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Title: No 1 Australian Dermatological
Hospital, Bulford

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REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1918.1. LOCATION - Bulford.2. STAFF - Average strength - 17 Officers, 258 Other ranks.Changes in Personnel - Officers - Marched in

Hon. Lieut. A.M. Ramsey as Dispenser, from No. 3 A.A.H., Dartford on 16.1.18.

Lieut.-Col. J.M.Y. Stewart, D.S.O., V.D., from 15th Australian Field Ambulance, to take over Command - 22.1.18.

Marched Out -

Lt.-Col. K. Smith, C.M.G. (T/Col.) to 15th Australian Field Ambulance - 28.1.18.

Marched in - Other ranks.

28 from No. 2 C.D., Weymouth.
 9 from A.A.M.C. Details Camp, Parkhouse.
 2 from A.W.L.
 2 from Hospital.
 1 from Detention Room, Tidworth.
 3 from Detention Barracks, Lewes.
 1 from No. 2 A.A.H., Southall.
 1 from A.I.F. Headquarters, Tidworth.
 1 from A.M.T.S., Tidworth.
 1 from A.F.C. Training Depot, Wendover.
 1 from A.I.F. Depots, Tidworth.

Marched Out -

4 to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth.
 3 strack off strength (being in Hosp. over 28 days)
 1 " " " (In Tidworth Hosp. over 28 days)
 3 " " " (In Military Hosp., Fargo).
 3 " " " (Illegal absentees 21 clear days)
 4 to Detention Barracks, Lewes.
 2 in Civil Custody at H.M. Prison, Winchester.
 6 to A.A.M.C. Training Depot, Parkhouse.
 9 to No. 4 C.D. for return to Australia.
 1 to A.I.F. Depots, Tidworth.

3. PATIENTS -

Number of admissions	880
Number discharged	762
Readmissions	66
Relapses	44
Fresh infections	11
Percentage using prophylaxis (statement only)	51.4

Average stay in Hospital -

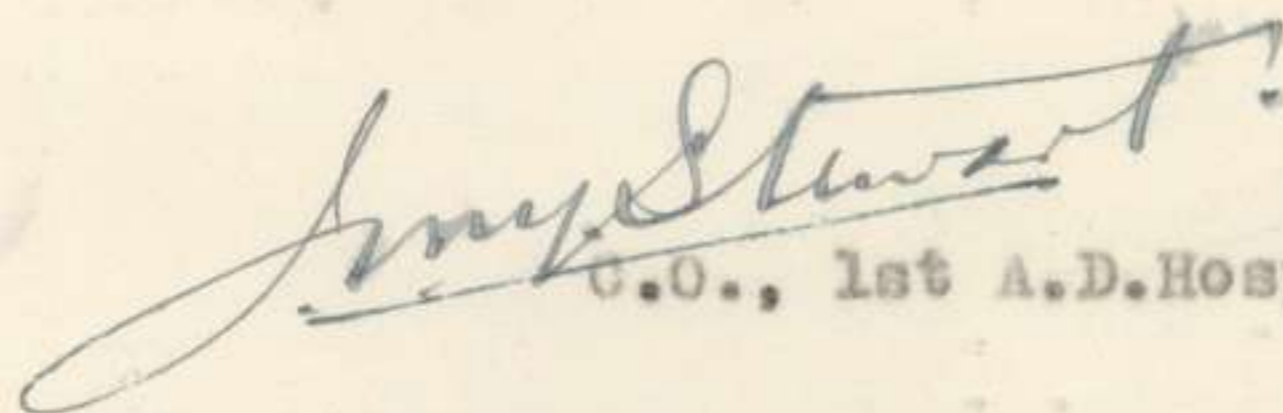
Gonorrhoea	...	52.9 days
Syphilis	...	16 "
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea..	...	53 "
Gonorrhoea & Chancroid	...	32 "
Scabies	...	12 "
Non V.D.	...	11 "

4. BUILDINGS -

No new works have been undertaken during the month as regards erection of buildings.

5. REMARKS -

- (a) T/Col. Kenneth Smith, C.M.G., handed over Command of this Hospital to Lieut.-Col. J.M.Y. Stewart, D.S.O., V.D. on instructions received (D.A.G., A.I.F. 48/01/37 of 9.1.18) on 28th January, 1918. A.M.S. Regulations 196, 197 being complied with. Lt.-Col. J.M.Y. Stewart, D.S.O., V.D., asked for a special inspection and report on the buildings and barrack room equipment, and signed necessary documents with that proviso.
- (b) Special water supply precautions -
The lack of protection from frost of the overhead system of the Hospital has been dealt with, and all exposed water pipes are now covered in, thereby lessening the likelihood of their freezing up.
- (c) The number of patients admitted and remaining in Hospital has increased as is usually the case at this time owing to the Christmas and New Year Holidays.
- (d) The length of stay in Hospital of v.d. cases requires enquiring into, and is now receiving necessary attention, and will form part of a special report. The increase in the length of stay in Hospital of Scabies (non v.d.) is due to the fact that such cases as are sent here now are those badly affected by dermatitis, and require longer treatment; recent and early cases being treated in their lines and discharged, when cured, to duty.
- (e) Report of Pathological Department attached.



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

A. WORK PERFORMED IN RELATION TO DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF
GONORRHOEA.

1. Urethral slides examined	1,584
2. Urines centrifuged, and deposits fixed, stained and examined for gonococci	28
3. Vaccines prepared - 1 sensitized, 2 ordinary vaccines - titre 1000,000,000 per c.c.	3
4. Conjunctival smears examined for gonococci	4

B. WORK PERFORMED IN RELATION TO DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF
SYPHILIS.

1. Blood specimens taken by venipuncture of median basilic or neighbouring veins	659.
2. Blood specimens sent for examination from outside camps, e.g. Sutton Veny, Grantham &c	39.
3. Wassermann tests performed	698
4. Darkground examination of serum obtained from chancres of which 21 in number - 15.8% were positive	133.
5. Examination of urines for albumin prior to administration of Salvarsan	567.

C. GENERAL BACTERIOLOGICAL & PATHOLOGICAL WORK PERFORMED.

1. Vaccines prepared for acne - furunculosis and other staphylococcal infection, titre 2000 million per c.c.	5.
2. Sputa examined for Bacillus Tuberculosis	10.
3. Throat swabs examined for Klebe-Loeffler Bacillus (all negative)	3.
4. Other throat swabs - Vincent's Angina	4.
5. Blood examinations, estimation of Haemoglobin en- umeration of corpuscles, films stained by Leishmanns method	3.
6. Urines examined for infecting organisms (both colon infections)	2.
7. Urines centrifuges & examined for Erythrocytes	1.
8. Urines, full examination, required by Medical Board	5.
9. Faeces examined for amoebal Ankylostoma Dardenale	2.

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