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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
B U L L E T I N O R D E R	1-7-18	-	CAPT. J. WARNE having handed over to Major C.J. WILEY is attached to "B" Division for duty.	
	"	-	K.R. 462. promulgated in Unit Routine Orders. <i>Impf.</i>	
	2-7-18	-	{ No Entries Necessary. <i>Impf.</i>	
	3-7-18	-		
	4-7-18	-	Australian & American flags hoisted on cross bar of flag pole. <i>Impf.</i>	
	5-7-18	-	{ No Entries necessary. <i>Impf.</i>	
	6-7-18	-		
	11-7-18	-	C.O. handed over to 2nd in command, Lt Col. W.E. GRIGOR. O.B.E. <i>Impf.</i>	
	12-7-18	-	{ No Entries necessary. <i>Impf.</i>	
	to	-		
	26-7-18	-		
	27-7-18	-	Col. J.M.Y. STEWART, D.S.O., V.D. resumed command <i>Impf.</i>	
	28-7-18	-	{ No Entries necessary. <i>Impf.</i>	
	to	-		
	31-7-18	-	Appendix giving Report for month & Resume of E.T. cases admitted for July '18.	11/18.
	"	-	attached. <i>Impf.</i>	
			<i>Impf Stewart Col</i> CO. NO 1. A.D.H.	

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APPENDIX - 11/18.

REPORT FOR JULY, 1918.1. LOCATION - Bulford.2. STAFF - Average strength 14 Officers, 250 other ranks.Changes in personnel - Officers.Marched in :-

Captain J.A. Smith reported from D.M.S. London - 30.7.18.

Marched out :-

Nil.

Other ranks.Marched in :-

1 C.1 class man from Lewes Detention Barracks.
 1 C.1 " " " Delhi Military Hospital.
 1 B2a " " " ex 1st A.D. Hospital.

Marched out :-

3 C.1 class men to Headquarters, A.I.F., London.
 1 C.1 " " " No.2 A.A. Hospital, Harefield.
 4 C.1 " " " No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth.
 1 C.1 " " " 3rd Training Brigade, Codford.
 1 A " " " No.1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny.
 8 C.1 " " " Hospital, 1st A.D.H.
 1 A " " " Bath War Hospital.

3. PATIENTS -

Number of admissions	...	537.
Number of readmissions	...	82. <u>Total - 619.</u>
Number of discharges	...	601.
Number in Hospital 31.7.18	...	412.

"A" Division - Gonorrhoea.

Admissions	138.
Discharges	...	...	137.
Average stay in Hospital	...	...	55.9 days.

Non-venereal.

Admissions	...	...	12.
Discharges	...	...	52.
Average stay in Hospital	...	...	22.1 days.
Total admissions	150.
Total discharges	189.
Average days for all cases	46.6 days.

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3. PATIENTS (Continued) -

<u>"B" Division -</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Av.No.days in Hospital</u>
Syphilis ...	191	193	5.7
Gonorrhoea ...	116	49	52.4
Mixed cases ...	15	14	34.3
Chancroid ...	13	6	12.1
Chancroid & gonorrhoea	1	-	-
scabies ...	14	9	8.0
N.V.D. ...	102	127	16.9
<u>TOTALS -</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>16.0</u>

Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. in Australia, or whilst on voyage - 13.

Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. since arrival in England - 30.

Patients admitted for Wassermann Test - 53.

Patients admitted for examination - 5.

5. REMARKS - Patients and Treatment -

There is an upward tendency in the number of cases admitted during this month. The chief cause of the increase in the length of time under treatment is attributed by the Officers in charge of Treatment to the marked increase in complications in cases admitted, the principal complications in the two Divisions being -

Prostatitis, (acute and chronic)
Vesiculitis,
Epididymitis,
Acute Posterior Urethritis,
Periurethral abscess, and
stricture.

The averages in the two Divisions for the complications work out as follows :-

	<u>"A" Division</u>	<u>"B" Division.</u>
Prostatitis ...	23%	30%
Vesiculitis ...	14.6%	23.3%
Epididymitis ...	20%	25%

There have been 12 cases of stricture, 4 cases of Acute posterior urethritis, and 5 cases of Periurethral abscess.

One is most struck by the increase in the number of cases of Epididymitis now admitted, and it would appear from the histories obtained from the cases, that they have been due, apparently, to some irregular early treatment or abortive treatment, which has been continued for too long a period. The Officers in charge of Treatment are particularly insistent on this, and they also claim that many of the cases that come in with stricture are the direct result of early treatment and abortive treatment.

It would certainly be a great advantage if the attention of the S.M.Os Depots, and Medical Officers attached to Battalions, could be directly drawn to this matter, and possibly a more critical supervision made of the methods adopted by them at the E.T.Huts, because it is obvious that in cases admitted to this Hospital with acute Epididymitis, stricture or acute Prostatitis, it is necessary to have prolonged

5. REMARKS (Continued) -

rest and very modified treatment before anything in the way of curative treatment can be systematically carried out.

The average number of Massages and sounds throughout the month, have been -

	In "A" Division -4.5 per case
	In "B" Division -2 per case.
<u>Massage</u>	In "A" Division - 4.7 per case.
	In "B" Division - 3.3 per case.
<u>The use of Kollmann's</u>	In "A" Divisions -2.5 per case.
	In "B" Division - 4.4 per case.
<u>Follicles cauterised</u>	In "A" Division - 289.
	In "B" Division - 30.
<u>Polypii cauterised</u>	In "A" Division - 2.
	In "B" Division - 1.

Meatotomy has been performed altogether 15 times, and 11 strictures have been operated on.

A special report is forwarded as a resumé of the Early Treatment, as obtained from patients admitted, from which it will be seen that with the large majority of Camps, they apparently do not appreciate the value of sending cases in immediately a failure arises on the eighth day, and in some instances, as for instance, at O.T.B. and sandhill No.12,13 and 14 Camps, cases have been held for 18,36,16 and 14 days respectively. This is not, in the opinion of the Officers in charge of Treatment here in the best interests of the A.I.F., or the individual.

6. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT -

The deficiencies in the Issue Linen Store are still being dealt with, and a certain amount of the deficiencies have so far been made good by the Laundry. A great deal of inconvenience has been experienced with the Contractors, and Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots will be recommended not to renew the Contract with this Laundry at the end of September.

7. DRUG DEPARTMENT -

The Officer in charge of this Department reports that Drugs are coming forward in a fairly satisfactory manner. Surgical instruments are still far from satisfactory. This, however, is hoped to be remedied in the near future.

8. PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT -

The Pathologist attached to this Hospital reports that all work has proceeded satisfactorily, and the Officers in charge of Treatment express satisfaction in the way in which reports are received from the Laboratory. Detailed report is attached.

9. GENERAL -

During the month the Commanding Officer being absent on leave for 14 days, Lieut.Col. W.E.GRIGOR, O.B.E. assumed temporary command, and reported that the work had proceeded satisfactorily.

10. TRANSFER OF PORTION OF NO.1 A.D.H. BUILDINGS TO N.Z.E.F.

This matter has been somewhat altered since first it was mooted

and more space has been asked for by the N.Z.E.F.. The matter is still in abeyance at the end of this month, having been submitted to Southern Command, and apparently no solution has so far been arrived at.

J. Stewart. Col.,
C.O., 1st A.D.Hospital, A.I.F.

RESUME OF EARLY TREATMENT - JULY, 1918.

<u>Depot</u>	<u>No. of Camp</u>	<u>No. of cases</u>	<u>Av. stay (days)</u>
<u>Sutton Veny</u>	7	27	9.3
	8	7	8.3
	9	2	10.5
	10	2	8.0
	11	1	6.0
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<u>Total</u>	-	39	8.4
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<u>Hurdcott</u>	3	2	7.0
	4	1	9.0
	5	1	11.0
	6	16	8.0
	7	2	7.5
	8	2	9.5
	9	2	6.0
	10	10	8.1
	11	4	10.2
	12	2	9.0
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<u>Total</u>	-	42	8.5
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<u>Sandhill</u>	O.T.B.	5	18
	12	1	36
	13	1	16
	14	2	14
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<u>Total</u>	-	9	21
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<u>Fovant</u>	4	5	11
	13	1	8
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<u>Total</u>	-	6	9.5
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<u>Codford</u>	7	2	10.5
	14	1	8.0
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<u>Total</u>	-	3	9.2
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<u>Heytesbury</u>	-	3	10.3
<u>London</u>	-	7	4.3
<u>Parkhouse A.A.M.C.</u>	-	1	8
<u>Weymouth</u>	Monte	1	3
	Westham	2	4.5
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<u>Total</u>	-	3	3.7
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STATEMENT OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
1st A.D.HOSPITAL - MONTH OF JULY, 1918.

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<u>Nature of examination</u>		<u>Number</u>
1. Urethral and prostatic smears for general examination	---	2,082.
2. Urines for bacteriological inves- tigation	...	4.
" " albumin	...	246.
" " general examination	...	16.
3. sputa for T.B. ...	...	5.
4. Other bacteriological examinations	...	3.
5. Manufacture of vaccines	...	250 c.c.
6. Direct examination of chancres	...	88.
7. Bloods for Wassermann reaction -		
From the Hospital and C.T.D.	...	611.
From other Hospitals	...	12.

sd. C.J.WILEY, Major.

Pathologist.