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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
B U L L D O R D	1919.			
	3.3.19	-	Capl L. R. SCHOLLES A.D.C. (attached) evacuated to No 1 A.G.P. suffering from appendicitis, for operation. Capt N. N. WATTS A.D.C. to relieve the above-mentioned officer. About 2.30 p.m. 25 N.2.E.F. threatened to wreck N.A.C.B. Canteen in Hospital Grounds, but persuaded to desist, only 2 panes of glass broken in one window. Safe in Paymaster's Office robbed of £80-odd + valuables. reported to H.Q.s. Jmms.	
	7.3.19	-	Court of Inquiry assembled to enquire into Robbery from Paymaster's safe. Jmms.	
	8.3.19	-	T.W.O. TOPPIN R.D. marched out to H.Q.s. LONDON on EDUCATIONAL leave Jmms	
	12.3.19	-	Capl W. J. BEVERIDGE. A.A.M.C. marched out for duty to CODFORD.	
	8.3.19	-	Major Gen. Sir C. ROSENTHALL, K.C.B., D.S.O. visited this Hospital on taking over command of A.I.F. Depots in U.K. expressed satisfaction with discipline and state of Hospital generally. Jmms.	
	17.3.19	-	Capl G. W. PARRAMORE. A.A.M.C. reported for duty from FOYANT. Jmms	
	18.3.19	-	Capl D. B. FETHERS. A.A.M.C. reports to D.M.S. A.I.F. for educational leave. ~	
	-	-	Capl H. L. BEALE. A.A.M.C. reports to D.M.S. A.I.F. for Educational leave. Capl F. H. BEARE A.A.M.C. reported for duty from D.M.S. A.I.F. Jmms.	
	19.3.19	-	Hon Lt + Q.M. G. D. BLACK. A.A.M.C. reported for duty from D.M.S. A.I.F. Jmms.	
			Jmms Stewart Col CO. NO 1 A.D.H.	

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B U L F O R D.	1919			
	20.3.19.		AUTHORITY to pay PATIENTS, who have the necessary credit in their PAYBOOKS, an amount, not exceeding 3/6 ^d per week, having been received (C.P. M&R A.I.F. F.1429-5-41. of 24/2/19)	4/19.
	"		arrangements were made with pay officer to pay every 21 days, notice to be given Appendix 4/19	
	21.3.19.		VOLUNTARY organised WALKS twice a day for patients are introduced from this date as an Exercise with a view to determining the amount of benefit, if any, derived from such exertions & if definitely beneficial will be made compulsory. (Appendix 5/19) Jm	5/19.
	23.3.19		Major N.M. GIBSON A.A.M.C. to be Lt Col. whilst in charge of Treatment at NO 1 A.D.H. as from 17.3.19 (A.I.F. LIST NO 456 of 18.3.19). All medical & Surgical Equipment on issue inspected by PHARMACEUTICAL OFFICER. Jm	
	24.3.19		Major A.GOLDSTEIN. A.A.M.C. marched out to H.Qs. LONDON for return to AUSTRALIA. Jm	
	25.3.19		Capt L.R. SCHOLES A.D.C. reports back from NO 1 A.G.H. after operations Jm	
	27.3.19		Capt. D.G. ROBERTSON A.A.M.C reports for duty from D.M.S. A.I.F. Lt V.H. COLLESS 1st M.G. Bn. reports as relief orderly officer from C.T.D. PARKHOUSE. Temporary promotions for A.D.H. & EXTENSION promulgated D.O. LIST 115 of 27.3.19.	
	28.3.19		Pay Master's safe rifled for second time. Reported to H.Qs. TIDWORTH. Chaplain A.P. BLADEN (2nd Class) reported to H.Qs. LONDON. Jm	
	29.3.19		Lt W.W. EDMONDS M.C. P.S.L. marched out to NO 1 C.D. Jm	6/19.
	31.3.19		Monthly Report for March as Appendix Jm	CO. NO 1 A.D.H.

1ST AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.

Appendix 4/19.

N o t i c e.

A.I.F. Headquarters, having approved of a small amount of pay being made available to members of the A.I.F. while patients in 1st A.D.H. or Extension at Parkhouse, in future such pay will be made at the rate of 10/- every three weeks, providing a sufficient credit exists, after allowing for Hospital stoppages, in their Pay Books.

Members of the A.I.F. in Hospital who have deposited money in the Patients' Trust Account through the Pack Store will be allowed to draw from that account at the same extent every three weeks, but if their Pay Books are in credit they must draw from their Pay Book account and not from money they may have in the Patients' Trust Account. This will be held intact pending their discharge from Hospital.

Pay Roll Forms will be issued from time to time from the Wardmaster's Office in each Division, and at Extension to N.C.Os in charge of Waras or Huts occupied by patients who are considered as being walking cases, and will be returnable on certain days notified from time to time giving the Number, rank, name, Unit and amount up to 10/- that the individual soldier wishes to draw. In No.1 A.D.H. the personnel of patients will be divided into two Groups, those whose names commence with "A" down to those whose names commence with "H", as Group 1, and those whose names commence with "I" to "Z", Group 2. N.C.Os compiling these Pay Rolls will see that the names are taken in alphabetical order on the Pro Forms supplied from time to time. When pay is available it will be issued to the patients from "B" Division Patients' Mess Hut. Men will parade in alphabetical order and are to distinctly understand that it is to be treated as a parade. The ranks will keep in their alignment and no talking is allowed; any breach of this order will mean the stopping of the Pay parade at once, and it will not be resumed until permission is obtained from the C.O.

Pay for patients in bed will be on a special day every three weeks, and the Paymaster will visit the Waras and obtain the necessary signatures to the Acquittance Rolls.

Sd. J.M.Y. STEWART, Col.,
C.O., 1st A.D. Hospital.

War Diary 4.

Appendix 4/19.

Extension

- PATIENTS PAY ROLL FOR.....1919.

To be handed in by 12 noon.....1929.

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Appendix 5/19.No.1 Australian Dermatological Hospital.EXERCISE FOR PATIENTS -

During fine weather, patients in No.1 A.D.H. and Extension at Parkhouse, will be given the privilege of a march out, in charge of Officers, for one and a half hours in the forenoon (10.30 a.m. to 12 noon), and afternoon (2.30 to 4 p.m.). The march will be an "organised walk", the men to walk in "fours" and keep fair intervals and alignment. They will "walk at ease" and may smoke, but must conduct themselves properly; any complaints of rudeness to passers by, or breaking off from the column, will mean cancellation of the exercise.

When passing through any village or hamlet the column will close up and "march at attention" till clear of such village or hamlet, and no halts are to be made in any such places or their vicinity. The patients must wear their overcoats ALL the time they are outside the Hospital bounds.

There will be "halts" for five minutes at the end of every twenty minutes walk, and the pace will not exceed $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles per hour.

Patients who have to parade in the morning for "slide and water" will go out in the afternoon. Patients with appointments with their Medical Officers in the afternoon will go out in the forenoon. N.C.O. patients accompanying the column will assist in keeping control of other ranks and maintain the necessary discipline.

On the days considered fine enough "fall in" will be blown in "A" and "B" Divisions. Patients in "A" Division will "fall in" on the road facing Huts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Patients in "B" Division will fall in on the road facing Operating Theatre, Expense Store, Medical and Surgical Wards, Treatment Hut and Dental Hut. At No.2 Camp, Parkhouse, patients will "fall in" between rows A. & B. and C. & D. The columns forming each parade will move off independently and not join up on line of march. They will be numbered off and move off in fours with one Officer leading and one Officer at rear of column.

THE EXERCISE IS VOLUNTARY BUT EVERY MAN CONSIDERED FIT BY HIS MEDICAL OFFICER IS STRONGLY ADVISED TO TAKE THE EXERCISE IN HIS OWN INTERESTS.

Bulford,
20.3.1919.

W. J. Stinson
Col.,
C.O., 1st A.D. Hospital, AIF.

1ST AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.Report for March, 1919.1. LOCATION - Bulford.2. STAFF - Average strength 30 Officers, 477 other ranks.Changes in Personnel - OfficersMarched in -

Capt. N.N.Watts, A.A.D.S., from S.D.O., Tidworth.	- 4.3.19
Capt. W.F.Stephens, A.A.M.C. from No.4 Command Depot	- 5.3.19
Lieut.V.H.Bellemy, A.A.M.C. from D.M.S., London	- 12.3.19
Capt. G.W.Parramore, A.A.M.C., from A.A.M.C., T.D.	- 17.3.19
Capt. F.H.Beare, A.A.M.C. from D.M.S., London	- 18.3.19
Lieut.G.D.Black, A.A.M.C., from D.M.S., London	- 19.3.19.
Capt. D.G.Robertson, A.A.M.C. from D.M.S., London	- 27.3.19
Lieut.V.H.Colless, 1st M.G.B. from C.T.D., Parkhouse	- 27.3.19

Marched out -

Capt. W.J.Beveridge, A.A.M.C. to S.M.O., Codford	- 12.3.19
Capt. B.D.Fethers, A.A.M.C. to D.M.S., London	- 17.3.19
Capt. D.P.Greenham, A.A.M.C. to No.1 A.D.H.Exten.	- 17.3.19
Capt. J.King-Patrick, A.A.M.C. to Hq. London	- 18.3.19
Capt. K.L.Beale, A.A.M.C. to D.M.S., London	- 18.3.19
Major A.Goldstein, A.A.M.C. to Hq. London	- 24.3.19
Chap. A.P.Bladen (2nd class) to Hq. London	- 28.3.19
Lieut.W.W.Edmonds (MC) to 1st T.B., Sutton Veny	- 31.3.19

Marched in -Other ranks

23 men ex No.1 A.D.Hospital.

1 man returned from Lewes Detention Barracks.

1 man from 1st T.B.Concentration Depot, Sutton Veny.

Marched out -

8 men to A.A.M.C., T.D., Fovant.
 5 men to Headquarters, A.I.F., London.
 7 men to No.1 C.D., Sutton Veny.
 4 men to No.2 C.D., Weymouth.
 1 man to No.2 A.A.H., Southall.
 1 man to A.A.S.C., T.D., Parkhouse.
 1 man to Agric. Training Depot, Sutton Veny.

Admitted to Hospital during month	-	3.
Discharged from Hospital during month	-	5.

3. PATIENTS -

Number of admissions -

From Depots in U.K.	...	...	515
From Expeditionary Force	776
Officers	35
			<u>Total - 1326</u>

Readmissions	705	<u>Grand total - 2031</u>
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Number of discharges	2243
Number in Hospital on 31.3.19	1977

Gonorrhoea -

(over)

Gonorrhoea -

Admissions (including mixed cases)	...	896.
Gonorrhoea only	...	850.
Gonorrhoea & Syphilis		35
Gonorrhoea & Chancroid		11

Syphilis -

Admissions	...	...	...	...	245
Primary syphilis	...		203.		
Secondary "	...		5		
Tertiary "	...		1		
Continuation course	...		35		
Hereditary	...		1		
Chancroid	...		102		
Scabies	...		46		
Dermatitis	...		8		
N.V.D. (cases discharged awaiting disposal)			562		
Relapses	...	...	8		
Readmissions from C.T.D.			45		

TOTAL ADMISSIONS - 1860

Cases who had used early treatment - 82.
 Cases who had used preventitives - 780.

DISCHARGES, (1ST A.D.H. & EXTENSION, PARKHOUSE) -

	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Average stay in Hospital</u>
Gonorrhoea (incl. mixed cases)	1017	57.6 days
Gonorrhoea only	910	58.9
Gonorrhoea and Syphilis	87	52.4
Gonorrhoea and Chancroid	10	45.7
Syphilis	283	6.7
Chancroid	106	24.2
Urethritis catarrhal	73	29.9
Scabies	39	11.2
N.V.D. (Cases discharged awaiting disposal)	648	5.6

Cases discharged after second attack of gonorrhoea - 197.
 Early Treatment cases 173

Total discharges -

No.1 A.D.H.	1434 at 30.3 days
Extension	732 at 35.3 days

Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. in Australia or on voyage - 2.
 Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. since arrival in England - 4.

Patients admitted for Wassermann Test - 23.
 Patients admitted for examination - 64.

4. REMARKS - Patients and Treatment -

As the above figures show, work has been carried out at an extremely high pressure and has been of a very high order, but this has been done owing generally to extra efforts on the part of the more experienced Medical Officers attached to this Hospital, who have responded most loyally to demands made

4. REMARKS (Continued)

on their ability and physical strength to work from 8 to 10 hours seven days in the week. They have, in addition to treating their own individual patients, spent a very great deal of time in reviewing cases of junior Officers and thus endeavouring to keep down chronic conditions and complications, many of which would undoubtedly have arisen through lack of experience on the part of the junior man. It is to be feared, however, that it is impossible for these senior Officers to keep up work at such a high pressure for any length of time.

The principal complications amongst discharges during the month, were as follow -

	P e r c e n t a g e	
	Before admission	After admission
Prostatitis	10.3	15.5
Epididymitis	9.9	5.6
Peri-Urethral abscess	3	11
Cystitis	1	3
Phimosis	Nil	Nil
Paraphimosis	2	2
Vasitis	2	6
Vesiculitis	15.8	20.6
Stricture	1	22
Arthritis (gonorrhoeal)	2	1
Balanitis	1	1
Cowperitis	Nil	6
Fistula	Nil	2
Prostatic abscess	1	1
<u>Polypi -</u>		
Anterior	12	
Posterior	14	
<u>Urethroscopy -</u>		
Anterior	1450	
Posterior	329	

Instruments used on cases prior to discharge -

Sounds	...	...	5.2 per case
Kollmanns	...	...	3.8 per case
Massage	...	...	14.8 per case

Meatotomy performed ... 218

Cases boarded during the month for chronic V.D. - 7.

Cases boarded for other causes -

Dementia	...	1.
Melancholia	...	1.

The above figures referring to complications amongst discharges still show that notwithstanding the supervision that the senior Medical Officers have the time to give to the work of the junior Officers, Prostatitis, Vesiculitis, Vasitis and Cowperitis developing after admission, are too numerous, and as already pointed out in previous reports, this is due to lack of knowledge and experience by junior members of the staff. As the Officer in charge of Treatment points out in his report for the month, the number of patients which each Medical Officer should treat individually, should be in accordance with the standard suggested last year, namely, 100 patients per M.O. This has been far exceeded during the past month, and one can only be thankful that a larger number of complications after admission have not occurred.

5. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT -

During the month the Quartermaster has had installed a new

5. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT (Cont'd) -

range in the Officer Patients' Quarters Kitchen, and also made arrangements for the completion of a Treatment Hut for Officer patients which is now in full swing, and has brought the matter before the R.E. Officer of the importance to having additional shower baths erected for Officer patients Quarters owing to the large increase in the number of Officers under treatment.

In response to frequent applications, Hon.Lieut and Q.M. G.D.Black reported for duty as Assistant Quartermaster on the 19th inst.

The Quartermaster has at last been able to take over the two large Huts in "A" Division erected by the N.Z.E.F. last year. This enables us to accommodate 160 additional patients.

After considerable difficulty approval has been obtained from the War Office to increase the diet of patients in this Hospital and Extension, bringing the following scale of diet into force as from 20.3.19:- Per 100 men per day :-

Meat	60	lbs.
Bread	87½	"
Potatoes	85	"
Vegetables	52½	"
Jam	10	"
Bacon	12½	"
Sugar	9½	"
Fish	18¾	"
Margarine	6½	"
Cocoa	1½	"
Cereals	15	"
Tea	2	"
Milk	130	pints.

The A.I.F.authority given was CR.AIF.44591/202/1 M.S. - 26.1.19.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL DEPARTMENT -

Lieut. V.R.Bellemy reported here for duty as Pharmaceutical Officer on 14.3.19 and has been reviewing all drugs, surgical instruments and appliances on issue in this Hospital and held in stock, and is preparing A.F.I.1214 for the half-yearly return ending 31.3.19. He has immediately discovered the difficulty under which we have been labouring for some time in getting supplies from A.B.D.M.S., London.

7. PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT -

The work in this Department still increases, and in view of the recent order issued by A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., patients reporting here for treatment for chronic gleans will still further increase the work of this Department.

8. GENERAL -

Early in the month the safe in charge of the Officer attached as Paymaster to this Unit, was rifled and over £80 and valuables belonging to patients was stolen. The matter was reported to Headquarters and a Board of Enquiry appointed by the G.O.C. to investigate the matter. Meanwhile a special lock was placed on the outer door of the Pay Department and bolts on the front doors of the Administration Block which were closed at 4.30 p.m. each day. Additional instructions were given to the Orderly on duty in Administration Block, but notwithstanding these precautions the safe was again rifled about the end of the month, presumably by the same individual, and no evidence was obtained that any force had been used, and presumably the robber is in

8. GENERAL - Continued -

possession of a key. Between the first and second robberies, Headquarters were asked to supply additional men to enable sentries to be posted at the Pay Office, but so far no additional men have been provided. The Pay Officer also applied for another safe but this has not come to hand as yet.

About the middle of the month the Y.M.C.A. Representative at this Hospital reported that £71 had been stolen from his Hut and this was also investigated, but as far as is known no satisfactory solution has been arrived at or the culprit discovered.

Early in the month riots occurred in the N.Z.E.F. Lines at Sling Camp, and after it had commenced a number of patients broke Hospital and proceeded to the New Zealand Lines. Officers and N.C.Os from the staff were sent across and gradually persuaded the men to return. No evidence was obtained that the Australians from this Hospital took part in the destruction of property, but undoubtedly a certain amount of property and articles which the New Zealanders threw out themselves, such as cigarettes, clothing, etc., was taken by the patients. A fair quantity of this was collected from the men as they reported to Hospital and placed in sacks which, later on, were returned to the Brigade Major of the N.Z. Headquarters, Sling.

The new G.O.C., Major-General Sir C. Rosenthal, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., accompanied by Major-General The Hon. Sir J.W. McCay, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D., visited the Hospital on the occasion of his taking over, and also Extension at No.2 Camp, Parkhouse. He expressed himself satisfied with the discipline and the general state of the Hospital.

Three new Medical Officers reported for duty during the month and four Medical Officers were taken off the strength on reporting for educational purposes or returning to Australia. An additional Quartermaster reported for duty, and Chaplain A.P. Bladen (2nd class) was struck off the strength on proceeding to Headquarters, London. The Orderly and Messing Officer, Lieut. W.W. Edmonds (MC) marched out to No.1 Command Depot, his duties having been taken over by Lieut. V.H. Colless.

The question of increase in diet became so acute during the early portion of the month, particularly after the rioting by the New Zealanders, that it was necessary to put the whole matter up once more as extremely urgent to Headquarters, Tidworth. This was taken up and the previous request expedited, with the result that instructions came through from War Office to Southern Command and the scale of diet was approved of forthwith, as given in the Quartermaster's Report in this appendix. Since that time patients have been much more content, they are perfectly satisfied with the amount and class of food, with the two exceptions of jam and sugar. This undoubtedly is on the light side, but it is hoped that in the near future a larger amount will be obtainable as these two articles are released by the Minister in charge of Food Control.

As far as it is possible to judge it would appear that the admissions have reached their highest point, and will continue more or less at this stage during the ensuing month or six weeks, after which a gradual decrease in the number admitted to this Hospital will be evident. The question, however, will shortly have to be considered and decided as to how the last 1,000 men will be dealt with, and to what extent, if any, the staff of No.1 A.D.H. will be depleted of Officers and men as a reduction gradually takes place. The unfortunate position is that most experienced Officers in treatment are those most nearly due for repatriation, yet the last 1,000 cases will consist principally of men who have advanced complications and are practically chronic gonorrhoeas, demanding for their proper cure, treatment by experienced and accomplished Specialists, consequently it would appear unavoidable that these Officers with the necessary experience and ability should be retained as long as No.1 A.D.H. is in work.

I think it would be wise to consider from an impartial point of view, and without the wish being the father to the thought,

the advisability, or otherwise, of sending the last 800 or 1,000 patients to Australia in a specially equipped Hospital ship. There is very little doubt that a very big percentage, if not all the men would be absolutely cured or very nearly so by the time they reached Australia. The chief grounds on which such a statement is made, are -

1. The improved health conditions while on Transport under favourable circumstances at sea,
2. Mental effect that they are returning home, and being impressed at the same time by their Medical Officers with the fact that such a voyage is conducive to their more rapid improvement.

It must however be frankly admitted that such a procedure would, to a certain extent, be experimental, but would notwithstanding, in the opinion of the Medical staff here competent to judge, show a very large percentage, probably 80% or over, of cures. This matter so far has not been considered, or any report called for from this Hospital by Headquarters, so that the remarks in this report are purely conjectural.

James Stewart

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

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REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY
1ST A.D.HOSPITAL, FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1919.

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

1. Blood taken by venipuncture off median basilic vein	1288
2. Wassermann tests performed	...	...	...	...	1397
3. Number of outside cases received	...	...	...	...	109
4. Dark ground examinations	...	...	...	...	311

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

1. Smears (urethral) examined	...	...	...	...	4888
2. Complement fixation tests for gonorrhoea	...	...	...	...	10
3. Vaccines (9 cases) 270 c.c. of a strength of 1 c.c. equals 1,000,000,000	...	...	...	...	9
4. Rectal smears for gonorrhoeal Proctitis	...	...	...	...	1
5. Urines centrifuged and examined for Gonococci	...	...	...	...	24

C. General Pathological and Bacteriological work -

1. Throat swabs	....	...	...	...	...	4
2. Urines complete examination	...	...	...	...	...	37
3. Blood counts	...	...	...	...	...	2
4. Examination of sputa for T.B.	...	...	...	...	...	4
5. Vaccines, Staphylococcal (14 cases) 420 c.c. of a strength of 1.c.c. equals 1,000,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	14

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENS - 6,701.

REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY
1ST A.D.H. EXTENSION PARKHOUSE FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1919.

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

1. Smears (urethral) examined	...	...	...	...	...	3146
2. Smears from eye examined	...	...	...	...	...	1
3. Urines centrifuged and examined	...	...	...	...	...	4

B. General Bacteriological and Pathological work -

1. Swabs from throat examined	...	...	...	...	...	3
2. Urines complete examination	...	...	...	...	...	6
3. Vaccine (Staphylococcal) 5 cases, 150 c.c. of a strength of 1 c.c. equals - 1,000,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	5
4. Cultures made, incubated and examined	...	...	...	...	...	6

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENTS - 3171.

C.J.WILEY, Lieut.Col.,
Pathologist.