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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1-11-18	-	Capt. HASTINGS from S.C. inspected Messing Books, Steward's Stores + Kitchens.	
	-	-	Instructions received from A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depot (C.R.A.I.F. 26049/24/7/M.S.) to furnish 1. v.o. 4 S/ls.	
	"	-	8 Cpls. + 24 P/ics. trained in treatment, for No 39 General Hospital FRANCE. Jmrs	
	4-11-18	-	35. O.R. marched out to FOVANT for A.A.M.C. T. Depot by 1358 Train. Jmrs.	
	6-11-18	-	2. O.R. " " " " " " " " " " " " to complete requirements. 2nd Lieut. JONES	
	"	-	P.W. as EDUCATIONAL OFFICER commenced formation of classes amongst patients + Staff. Jmrs.	
	7-11-18	-	Capt. SHOLES L.R. reported for duty as Dental Officer + took over from Major BLOGG. K.V. 2 O.Rs.	
	"	-	marched out to FOVANT for A.A.M.C. T. Depot. Jmrs.	
	9-11-18	-	Issue of clean linen altered to every 14 days commencing 11.11.18 in 'A' Division owing to the	
	"	-	number of Patients in Hospital. Jmrs.	
	11-11-18	-	C.O. granted special leave till 14.11.18. A disturbance took place in BULFORD CAMP amongst	
	"	-	the Troops + other Corps (W.A.A.C. etc) in which some of the Staff + Patients of this Hospital were	
	"	-	implicated. The Registrar warned H.Qs. A.I.F. TIDWORTH early in the afternoon that such a	
	"	-	thing might happen + also asked for assistance from A.P.C. TIDWORTH. N.Z. Troops	
	"	-	appeared to be the prime movers + leaders in any acts of destructions to lanterns	
	"	-	and buildings in the Camp. The Registrar + Lt L.C. SYMONDS remained on duty	
	"	-	till after 23.59. When rioting actually took place H.Qs. TIDWORTH + Bqde H.Qs. N.Z.	
	"	-	could not be raised on the Telephone though frequently tried for. Jmrs	

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*Jmrs Stewart Col
C.O. No 1 A.D.H.*

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N	12-11-18	-	Registrar reported to A.A.G. TIDWORTH and forwarded a written report in the afternoon. O.C. Troop	
B		-	BULFORD CAMP asked us to send an officer to sit on a Court of Inquiry he had appointed to	
I		-	assess damage done by riot yesterday. Capt WILLIS V.N.B. nominated. Jumps	
A	14-11-18	-	Hon Lieut. BLACK G (late W.D. Class I) marched out to D.M.S. A.I.F. for duty as Q.M. N°1 A.C.C.S. C.O.	
U		-	reported by from leave. Jumps	
L	15-11-18	-	Lieut. EDMONDS. W.W. (P.S.L.) from O.T.B. reported for duty as orderly officer Jumps	
F	16-11-18	-	Capt. F.G. POWER reported for duty from D.M.S. A.I.F. as an additional M.O. Jumps	
O	17-11-18	-	Capt. H.S. KIRKLAND reported for duty from A.D.M.S. Depot A.I.F. as relief for Capt. J.A. SMITH while on	
R		-	1914 leave in U.K. Jumps	
D	18-11-18	-	A Court of Inquiry. Lt Col R.H. BEARDSMORE. D.S.O. President. assembled at 11.00 in accordance with	
		-	HQ. R.O. 6617 of 15.11.18. to report on disturbance which occurred on night of 11/12 November 1918 in	
		-	vicinity of this Hospital. Jumps	
	21-11-18	-	Capt. J.A. SMITH marched out for 1914 furlough. Hon ^y Lieut. A.M. RAMSEY pharmacist	
		-	head officer marched out for return to AUSTRALIA on 1914 furlough. no relief has	
		-	reported to take over his duties. Jumps	
	24-11-18	-	Capt H.L. BEALE reported from A.D.M.S. for duty as M.O. Jumps	
	25-11-18	-	Major H.A. HAGEN. reported to D.M.S. for Transport duty. Lieut. L.C. SYMONDS. P.S.L. late O.C. GUARD marched out to N° 2.C.D. for AUSTRALIA. Jumps	

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R U L F O R D.	27/11/18	-	A.D.M.S. interviewed. Instructed to inspect & report on No 2 Camp PARK-	
	"	-	HOUSE. with a view to its being used for treatment of V.D. cases. A re-	
	"	-	presentative was elected by the privates of the Staff in respect all food	
	"	-	issues & check expenditure of 6 1/2 purchases. any complaints to be	
	"	-	brought direct to C.O. Jmms.	
	30/11/18	-	Report for November attached (Appendix 20/18) Jmms.	20/18.
			Jmms Stewart Col CO. NO 1 A.D.H.	

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REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. LOCATION - Bulford.
2. STAFF - Average strength, 18 Officers, 272 other ranks.

Change in Personnel - Officers.

Marched in :-

2/Lieut. P.W.JONES, Educational Officer from London	-	2.11.18
Captain L.R.SCHOLES, Dental Officer from No.4 C.D.	-	7.11.18
Captain F.G.POWER, A.A.M.C. from D.M.S., London	-	15.11.18
Lieut. EDMONDS, W.W. (MC) from O.T.B.	-	15.11.18
Captain KIRKLAND, H.S. A.A.M.C. from A.D.M.S.	-	17.11.18
Captain BEALE, H.L. A.A.M.C., from A.D.M.S.	-	24.11.18

Marched out :-

Major K.V.BLOGG, A.A.D.S. to No.2 C.Depot	-	9.11.18
Captain J.A.SMITH, A.A.M.C. to D.M.S., London	-	20.11.18
Lieut. A.M.RAMSEY, A.A.M.C. to D.M.S., London	-	21.11.18
Major H.A.HAGEN, A.A.M.C. to D.M.S., London	-	25.11.18
Lieut. L.C.SYMONDS, P.S.L., O.C. Guard to No.2 C.D.	-	25.11.18

Other ranks -

Marched in :-

23 C.1 class men from No.1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny.	
1 Bra " " " " " " " " " "	
15 C.1 " " " 1st Training Bn.	
10 C.1 " " " A.A.M.C., T.D., Fovant.	
1 B2a " " " No.4 Command Depot, Hurdcott.	
3 C.1 " " " returned from Hospital.	
1 B2a " " " from D.M.S., A.I.F., London.	
1 B2a " " " 1st A.D.Hospital (attached)	
3 C.1 " " " " " " " "	
1 Bla " " " " " " " "	
3 A " " " " " " " "	

MARched Out :-

9 A class men to A.A.M.C., T.D., Fovant.	
28 C.1 " " " " " " " "	
2 A " " " D.M.S., A.I.F., London.	
1 Bla " " " " " " " "	
1 C.1 " " " Headquarters, London.	
1 A " " " " " " " "	
1 C.1 " " " Hospital.	
1 B2a " " " No.1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny.	
1 C.1 " " " " " " " "	
1 C.1 " " " No.4 Command Depot, Hurdcott.	
1 C.3 " " " No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth.	
3 C.1 " " " No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth.	

3. PATIENTS -

Number of admissions -

From Depots in U.K.	...	...	...	507.	
From Expeditionary Force	...	...	...	135.	
Transferred from other Hospitals	...	...	...	68.	
Officers admitted	...	...	...	19.	<u>Total 729</u>
Readmissions to Hospital	...	...	...	107.	
					<u>Grand total - 836.</u>

Number of discharges ... 735.
 Officers discharged during month ... 13.
 Officers in Hospital 30.11.18 ... 32.
 O/Ranks in Hospital 30.11.18 ... 906.

Gonorrhoea - ("A" & "B" Divisions) -

Admissions ... 476.
 Discharges ... 380.
 Average stay in Hospital ... 51.7 days.

"B" Division

	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Av.No. days in Hospital</u>
Syphilis	161	175	5.9
Gonorrhoea & Syphilis	30	29	64.9
Chancroid	10	10	18.1
Chancroid & Gonorrhoea	3	1	20.0
Scabies	30	37	6.8
Non-venereal	109	88	7.4
<u>TOTALS -</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>20.5</u>

Total Gonorrhoeas (with or without complications) discharged :-

410 - Average stay 52.5 days.

Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. in Australia, or whilst on voyage - 5.

Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. since arrival in England - 27.

Patients admitted for Wassermann test - 39.
 Patients admitted for Examination - 30.

4. REMARKS - Patients and Treatment -

During the month the personnel of the Medical staff has again undergone considerable change, three new Medical Officers having reported for duty, none of whom have had previous experience in organised treatment of venereal disease, consequently their services are for some little time of comparatively little assistance in expediting the discharge of cases from the Hospital. This has been a great handicap on the Hospital and on the Officers in charge of Treatment, as previous experience has proved that a Medical Officer is not capable of handling venereal cases properly until he has had two or three months continuous training and has given his whole attention to the method.

The number of admissions during the month shows a total increase of just over 100 as during the latter portion of the time the number diminished somewhat.

As regards complications, Prostatitis has increased somewhat, likewise Vesiculitis, while Epididymitis has slightly decreased. The figures are as follows :-

Prostatitis ... 16.1%
 Vesiculitis ... 20.5%
 Epididymitis (on admission) 5.3%
 " (after ") 7.3%

There have been 10 Periurethral abscess cases; 10 Balanitis; 4 Urethritis and 1 Cystitis. The average number of Massages and Sounds passed throughout the month has been :-

Massages, per case	...	5.4
Sounds per case	...	3.7
Kollmanns per case	...	2.4

Of the 29 cases of relapses of gonorrhoea admitted to Hospital during the month, 16 cases were of men who were previously treated by Medical Officers who have since left this Hospital for duty elsewhere. This average is remarkably small considering that during the last three months 1,089 cases who were suffering from gonorrhoea have been discharged from No.1 A.D.H.

A large proportion of the 29 cases admitted, stated that they had celebrated on Armistice Day, and the balance admitted that they had "tried themselves out" with a view to ascertaining if they were properly cured before returning to Australia.

It would appear that as regards the use of Prophylaxis during sexual intercourse, a larger proportion of men are attempting to take some precaution. The percentages, on the statement of the patients, are 56.6% who used prophylaxis in some form, and 43.4% who did not.

On the 12th of the month (the day after Armistice Day) the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. visited the Hospital and addressed the patients and staff, and decided to send a combatant Officer who would act as permanent Orderly Officer, and if necessary Messing Officer. On the 15.11.18 Lieut. Edmonds, W.W., reported from O.T.B. for these duties and has been carrying them out fairly efficiently ever since.

A Court of Inquiry of which Lieut. Col. R.H. Beardsmore, D.S.O. was President, sat for several days at this Hospital to inquire into and report upon the disturbance which occurred on the night of 11/12th November in and near No.1 A.D.H.. The finding of the Court or its report has so far not been communicated.

5. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT -

This Department as a whole has been carrying out its duties satisfactorily. The new Laundry Contract has been kept under supervision, and all deficiencies acknowledged immediately by the Manager.

The shortages discovered by stock-taking in the Linen and Blanket portion of the Q.M's Department are being adjusted as quickly as possible, and as this is the first really efficient check since October, 1916, the deficiencies are remarkably small, and reflect considerable credit on all concerned.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL DEPARTMENT -

The Pharmaceutical Officer, Hon. Lieut. A.M. RAMSEY, marched out to report to D.M.S., A.I.F. with a view to his return to Australia as a 1914 man, but no successor has so far reported and the Staff Sergeant Dispensers are practically new to the work, as one has only reported towards the end of October, and a second one on the 27th of this month, neither having had previous experience in dealing with Medical stores of a Hospital of any size.

7. LIEUT. P.W. JONES reported for duty as Educational Officer and commenced the formation of classes amongst both staff and patients. He has interviewed as many as possible of both and has had very

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fair success. He is somewhat handicapped by lack of rooms in which to hold lectures and classes but every possible assistance is being given him in this direction with the space at our disposal.

So far, classes in Arithmetic, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, French, Latin, English, Chemistry, Geography, History, Algebra, Electricity and Magnetism have been formed and instruction is being given by the Educational Officer, some members of the staff and one or two patients. Enquiries have also been made for many other subjects which, at present, it is impossible to open classes for.

In addition, lectures are given by the Officer in charge of Treatment and the Commanding Officer once a fortnight for one hour on the reason for the treatment which is carried out in this Hospital for gonorrhoea, and the social aspect of the disease both to the men themselves and their wives and children.

8. PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT -

The Pathologist reports that the work of his Department has proceeded satisfactorily during the month. His detailed report is attached.

9. GENERAL -

The cessation of hostilities, and the almost complete loss of actual A.M.C. personnel from the staff of this Unit is rendering the work very difficult and hard to carry out in a satisfactory manner.

The most uppermost thoughts in the minds of the majority of the staff is the possibility of a speedy return to Australia, and the men of B2a and C.1 category are inclined to consider themselves unfairly dealt with being attached to this Hospital instead of awaiting transport at Weymouth.

The frequent changes in Medical Officers has already been referred to as a very serious handicap.

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C.O., 1st A.D. Hospital, A.I.F.

REPORT ON WORK PERFORMED IN THE PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
DURING NOVEMBER, 1918.

Urethral and prostatic smears for cells and organisms	7,731.
Bacteriological examination of urines	8.
General examination of urines	34.
Examination of sputa for T.B.	6.
Examination of faeces	1.
Blood counts	3.
Examination of various pathological fluids	4.
Other sundry bacteriological investigations	17.
Amount of vaccine prepared	400 c.c.
Direct examination of chancres for S.pall.	120.
Wassermann reactions	836.
Cold fixation Wassermann reaction	25.
Gonococcal deviation of complement reaction	10.
Post-mortem examinations	2.

C. J. WILEY, Major,
Pathologist.