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Massena Miss A. Young 92-
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1915

at No 1 A.A.H. Knafield
3 1/2 years. Majority of
patients had had no massage
treatment until they came
to No 1 A.A.H.

Special wards set aside
for massage - splendid
results.

To No 1 A.S.H. Sullom Kemp.
Had on an average, 25
patients - on duty 9 hours.

In 4 years the total
massage treatments
numbered 103,708.

The Official War Historian of the Commonwealth Government (Dr. C. E. W. Bean), after his study of the collection of private war records preserved in the Australian War Memorial Library, wrote:

"The private diaries in this collection furnish some of its most valuable historical records, but, like all private memoirs which were not compiled with any historical purpose, they should not be regarded as first-hand evidence except where it is certain that they are so. The diarist is almost always sincere in his desire to record accurately, but he is subject to no obligation or inducement to indicate whether he is recording his own observations or incidents told him by friends or heard at third or fourth hand at the moment. Thus, in some of the diaries in this collection, scenes described with vivid detail, and without any warning that they are told at second or third hand, have been found to be completely inaccurate in important details. A certain number also have been written up or revised long after the events, though doubtless usually from notes made at the time. In most cases the student must rely on his experience and on internal evidence to guide him in judging what is and what is not likely to be historically accurate."

Alfred Young

92.
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I joined No I A.A.H. as assistant on
10th of Aug 1915.

There were 3 of us then at that time
and the work was fairly strenuous, ~~and~~
The majority of the patients had not had
any massage treatment - before coming
to us, and as it was sometimes
months before we got them the results
~~was~~ ^{were} pretty bad. However about November
1915 we were reinforced, and our staff
gradually increased to 11. By this
time the Hospital had grown to 1000
beds, and we still had plenty to do
(~~the department was in charge~~
~~of Col Dennis~~) as the beginning,
all our work was done in the wards,
but when Colonel Dennis took charge
of the department - we were given
wards of our own for Massage and
electric treatment.

- at Sultan Vaux, to make another start,
with another of the original No I A.A.H.
Massagers. The S.D. & had just taken
over the Hospital, and we had nothing
to work with at all.
Captain Brown was in charge of our

as ~~well~~ as possible. The numbers
of our treatments at No I A.A.H. were:

year.	attendance.	
1916.	6,979	
1917.	7,898	
1918.	13,219	94,912
	28,796	28,796
		103,708
1916.	24,246	
1917.	21,439	
1918.	21,472	
	74,912	

Alfred Young
Massager.

10.6.19

12/ We did some medical work but owing to the fact that we were nearly always short staffed most of our attention had to be turned to the surgical cases.

A great percentage of the fracture cases also had nerve lesions, I was fortunate enough to have a good deal of this work to do. We did not keep the patients long enough to see any absolute recoveries, but the improvement in many cases was more than satisfactory. Radical Heat ^{& electricity} was a large factor in our treatment of stiff joints and Rheumatism especially.

Our wards were splendidly equipped which gave us every chance of getting the best results from our work, and I think the men for the most part were satisfied & happy.

I was in this Hospital for 3 1/2 years when I was sent to No I A.S.H. - at Sutton Vaugy, to make another start with another of the original No I A.S.H. Managers. The S.D. & had just taken over the Hospital, and we had nothing to work with at all.

Captain Brown was in charge of our

as far as possible. The numbers of my treatments at No I A.S.H. were:

year.	attendance.	
1916.	6,979.	
1917.	9,298.	
1918.	12,219.	Genl. Nat. 74,912
	25,796.	: 25,796
	Managers ward.	103,708.
1916.	24,246.	
1917.	31,735.	
1918.	41,871.	
	74,912.	

Arthur Young
Managers.

10.6.19

Department here and he very soon had
a ward fitted up for electric treatment
& radiant heat.

As there were only four of us women,
we again had a busy time, doing
about 9 hours duty a day each
having about 24 or 25 patients.

There were a great many fracture cases.
I had 17 on my own list out
of 24 cases. Many of these had not
had any massage treatment although
they were very old wounds, some of them
united. ~~They~~ ^{most of them} responded well. We also
found that massage helped in the
healing of old wounds.

I have been out for 4 years, we have
had some very ~~good~~ ^{good} times amongst
the bad ones. And I have been
fortunate enough to be in Hospitals
where our work has been made
as pleasant as possible. The numbers
of our treatments at N.S.W. A.A.H. were:

year.	attendance.	
1916.	6,972	
1917.	9,898	
1918.	12,214	94,912
	38,796	28,796
		103,708
1916.	24,246	
1917.	21,438	
1918.	24,499	
	74,912	

Alison Young
Massacre.

10.6.19



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