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No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital.

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Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information			Remarks and references to Appendices
			March, 1918.			
			Admitted,	Discharged,	Remaining.	
Moascar	1		18	28	353	
	2		10	16	347	
	3		9	10	346	
	4		12	22	336	
	5		10	7	339	
	6		15	14	340	
	7		15	9	346	
	8		18	13	351	
	9		16	33	334	
	10		11	2	343	
	11		16	18	341	
	12		14	8	347	
	13		18	21	344	
	14		15	13	346	
	15		17	7	356	
	16		5	6	355	
	17		16	8	363	
	18		22	9	376	
	19		10	25	361	
	20		14	13	362	
	21		20	5	377	
	22		10	34	353	
	23		14	8	359	
	24		7	10	356	
	25		16	7	365	
	26		14	15	364	
	27		18	31	351	
	28		11	2	360	
	29		9	22	347	
	30		10	17	340	
	31		11	15	336	
			421	448		

W. H. Kirkwood. Lbl.

WAR DIARY

OF

P.O. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital

FOR

March 1918

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D. M. S.,

A. I. F.

The general position of the Hospital remains as at the date of the last report.

Captain E.B.M.Vance was absent from 18-3-18 to 29-3-18 doing duty for the 3rd Bn. I.C.B., whilst the Medical Officer attended a Training School.

Major W.G.Forde has had charge of the Infectious Zymotic diseases, the Officers' ward (Medical Cases) and has been of great value in the Administration.

Hon. Major F.G.Griffiths continues as Bacteriologist and has a considerable share in the medical work also.

Captain A.M.Aspinall does good work as Radiologist, and in Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose Diseases. He continues to refer his more difficult Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose cases to the 14th A.G.H.

Captain O'Halloran has charge of the principal Medical ward and does very reliable work.

Captain A.V.Benson does very reliable surgical work.

Captain R.J.Silverton has charge of the Venereal Block, and is engaged in the tabulation of his results with a view to their ultimate presentation in a Special Report.

Captain E.B.M.Vance is now assisting Captain Silverton in the Venereal Block.

Hon. Lieut. R.J.Wilkinson is Pharmacist.

Hon. Major A.E.Clarke, M.C., continues to do good work as Quartermaster.

Captain R.A.Bull, of the 25th Dental Unit, left on 10-3-18. He was replaced by No. 1860, Pte E.B.Adamson on 8-3-18, who was promoted Acting Staff Sergeant on 15-3-18, and Lieutenant on 24-3-18.

W.O. H.P.Cripps left for Australia on 14-2-18 and S/Sgt C.W.Brick has been acting, and later Temporary Warrant Officer. I have every confidence in his work.

The strength of the Unit is now 103 "A" class and 3 "B" class A.M.C. men and 16 "B" class men attached. Four men are used as Drivers for the ambulances attached. The A.M.C. Drivers who came from the Field are being gradually absorbed for nursing duties.

The last batch of A.A.M.C. men for instructional purposes were with the Unit from 2-3-18 to 21-3-18.

A new Butts' Field Service X-Ray table arrived on 4-3-18, and is a great improvement on the old one.

A set of Ophthalmic Test Lenses, Army Pattern, arrived on 14-3-18, and is a considerable improvement on the old pattern.

The daily average and admissions of venereal patients in Hospital has markedly increased.

The averages have been,--

<u>Daily averages</u>			<u>Admissions for each month.</u>		
January 1918	..	129	January 1918	..	87
February 1918	..	143	February 1918	..	87
March 1918	..	167	March 1918	..	146

The increase is due chiefly to infection of troops operating in the more civilised parts of Palestine.

The Ismailia Medical Society had meetings as under during the month,--

7-3-18	No. 2 A.S.H.	^{W.K.} A paper was read on the Demonstration of Clinical Cases.
14-3-18	No. 2 A.S.H.	A paper was read on the Clinical Diagnosis of Dysentery, by Captain C. Stanley Clarke, R.A.M.C.
21-3-18	No. 2 A.S.H.	A paper was read on Bilharziosis by Major N. Hamilton Fairley of No. 14 A.G.H., and accompanied by an exhibition of specimens. A new Light Stretcher was shown by Captain O. J. Reid, M.Z.M.C.
28-3-18	No. 2 A.S.H.	A paper was read entitled "A Plea for the Metric system", by Major F. Guy Griffiths.

On 13-3-18 The school for Medical Officers in Training at Moascar were given a demonstration of the methods of treating Gonorrhoea in use at the Hospital.

On two occasions during the month the work has been seriously interfered with by dust storms.

The 7th Indian Division, which has been camped close to the Hospital for the last two months, has almost completed moving out, and though the O.C., 91st Sanitary Section, reports that no fly breeding areas can be discovered in their lines, the Hospital has had some trouble with an increase in the number of flies.

Moascar,
2-4-1918.

W.L. Kirkwood
..... Lt. Col.
Commanding Officer,
No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital.

No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital.

Statistical Report for the month of March, 1918.

(1) Total number of admissions;	Surgical	115	
	Medical	86	
	Ear, throat & nose	27	
	Eye	15	
	Zymotic	25	
	Venereal	146	414
(2) Minimum number of beds occupied;			336
(3) Maximum number of beds occupied;			377
(4) Average number of beds occupied;			351
(5) Average number of daily admissions;			13
(6) Total number of discharges;	Surgical	156	
	Medical	109	
	Ear, throat & nose	32	
	Eye	10	
	Zymotic	33	
	Venereal	101	441
(7) Average number of daily discharges;			14
(8) Average number of days in Hospital of Patients - General			16
Discharged and transferred during the month - Venereal			57
(9) Percentage discharged to (1) Other Hospitals for further treatment.		%	
	Surgical	-	
	Medical	2	
	Ear, throat & nose	-	
	Eye	20	
	Zymotic	-	
	Venereal	-	
	(2) Other Hospitals for boarding.		
	Surgical	1	
	Medical	16	
	Ear, throat & nose	-	
	Eye	-	
	Zymotic	-	
	Venereal	-	
	(3) Rest Camp, Port Said.		
	Surgical	72	
	Medical	52	
	Ear, throat & nose	60	
	Eye	20	
	Zymotic	70	
	Venereal	11	
	(4) Duty.		
	Surgical	28	
	Medical	30	
	Ear, throat & nose	40	
	Eye	60	
	Zymotic	30	
	Venereal	89	
(10) Deaths during the month;			nil

Moascar,
1-4-18.

W. L. Kirkwood
.....Lt.Col.
Commanding Officer.

No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital.

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Nominal roll of Officers on 1-4-18.

Lieut-Col.	Kirkwood	W.L.	Commanding Officer.
Major	Forde	W.G.	Medical Wards.
Major	Griffiths	F.G.	Bacteriologist & Medical Wards.
Major	Clarke	A.E.	Quartermaster.
Captain	O'Halloran	C.M.	Medical Wards.
Captain	Benson	A.V.	Surgical Wards.
Captain	Aspinall	A.M.	Eye specialist & Radiographer.
Captain	Silverton	R.J.	Venereal Wards.
Captain	Vance	E.B.M.	Venereal Wards.
Lieut.	Wilkinson	R.J.	Pharmaceutical Officer.

ATTACHED.

Chaplain the Reverend Goodman	A.J.	(R.C.)
Chaplain the Reverend Laphorne	A.E.	(Meth)
Lieut. Adamson	E.B.	Dental Officer (No. 25 Dental Unit.)

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MEDICAL SECTION.

Admissions. 86
Discharges. 109.

There were 16 cases transferred from Medical Wards to 14th Aust. Gen. Hospital to appear before Invaliding Boards. There are no cases to be specially reported on during the month.

(Sgd) C.M.O'Halloran Capt.

SURGICAL SECTION.

Admissions. 115
Discharges. 156
Operations. 55

The Operations were the following:-

Circumcisions	14	Carbuncles	4
Hydrocele with Exostosis	1	Onychia	4
Varicocele	4	Haemorrhoids	3
Prolapsus Recti	1	Tonsillectomy	3
Papillomata	2	Hernia	1
Pterygium	2	Concussion of Brain	
Laceration of hand	1	with scalp wd.	1
Stricture	2	Foreign body in	
Laceration of face	2	Eye	2
Injury Sciatic Nerve	2	Fissure Anal	1
Sinuses of Arm	1	Appendicitis	1
Furunculosis	1	Lipoma	1
Sebaceous Cyst	1		

There is nothing extraordinary to report with regard to the work in the Surgical Wards. The orderlies have been most attentive and careful in their work; care has been exercised in the use of dressings and bandages. The Gauze at present in use is not all that one could wish, being too wide a mesh and flimsy.

Operating Theatre has been painted and thoroughly cleaned; and the attendants have done all that has been asked of them.

(Sgd.) A.V.Benson. Capt.

ZYMOTIC SECTION

MEASLES. One of these was a case of Rubella; the other ^{were} was ordinary Morbilli. Both were very mild.

PAROTITIS. There is nothing of interest to note under this heading.

DIPHTHERIA. One case was severe, and the patient suffered much worse than is usual in these cases. He had had "Sore throat" for three days before admission.

SCARLATINA. As in the last report all cases of Scarlatina were remarkably mild. One patient had transient Tachycardia.

There is a great decrease in the number of Zymotic cases admitted, owing to the fact that Australian reinforcements are at present small.

(Sgd.) W.G.Forde. Major.

VENEREAL SECTION.

Admitted 128
Discharged 101

Remaining at end of month 187.

(Syphilis 36
Remaining Include) Gonorrhoea 136
(Chancroid 15

Operations 8, Salvarsan Injections 69.

(Sgd) R.J. Silverton
Capt.

X RAY DEPARTMENT

Number of X Ray Examinations 91
Number Treated by X Ray 16

A new X Ray Table has proved of the greatest service.

(Sgd) A.M. Aspinall
Capt.

EYE DEPARTMENT

Admitted 15
Discharged 10
Outpatients 53.

A new set of lenses received during the month are of great service.

(Sgd) A.M. Aspinall
Capt.

EAR THROAT & NOSE Dept.

Admitted 27
Discharged 32
Outpatients 39

Admissions for quarter Jan 1st to March 31st 1918.

Quinsy 1	Acute Nasal Catarrh 1
Tonsillitis 60	Acute Otitis Media 7
Pharyngitis 8	Aural polypus 1
Laryngitis 6	Perforated ear drum 1
Tonsillar Abscess 2	Otalgia 8
Nasal Polypus 3	Tonsillectomy 3
Deflected Septum 2	Chronic Otitis Media 13

Out Patients for quarter Jan 1st to March 31 st 1918.

Nasal Catarrh (acute) 2	Nasal Catarrh (chronic) 16
Nasal Polypus 2	Deflected Septum 6
Frac of Nasal Bones 2	Enlarged Turbinates 3
Foreign body in Nasal Canal 2	Furunculosis (Aural) 4
Otalgia 5	Cerumen (1) 12
Otitis Media (Chronic) 8	Otitis Media (acute) 4
Perforations in tymp 4	Healed perforation tymp 5
Tinnitus 5	Deafness 4
Tonsillitis 2	Retraction of 1 tymp 9
Laryngitis 4	Pharyngitis 7

(Signed) A.M. Aspinall Capt.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

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Urine Analyses	106
Microscopical Examinations of urethral pus	126
Other Microscopical examinations (sputum, blood, faeces, etc.)	82
Serum examined for Spirochaetae	9
Culture examinations	23
Wassermann Tests referred to No. 5 Lab. Ismailia	66
Other enquiries referred to No. 5 Lab. Ismailia.	7
Hypodermic injections	3

TOTAL. 422

(Sgd) F. Guy Griffiths. Hon. Major.

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT.

Remaining under treatment from last month	16
New Patients during the Month	20
Ceased treatment during the month	25
Remainngg under treatment on last day of Month	11
Total Attendances	226

(Sgd) C. R. Easterbrook. Pte.

MONTHLY DENTAL RETURN FOR March 1918.

No of Dental Surgeons 1. No of Mechanics 2. Others employed 1.

	Officers	Other Ranks	Totals
Total No of patients	3	139	142
do Attendances	6	475	481
do Dentures		27	27
do Old ditto re made		12	12
do Repairs		19	19
do Extractions		48	48
do x Fillings	4	105	109
do Devitalizations		6	6
do Septic Roots treated		2	2
do Scalings	1	20	21
do Sundry Treatments		180	180
do Fractures Jaws	.	.	.

	Pin Incisors	Diatoric incisors	Diatoric Molars & Bicuspids
Total No of teeth during March	104	---	161
Total No of Teeth on hand	438	150	136

Signed E.B.Adamson Lt.
Pre Noel.J.Clark
No 25 Dental Unit.