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1ST AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.Report for July 1919.

1. LOCATION - Bulford.

2. STAFF - Average strength 31 Officers 37.9 other ranks.

Changes in personnel - Officers.

Marched in -

Lt/Col Hurley	P.B.V.	A.A.M.C.	from D.M.S. London	1.7.19.
Lt/Col Upjohn	W.G.D.	do	do do	1.7.19.
Capt. Newton	H.A.	do	do do	1.7.19.
Lieut. Ludvigsen	G.V.	5th M.G. Bn	ex 1st A.D.H.	8.7.19.
Lieut. Foster	B.P.	31st Battn	from No. 2 Group	25.7.19.
2/Lieut Murchison	M.G.	A.F.A.	ex 1st A.D.H.	28.7.19.

Marched out -

Capt. Beare	F.H.	A.A.M.C.	to D.M.S. London	2.7.19.
Lt/Col Wiley	C.J.	do	do do	4.7.19.
Major Bennett	D.	do	to R.&D. Dept. London	10.7.19.
Major Kelsey	A.J.	do	do do	10.7.19.
Capt. Power	F.G.	do	do do	10.7.19.
Capt. Hamilton	G.R.	do	to D.M.S. London	14.7.19.
Capt. Bollen	K.W.	do	to Lewes Detention Barracks.	16.7.19.
Major Cordner	B.R.	do	to No. 1 A.G.H. Sutton Veny.	17.7.19.
Major Strachan	J.C.P.	do	to R. & D. Dept. London	18.7.19.
Major Smith	W.L.	do	H.Q. London	23.7.19.
Capt. Robertson	D.G.	A.A.M.C.	to D.M.S. London	31.7.19.

OTHER RANKS.

Marched in -

59 men from Extension, Parkhouse.
 7 men attached ex 1st A.D.H.
 2 men from No. 5 Group, Weymouth.
 1 man from Delhi Hospital.
 1 man from 1st A.G.H. Sutton Veny.
 4 men discharged from 1st A.D.H.
 1 man from A.M.T.S. Tidworth.
 1 man from C.T.D. Parkhouse.

Marched out -

58 men to A.A.M.C.T.D. Sutton Veny.
 6 men to R. & D. Dept. London for N.M.E.
 9 men for indefinite leave.
 8 men for Embarkation of Family Ship.
 20 men to No. 2 Group, Sutton Veny.
 4 men struck off strength admitted to Hospital.
 8 men struck off strength for other reasons.
 3 men to 1st A.G.H. Sutton Veny.
 3 men to Headquarters, London.
 2 men to No. 4 Camp, Parkhouse for N.M.E. in U.S.A.
 2 men to A.M.T.S. Tidworth.
 1 man to C.T.D. Parkhouse.
 1 man to Director of Education, London.
 1 man to Delhi hospital.

2. Other Ranks Marched Out. (cont.)

1 man to Extension, Parkhouse.

3. PATIENTS.

Number of admissions -

From Depots in U.K.	327		
From Expeditionary Forces	16		
Officers	31	<u>Total</u>	<u>374</u>

Readmissions	51	<u>Grand total</u>	<u>425</u>
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Number of Discharges for month			879
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Number in Hospital at midnight on 31.7.19.			1093
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Gonorrhoea -

Admissions (including mixed cases)	261
Gonorrhoea only	251
Gonorrhoea and syphilis	9
Gonorrhoea and Chancroid	1

Syphilis -

Admissions	45
Primary Syphilis	36
Continuation Course	5
Secondary Syphilis	2
Tertiary Syphilis	2
Chancroid	2
Scabies	7
Dermatitis	1
N.V.D.	109

Total Admissions 425

Men who had used Early Treatment	32
Men who had used Preventatives	220
Readmissions	4
Relapses	1

DISCHARGES. (1st A.D.H. EXTENSION, PARKHOUSE)

	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Average stay in Hospital.</u>
Gonorrhoea (incl. Mixed cases)	695	65.9 days.
Gonorrhoea only	671	64.3 "
Gonorrhoea and Syphilis	21	84.2 "
Gonorrhoea and Chancroid	3	54.6 "
Syphilis	7	57.8 "
Chancroid	27	41.5 "
Urethritis Catarrhal	65	42 "
Scabies	7	13.8 "
N.V.D.	78	28.1 "

Cases discharged after second attack of Gonorrhoea.	708
Early Treatment cases	114

Total Discharges -

No. A.D.H. 691 cases at 56 days.
Extension (to 16.7.19) 188 cases at 77.1 days.

Reinforcements admitted to Hospital who contracted V.D. since
arrival in England 5

PATIENTS. (cont).

Patients admitted for Wassermann Test - 23.
 Patients admitted for examination 77.

4 REMARKS. Medical Treatment of Patients.

The principal complications amongst discharges dealt with by Medical Officers during the month were as follows:-

	<u>P e r c e n t a g e .</u>	
	Before Admission	After admission.
Prostatitis	19.1	20.6
Epidymitis	7.1	4.7
Vesiculitis	4.6	26.1
Peri Urethral Abscess	1	1
Cystitis	nil	1
Phimosi	3	nil
Vasitis	nil	4
Stricture	3	9
Arthritis	nil	1
Balanitis	5	3
Cowperitis	2	19
Para Phimosi	3	2
Prostatic Abscess	nil	1
Peri Anal Abscess	nil	1
Proctitis	nil	9

Polypi -

Anterior 3
 Posterior 14

Urethroscopy -

Anterior 939 examinations
 Posterior 486 examinations.

Rectoscopy - 13Instruments used on cases prior to discharge.

Sounds 3.8 per case.
 Kohlman 2.7 do
 Massages 9.2 do

Heatotomy performed 158.

Cases boarded during the month for Non-infectious Gleet 213

On the first of the month three new Medical Officers reported with a view to acquiring some practical experience in the Treatment of Venereal Disease (Lt/Col Upjohn. Lt/Col Hurley and Capt. Newton) (by order of D.M.S. A.I.F.) Other members of the Staff marched out by the same order.

The work, however, has progressed fairly satisfactorily, and the discharges are more than double the admissions for the month. The average stay in Hospital for cases suffering from Gonorrhoea (65.9) days, is remarkably good, in the opinion of the officer in charge of Treatment, considering the high standard, set as a standard of cure; and it will be noticeable that only one relapse was admitted during the month, which is certainly a record for this Hospital, and I feel justified in claiming it as a record for all similar Hospitals.

4. REMARKS. (cont.)

Every case of Gonorrhoea during its stay in Hospital is at least examined once Urethroscopically, and all cases are dilated. This Treatment has been criticised, and I believe that it has been stated that the patients are over treated, but the fact remains, since Urethroscopic examinations of all cases and routine dilation has been introduced, relapses have dropped from between 4 and 5%, to less than 1%. It will also be noticed that by comparing previous reports with this, that Polypi are far fewer in the Urethra, or at any rate, Polyoid conditions of the posterior Urethra, are greatly reduced, and the Officer in charge of Treatment is perfectly certain that this is due entirely to the systematic use of Curved sounds, which prevents the growth of granulation tissue on inflamed surfaces.

Great care is also taken in the instruction of patients regarding Irrigation, and also with the increase in the Medical Staff, much more personal supervision is given to the dressings of sores admitted for treatment. These efforts have already shown good results, especially by reducing the number of cases complicated by organisms, other than Gonococci and penile sores and Buboec, which are healing with greater rapidity owing to greater care in ante-sepsis.

5. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Owing to N.M.E. and Repatriation Orders, the personnel of this Officer's Department, has changed considerably, and the lack of a 2nd Quartermaster has been acutely felt, nevertheless, the large amount of work has been carried out, and systematic Inspections continued right throughout the month to anticipate as far as possible any leakages in stores and equipment. The Quartermaster and Representative were ready on the 17th of the month to hand over the whole of No. 2 Camp. Parkhouse, but no one in authority could be prevailed on to take over before 28.7.19. (11 days waiting). The necessary receipts were obtained from the Barrack Warden, and a list of damages claimed by the Engineers. The latter have been submitted to the A.M.C. to be dealt with, amounting to slightly over £70., including cost of labour. This covers a period of 6½ months, during which time 3392 patients have passed through the Extension. The deficiencies, according to the long roll, shows the amazingly small sum of £2.16., which reflects great credit on the supervision exercised on all those responsible there for. Unserviceable stores are being ^{sent} direct to Salvage Unit, Whelsea. Quarterly Certificate re surplus and deficiencies at No. 1 A.D.H. were forwarded to A.D.M.S. on 31st instant; the delay in doing this was due to the authorities failing to take over No. 1 A.D.H. Extension

6. PHARMACEUTICAL DEPARTMENT.

During the month the work in this Department has been carried out satisfactorily, and checks on instruments and stores have been made weekly. 258 Prescriptions were dispensed. A small quantity of drugs were taken over from C.T.D. and added to our stocks. A full list of all instruments on charge, which were originally bought with a special grant given by the Australian Red Cross, was forwarded to A.D.M.S. and instructions asked for as to disposal of same.

7. PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

This Department is carrying out fair work, but a serious delay occurred owing to the lack of Haemolytic serum, which completely prevented Blood-tests for some days.

Owing to the higher standard of cure in the Hospital, Complement Fixation Tests for Gonorrhoea were performed in 446 cases. A detailed report is attached of the work in this Hospital for the month, and the work at Extension up to date of closing (16.7.19).

8. During the month the work has proceeded on the whole, fairly satisfactorily, notwithstanding the considerable change in personnel, of both Officers and other ranks. All patients at No. 1 A.D.H. Extension, Barkhouse (84) were transferred to this Hospital on the morning of 16.7.19., and the whole of the staff less the after party of 27 other ranks. As already referred to in para. 5., great difficulty was experienced in getting any responsible authority to take over the Camp, although ample intimation had been given both to A.D.M.S. and A.M.G., and it was not until 11 days later (28.7.19) that the necessary receipts were obtained. As the Camp, when taken over by No. 1 A.D.H. in January, was handed over from C.O. C.F.D. it seems difficult to understand why he could not have been instructed to take it back, but this was strongly objected to by the A.M.G., who insisted it should be handed over to the British, and this, to a great extent, was the cause of the delay in getting Clearances, as the two long rolls did not correspond (British and Australian). A less marked diminution in admissions during the latter half of the month occurred than was expected. This was due chiefly to delays in the sailing of transports for Australia, as men who had had coitus just prior to embarkation were held up sufficiently long to develop Venereal trouble, and be struck off the boat roll before the transport actually sailed. It is, however, anticipated that an average discharge of at least 100 per week will be kept up until such time as the Hospital is handed over, and as far as can be judged, admissions will drop 50% during the coming month.

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REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE PATHOLOGICAL
LABORATORY 1ST A.D.H. FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1919.

a. Work done in connection with Diagnosis and Treatment of Syphilis.

1. Bloods taken by Venipuncture of Median Basilic Vein.	695
2. Wassermann tests performed	805
3. Dark ground examinations	206

b. Work done in connection with diagnosis and Treatment of Gonorrhoea.

1. Smears (Urethral) examined	3278
2. Complement fixation tests for Gonorrhoea	446
3. Vaccines - 84 Cases = 2520cc of a strength of 1cc = 1,000,000,000	
4. Rectal Smears for Gonorrhoeal Proctitis	2
5. Urines Centrifuged and examined for Gono.	62

c. General Pathological and Bacteriological Work.

1. Throat Swabs	10
2. Urines Complete Examination	32
3. Blood Counts	1
4. Examination of Sputa for F.B.	8
5. Cultures made on Agar Agar	88
6. Cultures made on Blood Serum	6
Total	<u>5028</u>

Sgd. W.R.Young. Major.

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REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY 1ST A.D.H.
EXTENSION, PARKHOUSE, FROM 1ST JULY TO 16TH JULY 1919.

a. Work done in connection with Diagnosis and treatment of Syphilis.

1. Bloods taken by Venipuncture of Median Basilic Vein	10
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b. Work done in connection with Diagnosis and Treatment of Gonorrhoea.

1. Smears (Urethral) examined	387
2. Rectal Smears for Gonorrhoeal Proctitis	3
Total	<u>400</u>

Sgd. W.R.Young Major.