

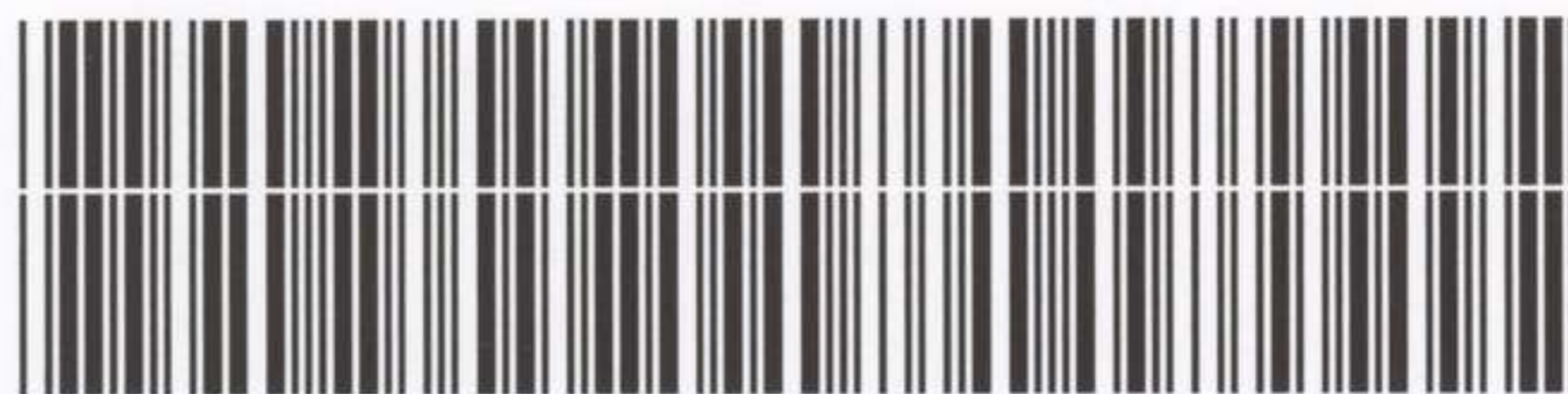
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Hospital, Bulford

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1.12.18	-	Report on No 2 Camp PARKHOUSE handed to A.D.M.S. No 1177 S/D/SMITH WA. assumed	
	"	-	duties a R.S.M. having reported here from No 2 A.A.F. and will hold rank as T/W.O. <i>Imp</i>	
	3.12.18	-	12 O.R. A.A.M.C. marched in for duty from A.A.M.C.T.D. FOVANT. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Chaplain Major	
	"	-	S. ARMSON marched out to report to embarkation Officer PLYMOUTH. <i>Imp</i>	
	4.12.18	-	3 O.R. marched out for duty Opus (PARIS) as E.T. specialists. War Diary + Appendix	
	"	-	for Nov '18 sent to Records + A.D.M.S. <i>Imp</i>	
	8.12.18	-	owing to the steadily increasing number of admissions permission is obtained	
	"	-	to discharge cases to C.T.D. on Sundays in future. <i>Imp</i>	
	10.12.18	-	No 2 Camp PKHOUSE inspected and further report submitted to A.D.M.S. <i>Imp</i>	
	12.12.18	-	On recommendation of Q.M. The N.C.O. who soiled LIVEN STORE was relieved of his duties and	
	"	-	another N.C.O. placed in charge (Sgt A.F. PEARSON). <i>Imp</i>	
	13.12.18	-	WINTER TIME TABLE came into force this A.M. Inauguration in the A.M. altered to suit <i>Imp</i>	
	19.12.18	-	A coal issue of 2 scuttles full to every 40 Redward commenced today	
	21.12.18	-	Temporary promotions to 20 published in Depot orders of this date	
	23.12.18	-	79 O.Rs marched in from A.A.M.C.; T.D. for duty.	
	25.12.18	-	No parades held. Treatment as usual - Staff patients given Xmas Dinner of	
	"	-	Roast Turkey, 2 vegetables, Roast Beef, Plum Pudding. all Dining Halls	
	"	-	messes + sick wards visited by CO. <i>Imp</i>	

*Imp* Stewart Col  
CO No 1. A.D.H.



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	27/12/18		Draft of 200 from N <sup>o</sup> 39. B.G.P. FRANCE arrived from Southampton by special train 1.45 p.m. on 18 hours notice given by authorities. <i>prop.</i>	
	30/12/18		N <sup>o</sup> 2 Camp PKHOUSE visited and preliminary arrangements made to send over an advance party to clear up Camp prior to transferring cases from BULFORD.	
			under two M.Os. in order to relieve congestion <i>prop.</i>	
	31.12.18		Report for month of December attached as Appendix 27/18) <i>prop.</i>	20/18
			<i>prop Stewart Col CO. NO 1 A.D.H.</i>	

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1ST AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.

Report for December, 1918.

1. LOCATION - Bulford.

2. STAFF - Average strength 17 Officers, 401 other ranks.

Changes in personnel - Officers

Marched in - NIL.

Marched out -

Chap. Rev. S. ARMSON to S.E. Officer, Plymouth - 3.12.18.  
 Capt. V.N.B. WILLIS to D.M.S., London - 27.12.18.

Other ranks

Marched in -

96 "A" class men from A.A.M.C., T.D., Fovant.  
 15 "A" " " " 3rd Training Brigade.  
 6 "A" " " " 9th Training Battalion.  
 2 "A" " " " No.1 C.D., Sutton Veny.  
 23 "A" " " " ex 1st A.D.H., Bulford.

Marched out -

9 C.1 class men to A.A.M.C., T.D., Fovant.  
 3 C.1 " " " D.M.S., London.  
 18 C.1 " " " No.2 C.D., Weymouth.  
 4 C.1 " " " R.B.A.A., Heytesbury.  
 2 C.1 " " " No.1 C.D., Sutton Veny.  
 2 "A" " " " A.A.M.C., T.D., Fovant.  
 2 "A" " " " D.M.S., A.I.F., London.

Admitted to Hospital during the month - 6.  
 Discharged from " " " " - 4.

3. PATIENTS -

Number of admissions -

From Depots in U.K.	...	...	482.	
From Expeditionary Force	...	...	307.	
Officers	...	...	10.	
Readmissions (all sources)	...	...	114.	<u>Total 913.</u>

Number of discharges ... .. 753.  
 Number in Hospital 31.12.18 ... .. 1117.

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

Admissions	...	...	...	630.
Discharges	...	...	...	419.
Average stay in Hospital				53 days.

"B" Division -



3. PATIENTS (Cont'd.)

<u>"B" Division -</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Average No. of days in Hospl.</u>
Syphilis	146	169	6.8
Mixed cases	19	41	50.3
Chancroid	6	4	26.3
Chancroid & gonorrh.	-	1	81
Scabies	22	20	8.4
Non-venereal	77	66	16.9
Urethritis catarrhal	-	21	21.6
<u>Totals -</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>322</u>	

Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. in Australia or while on voyage - 2.  
Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. since arrival in England - 27.

Patients admitted for Wassermann test - 20.  
Patients admitted for examination - 25.

4. REMARKS - Patients and Treatment -

The results obtained by the Treatment staff for the month are on the whole fairly creditable. A larger number of cases have been dealt with and discharged from Hospital than in recent months. The principal increase has been in the number of cases suffering from gonorrhoea admitted. This is chiefly due to the fact that 200 chronic cases from 39th General, Havre, were transferred to this Hospital, arriving 27.12.18. Unfortunately the shortage of medical staff had not been made up, although frequent applications had been made, consequently Medical Officers are very definitely overworked. The instrument shortage is also urgent, and the results in the immediate future are almost certain to be poor. I feel I must again accentuate the fact that a Medical Officer is of comparatively little use in a venereal Hospital until he has had from 2 to 3 months training, and it is quite impossible for the Officer i/c Treatment to give the necessary care and instruction to new members of the staff when he is overworked through having to treat too many cases in addition to the viewing, as well as admitting and segregating of cases, daily.

The number of complications discovered were :-

Prostatitis	...	87	Vesiculitis	...	105.
Cowperitis	...	4	Stricture	...	11.
Peri-urethral abscess	...	4	Balanitis	...	4.
Phimosis	...	1	Para-phimosis	...	2.
Urethral abscess ..	...	1	Vasitis	...	4.
Polypus (urethra)	...	9	Prostatic abscess	...	3.
Arthritis (gonorrhoeal)	...	2.			

The average number of Massages and Sounds dealt with throughout the month have been :-

Massage - per case	...	4.2%
Sounds - do.	...	2.4%
Use of Kollmanns	...	3%

The percentage of Epididymitis occurring before admission to Hospital amongst the discharged cases is 2.5%, and after admission 4.9%.

It will be seen that there is a slight increase in the length of stay in Hospital for Scabies, which is attributed to the fact that the personnel of the Treatment Staff has been changed to some extent, and that a few cases were complicated by dermatitis prior to admission.

The number of relapses admitted to Hospital for the month number 17 as against 29 in the previous month. This is remarkably



4. REMARKS (Cont'd) -

small considering that the discharges for the previous two months were over 800 and also that Armistice Day and Christmas Holidays were the cause of patients being absent from Hospital no matter what precautions were taken beforehand.

On the 31st of this month there are 253 in Hospital with a longer stay than 28 days, and 101 with a longer stay than 3 months. This does not include the recent cases from Havre which will probably bring the number up to 400.

A review of individual Medical Officers work shows that those who have strictly followed out the routine treatment of gonorrhoea are getting easily the best results, and that the more experienced the Medical Officer is, the more rapidly can he discharge his patients. This should be taken seriously into consideration before any of the Medical Staff are either transferred elsewhere or allowed to return to Australia, for every experienced Officer removed means a delay in the cure of cases in this Hospital.

5. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT -

In addition to the duties in this Hospital the Quartermaster's Department has been busily engaged in making arrangements for the Extension at No.2 Camp, Parkhouse, probably next month (January, 1919).

We have again been unfortunate in the services of a Laundry which has proved incapable of dealing with the amount of washing required to be done by this Hospital. On the 15th inst., a communication was received from the Manager of the Service Laundries, Ltd., that their machinery had broken down, and that they would not be able to carry on any longer. In fact they reported that the last lot of washing taken from the Hospital had not been dealt with and would have to be returned unwashed. The Quartermaster therefore made (with the consent of A.D.M.S.) tentative arrangements with the Hants and Wilts Laundry at Shipton, who fortunately were prepared to carry out almost all our laundry work until the end of this month, and also were prepared to tender for the washing of the Hospital for 1919.

The Hospital, clean and dirty, linen was withdrawn by transport from the Service Laundries, Salisbury, and the firm debited with the cost of transport.

On the 25th (Christmas Day) the patients and staff were given Christmas Dinner purchased from funds received from the Australian Red Cross, supplemented by 2/- per head from Regimental Funds, as far as the staff were concerned. Arrangements having been previously made with a wholesale poultry dealer in London, the poultry was obtained at a reasonable price, through the N.A.C.B. fruit for puddings was obtained at a price which enabled the 2/6d per head to cover all expenditure.

On the 27th, with only 18 hours notice, 200 patients arrived by special train at Bulford Siding and were admitted to Hospital, and it was with great difficulty that Hospital blues and blankets were obtained for these men. Advance indents were submitted through A.D.M.S. for Quartermaster's equipment and medical equipment for No.2 Camp, Parkhouse.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL DEPARTMENT -

The work entailed on this Department is increasing and will continue to increase more rapidly in the near future, and the lack of a Pharmaceutical Officer renders indenting, and responsibilities in connection with stores, an extra tax on the time of the Commanding Officer. From time to time a list of shortages of drugs and instruments has been forwarded to the A.D.M.S., and great difficulty is still experienced in obtaining



6. PHARMACEUTICAL DEPARTMENT (Cont'd) -

supplies promptly from the Australian Base Depot Medical Stores, London. It is hoped that when the Extension is in working order this will cease, otherwise treatment will be still further handicapped.

7. PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT -

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

8. GENERAL -

The work of completing the buildings taken over from the N.Z.E.F. is proceeding very slowly, and no amount of importuning Headquarters appears to accelerate or hasten completion. This is also to a great extent due to the fact that the R.Es. Bulford, are demobilising their working staff, and have not labour at their disposal which they had a few months ago. Unless this work is speeded up the mere possession of the buildings without stoves and light render them practically useless for the reception of patients, more particularly now the Winter is on us.

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



REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, FOR  
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1918.

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A. Work done in connection with the diagnosis and treatment  
of Syphilis -

1. Bloods taken by venipuncture of Median Basilic vein - 677.
2. Wassermann tests performed ... .. 649.
3. Dark ground examinations ... .. 73.

B. Work done in connection with the diagnosis and treatment  
of Gonorrhoea -

1. Smears (urethral) examined ... .. 6114.
2. Complement fixation tests for Gonorrhoea ... .. 28.
3. Vaccines - 24 cases - 720 c.c. of a strength of  
1 c.c. - 1,000,000,000.
4. Rectal smears for gonococcal proctitis ... .. 6.
5. Urines centrifuged and deposit examined for gonorrhoea 12.

C. General Pathological and Bacteriological work -

1. Throat swabs ... .. 5.
2. Urines complete examination ... .. 21.
3. Blood counts ... .. 2.
4. Examination of sputa for Tubercle Bacillus ... .. 4.

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PATHOLOGIST.

BULFORD,  
31.12.18.