----- 45 " ----- 918 "	

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	28Apr	0935	<p>Rang up M.L.O. who informed me that the ship for today would be "La Marguerite" and the embarkation would take place at Shed "R". The ship is already at the Docks, but it is not certain at the moment whether she will sail or not owing to very bad weather, but the M.L.O. will advise when a decision is arrived at.</p>																			
		0940	<p>Rang up Aust Base Depots and advised them not to send the Blankets or make any definite arrangements for today until they received further instructions from this Office. Informed them that the "St. David" would be in with Blankets and Party. It was particularly pointed out that the embarkation would be at Shed "R" and not at Quai d'Escale.</p>																			
		1030	<p>Rang up M.L.O. to ascertain if any decision had been arrived at re the sailing and loading of the "Marguerite". Up to that time the Navy had not decided as to whether they would allow the ship to sail or not. I pointed out that I would like to know definitely as soon as I could as I had to arrange for the Baggage to be there early and send transport back for troops.</p>																			
		1035	<p>Rang up Aust Base Depots and told them that no definite decision had been arrived at yet as to the movements of the "Marguerite". I told them the uncertainty was due to the exceptionally rough weather. Capt Saul desired to know if it was likely to keep up for a couple of days because if so, he would cancel quota trains and thus avoid a congestion in Camp. I told him I did not think it would but that I would try and find out and give him due warning.</p>																			
		1100	<p>No decision arrived at yet re the "La Marguerite".</p>																			
		1145	<p>Rang up M.L.O. and was informed that no information could be given to me till 1430 at the very earliest. No forecast could be made.</p>																			
		1150	<p>Tried to raise Aust Base Depots but all lines were then engaged.</p>																			
		1155	<p>Rang Aust Base Depots and spoke to Asst Staff Captain and told him that I would not be able to give him any information at all until 1430 at the earliest. He asked if the men could go and have their dinner as usual and I said "Yes" by all means. I told them I would let them know the moment I could get any definite news.</p>																			
		1400	<p>Rang up M.L.O. for instructions but up to that time no decision had been arrived at.</p>																			

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Havre	28Apr	1425	<p>Rang up M.L.O. who informed me that we were to load upon to the "StDavid" as the Naval Author-ities say they refuse to allow the "Marguerite" to cross owing to rough weather. They desired the troops down at once owing to the fact that the ship was then alongside.</p> <p>1430 Rang up Aust Base Depots and informed them that our troops were proceeding on the "StDavid" and that as the ship was in, to get the troops down as soon as possible. I asked that the Blankets and Baggage be sent down well ahead of the quota so as to let me have time to load it prior to the troops arriving at the ships side, also asked that I be informed as soon as the lorries left the Camp.</p> <p>1530 Aust Base Depots advised that the Convoy was then leaving but that the Baggage etc had already left.</p> <p>1545 Proceeded to Quai and found that Baggage was then being loaded but up to that time no Blankets had arrived.</p> <p>1610 Rang up Aust Base Depots to inform them that the Blankets and party had not then arrived. Particulars of embarkation of troops per "ST DAVID" Quota No.39, Major Donaldson^{ps.o} commanding. Embarked 61 Officers 920 O/Ranks.</p> <p>1430 Ship berthed</p> <p>1630 Blankets etc loaded</p> <p>1615 Troops arrived</p> <p>1630 Embarkation commenced</p> <p>1840 Embarkation completed</p> <p>1715 Ship cast off.</p> <p>Advance Parties Quotas 40 and 41 embarked each 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks. Drafts Nos.76,77,78,79 also embarked, consigned as under:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>59</td> <td>"</td> <td>Codford</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>6</td> <td>"</td> <td>74</td> <td>"</td> <td>Sutton Veny</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>26</td> <td>"</td> <td>Parkhouse</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>5</td> <td>"</td> <td>Fovant</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> <td>London</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>10 Officers 267 O/Ranks</u></p> <p>The delay between the commencement and completion of embarkation was caused by the fact that</p>	1	1	"	59	"	Codford		6	"	74	"	Sutton Veny		1	"	26	"	Parkhouse		-	"	5	"	Fovant		1	"	3	"	London	
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Havre	28Apr	1915	<p>the troops were convoyed in two convoys. The weather was fearfully rough and squally, thus necessitating many delays during the loading. Under my orders all the troop decks were completely filled so as to get as many men under cover as possible owing to the weather. Returned to Office and was informed by O.C. Signals that every means of communication between France and England was disconnected owing to the complete breakdown of all cables etc due to bad weather. He informed me that none of my telegrams could get through.</p>																																																																
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		0930	<p>Rang up Aust Base Depots and asked them to send troops down as soon as possible, as the Naval Authorities desire to send the "Marguerite" out and make room for the "YALE". The Staff Captain said he would move the troops as near 1230 as possible but it would be difficult owing to the lorries being out on duty till 1215.</p>																																																																
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		1315	<p>Aust Base Depots rang up to say that troops had left at 1255.</p>																																																																
		1320	<p>Went to Quai. Particulars of embarkation of Quota No.40 per "Marguerite". Col. Johnston commanding. Embarked 45 Officers 922 O/Ranks.</p>																																																																

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		1230	Baggage and Blankets loaded	
		1345	Troops arrived	
		1350	Embarkation commenced	
		1425	Embarkation completed	
		1430	Ship cast off.	
			also embarked Advance Party of Quota No.42 comprising 2 Officers and 14 O/Ranks consigned No.3 Group, Codford. Lt Gould, Y.M.C.A. Representative also embarked.	
			Embarkation was carried out in windy and very squally weather.	
		1500	Returned to Office and dispatched the necessary telegrams to Southampton and Demobaust.	
		1915	Rang up M.L.O. who said "Western Australia" would be the ship for the quota and "Lorina" for Draft for tomorrow.	
		2130	Advised Aust Base Depots of our ships for tomorrow.	
		2100	No.16159 Driver Young evacuated to hospital.	
	30Apr	1000	Was informed by the D.N.T.O. that the "Western Australia" would be in about 1300 and the "Lorina" at 1230.	
		1015	Rang up Aust Base Depots and told them the above information. I told them not to load the men into busses until I actually had something definite about the "Western Australia", but I asked them to send the men down per train for the "Lorina" as she would be in definitely.	
		1200	Was told the "Lorina" was then at the wharf and to send troops down, but still no word about the "Western Australia".	
		1330	M.L.O's of fice advised that owing to atrain for Paris ex Transatlantic ship not leaving till 1430, the hospital train cannot come in till 1500 and this means the hospital ship "Panama", whose berth the "Western Australia" was to occupy, cannot go out till 1600. In view of this the "Western Australia" cannot come in till 1615.	
		1400	Raised Aust Base Depots on the telephone and told them my latest advice re the "Western Australia". In view of this I asked them to defer loading into busses until 1600.	
		1420	M.L.O. advises that the Naval Authorities decide to berth the "Western Australia" outside the "Lorina".	
		1430	I advised Aust Base Depots of the new decision arrived at by the Naval Authorities.	
		1435	M.L.O. orders troops out for "Western Australia".	
		1440	Rang up Aust Base Depots and asked them to move troops out for the "Western Australia" as she was then in.	

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