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Title: No 1 Australian Dermatological
Hospital, Bulford

November 1917



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Confidential

1st Australian Dermatological Hospital.

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1917.

1. LOCATION - Bulford.
2. STAFF - Average strength - 14 Officers, 240 Other ranks.

Changes in Personnel - Officers

Marched out -

Captain F.Macky to Lewes Detention Barracks 6.11.17.
Captain W.S.Myles to D.M.S., A.I.F. 15.11.17.

Marched out - Other ranks

1 C class	to No.2 C.D.	for return to Australia	10.11.17.
1 A.4 "	" " " "	" " " "	10.11.17.
3 C.3 "	" " " "	" " " "	28.11.17.
1 A. "	to A.A.M.C.	Details for Overseas.	5.11.17.
4 A.3 "	" " " "	" " " "	5.11.17.
2 A "	to Lewes Detention Barracks.		6.11.17.
2 C.1 "	" " " "	" " " "	6.11.17.
3 A.4 "	" " " "	" " " "	6.11.17.

Marched in -

10 C.1 men	from A.A.M.C. Details	...	4.11.17.
7 C.1 "	" " " "	...	21.11.17.

Men sent to Hospital during month ... 4.

3. PATIENTS -

Number of admissions	...	832.
Readmissions	...	71
Relapses	...	50.
Fresh infection	...	11.
Readmission, N.A.D.	...	10.
Number of discharged	...	915.
<u>Average daily number in Hospital...</u>		<u>984.</u>

Average stay in Hospital -

Syphilis	...	12 days.
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea		43 days.
Gonorrhoea	...	45.5 days.
Gonorrhoea & Chancroid		44 days.
Chancroid	...	10 days.
Scabies	...	7 days.
Non V.D.	...	9 days.

Number of cases admitted since 1.1.17 - 10,262.

4. BUILDINGS -

No new works have been undertaken during the month.

5. REMARKS -

(a). Report of Pathological Department attached.

(b). Lewes Detention Barracks - On 6th November, Captain F.Macky and 7 other ranks marched out to form the Medical personnel of the Lewes Detention Barracks. In future, all prisoners undergoing sentences of detention, and who are suffering from venereal disease, will be sent to these Detention Barracks, and not to this Hospital. This should reduce the number of patients in Hospital by about 40.

(c). Consequent on the Order re Patients uniforms, etc., mentioned in the report of October, vigorous search has been made for hidden uniforms with the following result - 59 Jackets, 82 breeches, 39 pairs puttees.

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5. REMARKS - (continued)

- (d). THE water supply of the Hospital is arranged in such a manner as to lead inevitably to much trouble during the winter. The whole system is an overhead one with subsidiary cisterns in each Ward placed under the rooves, and practically renders anti freezing measures impossible.
- (e). With the decrease in the number of patients in Hospital, it has been found possible to allot three Wards as Recreation Rooms for patients. This serves the double purpose of keeping patients out of the Wards for best part of the day, and also saves coal, as fires are not necessary until after 4.0 p.m., except in Medical Wards. One of these Recreation Rooms is being catered for by the Y.M.C.A., and the Red Cross has promised to see to the other two.
- (f). An additional number of beds have been made available for cases needing nursing attention, in order to provide for the possible prevalence of chest troubles during the Winter. There are now 66 beds available for serious cases and two Convalescent Wards of 40 beds each.



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

Bulford,
10th December, 1917.

REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1917.

A. WORK PERFORMED IN RELATION TO THE DIAGNOSIS OF SYPHILIS.

(1). Blood specimens taken by the Venipuncture of Median-basilic or neighbouring veins	...	786.
(2). Wassermann tests performed	...	806.
(3). Dark Ground examinations of serum from chancres (of which 11 in number equals 10.09% were positive)		109.
(4). Examination of Urine prior to administration of "606", and other organic arsenic compounds - a qualitative - quantitative test	...	277.

B. WORK PERFORMED IN RELATION TO THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF GONORRHOEA.

(1). Urethral smears examined	...	1,842.
(2). Urines centrifuged and deposits fixed, stained and examined for Gonococci	...	132.
(3). Vaccines - antogenous for gonorrhoea 50 million gonococci per c.c.	...	4.

C. GENERAL BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK.

(1). Urines examined - complete quantitative & qualitative examination	...	...	16.
(2). Spinal punctures performed and cerebro spinal fluid examined	...	...	2.
(3). Blood examinations - examination of corpuscles and Haemoglobin	...	...	3.
(4). Examination of faeces for Amoeba Coli	...		3.
(5). Antogenous Staphylococcal vaccines prepared	...		2.
(6). Sputa examined for Tubercle Bacillus	...		22.
(7). Throat swabs examined - contacts for Diphtheria			1.
(8). Throat swabs examined - primary affection of throat not contacts (proved to be Vincent's angina)	...	...	3.

(SD). JAMES WARNE, Captain
Pathologist.