

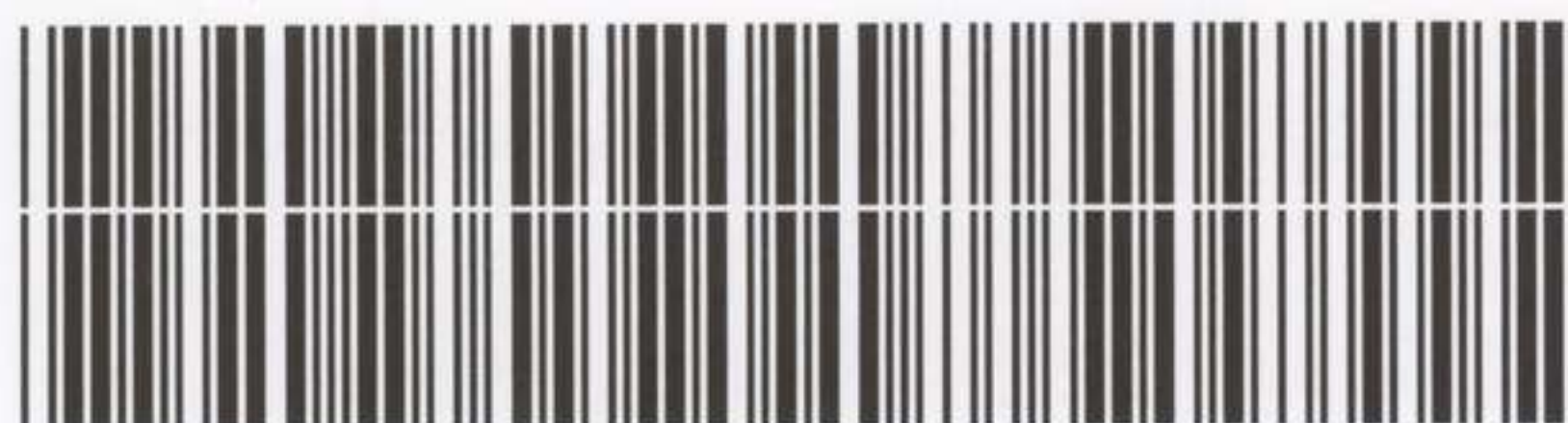
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1. Farefield	1.4.18	-	In consequence of projected early departure of Hospital ship at short notice medical officers are busy boarding suitable cases. No general class of patient is not so severely ill as usual, and many who otherwise would have been transferred to Plymouth to proceed to Australia for No 2 Command before are being retained in the hospital for evacuation by the Hospital ship. Major J. R. Munhead A.M.C. and Captain W. Forshaw A.M.C. having reported for duty are latter on strength.	
	3.4.18		Hospital ship lists are complete today with exception of emergency rolls. Medical cases have been reviewed by the Senior Physician and surgical cases by the Senior Surgeon at this hospital under instructions from Dms - A.I.F.	
	4.4.18		Eight members of A.A.N.S. struck off strength in proceeding on duty overseas.	
	5.4.18		Unit color patches having now become available for issue to personnel it is published in orders of the date that failure to wear these as prescribed will be treated as disobedience of orders. It is laid down by instruction in Chief A.I.F. that members of A.A.N.S. will affix color patches to tunics and also to hats.	
	6.4.18		During the three months ending March 31st the General Duties section A.M.C. personnel at this hospital have repaired 456 beds and bedsteads, saving much time and an average cost per bed estimated at six shillings.	
			Copy of D.A.G. 151/24/266 of 17.3.18 with regard to Acting Ranks states "On Recommendation of Dms A.I.F. it has been decided that acting ranks are not to be granted in the A.M.C. units"	
	7.4.18		Admissions for week ending 6.4.18 242 Discharges " " 168 Parade state 7.4.18 Officers N/staff O/Ranks S.S.A.D. Vol. helpers Sick 22 61 178* 109 6 On leave 0 3 5 0 0 * Includes personnel of Agard's staff and A.M.T.S. etc. attached	



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	9.4.18		Another 120 men were discharged today to command depots. Hospital is now only half full.																																				
	11.4.		Brns AIF and ADs Administrative H.Q. were expected today, but only the latter arrived. He inspected all departments of the hospital and the quarters of the nursing staff.																																				
	12.4		Recommendations for promotions at this unit to Brns AIF. owing to the YAD G.S. members attached to this unit receiving a smaller ration than other staffs it has been found necessary to ask for a new Kitchen for the male orderlies and NCOs. This has been approved and is in course of erection.																																				
	14.4		Admissions for week ending 13.4.18. 370 discharges " " " 590 <table><tr><td>Parade State</td><td>Officers</td><td>Red X Officer</td><td>A/Staff.</td><td>O/Rank</td><td>SoVAD. (Civilians)</td><td>Vol. help</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>63</td><td>172</td><td>109</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Induty</td><td>20</td><td>1</td><td>5</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>on leave</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>7</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Sick</td><td>0</td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		Parade State	Officers	Red X Officer	A/Staff.	O/Rank	SoVAD. (Civilians)	Vol. help				63	172	109	5	Induty	20	1	5	2	1	1	on leave	1	-	7	4	1	0	Sick	0	-				
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17.4.		Captain J.B. Jose ADs having reported for duty is taken on strength 16.4.18. The Boiler which supplies hot water for patients and staffs showers has burst out, and will be removed for repairs for a week.																																					

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	19.4.		Captain (majority announced but not confirmed in AIF orders) J.K.C. having A.A.M.C. is struck off strength 18.4.18 reporting to the 2.C.D. Weymouth?																																	
	20.4.		Admissions for week ending 20.4.18 = 428 Discharges " " " " = 222																																	
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	22.4.		Reduction in ration scale is felt by patients who complain of shortness of food. See Appendix II	Appendix II																																
	25.4.		Commanding Officer's parade held in morning and afterwards special Church Parade held at Harefield Parish Church in memory of the landing at Anzac	Appendix III																																
	28.4.		Captain W. J. Phillips A.A.M.C. having reported for duty is taken on strength. Admissions for week ending 27.4.18 = 369 Discharges " " " " = 257																																	
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Harefield	29.4.		<p>Major Bell having been appointed to command Nos. 4 and 8 Australian Auxiliary Hospitals is struck off strength.</p> <p>Major Bell has proved a particularly conscientious officer during his ten months duty at this hospital.</p> <p>During this month it has been found possible to paint four of the larger surgical wards: owing to increased number of admissions it is regretted that no more can be done in this direction at present.</p> <p>Total admissions for month 1563</p> <p>Total discharges 1483</p> <p>Number of cases boarded 392</p> <p>Deaths 2</p> <p>Daily average number in hospital 428</p> <p>No. of patients in hospital at midnight 815.</p> <p>30.4.18</p>	
	30.4.			

C. G. G. G. G. G.







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From: O.C. NO.1. A.A.H.  
Harefield;

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

No.1. Australian Auxiliary Hospital;  
Harefield; Middlesex. 12th April.1918.



There being several vacancies at the present time for N.C.O's on the staff of this Unit, it is desired to obtain permission to promote suitable men to fill these.

At the same time it seems desirable that certain responsible posts in Hospital, should be held by Senior or Junior N.C.O's and for No.1. A.A.H. I beg to recommend as follows.

By A.I.F. Order 379 dated 25.11.16 and 453 of 10.1.17, amended 22.9.17, an establishment is granted of - 1 Warrant Officer: 15 Staff-Sergeants and sergeants; and 10 Corporals. A further establishment of 1 Sergeant X Ray attendant and 1 Sergeant Laboratory attendant is authorised by letter - D.M.S. A.I.F. M.1509/3/1 of 22.9.17.

RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE:

DEPARTMENT:

PRESENT N.C.O's EMPLOYED.

NOW RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION

ORDERLY ROOM:	1.	W.O.	3.	W.O. HUDSON H.
	1.	SGT	4929	Sgt PAGE G.E.
	1.	CPL	...	
CENTRAL OFFICE:	1.	S/SGT	...	
	1.	SGT	9132a	Sgt IREDALE G.E.
	1.	CPL	5388	Cpl REES R.C.
WARDS:	1.	S/SGT	3169	S/SGT LAWRIE R.A.
	3.	Sgts	48	Sgt JULIAN E.C.
			137	Sgt LITTLE A.H.
			13448	Sgt GARDINER J.H.
	2.	Cpls	7376	Cpl SADDINGTON R.M.
			...	
DISPENSARY:	1.	S/SGT	16592.	S/SGT JAMIESON R.

9567.	L/C	MIZON. M.S.
9132a	Sgt	IREDALE G.E.
5388.	Cpl	REES R.C.
10224	L/C	MILNE C.W.
8067	L/C	GREVILLE C.C.



GENERAL DUTIES:

1. Sgt. ....  
1. Cpl. 5336 Cpl GROVES A.

5336. Cpl GROVES. A.  
No Cpl recommended at present.

PICQUET:

1. SGT 11. SGT NYE E.M.  
1. CPL ....

638. L/C FISHER (M.M.)

TRANSPORT:

1. SGT 1391 SGT JAMES E.W.  
1. CPL 42 CPL JARRETT W.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT:

PATIENTS MESS: I. Q.M.S. 116. QMS COURLAY J.A.  
GENL. STORE L. SGT 12601. SGT CRAWFORD W.S.  
STEWARD I. SGT ...  
LINEN STORE 1. SGT ...  
CLOTHING STORE L. CPL ...  
PACK STORE I. CPL ...  
I. CPL ...

S/SGT GAVAN DUFFY ( TO REPORT)  
10256. Cpl JACOB W.W.  
2708. L/C YEATES W.T.  
838. L/C BELL L.W.  
1808. PTE DAWSON L.W.

SPECIAL ESTABLISHMENT

X-RAY:

1. SGT 5288. T/SGT STRANGE A.T.

5288. T/SGT STRANGE A.T. ( to be permanent rank)

LABORATORY:

L. SGT 84. SGT JUSTELIUS H.V.

The following two N.C.O'S are "A" Class. They are at present on the strength, but will shortly march out. :-

5377. CPL JONES. A.L. BUTCHER.  
4933. " REDMAN F.A. Dispensary.

(Sgd) C. YEATMAN;

Lieut-Colonel.  
OFFICER COMMANDING.



Reference :-  
QMH. 069/1/7.

*Appendix II*  
*War Diary*  
*April 1918*

3rd May, 1918.



To :- Officer Commanding.  
No. 1. Australian Auxiliary Hospital.  
HAREFIELD.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.

RATIONING.

(a). Attached is a file of correspondence that passed between the A.D.M.S. Woolwich, and this Hospital during the month of April.

(b). I have to report that the Diet Sheet for the period ending 15th April, 1918, included a number of extras that were part of the Australian Stock in possession before the Imperial A.S.C. issued us with all supplies.

Under instructions of A.Q.M.G. A.I.F. these extras were used up as quickly as possible in order to simplify the book-keeping, and in consequence were put into the Diets as Extras. This Stock has now been used practically up and cannot be renewed as it is no longer authorised. Instance - the issues of Fruit for month of April :-

Dried Fruits.	640 lbs.
Tinned Fruits.	3057 lbs.

These supplies will not in future appear on the menu.

(c). The cost of Australian Stocks used in rationing for the month of April per patient per diem is - 7.193d.

PERSONNEL.

(a). During the month of April (and from the 5th March) No. 1808. Private L. W. Dawson carried out the duties of Sergeant Storekeeper.

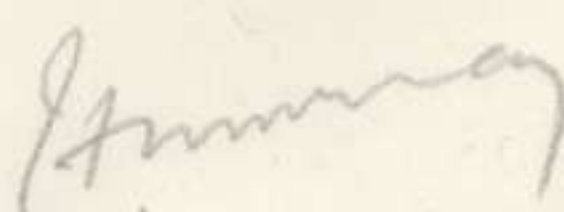
(b). During the month of April (and from the 21st February) No. 10256. Corporal W. W. Jacob carried out the



duties of Sergeant-Steward in the absence of a  
Sergeant-Steward.

AGRICULTURAL.

Arrangements were made during the month to  
plant some two acres with potatoes and other vegetables.  
This should be a welcome addition to the supplies  
within a few months.



QUARTERMASTER.  
No. 1. A.A.H.



Food Consumption per 100 patients per diem during the  
Messing Period of April 1918.

Article.	ACI 159/18. "A"	"A"	Consumption	Remarks.
Meats.	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	30/ .09.	
Fish.	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	5.78.	During the month the greatest difficulty was experienced in obtaining Fish from Army Contractors owing to the short supplies. Consequently there has been a marked Under Issue
Bacon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.25.	
Bread and Flour	69	75	73.5.	
Sugar	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.54.	
Edible FATS	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.90.	Does not include Fats used in Pastry Cooking.
Potatoes	50.	70.	64.51.	
Fresh Veggies.	25	35	29.34.	
Cocoa.	1	1	.85.	
Milk.	80	130	141 pts.	This Hospital is under Contract to take Supplies of Milk in excess of Scales of ACI 159/18.
Jams	5.	5.	4.92.	
Cereals	7	20.	17.95	
Eggs	40	50	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ .	
Tea and Coffee	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.	1.95.	
Cheese	3.	3.	2.79.	

The following articles are not Authorised for Issue but in accord  
with AQMG Instructions were issued.

Dried Fruits	430 lbs.
Fresh Fruits	44 "
Tinned Fruits.	3057 "

Kitchen Sundries used in cooking in accordance with Allowance  
Regns for the Army. are not included in this return.



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A.D.M.S./W.D. 243/18/A.

O.C.  
Australian Auxiliary Hospital.  
Harefield.

With reference to A.C.I. 159 of 1918, will you please report as early as possible whether you have brought the consumption of food down to the scale laid down in that instruction.

SGD.

R. J. S. SIMPSON.  
Colonel.

A.D.M.S. Woolwich District.

Woolwich.  
9. 4. 18.

COPY.

Reference :-  
QMH. 022/1/4.

12th April, 1918.

The A.D.M.S.  
WOOLWICH.

Reference Your A.D.M.S. /W.D. 243/18/A of 9th April  
and Your 542/18/a of 10th April.

I beg to state that A.C.I. 159 has been strictly  
adhere to in all particulars (My QMH. 075/1/23 of 8. 4. 18).

Your Memo. W.D. 243/18/A. is therefore not understood  
by me.

I should mention that "fruits" is an Australian supply  
which I have had instructions to use until present stock is  
exhausted.

SGD.

C. YEAUMAN.  
Lieut-Colonel.



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O.C.

1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital.  
HAREFIELD.

I presume you refer to my No. 243/18/A dated 9. 4. 18.

With reference to par. 1. of your Minute, this is a definite instruction from the Army Council, and it is difficult to see how your programme of meals can conform with the quantities shown on the scale.

I do not, for a moment, doubt the accuracy of your statement, but I should like to know how it is done, as if you can do it on that scale other Hospitals ought to be able to do it also. Will you kindly explain.

SGD. R. H. SIMPSON.  
Colonel.  
A.D.M.S. Woolwich District.

Woolwich.  
21. 4. 18.

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075/1/23.

25th April, 1918.

To :- A.D.M.S.  
Woolwich District.

Reference Your 243/18/a dated 20. 4. 18.  
I hope to be able to reply fully at the end of this week when my Quartermaster returns from furlough.

SGD. C. YEATMAN.  
Lieut-Colonel.  
OFFICER COMMANDING.



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Reference :-  
QMH. 022/1/4.

2nd May, 1918.

The A.D.M.S.  
52, The Common.  
WOOLWICH.

Please find attached report from my Quartermaster with regard to rationing of patients at this Hospital.

During the last month amongst over fifteen hundred new transfers from other Hospitals there has been a large number of slightly wounded men with healthy appetites. To completely satisfy these men with rations allowed under the A.C.I. is impossible, and complaints as to shortage of food have been made. The greatest efforts have been necessary in the way of co-operation between the Quartermaster, the Head Cook and N.C.O. in charge of issues for the Kitchen in order to give as full and varied a diet as possible. I am satisfied that good results have been obtained here although I recognise that for healthy men used to abundant food and particularly a large ration of meat the present scale is not capable of allowing all that they could eat.

SGD. C. YEATMAN.  
Lieut-Colonel.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



COPY.

Reference :-  
QMH. 022/1/4.

2nd May, 1918.

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

Reference 075/1/23 of 25th April, 1918.

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I have to report that the Diet Sheet for the period ending 15th April, 1918, included a number of extras that were part of the Australian Stock in possession before the Imperial A.S.C. issued us with all supplies.

Under instructions of A.Q.M.G. A.I.F. these extras were used up as quickly as possible in order to simplify the book-keeping, and in consequence were put into the Diets as Extras. This Stock has now been used practically up and cannot be renewed as it is no longer authorised. Instance - the issues of Fruit for month of April :-

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These supplies will not in future appear on the menu.

With reference to some remarks of the Quartermaster Royal Herbert Hospital :-

- (1). A.C.I. 159 lays down that "bread should not be issued at dinner time". It will be seen from the Diet Sheet in question that on some days pudding, sweets, etc., are not given at the midday meal but are given at the evening meal. A certain proportion of the soldier's ration of bread is therefore given to him at midday. This issue of bread at midday does not contravene the A.C.I. at all.

With reference to the other remarks and queries to issues of bread, flour, tea, coffee, cocoa, bacon, ham, etc. By close co-operation between the Steward's Store and the Kitchen it is a very simple matter to arrange to cut out certain articles of Diet authorised as part of the daily ration several days a week and to issue the accumulation of these supplies into the remaining days in the week. This provides the soldier with a varied Diet.

Bread puddings are very easy to arrange as all "waste" bread is dried and made into baked puddings as the bread accumulates.

The Diet Sheet for this Hospital is drawn up fortnightly. An Account Book shewing the under and over issues of various supplies is kept running from day to day. This Book is seen daily by the Quartermaster.

SGD. J. F. MURRAY. Captain.  
Q.M. No. 1. A.A.H.



## Appendix III

WAR DIARY.

April, 1918.



On Anzac Day 1918, the third anniversary of the landing of the Australian troops on Gallipoli, to commemorate the day a Commanding Officers Parade of Staff and walking patients of the first Australian Auxiliary Hospital was held at 10.30. a.m.

### Parade State.

Officers.	12.
O/Ranks.	75.
Patients.	200.
G.S. V.A.Ds.	50.

After inspection by the Officer Commanding the whole marched through Harefield village to the Harefield Parish Churchyard headed by the Unit Band. Near the graves of 50 Australian soldiers buried in the Churchyard the troops were drawn up in formation of a hollow square under an Australian flag facing a dais from which the two Chaplains attached to the Hospital conducted a Memorial Service. Suitable hymns were played by the band and a notable address delivered by the Revd. A.P. Bladen C.F. A.I.F. The Nursing Sisters were drawn up by the graves inside the Churchyard wall, which had been covered with flowers. At the close of the service the National Anthem was sung, and those on parade broke off to pay their tribute of respect to their late comrades by a visit to their graves. They then reformed and marched back to the Hospital in column of route where the parade was dismissed. In Corps Orders for the day following the parade the Commanding Officer expressed his satisfaction with the conduct of all concerned. Present at the Churchyard were many prominent residents of Harefield and friends of the Hospital amongst whom should be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. C. Billyard-Leake. An apology for his absence was received from Captain Tarleton, M.V.O. R.N. who has made himself responsible for the turfing of the



graves. The decoration of the graves with flowers was organised by Mrs. C. Yeatman, many ladies helped and contributed to the purchase of flowers or gave them from their own gardens.

For Anzac Day celebrations in London 100 patients were sent up by an early morning train returning at 7. 30. p.m.

*C. Yeatman M.O.*



NO. I. AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL:  
HAREFIELD:  
4.5.18.



APPENDIX IV. WAR DIARY APRIL 1918.

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

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

RECORDS SECTION. Prior to Sept. 1917, the A.C.I. dealing with A & D Books & Index cards had not been strictly complied with, with the result that a large amount of extra work is now being done to rectify this.

INDEX CARDS These had not been signed by Medical Officers until May 1917 nor had the cards been accurately completed in all respects. As far as possible defects are being remedied, the cards being arranged in arithmetical series as required by A.C.I. The A & D book is being kept according to instruction & the points as regards (1) diagnosis of disease according to Official nomenclature & (2) entry to Hospital as admission or transfer, are being correctly shown. The A & D books are being gone through systematically and all mistakes rectified.

PRESENT SYSTEM OF KEEPING RECORDS. All patients are seen on arrival at Admissions Hall by the Registrar and the diagnosis carefully checked. This is then entered in the A & D Book in pencil. Every patient before discharge parades at the admission Hall with his papers and is seen by the Registrar, and his diagnosis is again checked over. After the discharge of the patient his index Card is revised, any corrections or admissions made, and the A & D book is then entered up in ink from the Index Card. This system should ensure absolute accuracy in the records of the A & D books and index cards.

MEDICAL HISTORY SHEETS. A.F. B.178. In many cases patients are admitted and discharged before the permanent sheet is received. This necessitates a temporary sheet being made out and sent with him, thus preventing a continuous Medical History for each individual. Every endeavour is made to obtain the original Medical History Sheets and to have these fully and carefully entered up before the discharge of the patient.

A permanent staff is now at work consisting of 2 men and 2 V.A.D. Clerical Staff on the old records as well as on the daily routine record work.

*J. H. Anderson*

Major, A.A.M.C.  
Registrar, 1st A.A.H.



# Appendix V

## War Diary

### April 1918



JB.

6th May, 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  
APRIL. 1918.

#### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL:

	Offrs.	N/Staff.	O/Ranks.	GS VAD.	W/Legion Motor Drivers.
Taken on Strength	4	9	14	14	3
Struck off Strength:	3	22	27	8	-

#### WEEKLY PARADE STATE:

W/e. 7.4.18:	Offers:	Red X Offer:	N/Staff:	O/Ranks:	VADs.& Civins:	Vol. Helpers:
ON DUTY:	21	1	61	178	109	6
ON LEAVE:	..	..	3	2	..	..
SICK:	..	..	7	5	..	..

#### W/e 14.4.18:

ON DUTY:	20	1	63	172	109	5
ON LEAVE:	1	..	5	2	1	1
SICK:	..	..	7	7	1	..

W/e. 21.4.18.	Offers:	Red X Offer:	N/Staff:	O/Ranks:	VADs.	Vol. Help:	W/Lgn Drvs:	Civln.
ON DUTY:	21	1	61	165	103	5	4	1
ON LEAVE:	..	..	3	4	3	1	..	..
SICK:	..	..	7	9	1	..	..	..

#### W/e. 28.4.18.

ON DUTY:	22	1	67	167	106	5	6	1
ON LEAVE:	..	..	1	5	3	1	..	..
SICK:	..	..	3	3	2	..	..	..

<u>ADMISSIONS:</u>	From other Hospitals	1461
	Sundries	102
	Total:	<u>1563</u>

<u>DISCHARGES:</u>	Australia.	290
	Furlough & No.1 A.C.D.	204
	" 2 "	69
	" 3 "	24
	" 4 "	232
	Direct to No.1	26
	" 2 "	161
	" 3 "	318
	" 4 "	19
	Sundries	127
	To other Hospitals	13
		<u>1483</u>



<u>BOARDS:</u>	<u>Surgical</u>	185
	<u>Medical</u>	207
	Total:	<u>392</u>

DEATHS: Pte Sutherland.  
Pte Connor 2

DAILY NO. of Patients in Hospital 728

NO. of Patients in Hospital  
at Midnight 30/4/18. 815

<u>WEEKLY TABLE:</u>	<u>ADMISSION:</u>	<u>DISCHARGE:</u>
W/e. 6.4.18.	242	168
W/e. 13/4/18.	370	590
W/e. 20/4/18.	428	222
W/e. 27/4/18.	369	257

GENERAL:

A large number of cases recently admitted have been wounded, the large majority slightly, in the recent battles. As many as possible have been retained for a week or ten days *to allow of* ~~for~~ healing and discharge to Furlough and No.1 Command Depot. Towards the latter end of the month however, in order to make beds, some belonging to the above mention class of case have been sent on to No. 3 Command Depot direct. The greatest care has been taken in the selection and review of such men before discharge to prevent any harm accruing to them. I desire to draw special attention to the report of the Hon. Captain Murray (Quartermaster) as regards the rationing of patients under the new scales.

During the month an effort has been made to repaint some of the Wards.

Four acute surgical wards, and the special ward for cases of Tubercle of the Lungs, have been painted and thoroughly cleansed.

By patching holes in Ward linoleums the floor coverings of all wards have been greatly improved.

Vegetable seeds and potatoes have been planted extensively within the camp area.

The health of the unit as a whole may be considered satisfactory.

Please find appended reports from head Officers in charge of hospital departments.

*C. G. G. G.*

Lieut Colonel.  
OFFICER COMMANDING:



JB.

1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital  
May, 4th, 1918.

To: THE OFFICER COMMANDING:  
No.1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital  
HAREFIELD:

SENIOR SURGEONS REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL: 1918.

Herewith I beg to submit the report of the work done in the surgical division of this hospital during the month of April. The number of operations performed was 115 including the following.

Removal of Foreign Bodies	17
Removal of Sequestra	13
Secondary suture of wounds	9
Operations on Septic sinuses abscesses &c	8
Radial Cure of Hernia	8
Appendicectomies	8
Operations on nose and access- ory sinuses	6
Removal of Tumors	5
Mal-position of Fractures	4
Operations on Tendons	4
Excision of Eye	2
Tonsillectomy	2
Postoperative Hernia	2
Skin graft	2
Haemorrhoids	1
Varicose Veins	1

Many cases of comparatively recent wounds from the fighting of March and April have been admitted to the hospital. Most of them have been slight, and it has been possible to send them on to one or other of the Command Depots within a short time. The remaining cases include many fractures of the upper extremity, and large granulating flesh wounds. The former have been treated adequately by removal of loose pieces of bone and efficient cleansing of the wound, and it is hoped that the long standing suppuration which is still far too frequent in such cases will be prevented. It has been found possible to perform secondary suture in many of the granulating wounds, and if this procedure is successful the duration of the patients stay in hospital will be materially diminished.

The work of the department has been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

*S. G. Shaw.*  
Lieut-Colonel.



REPORT OF SENIOR PHYSICIAN FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

Regarding the report of the Medical side for the month of April, there is but little of extraordinary interest to report: two deaths occurred: one from Diabetes Mellitus, this case occurred in a man 34 years of age and was, as far as could be ascertained of only two months duration: the other being an old standing case of Tubercle of the lungs complicated by Meningitis and general dissemination.

In accordance with instructions - a duplicate A.F.W. 3243 is being kept for cases of Gas shell Poisoning: these cases comprise a large percentage of cases admitted to the Medical Wards: the latest symptoms observed are :-

- 1) Conjunctivitis & Photophobia, the latter often being out of proportion to the severity of the inflammation.
- 2) Laryngitis with Aphonia.
- 3) Bronchitis, in late cases it is considered that <sup>there</sup> these may be following the early wide spread Bronchitis a peribronchial fibrosis, there are many X Ray plates showing this condition.
- 4) Gastritis.
- 5) D.A.H.

In these last two classes I consider that the condition is continued as a neurosis, these patients are in many cases extremely weak and debilitated, and it appears likely that a considerable wastage of man-power will be an inevitable result.

*H. Adams*

Major.  
SENIOR PHYSICIAN.



JB.



May 1st, 1918.

FROM: MATRON,  
No. 1 A.A.H. HAREFIELD:

TO: OFFICER COMMANDING:  
No. 1 A.A.H. HAREFIELD:

MONTHLY REPORT ON THE NURSING STAFF FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

The daily average of the Nursing Staff has been:-

	<u>ON NOMINAL ROLL:</u>	<u>ON DUTY:</u>
Matron	1	1
Head Sisters	2	2
Sisters	16.3	15.3
S/Nurses	49.03...	42.4
Masseuses	6.	3.3
TOTAL.	<u>74 .33...</u>	<u>64. .</u>

The Above Staffs have been placed as follows:-

<u>DAY STAFF:</u>	<u>H.Sisters</u>	<u>Sisters</u>	<u>S/Nurses.</u>
Home.	1	--	1
Theatre.		1	1
Dressing Station			1
Acute Surgical Block 1.2.3.			
Wards	1	0	5
Acute Surgical & Medical.			
Blocks 28-43 Wards.		12	20
Tubercular Isolation &			
Dysentery Block.		1	3
TOTAL:	2	14	31

<u>NIGHT STAFF:</u>	<u>Sisters.</u>	<u>S/Nurses.</u>
<del>Theatre:</del> Night Superintendent	1	
Acute Surgical Block		
1.2.3. Wards.		2
Acute Surgical & Medical)		
Blocks 28-43 Wards	1	7
Tubercular & Isolation		
Dysentery Block		1
TOTAL:	2	10

HEALTH: A number of the Staff have been suffering from Colds during the month, but only two S/Nurses & one Masseuse were transferred to Southwell Gardens.

FURLOUGH: Two Sisters. three S/Nurses & one Masseuse were given furlough & one S/Nurse was granted 1 week's special leave.

TRANSPORT  
DUTY:



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TRANSPORT DUTY:

One Sister was sent on Transport duty to Australia.

STRENGTH:

Four Sisters & four S/Nurses were taken on the Unit Strength.

Two Sisters & nineteen S/Nurses were struck off Unit Strength. Sixteen of the S/Nurses proceeded to France for duty.

*C. L. Rono*

MATRON: A.A.N.S. A.I.F.  
NO.1 A.A.H.



3rd May, 1918.

From :- Lt. Col. Dennis. A.A.M.C.

To :- O.C. No. 1. A.A.H.  
Harefield.

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT.  
Report for Month of April, 1918.

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The work during the past month has been much lighter than usual fortunately, as two of the Staff have been absent owing to illness.

The number of <sup>new</sup> cases treated. 158.

Number of Treatments given. 1206.

During the last few days, however, the work has again begun to rise steadily, and is likely to increase considerably owing to the class of case admitted to Hospital.

*Chas. Dennis*

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







3rd May, 1918.

From :- Lt.- Col. Dennis. A.A.M.C.

To :- O. C. No. 1. A.A.H. Harefield.

X RAY DEPARTMENT.  
Report for Month of April. 1918.

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During the month of April the work in this Department has been lighter than usual.

The number of cases examined.	235.
Number of Skiograms taken.	295.

Details of cases :-

Fractures.	78.
Sequestra.	20.
Foreign Bodies not localised.	17.
do do localised.	16.
Chests examined for tuberculosis.	55.
do do for Foreign Bodies.	4.
Examinations of Renal tract.	4.
Barium meals.	10.
Osteoma of Femur.	1.
Nil detected (fractures or Foreign bodies, etc.	30.

A very large proportion of the chests examined for evidence of suspected tuberculosis shewed positive evidence, and, in a number of the examinations of the intestinal tract marked pathologic conditions were seen sufficient to either induce the surgeon to operate, or to cause the patient to be boarded. The work has been satisfactory.

*Charles Dennis*

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





3rd May, 1918.

From :- Lt. Col. Dennis. A.A.M.C.

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

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.  
Report for the Month of April, 1918.

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During the past month the work has been relatively light.

Number of new cases treated.	61.
Number of treatments given.	734.

Details of cases :-

Nerve Injuries.	26.
Stiff and painful joints and scars.	14.
Unhealed wounds and ulcers.	6.
Trench Feet.	7.
Trench fever.	4.
Rheumatic fibrositis.	1.
Progressive muscular Atrophy.	1.
Weakness after old <del>old</del> polio- myelitis.	1.
Sciatica.	1.

During the month Miss Jennings took her fourteen days leave, and in her absence L/Cpl. Daley was in charge of the ward and carried out treatment in a most careful and efficient manner.

*Charles Jennings*  
J. W. L.



No.1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,  
Harefield Park:

DENTAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL: 1918.

Attendance.	339
Cases Treated.	222
Teeth Extracted.	66
<u>Anaesthetics</u>	
General	18
Local	47
Temporary.	62
Permanent.	69
Root Filling.	35
Scaling Cases.	14
Dentures Repaired.	37
Dentures Supplied.	46
Pyorrhoea Cases Treated.	10
Fracture of Mandible.	—
General Surgical Cases.	3

*Edw. Watson Capt*

.....DENTAL OFFICER:

30.4.18.



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Engineers

Section

No-1 Aus Aux. Hospital, Harefield Park, Harefield,  
Middlesex. Works Completed during April 1918.

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Kitchen.                 | Erection of New Orderlies Kitchen.     |
| 2. Wards 1, 19, 26, 40, 41. | Painting throughout.                   |
| 3. Mess Room                | Altering huts for Orderlies Mess Room. |
| 4. Maintenance              | Continuation of all Maintenance work.  |
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Works in hand during April 1918.

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| 1. Roads.                                  | Reconstructing and making new Roads.  |
| 2. Field Kitchen                           | Painting throughout.                  |
| 3. Central Office.                         | Alterations to internal arrangements. |
| 4. V.A.D's Kitchen                         | Renovating and painting.              |
| 5. Sergeants Mess and<br>Recreation Rooms. | Reconstructing and renovating hut.    |
| 6. Maintenance                             | Continuation of all Maintenance work. |

(Sgd.) L.A. Sithall,  
D.O.M.E. Capt.  
Consulting Engineer  
to A.I.F.



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*Appendix VI*  
*War Diary*  
*April 1918*



NOTICE TO OFFICERS.

Prophylaxis in cases of Recent Wounds.

1. Greatest care should be taken in ascertaining from records or statement of men recently wounded what injections of A.T.S. each has had.
2. If one dose only has been already given a second of at least 750 units should be given at once.
3. Where there is an unhealed wound of soft or bony tissues an initial dose of 1500 unit should be employed, and thereafter weekly doses of 750 units whilst suppurating wounds are present.
4. Signs of local tetanus must be looked for - these are:-
  - (a) local hardening and contraction of muscles.
  - (b) Stiffness of limb.
  - (c) increase of deep reflexes.
  - (d) pain.
  - (e) local spasm.
5. Record of dosage employed and dates of administration must be entered on Medical Case Sheets. This is most important.

*(Sgd) C. Yeatman*

Lieut-Colonel,  
OFFICER COMMANDING: