

**HENRY ALFRED BADE**  
**DIARY 1: 1915-16**  
**1st Commission, Maheno 1st Charter**

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**DIARY ENTRIES FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES**

<u>Voyage of "Maheno"</u>			
Wellington	11 July	Mudros	3 Oct
Adelaide	17 - 21 "	Alexandria	5 - 6 "
Colombo	3 - 5 Aug	Gibraltar	14 "
Port Suez	16 "	Southampton	18 - 30 "
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Anzac	31 - 3 Sept		
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Attachment 1: Details of voyage of "Maheno" from front of diary

## August 1915

### *Port Suez*

Monday 16th

The men had only gone as far as Stn when word came that they had to come back immediately and sign on Ships articles to go through Suez Canal, we received 1/- more wages this month and they deducted it for our passages, all leave ashore was then stopped. I was taken off Night police and put on Guard from 7 - 10 pm

We anchored at Port Suez about 1 p.m. alongside of an Indian Hospital Ship about the size of ours named "Syria", it has 1 yellow funnel otherwise painted as ours without the green electric lights, There is quite a number of Boats waiting to go through the Canal as one boat seems to be able to go through at a time. It is such a small entrance on this side. Port Suez seems to be a French settlement, it seems strange to see the Egyptian flag on the Boats around here, the donkeys made us laugh, one pays so much for a ride and the owner chases it with a stick to keep it going you can imagine how fast and far it goes when the owner keeps up all the time, then also some donkeys are such weeds, all the back-ground looks like sandy deserts, and we are encountering flies, we are now in Egypt.

There is a large French Man-o-War and 2 smaller ones here.

Tuesday 17th

We left the docks at Suez at 8.30 and with other boats we passed 3 French Warships including the Montcalm with 4 funnels, passing her our Bugler played the Marseillaise when all the Men-o-warsmen came to attention their band then played our National Anthem. As we passed through the Canal we tied up to the sides twice to let other boats pass, there were several large forts along the Canal which are principally manned by Indians with English tommies amongst them, there was one Aucklander with them who knew one of our Drs. Ismalia was about the largest Fort, we were shown the place where the Turks attacked the Canal, there are two large lakes that we passed through, but there are several other lakes to be seen as we passed, all along in important positions were men-o-war, the forts and barbed wire entanglements were interesting, the Evening was lovely & moonlight, then the search lights were put on, I went to bed about 10 pm and the Ship got to Pt. Said just after 11 o'clock.

We saw hundreds of camels along the Route.

### *Port Said*

Wednesday 18th

Our remaining passenger nurses (37) went off about 10.AM most of them to relieve the Canadian nurses in No. 1 Stationary Hospital, quite a number of Officers and men of the No. 1 came on board to see us including Jack Williams and Sgt. Edwards but I was unable to see the Sgt, we have been getting a lot of news from the front from them. In this Pt. is a lot of shipping, and there is a large sea-plane shed on the shore with about 14 machines in it. I saw my first airship this Evening when one left the water & went up and I saw it come down again. There are several warships here and we are laying alongside one, 4 of the passenger nurses are joined to the staff, 1 to exchange with a staff nurse.

We left Pt. Said at 8.30

We coaled and took water in, the coalies here are good workers, and are supposed to hold the record, they can put 150 tons in 8 hours and even less twice, we got no leave here

## *Alexandria*

Thursday 19th

Ordered to go ashore with two others as Nurses & Matrons orderly, got some stuff from St. Johns Ambulance Stores, took it to the motor launch and was then given leave, we went for a gharry ride around Alexandria, then did some shopping.

There are beautiful flowers here and they are out in all their glory, and pretty gardens, which seem to grow alright. We met Matron Nurses Burton & an officer belonging to N.Z and they gave us money to have tea, we protested but they shouted all the same we went to the Royal restaurant, it was very funny to see the goats about the Streets, the milk you put in tea is goats milk, but tea is not generally used here it is ice in water.

The whites' quarters of the Town are very nice and there are some fine buildings. This is another good shipping port, there are at present quite a number of sailing vessels.

There are a great number of soldiers here, a good number being Austns & N.Zrs, we picked up with a N.Z. fighting man who gave us information of Town, we learn that the Australians & N Zealanders lost 7000 casualties in the first 24 hours fighting in the Dardenelles. I was struck with the peculiar trousers if you call them such that the men wear, they are a very baggy kind of concern with trousers legs below the knee. Up till now, we have seen 5 other Hospital ships, there are men-o-war here, one is an American which is painted white. There is a very large Hospital here it is a Season Hotel, we also learn that up till now there are 42,000 Aus & N.Z. casualties. Fruit & vegetables and clothing is cheap, Fruit & veg are fresh & plentiful is was a fine day slightly on the warm side, men (soldiers) buy themselves short light Khaki Knickers, I should like to have had more time, it is thought that we are going to Lemnos Island and take wounded Soldiers to London

Friday 20th

3 transports left to-day full of troops who have recovered from sickness and wounds  
No general leave yet.

Saturday 21st

A lot of N.Z. from other regiments came on board to see our boys

Monday 23rd

We have taken 19 Maltese on board for laundry cook-house & wards.  
We left Alexandria at 6.15 just as sun was setting, after being 4½ days here

Tuesday 24

Dinner at 12

While we were at dinner we passed 3 upturned life boats one had a boat hook stuck into it we passed also 23 life belts, presumably off Prince Edward

Parade with life belts on. Nurses and Officers joining in at 1 pm

Then Wards again

Tea at 5.30.

We are passing through a lot of islands belong to "The Archipeligo"

We stopped at the 3rd life boat and one of our boats put off to it, to find out the name

## ***Mudros***

Wednesday 25th

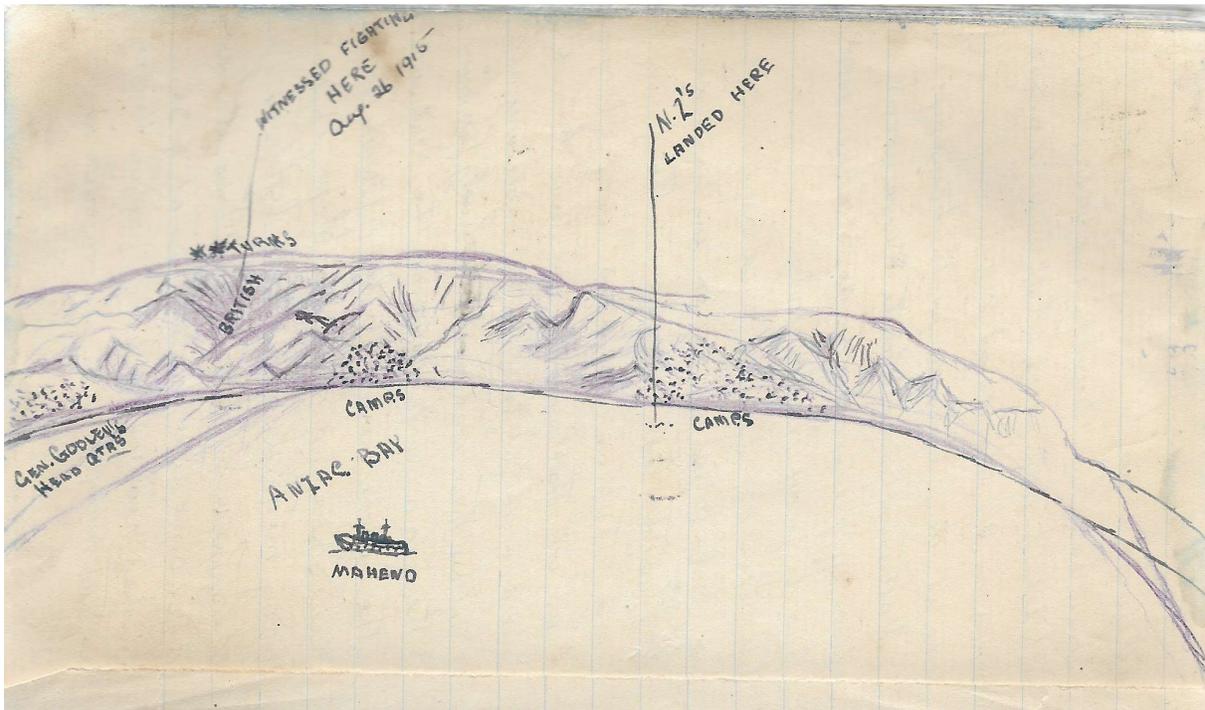
We reached Mudros Harbour "Lemnos Island" at 3.15 p.m

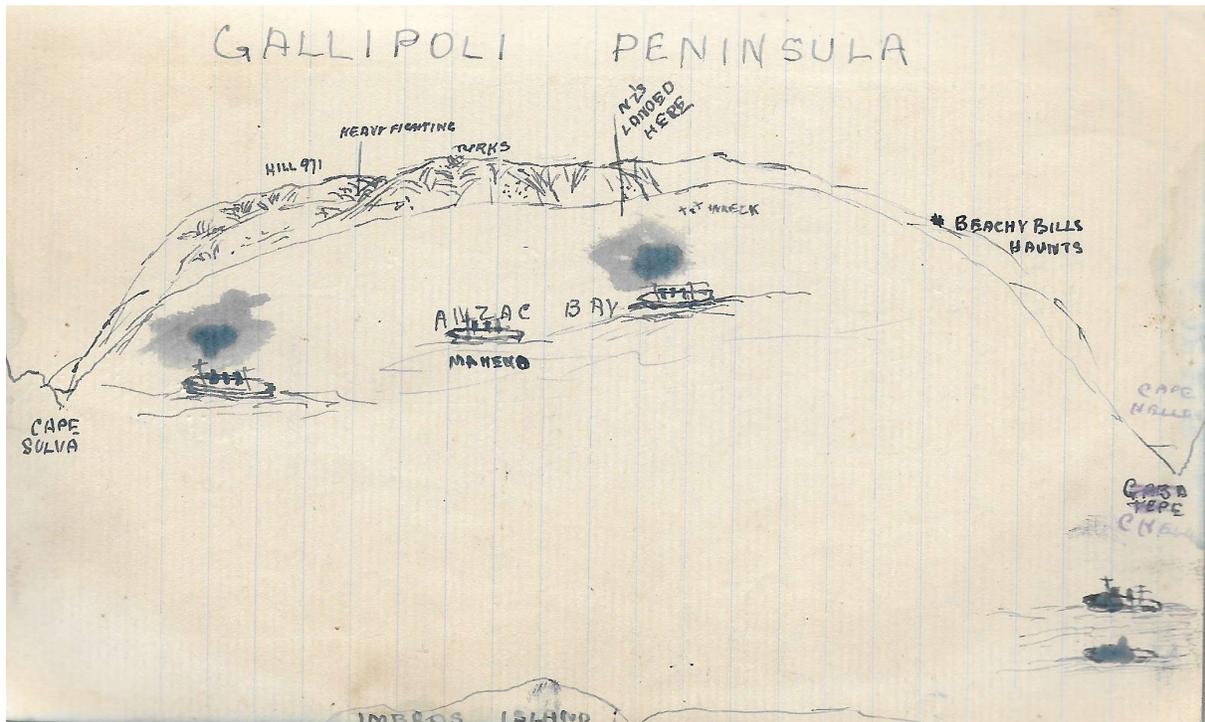
As we were going in we passed a boom of mines, we came through it in a small entrance  
There are a large number of Warships here, it is a fine Harbour, & there are several large military camps around it, 2 Towns Mudros & Lemnos are on the Shore, I saw my first torpedo boat destroyers here, we have, seen 4 Hospital Ships already here, making 12 up to date, 2 Colonels & Ships Cpts. went ashore, we heard that there were 38,000 casualties since Aug 10th. 10,000 deaths and that we have been pushed back again

## ***Anzac***

Thursday 26th

We left Lemnos at 12.30 and arrived at Anzac, Gaba Tepe at 5 pm. We passed Imbros Is on the left, we are in the firing line, one of the Warships was firing alongside us into the Peninsula, we have heard and seen an awful lot of firing especially at about 7, when there was a lively few minutes, there is a large camp on the hills up from the beach, there are a lot of Warships of all kinds here and 5 hospital ships, it is a cloudy moonlit night, with lightning flashes, the weather is cooler than we have had for some time, tea at 5.30.





Attachments 2 and 3: 2 sketches of Gallipoli Peninsula showing position of *Maheno* at Anzac Bay and where fighting witnessed

Friday 27th

11 A.M. We received our first wounded & sick men on board who were wounded last Night, about 40 men came on board

I received a shrapnel shell and 2 holders full of Turkish cartridges

I was stretcher bearer.

There are only 3 serious cases

We had 3 operations mostly taking bullets out

There was another terrific battle to-day

We saw two flying machines

A Warship

Went on duty 8.30

Shortly afterwards we started to get patients who were engaged in the heavy fighting for hill 60 from 4 in the Afternoon. The fighting men were covered by Gun fire.

At about 10.30 the patients started to come in to our ship by all kinds of boats and they kept coming in until about 11 A.M (Saturday morning). The wounds were of all sorts and kinds, some hideous, we took about 550 patients on board, but some walking patients went off again into lighters

This is our first action

We took 450 patients to Lemnos

28th Saturday

Continued on Stretcher bearing from boats into our Ship, some patients were slung up, we were complimented on the quick way we load our wounded

I received another shrapnel shell case (Turkish)

Found a Royal Field Artillery badge

4 men died and were buried at sea, we stopped at quarter hour for burial service

We left the Peninsula at 12.15 PM. mid-day.

We arrived at Lemnos at 4.30  
Everybody working, our Nurses, Officers & men worked long hours,  
we finished bringing in patients about 11. AM.  
We left 12.30 mid Day and arrived at 5.30 at Imbros Is., and anchored for the Night, I went on  
Night Duty  
I saw my 1st Hospital ship that had a red band around it & red lights  
Later we went around to Mudros  
Our men captured hill W or 60 and held it, we had 1000 casualties

### ***Mudros***

Sunday 29th

Came off Duty at 7.  
breakfast & went to bed  
Called up again at about 10 and started to unload patients into the Derflinger a captured German  
prize Boat of 13000 tons  
We finished about 6.30 pm and rested until 11.50 when we were called up for Ward Duty to relieve  
the Day duty men  
Up till then I have had 4 hrs sleep since I got up at 5.30 Wednesday morning  
2 men died during the Day in our Ward. 1 had both legs amputated, the other I spoke to about his  
taking Jesus. He said he could, I trust that he has gone to Jesus

### ***Anzac***

Monday 30th

Was relieved at 8.30. We left Lemnos at 5.30 AM  
I washed my first corpse this morning 1 man having died, a lot of men were taken back to-day to  
Anzac because they are hopeless. We buried a lot of men at Sea, making 20 deaths up till arriving at  
Anzac at Mid-day. I went and laid down about 9.15 and only had a nap. I got up and shortened a  
pair of light Khakis. I lost my Tunic belonging to it yesterday it being thrown over on the German  
Ship with the other clothes  
We have our Boat painted the regulation colors yellow funnels, also we have had our red cross (new  
one) light up the first time, there was only slight firing in comparison to-day. Our warships are  
trying to locate a Turkish big gun situated some where in front of us  
Went on duty at 8.30, there is only 3 patients in our Ward left.

Tuesday 31st

Was relieved at 2. A.M. and went to bed and stopped there until dinner time when I got up. This is  
the best sleep I have had for days, I did a little washing.  
We are now No. 30 Ship (Hospital)  
A few medical cases came on principally Officers  
More shooting on the front Hill further along to-night  
I went on Duty at 8.30  
Occasional shooting by warships  
There are Monitors here with 14.2 guns

### **September 1915**

Wednesday Sept 1st

Was relieved at 8.20 and laid down to sleep and slept until late dinner after 1 or 2 disturbances by the Day men

We lifted 3 stretcher cases this afternoon, 1 of whom was relieving a mate for 2 minutes

I did a little washing

Went on Duty at 8.30

A patient died in our Ward about 11pm making 4

Some spent bullets have come on to the Maheno

Thursday Sept 2nd

Went to bed again & was awakened to get wounded on board but was not wanted.

Beachy Bill is a big gun that always shoots on our beach

Schrapnell shells have white smoke

Lydite shells brown smoke

On Duty at 8.30

More sick and wounded came on at night

### ***Imbros, Mudros***

Friday Sept 3rd

Called up at about 11 for wounded

Left Anzac at 2pm with 422 patients

Called in at Imbros between 2 & 3 pm to put off patients

Arrived at Lemnos 7.30 p.m.

Was supposed to have passed a submarine on the trip

Imbros is a flying and naval Base.

This load that we have on are mostly medical cases.

There is a Lord on board being the 2nd one we have had.

We made the 5th Hospital Ship here, including the Red Band (Private) Ship

The 4 masted Mauritania is here

### ***Mudros***

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Our deck patients have been taken off.

Saw a torpedoed troop-ship in the Harbour, it is said that she lost 20 men

Saw my 1st torpedo boat, it was being towed in

A number of troop ships went out this Evening.

At 6 AM. we went further into Mudros

Put off patients at 9.30 which lasted most of the day, into the S.S. Nile

This is our 2nd Sunday that we have discharged patients.

It is not a bit like a day of rest

I was sick with diarrhoea and went to bed

At 9 P.M we pulled to the outer Harbour again

## *Anzac*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Left Lemnos at 1 A.M. arriving in Anzac at 6

Dinner at 11.30

Was called up to assist in unloading wounded & sick patients during afternoon, most were diarrhoea and were attended to and transhipped to Tug boat on other side of ship, amongst them was Motorman Dimmond suffering from dysentery.

Feeling a lot better to-day.

Was allowed to lie down from 2 - 4.15

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Was called up at 11 to assist with bringing on patients.

Called up again during Afternoon but not needed

One of our Night orderlies are taken from us (Rochfort) leaving 2 of us to 60 patients

2 cases came in during Night to ward

Saw the Turks firing to hit 2 small boats in Anzac and shots fired all around them and fell into the water but missed

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Went on duty at 8.30 and was called away to get patients out of the Lighter to come on board

We had another death in our Ward

Was given 1 hours rest between 1 & 2 AM

Left Anzac about 1.30

## *Mudros*

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Left Anzac at 1.30 A.M

Arriving at Lemnos at 6 A.M.

Put off some patients here

Left Lemnos at 5. pm

Tea at 5.30

There was a number of Hospital Ships at Lemnos

We saw the 4 funnelled Steamer Hospital Ship "Acquitania"

The Ship stopped about 6.30 to bury a man

We must put upon the back of the envelope

"I certify on my honor that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family affairs"

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

A man died in our Ward to-day

Stopped at sea to bury man 7.45 p.m.

Went on Duty 8.30

Had a quiet night

## ***Malta***

Saturday 11

Arrived at St Pauls at 1 pm and anchored out for the night

Sunday 12th.

Left Pauls Bay about 6 to go to Valletta Harbour and tied up to a Buoy.

We had no Church Service for the 3rd Sunday

We put off all of our patients into various Hospitals starting about 6 p.m.

English soldiers took them off

The order that we were to go to England has been cancelled.

We kept on duty cleaning up until 2.30 A.M. then went to bed

Monday 13th

We were granted leave until 9.30 pm

Went on shore on Boat

went to St. Antonio Gardens and had afternoon tea in the Hotel next door to gate, came back and witnessed a Military funeral (7 deaths) from Hospital

The water-ways are very good, and the Grand Harbour can shelter a lot of ships. This Town

"Valetta" looks like as if it has been pounded about by warships. Malta seems to be a rock, and we are told the soil has been carted here.

This place can stand 7 years sieges

Wednesday 15th

Left Malta at 10.

Tea at 5.30

Passed two Hospital Ships one going each way.

A lot of our men are laid up.

Thursday 16th

We passed between Mainland Greece & an Island during the afternoon, we could see a number of Towns on the sides of hills and on the Beach

## ***Anzac***

Friday 17th

Sick and wounded came on board at about 4 p.m.

We arrived at Anzac at 1.30 p.m.

1 patient in ward D, E, F about 8.30. died

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Patient died

Sunday 19th

Big rush of patients into our ward at about 11.A.M. mostly very serious ones.

Too busy to go down to dinner

We had several operations --

We left Anzac at 1.15.p.m.

We arrived at Lemnos about 5 p.m.

Tea at 5.30.

Off duty about 8.30

We carried 496 patients, (this is the record so far) and we are working short handed so any of the staff being sick

It was found out later that there was 528 patients on board.

### ***Mudros***

Monday 20th

Pulled further up the Harbour about 6 AM.

Left Mudros for Malta about 3 p.m. after putting off a lot of Indians and 2 others

More operations to-day

Tuesday 21st

Man died in our Ward

Passed Greece again & between the other Island.

### ***Malta***

Wednesday 22nd

Arrived at Malta in Anchorage about 1 pm

" " " Harbour about 2.30.

Thursday 23.

Shifted from Buoy Harbour to Grand Harbour

Started shifting patients off "Maheno" about 9.30

Finished our Ward D.E.F about 10.45

After Maheno was empty of patients - She put back again to the Buoys

Friday 24

Left Buoys about 5.30 off to Anzac

after going a few miles, the firemen refused to work because some firemen were ashore and they were shorthanded

Saturday 25

Malta has enough grain stored to stand a seige of 7 years they renew and so keep the grain fresh all the time.

The 25 firemen who rebelled got 3 months.

Monday 27th

Passed Greece again

Sea rougher than usual and some of our men sea sick again.

### *Mudros*

Tuesday 28

Arrived at Lemnos harbour at 9.45.

### *Anzac*

Wednesday 29th

Left Lemnos at 1.pm arriving at Anzac about 5.30.

Saw more heavy firing by Ships

Saw Cruiser being fired at, and shells even splashing water over her but missed every time

Thursday 30th

Patients, wounded & sick started coming on board during tea time & we had to leave in the middle of it to attend to them, I am stretcher bearer again for this trip,

I saw 2 air ships scirmishing to-day and about 20 shots from anti air craft guns being fired at them.

Saw some big warship shooting at Beachy bill, but as soon as they were finished he started again and in one shot he got nine men which was seen from our ship by the Padre

I received a new light Khaki suit also a new colored shirt & pair of Khaki socks and 1 small handy (holding things) bag

2nd load of wounded etc. came on board at 8 pm. & some (6) came into our Ward

### **October 1915**

Friday Oct 1st

Everything much as usual

3 or 4 batches of patients came on & Ship almost full

I learned the history of the upturned life-boats. The Transport "Southland" was torpedoed, and she was beached in Lemnos harbour, 33 men were killed including an officer, the boats, being adrift was because they were cut adrift when the men were rescued by the hospital ship and destroyers.

It was reported about the Ship "Maheno" that the Turks sent a message to the effect that if we carried officers & men on our Ship back to Gallipoli, then they would shell us.

### *Mudros*

Saturday 2nd

We left Anzac at about 1. p.m.

" arrived at Lemnos at 5.30.

We saw for the first time a balloon air ship, it was painted slate color.

We carried (531) five, thirty one patients 3 more than last load.

We have about 50 Indians on board.

Sunday 3rd.

We put off all Indians at Lemnos.

We left Lemnos at about 2 p.m.

We saw another air ship balloon shaped as we left, it came over to us from Lemnos.

It is supposed that we are going to Alexandria

Monday 4th

Tremendous amount of rumors

### *Alexandria*

Tuesday 5th

Put the patients off about dinner time

Australians took them off (in stretchers) this time an improvement on the English soldiers.

It is very warm here.

Got word that we are going to Sth.Hampton.

We heard that the S.S. Wahine came through the Canal about 5 weeks ago, and took 28 days to go to England and is in the Channel & France rece'd [?].

Most of our men took the 11 p.m train for Cairo

Thursday 7th

Got leave again and went ashore in motor launch after 2 p.m.

Got back on board just after 9.30.

The Maheno had pulled into stream and came alongside wharf again

Friday 8th

Patients from various Hospitals tarted to come on board about 10. I was helping at the entrance with getting them on board, the same Australians (Q & S.A.) who took our load off put these on. They are supposed to be convalescent but some are pretty bad.

We had a rest from 12.30 till 1.45. for dinner. I was relieved from the work to go to my Ward about 2.30.

The Maheno pulled into the Stream again at 4.15. pm

Saturday 9th

There are 331 patients this trip

Most of the patients are British with an odd Australian & N. Zealander.

Sunday 10th.

Reported that a submarine was chasing a merchantman about 80 miles behind us and we were asked to stand by later we were told that the ship had got away from the Sub.

Monday 11th

We have in our Ward a man who was injured in the submarined "Royal Edward" last trip we had several who were in the submarined Southland which was afterwards beached and which we saw at Lemnos, about 400 were saved out of about 1600 in the "R. E" and 33 were lost in the Southland. We passed Malta about 9

Tuesday 12th

We kept along the North coast of Africa all day, passed the Town of Algiers about 11 p.m.

Wednesday 13th

In Evening the coast of Spain was in sight.  
Off at 6 pm. What a pleasure.

### ***Gibraltar***

Thursday 14th

Got to Gibraltar about 3.30 A.M. Stayed until about 5. A.M. Nothing to see but a lot of lights. Later we were able to see the coast of Portugal. We are in the track of shipping, a lot of boats of different kinds having passed us.

Friday 15

We are running up Portugal Coast  
Got into the Bay of Biscay about midnight  
passed a good many ships  
Sea rougher to-day. Some patients sea-sick

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

In the Bay of Biscay. sea very calm with a slight swell  
We have had the War news wirelessly to us since leaving Gibraltar  
Have heard that Bulgaria has joined in the War against us

### ***Southampton***

Sunday 17.

We have been hearing that we will get into Sth. Hampton from 12 noon onwards. 2 then 5. pm we just saw the old land about 3 p.m. and have been manoeuvring round for hours. Heard that Greece has joined against us too.

Church service at 10 for patients  
We anchored in the harbour for the Night.

Monday 18th

Patients started to be taken off from about 10 AM. until about 2.30 p.m.  
Then we cleaned up the Wards and stored everything away under Lock & Key preparatory to the ship being altered  
We had leave from about 7. pm till 10 pm  
I went up to the Town which was fairly dark on account of the shops being closed it being so late at night.  
It is much cooler here, and the days are getting very short.  
I was struck by the Young woman Conductors on the Cars also by the ½ pence daily papers,  
Bed late

Lost our Mascot  
J-----o-----c-----k

Tuesday 19th

Paraded at a little after 4 pm and was addressed by the Colonel who thanked us and gave us each £5 for to have a holiday beginning from to-day (19th) until 29th.  
The trains have to have the blinds pulled down at Night for air raid sake, and there are 3 classes, the street lamps are also darkened upwards

Wednesday 20th

Saw the holes that the Zeppelins made last Wednesday, in Chancery Lane, I heard that 1 bomb dropped about 9 p.m and the other about 12.

Saturday 30

Wards 7.15. but because the painters were painting the beds (green) we were in the road, so we soon knocked off, there has been a lot of alterations to the Ship which has improved things very much.  
The Aquitania is lying just at the back of us, and makes us look oh so small,  
We left Southampton about 6.30 p.m presumably for N.Z. We left Sergeant Bell in Ireland, he has Enteric, we have discharged the Maltese firemen but are carrying them back to Malta  
We have a new Chef  
We have 6 patients (N.Zs) who came on at Southampton

Sunday 31st

It is a very rough sea and most of us are staying in bed, we were called out later in the morning to bale out water which had got into the Wards then back to bed where we nearly all put in the day  
Had a very short Church Service on account of the rough sea at 10 A.M.

## **November 1915**

Monday Nov 1st

Reveille any hour, everybody being too sick  
We are in the Bay of Biscay and it is tremendously rough  
I was in bed nearly all day.

Tuesday Nov 2

Getting ready for to put on patients at Gibraltar  
The sea is much calmer and we got out of the Bay of Biscay.

### ***Gibraltar***

Wednesday Nov 3rd

Ready for patients, which should have come on at Gibraltar but we got to the Rock of Gib about 2.30 then after waiting for almost ¼ of an hour we were told to go on to Malta and not to stay, so we did very little work during the afternoon but 7 of us had afternoon tea on the top deck under the shadow of the Rock and while doing so we had our photos taken by snap-shot. Gibraltar is a rock, very steep and rises to a sharp point, and its guns could not be seen from our Ship it has, looking from us a kind of slide down the side

Thursday 4th

We passed Algiers again but this time at Night, when we could see all the lights of the Town

Friday Nov 5th

There was a great row concerning our meals which is very rough  
We continued along the African Coast.

### ***Malta***

Saturday Nov 6th

Arrived at Malta about 10 AM

I went ashore as Adjutants orderly about 11. I got back to the Maheno about 4 p.m.  
We had our destination altered from N.Z. to Mudros, which has disappointed the men, but not the officers, so we put off our patients and the Red Cross Stores that we had taken on for Alexandria

Sunday Nov 7th

"Maheno" left at 12 noon but had to pull up again because the post man Hulse & Wright were ashore, left about 12.30

We got a wireless to say that a Transport ahead of us was being chased by a submarine, and we are going to her help, she got away so we were not needed

Monday 8th

Passed a submarine supposed to be ours  
Passed a lot of Islands and Greece main land again

## ***Mudros***

Tuesday 9th

Passed several Islands

Arrived at Mudros where we anchored in Harbour about 9.30 A.M.

We learned here that the Transport that was torpedoed had on board the No. 1 Stationary Hospital (N.Z) and that 12 out of 15 nurses that we carried as passenger nurses were lost in her

There are 11 Hospital Ships here

We were sent here for orders and there are none for us, a message has been sent to Alexandria for Orders.

Heard that we were leaving at daybreak next morning for Anzac

## ***Anzac***

Wednesday 10th

Left Mudros about 7 for Anzac

Arrived at Anzac about 11 AM.

When we arrived the Neuralia (H. ship) was half full and loading there, she then hoisted the full up flag (Blue Peter)

We are right in the midst of the shooting again, and plenty there is of it

We pulled in to far and was ordered out further out of range of Guns

We got our first load about 4 p.m. about 125 mostly walking cases

For the first time we loaded of our Red Cross Hospital barges, before we loaded from boats of all sizes and shapes, these barges hold fully 300 wounded

We have only 4 cases in our (D) Ward

They were all X rayed and operated upon during the Evening, which kept us in the Ward out of bed till somewhere near 11p.m.

Nice cool weather here I am stretcher bearer this trip

## ***Anzac - Imbros -Anzac***

Thursday 11th

The weather this morning is getting up rough

About 10 AM. we got word to clear out as a storm was coming

And about 10.30 we left towing the Red Cross barge after us we arrived at Imbros Harbour (which is a fine one) about noon

There are a lot of warships & transports and other boats in the Harbour

The 6th Reinforcements landed at Anzac during the Night.

We left Imbros about 7 p m arriving at Anzac about 9.15.

Capt McLean wanted to know if the Shore Officer thought that he had a cockle shell when he was told to move away because of the storm coming

## ***Anzac***

Friday 12th

Received another load of wounded about 12 noon, about 300 coming on the new Hospital Barge, it is splendid in comparison to the old style  
Deck patients came down to fill up empty beds in the Wards  
There are 419 Patients on the Ship which is full  
The cases are mostly medical

### ***Mudros***

Saturday 13th

Left Anzac at 2 A.M. arriving at Lemnos at about 7. AM  
Put off Hindu's about 2 P.M.  
7 of whom were in our Wards (D. E. F.)  
They were put into an Indian Hospital Ship (Seang Choon)  
We got the beds filled again by deck patients  
Eye patients as well as some deck patients went off too.  
Left Lemnos about 6. for Alexandria where it is presumed that we are to load for N.Z.

Sunday 14th

There was a little trouble in the Ward because a patient got up when he should not have  
Two of our patients are very bad

### ***Alexandria***

Monday 15th

Arrived in Alexandria  
Started putting off patients at about 2 p.m. by Australians (S. Brs)  
Ginger Campbell came on board "Maheno", he is going to Salonika to join No. 1 Stationary Hosp.  
We heard that when Troopship "Marquette" was torpedoed that there were 37 nurses, 6 being British the rest were the "Maheno" passenger nurses, and the No. 1 Hosp 21 orderlies went down also 10 Nurses, altogether there were 90 missing from her, some of the surviving Nurses were on board to-day.

Tuesday 16th

Heard bad reports of our Hosp Ship  
A mail is in the Harbour on board the Alnwick which is the boat which wirelessly to us as being chased by submarine

Wednesday 17th

I helped to get Dinner as the Greeks went off yesterday  
We got new felt hats Australian style

Thursday 18th

Maheno left Alexandria 6.30 for Malta  
Had a photo taken of the orderlies and Nurses in our ward

Friday 19th

had our photos taken also in C Ward

### **Malta**

Saturday 20th

Got into Malta 6.30 and got orders to go to St. Pauls Bay to anchor  
While there we got word to tell us to go to Alexandria with the patients tranship them on to the troopships and go to Mudros for orders, the Governor saying that the ship has done such good work she ought to stay in the Mediterranean so he handed her over to the Admiralty.  
All the Personnel are disappointed as she has had word already for home.

Sunday 21st

Maheno left St. Pauls Bay and arrived in No 2 Dock (Admiralty) about 7.30 A.M. It (the dock) was closely guarded by Police with rifles

I was stretcher bearer to embark patients

I saw a destroyer (French) in the dry dock, also submarine H,1. I also saw 5 other submarines here and a very large French Battleship, the Paris. I think she carries 12. 12 inch guns. Also lying in front of us and which came in the same time as us, was the Amethyst the warship which went through the Narrows

The Weymouth also is here and we had some of her men aboard, she is the Warship that chased the Groben & Breslau into Turkey she can go 30 knots an hour, one of the men gave me her photo.

The Wahine is here also laying nearest to the entrance of the Grand Harbour, one or 2 of her men came on board too, she is used as a dispatch ship as she is so fast

We began to get patients on about 11 AM. Australians & New Zealanders, the last came on about 1.30 pm and we cast off and cleared out

It was while we were loading patients that our new orders were changed again and we got word definite by the Admiralty to go to New Zealand.

Ours is a cheerful ship again

We left Malta about 1.45 pm.

As soon as we got outside the sea was terribly rough. & sea-sickness set in again. I missed so far I went off duty about 5.30 as there are only 17 patients in our wards D being full and 5 in mine (E) ward

I had tea and went to bed

Of course we had the usual sick parade calls when the patients arrived

We got no leave in Malta this time as we made an exceptionally short stay about 6 hours inside altogether

Monday 22nd

All the orderlies in our Ward are sick (but me) also Sister Le Gallais

Carrington is working though

Only 2 or 3 of our patients are sick

I am looking after D Ward for Corporal Nield

Heard of Staff Sergt Major J.D. Stewart of the N.Z. Natives Regt from a Maori in our Ward, he says

that he is well liked and has been promoted to Lieutenant and is still on the Peninsula & well  
The weather is just as rough and I think most on board are sea-sick  
We learn that we are going to Pt. Said

Tuesday 23rd.

I am again in Cpl. Nields place as he is still sick  
Farrell the night orderly is called up there being only 1 Nt Ordly needed for the 17 patients

### ***Port Said***

Wednesday 24th

Arrived at Port Said 7.30 pm and anchored about 8pm in the Harbour

Thursday 25th

Patients (Australians) were sent up on deck to go ashore here but were sent back again as the  
Colonel decided to take them on  
Paraded for leave until 5pm it was about 11 AM when paraded  
I went ashore and had just a short look around when we were told to go on board again to sign on to  
go through the Canal we we[re] then barred from going ashore again until 3p.m.  
We got on board again at about 5pm and while having tea at about 5.30. Patients started to come on  
109 of them, they all were well able to carry their own kits some of which were exceedingly heavy  
We got no patients in our Wards this time  
We coaled to day & took water in  
We are now pretty certain about going home  
There is a rumour that this boat has to have a new Colonel when we get back  
Left (about 10.30 pm) Port Said for Port Suez (Trefik)  
Several of our passenger Nurses who are working in the Egyptian Hosp at Pt. Said were on board  
to-day  
We headed for home

### ***Port Suez***

Friday 26th

We continued on passing through the Suez Canal passing such places again as Ismalia etc. en route  
A camel corps interested me  
Arrived outside Pt. Suez about 11.45 AM and anchored

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Maheno left anchorage and came alongside of wharf at Pt. Trefik (Pt. Said) about dinner time  
The Aparima (troopship) is alongside which brought the 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements here, Mr. Conway &  
Eric Whitelaw perhaps being on board.

Sunday 28th

More patients came on board at 4 pm Indian Ghurka's were the stretcher bearers, they were brought

alongside by the Hospital train, most of them are stretcher or cot cases, they are from Alexandria & Cairo

The Australians were put off to make room.

A second batch of convalescents came later by the ordinary train

The Ward is full now

Patient (Australian) that we brought from Anzac died while we were alongside wharf (Pt. Suez)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Left Port Trefik (Suez) about 7 AM for New Zealand for sure this time, this is one of the few times that we know our destination

Jim Paton of the Tramways Stores D<sup>pt</sup>. is going home having been shot through the thigh, he is convalescent. He is in H. Ward.

We have (319) patients on board this trip

900 patients crossed over the ship.

## **December 1915**

Thursday 2nd Dec

Passed Hells gates again about 9 p.m.

Saturday 4th

Passed different Islands during morning

Monday 6th

Olds my ward mate went on duty sick and was sent up to the Isolation Ward

Tuesday 7th

Was pulled out of bed at 1 p.m. down below because they wanted to fumigate the place, for quite a number of men are sick

Went on duty at 8 p.m.

It was a very anxious night as one of our orderlies Jim Cameron is dying and the nurses and Doctors were trying to save him

Wednesday 8th

A Maori who is mad, jumped overboard and caused a stir stopping the Ship, but was brought on board again

Jim Cameron died about 2 p.m.

I was awakened about 3 to tell me that there was to be a full dress

Parade at 5.15.

I got up and went to the parade where the burial service was read

It was a simple service.

This death has made an impression on the Company, as it comes nearer home being a workmate

## ***Colombo***

Thursday 9th

Arrived at Colombo about 7.30

Started to coal and take in water very soon after

The patients were taken ashore and the Colombo people took them around in motor-cars and gave them lunch, one lot went off before dinner and another after dinner, I joined in the one after dinner, it was a lovely drive, just like a fairyland with the beautiful flowers out and the different variegated shrubs. We had lunch at a Mrs. Marshall's about 3 miles from the Wharf, it is the wet season here, we were entertained for about 3 hours right royally. When we dismissed our motor car we went into several shops to buy post cards etc. We left the wharf and got aboard about 8 p.m. & when I went to the Ward I found that there were no patients there, as the Stretcher cases were brought up to the room and the rest are sleeping ashore in the barracks, we cut up the work between all the night orderlies, it was nice to have a walk on land again.

We pass a batch of Colombo Light Infantry on the Wharf, they are off to the front, it is their 2nd batch.

Friday 10th

The patients came back to the ship about 11. A.M.

We have a small monkey now as a "Mascot", he greeted the position by jumping over board much to the pleasure of the patients and others because of the antics

he was easily rescued

We left Colombo about 6 p.m. and the first knowledge that I had of being out of the harbour, was that we shipped a sea through the Port hole by my bed and I had a wash out necessitating making great changes in clothing bed etc.

We did a lot of work in a little time here

Sunday 12th

We are supposed to be crossing the Equator to-day at 12 noon

Monday 13th

The boat is not doing very good time on account of bad coal that she got from Colombo

Wednesday [15<sup>th</sup>]

Supposed to pass the Coco's Island at a distance of about 90 miles

Tuesday 21st

Passed Cape Leewin

Maheno done 341 miles again to-day, 1st time from Colombo that we did so much mileage

60 patients have died on board so far

*Albany*

Wednesday 22

Arrived at Albany about 4 A.M.

Anchored about 6 A.M.  
 The Shore Doctor came aboard almost immediately  
 The Mayor and people of Albany entertained us in the Town Hall from 2.45.

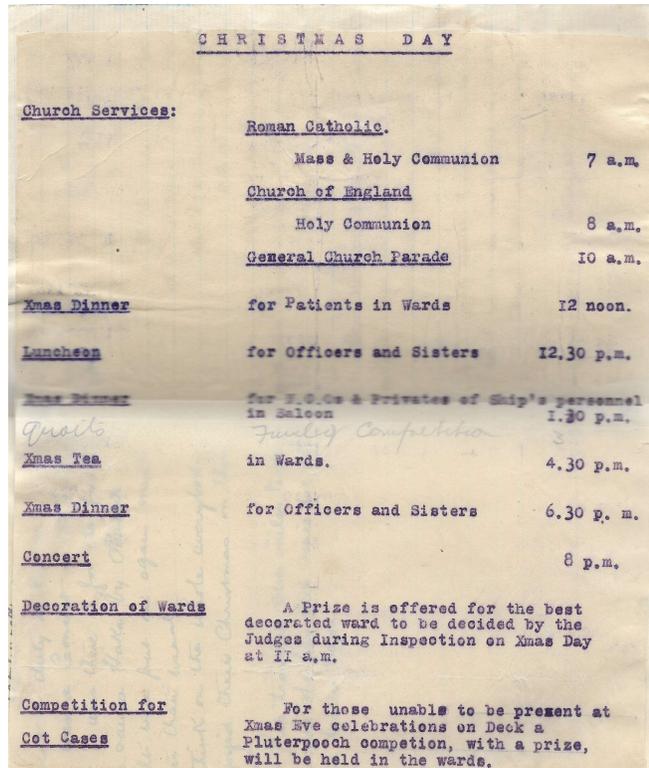
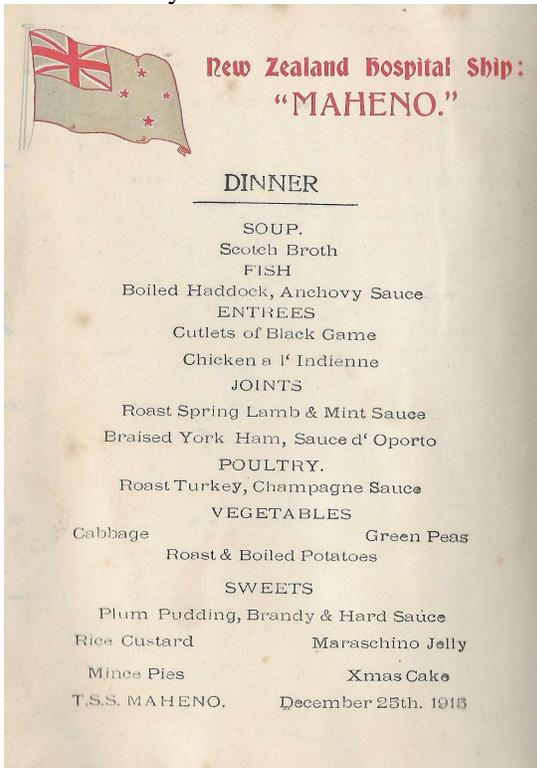
Thursday 23rd

Left Albany at about 10.30 AM after pulling over to the Wharf to get on, water  
 We had to see the Colonel who is fixing up our discharge if we have Civil employment to go to  
 otherwise they shall have to find employment  
 The Maheno has a new staff chosen already

Friday 24th  
 Christmas Eve

"Maheno" travelled 342 miles up till noon to-day  
 Ward prettily decorated  
 There was a fancy dress parade at about 7.30, and there were some very quaint get ups. 1st prize was won by a young officer and his bride, 2 of our ambulance boys (Campbell & Graydon)  
 I was Father Christmas and hung up the stockings for each Patient, they all received something. I received from Sister Brandon, an Elephant and a pencil case, so did all C. Ward orderlies. I also received a present of a pair of brushes in a case from the Ship.  
 About 11 p.m. or thereabouts, a band of singers went around singing carols in all the Wards. The Ward patients had a good supper

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Christmas Day



Attachment 4: Christmas 1915 Dinner Menu for New Zealand Hospital Ship "Maheno"

Attachment 5: Christmas Day 1915 Events on the "Maheno"

Off duty 6.30 A.M.

I got up about 12.45 and got ready by cleaning buttons etc. for Christmas dinner which should have been at 1.30 but was not until after 2. When we sat down Colonel Collins read telegrams from our Governor & others also other messages, and we then learned that each man had to as far as possible get out at his nearest Port and that the Ship was going to Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin where she will dock. After dinner which was held in the Saloon (for a change) and where we were waited upon by the Sisters, several Toasts were drunk. The King, The Sisters etc. I think on the whole everybody enjoyed their Christmas on this boat  
Our ship travelled 360 miles to-day the most she has done since we left these waters before

Sunday 26th

347 miles up till noon to-day

Monday 27th

Passed Cape Otway about mid-night  
" " Wilsons Promontory and signalled them at about mid-day  
-- 309 miles to-day --

Tuesday 28

Getting all "Maheno" Company's signature  
Ships running to-day 317.

Wednesday 29th

327 miles to-day

Thursday 30th

341 miles to-day  
I got all the signatures of the Staff to-day  
Filled in quite a number of autograph albums.

Friday 31st

Off duty 6.30  
very little sleep  
Boat stopped at North Cape for a couple of hours so that Officers could go and fish, this was to fill in time.  
We saw first glimpse of N.Z. in the morning  
On duty again at 8 p m  
The patients again were given a lot to drink to "so called" keep the old year up  
The "freak" dry ship patients did not go to sleep until the morning.

## **January 1916**

### ***Auckland***

Saturday Jan 1st 1916

New Years day

We anchored in Auckland harbour at about 4.45. A.M.

I was struck by the beautiful Harbour and the fine ferry service

Such a lot of people were pleasure seeking and crossing alongside of our Ship, to give us cheers.

We came alongside after patients were sorted for hospitals, and one hundred and seventy odd were sent to Isolation camp, with 20 of our orderlies.

Our delay from coming alongside was due to the Governor being late. He gave us a medal.

We left Auckland at 9 p.m.

### *Wellington*

Monday 3rd

Off duty at 6.30 Went to bed for about 3 hours, arrived in Stream about 1.30 & was ordered to come alongside of Taranaki Street wharf.

After waiting for awhile we were allowed on shore to go to the Reception in the Town hall, but I went & spent my time with Trice & the children until I could find out what we were actually going to do regarding getting off here or going down to Dunedin.

After waiting a few hours we were told that we could get off here so I got my necessary papers sent my box home with a carrier and paid him 4/- then took my kit bag and went home to come back for my train ticket. When I got back to the Ship for it I was asked to go to the Convalescent home which opens in Rotorua, I consented.

The Maheno left for Lyttelton at 9.p.m.

Thursday 27th

Received Sir James Porter's letter from Col Collins Re. Maheno's work

Pte. H.A. Badex,  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter  
received from Sir James Porter on the work of the "Maheno".

I trust you will keep this and appreciate it  
as much as I do.

Yours faithfully,

*W. McArthur*

COLONEL, N.Z.M.C.

O/C N.Z.H.S. "Maheno"

COPY

H.M. HOSPITAL SHIP LIBERTY.

NO. 10.

Mudros, 13th November 1915.

My Dear Colonel Collins,

I cannot tell you how deeply I regret having to part with the "Maheno". Under your very able direction she has done splendid service here. I shall ever feel grateful to you and your excellent staff, all so keen, capable and zealous. They have been most cheery, and no difficulty has been too great to be overcome no matter how trying the circumstances.

~~I know of no more efficient or hard-~~  
iously worked ship in the whole of the Sea Hospital Transport Service from her S.M.O and her Captain downwards.

With all my heart I thank you for what you have done for us.

Au revoir. Bon voyage. May your Government one day send you back again to us.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely

(Sgd) J. Fortex.

H.M. HOSPITAL SHIP

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Attachments 6 and 7: Copy of letter of thanks from Sir James Porter to Colonel Collins dated 13 November 1915 for the “splendid” service of the Maheno and her “excellent” staff, together with covering letter from Colonel Collins to Pte H. A. Bade.

## February 1916

Tuesday Feb 1st.

Got letter & photo of the 14 Sisters from Sister Hawkins  
Also letter from Col Collins in reply to my question re. Civil employment  
I wrote to Gen Henderson on the same question asking for civil employment  
I saw Col Newill on the same subject  
Was off during Afternoon & visited San[atorium] grounds.

## May 1916

Tuesday May 2nd

Letter from Colonel Collins 1st intimation about being called up again for next Hospital Ship

### NOTE:

**The back of the diary contains 128 staff autographs - signatures and addresses - including nurses, Colonel, and Captain, with the following surnames:**

Tidy, Chisholm, Carrington, Baker, Farrell, Milburn, Olds, Hamilton, Olds, Hamilton, Rushton, McFarlane, Hong, Wilson, Murray, Falla, Nield, Benson, Morron, Malley, Beeby, Muir, Gallain, Hawkins, McNie, Brandon, McLean, Passard, Lucker, Edmondshire, Cumming, Davies, Brooke, Burton, Muir, Rochfort, Campbell, Houston, Barr, Martin, Thomson, Leigh, Kitchen, Gibb, Reaburn, Marshall, Halford, Hulse, Wright, Coall, Gapes, Hall, Donaldson, Schofield (C.E. Schofield, 23 Avon St, Parnell, Auckland), Collins, Sloane, Tolhurst, McCaw, Inglis, Sperrings, Dutton, Gillam, Seguef, Bond, Midlay, Cairns, Cameron, Stainton, Withers, Dunning, Bade, McClure, Graydon, Caulfield, Lord, Barlow, Patrick, Stevenson, Mitchell, Chartsworth, Rouh, Lyons, Fergus, Goldsmith, Simmonds, Bell, Broughton, Caselberg, Sweet, Crapp, Kinder, Black, Pawnern, Coldstream, Hutchinson, Logan, Bushell, Vilcher, Hook, King, Hunt, Goulding, Bell, Westfield, Milne, Ngatuere, Griffin, Reeve, Floyd, McGill, Roye, Ford, Patterson, Wihapi, Jones, Wastney, Trueman, Allen, Wilson, Cormick, Bird, Jessop, Hessel, Rahui, Hogan, Williams.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS,

WELLINGTON,

22nd FEBRUARY, 1916.

SPECIAL ORDER.

BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MEDICAL SERVICES .

N.Z.M.C. Personnel ex  
Hospital Ship  
"Maheno"

1.  
OFFICERS:

Officers will keep the Director-General of Medical Services and the Director of Base Records advised of their address.

2.  
N.Z.A.N.S.:

All ranks of the N.Z. Army Nursing Service will keep the Matron-in-Chief advised of their address.

3.  
OTHER RANKS:

Other ranks will keep the Director of Base Records and the Camp Commandant, Awapuni, advised of their address. Those in civil employment will give also the address of their employers.

4.  
REPORTING FOR DUTY:

Those who have not elected to take up civil employment and who have not yet reported for duty will report at Awapuni Camp, not later than 28th February.

5.  
TRAVELLING WARRANTS.:

Travelling Warrants will be issued to those reporting for duty on application to the nearest Defence Office.

6.  
CIVIL EMPLOYMENT:

No application to return to civil employment will be entertained after 1st March.

7.  
PAY:

No pay nor allowances can be drawn between the date of expiry of the three weeks' leave and the date of reporting for duty.

8.  
RE-ENLISTMENT:

Those who return to civil life will hold themselves in readiness to be re-enlisted for duty when the next Hospital Ship recommissions.

9.  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ORDERS:

Soldiers will sign attached receipt for this order and return to Base Records.

for DIRECTOR-GENERAL,  
MEDICAL SERVICES.

RECEIPT FOR SPECIAL ORDER  
BY  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MEDICAL SERVICES.

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The Director Base Records,  
Brandon Street,  
WELLINGTON.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Special order  
to the N.Z.H.C. personnel ex Hospital Ship "Maheno".

I understand and accept the conditions under Paras.  
7 & 8, viz:- that I receive no pay nor allowances between the  
date of expiry of three weeks' leave and my return to duty and  
that I must report for duty when ordered.

(Signature).....

(Address).....

Date.....

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