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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Medical, Dental & Nursing

**Item number:** 26/70/6 Part 2

**Title:** No 1 Australian Stationary Hospital

July 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.	
1915 July 1	Mudra	Orders to transfer enterics to 15th Stationary Hospital
2		Asked DMS Lt C to cable for washing and mangling machines, also dental requisites.
3		Objections to No 2 Aust Stationary Hospital using our latrines and also water cisterns for our use
		Requisitioned probes, forceps dressing scissors etc. Received notice from DMS to be at 12.10pm to have base cases at pier by 1 pm.
		Notice too short

Ass. Adjt. General  
Remarks or References  
3rd Echelon, No. 1  
attached.  
11 AUG. 1945  
CENTRAL REGISTRY  
No MFC/

O.11/46.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 3	Hudro	Re-applies for commission for 1st Marshall on recommendation of General Bapte + ADMS left	
4	"	carelessness in handling of this and result of General Bapte's inspection are incorporated in the following report:—	<u>Appendix 2</u>
5	"	Only one Thrush Machine on Island — Not enough to cope with demands of all hospitals — Always, lot of blankets left over. Applies for Guak laborers as washermen	Insert Appendix 1

C.11/56.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 6 7	Hudros	<p>Re Reinforcements and increased personnel, the following communication</p> <p>Interviewed French <del>re</del> blasting jet below Hospital. They promise to warn us by bugle before blasting. Ordered inspection of kits of those going to front on account of loss of cups spoons forks etc from wards.</p> <p>Received 100 mosquito curtains to cover beds from "Minnetonka" (store ship)</p>	<p>communication addressed to <u>Appendix II</u></p> <p>the U.D.M.S. L of C, M.E.F sets forth the state of affairs at present: —</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Insert Appendix <u>II</u></p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 8	Mudra	<p>Two officers + 28 personnel out of 84 invalids to Base or sick in hospital. Our establishment now double + no provision has apparently been made for increase of either staff or personnel.</p> <p>Supplies Lieutenant Tate of 4th Field Ambulance with Medical Stores to be replaced by Ob. Nos B. D. M.S.</p> <p>Agreed to lend telephone receivers to Nos. 15 + 16th Stationary Hospitals + embarkation officer so as to have general inter-communication</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 8	Mudros	Also connects with S.D.M.S. and Admiral. Now supplying <sup>electric</sup> light to Capt Owen of Signal & Telegraphic Section. Transport officer now appointed to take over Ford motor Delivery cart and all mechanical transport.	
12		<del>Relief blankets etc</del>	<del>Appendix III</del>
14		Telegrams <sup>with replies</sup> re number sick & wounded returned <sup>the</sup> liquor line during last <sup>the</sup> two months; also average:	Appendix IV
16	to the	(letter to S.D.M.S. re baths:)	(in Appendix) # IV

The following report in regard to the prevalence of lice in men arriving from the front and my suggestions for remedying of this ~~evil~~ evil was addressed to the ~~the~~ D.D.M.S. L of C. M.E.F.:

Insert Appendix III

Insert Appendices XV to XX

Insert Appendix IV

C.11/56.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 18	A	Reply to <sup>the</sup> letter <sup>regarding</sup> <del>police</del> by D. <del>SM</del> <sup>DM</sup> Water and wood supply deficient today.	Appendix II was received: -
19		Local Red Cross Branch supplied light pyjamas, open white shirt, towel and cotton shirt and promises <sup>two</sup> dozen canvas baths for wards. Receives palliasses at last + <sup>two</sup> tubs which have been to Cape Helles for the last two months addresses to us.	
20		Capt Fitzgerald's Field Cashier supplies £1000 for pay and Imprest <del>of</del> Account.	

Insert Appendix V

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 20	Mudros	<p> <sup>Account</sup>            and £88-3-10 on <sup>acc</sup> of Red Cross money drawn from Anglo Egyptian Bank. (Crush. <sup>Account</sup> <del>to</del> money name)  <sup>an</sup> Received order from D.D.M.S. to detail an officer for duty with No 1 L.H. 7 Amb at Mudros. Protested on the grounds of being two officers short already.            D.D.M.S. intimates that we were to be the first hospital to move into shelters on other side of bay when shelters are ready.         </p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 22	Mudros	Orders Board of Inquiry into wastage of equipment and stores and means of prevention - Board consisted of Major Newlands, Capt Preece and Capt Lowry.	
26	to	General Evill, Lt Col and Lt Col Mayo visited camp Orders to evacuate patients by <sup>the</sup> August and expand to receive 600 patients. Promises increases personnel: All drinking water must be chlorinated to Wrote Staff Paymaster Cairo for authority for charge pay	Appendix III

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 27	Mudra	Met D.D.M.S. by appointment on Aragon re question of forming us into a Base Hospital of 520 beds. Applies to D.D.M.S. for Captains Knight & Betts to be transferred to this Unit. Applies for 40 convalescents for Hospital work I, II & III	
July 28		Notice re Nos. 1 & 2 Ambulances & equipment is contained in the following	appendix VII
29		Reports on equipment sent to D.D.M.S. in response to the following	letter from the D.D.M.S. : —

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Insert Appendix VII  
 dated July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Insert Appendix VIIa

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 29	Hudros	Receives notice from D.M.S. (of C, M & A) commenting on efficient work of Hospital; also that all urgent cases for operation must be sent to this Hospital. The full text of the communication is subjoined:—	<del>appendix VII</del>
July 30		An account rendered for 50 dozen Aerated waters for use of <del>the</del> <sup>the</sup> <del>the</del> A record of X Ray examinations and operations for July 1915 is appended:—	Insert Appendix VIII <del>appendix IX</del> appendix X Insert Appendix X

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 31	Mudro	bases admitted to 31 July 1915 Officers 178 Other Ranks 3773.  <del>War Diary sent for July 1915</del>	

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~~4/7/15~~

Kits are being thrown into the ambulances at the pier, with no names on, and pack store is getting filled up with kits of patients belonging to other hospitals. Had this rectified.

Inspection of Hospital by Inspector General Baptie.

- (1) Talked about shelters for men to feed and write in.
- (2) Pointed out about tank sunk in earth, and having to take out water with buckets which might be dirty. Had this altered at once.
- (3) Want of mosquito netting. None in Red Cross just now but obtained 100 for beds of bad cases, a few days after from "Minnetonka" (store ship)
- (4) To replace store tent by another and use present one for officers (latest Indian pattern) Pointed out that we had to make poles for it, as there were none with the tent.
- (5) Suggested Iron shod tent picket pegs from Ordnance for holding down tents.

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Appendix II

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Mudros, Lemnos Island.

July 6th 1915.

To D.D.M.S.

L of C, M.E.F.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

Referring to my letter No 216 of June 14th( in which I pointed out that two of my special reinforcements, viz., Ptes ~~Mason and Hansen~~ had been detained by Lieut-Colonel Ramsey Smith of No 1 Aust General Hospital, and two of his own men sent in their place on the plea that these men wished to transfer, I have had no reply.

I also wish to point out that two other reinforcements, viz., Ptes ~~Morris and Gardiner~~, are also somewhere at the Base. When last heard of they were at Zeitoun(Base Details)

I also left <sup>another OR</sup> ~~another OR~~ behind in Hospital, and he has been kept back and used as a motor driver. <sup>another OR</sup> ~~another OR~~ is being used in the same capacity.

There may be other reinforcements for us by this time, and as I have so many of my own men ill just now, I should be very glad to get these fresh men. As you know, our establishment has been increased to take in 400 instead of 200, and I have had to get help from Field Ambulances who happened to be here. If we are to continue, however, on these lines, we should certainly have our staff and personnel increased permanently, or I shall have every one of the present personnel down with sickness, primarily induced by overwork... When the Field Ambulances are required to go forward, there will be no extra personnel, and I desire that this matter be rectified before it is too late.

..... H. W. Bryant. V.D.  
Lieut-Colonel.  
O.C. A.A.S. Hospital.

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Appendix / III / IV

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To / D.D.M.S., L. of C., M.F.F.

From / O.C. No. 1 Aust Statny Hosp

I wish to draw attention to the difficulty in destroying lice on the men and their clothing when they arrive from the front. Every fresh batch have their quatum of lice. They arrive at the hospital late at night and at various times in the 24 hours, and are drafted off to the wards according to their condition. If infected with lice they contaminate the blankets and sheets, and this means next day a complete change of clothing, bedding etc., and excessive washing.

Appendix 3

Is there no chance of having baths and fresh clothing on board the boats they arrive in; that is, for the majority who are only light cases? Or could some system of baths with cresol solution and change of clothing before they go into the wards be adopted? The ground where the lying-down cases have been is also being contaminated, and with the knowledge that typhus is communicated by the louse, I think it is a sufficiently important subject for me to bring before your notice.

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(signed) H.W. BRYANT, V.D., Lt-Col

Mudros, July 16

O.C., No. 1 A.S. Hosp

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Telegram 1

APPENDIX

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~~SB BG~~

~~AG  
Blchrs  
Cpd BB~~

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Priority

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~~14 July~~

To D.C. N°I Stationary Hospital

Wire at once number of sick and wounded  
officers and other ranks who have been  
returned to fighting force from your  
hospital during the last two months.

from D.D.M.S.

Aragon/476



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~~Telegram 1~~

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D. D. M. S.

"Aragón."

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~~14/7/15~~

~~0154~~

Officers	forty	five,	other	ranka
six	hundred	and	forty,	from
May	twenty	first	to	date.

*from* O.C. No 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital

~~Mudros~~

~~H. W. Ryan.~~

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~~Telegram 11~~

To O.C. No 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital.

~~0163~~ ~~14th July~~

Wire by 10-0 A.M. tomorrow fifteenth  
 inst total <sup>number</sup> ~~of~~ of admissions among  
 officers and men ; also total <sup>number</sup> ~~of~~  
 of discharges <sup>of</sup> officers and men  
 to fighting force for last  
 two months.

*from* D.D.M.S.

Aragon 2100

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~~Telegram~~

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To D. D. M. S.

No 40

~~14/7/15~~

~~O 158~~

Officers	thirty	five	per	cent
other	ranks	twenty	five	

*from*

O.C. No 1 Stationary Hospital

~~H.W. Bryant.~~

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Telegram III

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To O.C.

1 Aust. Stationary Hospital.

14 July 1915

Ref my Q154 — for number read  
percentage — figures need only be  
wired

*Jwm*

D.D.M.S.

Received 8 10 P.M.

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~~Telegram 3~~

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D D M S.

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~~15/7/15~~

~~O 163~~

~~AAA~~

One hundred and thirty two  
 officers admitted, and forty five  
 discharged to front, ~~AAA~~ two  
 thousand five hundred and seventy  
 nine other ranks admitted and  
 six hundred and forty discharged  
 to front

*from* O.C. No 1 Stationary Hospital.

~~Mudros.~~

~~H. W. Bryant~~

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~~Appendix V~~

To O.C.  
NO 1 A.S.Hosp

A system of baths and changes of clothing cannot be arranged on fleet sweepers bringing these men from the Peninsula

It is suggested that you should institute the system outlined, but the question of the clothing remains ..

Several Thresh's disinfectors are shortly expected from England, and they will effectively deal with the clothing of your patients, etc.

(signed) G.H.C. Thom, Lt. Col

Madras, 16 July, 1915

for D.D.M.S.

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Appendix VI

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Mudros, Lemnos Island.

July 26th 1915

To Staff Paymaster  
Australian Imperial Force,  
CAIRO, Egypt.

Herewith copy of orders from D.D.M.S., I of C.,  
M.F.F., dated 8th June 1915, also correspondence in connection  
with charge pay.

Would you please take the necessary steps to  
obtain authority for this charge pay.

I wish to point out that all R.A.M.C. units within  
the sphere of operations are receiving this pay.

(Sgd) H.W. Bryant.  
Lieut-Colonel  
O.C. 1st A.S. Hospital.

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~~appendix VII~~

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~~From D.D.M.S., Lt. of C., M.E.F.~~

~~To O.C., No 1 A.S. Hosp.~~

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I am told that there are no Officers of the-

- 1st Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance
- 2nd " " Field Ambulance
- 3rd " " " "

here, but that there is some equipment belonging to those units on shore at Mudros. If the above is correct, will you, or one of your officers, as a favour, check that equipment, and take steps to replace all deficiencies. All packages containing medical comforts should be filled, and a supply of ante-tetanic serum obtained. All personnel belonging to these units should be warned to be ready to move, with the equipment of their unit, at short notice. Can all this be done, please, by the end of this month, and a report furnished when it is finished?

I am sorry to trouble you, but, otherwise, officers would have to be recalled from Anzac to do the work.

(signed) ~~G.H.C. Thom, Lt. Col.,~~  
~~for D.D.M.S.~~

~~Mudros,~~

~~July 26, 1915~~



From

D.D.M.S., L. of C., M.F.F.

To

O.C., No. 1 Australian Stationary Hosp.

Will you please take steps at once to check your equipment and to replace all deficiencies?

Care should be taken to fill the packages containing medical comforts, and to obtain a stock of ante-tetanic serum.

Please report when this has been done.

(signed) G.H.C. Thom, Lt-Col.,  
for D.D.M.S.

Mudros,

July 26, 1915.

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appendix VIII

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ORDERS

BY

COLONEL J MAHER,

D. D.M.S., L. OF C., M. E. F.

S.S. "Aragon"

Mudros, July 27, 1915

59 INFORMATION

The D.M.S., G.H.Q., at his recent inspection of the Medical Units at Mudros was very pleased to find that they were doing excellent work, and that all were in a very high state of efficiency.

(signed) G.H.C. Thom, Lt-Col., A.D.M.S.  
for D.D.M.S. L. of C. M.E.F.

Remarks by D.M.S., G.H.Q., as the result of his inspection of the Hospitals, etc., on shore are forwarded below:-

He was very pleased with what he saw, but desires to call the attention of all officers to the following points:-

1. All water in hospitals (drinking water) is to be chlorinated
2. All medical units which take in casualties are to clothe discharges before they return to duty or go to convalescent camp
3. No cases of varicocele, varicose veins, reducible hernia, bad eyesight, or other slight disabilities such as due to want of teeth, in officers and other ranks are to go to Base. These men can be utilised on L. of C.
4. Urgent cases, such as strangulated hernia, will go to Stationary Hospital (Not Australian Stationary) and other cases of disability requiring urgent operations

(signed) G.H.C. Thom, Lt-Col  
for D.D.M.S. L. of C. M.E.F.

Mudros, July 27, 1915

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M.O. No 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital.

To 50 doz bots of Miners at 4d per bottle. £10/0/0

Received from Minnetonka and charged by A.Q.M.G.Aust and New Z A C.

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Lieut-Colonel Cochrane, D.S.O.

These minerals are Australian Government Canteen stores and not for free issue. Will you therefore please take steps to recover the value of issues made to you, the price being 4d per bottle.

The value of 290 doz at 4d per bottle should be remitted to me for payment to the Australian Government.

The remaining stores should be kept in safe custody pending further instructions as to their disposal.

26/July/1915.

(Sgd) H.O.Knox. Lt-Col.  
AQMG A & N Z Army Corps

(3)

The M.O.

No 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital.

The attached instructions re the mineral waters recently issued to you have now been received.

Please therefore remit me the amount shown on enclosed bill for transmission to the A.Q.M.G. A & N Z Army Corps.

Minnetonka.  
29/7/15

(Sgd) Cochrane.  
Lt-col  
R F A

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appendix IX

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Mudros, Lemnos Island

July 30 1915

To/

Lt-Col Cochrane, D.S.O.,

H.M.T. Minnetonka

MUDROS BAY

I understood these mineral waters were given by Australians for the use of Australians in "hospital".

As this is not so, I enclose £10, being amount claimed by Lt-Col H.O.Knox, A.Q.M.G., Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, but consider the charge of 4d. per bottle for such small bottles excessive.

(signed) H.W. Bryant, V.D., Lt-Col

O.C. No 1 Australian Stationary Hospital

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appendix X

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No 1 Australian Stationary Hospital.

Leaves.

Record of cases examined by X-Ray for month of July. 1915

Screen Examinations

No 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital.	201
No 2 Aust. Stationary Hospital.	27
No 15 Stationary Hospital.R.A.M.C.	17
No 16 Stationary Hospital.R.A.M.C.	22
Indian Field Hospital.	43
	<u>310</u>

Skiagrams taken.

No 1 Australian Stationary Hospital.	19
No 2 Australian Stationary Hospital.	7
No 15 Stationary Hospital.R.A.M.C.	3
No 16 Stationary Hospital.R.A.M.C.	1
Indian Field Hospital.	5
	<u>35</u>

TOTAL CASES: 345

Number of operations performed for month of July 1915.

General Anaesthetic.	49
Local do	10