

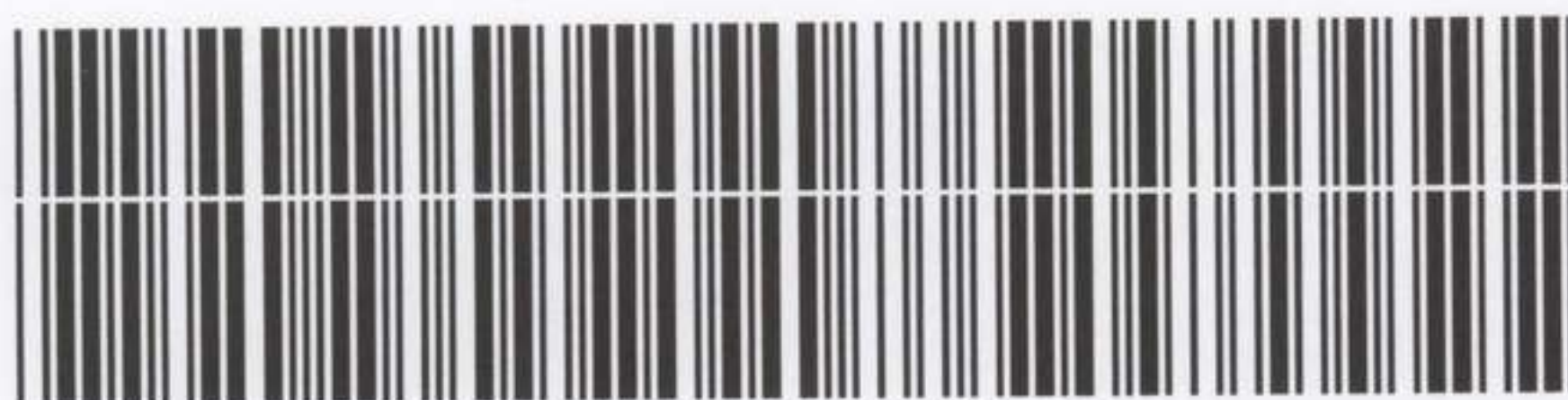
**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Medical, Dental & Nursing

**Item number:** 26/72/17

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

January 1919



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## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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January 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Stanfield	1.1.19		New Year's card issued to each member of unit to send their friends and similar cards posted to Soc. A.F. also highly placed officers and friends of 1st A.A.H.	Appendix I.
			A New Year's tea given by Mr Henry Bull of Sydney who sent £45-0-0 for the purpose this Sir Chas. Wade, Agent General to New South Wales was given to all patients. Made letter to Sir Charles Wade.	Appendix II.
	3.1.		Captain B. F. Hussey A.A.M.C. struck off unit strength 2.1.19 Returning to Australia Chap. Rev. W. J. Scott	
			During the 18 months done of duty at this Hospital Captain B. F. Hussey has shown great skill and devotion to duty & his work has principally been in medical wards and he has had charge of the special section for cases of Tuberculosis of the lungs during that time.	
	4.1.		Routine order for patients leaving by H.S. Kanonna on 5.1.19 - All kits for walking cases to be drawn at the following times today A to M. 2 pm. (14.00) until 2.30 pm (14.30) M to Z 2.30 pm (14.30) " 3.0. pm (15.00)	Appendix III.
			New Year's Honours. extract for Capt. orders. Taken on unit strength Chaplain Rev. D. L. Trever (C of E) 3.1.19 Reported in duty.	



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July 1918

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																
Harefield	4.1.19		<p>Taken on ration strength three subalterns attached for special duties to R. and D. Dept. AIF Hq. reported for duties at HQ 1 A.A.H. in connection with demobilisation. AIF. benob. no 534 table filled out for all patients and staff.</p> <p>Parade state week ending 4.1.19.</p> <table><tr><th>Officers</th><th>Nursing staff.</th><th>O/Rank.</th><th>S.A. Y.A.Ds.</th></tr><tr><td>on duty 19</td><td>62</td><td>168</td><td>118</td></tr><tr><td>leave 1</td><td>5</td><td>19</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>sick -</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>-</td></tr></table> <p>departure of patients for H.S. Kanonna returning to Australia</p>	Officers	Nursing staff.	O/Rank.	S.A. Y.A.Ds.	on duty 19	62	168	118	leave 1	5	19	8	sick -	3	3	-	Appendix IV.
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sick -	3	3	-																	
	5.1.19		<p>Struck off unit strength.</p>																	
	7.1.19		<p>Captain Marshall J.S. A.A.M.C. 23.12.18 in completion of sick leave.</p> <p>Hon Capt. + Q. Murray J.S. (M.C.) 26.12.18 Granted leave - report on completion to Director General R. and D. Dept. AIF Headquarters.</p> <p>Captain Holmes C.H.S. A.A.M.C. 6.1.19 marched out to HQ 2 A.C.D.</p>	Appendix V.																
	10.1.19		<p>Promotions extract for Corps order.</p> <p>(There have been no admissions to Hospital except under conditions set out in letter from J.S. dated 6.1.19. A number of wards have been closed and remaining patients are collected into 300 beds constituting formerly accommodation for acute surgical cases.)</p>	Appendix VI.																

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Harefield

10.1.

Hour

Struck off unit strength. Captain Forbes A.D. A.M.C. 8.1.19 Returning to Australia  
There are now only 199 patients remaining in hospital, but 100 beds in  
addition are being retained for cases admitted from R.M.B. A.F. Headquarters  
The Matron, (Miss C. L. Ross) and the Registrar (Major T. L. Anderson) visit hot A.S.H.  
at Sutton Veney to advise on certain matters particularly as to duties and  
conditions of work of Ex. V.A.D. members who transferred from Harefield to

Sutton Veney.  
Twenty seven Sisters just arrived in England from India are allotted here for  
a short time pending granting of leave and posting to A.M.C. units for  
duty.

Letter from War Records re unit paper "The Boomerang" ✓

14.1.

Struck off strength

Major Selton M.B. A.M.C. 13.1.19

Reporting to A.F. Headquarters  
who 2 A.A.H. Southall.

Major Davis T.R.S. " " "

who 1 A.D.H. Bulford.

Captain Greenham D.P. " " "

who 2 A.A.H. Southall

Chaplain (4 Class) Rev. Freer D.L. (C of E) " " "

15.1.

Essay Competition - Extract from copy order

16.1.

Two officers of the A.F. Hq. Educational staff attended at 11.30. to explain details of  
Education schemes and met a number of patients and members of  
the staff.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Warefield.	17.1		Promotion Major Brown E.J. A.A.M.C. To be T/Lieutenant Colonel 11.11.18 (A.I.F. list 432 - 14.1.19.)	
			Struck off strength - Captain Hutchinson H.E. A.A.M.C. 16.1.19. Granted leave	
	18.1.		Brace state Officers. N/Staff. Of Ranks. S.S.V.A.D.	
			On duty 11 32 148 192	
			on leave - 9 5 27	
			Sick - 3 - -	
			All equipment is being collected from vacant wards and classified as being British, Australian or Red Cross property and stored separately. Blankets, mattresses, pillows etc. are disinfected and dried before being stored. Captain W. Scott in the staff of the A.A.M.C. A.I.F. Headquarters is acting in conjunction with my Quartermaster.	
			Fourteen sisters are struck off strength returning to Australia.	
			Funeral of the late Major Miss Selton was attended today by O.C. and five other officers from this unit, four of whom acted as pall-bearers.	
	21.1.		Patients dining hall closed as meals are now served in the few wards remaining.	
			All S.S.V.A.D.s as they can be spared are being sent on their 12 days armistice leave. vide War office letter	Appendix IX



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Harefield	31.1.		<p>The Red X officer Mr H Coxen is struck off ration strength and reports to HQ. he 2 A.A.H. for duty.</p> <p>Mr Coxen has carried out the duties of arranging and managing all entertainments, concerts, and cinema shows for the past eighteen months the cost of which averaging some £40-0-0 monthly has been defrayed from the proceeds of the Patients Canteen, the whole of these proceeds being devoted to the welfare and pleasure of the patients.</p> <p>Admissions for the month of January = 42.  Discharges = 691  Deaths = 3</p> <p>Daily average of patients in hospital = 156.  Number of patients remaining 0.</p> <p>Vide copies of selected correspondence received</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cyganma H. Col.</p>	<p>Appendix  81.</p>



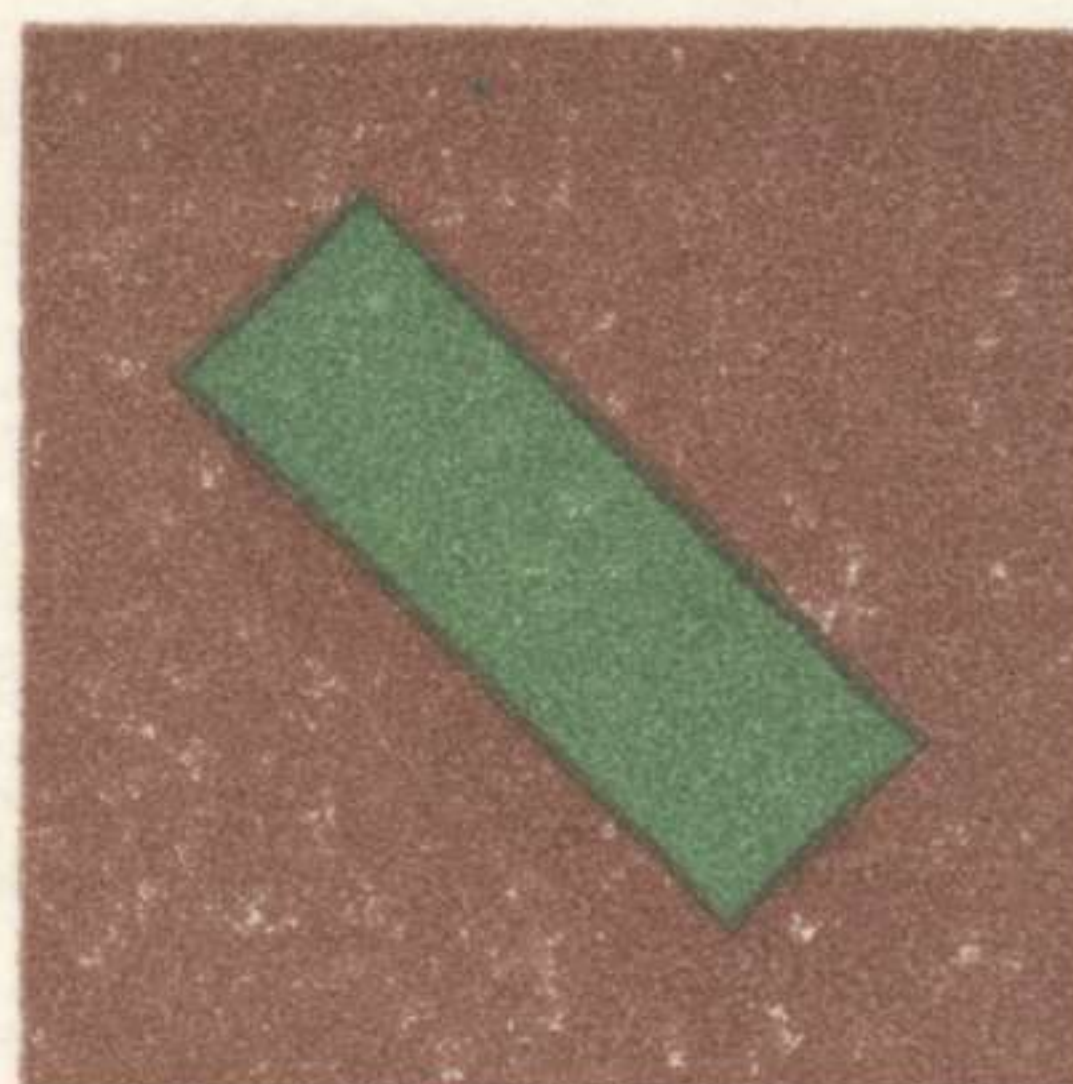
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No. 1 Australian  
Auxiliary Hospital  
Harefield, Middlesex

1915

1918



Honour has come back, as a king to earth,  
And paid his subjects with a royal wage:  
And Nobleness walks in our ways again;  
And we have come into our heritage.

*Rupert Brooke*

Wishing you  
the Compliments of the Season  
from

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1st A.A.M.

New Year 1919



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APPENDIX No. 2<sup>1</sup>

GIFT .. Mr. HENRY BULL.  
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"Sydney House,  
Cockspur Street, S.W.1.

18th December, 1918.

"Dear Colonel Yeatman,

I have received a very generous contribution from Mr. Henry Bull, an Australian Merchant, for distribution amongst the Australian Hospitals at Christmas time and propose to supplement it by a contribution on behalf of the Government of New South Wales. I expect there will be between £30 and £40 available for your Hospital, and I think the best plan will be to hand the money over to you to be spent in the way of Christmas Cheer.

Kindly let me know your views. I hope to call at the Hospital early on Saturday afternoon and if it is convenient I would like to say a few words to a gathering of patients, wishing them a Merry Christmas and explaining the nature of this donation.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) C.G.WADE."

(Harefield Reference No. 32/7/1).

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No. 1 AustralianmAux. Hospital,  
Harefield-Park - Middlesex.

APPENDIX No. 3.

EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE ORDERS No. 4 - 4.1.19 - No. 1 A.A.H.

"NEW YEAR HONOURS:

"The following appointment to, the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, has been approved by His Majesty the KING. To be an Officer of the Military Division of the Said Most Excellent Order -

Lieutenant-Colonel Charleton YEATMAN, AAMC.

(Authority: List No. 427, A.I.F. Orders 1st Jan., 1919)"

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APPENDIX No. 4.

EVACUATION OF INVALIDS <sup>5.1.19.</sup> ~~18.12.18.~~

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Train arrives Denham	..	11.15 a.m.
" departs "	..	12.15 p.m.
Fall-in W.O.'s Office	..	10.0 a.m.

127 ~~69~~ STRETCHERS.

1, 2, & 3 load at wards at 10.30 a.m. .. Three cars.  
Ward 19 & 20 stretchers at dining hall at 11.30 a.m.  
All gear from Ward 19 to be kept separate.  
All other stretchers loaded at end of long ramp.  
First car leaves at 10.45 a.m., due station 11.0 a.m.  
Cars to be at end of long ramp, 10.30 a.m.  
All walking cases assemble at Admission Hall at 11 a.m.

Orderly Officer - supervising loading at  
Hospital :- Capt. Greenham.

Train Officer - Captain Maxwell.

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APPENDIX No. 5.

P R O M O T I O N S.

Extract from Routine Orders No. 7, dated 7th January, 1919,  
No. 1 A.A.H. Harefield - by Lieut.-Col. C. Yeatman, AAMC.

"Approval has been given for the rank of the undermentioned  
N.C.O's to be substantive, dated 13th December, 1918.

(Authority - Letter D.M.S., A.I.F. 2M.1504/28/30 of the  
4th January, 1919.)

9132a	T/S/Sgt	IREDALE G.E.	A.A.M.C.
12601	"	CRAWFORD W.S.	"
5388	T/Sgt	REES R.C.	"
5288	Sgt	STRANGE A.T.	"
5336	T/Sgt	GROVES A.	"
10256	"	JACOB W.W.	"
331	T/Cpl	ANDREWS W.W.	"
1808	"	DAWSON L.W.	"
8067	"	GREVILLE C.	"
2708	"	YEATES W.T.	"

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Approval has been also granted for the promotion to Temp.  
rank of the undermentioned N.C.O's, such promotion to be  
retained by the N.C.O's concerned on marching out from  
No. 1 A.A.H., Harefield. (Auth. D.M.S., A.I.F. letter  
2M.1504/28/30 dated 4.1.19)"

4706	T/Cpl	BEESEY R.J.	A.A.M.C.
13779	"	GREEN H.H.	"
42	T/Sgt	JARRETT W.	"
1808	"	DAWSON L.W.	"
(To T/Cpl 22.6.18 to T/Sgt 23.9.18)			
3852	T/Cpl	LOWRY A.	"



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APPENDIX No. 6.

Letter from a/D.M.S., A.I.F. dated 6.1.19 addressed to  
R.M.O., A.I.F. Copy forwarded to No. 1 A.A.H. for  
information:- (Reference 4M.28491).

"At the present time there are a number of vacant beds  
at No. 1 A.A.H. Harefield which it is proposed to  
close at the end of the month.

Will you please arrange to send any cases reporting  
to you for Hospital treatment to No. 1 A.A.H. for  
admission, such cases being those who will be  
able to be discharged by 31.1.19. In this way  
it is hoped to utilise the beds at Harefield during  
the period of their closing up, but it is not  
proposed to send any cases there which will be on  
their hands at the end of the month.

(sgd) JOHN ANDERSON. Lt.Col.  
for Colonel -  
A/D.M.S., A.I.F.

APPENDIX No. 7.

Letter from Australian War Records Section - dated 3.1.19.  
(Reference 3.AW.4376/33/7).

"Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of Vol.2, No. 11  
of the "Harefield Boomerang" forwarded under cover of  
the 30th ult.

"In view of the fact that this is the final number of  
the publication I might be permitted to congratulate  
you upon the success from every point of view the  
magazine has been. A complete set with the except-  
ion of a copy of issue No. 17 (1917) is held by this  
Section to be ultimately bound and included in the  
Library that is being formed as part of the Austral-  
ian War Museum.

"From a set such as this of magazines published abroad  
by the A.I.F Units, the Australian people will be  
enabled to appreciate the means employed to distract  
the minds of our troops abroad and the publications  
themselves will form a lasting record of the activ-  
ities of the Units by which they were issued."

(sgd) J.L.TRELOAR. Major.  
Officer in Charge Aust. War Records Sect.



APPENDIX No. 8.

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ESSAYS - LIMERICKS - No. 1 A.A.H.

Extract from Routine Orders No. 15, dated 15th January, 1919,

No. 1 A.A.H., Harefield - By Lt.-Col. C. Yeatman, AAMC.

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"ESSAYS founded on personal experiences of the work at No. 1 A.A.H. Harefield, not to exceed 1,500 words are invited from members of the Staff, patients, or voluntary workers at the Hospital. The essay may attempt to record actual work done in any one or a number of departments, or may be put into the form of a narrative, or may be treated in a humorous manner.

"PRIZES of two guineas for first, and one guinea for second, with further prizes for deserving efforts will be given.

"THE C.O. offers a prize of one guinea for the best LIMERICK on the Hospital.

Any information as to facts desired to embody in the essay may be verified at the Central Office.

"THE ESSAYS AND LIMERICKS must be in by noon on the 25th January, 1919."

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APPENDIX No. 9.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS LEAVE - G.S.V.A.D.

Copy of CIRCULAR TELEGRAM from War Office - C.R.L.D.33278/Q.

L.D. 766/Q AAA. 11th December, 1918 AAA With reference to this Office telegrams No. L.D. 2971/A dated 3rd instant, L.D. 757/Q dated 4th instant and L.D. 759/Q dated 5th inst. AAA Members of the Q.M.A.A.C., V.A.D.G.S.S., and Women's Legion may be granted twelve days Christmas leave. AAA. Railway Warrants at Public expense may be issued in anticipation of concession vouchers for 1919 AAA Further instructions regarding officials will be issued. AAA Procedure as laid down in this office telegram L.D. 759/Q quoted above will be followed as regards Railway arrangements."

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Horse Guards Annexe,  
Carlton/Terrace, S.W.1.  
House  
11th December, 1918.

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(Sgd) HARRY T. WRIGHT. Capt.  
for Lieut. Colonel.  
A.Q.M.G. London District.



APPENDIX No. 10.R O U T I N E.  
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Extract from Routine Orders No. 28, dated 28th January, 1919,

No. 1 A.A.H. Harefield - by Lieut.-Col. C.YEATMAN, A.A.M.C.

<u>"ROUTINE:-</u>	0700	...	Reveille
	0730	...,	Breakfast
	0800	...	1st Parade
	1000	...	Sick Parade
	1200	...	Dinner
	1300	...	2nd Parade
	1730	...	Supper
	2230	...	Lights out

There will be no exceptions made in the case of  
both parades."

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# APPENDIX No. 11.

## COPIES OF SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED -

TELEGRAM - O.H.M.S. from Administrative Headquarters (DMS.AIF) -  
Dated 10.1.19.

"Austral - Harefield:- 41600/10th AAA Forward list of Officers recommended for awards and N.C.O's and men recommended by you for mention or of British Empire AAA Mentions must not exceed five per cent of personnel AAA list to shew full identifications particulars including Christian names and must reach this office by 10 a.m. Saturday 11th AAA Also shew duties performed for which recommended. - ADMINAUST".

REPLY - No. 1 A.A.H. Harefield, dated 11th Jan., 1919.  
(Reference No. 239/2/153).

With reference to your wire 41600 of the 10th instant:  
Herewith I submit names of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men recommended for Order of British Empire or mention as specified below:-

### SPECIAL MENTION:

Lieut.-Colonel CHARLES GORDON SHAW, D.S.O.  
Reported for duty at No. 1 A.A.H. 1.11.17.  
He has been most successful in treating the later effects of serious gun-shot wounds.  
His application of the principles of correct splinting of bones to preserve function of muscles and joints, his surgical judgment, and his operative technique have been of the highest class.  
It is due to him that Medical Officers have been able to carry out their duties in their wards under his guidance and instruction in a thoroughly efficient manner. He has expected the best of them, and in his turn has most certainly given of his best, and it is difficult to record the amazing changes in the condition of the patients which rapidly and consistently took place under his skilful care.

### ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE:

Major THOMAS LYNEWOLDE ANDERSON - No. 1 A.A.H.  
Registrar from 14.9.17 to date.  
For devotion to duty. He has proved himself indefatigable, and most energetic with a wide

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knowledge of medicine and surgery, enabling him to deal with patients expeditiously and at the same time with due regard to their best interests. The needs of the patients have at all times claimed his closest attention. In all unit matters for the welfare of the staff he has also shewn the greatest interest. His relations with the members of the Medical staff have always been most harmonious. His work from all points of view I consider deserving of the highest praise.

Major EDGAR JABEZ BROWN - No. 1 A.A.H.

Joined the staff 9.12.17 as Ophthalmic and Aural Surgeon. This officer has shewn great skill and devotion to duty. Continuously he has done excellent work. In addition to attending a large number of patients in his wards he has acted as consulting officer for patients at Headquarters and has furnished for 1918 more than 400 special reports for these cases. He visited Weymouth every fortnight to examine and report on a large number of cases there, and in addition all Air Board Candidates at A.I.F Headquarters every month for eye and ear tests. I consider his zeal and devotion to duty throughout deserve the highest commendation.

MENTION:

No. 3169 Staff-Sergeant LAWRIE, Robert - No. 1 A.A.H.  
Reported for duty 29.1.18 from 6th Field Ambulance. Has acted as Chief Wardmaster and proved a most capable, reliable and conscientious N.C.O., maintaining good discipline and obtaining excellent work from those under him. Commended for excellent work and devotion to duty.

No. 1808 T/Sergeant DAWSON, Lance Weston - No. 1 AAH.  
Reported for duty 29.3.17. Since that date engaged on Ordnance duty in the Quartermaster's Store. He has been a very capable and reliable N.C.O., and quite fitted to perform his duties in charge of the General (Quartermaster's) Store. Commended for painstaking and conscientious work and devotion to duty.

No. 3852 T/Corporal LOWRY, Arthur - No. 1 A.A.H.  
Was transferred from 2nd Pioneers to A.A.M.C. 1914.18, being classified "C1", having been wounded in France. In charge of Medical Records and discharge of patients. A most conscientious and indefatigable worker, keen and enthusiastic in his work. Commended for most thorough and reliable work, and devotion to duty.

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- No. 2007 - T/Corporal WARNER, Stanley Edward - No. 1 A.A.H.  
Transferred from 28th Battalion to A.A.M.C. as a  
result of being classified "C1" from loss of an eye  
by gun-shot wound in France. On strength from 1.3.17.  
As a Ward Orderly proved very efficient and reliable,  
and since promotion to N.C.O. has been most satisfactory.  
Commended for general efficiency and conscientious  
work, and devotion to duty.
- No. 3690 Lance Corporal ANDREWS, Edward - No. 1 A.A.H..  
Service in France prior to joining Unit 19.10.17.  
Has acted as Ward Orderly and has proved most reliable  
and conscientious in his work. Commended for devotion  
to duty.
- No. 4260 - Private NEEMS, William James - No. 1 A.A.H.  
Service in France prior to joining Unit 30.3.17.  
Has acted as Ward Orderly and has been very reliable and  
painstaking in his duties. Commended for devotion  
to duty.
- No. 1738 - Private SCOTT, Phillip Robert - No. 1 A.A.H.  
Service in France prior to joining Unit 30.9.17,  
as under-aged. Has been engaged as Ward Orderly  
and on general duties. At all times he has carried  
out his work in a most satisfactory manner. Commended  
for devotion to duty.

(sgd) C.YEATMAN.  
... Lieut.-Colonel A.A.M.C.  
OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Letter received from a/D.M.S., A.I.F. dated 23.1.19 -  
reference No. 4M.82067.

"Please arrange that all cases requiring artificial  
eyes are to be transferred to No. 2 A.A.H. Southall  
in direct communication with the O. C. concerned,  
in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.  
In future all cases of this sort will be treated in the  
same manner.

No. 1 AAH (70/4/34).

(sgd) JOHN ANDERSON. Lt.-Col.  
for Colonel. a/D.M.S. A.I.F.





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Copy of letter received from A/D.M.S., A.I.F. dated  
29th January, 1919 (Reference No. 2M.84131).

"I am instructed by the A/D.M.S., A.I.F. to inform you that it will be necessary for you to remain at No. 1 A.A.H. with the Q.M. and a cadre of approximately 50 other ranks until final arrangements have been made for the handover of Harefield Park. It is understood that it will probably be necessary to retain three or four servants to keep the house in order. The A.Q.M.G. thinks that it will probably be six weeks to two months before final arrangements are completed.

(sgd) E.A.WILLCOCKS. Major.  
for Colonel - a/D.M.S. A.I.F.

Attached to above letter is the following cadre for  
demobilisation of No. 1.A.A.H. Harefield.

PERSONNEL	OFFRS:	W/OFFRS:	SERGETS:	O/RANKS:
Commanding Offr.	1.B.			
Registrar:	1.A			
Quartermaster	1.B.			
Quartermasters' Staff		1.B.	3.A	20.A
Dispensers			1.A	1.A
Orderly Room Clerks			1.A	2.A
Orderly Room Clerks			1.B	1.B.
General Duties			1.A	10.A
Cooks				2.A
Cooks				1.B
Batmen				2.A
Batmen				1.B.
CADRE A.	3	1	7	40
	<u>TOTAL .. 51.</u>			
CADRE B.	2	1	1	3
	<u>TOTAL .. 7.</u>			

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Copy of Letter received from Officer i/c Civilian Staff,  
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London. dated -  
22nd January, 1919 - Reference No. Qd.68999. -

"Will you please forward me by return of post for the information of General Birdwood a nominal roll of all Voluntary (unpaid) workers in your Hospital, shewing the date on which they commenced their duties and stating whether they give whole or part time attendance.

The members of the V.A.D. General Service Section will not be included in this list.

So far no record has been kept of the services of the members whose names are now asked for as we were not interested in their pay, etc. If you have any partly paid workers their names ~~xxxx~~ can be appended to the list.

(sgd) W.H.PRIOR.  
Captain.  
i/c Civilian Staff."

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REPLY :- By O.C. No. 1 A.A.H. Harefield - letter dated  
23rd Jan., 1919 - reference No. 239/2/157.

In reply to your Qd 68999 of the 22nd instant, and further to my 239/2/157 of even date: Herewith please find list of Voluntary Workers at this Hospital:-

Mrs. Charles Billyard Leake, Jacks Mill, Harefield.  
Has acted as Chairwoman of Ladies Committee for the organisation and control of Patients' Canteen, from inception of Hospital to date.

Mrs. Evelyn Venning, Horne Hill Court, Chalfont St. Peter.  
Has assisted in Patients' Canteen since inception of Hospital to date and given use of motor car for carriage etc.

Miss Drumm, Fareham Common.  
Has assisted in Patients' Canteen from inception of Hospital to date, three days each week.

Mrs. Gregg-Macgregor - Harefield - Middsx.  
Has assisted in Patients' Canteen, and acted as Librarian, for past two years.

Mrs. Mayor, Woodcock Hill, Rickmansworth:  
Assisted in Patients' Canteen from inception of Hospital until October, 1918, during three days each week.

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Miss Letitia Leake, Jacks Mill, Harefield.

Assisted in Ward Duties, from inception of Hospital till October, 1918.

Mrs. Coxen, Park Lane, Harefield.

Organised Sewing Guild, and carried it on successfully for two years, and has also acted as voluntary accompanist at Ward concerts.

Mrs. K. Evans, Woodcock Hill, Rickmansworth.

Has acted as Instructor in Wool & Fancy work for three years.

Miss. Harland, The Vicarage, Harefield.

Has assisted in Patients' Canteen for three years, and during past six months has been engaged on splint-making, attending about three days weekly.

Miss Stedall, The Grove, Harefield.

Has assisted in Patients' Canteen for three years, and during past six months has been engaged on splint-making, attending about three days weekly.

Mrs. C. G. Shaw: C/o. Lt. Col. C. G. Shaw - Harefield.

Mrs. C. E. Dennis " " C.E. Dennis "

Mrs. E. Brown " " E. Brown "

Each of these ladies was engaged for six months till November, 1918 on splint making.

Mrs. C. Yeatman - C/o. Lt. Col. C. Yeatman, Harefield.

Assisted in Red Cross Store daily, from October, 1916 till March, 1918, and during subsequent six months was engaged on splint making.

Mrs. V. Addison - No. 1 A.A.H., Harefield.

Has acted as Australian Red Cross Society Representative for over three years to date.

Miss Meers, Park Lane - Harefield.

Has assisted in Red Cross Store attending daily during past 18 months.

Miss Tarleton V. Breakspears - Harefield.

Miss Tarleton A. " "

Have assisted in Patients' Canteen, attending twice weekly, during past three and half years.

Mr. Robson-Scott, R. No. 1 A.A.H. Harefield.

Has acted as Motor Driver continuously for past 3½ years.

Miss A. Young No. 1 A.A.H., Harefield.

Miss G. Newton " "

Were engaged as Masseuses from January, 1916 till July, 1918, from which date they were paid for their services.

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APPENDIX No. 11 (Contd).

Mr. & Mrs. H. Markes - Northwood - Middsx.

m Entertained parties of patients weekly at Sandy Lodge Golf Club.

Mrs. H. Stedall - The Grove - Harefield.

Entertained parties of patients weekly at her residence.

Mr. H. Coxen, No. 1 A.A.H., Harefield.

Has acted as Director of Recreation and Amusement and Manager of the Patients' Canteen during past two years.

Mrs. Geddes Scott - Harefield.

Has assisted in the Patients' Canteen, during past two years, and has organised Ward concerts and acted as accompanist.

Mrs. Fremantle, High Street, Harefield.

Has assisted in patients' Canteen and Wool and Fancy work classes.

(sgd) C.YEATMAN. Lt.-Col.  
A.A.M.C.  
OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Copy of letter received from the a/D.M.S., A.I.F. dated  
22nd January, 1919 (Reference 2M.1513/28/4)-

"In confirmation of my telephone message to Major Anderson today, please instruct the following A.A.M.C. personnel from No. 1 A.A.H. to proceed to No. 1 A.G.H. on Monday, the 27th instant:-

- 1 N.C.O.
- 1 Barber
- 50 Other Ranks

Those men should be selected from the Repatriation Precedence Roll who have the least claim for return to Australia. Men who are fit for any duty are to be returned to Australia in the order in which they embarked from Australia. That is to say, B2a or C1 men are to have no precedence over A class men, unless they embarked from Australia on the same day and the same year. In addition please detail C aptain A.D.BRYDON and Captain C.MAXWELL to proceed to No. 1 A.G.H. on Monday 27th inst. Please inform the D.M.S., A.I.F., when the above-named have marched out.

(sgd) E.A.WILLCOCKS. Major.  
for Colonel - A/DMS.AIF.

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## AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL No. 1.

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HAREFIELD HOSPITAL was begun in May, 1915. Since then some 50,000 patients have passed through it. The vast majority have been cured of their ills and have reinforced the fighting lines in France. Between 4,000 and 5,000 have returned to Australia in Hospital Ships. Only 98 patients have died in the course of nearly four years, and more than half of these fatalities were due to the Influenza scourge in 1918. The average number of Medical Officers in residence was eighteen. Sisters and Staff Nurses numbered seventy. V.A.D. workers to the number of 120 have been employed for the past twelve months, and the general staff of the Unit has maintained an average of about 160.

WRITING with the knowledge gained by a lengthy residence at Harefield it is not difficult to set forth some of the outstanding features of the hospital, its workers and patients. That which has perhaps contributed more than anything else to its effective working is the spirit of unity which has generally prevailed among all the workers. The good of the patients seemed to be the aim of all from the Commanding Officer down to the humblest member of the staff. To this end each contributed without stint, faithfully, energetically, and cheerfully. This unity of aim and consequent efficiency of service was preserved through a certain consciousness of domesticity. We were a community of Australians gathered together by the circumstances of the war. We were surrounded by fellow Britons, but most of them were strangers to our Southern Home, its sunny skies and conditions of life. Here our very isolation made us feel as one family. So a real sense of relationship made service a delight and rendered easy every endeavour to help.

MOST of the Medical Officers had in one way or another shared with the troops the hardships of the campaign. This was a further bond of union and a source of mutual respect. To bring back health and strength, to render shattered limbs serviceable again, to challenge and overcome the menace of permanent disablement or death - these were the things in which our officers and sisters took a keen delight, and they did it as trying to save their own. Everything possible was done to minister to the needs and relieve the monotony of hospital life for the patients. A billiard room magnificently equipped with three full-sized and three small-sized tables was provided. Cinema shows and concerts were given almost every day in an up-to-date recreation hall. Writing materials were liberally provided. Excursions by motor to places of interest and numerous theatre parties were organised. Apart from these, and providing the funds necessary to carry them on, was the patients' canteen conducted by the Australian Red Cross Society assisted by a band of voluntary lady helpers. Here the patients could buy almost anything they wanted at a reasonable outlay, and were supplied with tea, coffee, cakes, &c., at a ridiculously low expenditure. Regular supplies of cigarettes, tobacco, and other articles were also given to the patients by the Red Cross Society.



RELIGIOUS SERVICES were held every Sunday, and the resident chaplains were in constant touch with the boys during the week. A strong bond of friendship was established between them. It was interesting to take stock of the patients generally. They were loyal partisans of the particular Australian State they happened to belong. When the vicissitudes of the war and the brutality of the British weather had been exhausted as topics of conversation, there was always the particular excellence of an individual State to fall back upon, and the harbour of Sydney, the marvel of Melbourne, the climate of Tasmania, the wheat of South Australia, the luxuriance of Queensland, and the gold of Western Australia, were in turn discarded upon with much vehemence and good-humoured badinage.

THE AUSTRALIAN is not a good great talker but his language is sometimes unconventional, much of it among the patients being suggested by experience and observation in the war zone. Great store was not set on names. To address one's neighbour as "digger" was quite sufficient. Anyone with a Scotch accent was called "Jock" or "Scotty". Any peculiarity of feature or gait was taken advantage of as a substitute for baptismal appellations, without any offence being intended or recognised.

There were two photographers who did a considerable amount of business among the patients. One of these lame, while the lower limbs of the other were of that peculiar conformation which is supposed to render it impossible for their owner to catch a pig in a narrow entry. These gentlemen were styled respectively - "Hoppy" and "Bandy" by the patients, and very few knew any other names for them.

To undergo an operation was spoken of as "going over the top", or "hopping over", an illusion to that Military manoeuvre which resulted in so many of the wounds which were treated here. The boys were not prodigal in expression but they did not conceal their unbounded admiration for their medical officers. "He's bonza with the knife" was a high tribute to surgical skill. "She's some Sister" was the equivalent to a high diploma. The phrase "He'll do me" left nothing to be desired. There is no mistaking the genuine and enthusiastic gratitude which the patients of the Hospital feel towards the medical officers and the nursing sisters. They are generous and brotherly in their dealings with each other and the way in which they help each other in the wards is delightful to see. They are generally very fond of children and were lavish in their attentions to little folk who came to see them. They were not averse to the blandishments of the fair sex, and the large numbers who have acquired wives in this country is perhaps as eloquent a testimony to their own loveliness as to the commonsense of their English girls. Among other items of information the chaplain was frequently asked for particulars as to how a wife can be transferred expeditiously and cheaply to Australia. Few of them wish to settle down in England. They cannot see enough of the sun here, and their



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memory of the almost perpetual sunshine of Australia has made them somewhat critical of the vagaries of the English climate.

In a hospital such as this one is able to study the Australian character under testing circumstances. It comes out well with a strong "Mark Tapley" element in it. It is full of courage, it possesses a cheerfulness which the intensest suffering cannot subdue, and an in-dominable hope which not even the apparent nearness of death can quench. Our boys are mostly incurable optimists. In numberless cases, some of them representing magnificent triumphs of the healing art, these characteristics have been no mean factors in effecting wonderful recoveries. One has seen here a smile almost under the shadow of death and heard a brave lad whisper "not so bad" "nothing to grouse at". So many have passed through Harefield bearing with them such a grateful and exalted sense of the skill with which they were treated, as eclipses altogether their vision of their own courageous hope and splendid optimism, though perhaps these alone gave the surgeon and the nurse the conditions which made their treatment successful.

WHAT does the average patient think of Harefield? A typical patient once put it like this - "I have been in a good many places during the war, but the Harefield front will do me". That is the last word, the highest praise. They have found it pleasant, a place of quickened hope and restored life. Its good work is done. It is passing out of sight. But in the gratitude and memory of thousands of Australian soldiers, Harefield will never die.

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L I M E R I C K S:

Due apologies are tendered to all below.

1. There once was a 'digger' came over the sea,  
     He was swinging the lead and wanted 'C3':  
     But the Colonel said "Nay"  
     And marked him an "A"  
     That's why he's wearing the Order B.E.

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2. Major Anderson is the Registrar who saw  
     All the men possible hustled back to their Corps;  
     His fingers would itch  
     When he didn't know which  
     Was the quickest way of getting them back to the War.

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3. Colonel Dennis from Port Phillip Bay,  
     He is King of X-ray:  
     He chuckles with glee  
     When he spots an F.B.  
     And knows all about massage they say.

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4. There once was a specialist Brown  
     Who was never known to frown:  
     He was good to both sex  
     When they came to get specs;  
     Now he's got his Headquarters in Town.

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5. There once was a Lieut. Colonel called Shaw,  
     Who knew all there was about scalpel and saw:  
     He couldn't decline  
     A tempting Trephine,  
     And he's spending his leave learning more.

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6. There once was a Matron by name of Miss Ross,  
     Who over the Sisters was Chieftain and boss:  
     When the wards they looked nice  
     She would come through them twice,  
     But when they did not she was cross.

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By - Sgt R.F. Gilbert  
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L I M E R I C K.

An M.P. stood at the gate, too  
To catch Diggers who stayed out/late,  
But the fence had a hole  
Through which the late diggers stole,  
So the M.P. continued to wait.

By "SIMON".

LIMERICK:

There was a young fellow called "Bandy",  
Whose legs came in really quite handy,  
For he danced round the hall,  
At the great Pierrot Ball,  
And made quite a successful young Dandy.

By "The Bing Boys".

### LIMERICKS:

Australia had heard of the fame,  
Of a Hospital, Harefield by name;  
So she knew that her sons,  
When wounded by guns,  
The very best care would obtain.

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Harefield, Dartfield, Southall,  
"Aussie" Auxiliary Hospitals all:  
But the best of the three  
The Diggers agree,  
Is the one you spell H.A.R.E. F.I.E.L.D.

strong, stable support

An "Aussie" when up the front line,  
Got hit by a shell in the spine;  
The stretcher-bearers had fits  
When they picked up the bits,  
But at Harefield they fixed him up fine.

Small wave length

The 'stunt' was a hot one and the grey dawn revealed  
A poor wounded soldier out in the field;  
He said "Now I'm hit"  
"While doing my bit"  
"Make sure I am sent to Harefield."

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By 599 Sgt R.F.Gilbert.



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14th February 1919.

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

## REPORT FOR JANUARY

### Patients Admitted to Hospital.

From Other Hospitals.	13.	
Sundries.	<u>59.</u>	<u>72.</u>

### Patients Discharged from Hospital.

Parlough, to Report to No.1. A.C.D.	50.	
" " " " No.2. A.C.D.	80.	
" " " " Littlemoor.	5.	
Direct to No.1. A.C.D.	10.	
" " No.2. A.C.D.	115.	
" " Littlemoor. CAMP.	102.	
Other Hospitals.	49.	
Hospital Ship.	156.	
Sundries.	<u>124.</u>	<u>691.</u>

### Deaths.

3398. Dvr. J. McDonald. 4th Pnr. Bn.  
4312. Pte. E. J. Bassett. 32 Bn.

Daily Average Number of Patients in Hospital. 156.

Patients in Hospital Midnight 31-1-19. Nil.

The small number of Admissions is due to instructions received that no further cases would be admitted from British Hospitals on transfer. A few cases of mild illness only were admitted from R.M.O. Horseferry Road.

The Hospital Ship "Karoela" left on 5-1-19 with 126 Cot Cases and 80 Berth Cases. The remaining patients in Hospital were discharged to Depot in most cases but at the end of the month 7 were transferred to No. 2. A.A.H. Southall and 30 to No. 3. A.A.H. Dartford. On the 31st January this Hospital closed down altogether and there were no patients remaining.



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As the numbers of patients decreased wards were progressively closed and Staff were disposed of:-

Officers, to Australia other Auxiliary Hospitals and to special duties.  
Sisters, mostly to Australia returning on Transport Duty.  
GS.VAD's to 12 days' Armistice leave and reporting on completion to No.1. A.G.H. Sutton Vary.  
OTHER RANKS, to Depots and No.1. A.G.H. Sutton Vary for duty.

There remained at the end of the month 3 Officers, Matron, some Sisters awaiting transport to Australia, and disposal, Registrar's and Quartermaster's Staffs to effect the clearing up of records and equipment, together with a small Engineer's Detail for maintenance of buildings &c.

I append monthly reports from Matron and Quartermaster please.

*C. Yeatman*

Lieut. Col. A.A.M.C.  
Officer Commanding.



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1st February 1919.

From. MItton.

To. O.C. No. 1. A.A.H.

## Monthly Report of Nursing and Massage Staffs.

### To. Unit Strength.

8 Sisters and 5 Staff Nurses were taken on the Unit Strength.

### From Unit Strength.

Head Sisters 2. Sisters 20 S/Nurses 18. Masseuses 5.

Two HeadSisters: 17 Sisters: 15 S/Nurses and 2 Masseuses proceeded on Transport duty to Australia. 1 SISTER and 1 S/Nurse were transferred to No. 2. A.C.D. Weymouth for duty.

2 Sisters: 8 S/Nurses: were transferred to No. 1. A.C.H. Sutton Veny for duty.

1 S/Nurse was transferred to No. 3. A.A.H. Dartford for duty.

1 S/Nurse was transferred to Queens Hospital, Sidcup, for duty.

### Billetted Staff.

23 Sisters and S/Nurses from India were billeted for one night and then given 14 days leave. At the end of that time most of them were returned for one or two nights and were then transferred to No. 3. A.A.H. Dartford. 2 Sisters were sent to No. 1. A.C.H. Sutton Veny.

### Leave.

All SISTERS going on Transport Duty to Australia, except the first three, were relieved for duty some days before embarkation. A number were given several days leave but owing to uncertainty of the date of departure of the transports full leave could not be given. One Masseuse was granted 14 days ordinary leave then extended leave for 6 months without pay.

### Transferred sick to Southwell Gardens

One Sister was transferred to Southwell Gardens. One S/Nurse who arrives sick from India was transferred the following day to Southwell Gardens.

### The Nursing.

Since the patients left on the 5th January by Hospital Ship there have been very few acute cases in Hospital. As the rations were short owing to the small number of patients in Hospital all having full diet, the supplies were supplemented by luxuries such as fruit, eggs and fish bought with money from the "Millions Fund".

The Sisters of each ward gave the patients a very good time with the money they received from the same fund. THE boys who were able to get about were taken by the SISTERS to London to Lunch, the Theatre, and Afternoon Tea. For the patients who were not able to go, ~~taxi~~ high teas and suppers were given in the

Wards. Euchre and Whist parties were arranged and



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very good Prizes were given to the winners.

The last patients were transferred to other H  
Hospitals on 25th January and since then the remaining Nursing  
Staff have been practically off duty

Cyprusman Noel  
for C.L. Ross.

Matron. A.A.H.S.



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18th February 1919.

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

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

Monthly Report.

Since submitting my last Report this Unit has been closed as a receiving Hospital.

The work of dismantling and storing of material has been going on satisfactorily under instructions and supervision of Captain Scott.

The task of segregating material belonging to A.I.F., and that which is British, together with Goods (Red Cross) entails a good deal of labour.

Our Stocks of Clothing, Boots, &c. have been transported to the A.A.O.D. Millwall Docks. Stores held here are being taken over by R.A.S.C. Hounslow.

Supplies purchased from H.A.C.B. have been taken over by them.

At present lists are being made out for supplying a large amount of A.I.F. equipment for the Hospital Ship "Wandilla".

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. Leveson".

Lieutenant.

Q.M.