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WAR DIARY

OF

Senior Medical Officer O. J. B.

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S.M.O's Office. Overseas Training Brigade. Longbridge Deverill.	Febry. 1918.			
	4th.		Visit of A.D.M.S. Major J.P.Fogarty, A.A.M.C. appointed Senior Medical Officer, to date from 6.2.18.	Appendix No. 1.
	6th.		Major J.P.Fogarty reported with "Early Treatment" Corporal from 3rd Training Brigade. Instructions to R.M.O's issued, and steps taken to reorganise Medical Inspection Huts, and establish a central "Early Treatment" Depot. Necessary structural alterations outlined to Engineer Officer. A "Daily Sick State" pro forma drawn up and issued to S.M.O's. Similarly a "Marching In Control" report.	Appendix 2 " 3
	7th.		Weekly Returns (A.M.C. Forms 1 & 4) rendered, and forwarded with S.M.O's report to A.D.M.S.; also return of Unfit, (A.M.C. Form 2) received from R.M.Os. 90 Cases evacuated to Hospital for the week. (General. 71. Mumps. 2. Venereal Disease. 17.) The question of V.D. needs attention..	
	8th.		Further steps taken to encourage and organise prevention and Early treatment of V.D. 37 "Unfits" boarded, and 11 retrograded. (to Command Depots and 7 "Home Service". Visit of S.M.O. Sutton Vany Area, and general matters discussed, especially the marching in of unfit from Command Depots. 177 cases were retrograded during the month of January. Conference with Commandant and Commanding Officers of Battalions.	Sick Parade 4 Bns. 137 -Evacuated. 5 General, 3 V.D.
	9th.		Sick Parade. (4 Battalions). 40. Evacuations. ; - General -3. V.D.- 1 .	

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	10th.		Sick Parade. 149. Evacuations.;- General. 5.V.D. Nil. Marked increase in the number of men parading for prophylactic and Early Treatment of V.D. Medical Stores reorganised.	
	11th.		Sick Parade. 161. Evacuations.;- General. 16. V.D. 7. Return of "Unfits" ren-dered by Regimental Medical Officers on A.M.C. Form. 2. Inspection of Medical Inspection Huts made by Senior Medical Officer.- attention given to sanitation and cleanliness. Dental Hut also inspected and found very dirty. Visit by Senior Medical Officer, Sutton Veny Area. Officers' Medical Boards and general matters discussed.	
	12th.		Sick Parade. 14. Evacuations. ;- General. 6. V.D.- Nil. Unfits boarded - 58. retrograded 32 to Command Depots, and 5 "Home Service". Some Medical Standing Orders drafted. The parading of "unfits" daily at 9.30am to S.M.O. for personal classification begun.	Appendix No.4.
	13th.		Sick Parade. 158. Evacuations. - General. -14. V.D. - 2. Visit by A.D.M.S. and S.M.O, Sutton Veny Area.	
	14th.		Sick Parade. 152. Evacuations.;- General. 9. - V.D.- 3. Visit by S.M.O. Sutton Veny Area. Weekly Returns received from R.M.Os and forwarded, with S.M.O's reports, to A.D.M.S. 14 Cases of V.D. evacuated during week compared with 17 the previous week. 19 Cases V.D. cured.	
	15th.		Sick Parade. 162. Evacuations. - General. 1,. V.D.- 2. Unfits boarded (29). retrograded -29. to Command Depots, and 8. "Home Service". A large proportion of "Unfits" have been here a long time.	

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S.M.O's Office. Overseas Training Brigade. Longbridge Deverill.	<u>Febr 1918.</u>			
	16th.		Sick Parade. 78. Evacuations. ; - General. 3. V.D. 2.	
	17th.		Sick Parade. 95. Evacuations. General -1. V.D.- Nil.	
	18th.		Sick Parade. - 111. Evacuations. - General. - 3. V.D. -. 2. An inspection made of Medical Inspection Huts by S.M.O.. A.A.M.C.Dental Services of Overseas Training Brigade investigated and reported on.	
	19th.		Sick Parade. 149. Evacuations. - General. 4. V.D.-.1. "Unfits" boarded (30), retrograded 16 to Command Depot, and 6 "Home Service". Visit by S.M.O. Sutton Veny Area.	
	20th.		Sick Parade. 150. Evacuations. -. General. -9. V.D.- Nil. a Case of Measles amongst women workers of Y.M.C.A.- Y.M.C.A. Hut treated and placed out of bounds for 16 days. A campaign begun with a view to combing out "A"Class men, and eliminating all classes other than, A., C., B.2.a, from Overseas Training Brigade.	

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S.M.O's Office, Overseas Training Brigade. Longbridge Deverill.	<u>February 1918.</u>			
	21st.		Sick Parade. 116. Evacuations. General. -.10. V.D.-.1. Weekly reports received from R.M.O.s and forwarded with S.M.O.s reports to A.D.M.S.. An improvement in the general health is noticed, 53 cases were evacuated as against 75 the previous week. Results in "Early Treatment" of V.D. encouraging. Only 8 cases sent to Bulford compared with 14 the previous week. (Seven were venereal sore). There were 30 cured at the E.T. Depot for the week.	
	22nd.		Sick Parade. 112. - Evacuations.;- General. 12. V.D. Nil. Further interview with Engineer Officer on Battalion Early Treatment Depots. "Unfits" boarded 51. retrograded 38 to Command Depot, and 6 "Home Service". Classification Campaign resulting in cleaning up of Officers' Messes Staff personnel, Messing, Pay and Engineer Staffs, etc. etc., Visit by S.M.O. Sutton Veny Area. general matters, especially dental services discussed.	
	23rd.		Sick Parade. 121. Evacuations.;- General. 10. V.D.-.4.	
	24th.		Sick Parade. - 104. Evacuations. ; - General. 8. V.D.-Nil.	
	25th.		Sick Parade. - 131. Evacuations. ; - General-8. V.D.-2. Visit of S.O.A.D.S.- Dental organisation discussed. Inspection of Medical Inspection Huts by S.M.O.	

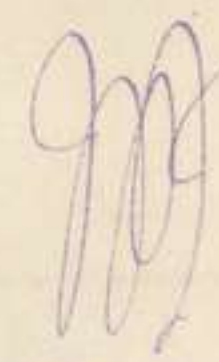

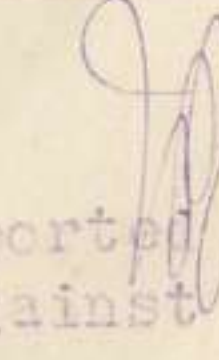
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	26th.		Sick Parade. 136. Evacuations.;- General.-13.V.D.- Nil Visit by A.D.M.S.- General matters discussed, and "E.T." Depot inspected. "Unfits (19) boarded, Retrograded.- 16 to Command Depots and 3 "Home Service".	
	27th.		Sick Parade. 168. Evacuations.;- General-13. V.D.-Nil. Visit by S.M.O.Sutton Vony Area, and S.O.A.D.S. Officers for Board reviewed. General matters, especially dental services, discussed.	
	28th.		Sick Parade. 114. Evacuations.;- General- 11. V.D.- Nil. Weekly returns submitted and forwarded, with S.M.O's reports. to A.D.M.S.. Marked improvement in "V.D." returns- only 6 to Hospital for the week, whilst 49 reported for Early Treatment. 91 Cases were cured with Early Treatment during February, as against 45 in January. An epidemic of Influenza occurred amongst Permanent Guard of No. 4. Battalion during the week.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

- 1 — War Diary.
- 2 — Instructions to R. M. O.
- 3 — Daily Sick State.
- 4 — Weekly Return.
- 5 — Standing Order.

J. J. Garty

SMO/Med.

INSTRUCTIONS TO R.M.Os.

- RETURNS. (1) Daily Sick State - 24 Hours up to mid-day.
Rendered to S.M.O. by 2 p.m. daily.
- (2) Return of Unfit - In duplicate on A.M.C. Form 2.
By 2 p.m. every Monday & Thursday.
- (3) Health and Sanitation - In triplicate on A.M.C. Form 1
Completed up to mid-day every Thursday and rendered
to S.M.O. by 2 p.m. same day.
- (4) Early Treatment and V.D. - In duplicate on A.M.C. Form 4.
Completed to mid-day every Thursday and rendered to
S.M.O. by 2 p.m. same day.
- (5) Weekly Surprise Report.
Rendered by 2 p.m. every Thursday to S.M.O.
- (6) "Marching-in" Certificate.
Rendered by 2 p.m. every Thursday to S.M.O.

In the "Remarks" Column on the Return of Unfit will be stated the date on which the Soldier marched in to O.T.B., and whether he was struck off an Overseas Draft on account of the disability.

Soldiers who are going to be fit for Overseas in less than seven days will not be submitted on this Return for Board.

Soldiers shown on this Return of Unfit (A.M.C. Form 2) will be paraded at the S.M.O.'s Office for Board at 2 p.m. the day following that on which the Return is submitted, that is, Tuesdays and Fridays. They will be accompanied by A.F. B.179 prepared in duplicate, and Medical History Sheets.

A.F. B.179 will not be required for Soldiers recommended B.1a of B.1b.

Soldiers Marching-in Unfit or Struck off Draft, if the disability is going to last more than 7 days, will be rendered on the Return of Unfit submitted on the following Monday or Tuesday as the case may be without fail. There must be no delay in this matter.

RECORDS.

R.M.Os. will keep:-

- (1) A book showing all men other than "A" class on the strength of their Unit.
- (2) A book showing men in isolation and date of expiry of isolation.
- (3) Complete copies of A.A.M.C. Orders and circular Instructions.
- (4) Army Form I 1214 showing Drugs and instruments on their charge.
- (5) Sanitary diary.
- (6) A copy of Lieut.-Col. Raffan's "Lecture on V.D."

INSPECTIONS.

All men will be examined within 24 hours after marching in. They will be paraded on A.I.F. Form A.M.C. 7, provided by B.O.R., in triplicate. Each individual man will be initialled by the R.M.O., and one copy of A.I.F. Form A.M.C. 7 will be filed and kept by him. This is the only sure check on medical examinations. Another copy will be returned to B.O.R. and the third copy will be retained by the Dental Officer.

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In order to obtain the best results it is absolutely necessary to have all men paraded to R.M.O. before proceeding on, and as soon as possible after returning from leave. Arrangements will be made so that all men proceeding on leave will be paraded to R.M.O. on nominal roll in duplicate, showing date of return. The name of each man will be initialled by the R.M.O., and he will not be issued with a pass by B.O.R. unless so initialled. The duplicate will be filed and kept by the R.M.O. and if men be not paraded again on return the R.M.O. will ask B.O.R. for them.

Before going on leave men will be addressed as laid down in Lieut.-Col. Raffan's lecture; they will be offered cards of advice, nargol outfits, and French letters. They will be guaranteed(at most) eight days early treatment without loss of pay, and a certain cure without going to Bulford if they report earlier than 12 hours after onset of symptoms - even cases more than 24 hours after onset have a good chance of a cure with early treatment.

On returning from leave the procedure as laid down will be adopted.

R.M.Os. will keep a record of men undergoing early treatment, in order that they may be able to furnish their weekly A.M.C. Form 4.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. A.F. A.35 will be rendered in triplicate to S.M.O. In all cases every effort will be made to trace the source of infection.

Rigid isolation will be resorted to. R.M.Os. will keep a nominal roll of contacts, and they will notify B.O.Rs. when terms of isolation will expire.

Longbridge Deverill.
28-2-18.

.....Major,
S.M.O., O/Seas Training Brigade.

DAILY SICK STATE.

RETURN FOR 24 HOURS
ENDING MIDDAY ON UNIT - No. 1 Camp Bn., O.T.Bde.

TOTAL RATION STRENGTH TOTAL ON SICK PARADE

NUMBER SENT TO GROUP CLEANING HOSPITAL -

- 1. GENERAL
- 2. INFECTIOUS
- 3. V. D.

NUMBER EXEMPT FROM DUTY

NUMBER PLACED ON LIGHT DUTY

NUMBER UNDERGOING EARLY TREATMENT V.D.

NUMBER IN ISOLATION AS CONTACTS

No. 15 Camp,
SANDHILL.

..... Captain.
R.M.O., No. 1 Camp Bn., O.T.Bde.

WEEKLY RETURN.

To - S.M.O.,
O. T. BDE.

Unit - No. 1 Camp Battalion.

Week ending Thursday

NUMBER OF MEN MARCHED IN TO CAMP DURING WEEK	}	From Other Camps
		From Leave

NUMBER MEDICALLY EXAMINED WITHIN 24 HOURS

NUMBER FOUND UNFIT

NUMBER FOUND SUFFERING FROM V.D.

TOTAL

No. 15 Camp,
SANDHILL.

..... Captain.
R.M.O., No. 1 Camp Battalion, O.T.Bde.

STANDING ORDERS.
(MEDICAL.)

(1) INSPECTIONS:-

(a) MARCHING IN.

Officers. All Officers will report to their respective R.M.Os. at the conclusion of the ordinary sick parade on the day following that on which they march in, for examination, and if necessary, inoculation.

Commanding Officers will furnish a certificate to Brigade Headquarters that in all cases this has been carried out.

Other Ranks. All N.C.Os. and men will be Medically and Dentally inspected within 24 hours of marching in to O. T. B. They will be paraded to the Medical and Dental Officers on nominal roll in duplicate, one copy to be kept by Battalion Orderly Room, and the other by R.M.O.

(b) DRAFTS OVERSEAS.

All Officers and Other Ranks will be medically and dentally examined, firstly when warned (preliminary examination), and again within 24 hours of proceeding Overseas (final examination). They will be paraded on nominal roll in duplicate to the R.M.O. at a time which will be fixed for Battalions by Brigade Headquarters, so that both Medical and Dental examinations will take place in the Medical Inspection Hut at the same time.

The nominal rolls will be prepared so that two columns are left, one for the initials of the Medical Officer, and the other for the initials of the Dental Officer.

Medical and Dental Officers will place their initials opposite each man's name unless "Unfit."

One copy of the nominal roll will be retained by the R.M.O., the other will be returned to Battalion Orderly Room.

All Officers struck off draft for a medical reason will at once be seen by the S.M.O.

All Other Ranks struck off draft for a medical reason will immediately be brought before the standing Medical Board.

(2) VENEREAL DISEASE.

Commanding Officers will take steps to ensure that every man is inspected for Venereal Disease at least once per week.

R.M.Os. will deliver a lecture on Venereal Disease to their respective Units during the first week of every month.

All men, before proceeding on, and within 48 hours after returning from leave, will be paraded to the R.M.O. on nominal roll in duplicate. Each man's name will be initialled by the R.M.O. who will retain one copy. No man will be issued with pass or warrant unless his name be so initialled.

(3) OTHER THAN "A" CLASS.

Battalions will keep a nominal roll of all employed other than "A" Class men, showing the duties on which they are employed.

Commanding Officers will have all men paraded to the R.M.O. who are unable for a physical reason to carry on training. In this matter co-operation between Company and Medical Officers is desirable.

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STANDING ORDERS - MEDICAL (Continued).

(4) SANITATION.

R.M.Os. will make a daily inspection of the lines in company with the Battalion Orderly Officer.

(5) THE

(5) DELAYED ROLLS.

The S.M.O. will periodically examine "Delayed Rolls", and all cases of men struck off draft for a medical or ~~combat~~ reason will be investigated.

.....*L. C. Fairley*.....Capt.,
A/Staff Captain,
Overseas Training Brigade.