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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
1916. April 5th	<p>Unit arrived at Marseilles from Egypt on Hospital Ship "Salta", with the following personnel:- 20 Medical Officers (including Lieut. Col. C. T. Ch deCrespigny, Commanding and Major J. T. Tait, Registrar), 3 Chaplains, 1 Dental Officer. - 1 Quartermaster</p> <p>115 Nursing Staff including Matron.</p> <p>2 Masseuses. 187 Other Ranks including</p> <p>3 Dental Details, 4 Motor Drivers and</p> <p>1 Masseur.</p> <p>Transport Vehicles 1 Motor Touring Car, 1 Motor Ambulance</p> <p>1 Motor Lorry and 2 Motor Cycles.</p> <p>The personnel and equipment of 850 tons, exclusive of tentage, is that of a 750 bed hospital and capable of expansion to 1000 beds. It includes also and X-Ray Department, Dental Dept. and Pathological Department.</p>	
April 6th	Drew alongside quay and commenced unloading operations: all goods etc., being stored in wharf hangars on quay side.	Cdel.
" 7th	Officers and Other Ranks disembarked mid-day and went into camp at Carcassonne, Marseilles. Nursing Staff remained on board H.S. "Salta" awaiting instructions re distribution.	Cdel.
" 8th	Unloading completed during morning Instructions received that Unit is to proceed to Rouen	Telegram to Base Commandant, Marseilles-ZQ 772/12 8-4-16.
	Nursing staff to accompany unit to Rouen	Telegram to Base Com., Marseilles ZQ 772/13.
"	Nursing staff disembarked from H.S. "Salta" and proceeded to billets in Marseilles.	Cdel.



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1916 9th April	Commenced loading train and work carried continuously during day	
10th "	Admitted to Hospital - 2 Other Ranks. Officers and Other Ranks marched out from Carcassonne Camp at 9 a.m. and proceeded to wharf. Loading of train completed during morning. Officers and Other Ranks moved off from Wharf at about noon and proceeded to Station Arenc Point 11 to entrain. Whole unit including Nursing staff entrained and moved off from Marseilles at 2 p.m. Complement of train - 32 Baggage wagons-Brake Van - 18 Passengers Cars.	Cdel Cdel
11th April	Train journey still proceeding.	
12th "	Arrived at Rouen at 2 p.m. Unit detrained and proceeded to Racecourse Camp, Rouen and there were quartered at No. 12 British Stationary Hospital. Personnel - Same as 5th April less 2 other Ranks.	Cdel
13th "	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer - 115 Nursing Staff, 2 Masseuses Other Ranks 185. Departures Nursing Staff 117 to duty elsewhere as under:- 17 to Havre, 20 to Boulogne, 20 to Etaples, 10 to Le Trepport, 50 to British Hospitals at Rouen. Unloading of train commenced and transported to Racecourse Camp and Stores.	Instructions D.M.S., L.of C. B.E.F., France. Cdel
14th "	Personnel 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 185 Other Ranks. Departure 1 Other Rank to Hospital. Unloading of train still proceeding.	



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PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP, ROUEN

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1916. April 15th	Personnel- 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 184 Other Ranks. Unloading of train completed and goods and equipment transferred station to camp. During week ended this date, 16 bell tents have been erected for use as Officers quarters.	Cdcl
" 16th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Dental Officer, 184 Other Ranks.	Cdcl
" 17th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Medical Officer, 184 Other Ranks. Instructions received from D.M.S., L. of C2 per D.D.M.S. Rouen that hospital is to proceed to open for the reception of patients on the site recently occupied by No.12 Stationary Hospital All buildings and erected tents have been taken over from O.C. No.12 Stationary Hospital	Cdcl
" 18th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Dental Officer, 184 Other Ranks. Departures- 1 Other Ranks admitted to Hospital.	Cdcl
" 19th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Dental Officer, 183 Other Ranks. Arrangements for opening of hospital proceeding satisfactorily.	Cdcl
" 20th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster. 1 Dental Officer, 183 Other Ranks Arrivals - 48 Nursing Staff, including Matron, returned to Unit for duty.	Cdcl



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PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP, ROSEN

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1916 April 21st	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 48 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks. Departures - 1 Nursing Staff to Hospital.	Cdel.
" 22nd	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks. During week ended this date the erection of 4 Hospital Marquees 28 Bell tents and 1 Store Tent has been completed. Also the flooring of Hospital Marquees has been put in hand.	Cdel.
" 23rd	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks.	Cdel.
" 24th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks	Cdel.
" 25th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks.	Cdel.
" 26th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks.	Cdel.
" 27th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks.	Cdel.
" 28th	Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks.	Cdel.
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1916 April 29th	<p>Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing Staff, 183 Other Ranks. Hospital reported open and ready to receive patients. No of beds available 200 (Memo to D.D.M.S. 688/16) During week ended this date 2 additional Hospital Marquees were erected also 3 store tents and 3 Canadian Tents. Flooring of Hospital Marquees still in progress.</p>	C. del.
<p>" 30th</p> <p>M'night</p>	<p>Personnel - 20 Medical Officers, 3 Chaplains, 1 Quartermaster 1 Dental Officer, 47 Nursing staff, 183 Other Ranks. Bed Strength 200 - Admissions - Sick 11 Total 11 Patients remaining 11 - Vacant Beds 189</p> <p>C.T. de la (unspelled) 18th Cmdey.</p>	



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

TO ACCOMPANY WAR DIARY - 1st AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
for APRIL 1916.

Summary of Patients admitted, Discharged and Died for  
month of April 1916.

Hospital opened for reception of patients on 29th April 1916

Admissions	11
Discharges	Nil
Deaths	Nil
Remaining at Midnight 30-4-16	11

CTA: de la Roche

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