

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Medical, Dental & Nursing

Item number: 26/65/21

Title: No 1 Australian General Hospital

December 1917



AWM4-26/65/21

1st. Australian General Hospital

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Original copy.

Dec. 1917.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence 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
ROUEN.	1917 DEC			
	1 st	9am	Cloudy, raining. tp. 48°/50° F. Max. pt. 896. Min. pt. 675. Capt. E. FIELD, returned from Loune. The D.O. R.E. Rouen [Mjr. PARRINGTON, R.E.] accompanied by the D.O. Camps, [Lieut. BURNETT, R.E.] called and reported that 4. Arvan Huts for Patients would arrive tomorrow capacity 40 Beds in each. Good news.	
	2 nd	9am	Sunny. Clear, fine, windy cold. tp. 38/48. Max. pt. 1003. Min. pt. 870. Incoming Convoys and Outgoing Evacuations throughout the night. Orderlies working hard all the time. All M.O.s working hard. H. Col. C.T. GRIFFITHS. O.C. ANZAC Records Section, 3 rd Echelon called. A. Col. MOSELEY, O.C. 6 th A.Fd. Amb. called. MAJOR MURPHY, O.C. N.S.A. Hosp. No. 12. Called. Rain and sleet & some snow.	
	3 rd	9am	Cold. Frosty. tp. 30°/50° F. Max. pt. 1006. Min. pt. 895. Convoys of incoming patients come in as fast as outgoing Evacuations. at times the number of patients in Hospital exceeds 1040.	
	4 th	9am	Clear, calm. tp. 30/48° F. water in fire buckets frozen on surface. Stores working in wards and Receiving tents and other tents & huts where they have been issued. Lt. Col. C.J. MARTIN. [Consulting Pathologist A.I.F.] called yesterday. Max. 995 - min. 877.	
	5	9am	Clear, calm, frosty. tp. 30/48° also cold wind. Max. pts. 995. Min. pts. 829. Lt. Col. Griffiths, Lt. Col. Moseley, & Major Buchanan [5 th A.Fd. Amb.] called. Col. PILCHER. Consulting Surgeon called. Capt. Graves arrived.	
	6 th	9am	Fine, clear, cold, calm. tp. 26°/42° F. Max. pt. 836. Min. pt. 817. Capt. KENIHAN, of 44 th Bn. arrived. Capt. LANROCK arrived. water frozen in all exposed positions. Lt. BURNETT, R.E. called in reference to beginning Patients' Hutting. J. Sick. Col. Q.C. Lt. A.G.H.	

1st. Australian

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

General Hosp^l

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Dec. 1917.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROULEN	1917			
	Dec. 4	9 am	tp 45/50 - mild calm. Max pb 823 - Min. pb 748 Major Cooper, R.A.M.C. O.C. No. 3 Base Depot of Medical Stores called. Lt. Burnett R.E. and Lt. GROOCH, R.E. called re Patients huts beginning on 10 th	
	8 th	9 am	tp 46/50 - mild. rainy. Max. pb 787. Min. pb 625. Five deaths yesterday - 2 from Shell Gas - 3 from Shell fragments. The largest number in one day for some time. Senior Chaplain Cpl. E. A. I.F. called.	
	9 th	9 am	tp. 44/50. mild, raining, dull. Max. pb 681 - Min. pb 579 - Col. Rev. F. W. WRAY, C.M.G. A.T.W. TONGVILLE, Dispenser, arrived. Notices posted for Voting on Referendum on 11 th .	
	10 th	9 am	tp. 45/50. dull, raining. Patients huts started (by Long Service Prisoners' party - under R.E.) max. pb. 704 Min. pb. 643. Jerusalem (Palestine) captured by Gen Allenby - on 8 th	
	11 th	8.30 am	tp: 30° - 45° F. Max. pb. 680 Min. pb. 597 Voting for Referendum (Reinforcements) began 8.30 am. Capt. SCOTT went to 6 th Gen. Hosp. for Temporary Duty. Major Brennan (Pathologist) returned from Leave.	
	12 th	8.30 am	tp. 34/48° F. Max. pb 702 - Min. pb. 620. Voting for Referendum Completed. D.D.M.S. inspected the Hospital. No work on Hospital Huts today, nor on Men's Huts.	
	13 th	8.30 am	Raining. tp 32/45° F. Max. pb 620 - Min. pb 532. No work done today upon any huts. Major Murphy - O.C. 12 th (U.S.A.) Gen. Hosp. called.	
	14 th	8.30 am	tp. 48° - 55° F. Max. pb 621 Min. pb 552 dull, rainy, misty. Major PATERSON, R.A.M.C. an Australian Pathologist to 5 th Gen. Hosp. called. Work on Mens Huts resumed on 15 th	

J. D. Dick - Col.
O.C. 1st. A.G. H.

365

N^o 1. AUSTRALIAN

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

General Hospl.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Dec. 1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROUEN.	DEC	15 th	8.30am tp. 30°/45° F. Max. pt. 551. Min. pt. 424. German Prisoners working today on men's huts. Work in hospital lightening. Capt. Lilford reported departure to 1st Div. A.I.F. S/Sgt. A.D. NORTH a Bacteriologist arrived from England. A fine day and clear. Hoar frost.	
	16 th	9am	tp. 30/46° F. Max. pt. 503. Min. pt. 423. Frosty - clear. Heavy fall of snow from S. & SE which lasted off ten from 2 pm.	
	17 th	9am	tp. 35°-48° F. Max. pt. 511. Min. pt. 434. Several Bell tents (Service Ward) Tents collapsed from weight of snow. The Senior Chaplain PRES. A.I.F. Hd. Qrs. Rev. W. F. SHANNON, B.A. Colonel, called.	
	18 th	9am	tp. 28-40. F. Max. pt. 537. Min. pt. 462. Severe frost upon thawed heavy snow. Work proceeding on one of men's huts - none upon patients hut.	
	19 th	9am	tp. 24°-40.° F. Max. pt. 536. Min. pt. 524. Heavy frost - all buckets frozen. S.S.M.s. inspected at 2.30 pm. O.C. N ^o 9 (American) Stat. Hosp. Called. 2.30 p.m.	
	20 th	9am	tp. 15°-26° F. Max. pt. 524. Min. pt. 450. Heavy frost continues. 64 pt. Enamels. 4-45 a.m. work upon men's huts proceeding - not so with patient's huts.	
	21 st	9am	tp. 22°-28° F. Max. pt. 533. Min. pt. 443. Heavy Frost holds: no wind. Capt. A.O. FIELD, arrived. Major TOWER, O.C. N ^o 9. Gen. Hosp. (American) called accompanied by Major RILEY, & Capt. KARSLER, U.S.A.M.C.	

J. A. Dick. Col.
O.C. 1st A.G.H.

1st. Australian
General Hosp^y

WAR DIARY

Dec^r 1917.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROUEN.	1917 Dec ^r			
	22 nd	9 am	tp: 30° - 34° F. Max. pt. 504 Min. pt. 412 Lt. Col. DUNHILL & Capt. BLACKALL on light duties to Hosp. on 23 rd Officers & Sisters attended a Christmas Concert given by Scottish Sect. N° XI. Stat. Hosp.	
	23 rd	9 am	Sunday. tp: 20° - 30° F. Max. pt. 580 Min. pt. 471. Extremely cold. all water exposed is frozen hard. Snow still on ground last Sunday. Lt. Col. T. P. DUNHILL - Sick, off duty - went to N° 2 Br. R.C. Hosp. on 24 th .	ground still on since
	24 th	8.30 am	tp: 17° F. - 32° F. Max. pt. 522 Min. pt. 470. One of the coldest mornings of this Winter. Thaw set in midnight Christmas Eve. All arrangements completed for Xmas day for Patients & personnel. Capt. Bothamley left for 1st A.C.C.S.	
	25 th	8.30 am	tp: 42° F. - 33° F. Max. pt. 548 Min. pt. 472. Thaw set in with rain. Christmas Day. The Dinner and other good cheer provided by the Australian Branch B.R.C. Soc. (supplemented by rations) was a great success. The wards were decorated by the Sisters and Convalescent Patients. The N.C.O.s. Syth. had dinner in their own mess. The Grooms Mess had their dinner in N° 1 but nearly completed now for Personnel.	
	26 th	9 am	tp: 33° - 35° F. Max. pt. 548 Min. pt. 512. Snowing slightly & raining slightly today. Sisters Christmas Dinner today in evening. Convey & Evacuation during early hours of Christmas Day and Boxing day.	
	27 th	8.30 am	tp: 32° - 34° F. Max. pt. 577 Min. pt. 462 Slight snow & rain. Lieut. HEDLEY, A.I. F. Postal Corps called and inspected Unit Post Office.	
	28 th	8.30 am	tp: 26° - 32° Max pt. 514 Min. pt. 446. Severe frost this morning convey & evacuation during early hours. Very Cold Wind 2-7 pm.	J. Dick, Col. O.C. 1st A. G. H.

1st. Australian -
General Hospital -

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Dec. 1917

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROUEN,	DEC.			
	29 th	8.30 am.	tp: 19° F - 30 F. Max pb. 44.6. Min pb. 4.30 Very cold & snowing during night. Clear Sunshine 10 am.	
			Capt. FARGIE went to No. 2. Br. Red Cross Hosp [Sick] Yesterday.	
	30	8.30 am	34° - 36° F. Max pb 51.3. Min pb. 4.30 Major Sweet returned from Hosp. on 29th.	
			a Dramatic Party of the Unit, performed successfully a XV Century English Morality Play at the Y.M.C.A. Hall in grounds of No. 10. Br. G. Hosp. adjacent our camp. Prof. BURKITT, the Y.M.C.A. Official (from Oxford Univ.) arranged the Play. This Y.M.C.A. group & hut serves No. 10. Br. G. H. & No. XII G. H. (American) and our Hosp. all three are situated within the Racecourse, Bruyeres, Rouen, and like all other Y.M.C.A. places is a most useful & helpful place for the Patients and Personnel. No work done upon Patients hut so far -	
	31 st	8.30 am.	tp. 33° F. - 32 F. Max pb 61.4. Min pb 48.6. Alol DUNHILL returned from No. 2. B. R. C. Hosp. New Year Eve discussed by the French apparently more than Christmas. London Gazette of Friday Dec. 28 contains the Mentioned of the A.I.F. in Sir D. Haig's Despatches of Nov. 7. (London "Times" of Dec. 29th). The following present members of this Unit were mentioned: Col. J. A. Dick, Major H. J. Williams, Sister A. Ross-King, Sister E. Geoghegan, Sister E. J. Kendall, Sister E. M. Garden. The first hut for our Personnel was handed over today by the Engineers. No huts for patients completed, many to be put up for them next year - one only has been commenced. Frost at night - clear sky.	
				J. A. Dick. Col. O.C. 1st. A. G. H.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 1 - PLACE - RACECO URSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Place 1917.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
December	1st.		Personnel. - 21 Medical Officers, - 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 83 Nursing Staff 194 O/Ranks. (Personnel Other Ranks includes 1 Motor Driver B.E.F. attached and 1 Tent Mender B.E.F. attached). Arrivals. - 1 Medical Officer from leave (Capt E. Field) Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 214 - Wounded 99 - Total 313. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 22. - To Convalescent Depot 12. - To Base Depots 2. - Total 36. Wounded. - " " 56 - " " " 7 - " " " 1 - Total 64. Total 100. 12-15 am DEATH. - No 15558 Private F. Wheeler. 16th. Middlesex. GSW head. 6-25 am DEATH - No 97980 Private J. Hall, 244th. Co. M.G. Corps. G.S.W. Back. 6-40 am DEATH - No 201956 Private J.W. Cook, 1/4. Seaforths. GSW Head. Midnight. Patients remaining. - Sick 420 - Wounded 459 - Total (with 7 NYDN Cases) 896. Vacant Beds 144.	
December	2nd.		Personnel. - 22 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 83 Nursing Staff, 193 Other Rks. Arrivals. - 1 Other Rank from Hospital. - 3 Other Rks. from leave. - Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. Bed Strength. - 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 9 - Wounded 200 - Total 209. Discharges and Transfers. Sick To England 33 33. - Won. Depot 31 - Base Depots 7. - Total 71. Wounded " " 75 - " " 12 - Total 87 - Total 158. 12-30 am DEATH No 285037 Private J. McDermid. 6th. Seaforths. SW Buttock. 1-45 am DEATH No 15886 Lce/Cpl. E.W. Sims. 4th. Hussars. GSW Back. Midnight. Patients Remaining. - Sick 358 - Wounded 580 - Total (with 7 NYDN Cases) 945. Vacant Beds 95.	
December	3rd.		Personnel. 22 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 83 Nursing Staff, 196 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - 2 Other Ranks from Transfer, 1 Warrant Officer from Transfer, 1 Other Rank from Hosp. Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Transfers - 1 Other Rank to Depention. Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions. - Sick 8 - Wounded 122 - Total 130. Discharges and Transfers. Sick - To England 28 - To Con. Depot 33 - To Base Depots 16 - To Other Hosp 1 - Tot. 78 Wounded - " " 65 - " " " 12 - " " " 3 Tot. 80. Tot. 158. 3-0 pm DEATH) No 38164 private J.J. Portman. 2/6 Sth. Staffs, GSW multiple. 6-30 pm DEATH - No 34009 Rifleman H. Blackburn, 2/7. West Yorks, Bmb. W. Abdomen.	

Handwritten signature: J. D. D. Col

365

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 2 - Place - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917.			
December 3rd.	(continued)			
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 288 - Wounded 620 - Total (with 10 NYDN Cases) 918. Vacant Beds 122.	
December 4th.			Personnel. - 22 Medical Officers. - 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 83 Nursing Staff, 198 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 2 Medical Officers from Transfer. (Capt. E. L. I. Graves. Capt. R. L. Kenahan) 1 O/Rank from transfer, - 1 Other Rank from Hospital. Departures. - nil. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 111. - Wounded 61. - Total 172. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 17 - To Con Depot 31 - To Base Depots 13 - To Other Hosp. 1 - Total 62. Wounded - " " 24 - " " " 7 Total 31.	
	12-15 pm		DEATH - No 50943. - Private W. Moon. - 17th. Middlesex? - GSW neck. Gd. Total 93.	
	12-40 pm		DEATH - No 20402 Private A. J. Haddow. - 3rd. Grenadier Gds. - SW thigh.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 337 - Wounded 638 - Total (with 10 NYDN Cases) 995. Vacant Beds 45.	
December 5th.			Personnel. - 24 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 83 Nursing Staff, 200 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - 1 Medical Officer from Transfer (Capt J. J. C. Lamrock) - 2 Other Ranks from leave. Departures. - nil. Bed Strength. 1040. - Admissions. - Sick nil. - Total nil. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 19 - To Con Depot 32. - To Base Depots 8 - Total 59. Wounded - " " 99 - " " " 5 Total 104. - Gd. Total 163.	
	12-15 pm		DEATH. - No 5303. Private A. Green. - 16th. Lancers. GSW r shoulder.	
	3-0 pm		DEATH - No 4267 Sergt. H. Phillips. 12th. Lancers. SW r thigh.	
	7-15 pm		DEATH - No 202569. Private W. Holmes. 2/4. Duke of Wellingtons. SW knee.	
	Midnight		Patients Remaining - Sick 278 - Wounded 541 - Total (with 10 NYDN Cases) 829. - Vacant Beds 211.	
December 6th.			Personnel. 25 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 83 Nursing Staff, 203 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - 2 Other Ranks from Transfer, 1 Other Rank from Hosp. Departures. - 2 Nursing Staff to leave. Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions, - Sick 18 - Wounded 50 - Total 68. Discharges & Transfers. Sick - To England 23 - To Con Depot 7 - To Base Depots 5. - To Other Hosp 1 - Total 36.	

D. D. & L. London, E. C.
(A7883) Wt W809/M1672 50,000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14

APPENDIX.

Radick. Col.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 3 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1917.				
December 6th.	(Cont'd)		Wounded - To England 50 - To Con Depot 5 - To tal 55. - Grand Total 91.	
	8-20 pm		DEATH - No 45602 - Private W.E. Smith 2/5 K.O.Y.L.I. GSW sacrum Sacrum.	
	4-0 pm		DEATH - No 36205 - Private C. Wright. 2/4. Roy. Berks. GSW Thigh.	
	Midnight		Patients Remaining, - Sick 260 - Wounded 534 - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 817. - Vacant Beds 223.	
December	7th.		Personnel. - 25 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 81 Nursing Staff, 206 Other Ranks.	
			Arrivals. - 5 Other Ranks from leave.	
			Departures. - 2 Nursing Staff to Transfer. - 3 Other Ranks to leave.	
			Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions - Sick 25 - Wounded 49 - Total 74.	
			Discharges and Transfers.	
			Sick To England 23 - Con Depot 19 - Base Depots 3 - Total 45.	
			Wounded " " 42 - " " 11 - " " 2 - Total 55. Total 100.	
	1 a.m.		DEATH - No 761237 - A/Bdr. J. Harrison. - R.F.A. C/317 Bde. Gassed shell.	
	4 a.m.		DEATH - No 39035 - Private F. Mazeiko. - 2/5. W. Yorks. - GSW Head.	
4 p.m.	Midnight		DEATH - No 538052 - Private A.J. Matthies. - R.A.M.C. 6th. Lond. Field Amb. - SW Chest.	
	5-35 pm		DEATH - No 613189 - Private J. Brown. 19th. London. - Gassed.	
	6-30 pm		DEATH - No 222016 - Private T.W. Chambers, 2/5 West Yorks. - GSW legs.	
	Midnight.		Patients Remaining. - Sick 240 - Wounded 523 - Total (with 24 NYDN Cases) 787. - Vacant Beds 253.	
December	8th.		Personnel. - 25 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 79 Nursing Staff, 208 Other Rks.	
			Arrivals. - 1 Other Rank from Transfer. - 3 Nursing Staff from leave. - 1 O/Rk. from transfer.	
			Departures. - 2 Other Ranks to leave.	
			Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions. - Sick 2 - Total 2.	
			Discharges and Transfers.	
			Sick - To England 35 - To Con. Depot 8 - Total Base Depots 3. - Total 46.	
			Wounded - " " 113 - " " " 5 Total 118 Total 164.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining - Sick 196 - Wounded 405 - Total (Total with 24 NYDN Cases) 625. - Vacant Beds - 315.	
December	9th.		Personnel. - 35 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 82 Nursing Staff, 208 Other Ranks.	
			Arrivals. - 1 Medical Officer from Transfer (Hon. Lt. T.W. Longville - Dispenser) - 12 Other Ranks f from Transfer. - 4 Other Ranks from leave.	
			Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. - 3 Other Ranks to leave. - 1 Nursing Staff to Hospital.	
			Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions. - Sick 70 - Wounded 15 - Total 85.	
			Discharges and Transfers	
			Sick To England 21 - To Con Depot 12 - To Base Depots 8 - Total 41	
			Wounded " " 80 - " " " 8 Total 88. - Total 129.	

APPENDIX.

Ja. Dick. Col.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 4 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Place 1917.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
December 9th. (Cont'd)				
	12-45 am		DEATH. - No 241544. - Private W. Perry. - 2/6 Sth. Staffs. - GSW Arm.	
	12-15 pm		DEATH - No 30701 - Private H. Gardiner, - 14th. H.L.I. - GSW Leg.	
	Midnight.		Patients Remaining. - Sick 225 - Wounded 330 - Total (with 24 NYDN Cases) 579. - Vacant Beds 461.	
December 10th.				
			Personnel. - 25 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 81 Nursing Staff, 220 Other Ranks.	
			Arrivals. - nil. - Departures. 3 Other Rks. to leave.	
			Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions, - Sick 123 - Wounded 3. - Total 126.	
			Discharges and Transfers.	
			Sick To England 21) Con Depot 12 - To Base Depots 2 - Total 35.	
			Wounded " " 22 - "q " 4 Total 26. - Total 61.	
	2-35 am		DEATH. - No 615631 - Private W. Wood. 19th. Londons. Gassed.	
	Midnight.		Patients Remaining. - Sick 313 - Wounded 306 - Total (With 24 NYDN Cases) 643. - Vacant Beds 397.	
December 11th.				
			Personnel. - 25 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 81 Nursing Staff, 217 O/Rks	
			Arrivals. - 1 Medical Officer from leave. (Major A.J. Brennan) 3 Other Rks. from leave.	
			Departures. - 1 Medical Officer to detachment (Capt M.L. Scott) NNo 6 Genl. Hosp.	
			Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions, - Sick 50 - Wounded 33 - Total 83.	
			Discharges and Transfers.	
			Sick - To England 31 - To Con Depot 15 - To Base Depots 7 - Total 53.	
			Wounded " " 59 " " " 5 Total 60 - Total 113.	
	3-30 am		DEATH - No 38512 - Private F. Smith. - 1st. Essex. - GSW arm & thigh.	
	5-45 am		DEATH - No 116160 - C.S.M. J.A. Fisher. 72nd. Canadian Inf. - GSW thigh. 7 hand.	
	8-15 am		DEATH. - No 308815 - Private J. Haggerty. 735 Labout Coy. - Bronchitis & Heart failure.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining. - Sick 309 - Wounded 273. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 605. - Vacant Beds 435	
December 12th.				
			Personnel. - 26 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 81 Nursing Staff, 220 O/Rks	
			Arrivals. - 4 Other Ranks from Transfer. - 1 Other Rank from Hospital.	
			Departures. - 1 Medical Officer to Transfer 3rd Aust. Div. (Capt. R.L. Kenahan)	
			Bed Strength. 1040. - Admissions - Sick 73 - Wounded 24. - Total 97.	
			Discharges and Transfers.	
			Sick - To England 21 - To Con Depot 16 - To Base Depots 5 - To Other Hosp. 1 Tot. 43.	
			Wounded " " 34 - " " " 23 Tot. 37. Tot 80.	

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 5 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1917.				
December 12th	(Cont'd)			
	8-15 am		DEATH - No 781598 - Private T. J. Welch. 1/2 Londons, GSW Leg, Arm & head.	
	7-0 pm		DEATH - No 27722 - Private J. Parsons. 11th. K.O.S.B. GSW buttocks.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 339 - Wounded 258. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 620. - Vacant Beds 420.	
December 13th.			Personnel. - 24 Med. Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 81 Nursing Staff, 225 O/Ranks.	
			Arrivals. - 1 Other Rank from leave. -	
			Departures. - 1 Nursing Staff to Transfer. - 5 Other Ranks to leave.	
			Bed Strength. - 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 87 - Wounded 2 - Total 89.	
			Discharges and Transfers,	
			Sick To England 24 - To Con Depot 22 - To Base Depots 9 - Total 55.	
			Wounded " " 26 - " " " 6 - Total 32. - Total 87.	
	3-0 am		DEATH. - No 372334 - Tfm. R. Lewis. 8th. Londons. - GSW Back.	
	Midnight,		Patients Remaining, - Sick 371 - Wounded 227. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 621. - Vacant Beds 419.	
December 14th.			Personnel. - 24 Med Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 80 Nursing Staff, 221 O/Ranks.	
			Arrivals. - 1 Nursing Staff from leave, - 18 Other Ranks from leave.	
			Departures. - 3 Nursing Staff to leave.	
			Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 1 - Total 1.	
			Discharges and Transfers,	
			Sick To England 24. - To Con Depot 13 - To Base Depots 3 - To Other Hosp 1 - Tot. 41.	
			Wounded " " 28 - " " " 2. - Total 28. Tot 69.	
	2-35 pm		DEATH - 220208 - Cpl. E.E. Osborne. - 2/4 Roy. Berks. - GSW multiple.	
	10-30 pm		DEATH - 203105 - Private W.G. Button. - 2/5 Roy. Warwicks. - GSW leg & arm.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 331 - Wounded 197 - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 551. - Vacant Beds 489.	
December 15th.			Personnel. - 24 Med. Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 78 Nursing Staff, 229 O/Ranks.	
			Arrivals. - nil - Departures. - 1 O/Rank to detention, 1 O/Rank to leave.	
			Bed Strength. - 1040. - Admissions - nil.	
			Discharges and Transfers.	
			Sick to England 58 - To Con Depot 20 - To Base Depots 7 - Total 85.	
			Wounded " " 39 - " " " 2. - To Other Hosp 1. - Total 42. Total 127.	
	6-15 pm		DEATH. - No 612295 Private A.S. Sanders, 19th. Londons, Gassed.	
	Midnight.		Patients Remaining. - Sick 246. - Wounded 154. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 423. - Vacant Beds 617.	

APPENDIX.

J. J. O'Connell Col. 10

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 6 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1917.	December 16th.		Personnel. - 24 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 78 Nursing Staff . 227 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - 2 Medical Officers from Reinforcement (Capt. S.M. O'Riordan & Capt. A.J. Fargie) 2 Nursing Staff from leave. - 1 Other Rank from detention. Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Transfer. - 1 Nursing Staff to Hospital. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions, - Sick 69 - Wounded 12 - Total 81. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 35. - To Con Camp. 16 - To Base Depots 5. - Total 56. Wounded - " " 14. Total 14. - Total 70.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 259. - Wounded 152. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 434. - Vacant Beds 606.	
	December 17th.		Personnel. - 26 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 79 Nursing Staff, 227 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 5 Other Ranks from leave. Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. - 1 Nursing Staff to Hospital. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions, - Sick 62 - Wounded 18 - Total 80. Discharges and Transfers. Sick - To Con Depot 30 - To Base Depots 5. - To Other Hosp 1. - Total 36. Wounded - " " 3. Total 3. - Total 39.	
	12-20 am		DEATH. - No 240791 - Sergt. O. Harries. 2/6 Roy. Warwicks. - GSW multiple.	
	12-30 am		DEATH - No 9442 - Corpl. O. Smith. 2nd. South Staffs. - GSW arm. leg. Tetanus.	
	3-20 am		DEATH - No 19040 - Private G.W. Grace. 1st. Coldstreams. - GSW arm.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 285. - Wounded 164. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 472. - Vacant Beds 568.	
	December 18th.		Personnel - 24 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 78 Nursing Staff, 231 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 3 Nursing Staff from leave. - Departures. - 1 Nursing Staff to leave. - 1 Other Rank to Detention. Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions. - Sick 47 - Wounded 20 - Total 67. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 47. - To Con Depot 3 - To Base Depots 7 - To Other Hosp. 1 - Tot. 58. Wounded - " " 16 - " " " 3 - Tot. 19. Tot 77.	
	Midnight		patients remaining. - Sick 275. - Wounded 164. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 462. - Vacant Beds 578.	

APPENDIX.

G. Dick. Col.
11

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 7 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Place 1917.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
December 19th.			Personnel. - 26 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 80 Nursing Staff, 230 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 1 Other Rank from Detention. Departures. - 7 Other Ranks to leave. - 1 Other Rank from Detention. Bed Strength. 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 59 - Wounded 15 - Total 74. Discharges and Transfers. Sick - To Con Depot 1 - To Base Depots 6. - To Other Hosp 1. - Total 8. Wounded - " " " 2 Total 2. - Total 10.	
	3-30 pm		DEATH. - No 2022. Private C. Johnson. - 2nd. Yorks & Lincs. att 16. L.T.M.B. - GSW legs.	
	5-10 pm		DEATH - No 6533 Private P. Francis. - 12th. Lancers, GSW thigh.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 326 - Wounded 175. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 524. - Vacant Beds 516.	
December 20th.			Personnel. - 26 Medical Offrs. 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 80 Nursing Staff, 223 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 1 Nursing Staff from Transfer. - 1 Other Rank from Detention. - 1 Medical Officer from Detachment. (Capt. M.L. Scott). Departures. - 1 Nursing Staff to Transfer. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 1. - Total 1. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 37. - To Con Depot 9 - To Base Depots 8. - Total 54. Wounded - " " 27 - Total 27. - Total 81.	
	7-20 pm		DEATH. - No 1307 Lee/Cpl. A. Jago. - Roy. Guernsey L.I. GSW feet.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 338 - Wounded 139. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 500 - Vacant Beds 540.	
December 21st.			Personnel. - 27 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 80 Nursing Staff, 224 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 1 Medical Officer from Transfer (Capt. O.A. Field) - 1 Other Rank from Transfer. 1 Other Rank from detention. - Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 82. - Wounded 8 - Total 90. Discharges and Transfers. Sick - To England 16. - To Other Hosp. 1 - Total 17. Wounded - " " 15. - To Con. Depot 1. Total 16. - Total 33.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining. - Sick 321 - Wounded 128. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 472. - Vacant Beds 568.	

Major Col.
12

WAR DIARY

07

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 8 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1917.				
	December 22nd.		Personnel. - 28 Med. Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispensers, 80 Nursing Staff 225 O/Ranks. Arrivals - 2 Nursing Staff from Transfer. - 2 Other Ranks from Transfer. Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. - 3 Other Ranks to leave. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 4. - Total 4. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 11 - To Con Depot 5 - To Base Depots 5. - Total 21. Wounded. - " " 9 - " " " 2 - " Total 11. - Total 32.	
	7 pm Midnight.		DEATH. - No 473074. - Rifleman G. Chapman. - 9th. Londons. - Bmb. W. l. arm, legs & chest. Patients remaining. - Sick. 321 - Wounded 127. - Total (with 23 NYDN Cases) 469. - Vacant Beds 571.	
	December 23rd.		Personnel. - 28 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 82 Nursing Staff, 223 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 2 Other Ranks from leave. - Departures. - 4 Other Ranks to leave. - 1 Other Rank to Transfer. 3 Nursing Staff to leave. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick. - 108. - Wounded 6. - Total 114. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 24. - To Con Depot 16. - To Base Depots 1 - To Other Hosp 3. - Tot. 44. Wounded - " " 10 - " " " 5 Tot. 15. Tot 59.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 385. - Wounded 118 - Total (with 19 NYDN Cases) 522 - Vacant Beds 518.	
	December 24th.		Personnel. - 28 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 79 Nursing Staff, 220 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - 1 Nursing Staff from Hospital - 2 Nursing Staff from leave. - Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Transfer. - 1 Other Rank to leave. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 3 - Total 3. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 38. - To Con Depot 2. - To Base Depots 1 - Total 41. Wounded - " " 12 - " " " 0 Total 12 Total 53.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining. - Sick 347. - Wounded 106. - Total (with 19 NYDN Cases) 472. Vacant Beds 568.	
	December 25th.		Personnel. - 28 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 82 Nursing Staff, 218 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - 1 Other Rank from Hospital. ---Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions - Sick 68. - Wounded 7 - Total 75. Discharges and Transfers. - nil.	
	5-15 pm Midnight		DEATH. No 268317. Private H. Gulliver. 2/7. Roy. Warwicks. - GSW Buttock. Patients remaining. - Sick 415. - Wounded 112. - Total (with 20 NYDN Cases) 547. - Vacant Beds 493.	

APPENDIX

J. D. & L., London, E.C.

(A7883) Wt W8c9/M1672 250.000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14

APPENDIX

493. *Saurek Col*

07

ਅੰਗ

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 9 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - ROUEN.

APPENDIX

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.) PAGE 19 - PLACE - RACECOURSE CAMP - BUEN.

Place 1917.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
December 29th.			Personnel. - 26 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Q'masters, 1 Dispenser, 79 Nursing Staff, 217 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 4 Other Ranks from leave. - 2 Nursing Staff from leave. - 1 Medical Officer from Sick List. (Major. W.S. Sweet)	
			Departures. - 1 Nursing Staff from leave. - 1 Other Rank to Hospital. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 6. - Wounded 2. - Total 2.	
			Discharges and Transfers, Sick. - To England XXX . - To Con Depot 13. - Base Depots 2. - Total 15.	
	Midnight.		Wounded. - " " " 1. - Total 1. - Total 16. Patients Remaining. - Sick 319 - Wounded 93 - Total (with 18 NYDN Cases) 430.	
			Vacant Beds 610.	
December 30th.			Personnel. - 27 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Q'Masters, 1 Dispenser, 78 Nursing Staff, 220 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 1 Nursing Staff from Hospital. - 4 Other Ranks from leave. - 2 O/Rks. from Hospital.	
			Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Leave. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 675. - Wounded 21 - Total 96.	
			Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To Con. Depot 18. - To Base Depots 4. - Total 22.	
	Midnight.		Wounded. - nil. Patients remaining. - Sick 372. - Wounded 114. - Total (with 4 NYDN Cases) 490.	
			Vacant Beds 550.	
December 31st.			Personnel. - 27 Med. Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 1 Dispenser, 79 Nursing Staff, 225 O/Ranks Arrivals. - 1 Medical Officer from Sick List (Lt. Col. T.P. Dunhill) 2 Nursing Staff from leave. 1 Other Rank from Hospital. - 1 Other Rank from Transfer.	
			Departures. - 1 Medical Officer to Transfer (Capt. M. Fergie) - (Evacuated Sick) - 3 Other Ranks to Hospital.	
			Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 77. - Wounded 61 - Total 138.	
			Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 18 - To Con Depot 18 - To Base Depot 3. - Total 39.	
	Midnight		Wounded - " " 15 - Total 16. - Total 54. Patients remaining. - Sick 400 - Wounded 160. - Total (with 5 NYDN Cases) Total 565.	
			Vacant Beds 475.	

APPENDIX

Handwritten: J. D. A. G. H. 15

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-

PARTICULARS TO ACCOMPANY WAR DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1917.

Summary of Patients Admitted, Discharged and Died for
month of December 1917.

	SICK WOUNDED TOTAL GD. TOTAL.			
Remaining at Midnight 30-11-17.	232	437	676	(with 7 NYDN Cases)
Admissions.	1550	841	2391	3067
Transferred to England.	690	946	1636	
" " Other Hosps.	16	-	16	
Discharged to Conv. Depot.	506	125	631	
" " Duty Bases.	169	8	176	
Deaths.	1	39	<u>40</u>	<u>5566</u>
Patients remaining Midnight 31-12-17.	400	160	565	(with 4 NYDN & 1 Gas Cases)
Daily Average Beds occupied.	604.			
" " Admissions.	73.			
" " Discharges & Transfers.	79.3			
" " Deaths.	1.3			
Average Stay in Hospital.	7.8 days.			
Operations performed.	595.			



A.I.F. FRANCE.
1-1-18.

Colonel.
Commanding.
First Australian General Hospital.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.
-----000-----

REPORTS TO D.M.S. FOR DECEMBER 1917.

-----000-----

— O.C.'s GENERAL REPORT.

-----000-----

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.
-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-

— PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST.

— MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
SURGICAL DIVISION.

— PATHOLOGIST.

~~RADIOGRAPHER.~~

~~REGISTERAR.~~

— SANITARY OFFICER.

~~QUARTERMASTER.~~

-----000-----

3660

18

APPENDIX

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.
-----O-----

A. I. F.

14th. January 1918.

D. M. S.
A. I. F.

Ref: D.M.S. A.I.F. M.1513/4/2 of 15-10-17.

Herewith please,

REPORT FROM O. C.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

-----OOO-----

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1917.

The work of the Hospital proceeded satisfactorily during the month. The usual weekly inspections were carried out by the D.D.M.S. Rouen (Col. J.J.Russell. C.B. A.M.S.)

ADMISSIONS.

The number of patients admitted was 2391.

The average number of admissions per month for a period of 20 months is 2424.25.

COST OF SUBSISTENCE.

The Cost of Subsistence per patient per diem was one shilling and 6.646 pence which is slightly higher than last month. This is due to increased price of commodities.

MEDICAL CASES.

The number of "Sick" admitted was 1550, and there were amongst them several cases of dangerous illness.

Amongst thescases treated were:- Nephritis, Trench fever, Jaundice, Diarrhoea, Paratyphoid, Incontinence of Urine, Debility, Pleurisy, Pneumonia D.A.H. and V.D.H. The Physician Specialist (Major E.W.Fairfax) has submitted the attached report.

SURGICAL CASES.

There were 841 wounded patients admitted during the month, of these there was a large number of very dangerously wounded men. The report of the Medical Officer in Charge of the Surgical Division (Lieut-Col. T.P. Dunhill) is attached. The wounded arriving during the month, like all other patients, suffered from the winter conditions considerably.

DEATHS.

There were 40 deaths during the month. These in almost every case were the results of wounds by solid missiles. Two were the result of enemy poisonous gasses, and which are regarded as "Wounds" from a Military point of view. Excepting the Antitetanic Serum, so far, no Serums or Vaccines of a prophylactic or curative character have been supplied to counteract the processes of the septic organisms introduced at the time the wound was inflicted. Several of the deaths were of soldiers who had been wounded in the Cambrai Sector and had suffered greatly from exposure after receiving their injuries. The average number of deaths over a period of 20 months is 22.65 per month.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The personnel of this Department now consists of the Pathologist (Major Brennan) and an Staff Sergeant Pathologist (No 16593 B/Sergt D.S. North) and No 3116 Pte. J.H. Bradbury.

The work done has been exceedingly useful to the Surgeons and Physicians. The Pathologist's report is attached.

X-ray DEPARTMENT.

Some improvements are being made in the equipment of this Department, as may be observed in the Radiographer's report attached. The examinations made in both Surgical and Medical Cases have been of valuable assistance to the Surgeons and Physicians.

The X-ray N.C.O. (No 138. Cpl. T.J. McNamara) performs his duties to the satisfaction of the Radiographer.

The report attached shows a good record of work.

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.

The numerous returns required by the Army are attended to diligently by the Registrar (Major Verco). A list of those required is included in the Registrar's report which is attached. The Sergt. Clerk (No 166 Sergt. J.H. Jacobs) performs his duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

SANITARY OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT.

The general health of the members of the unit has been somewhat interfered with during the month by minor ailments the result of severe winter weather. Sore throats and Catarrhal conditions of the respiratory tracts have occurred. Two cases of diphtheria were recorded amongst the personnel and four amongst the patients. The report of the Sanitary Officer (Major A.J. Brennan) is attached.

-3-

V.D.

Four cases of Gonorrhoea occurred amongst the men, two were contracted whilst on leave. The other two had not used the prophylactic tent routine. These are referred to in the Reports of Registrar and Sanitary Officer.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

This is a large department in a General Hospital and is under Capt. Maughan and Lieut. Stubbs. The attached report from Capt. Maughan gives an outline of a large amount of work carried out in the various stores: Provision; Linen; Pack and Clothing Store.

A general stock-taking of the equipment of wards was made during the month.

The "Cook-house" is a very unsatisfactory structure and efforts are being made to improve it. Lieut. Stubbs is attending to this section. Captain Maughan and Lieut. Stubbs have effected improvements towards serving the patients meals hot.

DISPENSARY.

Hon. Lieut. T.W. Longville, the newly appointed Officer-Dispenser arrived during the month and has been settling down to his duties. The Dispensers report is included in that of the Quartermaster, it shows that 1069 lbs (or 9½ cwt) of cotton-wool, 28070 yards (15.948 miles) of gauze, 1500 litres of Dakin's Solution, 2260 ozs. Peroxide of hydrogen etc., etc., were used.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.

The A.R.C. Store continued its useful functions during the month. A list is attached showing the number of items issued. The A.R.C. most generously donated a sum equal to half-a-crown per patient towards supplementing the patients rations for Christmas Day. Miss Riggall assisted by Miss Austin and Miss Smith of the A.R.C. performed most excellent work for the patients, in obtaining and distributing the good things thus provided.

I cannot speak too highly of these three Australian ladies in their work for the patients in this Hospital. They fit in their efforts most pleasantly with those carried out by the Matron and Sisters and all others concerned in the distribution of Red Cross comforts of all kinds.

The patients were informed that the Australian Red Cross had provided the extras on Christmas Day.

VISITORS TO PATIENTS.

During the month, as in previous months, several patients have received visits from their next of kin. These cases were patients dangerously ill and their friends had obtained permission and assistance from the War Office to visit the patients. The Y.M.C.A. undertakes the care and accommodation in France of these visitors. It is a great satisfaction to patients Dangerously Ill and to their friends to be able to have these visits.

MEDICAL SECTION - NATIONAL WAR MUSEUM.

A circular upon the above was received on 12-12-17 from D.G.M.S. British Armies in France. A copy of which is attached to this report.

ANAESTHETICS.

A short course of lectures has been given to Sisters, and four Sisters have undergone portion of a practical training in administration of Anaesthesia. A copy of a report upon anaesthetics administered during the month is attached.

SISTERS EQUIPMENT (OVERSEAS).

Sisters arriving in France find it necessary to purchase articles of Equipment which have been found to be necessary when serving in a unit overseas. Such articles are expensive here and often not obtainable. Of first importance now are stoves (Blue flame, oil); as the cold is intense and they are necessary for warming purposes. A canvas bath is of equal importance because it is only possible to obtain 1 or 2 gallons of boiling water for ablutions which have to be performed in cubicle or bell tent. A canvas bucket is a necessary adjunct. Gum boots are indispensable. An electric torch or other equally good lantern is also necessary. Some Sisters who have served in British units have been issued with the foregoing and other necessaries noted on attached list. For all Sisters proceeding overseas it would be advisable if similar articles of equipment issued to those who have served in British units were provided before coming overseas.

OFFICERS EQUIPMENT (OVERSEAS).

Medical Officers proceeding overseas should have their equipment complete, as it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain articles upon repayment from Ordnance. The privilege of having the cost of articles entered up in pay-books has been abolished, (except for Officers newly Commissioned) and cash payments are now required. Whenever articles happen to be obtainable from Ordnance they are cheaper than at civilian stores.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Efficiency and Discipline of the Unit have been maintained. Most of the Orderly Room cases are amongst the under-aged boys who have come to the unit from the Infantry Battalions.

Recreation in the shape of kicking a football and playing matches under Rugby, Soccer and Australian Rules is continued when off duty.

A Dramatic Party of the unit gave Christmas entertainments in the Y.M.C.A. Hut situated in the grounds of No 10. British General Hospital next door. One performance was very good and consisted of a XV Century Morality Play. Prof. F.C. Burkitt (Cambridge University) the manager of the Y.M.C.A. Hut assisted our party of nine in producing this little play, which was repeated, and gave much pleasure to numerous patients and others.

Christmas: As already mentioned the Patients had an excellent day on Christmas Day, this was due to the generosity of the Australian Red Cross which supplemented the already liberal Government ration. The Sisters, Orderlies and Convalescent Patients decorated the wards. The Sisters gave up the whole day to looking after their patients and were indefatigable in their attention to the wants of the patients. The Sisters had their Christmas next day. The Australian Red Cross ladies also rendered most valuable assistance. The patients were delighted with what had been done for them. The personnel of the hospital also was well looked after that day. The sergeants were in their own mess and the others were in the new men's hut, since then completed.

The Australian Y.M.C.A. presented a wallet, and the Australian Soldiers Comforts Fund presented tobacco and cigarettes to each N.C.O. and man of the unit.

The weather throughout December was very trying, there being periods of intense cold alternating with snow and thaw. The lowest temperature recorded was 18° F.

HUTTING OF THE HOSPITAL.

Some distinct progress has been made during the month towards the hutting of the Hospital: viz:- One of the patients huts was started, and one of the mens huts was completed on December 31st.

A. A. Dick.

Colonel.
Commanding.
First Australian General Hospital.

-----000-----

Reports attached from:-

Physician Specialist.
Medical Officer in Charge Surgical Division.
Pathologist.
Radiographer.
Registrar.
Sanitary Officer.
Quartermaster.

-----000-----

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To.
Officer Commanding.
1st. Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF WORK OF MEDICAL DIVISION FOR
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1917.

Number of Sick admitted. - 1550.
" " " evacuated. - 690.
" " " Died. - 1.
Discharged to Duty (A & MB) - 169.
" " Conv. Depot. - 506.

NEPHRITIS. Number of Cases - 20.

Fifteen of these cases were acute nephritis with no history of any previous renal disease. The remaining five, from their histories, may have been cases of acute nephritis following on chronic nephritis in middle aged men with evidence of arterio sclerosis.

About half the cases arrived in Hospital with oedema of face, lungs, enlarged liver and occasionally ascites. Many of them having kept on duty several days after the oedema of face and feet had appeared.

For the first few days the quantity of urine was usually under normal, there was usually an increase sometimes up to 80 - 90 ounces in the 24 hours, and the oedema would quickly decrease.

During the recent cold weather it had been very difficult to make the skin act by means of hot bottles and blankets. There is now in use a cradle covered with waterproof sheets, supplied with hot air from a primus stove in an oil drum and connected by an iron pipe, this is effective but has the disadvantage of subjecting the neighbouring patients to the smell without the heat.

There is a prospect that the electric hot air baths may be forthcoming shortly.

Two cases sent in as Nephritis were really Tranch Fever with transient albuminuria which cleared up in a few days.

TRENCH FEVER. Number of Cases. - 60.

These cases were of the usual type. On the whole they were not as severe as during the previous two or three months.

A few cases had a series of febrile periods up to 102 - 103 for several days. The majority had a history, on their Field Medical Cards, of the initial shivering and general pains with a temperature of 100 - 102 for 3 - 4 days, then a normal temperature for some days and a second febrile period followed by persistent pains in skins, thighs, forearms and head.

During one week a number of cases were in Hospital of very much the same type:- Temp. 100 - 102 in the evening, lasting for 4 - 5 days. Pulse 76 - 80, low tension, persistent headache and shin pains, coated tongue, enlarged spleen.

Some of the cases lately in hospital have had no rise of temperature while here, but have had very severe shin pains, pains in thighs and forearms; none of the drugs tried seemed to have any effect in decreasing the pains, but Bier's passive congestion by means of rubber bandages lessened the shin pains.

Good results have been reported following the use of High Frequency, but the necessary coil is not included in the equipment of the X-Ray plant.

JAUNDICE.

Number of Cases - 2.

Both cases of Catarrhal Jaundice of recent origin, while in Hospital had no rise of temperature. They gave a history of enteritis before the onset of the jaundice, and were probably the common condition following duodenal enteritis.

DIARRHOEA.

Number of Cases - 36.

In the majority of these cases the diarrhoea had ceased before the patient arrived at the Hospital, and if it had not ceased it only lasted a few days after admission.

A few cases gave a previous history of dysentery in the tropics, but in very few was there any suspicion that the attack for which they were admitted could be dysenteric, if so they were sent to No 25 Stationary Hospital.

The most common cause of the diarrhoea, as far as one could tell from the history, was drinking water from shell holes or some other unauthorised source, occasionally from tinned food which the patients said did not taste good.

GASSED.

Number of Cases - 106.

There were comparatively few gassed cases of Mustard Gas this month. Four or five cases had laryngeal and pulmonary complications, of these one died with Broncho-pneumonia and early multiple abscesses of the lung, the others had severe bronchitis and laryngitis, and recovered sufficiently to be evacuated to England: these also had superficial burns and conjunctivitis.

There were a few cases with superficial burns and mild bronchitis which recovered soon and were sent to Convalescent Camp.

The Phosgene Gas Cases were more numerous and had the usual pharyngitis, slight laryngitis, variable amount of gastric disturbance and vasomotor disturbance.

The most marked signs were the low blood pressure, slow pulse, dyspnoea and faintness on slight exertion.

In some cases the blood pressure was 85 mm Hg Systolic and 50 Diastolic, Pituitrin $\frac{1}{2}$ cc. for 3 or 4 doses, followed by Camphor gr. 1 - 2, were given in most cases until the pulse improved and they were then evacuated to England.

PARATYPHOID B.

Number of Cases - 1.

This man had received his last inoculation in April 1915, and ran a typical course, was transferred to No 25 Stationary Hospital and identified as Paratyphoid B.

INCONTINENCE OF URINE. Number of Cases - 4.

Three cases gave a history of the condition being present since childhood and having increased since being on Active Service.

The fourth man had had occasional incontinence for 7 years previously, and it had increased the last two months; examination of his nervous system suggested early locomotor ataxia.

DEBILITY. Number of Cases - 30.

The condition was secondary to P.U.O. Trench Fever, Dyspepsia and Enteritis in many cases: deficient and carious teeth were responsible for a few, others gave no indication as to the cause, but were under weight, complained of weakness and inability to march with their pack.

Some of them were anaemic and their blood fricture was that of a mild secondary anaemia.

A few of the less severe cases were kept in Hospital until they had picked up, the majority were evacuated to England.

PLEURISY. Number of Cases - 6.

These were cases of recent origin and sudden onset with the exception of one. They were evacuated to England.

PNEUMONIA - LOBAR. Number of Cases - 3.

One case cleared up satisfactorily after the crisis, in the other two the temperature rose again and there was an effusion of clear fluid, which was explored. They were evacuated to England in a satisfactory condition after the fluid had begun to absorb.

D. A. H. Number of Cases - 29.

The majority of these patients complained of dyspnoea on exertion and had anaaccelerated pulse-rate.

Some of them were men drafted out of the A.S.C. & other branches of the service and put into Infantry Training for the first time; in many there was a history of longstanding dyspnoea on exertion. In the majority there was no evidence of organic disease, in a few some cardiac dilatation and abnormal acceleration on exertion.

Most of these cases were sent to the Cardiac Section Convalescent Camp.

A previous history of Trench fever, P.U.O. or exposure to Gas was obtained from some of the cases, and only the most marked cases, when there was evidence of debility in addition were evacuated to England. Most of them were fit to send to the Convalescent Camp, Cardiac Section.

V. D. H. Number of Cases - 8.

Only 3 Cases sent into Hospital under this name had any murmurs or evidence of valvular disease on admission, these were cases of mitral regurgitation with a previous history of rheumatic fever.

Major.

A.A.M.C.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To.
Officer Commanding
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF WORK OF SURGICAL DIVISION FOR
MONTH OF DECEMBER 1917.
-o-

The first ten days of the month were very busy, being the end of a period of three months during which the Hospital had been working to the limits of its capacity.

Since then the work has not been so heavy, and through the ordinary evacuation channels, the hospital has become less full. The appended list of operations shows that there has nevertheless been a considerable amount of work done in the Hospital.

We have had some simple, but effective, scaffolding built in No 1 Hut, somewhat after plan of that adopted at No 2 A.G.H. for suspending the Sinclair Hammocks without needing to use the very cumbersome Sinclair frames.

From this date, as far as is possible, the D.D.M.S. is sending cases of compound fracture of the femur to No 8 General Hospital.

We regret losing this class of case very much, as we have, during the last few months, gone to considerable trouble to familiarise ourselves with the best methods of treating these cases which obtain in this, and in other districts; and we had begun to feel that we were treating them efficiently. After any heavy fighting, this segregation will almost certainly not be possible, so that we feel that we will not entirely lose these cases.

The consulting work of the hospital is now divided between Major Langlands, Captain Scott, and myself. Each one of us sees, each day, every S.I. and D.I. case in the section under his control.

He helps the officer in charge with difficult cases, or operates himself on cases which are of sufficient gravity to necessitate it.

A.A.M.C.

Lieut.Colonel.

31-12-17.

REPORT OF SURGICAL DIVISION FOR DECEMBER 1917.

LIST OF OPERATIONS.

Nature of Operation.	Theatre No 1.	Theatre. No 2.	Total.
Abscess opened.	6	5	11
Amputation.	17	14	31
Aneurism Ligatured.	-	1	1
Appendicectomy.	1	-	1
Bone Operations.	-	-	-
1. Excision of joints.	7	5	12
2. Cpd. fractures.	18	18	36
3. Simple "	-	1	1
4. Removal of sequestra (bone)	-	22	22
Cranial & Brain Operations.	2	6	8
Dressings.	51	88	139
Empyema & Re-section of ribs.	4	-	4
Enucleation of eye.	1	1	2
F.B. removed.	67	53	120
Fistula-in-Ano.	1	-	1
Incisions Drainage.	108	63	171
Laminectomy.	1	-	1
Nerve-grafting.	1	-	1
Re-section of Ribs for F.B.	2	-	2
Secondary Haemorrhage.	20	6	26
Tendon Sutured.	1	-	1
Totals.	308	283	591.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To.

The Officer Commanding.

First Australian General Hospital.

-o-

REPORT OF WORK OF PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1917.

The number of specimens examined during the month ending December 31st, 1917, was 224, comprised as follows:-

Throat swabs.	-	103.
Urines.	-	58.
Blood Cultures.	-	9.
Agglutinations.	-	8.
Sputa.	-	7.
Faeces.	-	7.
Blood examinations.	-	9.
Other "	-	5.
Chest fluids.	-	10.
Knee fluids.	-	6.
Cerebro Spinal Fluids.	-	1.
Other fluids.	-	1.
	-	-----
Total.	-	224.

This total was rather reduced as I was granted leave of absence from November 26th. till December 11th, and very little work was carried out during my absence.

Staff Sergeant North reported for duty on the 15th. of December and with such a skilled assistant the work can be much more satisfactorily and

efficiently done. No 3116 Pte. Bradbury was also detailed for Laboratory duty on December 3rd.

The Autopsies performed numbered 12.

3-1-18.

A. A. M. C. Major. A.A.M.C.
Pathologist, 1st. A.G.H.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To.
The Officer Commanding,
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF SANITARY OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER 1917.

The Sanitary condition of the Hospital during the past month has been excellent. The usual routine methods of disinfection and disposal of rubbish, excreta etc., being employed.

One of the personnel (Pte. Higgins) contracted Diphtheria and on examination of his immediate contacts Pte. Barker was found to have K.L. Bacilli in his throat. Both these men occupied the same tent and were employed in No 2 Operating Theatre.

Four patients also developed Diphtheria.

In each case the immediate contacts have been isolated, their throats swabbed and all necessary disinfection carried out.

Four cases of Venereal Disease occurred, two of which were contracted whilst on leave and the other two had not used the prophylactic tent.

A. A. M. C. Major.
A. A. M. C.

3-1-18.