

# ANZEF departure for the War, 1 November 1914

Ships departing Albany, W.A., on 1 November 1914 for the Great War. known the Australian and New Zealand Expeditionary Force. as (ANZEF)					
Ship	name	state	tonnage	Troops	horses
1	Euripides	NSW	14957	2231	
2	Argullshire	NSW	10392	832	
3	Shropshire	VIC	11911	836	
4	Afric	NSW	11999	1420	
5	Benalla	VIC	10118	1234	
6	Rangatira	Qld	10118	445	
7	Star of Victoria	NSW	9152	513	y
8	Hororata	Vic	9491	2052	
9	Omrah	Q	8130	1147	
10	Mitiades	NSW/Vic	7814	600	
11	Orvieto	Vic	12130	1439	
12	Southern	NSW/Vic	4769	141	y
13	Pera	NSW	7635	95	y
14	Armadale	supply ship	6153	supply	
15	Saldanha	SA	4594	56	y
16	Katuna	NSW/Tas	4641	99	y
17	Hymettus	NSW/Vic/SA	4606	111	y
18	Suffolk	NSW	7573	1111	
19	Anglo-Egyptian	Vic/QLd	7379	111	y
20	Wiltshire	Vic	10390	759	y
21	Star of England	Qld	9150	512	y
22	Geelong	Vic/Tas	7951	1342	
23	Port Lincoln	SA	7243	370	y
24	Karoo	NSW/Vic	6127	401	
25	Marere	Vic	6443	84	y
26	Clan MacCorquodale	NSW	5058	119	y
27	Medic	WA/Tas	12032	1005	
28	Ascanius	WA/Tas	10048	1793	

In response to the call to arms in August 1914, Australia and New Zealand, as ANZEF - the Australian and New Zealand Expeditionary Force - gathered its convoy in King George Sound, WA, sailing on 1 November for the 6 week journey to Port Said, Egypt. The tables on this page show the ships, men and horses in it. How big was this? (Sum the numbers from the tables). It was 1/10<sup>th</sup> of all men sent by Aust/NZ to the War. How can we appreciate the size of this volunteer nations-wide contribution from our history and the resources it needed?

## Art - Modelling this fleet

- Create a ship shape symbol
- Decide on a scale for the tonnages e.g. 1 cm per 1000 tonnes.
- Use paper to create a scaled shape for each ship based on its size (tonnage). Put the name on each ship so you can identify it.
- Choose different colours to colour your ships by its country of origin.
- Add a symbol or colour for the states of Australia onto your ships.
- Add a scaled symbol to show how many men per ship
- Add a symbol to show ships carrying horses. What provisions would they need for a 6 week sea trip?

ship	NZ	tonnage
1	Psyche (escort ship)	2135
2	Pyramus (escort ship)	2135
3	Maunganui	7527
4	Tahiti	7585
5	Ruapehu	7885
6	Orari	7207
7	Limerick	6827
8	Star of India	6800
9	Hawke's Bay	6800
10	Arawa	9372
11	Athenic	12234
12	Waimana	10389

## Maths – arrangements of the ships

'Combinations' is the Maths branch about how things are arranged. How many ways can you arrange the ship models? Can different ways help you visualise different aspects of this fleet:

- Arrange ships alphabetically first. (anything interesting?)
- The rank order of the size of the ships (largest, smallest, av)
- The rank order of ships from state/country (most from?)
- The rank order of men from state/country (most from?)
- The rank order of horses from state/country (most/none from?)
- Major General Bridges was the fleet's commanding officer. He sailed on the *Orvieto*. What advantages would this have had?

Additional Naval Escorts		tonnage	source
1	Minotaur	14600	British, cruiser, flag ship of the China Station
2	Ibuki	14620	Japanese, Battle Cruiser
3	Sydney	5400	Aust. Cruiser
4	Melbourne	5400	Aust. Cruiser

## Geography

Use an atlas to find the size and shape of King George Sound<sup>1,2</sup>. Then trace a route across the Indian Ocean to Port Said. See Chapters V and VI (5 - 6)\* of Bean's history, for the places the men and ships came from.

## References :

\* Bean's official war history is on line, e.g. for the Fleet go to [http://www.awm.gov.au/histories/first\\_world\\_war/AWMOHWW1/AIF/Vol1/](http://www.awm.gov.au/histories/first_world_war/AWMOHWW1/AIF/Vol1/) chapters V and VI for the assemblage of the Fleet, its men, provisions, and the journey to Egypt, including the convoy's arrangement

1 map of assemblage of Fleet in sound is in Pictorial Social Study Series *The Story of ANZAC*. Sydney : Tasman Press PL

Another diagram of this is shown at <http://anzaccentenary.uatsite.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/ANZAC-Convoy.jpg>

2 Photograph of Fleet and list of ships in the Sound is at [http://www.smithsonianplanning.com.au/index\\_files/albanyanzac2014c.htm](http://www.smithsonianplanning.com.au/index_files/albanyanzac2014c.htm)

