

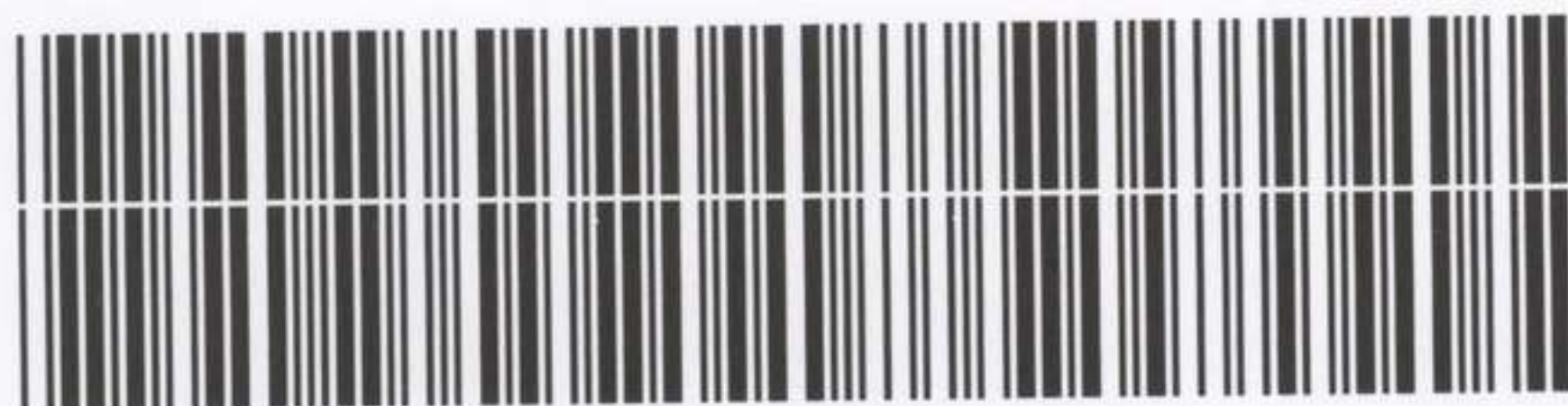
**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Medical, Dental & Nursing

**Item number:** 26/72/16

**Title:** No 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,  
Harefield Park

December 1918



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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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December 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Harefield	1-12-18.		<p>A third start is being made to fill rolls for Hospital ships Karoola and Kanowna which have been long delayed. The last boat left for Australia on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. and there are still a few cases waiting for a ship who were too ill to go on the former occasion or who were admitted too late to be included amongst those who left in her.</p> <p>On account of the large number at No 3 CD. no cases can be discharged B. &amp; direct to depot for a few days.</p> <p>All cases marked for Australia receive their second dose of Influenza vaccine.</p> <p>Col C.G. Shaw BSO RAME struck off strength as from 20. 11. 18 being granted 1914 Long Service leave.</p> <p>As Senior surgeon for months at this hospital he has done most valuable work, and has shown the greatest skill and surgical technique in dealing with all classes of war surgery. He has devised several special splints and has carried out his duties as Surgical Specialist without the least friction and with the greatest possible success.</p> <p>Major Sweet W.S. RAME struck off strength. vide AIF List No. 414 of 26/11/18</p> <p>Hon Lieut: and Pharmacist Sargent L.O. struck off strength 29. 11. 18 Granted 1914 Long Service leave.</p>	



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Harefield	4.12.		Taken in unit strength twenty AAMC A class personnel marched in from AAMC training depot. Forward on 2.12.18	
	5.12.18.		The number of Influenza cases in hospital is less, and there are now no very seriously ill.	
	6.12.18		The 101 AAMC paper "The Boomerang" has been collected as far as all the issues with exception of No 17 for historical records. Attempts are being made to obtain the missing number	
	7.12.18		Circular R.O. re undesirable Character in London drugging soldiers circulated in unit orders.	
	8.12.18		Admissions for week = 416. Discharges = 351.	
	9.12.18.		The amount of Surgical work and X-ray examination of these cases is not so great as formerly.	
	10.12.18		Captain Forbes A.D. AAMC reported for duty is taken in strength as from 7.12.18.	
			Captain Marshall T.E. AAMC Granted 14 days convalescent leave.	
			Authority A/Dms A.M.F.	
			21 VAD G.S. members now are in residence at Memorial Hall, Harefield so that none are now accommodated in tentage, overcrowding at the two hostels is avoided and five relieving members are accommodated	

D. D. & L., London, E.C.  
(A8001) Wt. W1771/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C2. 6/14

Refer to  
Appendix  
I of  
War Diary  
for Nov



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December 1918

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Harefield	13.12	18	Struck off strength Captain Dawson R.E. A.A.M.C. Correspondence concerning consecration of new ground for burial of Australian soldiers at Harefield, and.	Appendix II
	14.12	18	Hospital ship Karoola left yesterday taking by special ambulance train from this hospital 59 cot cases, 84 berth cases and 4 Subalterns. Hospital ship "Kanowna" having to go into dock for repairs, her departure is delayed. a new roll for patients will be prepared.	
			Admissions for week ending 14.12.18 = 353. Discharge = 508	Appendix III.
	15.12		Promotions - Australian Army Nursing Service. Staff nurse to be Sisters for 1st October 1918	Appendix IV.
	16.12		Instructions from A/D and A/E re retention at HQ A.A.H. of personnel of field units	
	17.12		Promotion. HQ 3 Warrent Office (Class I) Henry Hudson to be Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant and is posted to HQ A.A.H.	
			Struck off strength Major Bruce K. M.C. A.A.M.C. Returned to Australia.	
	20.12		Notice re Christmas leave (and order 349)	Refer to Appendix V.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Karefield	21.12		Admissions for week ending 21.12.18 = 485. Discharges = 473. Promulgation of B.C.M. held 20 Nov. 1918 (Roulette order 351)	Appendix VI.
	22.12		Taken on strength - Chaplain (4 <sup>th</sup> Class) Rev. J.B. Scott CofE. 21.12.18.	
	25.12.18		Programme for Xmas day. 6 am. Communion Service CofE. 8 am. " " CofE.	
			10 am. prizes for best decorated wards awarded after inspection.	
			Midday - Christmas dinners for patients and orderlies.	
			Afternoon - Cinema show and Billiard Tournaments	
			Evening. Christmas dinner (officers and sisters) Concert.	
	26.12.		Special ward teas in all wards provided for hot A.M.H. canteen funds. VADs had their Christmas dinner midday.	
			For Christmas fare the Australian Branch of the B.R.C. donated 2/6 a head for the 670 patients in hospital as well as a gift box for each patient and member of the staffs. Each VAD received a black silk tie.	
			The festivities were all thoroughly enjoyed.	



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December 1918.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Harfield	27.12		Letter received from Lady Ellen Lambert, who has for over 3 years visited the hospital each Friday afternoon to see members of the Roman Catholic Church and who has by her tact and sweetness of disposition endeared herself to many scores of Australian soldiers. The Revd. Father Octavien Caron is the R. C. Chaplain, and has done good work.	Appendix VII.
	31.12		According to verbal instructions from A/Quar AIF it is unlikely that this hospital will be continued later than 31.1.1919. Prospective patients are to be diverted to No 3 AAH Bantford or to the new Australian Hospital at Sutton Veney. Several wards will be closed immediately and others will follow as patients are discharged. vide extract for Routine order No 368 of 31.12.18	Appendix VIII

Cyertman H. Col.

Admitted 1470  
Discharged 1812  
Ultimate 31.12.18 1680/R



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE:  
Administrative Headquarters;  
130, Horseferry Rd.,  
LONDON. S.W.21.

RBF/9966/15/22.

2nd December 1918.

TO: OFFICER COMMANDING,  
1st Australian Aux. Hospital,  
HAREFIELD:  
Middlesex.

With reference to your 90/2/34 of the 11th Oct., on the subject of the Australian Burial Ground at Harefield, you are advised that these Headquarters have no recorded concise history of the Parish Burial Ground. The area of land that has recently been added to the Parish Churchyard by the generosity of Sir. F. Newdegate to the Church Authorities and no title will vest in the name of the Australian Government.

Briefly, our position in relation to the Parish Churchyard at Harefield is simply that the Ecclesiastical Authorities there have been good enough to make it possible for the whole of the Australian Burials to take place in one section of the Churchyard, so as to constitute an Australian Military Section, in preference to burying the men here and there throughout the Churchyard. Ample space is provided in the additional ground for our future requirements.

There has been no proposal that any portion of the land recently given by Sir. Francis Newdegate to the Church Authority should vest in the Australian Government: but the graves will remain inviolate and will not at any time be opened up or used for the burial of parishioners or others.

The last paragraph of your letter is in accordance with the facts.

(SGD) R.W. MURPHY., C apt.

OFFICER I/C RECORDS.



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NO.I. AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL:  
HAREFIELD: MIDDLESEX;

Oct.11th 1918.

90/2/34.

(FORWARDED THROUGH D.M.S., A.I.F.)

TO: OFFICER I/C. GRAVES REGISTRATION,  
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,  
130, Horseferry Road,  
S.W. 1.

With regard to the Australian Section of the Harefield Parish Churchyard : the early records of this Hospital are in the hands of the High Commissioner, and it is difficult to trace the exact and definite conditions of the grant of this land for burial purposes.

We understand that your Office has been closely in touch with Sir. Francis Newdegate's Agent (Mr.J.A. Trumper) recently in connection with the extension of the cemetery, and that Mr. Trumper and your Sgt. Rosenthal visited the Churchyard this morning and took measurements for such extension.

It would be very interesting to me to have a concise history of the Parish Burial Ground, and the grants made to the Commonwealth, also to know the number of graves, etc, provided for in the proposed extension, for the Records of this Hospital. Could this be furnished to me please ?.

I presume that in regard to the proposed extension you will be in consultation with the authorities best informed as to future contingencies, and that ample provision will be made accordingly.

LIEUT. COLONEL. AAMC.  
OFFICER COMMANDING.





1st Australian Aux. Hospital.  
HAREFIELD PARK.

Extract from A.I.F. Orders List No. 419 dated 10th December, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned Staff-Nurses to be Sisters :-

1st Oct., 1918.

Miss Elsie Gertrude BEER.  
Emily BIRKIN.  
Irene Gertrude H. BONNIN.  
Hannah COONAN.  
Ilma Myrtle COOPER.  
Pearl Elizabeth CORKHILL.  
Amy Louise FAULKNER.  
Mary Jane GRANT.  
Madge HOLDSWORTH.  
Ruby Millie HORNSEY.  
Genevieve KENNEDY.  
Ellen Lennox PULLAR.  
Elizabeth REGAN.  
Jean Roberta Benson WALKER.  
Daisy WEARNE.  
Alice Agnes WEBB.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
Administrative Headquarters,  
130, Horseferry Rd.,  
LONDON. S.W. 1.

2M. 1504/10/17.

16th December 1918.

TO: OFFICER COMMANDING,  
NO.1. A.A.H.  
HAREFIELD:

I am instructed by the a/D.M.S., to ask that you retain at NO.1. A.A.H. personnel of Field Units, e.g. Field Ambulances and C.C.S's, who are or will shortly become fit for General Service, and by these men replace "C" Class men who wish to return to Australia. The "C" Class men replaced should report to No. 2. C.D. for transport duty when they can be spared. In each case please inform the S.M.O. No.2. C.D. that the man is available for transport duty.

(SGD) E. WILLCOCKS. Major.  
for.

COLONEL. a/D.M.S., A.I.F.



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No.1.Australian Aux. Hospital.  
HAREFIELD PARK.

Routine Orders. No. 349.

FRIDAY Dec. 20, 1918.

By Lieut-Colonel C. YEATMAN AAMC. OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Extract from Part I.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE: All patients who are entitled to furlough and feel able to take it and who wish to leave Hospital before Christmas must notify their Medical Officers by 12. noon today in order to get furlough by Tuesday next. All patients not yet fit for discharge, who wish leave at Christmas must produce documentary evidence of invitations to spend Christmas with relatives or friends, and parade at the Admission Hall at 10.45 a.m. on Monday or Tuesday next. Leave forms must be signed by the Medical Officer.

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No.1.Australian Aux. Hospital,  
HAREFIELD PARK.

ROUTINE ORDERS. NO. 351.

SUNDAY 22.12.18.

By Lieut.Colonel C. Yeatman. AAMC. OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Extract from PART II.

A DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL was held at 51, Warwick Square London, on the 20th November 1918., re. No. 1381 Dvr. Richard Arthur ALDRIDGE, A.A.M.C.

President -- Major W.J. KINNISH., 43rd Bn.

CHARGE: Committing a civil offence, that is to say, stealing, in that he at Harefield on the 25th June, 1918., and the 31st October, 1918, stole from the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield Park, 1 pair of Blankets, 5 Hand Towels, 1 Pillow Slip, 3 Tea Towels, and 4 Shirts belonging to the said, 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

PLEADED - GUILTY. FINDING-GUILTY.

SENTENCE: DETENTION FOR 60 DAYS.

(SIGNED) W.J. KINNISH, Major.  
PRESIDENT.

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WYMONDHAM HOUSE,  
Rickmansworth.  
HERTS.

DECEMBER, 24th 1918.

Dear Colonel Yeatman,

I hope that you and Mrs. Yeatman, will accept my very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and every Good wish for the New year. I fear ( for our sakes ) that it will be your last Christmas at Harefield ?.

Father Octavien and I both wish to take this opportunity to thank you, and your Staff for your invariable kindnesses to us, in our visits to your men.

My visits to your Hospital during the past 3 years have been a real pleasure to me and it has been a great privilege to me to come into contact with the magnificent pluck and cheerfulness of your Australian "Boys".

With very best wishes,

I remain,  
Yours sincerely,

(SGD) Ellen Rambart.





No.1. Australian Aux. Hospital.  
HAREFIELD PARK.

ROUTINE ORDERS NO. 365.

TUESDAY DEC. 31, 1918.

By Lieut. Col. C. YEATMAN. AAMC. OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Extract from Part I.

- EQUIPMENT.      CONDITION in which the following articles of EQUIPMENT are to be returned for final check stock-taking:-
- BLANKETS.      All persons responsible for the return of these, to see the manner of folding at the Q.M. Store, before starting, to ensure an accurate count being made. Blankets to be folded according to pattern in tens and firmly tied.
- PILLOWS.      Large pillows are to be sorted into two classes, viz:- Hair and feather. It is necessary that this should be done to distinguish between A.I.F. and British stock. Half size (or small pillows) to be returned separately. All pillows to be firmly tied in bundles of five (5).
- BEDSTEADS.      The top and foot of each bedstead are to be firmly attached to spring mattress before return. No articles of equipment are to be returned in a dirty condition.
- NOTE.      Plenty of tying material is available at Q.M. General Store.
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JB.

HAREFIELD PARK,

NEAREST STATION: DENHAM.

G.W. &amp; G.C. LINE.

HAREFIELD,

MIDDLESEX.

Jan. 10, 1919.

From: O.C. No.1.A.A.H.  
HAREFIELD.

To: D.M.S., A.I.F.

I have the honour to submit my monthly report  
for month ending 31st December, 1918.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL. Offrs. N/Staff. O/Ranks. GS.VAD. W/Leg.

Taken on Strength :	2	7	39	10	
Struck off Strength:	4	8	27	8	1

WEEKLY PARADE STATE.

	Off:	N/Staff.	O/Rks.	GS.VAD.	Red X Off.	Mas'rs not A.I.F.	Vol. Hlpr.	Civiln Elect
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W/E 7.12.18.

On duty	21	65	171	115	1	2	3	1
On leave		3	6	9	-	-	-	-
Sick		5	4	-	-	-	-	-

W/E 14.12.18.

On duty	19	66	171	115	1	2	3	1
On leave		2	4	8	-	-	-	-
Sick		4	3	-	-	-	-	-

W/E 21.12.18.

On duty	19	67	161	119	1	2	3	1
On leave	1	2	6	6	-	-	-	-
Sick		4	5	-	-	-	-	-

W/E 28.12.18.

On duty	20	65	156	119	1	2	3	1
On leave	1	3	11	8	-	-	-	-
Sick.		4	1	-	-	-	-	-

SYNOPSIS OF ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGE &c.

WEEKLY TABLE.

	<u>ADMISSIONS.</u>	<u>DISCHARGES.</u>
7.12.18.	416	351
14.12.18.	353	508
21.12.18.	485	473
28.12.18.	216	210



ADMISSIONS.

From other Hospitals.	969	
Sundries	<u>559</u>	
		<u>Total 1528</u>

DISCHARGES:

To other Hospitals	19	
Flgh. & No.1.ACD. Sutton Veny	234	
" No.2 ACD. Weymouth	277	
" "Littlemoor Camp	4	
" No.4 ACD.Hurdcott	184	
Direct No.1.ACD.Sutton Veny	34	
" No.2 ACD. Weymouth	211	
" Littlemoor Camp	290	
" No.4 ACD. Hurdcott	16	
Sundries	302	
Hospital Ship to Australia	<u>147</u>	
		<u>Total 1718</u>

BOARDS:

Surgical	383	
Medical	<u>158</u>	
		<u>Total 541</u>

DEATHS.

33301	Dvr. Marshall	FJW.
5410	Pte Shirlaw	HW.
2443	Pte Lucas	P
2805	Cpl Rugg	F.
4527	Pte Rutherford	AT.
9671	L/C Smith	U.

<u>NO. OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL MIDNIGHT 31.12.18.</u>	<u>671</u>
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<u>DAILY AVERAGE OF NO. OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.</u>	<u>738</u>
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## - SYNOPSIS -

JANUARY 1st 1918 to DECEMBER 31st 1918.ADMISSIONS.

	From other Hospitals	Sundries	Total
January	2067	119	2186
February	1250	243	1493
March	1018	331	1349
April	1461	102	1563
May	2150	72	2222
June	1730	267	1997
July	1595	230	1825
August	1808	198	2006
September	1854	247	2101
October	474	755	1229
November	1284	689	1973
December	969	559	1528
	<u>17660</u>	<u>3812</u>	<u>21472</u>

France Exp. Force	19122
Egypt " "	4
British " "	27
Troops in United Kingdom	2288
Pensioners	<u>31</u>

Total 21472DISCHARGES.

	FURLOUGH				DIRECT.				Sundries To		
	No.1.	No.2	No.3	No.4.	No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	other		
	ACD.	ACD.	ACD.	ACD.	ACD.	ACD.	ACD.	ACD.	Hpls	Total.	
Jan.	337	389	143	271	4	421	109	27	323	38	2062
Feb.	202	343	77	239	7	257	150	16	194	28	1513
Mar.	76	171	16	168	18	234	248	16	412	25	1384
April.	204	69	24	232	26	161	318	19	417	13	1483
May.	558	126	18	471	29	261	540	14	79	32	2128
June.	496	129	6	277	21	238	577	14	408	16	2182
July.	186	169	35	226	25	330	441	14	336	30	1792
August.	255	200	58	276	38	429	416	19	151	22	1864
Sept.	474	237	61	228	31	356	498	36	173	25	2119
Oct.	77	135	16	97	14	366	156	49	315	32	1257
Nov.	310	257	2	208	34	282	582	17	299	24	2015
Dec.	234	277	4	184	34	211	290	16	499	19	1718
	<u>3409</u>	<u>2502</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>2877</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>3546</u>	<u>4325</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>3556</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>21517</u>

Purlough	9248
Direct to Depot	8409
To other Hospitals	304
Hospital Ships to Aust.	1251
Deaths	53
Sundries	<u>2252</u>

Total. 21517



BOARDS.

	<u>Surgical</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	704	323	1027
February	350	316	666
March	357	254	611
April	185	207	392
May	328	209	537
June	374	183	557
July	408	176	584
August	448	229	677
September	720	212	932
October	263	141	404
November	408	138	545
December	383	158	541
	<u>4927</u>	<u>2546</u>	<u>7473</u>

Percentage of men  
boarded on Admissions.

33 1/3 %

DEATHS.

January	Nil
February	2
March	5
April	2
May	1
June	5
July	1
August	4
September	3
October	12
November	12
December	6

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DAILY AVERAGE NO OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.

January	736
February	753
March	742
April	731
May	855
June	901
July	865
August	785
September	899
October	949
November	841
December	738

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TOTAL AVERAGE FOR 12 MONTHS 816



GENERAL.Christmas Festivities.

A very happy Christmas was spent by Patients and Staff at this Hospital. Red Cross gifts were distributed to all by the Red Cross Lady Representative and for the patients special Christmas fare was provided by means of the sum of 2/6 a head for the patients by the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Major Lamb C.B.E., was present on Xmas day and took great interest in the competition for best decorated wards, Christmas dinners and special Christmas ward teas in the afternoon. A Cinema show and a concert were also provided. Christmas messages were received from the G.O.C., A.I.F. by telephone on Christmas day which were conveyed to patients and Staff. The A/D.M.S., A.I.F. visited the Hospital on the 24th of December and on the 26th the G.O.C., A.I.F. General Sir William Birdwood spent two hours with patients in company with Sit Thomas and Lady Robinson. Other visitors to the Hospital during Xmas week were the Agents General for New South Wales and Western Australia with Lady Wade and Mrs. Connolly.

The Hospital Ship "Karooola" left on the 13th of December with a total number of 147 cases. Owing to the docking of Hospital Ship "Kanowna", her expected departure was delayed and a fresh roll was prepared. These are the first ships to take cases direct from this Hospital since July 23rd 1918. The total number of cases of Influenza admitted shows a great decrease in those for October and November and there were fewer cases of severe type.

Health of Personnel.

There is nothing particular to report.

"Harefield Park Boomerang".

The final number of this hospital paper appeared just before Christmas. Its success has been due to a very enthusiastic and energetic committee under the chairmanship of the Registrar, Major T.L. Anderson.

Promotion.

W.O. Class I Henry Hudson No.1.A.A.H. was promoted to be Honorary Lieutenant and Quartermaster vice Captain J.F.S. Murray M.C., transferred to department of Director General of Demobilisation for special duty.

Reports from other departments are appended herewith.

*G. Eastman*

Lieut-Colonel,  
OFFICER COMMANDING.



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HAREFIELD PARK,

NEAREST STATION: DENHAM,  
G.W. & G.C. LINE.

NB:

HAREFIELD,

MIDDLESEX.

6.1.19.

FROM: LT.COL. DENNIS. AAMC.

TO: O.C. NO.1. A.A.H.

## MASSAGE DEPARTMENT -- MONTHLY REPORT:

Sir,

During the past month, work in this Department has been fairly heavy. The total number of cases sent for treatment was - 132.  
And the Number of treatments given, was - 2387.

Owing to the staff being shorthanded, Miss Godfrey had to be put on again before her term in the Electrical Ward was finished. The work progressed satisfactorily.

*Chas Dennis*  
Lieut.Colonel. AAMC.



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NB:

HAREFIELD PARK,

HAREFIELD,

MIDDLESEX.

6.1.19.

FROM: LT.COL. DENNIS. AAMS.

TO: O.C. NO.I. A.A.H.

## MONTHLY REPORT OF X.RAY DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

The work during the past month has been much lighter than usual.

The total number of cases examined., was -- 208.

The Total number of skiagrams taken was. -- 326.

The work has progressed satisfactorily.

Lieut. Colonel. AAMC.



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NB:

HAREFIELD PARK,

HAREFIELD,

MIDDLESEX.

7.1.19.

NEAREST STATION: DENHAM.  
G.W. & G.C. LINE.

TO: O.C. NO.I. A.A.H.

## REPORT OF NURSING & MASSAGE STAFF AT NO.I.AAH. FOR DECEMBER!19.

NURSING: The Nursing during the month of December has not been very heavy consequently the health of the Nursing Staff has remained very good.

HEALTH: Only Two S/Nurses were transferred sick to Southwell Gardens.

LEAVE: Four Sisters and two Staff Nurses were granted 14 days' leave.

TRANSPORT DUTY:  
TO AUSTRALIA.

Three Sisters and three Staff Nurses went on transport duty to Australia.

XMAS WEEK. Christmas Week in Hospital has been a Very Happy one for all. Each Sister in Charge of a ward was given 30/- from Canteen Funds to spend on the Wards for XMas.

Prizes were given for the best decorated Wards and there was very keen competition amongst the Patients for the 1st prize.

In all the acute wards, the Sisters gave special Tea & Supper parties and Concerts during the week.

Several Most enjoyable dances were held in the Patients' Mess Room for the Staffs.

*C. L. Ross*

MATRON. AANS.  
NO.I. A.A.H.



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6.1.19.

NEAREST STATION: DENHAM,  
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FROM: LT.COL. DENNIS. AAMC.

TO: O.C. NO.1. A.A.H.

## MONTHLY REPORT OF ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

During the past month the work as usual has been heavy.

The total number of new cases treated was -- 54.

The total number of treatments given was -- 2232.

This is the largest number of treatments given in any one month this year.

The work has progressed very satisfactorily. The number of cases examined for nerve injuries was -- 27.

*Charles Dennis*

Lieut. Colonel. AAMC.



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FROM: SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER:

TO: O.C. NO. 1: A:A:H:

## MEDICAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

The Medical work of the Hospital continued heavy during the month largely owing to the Influenza Epidemic and seasonal respiratory affections. Influenza was not so severe in type as previously though the incidence of Broncho-Pneumonia continued moderately high. The death rate was low, particularly towards the end of the month.

Lasting effects from Gas Poisoning were not infrequent.

Common sequelae were peribronchitis and tubercular infection. Screen and plate X-Ray examinations materially assisted diagnosis.

Nephritis cases were comparatively frequent, the majority tending to clear up under treatment.

Rheumatic conditions of various types were met with, and usually yielded to treatment satisfactorily. Hot air and massage were valuable therapeutic aids.

Neurasthenia, debility and allied conditions were fairly numerous. The more common causal factors being Influenza, Pneumonia, and war strain. Very few definite cases of shell shock were met with.

A number of Repatriated Prisoners were admitted for treatment. Almost without exception they were suffering from the effects of underfeeding and exposure. In most cases considerable loss of weight had resulted, Their response to treatment was generally satisfactory.

*R. E. H. H. H.*

MAJOR. AAMC.

~~Senior Medical Officer.~~



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FROM: SURGICAL SPECIALIST,  
NO. I. A.A.H. HAREFIELD:

TO: O.C. NO. I. A.A.H.  
HAREFIELD:

I have the honour to report that during the month of December 1918., there have been 143 Operations including the following :-

Cerebral Abscess	1.
Appendicitomy	4.
Arthritomy knee joint	1.
Excision elbow joint	1.
Sclerosed Nerves.	4.
Excision Urethral Stricture	1.
Dilating Urethra	3
Hernia	4.
Hydrocele	2.
Varicocoele	1
Haemorrhoids	4.
Empyema	2
Fat Graft	6.
Removal F.B.	3
Psoas Abscess	1.
Neuroma	1.
Sequestra	52.
Drainage &c.	31.
Ampt. finger	3
Ampt. Toe	2.
Removal toe nails	2
Mastoid	1.
Plaster face	1.
Submucous Resection	2.
Repair eye socket	3

has been excellent.

The work of the Surgical Staff

*Stan Stuart*

MAJOR. AAMC.  
SURGEON SPECIALIST.



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From :- Q.M. 1. A.A.H.

To :- C.O. 1. A.A.H.

MONTHLY REPORT. - Quartermaster's Department - DECEMBER, 1918.

On taking over the Quartermaster's Department, Books, Stores, etc. from Hon. Captain and Quartermaster J.F.S. Murray on 26. 12. 18. I have to report as follows :-

1. Attached is Statement shewing amount of Foodstuffs consumed during the period 30th November to 27th October, 1918, together with the amounts allowed under A.C.I. 1186/18.

2. COST OF RATIONING.

a.	Cost of patients for October period.	2/0.494d.
b.	Cost of Personnel " (V.A.D.).	1/1.576.
c.	" " (Other).	1/3.441.

3. FUEL.

Difficulty was experienced during the month in obtaining Fuel Supplies from A.Q.M.G. ( His Majesty's Office of Works. This was overcome by Local Purchase Order for Fuel to be obtained from the Watford Gas Company. I attach copy of letter addressed to D.M.S. A.I.F. dated 30. 12. 18. on this subject.

4. TRANSPORT.

The difficulty experienced with transport during the month of November was overcome during December by the supply from A.Q.M.G. Section of a Light Ford Lorry for the purpose of conveying Light Perishable goods.

*A. Hudson*  
..... Lieut.  
Q.M. 1. A.A.H.



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## CONSUMPTION DURING MESSING PERIOD 30.11.18. - 27.12.1918.

Article.	Maximum authorised.		Total Issue.	Underdrawn. Overdrawn.		A.C.I. 1186/18.		Consumption.
						A.	B.	
Meat.	8467.	17.	9143.	675.	14.	38.	38.	41.05.
Fish.	4178.	4.	3719.	459.	4.	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ .	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ .	16.69.
Bacon.	2785.	8.	3341.	555.	8.	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	15.00.
Bread and Flour.	16713.		17800.	1087.		75.	75.	79.92.
Sugar.	2116.	15.	2111.	12.	5. 3.	9.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	9.48.
B. Marg. and Suet.	1448.	7.	1530.	81.	9.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	6.86.
Potatoes.	15598.	12.	155568.	30.	12.	58.	70.	69.90.
F. Vegs.	7799.	6.	5290.	2509.	6.	25.	35.	23.75.
Cocoa.	334.	4.	279.	4.	3.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	1.25.
Milk.	38969.		31174.	2205.		80.	130.	139.97.
Jam.	1559.	14.	1536.	23.	14.	7.	7.	6.89.
Cereals.	3342.	9.	3653.	310.	7.	15.	15.	16.40.
Eggs.	11142.		14789.	3647.		40.	50.	66.40.
Tea and Coffee.	445.	10.	437.	7.	3.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	2.	1.96.
Cheese.	668.	8.	484.	184.	8.	3.	3.	2.17.



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No. 1. A.A. Harefield.  
Middlesex.

QMH. P29/2/8.

30th December, 1918.

From :- C.O. 1. A.A.H.

To :- D.M.S. A.I.F.

Authority is requested please for the following  
Local Purchase of Fuel ordered on 14. 12. 18. :-

Coal.	20. tons.	Messrs. Colin Taylor King and Co. at 35/- per ton.
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Coke.	20. tons.	do. at 34/6 per ton.
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The position on the morning of Saturday - December 14th, 1918, was that the Fuel Supplies at this Hospital were exhausted, and coal and coke ordered from His Majesty's Office of Works (through A.Q.M.G.) had not arrived at the Denham Railway Station.

This matter was reported to "Q" Section A.I.F. Headquarters on 16. 12. 18. by the Q.M. 1. A.A.H.

The D.A.Q.M.G. in company with the Q.M. 1. A.A.H. interviewed His Majesty's Office of Works same day and the delivery of Fuel was then expedited - Stocks of Coal and Coke being available on the following day- 17.12.18.

SGD. T. L. ANDERSON.  
Major. A.A.M.C.  
for. Lieut-Colonel.  
C.O. 1. A.A.H.



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FROM: LT. COL. DENNIS. AAMC.

TO: O.C. NO.1.A .A .H.

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR X.RAY DEPARTMENT:

Sir,

During the past twelve months, the work in this department has been much heavier than during any preceeding year.

The total number of cases examined	--	3,841.
as against a total for 1917 of	--	2,957
and for the year 1916 of	--	2,232.

The total number of skiagrams taken in the past twelve months --  
5,300.

I should like to bring to your notice the excellent work done in this Department by Sgt. Stranges during the past two years. He started with no knowledge of electrical, X-Ray or photographic knowledge: and by study and careful attention to his work and steady application he has made himself master of the details of the work, and he has always done what he has to do in a most steady and realiable manner. During the time he has been in the department I have never had occasion to bring any complaint against him or his work, and it has been a pleasure to have such a man as N.C.O in charge. As you know he had no assistance in the Department until the last few months.

Lieut. Colonel. AAMC.



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TO: O.C. NO.1. A.A.H.

ANNUAL REPORT --- MESSAGE DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

During the past twelve months the work in this department has been heavy almost continuously owing to the shortness of the staff.

The Total number of cases treated was --- 2,166

The Total number of ~~cases~~ treatments given was -- 22,911.

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by the staff and their devotion to work, and uncomplaining way in which the work has been done especially during the rushes of work, when the number of cases per head rose well above 20.

The work has progressed satisfactorily during the year, but I consider that the Staff has been too limited, and that with a larger staff more attention could have been given to individual cases, and more cases could have been treated that otherwise did not receive massage.

Lieut. Colonel. A.A.M.C.





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FROM: Lt.Col. DENNIS.  
TO: O.C. NO.1. A.A.H.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT:

Sir,

During the past year the work has been much heavier than in any of the proceeding years.

The number of cases treated has been	--	1,061
and the number of treatments given	--	12,219.
The total number of treatments given in 1916	-	6,979.
" " " " " 1917	--	9,598.
The total for the three years	-	<u>28,796.</u>

Practically all this work has been done by Miss Jennings and L/Cpl. Daly alone.

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by Miss Jennings during this time. No amount of work was ever too much for her, her ward has always been kept spotless, the electrical appliances have been most carefully looked after and consequently have lasted wonderfully in spite of continuous use. No serious accident or burn has occurred during the three years work, and work has always gone on with clockwork regularity and with great smoothness. Moreover she has trained up L/Cpl. Daly to do the work under here in a most efficient manner.

This boy has shown, too, great devotion to duty, keenness in his work and has always worked in a manner deserving the highest praise.

The amount of work done by these two is an adequate testimony to their capability and efficiency and it has been a pleasure to have charge of a department that has worked so smoothly. Records of the work too have been scrupulously kept during the time the department has been in existence.

During the past year 550 cases have been examined by me in this Department and reported on, many of these having been operated on by Lt.Col. Shaw.

*Charles Williams*  
LIEUT. COLONEL. AAMC.