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OF
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FOR

JULY - 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

Signature of Officer Commanding

W. J. ... Lieut-Colonel,
 S.M.O. Australian Base Depots.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
H a v r e	1/7/18.		<p>The following correspondence was received from D.A.G., A.I.F., through O.C. Reinforcements, Havre re the proposed establishment for Early Treatment Huts:-</p> <p><u>Aust. Section, 3rd Echelon,</u> The Establishment of the Aust. General Base Depot and Aust. Infantry Base Depot is increased in each case by-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1 Temporary Corporal A.A.M.C. 3 Privates ("B" Class) A.A.M.C.</p> <p>for Early Treatment (Prophylactic) Duties. Aust. Section, 3rd Echelon, will arrange for the necessary personnel to be posted. (Signed) H. D. WYNTER, Lieut-Colonel, for Brig-General, D.A.G., A.I.F.</p> <p>21/6/18. (21/199)</p> <p>O. C., Reinforcements, H a v r e.</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Will you please arrange, in conjunction with the S.M.O., Aust. Base Depots, for the extra A.A.M.C. personnel as authorised by D.A.G., A.I.F. to be detailed for duty to Aust. Infantry Base Depot and Aust. General Base Depot, and notify this Office on completion. (Signed) J. W. DONNELLY, Major, D.A.A.G., Aust. Section.</p> <p>G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, 25/6/18.</p> <p><u>Aust. Section,</u> <u>3rd Echelon.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This Office 21/199 of 21/6/18 is cancelled and the following substituted-</p> <p>The following provisional increase to the establishment of the 1st Aust. Convalescent Depot--</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. 1 Temporary Corporal and 3 Privates ("B" class) A.A.M.C. for duty at Early Treatment Hut, at Aust. Infantry Base Depot. 2. 1 Temporary Corporal and 3 Privates ("B" class) A.A.M.C. for Early Treatment Hut run in connection with 1st Aust. Convalescent Depot and Aust. General Base Depot.</p>	

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Havre.	1/7/18.		<p>The personnel contained in 1 and 2 will be borne on the strength of 1st Aust. Convalescent Depot and will be drawn from personnel available at Havre.</p> <p>The above increase is provisional pending publication of an amended establishment for the three Depots at Havre which is under consideration.</p> <p>(Signed) H. D. WYNTER, Lieut-Colonel, for Brig-General, D.A.G., A.I.F.</p>	
			<p>25/6/18.</p> <p>O. C., Reinforcements, H a v r e.</p>	
			<p>-----</p> <p>For information. Will you please cancel this Office memo Aus/C 459 of 25th instant, and arrange in conjunction with the S.M.O., Aust. Base Depots, for the increased A.A.M.C. personnel as authorised by D.A.G., A.I.F. in Minute 1, to be detailed for duty with 1st Australian Convalescent Depot, in place of the 1 N.C.O. and 3 Privates previously authorised by D.A.G. A.I.F. 21/199 of 21st instant, for Australian General and Infantry Base Depots.</p> <p>Kindly notify this Office on completion.</p> <p>(Signed) J. W. DONNELLY, Major, D.A.A.G., Aust. Section.</p>	
			<p>G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, 28/6/18.</p> <p>S. M. O., Aust. Base Depots.</p>	
			<p>-----</p> <p>For information. Will you please make the necessary arrangements and report completion hereon.</p> <p>(Signed) G. ELGOOD, Major, D.A.A.G., Reinforcements, Havre.</p>	
			<p>1/7/18.</p>	
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H a v r e.	14/7/18		<p>Major I. Blaubaum, A.A.M.C., proceeded on 14 days' leave of absence to U.K. During the absence of Major Blaubaum on leave Major A.J. Mollison, A.A.M.C., will perform the duties of M.O. i/c. A.G.B.D. and Australian Detention Hospital.</p>	
	16/7/18.		<p>A.I.F. Order received (No. 1294 of 12/7/18) giving authority for the change in designation of the Australian Detention Hospital to "Australian Base Depots Camp Hospital". This Order also provided for the Temporary Rank of Corporal to the Clerk to the Medical Officer in charge of each Base Depot.</p> <p>During this month the Australian Base Depots and Australian Convalescent Depot have been reorganised in accordance with A.I.F. Order No. 1294 dated 12/7/18. This Order gave authority for the establishment of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 8 Privates "B" class for the Australian Base Depots Camp Hospital (late Detention Hospital), also for the establishment of 2 Prophylactic Huts, each comprising 1 Corporal and 3 Privates. One Hut to serve the Australian Infantry Base Depot, and 1 Hut to serve the Australian General Base Depot and First Australian Convalescent Depot.</p> <p>Personnel for the Camp Hospital and Prophylactic (Early Treatment) Huts have been chosen, and the work has been got under way, but it is too soon yet to make any further statement about the work carried out.</p>	

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H a v r e .			<p>Summary of N.C.Os. and men boarded during the month of JULY, 1918--</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Number boarded.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Classified:-</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>"A"</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>"B"</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>"E"</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1132</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">112</td> <td style="text-align: center;">920</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> </tr> </table> <p>Number of Reinforcements arriving on draft from Overseas during JULY, 1918--- 3669.</p> <p>Number found unfit on arrival at Australian Base Depots from Overseas---- -- 10.</p>	<u>Number boarded.</u>	Classified:-	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	1132		112	920	---	
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			<p><u>AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOTS CAMP HOSPITAL</u></p>	<p>Monthly Return re number of patients is shown in Appendix 1.</p>										
			<p><u>GRAPHS</u> showing -- 1. Number of Casuals marching into Australian General Base Depot and Australian Infantry Base Depot from Hospitals, Convalescent Camps, &c. in France and how classified on inspection by M.O. the day after arrival.</p> <p>2. Number of men boarded in A.G.B.D. and A.I.B.D. and how classified.</p> <p>3. Number of men in A.G.B.D. and number of cases evacuated to Hospitals.</p> <p>4. do. A.I.B.D. do. do.</p> <p>5. Number of Reinforcements arriving at A.G.B.D. and number of Unfits on arrival</p> <p>6. do. do. do. A.I.B.D. do.</p>	<p>Appendix 2.</p>										
			<p>Report of the Senior Dental Officer, Australian Base Depots for the month of JULY is shown in Appendix 3.</p>	<p>Appendix 3.</p>										

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| 1. | Monthly Return of Australian Base Depots Camp Hospital re number of patients admitted and discharged, and remaining in Hospital. |
| 2. | 1. Number of Casuals marching into AUSTRALIAN GENERAL BASE DEPOT and AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BASE DEPOT from Hospitals, Convalescent Camps, &c. in France, and how classified on inspection by M.O. the day after arrival.
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| 3. | Report of Senior Dental Officer, Australian Base Depots for the month of July, 1918. |

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AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOTS CAMP HOSPITAL.

Return for month ending 31st July, 1918.

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A. Remaining at end of June, 1918.	B. Admitted during Month.	C. Discharged to Duty.	D. Transferred to Gen. Hosp.	E. Discharged other than shown in C. or D.	F. Remaining in Hospital at 31st July, 1918.
55	174	173	19	--	37.

(Signed) S. ROY BURSTON, Lieut. Colonel
A.A.M.C.
S.M.O. Australian Base Depots.

H a v r e,
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CASUALS MARCHING INTO AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BASE DEPOT FROM HOSPITALS, CONVALESCENT CAMPS &c. IN FRANCE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY-1918.

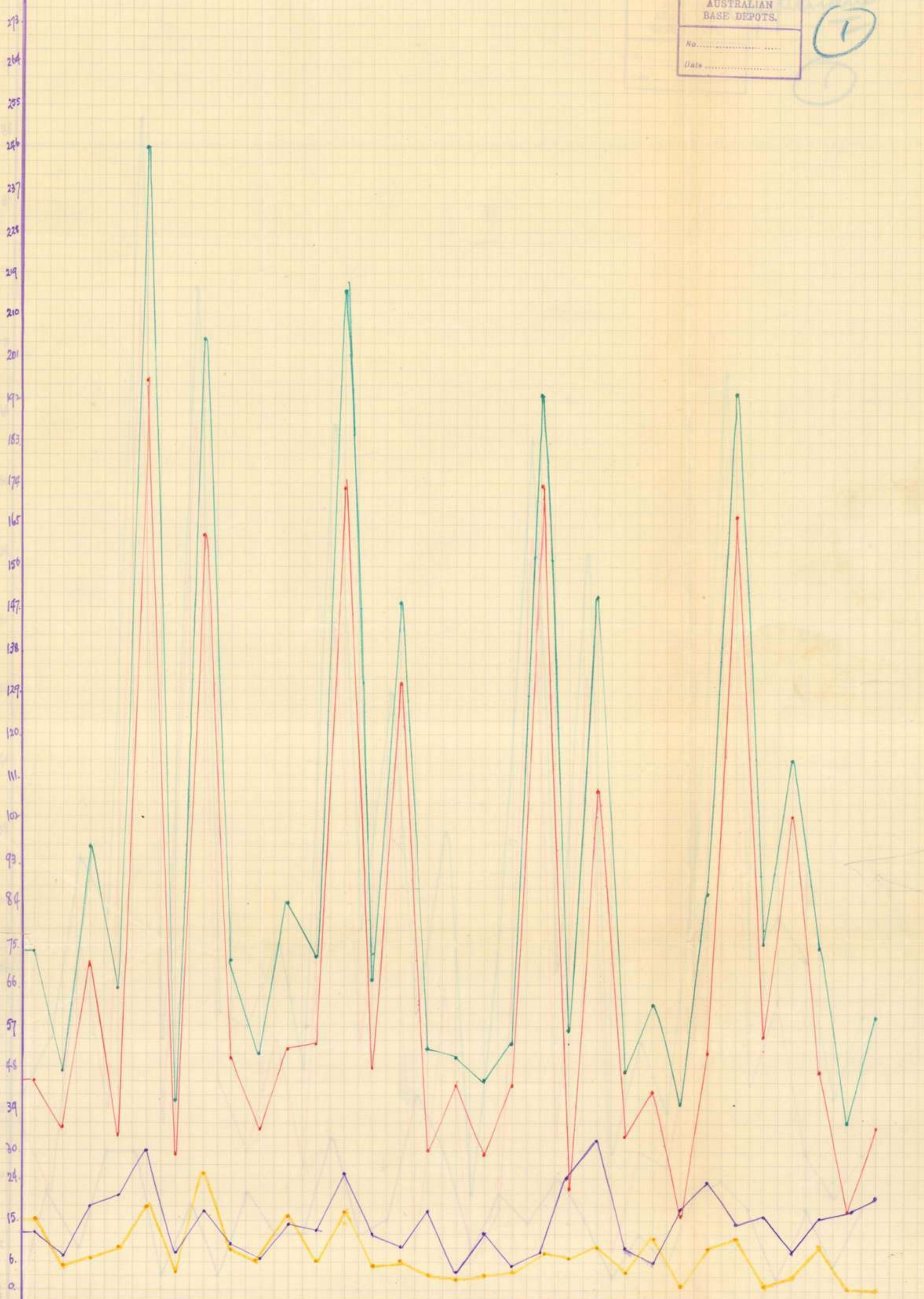
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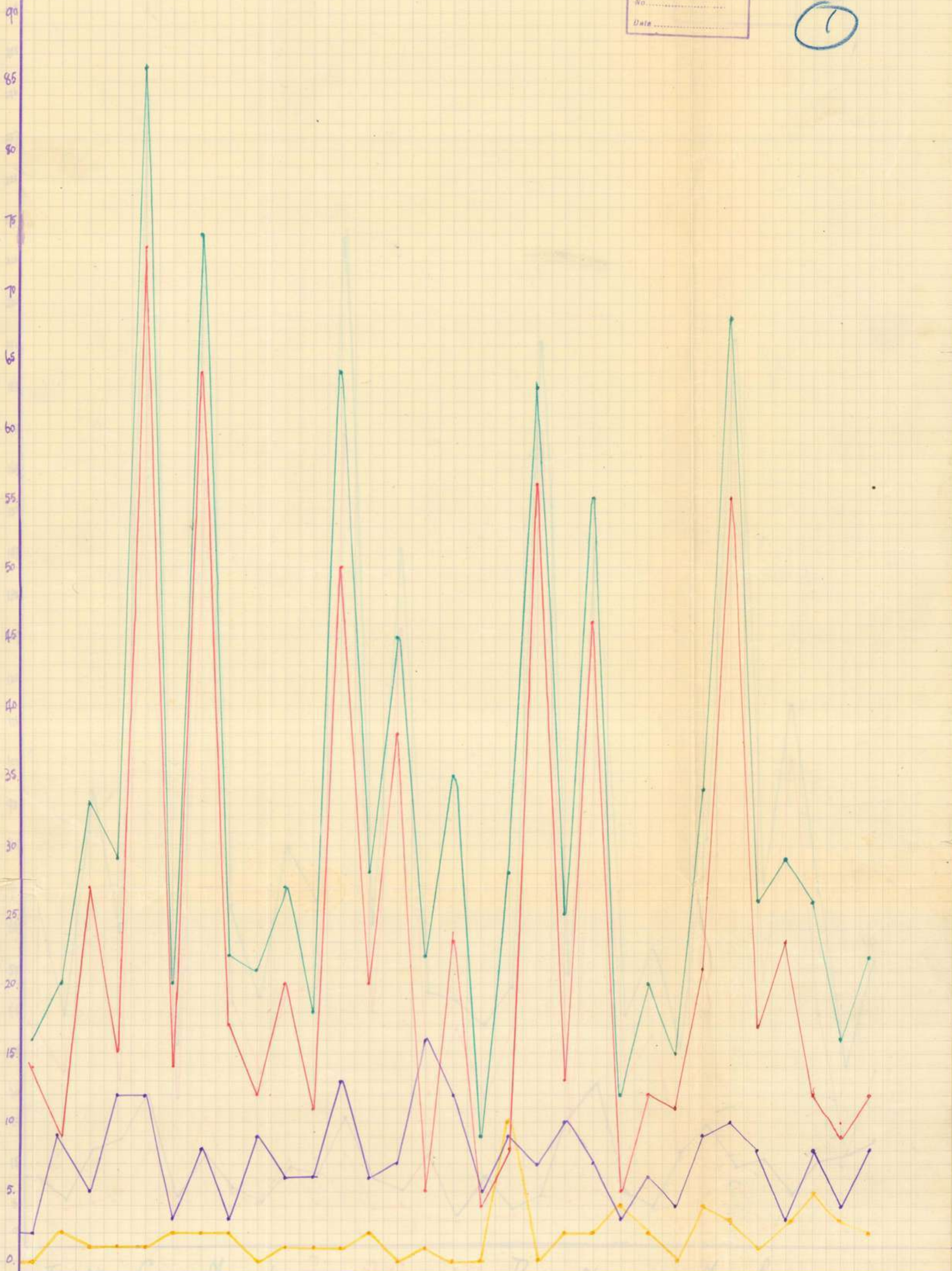
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 YELLOW = NUMBER PUT ON LIGHT DUTY ON INSPECTION

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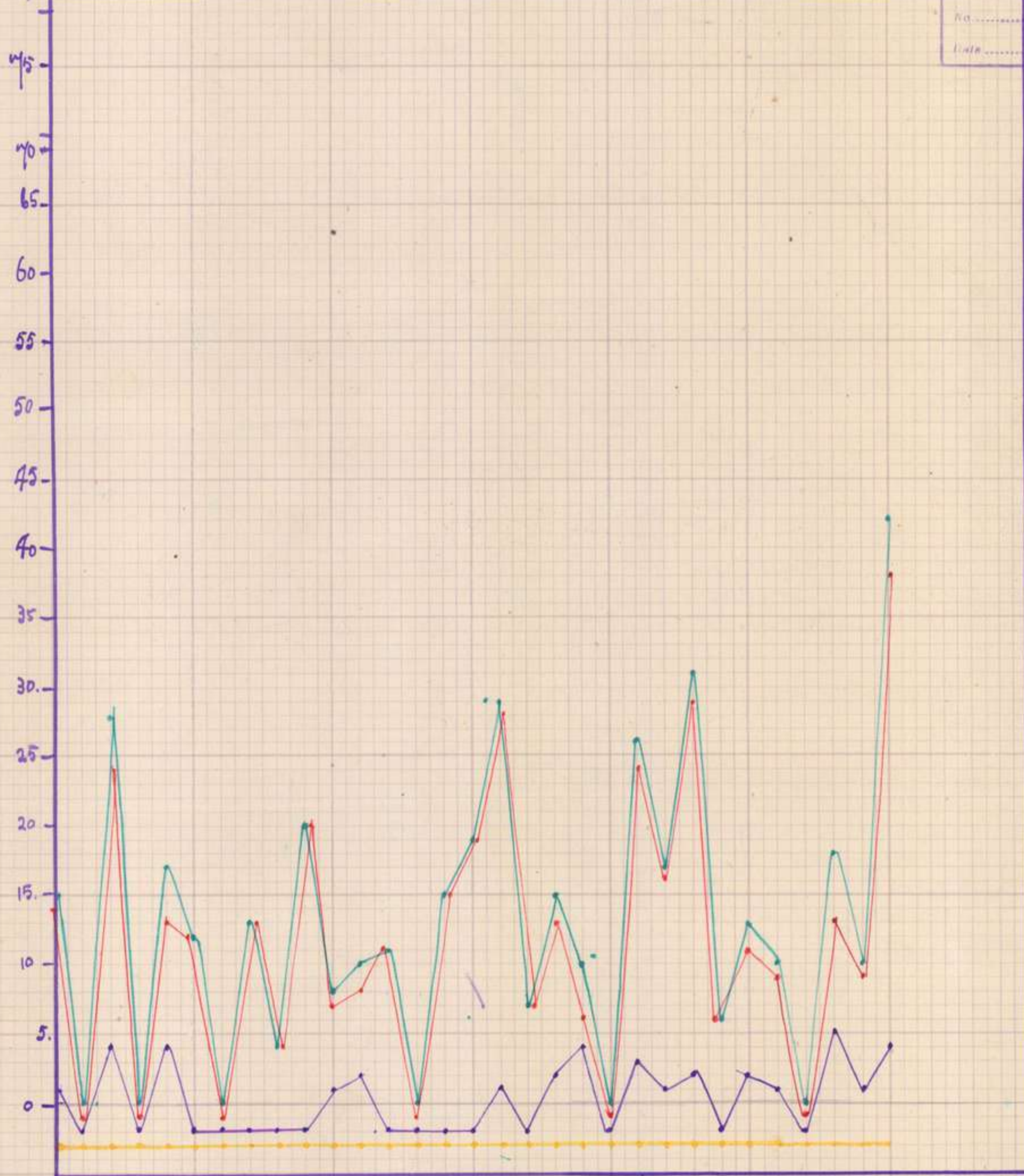
SHOWING N.C.O.s AND MEN BOARDED IN AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOTS DURING JULY-1918

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AUSTRALIAN GENERAL BASE DEPOT.

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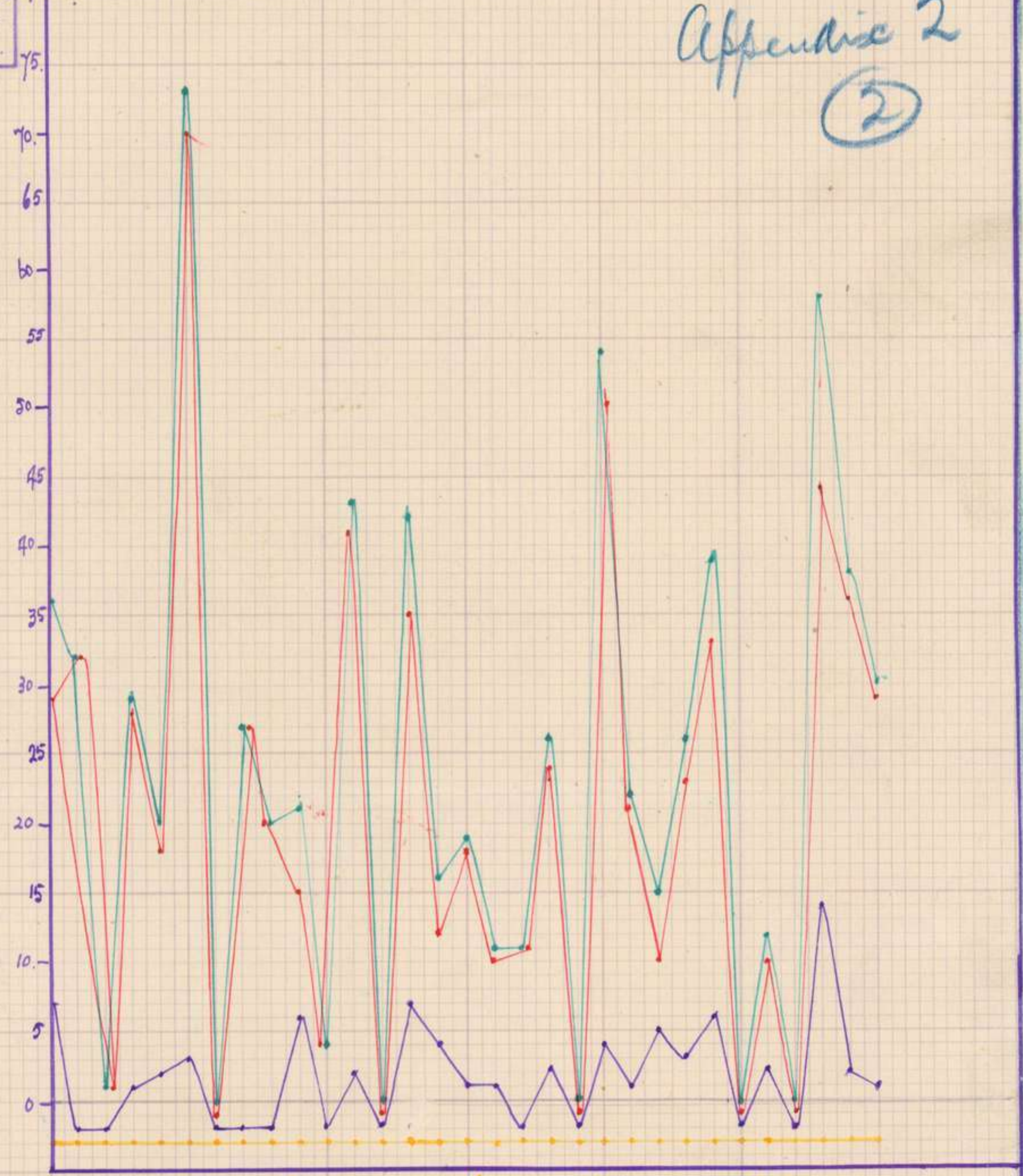
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Chart showing Number of Men in AUSTRALIAN GENERAL BASE DEPOT, and the number of cases evacuated to Hospitals.

Venereal Cases shown separately.

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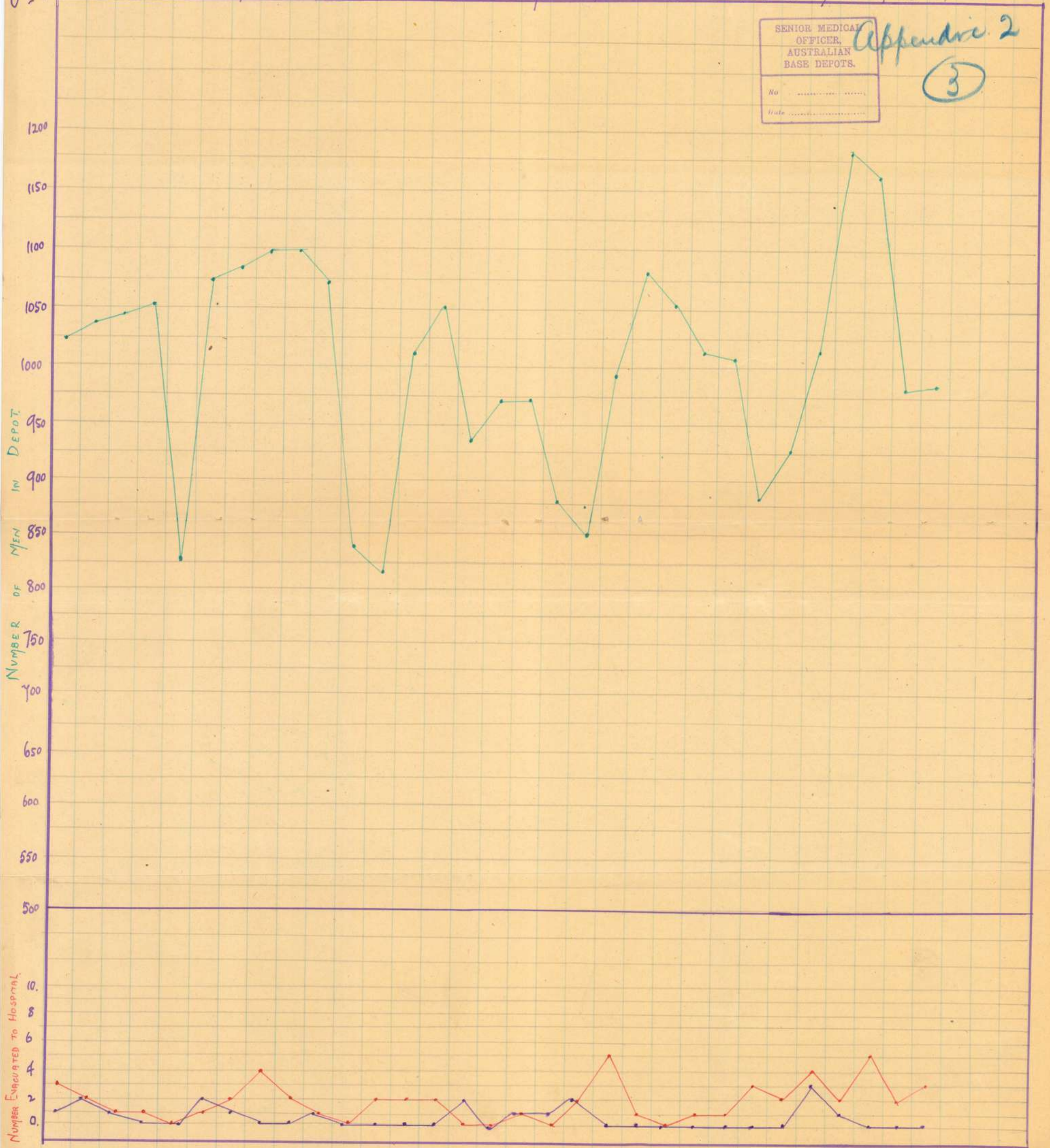
GREEN = Total number of men in Depot.

RED = Number of cases evacuated to Hospitals.

Purple = Number of Venereal Cases evacuated to Hospital.

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Chart showing Number of Men in AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BASE DEPOT and the Number of Cases evacuated to Hospitals. Venereal Cases shown separately. J U L Y, 1918.

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GREEN = Total Number of men in Depot. Red = Number evacuated to Hospital. Purple = Number of Venereal Cases evacuated to Hospital.

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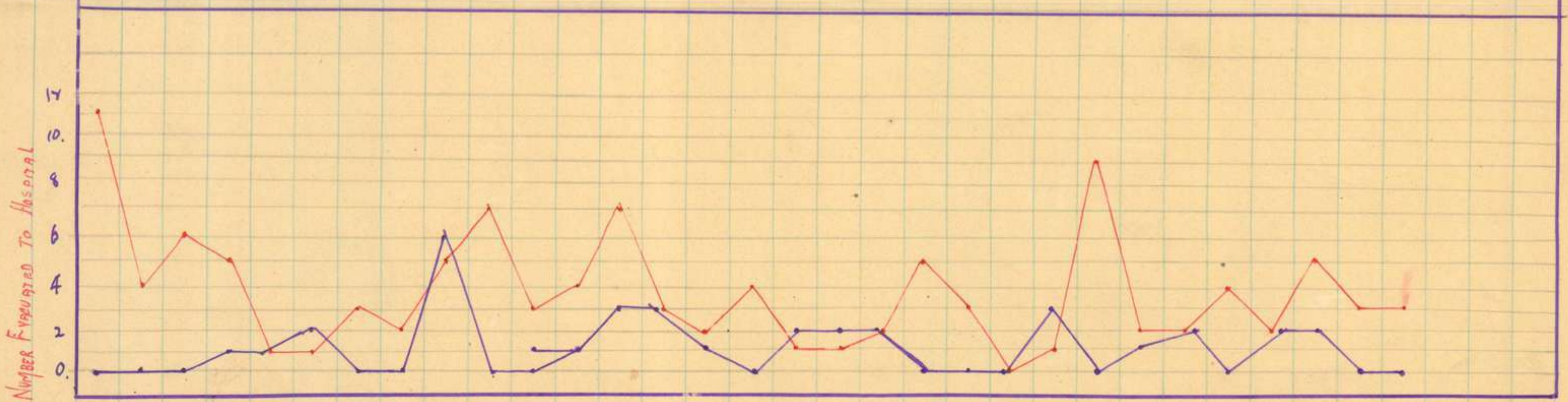


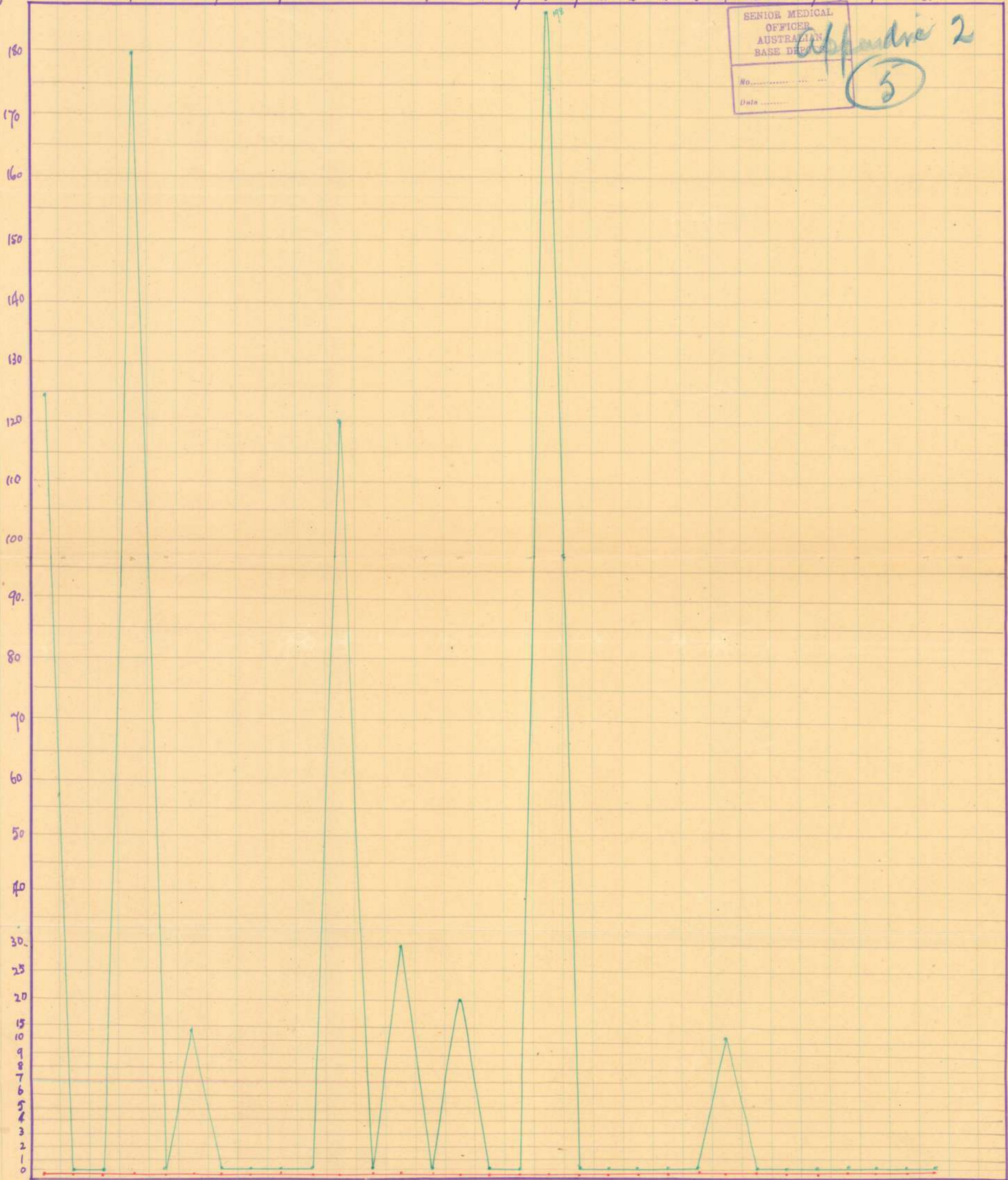
Chart showing total number of Reinforcements arriving in AUSTRALIAN GENERAL BASE DEPOT, ^{FROM OVERSEAS} during JULY, 1918,

and the number found Unfit on arrival.

GREEN == Total Number of Reinforcements arriving.

Red = Number of Unfits.

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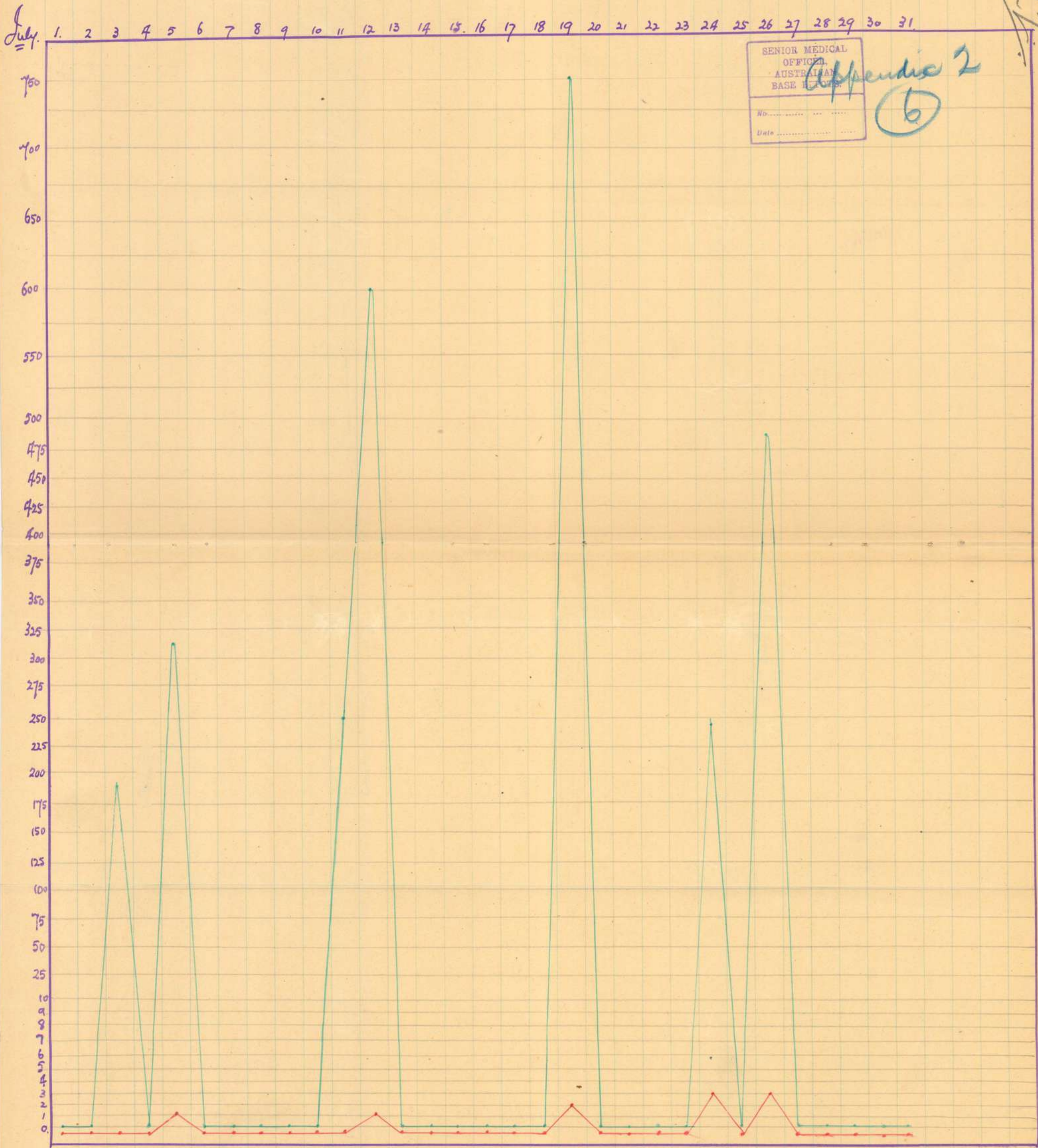
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Chart showing number of Reinforcements arriving in AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BASE DEPOT from Overseas during JULY, 1918, and number found Unfit on arrival.

GREEN = Total number of Reinforcements. Red = Number of Unfits.

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To S.O. A.D.S.,
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From S.D.O.,
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Appendix 3

Herewith report on working of Australian Dental Clinic,
1st Australian Convalescent Depot, Havre, for month ending 27th July, 1918.

General. Work has been proceeding steadily during the month, although during the last fortnight there has not been a great deal of work presenting. This is due to the fact that the drafts of men marching into Con. Depot have not been very large and at the same time only a very moderate percentage of these patients have required treatment here. This is shown by the following figures-

Inspection of
Incoming Patients.

	<u>Number examined.</u>	<u>Number requiring treatment.</u>	<u>Number marked "A" class.</u>
27th - 29th/6/18.	159	75	84
Week ending 6/7/18.	507	216	291
" 13/7/18-	403	168	235
" 20/7/18.	207	104	103
" 27/7/18.	234	167	67.

Total for month 27/6/18 - 27/7/18.	1510	730	780.

Returns. The following is a summary of work done during the month.

<u>Week ending.</u>	<u>Cases treated.</u>	<u>Exts.</u>	<u>Flgs.</u>	<u>Dents.</u>	<u>Repairs.</u>	<u>Made "A" Class</u>
29/6/18	815	168	304	122	49	326
6/7/18.	757	91	384	118	51	308
13/7/18.	700	88	320	122	56	279
20/7/18.	770	113	241	103	37	250
27/7/18.	627	56	237	78	41	222.

Figures as at 26/7/18.

	<u>Base Depots.</u>	<u>Con. Depot.</u>
Depot Strength	2404	1567
No. of men awaiting dentures.	1	6
No. of men awaiting repairs.	1	4
No. of men who have had impressions taken	24	15
No. of repairs completed for day.	5	4
No. of cases completed for day not including repairs.	412	Nil.
No. of Gum cases in hand at date.	3	4
No. of Gum Treatments in hand at date.	19	8
No. of men made 'A' class for day.	22	9
Total No. of men not available for draft on account of requiring dental treatment.	26	Nil.

Renovation of Clinic. During the month the painting of the interior of the Clinic has been in progress, and this should be completed in about 10 days time.

Rouelles,
28/7/18.

(Sgd) C. H. TERRY, Major,
S. D. O., Australian Base Depots.