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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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| Harefield | 1.1.18  |      | Beds equipped 964. Vacant 303. Patients in hospital 661.<br>Major W. Baker A.A.M.C. is struck off strength as from 24.12.17, having returned to Australia.   |                                      |
|           | 2.1.18  |      | The Hon. Mrs Fitzroy Secretary General Service section V.A.D. visited hospital and inspected proposed quarters for women to take the place of male orderlies on the staff.<br>Report for month of December furnished to Comd A.I.F. Copy to O/c Records section.   |                                      |
|           | 5.1.18  |      | The Field Kitchen is now being repaired after the fire which occurred on Dec: 24 <sup>th</sup> 17.<br>Cooking is being carried on under adverse conditions but on the whole is good<br>A concrete floor is being laid down.<br>Progress report furnished to Comd A.I.F. on substitution of women for male orderlies with suggested amended requisition on V.A.D. organisation including officers for women's hostel and General Service Superintendent | Appendix I                           |
|           | 7.1.18  |      | Major H. Bell O.B.E. visited hospital had advice concerning suitability of cases to be discharged to appropriate Command depots. His advice will be of the greatest service.<br>Proceedings of court of inquiry as to cause of fire in Field Kitchen forwarded to Comd A.I.F.<br>Report on Massage Staff at this hospital forwarded to Comd A.I.F.   | Appendix II<br>Appendix III          |
|           | 9.1.18  |      | 624 patients in hospital.<br>A great deal of damage has been done to water pipes and gas pipes during the recent cold weather. The present general thaw has disclosed many bursts. In spite of some protection of exposed pipes, the character of the hospital built makes it impossible to prevent this.  |                                      |
|           | 10.1.18 |      | Surprise fire alarm at 10 am. showed fire in kitchen had water from hoses in 3 minutes: it was a most satisfactory turn out.   |                                      |



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| Harefield | 11.1.18 |   | A Soldier's Scholarship at British University awarded to 3839 Pte A.W. HOOKS AAMC 1 <sup>st</sup> AAH   |                                      |
|           | 14.1.18 |   | Extract from Honours list 279 - Awarded the Military Cross - Quartermaster and Hon. Capt J. F. MURRAY to 11 field ambulance AAMC (now 1 <sup>st</sup> AAH)  |                                      |
|           |         |   | Approval given for the adoption of a distinguishing colour patch for this unit. Authority   | DAS AIF<br>15/91 of 11-11-17         |
|           | 15.1.17 |   | Captain Engineer A.H. AAMC reported for duty and taken on strength 12.1.18<br>with Quartermaster I attended conference in A.Q.M.S.'s office to receive instructions concerning alterations in rations. Suggestions asked for by A.Q.M.S. administ. Hdqrs. | Appendix IV                          |
|           | 16.1.17 |   | Report concerning suggested rations forwarded to DAS AIF<br>The whole staff is busy choosing out and boarding suitable cases for evac. by Hospital Ship   |                                      |
|           |         |   | Captain S. Christie AAMC reported for duty and taken on strength 14.1.18<br>Miss C. J. Wameford (V.A.D. General Service Section) reported for duty as Hostel Commandant is taken on strength 14.1.19.18.  |                                      |
|           | 18.1.18 |   | Patients in hospital 633.<br>After heavy snow and thaw roads and paths are in bad condition and low lying ground is flooded.  |                                      |
|           | 20.1.18 |   | Captain SPARGO, AAMC reported for duty and taken on strength.<br>Major A.F. Jolly AAMC struck off strength 18.1.18 proceeding to France   |                                      |
|           | 23.1.18 |   | Visit to Hospital from the Agent General for Western Australia and HCB Murdoch A.M.S.   |                                      |
|           | 24.1.18 |   | 151 col cases and 95 sitting cases (total 246) were evacuated today by two trains for embarkation for Australia) a good selection of patients were sent.<br>Patients remaining 654  |                                      |
| 26.1.18   |         | Captain E.O. Watson AAMC admitted to hospital 22.1.18 is struck off strength.<br>owing to block at sewage ejector a temporary nuisance has been caused. |   |                                      |



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| Hanfield | 27.1.18 |      | Captain R.A. FOX admitted to hospital 25.1.18 in shock of strength. Transferred to No 3 L.S.H. Wandsworth 27.1.18.  | Appendix V                           |
|          | 28.1.18 |      | Report on condition of wards within the Hospital grounds furnished to Mrs AIF<br>647 patients in hospital. Air raid warning 9.6 pm Take Action<br>12.56 am All clear.                                     |                                      |
|          | 29.1.   |      | Second air raid warning received. All latines are now in good working order which had pipes frozen and burst in the first, but shower baths are not yet mended causing much inconvenience.                |                                      |
|          | 30.1.18 |      | 749 patients in hospital. Thick fog all day has made motor service between hospital and Olney station very difficult. Discharges 59. Admissions 100.<br>General Annual meeting of orderlies canteen held. |                                      |
|          | 31.1.18 |      | Admissions for month 2186<br>Discharges 2062<br>Strength 25 Off 46 Sisters & Assistants 2280/R  |                                      |



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4th February 1918.

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

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

I have the honour to present my Monthly Report for  
JANUARY, 1918:

| <u>CHANGES IN PERSONNEL:</u>  | <u>Officers:</u> | <u>Sisters &amp;<br/>Masseuses:</u> | <u>O/Ranks.</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Taken on strength;            | 4                | 27                                  | 32              |
| Struck off strength;          | 1                | 28                                  | 33              |
| <u>PARADE STATE: 31.1.18.</u> | 25               | 76                                  | 228.            |

DAILY BED STATE:

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Average number of patients in Hospital | 734.  |
| TOTAL ADMISSIONS for month             | 2186. |
| TOTAL DISCHARGES "                     | 2062. |

DISCHARGES TO DEPOTS:

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| To: Nos. 1, 3 and 4. | 966. |
| No. 2.               | 735. |
| Hospital ship        | 246. |

Owing to the freezing of water and consequent bursting of pipes, the Staff has labored under great difficulties during the month. Practically every Latrine was rendered unserviceable but all are now repaired. Shower baths at the Western end of the Hospital are still out of action.

I have to record the fact that the special Ward for pulmonary Tuberculosis patients has been much improved by having its floor covered with linoleum, the gift of the Red Cross.

The Wards within the hospital area are in a bad condition following frost and thaw.

Two houses in Harefield village have been taken over for use as hostels for the V.A.D. general service members, who are expected to be installed during the next month. Two officers have already reported, and are preparing the houses for occupation. I am now only waiting for the furniture..

The floor of the Field Kitchen has now been concreted beneath the Stoves and Cookers.

Captain E.O. Watson, A.A.D.S. went sick with Acute Appendicitis, necessitating immediate operation, and Capt. Fox A.A.M.C. has been admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, suffering from a Carbuncle of the neck.



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

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A number of men admitted recently - transferred from British Hospitals - have been found to have lice infested clothing; in consequence of this all underclothes are being sterilised in the Thresh Disinfector.

The usual Special Reports are appended.

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Lieutenant-Colonel, AAMC.  
OFFICER COMMANDING.



COPY:

4th January, 1918.

HG: 239/2/67.

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

TO: D.M.S. A.I.F.

A.M.C. ORDERLIES SUBSTITUTION SCHEME:

On Tuesday, 1st January, 1918, at the request of the A.Q.M.G., Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., I met Mrs. Fitzroy, General Secretary of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and showed her over the quarters for women under the A.M.C. orderlies substitution scheme. She expressed herself satisfied with the proposed quarters, and draft agreements are now being prepared for the occupation lease of two houses in Harefield for your approval.

An appointment was made by Mrs. Fitzroy with the A.Q.M.G. at 5.0 p.m., 3.1.18, at his office at Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., to discuss the matter of Officers for W.A.A.C. detachment and staff for two houses.

I submit for your approval an amended list recommended by me, providing for extra personnel, as under:-

- 1 Commandant
- 1 General Service Superintendent
- 1 Head Housemaid
- 4 Housemaids

It is suggested that the Commandant be quartered at the larger of the two houses and in charge of it for purpose of discipline. She should also have the oversight of the girls quartered at the smaller house where a head housemaid would represent her in her absence.

Owing to the division of ward orderlies into:-

- 1. Ward Orderlies
- 2. Labour Staff

I beg to recommend that representatives of both these classes be obtained if possible -

|  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| Ward Orderlies to wear brown general service uniform | ... | 26 |
| Labour Staff to wear brown overall and unit cap      | ... | 16 |

making a total of 42, replacing 40 male A.M.C. orderlies.

Four clerks are now employed on Q.1 forms in the Quartermaster's department, and four female clerks will be necessary to do this work efficiently.

Amended requisition attached please, for your consideration.

(Sgd) C. YEATMAN.  
Lieut.-Colonel, AAMC.  
Officer Commanding.



COPY:

Extract from PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY assembled at No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, on the 24th day of December, 1917, by order of the Officer Commanding No. 1 A.A.H., for the purpose of investigating the cause of a fire which occurred in the Field Kitchen No. 1 A.A.H. on the morning of the 24th of December, 1917.

President .. Major H.C. ADAMS, AAMC.  
 Members .. Major J.B. BELL AAMC  
 Capt. W.F. HUSSEY AAMC  
 Lieut L.A. WITHELL R.A.E.  
 (Consulting Engr to AQMG  
 (D.O.R.E.7).

"In accordance with K.R.1031, all points for investigation were noted and the Court finds as follows:-

1. Cause and origin of Fire.

The fire originated under the cookers in the Field Kitchen and the evidence fails to elicit any definite cause of the outbreak.

2. The fire was discovered by No. 5389 Pte A. McLean A.A.M.C. and No. 2257a Pte Walker L. A.A.M.C. Night Picquet about the same time .. about 5.10 a.m.
3. The Fire Standing Orders for the Hospital were carried out in all details.
4. No. 2257a Pte L.A. WALKER, the Night Picquet roused the Wardmaster (who roused the Quartermaster) and the Warrant Officer.
5. The alarm was given immediately on discovery of outbreak and a number of men was immediately available.
6. Captain J.F. MURRAY, Quartermaster, was in charge of Fire arrangements.
7. Only a few minutes elapsed before Fire Appliances were in full work.
8. The Fire Picquet was in attendance with promptitude and worked excellently in stopping the spread and extinguishing the outbreak.
9. No lack of water, neither any failure in Fire Appliances beyond a defect in electric alarm -- (not detrimental in this case) which has been rectified against the future. One fire hydrant close by the Field Kitchen did not at first work. This hydrant was not frozen and seems to have been jammed by someone endeavouring to turn it the wrong way. All hydrants and water pipes had anti-freezing paddings on them.
10. The Rickmansworth Fire Brigade did not turn out but a small steamer from Uxbridge Fire Brigade arrived on the scene when the outbreak had been extinguished.
11. The small steamer from Uxbridge arrived about 30 minutes after the alarm was given to the Rickmansworth Fire Station



*Appendix II*

- (who seemed to have communicated with Uxbridge).
- 12. The fire being extinguished, the Uxbridge Fire Brigade was not called upon to render any assistance.
- 13. The outbreak was completely extinguished in 30 minutes from the "alarm".
- 14. No damage done to any person, Field Kitchen building to the extent of floor being mostly destroyed.
- 15. Evidence fails to attach any blame to any person or persons.

General Recommendation.

Recommendation for the protection of the floor from cookers:-

Recommend that in replacing the floor, the portion under cookers be of concrete in lieu of wood as heretofore.

In conclusion the Board desires to express its appreciation of the prompt and efficient manner in which the Hospital Fire Picquet fulfilled its duties under the able control of the Quartermaster, Captain ~~Max~~ Murray and his leading fireman No. 1825 Pte P.C.BOSWELL, 8th Battn.

(Signed)

H.C.ADAMS, Major .. President.  
 B.HUSSEY Capt. .. Members  
 JAMES BELL Major .. "  
 L.AA.WITHALL, Capt. .. "  
 (Consulting Engr .  
 (AIF. D.O.R.E.)

I concur.

(Sgd) C.YEATMAN. Lieut.-Col.  
O.C. No. 1 A.A.H.

Approved

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COPY:

HG: 159/3/1.

7th January, 1918.

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

TO: D.M.S. A.I.F.

Reference your 2.M.1517/1/6 of the 4th instant.

The present staff consisting of six masseuses, two of whom are not A.I.F., and one Private masseur, have in addition to massage work, electrotherapeutics to carry out also. Miss Jennings' whole time is taken up with the latter.

Since I have been at this Hospital (over a period of three months), all this staff has been fully employed, especially during the months of November and December, when I consider they were extremely busy.

The work of the Massage and Electrotherapeutic departments is at present much lighter, but I consider there is quite sufficient to justify retention of the present staff, but no more are needed. I agree with the Officer in charge of this Department that sixteen massage cases are sufficient for one person to handle a day.

Hours of duty: On duty, 8.30 a.m. At present Masseuses are finished at 4.30 p.m.

I have known work to be continued all day up to 6.0 p.m. and 7.0 p.m. At that time - during November and December of last year - the masseuses were overworked. (Please see Monthly Reports for figures).

Recommendations:

1. That the present staff be retained.
2. That in the event of great pressure of work it is advisable that present staff be reinforced.
3. That it is a good principle to keep a female massage staff at this Hospital. Masseurs do not work well or happily where the sexes are mixed.

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



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AMENDED REQUISITION FOR FEMALE STAFF AT No. 1 A.A.H.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND HOUSE STAFF:

|                                |    |   |
|--------------------------------|----|---|
| General Service Superintendent | .. | 1 |
| Commandant                     | .. | 1 |
| Head Housemaid                 | .. | 1 |
| Housemaids                     | .. | 4 |

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

|                      |    |   |
|----------------------|----|---|
| Typistes             | .. | 2 |
| Telephone attendants | .. | 3 |
| Clerks               | .. | 4 |

WARDS:

|                |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|
| Ward Orderlies | .. | 26 |
| Scrubbers      | .. | 16 |

MESSAGE DEPARTMENT:

|                 |    |   |
|-----------------|----|---|
| General Service | .. | 1 |
|-----------------|----|---|

OPERATING THEATRE:

|                 |    |   |
|-----------------|----|---|
| General Service | .. | 1 |
|-----------------|----|---|

DISPENSARY:

|                 |    |   |
|-----------------|----|---|
| General Service | .. | 1 |
|-----------------|----|---|

STAFF MESSSES AND HOUSE KITCHEN:

.. 9

CANTEEN:

|                        |    |   |
|------------------------|----|---|
| Typiste and Bookkeeper | .. | 1 |
| General Service        | .. | 2 |

PATIENTS' DINING HALL AND KITCHEN:

|              |    |   |
|--------------|----|---|
| Labour Staff | .. | 2 |
|--------------|----|---|

QUARTERMASTERS' DEPARTMENT:

|                           |    |   |
|---------------------------|----|---|
| For Officey Ledger Keeper | .. | 1 |
| Typiste                   | .. | 1 |
| Clerk                     | .. | 1 |

QUARTERMASTER' DEPARTMENT:

GENERAL STORE, LINEN AND STEWARDS' STORE:

PACK & KIT STORE:

|                 |    |   |
|-----------------|----|---|
| General Service | .. | 8 |
|-----------------|----|---|

Q.1 CLERKS:

|    |    |   |
|----|----|---|
| .. | .. | 4 |
|----|----|---|

BY PRODUCT WOMAN

|    |    |   |
|----|----|---|
| .. | .. | 1 |
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COPY:

January 16 1918.

FROM: The O.C. No. 1 A.A.H.  
HAREFIELD;

TO: The D.M.S. A.I.F.  
Administrative Headquarters A.I.F.

RATIONING OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL:

In accordance with instructions I am forwarding the following suggestions with reference to the rationing of patients.

I would suggest that three classes of diets be laid down:- Ordinary, Light and Milk.

Ordinary Diet:- It is recommended that Army Council Instruction 928 be adhered to with a few additions. Army Council Instruction 928 is as follows:-

Feeding of patients in Hospitals:- It is considered that in the national interest every effort should be made to conform with the Food Controllers' recommendations with regard to rationing and such recommendations should therefore be borne in mind in regulating the feeding of patients in Hospitals. It is obvious that a fixed scale cannot be laid down but it is considered that the scale given overleaf will serve as a suitable basis, and special extras for Officers and Men being allowed as may be necessary to meet individual cases.

Scale of Quantities sufficient to feed 100 patients for one day.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Meat (including fish, bacon and sausage) | 70 lbs      |
| Bread and flour                          | 75 lbs      |
| Sugar                                    | 8 to 10 lbs |
| Margarine                                | 9 lbs       |
| Fresh Vegetables and potatoes            | 60 lbs      |
| Tea Coffee Cocoa                         | 3 lbs       |
| x Milk                                   | 130 pts     |
| Jam Syrup or Marmalade                   | 5 lbs       |
| Cereals                                  | 38 lbs      |
| Eggs                                     | 50          |

The following is a list of cereals that can be interchanged without interfering materially with the balance of the diet, as the same quantity of each possesses, approximately the same caloric value.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Split Peas or Beans | Maize Meal |
| Oatmeal             | Sago       |
| Rice                | Tapioca    |
| Flour               | Arrowroot  |
| Barley Flour        |            |

Extras recommended on scale of 100 ordinary diets per diem.

x. This quantity of Milk to cover all diets so as to include any special Milk or light diet, but even so in this Hospital actual

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milk used has been considerably less. (Intd) C.Y.

|               |         |               |          |
|---------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| Baking Powder | .10 lbs | Salt Ordinary | 2.76 lbs |
| Curry Powder  | .05     | Sauce         | .16      |
| Essences      | .02     | Soda Carb     | .01      |
| Jellies       | 1.08    | Junket        |          |
| Spices Mixed  | .02     | Vinegar       | .05      |
| Mustard       | .03     | Pepper        | .06      |

Dried fruits may be substituted for cereals.

Light Diets: It is recommended that the chicken diets as laid down in Regulations for Allowances of the Army 1914, part 2, paras 57-65, be adopted.

Milk Diets:- (As in para. for light diets).

With reference to the closing of canteens, I have not moved in the matter. I await instructions.

Consumable Stores:- The scale laid down provisionally by A.Q.M.G. yesterday seems satisfactory with the exception of Soda. The allowance of Soda set down in the monthly scale referred to is 4.Cwt. Owing to the large amount of lime and chalk in the water in this district, a considerable amount of soda is used, more than would otherwise be necessary. It is therefore recommended that the 4 cwt be increased to 9 cwt.

(Sgd) C.YEATMAN.

Lieut.-Colonel, A.A.M.C.  
OFFICER COMMANDING.

N.B. With regard to coal supplies, I am not quite ready to supply information on this point and hope to furnish a report to-morrow.

(Intld) C.Y.



*Appendix V.*

COPY:

M. 210/4/1.

25th Jan., 1918.

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

TO: D.M.S. A.I.F.

Sir,

I have the honour to report on the bad condition of the roads within the Hospital boundaries.

By reason of the frost and the rapid thaw subsequent to it, the roads on which there is much heavy traffic have cut up very badly. Repairs of a temporary nature have been effected on several occasions, with the result that the crown has been heightened in many places. Apparently they have never been properly ballasted, and unless a comprehensive survey is made and the work undertaken in a proper manner, endless repairs of a temporary nature, as have already been carried out, will be necessary from time to time.

In my opinion, grading, drainage, ballasting, and relaying now will save expense in the long run if this Hospital is likely to carry ~~on~~ on for a year or more longer. Owing to the lack of a roadway round the area occupied by Hospital huts, the Engineer's Staff has the greatest difficulty in getting coal to boilers, and, where carting has been carried on over soft ground, this has been rendered unsightly and so cut up and muddy that it is in a very boggy condition.

I am, Sir,  
Yours obediently,

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



M.

1st February 1918.

From: Lieut.-Colonel C.E. DENNIS, A.A.M.C.  
To: O.C. No.1 A.A.H.  
HAREFIELD.

Sir,

MONTHLY REPORT - X-RAY DEPARTMENT:

During the month of JANUARY the total number of cases examined in this Department was ... .. 327.  
Total number of Skiagrams taken ... .. 417.

DETAILS:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Fractures  | 136.        |
| Foreign bodies, not localised  | 24          |
| "    "    localised  | 26          |
| Chests examined  | 38          |
| Gastric examinations by Barium meals   | 8           |
| Examination for Renal Calculi  | 3           |
| "    "    Gallstones   | 1           |
| Other conditions, including injuries and gunshot wounds to knee joints, for position of fractures after correction and <u>nil</u> examinations | 44          |
| Sarcoma of Jaw   | <u>1</u>    |
|  | <u>327.</u> |

Many cases of suspected Tuberculosis of the Lungs have been examined, and in a large proportion the diagnosis has been confirmed. It is remarkable the number of cases in which enlarged glands and fibrosis of the lungs in the region of the hilus are to be seen when the history points to Phthisis, but no definite evidence can be obtained by auscultation or percussion. The evidence in these and many surgical cases given by an X-Ray examination has been of the utmost value in Boarding doubtful cases.

*Chas Dennis*

Lieutenant-Colonel, A.A.M.C.



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2nd February 1918.

From: Lt.-Colonel C.E. DENNIS, A.A.M.C.

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

MONTHLY REPORT - MASSAGE DEPARTMENT:

The total number of cases treated in the Massage Department for the month of JANUARY was 225.

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Total number of treatments given                 | <u>1763.</u> |
| Total number of treatments by radiant heat alone | 8.           |
| " " " " " " " " " " " "                          | 1274.        |
| " " " " " " " " " " " "                          | 481.         |

Of these the number suffering from gunshot injuries are as follows -

|                |                             |    |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----|
|                | (Fractures                  | 70 |
|                | (Nerve injuries             | 66 |
| GSW:           | (Stiff joints               | 40 |
|                | (Flesh wounds and scars     | 8  |
|                | (Pes cavus                  | 1  |
| Rheumatism and | Myalgias                    | 11 |
| Accidental     | (Fractures                  | 6  |
| injuries:      | (Sprains and joint injuries | 3  |
| Trench feet    |                             | 10 |
| Trench fever   |                             | 2  |
| Neuritis       |                             | 2  |
| Shell shock    |                             | 1  |
| Burns          |                             | 2  |
| Post Operative |                             | 3  |

During the early part of the month the work in this Department was light, dropping one day as low as 3 patients per head per diem. I attribute this to the relatively short stay of patients in hospital at that time, the number of admissions to and discharges from hospital being large. During the last week, however, the number of cases has increased up to 16 per head per diem, which is a fair day's work for each member of the Staff.

*Chas Dennis*

Lieut.-Colonel, A.A.M.C.



M.

2nd February 1918.

From: Lieut.-Col. C.E. DENNIS, R.A.M.C.

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

ELECTRICAL  
MONTHLY REPORT - SURGEON'S DEPARTMENT:

During the past month the total number of new cases treated has been 155.  
the number of treatments given being 868.  
the number of muscle tests in cases of nerve injuries 26.

Over 20 cases of Trench Foot have been treated during the month by the sinusoidal foot bath, as described in my report for December 1917. In every case improvement has begun at once and continued more or less satisfactorily. The patients express themselves as delighted with the relief from pain and stiffness and the increased warmth of the feet after the treatment has begun, and those in whom the pain was sufficient to keep them awake state that they are enabled to sleep much better. One case, in whom the improvement is slow, has pain in the joints of the big toes, and states himself if feels more like rheumatic pains he had before enlistment and that he does not suffer from the Trench Foot condition like he did when he came in. Clinically, the pain he has is articular and rheumatic, but his feet now keep warm and look healthy. He and another patient had electrical treatment, galvanism, at the previous hospital, and both state that it did them no good, but that the present treatment has given them more relief than any other they have had. Most of the cases seen have not had any marked blistering or gangrene, though several who have had some ulceration improved as well as those who have not.

It is noted that in most of these cases it has been from three to four months since they contracted the condition, so that I have not had any opportunity of treating the condition in its early stage, and cannot speak of the effect except on those who have been affected for at least six weeks or longer.

Excellent results continue to be obtained in relieving painful conditions resulting from nerve injuries by Salicylic Ionisation, and in painful joints etc., as reported previously. Several indolent Chronic Ulcers have been treated by Zinc Ionisation and healed up rapidly as a result.

Also a number of thickened contracted scars and stiff joints have been treated by means of Ionisation with very rapid improvement.

The majority of cases have been treated by galvanism and faradism for muscle paralysis or paresis following nerve injuries.

The work has progressed very satisfactorily during the month.

*Chas Dennis, M.B.*  
Lieut. Colonel R.A.M.C.  
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4th February 1918.

From: Lieut.-Colonel, C.G. SHAW: DSO: AAMC:

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


I beg to present herewith the Surgical Report for the month of JANUARY 1918.

During the month 149 operations were performed. made up as follows :-

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Removal of Sequestra                 | 40 |
| " foreign bodies                     | 16 |
| Repair of nerves                     | 12 |
| Radical cure of Hernia               | 7  |
| For un-united or mal-united fracture | 6  |
| Operations on nose                   | 6  |
| Removal of tumours                   | 6  |
| Appendicectomy                       | 5  |
| Operations on eyes                   | 4  |
| Operations on joints                 | 4  |
| Tonsillectomy                        | 3  |
| Mastoid                              | 1  |
| Miscellaneous                        | 39 |

The operations under the last heading are made up mainly of incisions into Abscesses, operations for efficient drainage of Septic Pæci, cleansing of Chronic Sinuses, and the like.

During the month a very large number of patients has passed through the Surgical Wards of the Hospital, the work has been constant and at times heavy, and often of such a nature as to call for the most patient care and surgical judgment on the part of the Staff.

  
Lieutenant-Colonel, AAMC.



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4th February 1918.

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

SENIOR PHYSICIAN'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF  
JANUARY 1918.

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During the month of January 1918 a number of cases were evacuated to Hospital ship for Australia; of these, a large number were shell concussions, with some of Nephritis.

The great majority of cases received were walking cases.

One case of shell shock is of interest from the length of time he has been in hospital. This man was blown up at Fromelles and has been in hospital since July 30th 1916.

Two repatriated prisoners of war were received from Germany, both suffering from Nephritis - one is very severe, being almost blind.

The other cases have been classified and dealt with as rapidly as possible, bearing in mind the interests of the patient.

W. Adams Major.

Major, A.A.M.C.







---- R E P O R T ----



No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital : Harefield Park;  
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Works completed during January, 1918.

1. "Fat" Shed:                      Job 39:                      Removal of existing fittings in "Fat" Boiling Down Shed, and re-erecting same in new shed adjacent to Field Kitchen.
2. Field Kitchen Fire:            Job                              Reconstruction of flooring damaged by fire.
3. Residence    Papering and painting two rooms.
4. Admission Block:                Job 42:                      Alterations to internal arrangements.
5. X-Ray Department:    Removal of Barber's shop from back of X-Ray room to Admission Block. Reconstructing X-Ray Department.
6. Q.M. Department:    Constructing office out of verandah. Enlargement of General Store.
7. Maintenance.    Continuation of all Maintenance work.

*(Sd.) L. A. Whitall*  
*Eng.*  
Captain.  
Consulting Engineer  
to A.Q.M.G.







C O P Y.

RECORD OF WORK DONE BY THE RECREATION & CANTEN DEPARTMENT,  
1st A.A.H., HAREFIELD, FROM 1st JUNE TO END OF DECEMBER, 1917.

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TRIPS:

On an average 130 men per week were sent to various places of amusement, largely through the efforts of the A.R.C. This number does not include small parties who were invited to the houses of ladies and gentlemen resident in the neighbourhood of the Hospital. Thanks are due to the following :-

Mr. and Mrs. Billyard-Leake;  
Mrs. Stedall;  
Mrs. Goodlake (The Fisheries);  
Mr. & Mrs. Marks (Sandy Lodge Golf Course);  
Mrs. Edwards;  
Mrs. Shuttleworth;

Owing to petrol restrictions, the outings have been greatly reduced, but some 50 men per week visit the various Theatres etc. in London and Suburbs.

ENTERTAIN-  
MENT:

An Entertainment is given every evening, either Concert, Play, Lecture, or Cinema, and since June there have only been five occasions on which the men have not had some form of amusement in the evening. We are indebted to the Soldiers' Entertainment Fund (by which means a full Concert party is sent every Thursday), the Victoria League (which provides an Illustrated Lantern Lecture every Wednesday), and the A.R.C., which sends a party (Concert or Dramatic) every alternate Tuesday. All other nights are paid for from Canteen Funds.

COT  
CINEMA  
TEAS:

These are run every Monday for the amusement of those who are too ill to attend the evening Shows. Tea, cakes and cigarettes are 'given', thanks to the generosity of the Medical Officers, the Lady Canteen Workers, and others; Monday Dec. 24th being the 26th occasion.

CANTEEN:

The Canteen is thoroughly up-to-date, and has a seating capacity for 100. There is a turnover of between £350 and £450 per month, and all profits are devoted entirely to Concerts, trips, furniture, maintenance, etc. Some two-thirds of this sum is derived from the sale of cigarettes, tobacco, and useful articles for the patients.

BILLIARD  
ROOM:

6 Tables are provided - 3 full-size, and 3 - 8 x. 4. Billiards, Pyramid Snooker and Skittle Pool are provided for through the generosity of the A.R.C.

WRITING ROOM: The writing room is provided with 16 tables, and all pens, paper, envelopes, etc. are given by the Australian Branch, B.R.C.S.

LIBRARY:

The Library contains some 3,000 books, thoroughly representative of our best Authors, and is greatly appreciated by the men.

MUSIC  
ROOM:

A Piano is provided for the use of the patients.

FINANCES:

A Balance Sheet is presented monthly for the C.O's. approval, and an Audit is held every 3 months in accordance with instructions from the Canteen Board.

The Director of Recreation & Study, Mr. H. Coxen, was previously a Red Cross Worker and was loaned to Hospital by that Society to manage patients' canteen and arrangements in connection with recreation of patients, under supervision of O.C.



C O P Y:

1st A.A.Hospital,  
HAREFIELD PARK: Jan. 1918.

FANCY WORK, etc.

In the early days of the war it was suggested by the sister of the then C.O. of this Hospital, Major Shuter, that fancy work should be started, to occupy, amuse, and please the Australian sick and wounded soldiers at Harefield Park.

Two ladies volunteered to manage it.

Funds were given to buy materials, etc., and two cardboard boxes were kept in the House to hold the stock, and taken round once a week.

The patients were not keen, and for several months, although things were given, very little work was done.

Then it was thought that the patients might prefer to pay for what they had, so cost price was, and still is, always charged. Needles, transfers, canvas, etc., were and are always given from the C.O.'s. quarterly allowance. Then patients grew keen and the two cardboard boxes soon got too small as the Hospital grew larger, and a wooden box and a trunk were requisitioned to hold the stock.

The lady helpers came regularly twice a week, often four times. The store box became too small, and a big cupboard was erected and is kept full of stock for needlework, silks, etc. etc. and basket making.

It is necessary to keep a larger stock in the cupboard, as Harefield is so far from shops, and when a Hospital Ship is going, "cot" cases always want such a large supply of work to do on the journey home.

Blind patients have made lovely string bags.

Many one-handed patients have done embroidery.

If only there were a large room kept entirely for fancy work much more could be done.

Doctors and Sisters often find the work very beneficial to patients. It seems a pleasant dose of medicine to many of them, and a very cheap one for the authorities.

Several Hospitals at Home and Abroad have consulted the 1st A.A.H. fancy work managers on how to start this work. Some Hospitals give all materials and patients have to give some of the work they do to be sold. The Harefield Park patients keep all they do, since they pay for it, and most of the work goes to their homes in "The Land of the Rising Sun", causing, no doubt, as great wonder to those over there, as it does to those who can see the work being done here in England, when one knows full well that buttons sewn on, holes pulled together in socks etc., is the only sort of needlework that most of the Boys have ever done.

When an exhibition of work is held, and prizes given (for which extra money is always collected and towards which the Canteen, per Mr. Coxen, gives - since September 1917 - £1 a month) visitors and others are very anxious to buy some of the patients' handiwork, but it is almost impossible to get any of them to part with their "Rising Sun" Badges or anything else.

About 2000 belts have been worked here in Hospital - few are being made now as better things are preferred.



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It has been the greatest pleasure to the lady helpers (amateurs all) to do what they can for these sick and wounded soldiers while they are so far from all they hold most dear, and the many appreciative remarks and thanks with which they are rewarded is often quite overwhelming. Patients often say how much this needlework reminds them of "Home"

Mrs. J.F.L. EVANS of Woodcock Hill, Rickmansworth, manages the patients' needlework classes at this Hospital.



1st A.A. HOSPITAL:  
HAREFIELD PARK: January 1918.

FANCY WORK.

ACCOUNTS FOR HALF YEAR - JULY 1st to DECEMBER 31st, 1917.

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|                             | <u>Cash Received:</u> | <u>Cash Paid:</u>  |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| July                        | £22. 19. 6½           | 22. 11. 7          |                                     |
| August                      | 23. 3. 4½             | 28. 18. 2          |                                     |
| September                   | 9. 0. 6½              | 7. 9. 6½           |                                     |
| October                     | 15. 2. 1              | 17. 1. 8           |                                     |
| November                    | 29. 3. 7              | 24. 6. 8           |                                     |
| December                    | 22. 16. 9             | 29. 19. 5          |                                     |
|                             | <u>£122. 5. 10½</u>   | <u>£130. 7. 0½</u> |                                     |
|                             |                       | <u>122. 5. 10½</u> |                                     |
| Brt. fwd from<br>June 30th. | <u>9. 13. 11½</u>     | <u>£ 8. 1. 2</u>   | Deficit on 2nd half<br>year - 1917. |
|                             | <u>£131. 19. 10</u>   |                    |                                     |

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Brought forward from 1st half<br>year to June 30, 1917: | £9. 13. 11½        |
| Deficit 2nd half year                                   | <u>8. 1. 2</u>     |
| In hand at end of year                                  | <u>£1. 12. 9½.</u> |

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Value of Stock in Hand .. | <u>£32. 0. 0.</u> |
| Accounts still unpaid ..  | <u>£30. 0. 0.</u> |

(Signed ) KATE EVANS.



No.1 Australian Aux. Hospital:  
HAREFIELD: Middlesex; 30th Jan. 1918.

SECOND YEARLY REPORT OF THE ORDERLIES CANTEEN - YEAR  
ENDED 15th January 1918.

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In opening the second yearly report of "The Orderlies Canteen", it will probably be of interest to many of the Staff if a brief outline of the early days of the Canteen be given.

At a General Meeting of the Staff held early in January 1916, it was decided that the Canteen should consist of - Canteen proper, Billiard Room, and Reading Room;

That the Committee should consist of the O.C. or his representative, a Treasurer, Secretary, and nine members - these nine members to form the Sub-Committees of the Canteen, Billiard Room and Reading Room.

The Australian Red Cross Society very generously provided the Canteen with a Pianoforte and Billiard Table on Loan; also most of the furniture in the Canteen, and Billiard and Reading Rooms; many books were also kindly given by the Society.

CANTEEN: The Canteen was stocked, and officially opened for business on 15th January 1916, and since that date many improvements have been made.

At the time of opening the Hospital Staff consisted of about 120 N.C.Os. and men. At the present time there is about double that number on, or attached to, the Staff. Consequently upon this big increase of Staff the work of the Canteen has been greatly multiplied. The amount of cash handled has been considerable. During the ~~last~~ year the sales' takings amounted to £872-8-9, and the expenditure to £810-8-10, whilst in the year just ended the takings amounted to £1420: 1: 2, and the expenditure to £1390: 15: 6, which shows a big increase of business. At the present time the Canteen has a credit balance of £155: 19: 2.

The Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, when any business is discussed and accounts are presented and passed for payment, the Canteen having a Banking Account at Rickmansworth.

For some time it was essential that the Canteen should make a profit in order to meet the accounts, and provide for comforts, etc. When a sufficient credit balance had been raised, the selling prices were put down to a mere margin over cost price, and, in many cases, articles are sold at cost price, whilst tea and cocoa are being sold at a loss.

Many things that were necessary for the welfare of the Canteen have been procured. The pathophone was purchased and for many months helped to cheer up the Staff with its records of various talented artists. The tables have been re-covered and many other wants supplied.

For a few weeks in the Summer the Canteen was closed on Sunday afternoons, as the majority of the Staff made the best of the good weather by going out.

READING ROOM: During the year a number of bookswere purchased from Messrs W.H. Smith & Sons of London, and a case of books was very generously given by the Rev. Priest of Rickmansworth.



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The Committee is greatly indebted to Pte. G. Thomson, who very kindly made the Library Book-Case, and the Blackboard.

BILLIARD ROOM: During the year the Red Cross Billiard Table has been twice repaired - the first expense being borne by the Canteen and the second out of Regimental Funds.

Owing to the increased Staff it was found that an extra Billiard Table was required. The Australian Red Cross representative was approached, but was unable to help us, so a new Billiard Table was purchased from Messrs Jelks & Sons of London for £50 from our own funds.

Large Notices have been conspicuously displayed, urging the Staff to use the Rests, and not to climb on the Tables. All members are asked to help in protecting the Tables, and to adhere strictly to the rules, especially as new cloth for recovering is practically unprocureable and very expensive.

During the past year the Canteen has lost one of its most ardent workers in Major Smeal. Major Smeal was for many months Registrar of the Hospital, and was one of the pioneers of the Canteen.

We are pleased to welcome Lieutenant-Colonel C. Yeatman as our new President.

The Committee has always endeavored to make the Canteen Rooms as comfortable as possible, and the members, on leaving office, wish their successors every success.

If any of the Staff have suggestions for improvement, the Committee will at all times be pleased to receive same.

*J. R. Savage*

Hon. Secretary,  
ORDERLIES' CANTEEN.



UNIT STAFF CANTEN: No.1 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL:

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER, 1917.

LIABILITIES:

ASSETS:

Unpaid Accounts as under :-

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| "Boomerang"                | £23.14. 3            |
| Button & Sons              | 30.10. 1             |
| Davy & Son                 | 8.15. 3              |
| Jelks & Sons               | 50. 0. 0             |
| Moon Field & Co.           | 16.10. 0             |
| McMillan H.C.              | 2.19. 0              |
| Ocean Acc. & Gtee Corp.Ld. | 1. 5. 0              |
| Registrar                  | 1. 8                 |
| Turner F.                  | 4. 4. 0              |
| Weston Bros.               | 32. 0. 1             |
| <br>BALANCE                | <br><u>226.10. 2</u> |
|                            | <u>£376. 9. 6.</u>   |

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Cash in Hand   | £50. 2. 9             |
| Cash at Bank   | 189. 4.10             |
| Billiard Table | 50. 0. 0              |
| Cash Register  | 35. 0. 0              |
| Stock on Hand  | 52. 1.11              |
|                | <br><u>£376. 9. 6</u> |

HAREFIELD:  
14th Jan. 1918.

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