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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
B U L L E T I N I N G	1919			
	1.4.19.	-	All mechanical Transport attached to Hospital has broken down temporarily	
	"	-	no steps apparently taken by A.D. of S. + T. to complete establishment	
	"	-	of EXTENSION viz 2 M.T./AMBULANCES. <i>Jump</i>	
	3.4.19	-	Cap ^t . K. W. BOLLEN. A.A.M.C. reported for duty from D.M.S. A.I.F. and will be attached to	
	"	-	EXTENSION at No 2 Camp PARKHOUSE. <i>Jump</i>	
	14.4.19	-	Cap ^t . L. R. SCHOLLES A.D. Service marched ^{out} to D.M.S. A.I.F. pending return to AUSTRALIA. <i>Jump</i>	
	16.4.19	-	Cap ^t . D. P. GREENHAM. A.A.M.C. marched out to D.M.S. A.I.F. to report for SPORTS purposes <i>Jump</i>	
	22.4.19	-	MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (C.M.F.) visited No 1 A.D.H. and Extension arriving at 1900. visited	
	"	-	Medical & Surgical Wards, Irrigation Hut, Officer Patients Ward, Ordinary Ward +	
"	-	Cook house. Parade state showing <u>Staff</u> : Officers 30. O/R 507. Patients - Officers		
"	-	51. O/R 2008. at 0900. handed to G.O.C. and MINISTER FOR DEFENCE. <i>Jump</i>		
27.4.19	-	G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. held Conference of G.O.C. GROUPS + O.C. No 1 A.D.H. +		
"	-	PARKHOUSE at H.Qs TIDWORTH from 1000 to 17.30. re establishments		
"	-	E.R. pay + Rank. <i>Jump</i>		
28.4.19	-	Small fire broke out in West End of 2 nd Treatment hut in 'A' DIVISION att.		

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	28.4.19	(continued)	1240 but was extinguished by FIRE PICQUET before arrival of CAMP fire Brigade, H.Qs. informed by Phone & confirmed by letter. Imp.	
	29.4.19		Major F.F. McMAHON. A.A.M.C. sent to NO 1 AG. H. SUTTON VENY for treatment. Major J.C.P. STRACHAN. A.A.M.C. as relieving officer at EXTENSION. Imp.	
	30.4.19		Monthly report for APRIL attached as appendix 7/19. Imp. J. Stewart Col CO. NO 1. A. D. H.	7/19.

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1ST AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.

Report for April 1919.

1. LOCATION - Bulford.

2. STAFF - Average strength 30 Officers, 487 other ranks.

Changes in personnel - Officers:

Marched in -

Capt. Bollen K.W.	from D.M.S. London	3.4.19.
Lieut. M. McLeod	from No. 3 Camp, Parkhouse.	
Lieut. A.W. Clemes	from A.D.E. Tidworth.	7.4.19.
Capt. W.J. Hayes	from D.M.S., London	21.4.19.
Chaplain-Capt. Crosier	from A.G.D.B.	21.4.19.
Major W.L. Smith	from D.M.S., London	22.4.19.

Marched out -

Capt. L.R. Scholes, A.A.D.S.	to Hqrs., London	14.4.19.
Capt. D.P. Greenham	to Hqrs., London	16.4.19.
Capt. J. Warne	to No. 3 Group, Colford	18.4.19.
Capt. McLean K.A.	to No. 1 A.G.H. Sutton Veny	23.4.19.

Marched in

Other Ranks.

29 men from A.A.M.C.T.D. Fovant.
 26 men attached ex 1st A.D.H.
 3 men from Lewes detention Barracks.
 2 men from Delhi hospital, Tidworth.
 1 man from No. 1 C.D. Sutton Veny
 1 man from extension, Parkhouse.
 1 man discharged from hospital A.D.H.

Marched out

25 men to A.A.M.C.T.D. Fovant.
 12 men to extension Parkhouse.
 2 men to Motor School, Weymouth.
 2 men to No. 2 C.D. Weymouth.
 1 man to No. 1 C.D. Sutton Veny.
 2 men to No. 1 A.G.H. Sutton Veny.
 1 man to No. 2 Group, Sutton Veny.
 2 men to No. 2 Group. Longbrodge Deverill.
 1 man to No. 3 Group, Colford.
 2 men to No. 4 Group, Hurcott.
 1 man to No. 5 Group, Weymouth.
 1 man to Detention Barracks, Lewes.
 2 men to Hqrs., London for Non-Military Employment.
 1 man to Hqrs., London.
 1 man to A.M.T.S. Tidworth.
 2 men taken into custody by civil police.
 2 men admitted to hospital, A.D.H.

3. PATIENTS -

Number of admissions-

From Depots in U.K.	...	...	546	
From Expeditionary Forces	...	...	557	
Officers	...	...	41	<u>Total - 1144.</u>
Re-admissions	123	<u>Grand Total - 1267.</u>

Number of Discharges (actual) 1206
 Number in Hospital on 30.4.19 2022.

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Gonorrhoea -

Admissions (including mixed cases) ... 802.
 Gonorrhoea only ... 775.
 Gonorrhoea @ Syphilis ... 21.
 Gonorrhoea @ Chancroid ... 6.

Syphilis -

Admissions ... 139
 Primary syphilis ... 109.
 Continuation Course ... 30.
 Chancroid ... 106.
 Scabies ... 56.
 Dermatitis ... 2
 N.V.D. (Cases discharged) ... 145.
 Relapses ... 15
 Re-admissions from C.T.D. ... 23.

TOTAL ADMISSIONS- 1250.

Men who had used early treatment - 37
 Men who had used preventatives 697.

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

	<u>Discharged.</u>	<u>Average stay in hospital.</u>
Gonorrhoea (incl. mixed cases)	609	62.9 days.
Gonorrhoea (only)	567	61.5
Gonorrhoea @ Syphilis	40	81.9
Syphilis	198	9.4
Gonorrhoea @ Chancroid	2	58.0
Chancroid	112	24.2.
Urethritis Catarrhal	61	29.3
Scabies	52	10.5
Non V.D. (Cases discharged awaiting disposal)	174	11.1

Cases discharged after second attack of Gonorrhoea - 178.
 Early Treatment cases ... 105

Total Discharges.

No. 1 A.D.H? 925 at 34.2. days.
 Extension 281 at 51.0 days.

Reinforcements admitted to hospital who contracted V.D. in Australia or on voyage - 1.

Reinforcements admitted to hospital who contracted V.D. since arrival in England - 4.

Patients admitted for Wassermann Test - 23.
 Patients admitted for examination - 112.

4. REMARKS - Medical treatment of Patients. -

The principal complications amongst discharges during the month, dealt with by Medical officers were as follows.-

	<u>Percentage.</u>	
	<u>Before admission</u>	<u>After admission</u>
Prostatitis	12.1%	18.7%
Epidymitis	6.8%	8.0%
Vesiculitis	11.4%	21.1%
Peri Urethral Abscess	2 cases	9 cases
Cystitis	-	-

over.

Complications amongst discharges (Continued)

	P e r c e n t a g e	
	<u>Before Admission</u>	<u>After Admission.</u>
Phimosi	3	Nil
Vasitis	Nil	8
Stricture	Nil	14
Arthritis	4	3
Balanitis	8	2
Cowperitis	Nil	9
Prostatic Abscess	2	2

Polypi -

Anterior	...	2
Posterior	...	14

Urethroscopy -

Anterior	...	1072
Posterior	...	200.

Instruments used on cases prior to discharge -

Sounds	...	3.5 per case.
Kollmanns	...	3.0 " "
Massage	...	10.2 " "

Meatotomy performed 167.

Cases boarded during the month for Chronic V.D. 7
 Cases boarded for other causes 6
 G. S. W. 1.

The above figures, more particularly of the three principal complications - Prostatitis, Epididymitis, and vesiculitis - show a very definite rise both before and after admission as compared with previous months. This is attributed by the O. i/c Treatment as being due to same cause to which it was attributed in last months report - namely lack of experienced medical Officers.

Unfortunately this fault does not seem likely to be corrected as changes in the personnel of the staff have taken place and are, according to information received, likely to continue.

I desire to put on record the reasons attributed by O. i/c Treatment for the increase in the total number of days in hospital for all cases discharged during the past month, and which, in his opinion, will continue to remain or even possibly increase in the near future.

The reasons are these - (1) The standard of cure has been considerably raised in order to discharge men fit to return to Australia: (2) The great majority of cases admitted are chronics demanding special treatment and skillful treatment: (3) The majority of the Medical staff attached to this hospital for treatment are not sufficiently trained in treatment necessary to successfully cope with chronic Gonorrhoea: (4) The frequent changes in the personnel of the medical staff greatly handicaps the prospect of recovery amongst patients.

I wish particularly to endorse the 4th point raised - namely the frequent change of the personnel of the medical staff. I find a very considerable number of patients have had to be transferred to 4 or even 6 different medical officers during their stay in this hospital, and the majority of these officers to whom they are transferred are only beginners and are actually learning what they have to do. This is causing a great amount of grumbling amongst patients and the O i/c Treatment frankly admits that in all probability the cases would have done better if they had never come into hospital but have had private treatment. I cannot go, as far as to say that, but the tendency owing to these changes is showing itself by patients refusing treatment from new Medical Officers, and there is certainly a possibility that if such a condition of affairs continues riots may occur in the hospital.

The daily organised walks have proved successful and many patients are availing themselves of the daily exercise.

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5. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

This office has run fairly smoothly during the month, but the loss in the near future of one or two of the senior N.C.O.'s is much to be regretted, the acting Q.M.S. in particular being the only N.C.O. in this hospital who is cognisant of all transactions that have taken place in the Q.M.'s department since its inception in 1915.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL DEPARTMENT

The Pharmaceutical Officer forwards his half-yearly returns (P.F.I. 1214) to A.D.M.S., Tidworth. Two instruments were shown as being short and this was the subject of a special report to A.D.M.S., the Officer concerned being named.

7. PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

It will be noticed that the work of this Department demands the examination of a large number of specimens, and although the work is chiefly left to Lt.Col. C.J.Wiley's understudy (T/Major W.R.Young) the work has not in any way been lowered in standard, and Treatment ^{officers} are satisfied with reports. A detailed report is attached to this Appendix.

8. GENERAL

Mechanical transport has been far from satisfactory and since the opening of Extension at Parkhouse no extra transport has been supplied, although this was anticipated and asked for in January. The A.D. of S. & T., Tidworth, still states that he has none available.

On 22.4.19 the MINISTER FOR DEFENCE visited this hospital and its Extension, going through Irrigation Huts, Medical and surgical wards and one or two ordinary wards.

On 28.4.19 a small fire occurred in one of the Treatment Huts in "A" Division, during the dinner hour, but was promptly extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Unfortunately during the month 2 M.O.'s (Major F.F.McMahon and Capt. K.A.McLean) had to be sent to No. 1 A.G.H., Sutton Veney, for treatment.

At a conference held by the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots, on the 27.4.19 at Tidworth, pay for extra regimental rank was to be applied for in connection with all staffs at groups in the U.K. Should this be approved this will very quickly tend to dissatisfaction amongst personnel at this hospital whose temporary promotions are extremely slow in coming through now and when approved in many cases are not granted from date on which they commenced the new duties for which Temporary rank was recommended. These conditions unless made to apply to all staffs in the United Kingdom will greatly hamper the work that this hospital has to perform.

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

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- A. Work done in connect with the diagnosis and treatment of Syphilis.
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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. | Blood taken by venipuncture of median basilic vein | 1229 |
| 2. | Wassermann tests performed | 1338 |
| 3. | Dark ground examinations | 259 |
- B. Work done in connection with diagnosis and treatment of Gonorrhoea
- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. | Smears (urethral) examined | 4012 |
| 2. | Complement fixation tests tests for Gonorrhoea ... | 27 |
| 3. | Vaccines (28 cases) 840 c.c. of a strength of 1 c.c.
equals 1,000,000,000. | |
| 4. | Rectal smears for gonorrhoeal Proctitis | 3 |
| 5. | Urine centrifuge and examined for Gonorrhoea | 36 |
- C. General Pathological and Bacteriological Work.
- | | | |
|----|------------------------------------------------|----|
| 1. | Throat swabs | 6 |
| 2. | Urines complete examination | 55 |
| 3. | Blood Counts | 3 |
| 4. | Examination for sputa for T.B. .. | 4 |
| 5. | Cultures made in Agar Agar | 63 |
| 6. | Cultures made on blood serum for K.L.B. | 5 |
| 7. | Smears examined for conjunctivitis | 4 |

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENS - 5843

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.
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|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. | Smears examined for Gonococci | 3207 |
| 2. | Urines examined for Gonococci | 4 |
| 3. | Urines complete examination | 4 |
| 4. | Examination of sputa for T.B. | 2 |
| 5. | Cultures made on Agar Agar | 5 |
| 6. | Vaccines (5 cases) 150 c.c. of a strength of 1 c.c.
equals 1,000,000,000, | 5 |
| 7. | Swabs taken and examined for Vincents Angina | 3 |
| 8. | Swabs taken and examined for K.L.B. | 3 |
- B. General Bacteriological and Pathological work.
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|----|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. | Blood taken by venipuncture of median basilic vein ... | 33. |
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TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENS 3266

(sgd) C.J.Wiley, Lieut.-Col.
 Pathologist.