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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Southall	7.8.18		Major J. Hardie, M.C., reported for duty vice Capt. van Someren.	
			A Limb Parade was held to-day:-	JMA
			2 other ranks were passed as satisfactorily fitted.	
			3 Officers were inspected.	
			14 men were ordered temporary peg legs	JMA
	8.8.18		Capt. van Someren marched out to duty with A.I.F. Depots, Tidworth.	
	14.8.18		A Limb Parade was held to-day:-	JMA
			7 other ranks were passed as satisfactorily fitted.	
			4 other ranks were ordered Peg Legs.	
			2 other ranks were ordered Artificial Legs	
			1 other rank was ordered Artificial Arms (Hobbs)	JMA
	15.8.18.		The party of Australian Press Representatives visited the Hospital to-day. They were escorted over the Hospital by the C.O. and Registrar and were shown over the various sections including the Peg Leg Department, and were able to see the Limbless soldiers being fitted with this form of temporary replacement.	JMA
	16.8.18.		Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by Surgeon Genl. Howse, V.C., K.C.B., D.M.S., A.I.F. paid a visit to the Hospital to-day. Mr. Hughes gave an address to the Patients and Staff and made an inspection of the Hospital.	JMA
	21.8.18.		A Limb Parade was held to-day:-	JMA
			10 men were passed as satisfactorily fitted.	
			5 men were ordered limbs.	
			5 men were ordered pegs.	
			Major H.O. Lethbridge M.B.E. left the Unit temporarily and will accompany Col. Honman to Italy in connection with Orthopaedic cases.	
			Major I. Morgan assumed the duties of Registrar during the temporary absence of Major Lethbridge.	
	28.8.18.		A Limb Parade was held to-day:-	JMA
			2 other ranks were passed as satisfactorily fitted.	
			3 were ordered new limbs and a Pensioner French was ordered double Artificial Replacement.	
			10 men were ordered Peg Legs.	

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	30.8.18.		Capt. Forsyth A.A.M.C. reported for duty.	
	31.8.18.		Total number of admissions 188 and Discharges 98. Average daily strength of Hospital Patients for August 465. The total number of Limbs passed as satisfactorily fitted for the month of August are as follows:- 7 Essentials, 9 Ernst, 4 Masters, 1 Pedestros - Total 21.	

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WAR DIARY

OF

No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital

FOR

the month of August 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
"A"	Monthly Report by the Commanding Officer
"B"	do by the Surgical Specialist
"C"	do By Medical Officer (Major J. Hardie)
"D"	do by do do (Major Flood)
"E"	do by Chaplain H. Vine
"F"	do by Matron M. Finlay
"G"	do by Pharmacist
"H"	do by X Ray and Massage Department
"I"	do by Q M's Department

31st August,

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To the D.M.S., A.I.F.,
 Administrative Headquarters,
 130, Horseferry Rd.,
 LONDON S.W.1.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 1918.

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the following report:-

1. DISCIPLINE.

Discipline continues to be very good. There is a tendency on the part of the men to overstay their leave passes and to attempt to go out during the day without pass. This is being combated by arranging for the fences surrounding the Hospital to be surmounted by barbed wire, *by* increased vigilance at the gate, by attention on the part of the Policemen (A.M.C.) and by disciplinary measures taken by the Ward Medical Officers and if necessary *by* the Orderly Room.

2. Q.M. DEPARTMENT.

The work of this Department is being done by Q.M.S. Watts. Although the absence of a Quarter Master is felt in many ways the work that has been carried out by Mr. Watts is admirable and I wish to express appreciation of his work. The supply of rations has been good; potatoes, jam and flour are now all satisfactory. Difficulty was experienced with fish. The Grimsby control has always been unsatisfactory. Some months ago, when the local control was cancelled, vigorous protest was made from this Hospital but without results. Consignments were received in succession unfit for human consumption, and I have asked the Officer in charge of A.S.C. Supplies to take action against the Company concerned.

3. V.A.D.s.

The work of the V.A.Ds. continues to be satisfactory. Miss Jones has taken up her duties as Commandant. "The Romans" is now fully occupied as regards the main building, and I hope to have the Billiard Room ready for occupation within a few days. Owing to difficulty in getting R.E. work done the Lavatory is not yet commenced at the Hospital but the Dining Room and Superintendent's Office, for the construction of which we depend on our own labour, is now ready for use.

4. CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK AND REPAIRS.

As stated before alterations to the Billiard Room are in progress which should result in a much more satisfactory stage and stage arrangements. The Billiard Table has been transferred to the Schools. The Dining Room and Superintendent's

Office are completed at the Hospital. The concreting of the covered way to the schools is in progress. Various minor alterations to paths, gas, lighting, etc., are in progress.

5. RED CROSS WORK SHOPS.

A separate memo. is being forwarded covering the work of these shops, and suggesting that the Red Cross Commissioner be approached with a view to the provision of more accommodation.

6. AGRICULTURE.

The potato crop promises to be very satisfactory. Cabbages, marrows, tomatoes and mixed vegetables have been or are being used from our own garden in considerable quantity.

7. GENERAL HEALTH.

The general health of the patients is good.

8. MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Major Lethbridge has been detailed for temporary duty with Colonel Honman inspecting various Orthopaedic Establishments in Italy and France.

Major A.V. Meehan has been detailed on instructional course to Alder Hey Hospital at Liverpool. Captain Forsyth has been attached to replace him during his absence.

9. HOSPITAL INSPECTIONS.

Visits have been paid during the month by the Right Hon. W.M. Hughes, by Sir Joseph Cook, and by the Australian Press Commission. Special attention was paid in each case in talking to the boys with a view to ascertaining their feelings with regard to the provision of good limbs and good food in England. Satisfaction was expressed in every case with the result of their visit.

10. ATTACHED.

Returns are attached giving synopsis of their work by the Surgeon Specialist, the Officers in charge of Special Departments, the Q.M. and the Matron.

A.C.S.

----- Lt. Colonel
O.C. No. 2 . A.A.H. SOUTHALL.

"B"

No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
SOUTHALL.
September 5th, 1918.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

The Surgical work for the month of August was of the usual character as shown by the list of Operations hereunder.

A change was made in the Nursing Staff, Sister Durham being relieved by Sister Mc Donald.

The work in this Department is entirely satisfactory.

The total of operations number 36 including 1 Officer (re-amputation).

LIST OF OPERATIONS.

Sequestrectomy	5
Abscess incised	5
Scars excised	10
Spurs excised	4
F. B. removed	4
Sciatic nerve severed	1
Re-amputations	5
Rectum dilated	1
Tenotomy	1

TOTAL	36 (including Officer)

----- *Gordon* -----

Lieut. Colonel.
SURGEON.

MONTHLY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Month ending 31/8/18. Wards Schools

MEDICAL.

- (1). Admissions 104
- (2). Discharges..... 27
- (3). Transfers 36
- (4). Limbs fitted.....
- (5). New cases sent to Massage... 0 Nil
- (6). Operations,
 - Major. Nil
 - Minor. Nil
- (7). X-Ray Examinations..... 5
- (8). Condition on arrival after travelling

NURSING.

- (1). Changes in Staff. Leslie Overend to full length
replaced by Leslie Bell

ORDERLIES.

- (1). Discipline. Good Quality of work. good
 - (a). Male..... 7
 - (b). Female..... 3
- (2). Remarks. 2 v.a.'s 1 scrubber

PATIENTS.

- (1). Discipline Good
- (2). Average stay 3 weeks
- (3). Work done by assisting Orderlies
- (4). Remarks.

RED CROSS, A.N.A. etc.

- (1). Supply of comforts..... good
- (2). Outings Concerts etc. Many outings arranged

FOOD.

- (1). Quality..... Good (2). Quantity. Fair
- (3). Variety..... Fair

R.E. SERVICES. Improvements.

- (1). Carried out..... Improvements to covered way
- (2). Suggested.....
- (3). Remarks.....

ADDENDA. The following are attached:-

- (1). Reports of Unusual Cases.
 - (2). do All serious illnesses and deaths.
 - (3). do Medical Interest.
- (strike out any not attached).

Mandie M.O. in Charge.
Date submitted.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Month ending 31/8/18. Wards B, D, E, F, G

- MEDICAL. 121
(1) Admissions
(2) Discharges
(3) Transfers
(4) Limbs fitted
(5) New cases sent to Massage
(6) Operations: Major, Minor
(7) X-Ray Examinations
(8) Condition on arrival after travelling: good

NURSING. (1) Changes in Staff: Sister Durham took over F & G, Sister Northolland went on furlough

- ORDERLIES. (1) Discipline: Satisfactory, Quality of work: good
(a) Male: Satisfactory
(b) Female: Satisfactory
(2) Remarks

- PATIENTS. (1) Discipline: good
(2) Average stay: 2 1/2 weeks
(3) Work done by: progressing satisfactorily
(4) Remarks

- RED CROSS, A.N.A. etc. (1) Supply of comforts: good supply
(2) Outings Concerts etc: a few men went on charabanc

- FOOD. (1) Quality: good, (2) Quantity: Sufficient
(3) Variety: fair

- R.E. SERVICES. Improvements. Both put in D Ward
(1) Carried out
(2) Suggested
(3) Remarks

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(1) Reports of Unusual Cases.
(2) do All serious illnesses and deaths.
(3) do Medical Interest.
(strike out any not attached).

J. W. Wood, M.B. in Charge.
1.9.18. Date submitted.

No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
SOUTHALL,
September 4th, 1918.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31st, 1918.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

During the month the Red Cross have arranged outings, either River Trips, Theatre Parties, Garden Parties, or Drives for practically every day, so that with these and other private parties arranged over 400 patients have had an outing.

Picture Shows are now held twice every week in the Recreation Room.

Owing to August being Holiday Month we have been unable to have any visits from Concert Parties.

During the month the Proscenium and Scenery given by the Red Cross for our Stage has been erected. The Proscenium has been beautifully painted by one of our Staff.

SERVICES.

During the month these have been regularly held and the attendance has increased at every Service. On August 4th a Commemoration Service was held which was attended by a very large congregation.

During the month I have conducted Funerals at Brookwood on three occasions.

Henry King

Chaplain.
No. 2. A.A.H. SOUTHALL.

No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
SOUTHALL.
September 5th, 1918.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

The work for the month has been light.

The Health of the Nursing Staff has been good, although it is to be regretted that one of the Permanent Staff, S/N Blackett, has been invalided to Australia owing to eye trouble; she has not yet been replaced.

Changes in the Nursing Staff include

From Transport	13
To leave	9
To other Hospitals	2

The difficulty re the Sisters' Mess is still present, the ration and allowance being too small. As all food is getting dearer it will mean a serious drain from the Sisters' pay.

A new V.A.D. Commandant, Miss Jones, has been appointed and reported for duty on 23/8/18.

Mary H. Finlay Matron.

No. 2 A.A.H. SOUTHALL.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"SOUTHAST, SOUTH

TELEPHONE: SOUTHALL

No. 2 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

ST. MARYLEBONE SCHOOLS,
SOUTHALL, MIDDLESEX,

September 4th,

MONTHLY REPORT OF PHARMACEUTICAL OFFICER FOR
MONTH OF AUGUST.

The work of the Department has been carried out during
the month to my entire satisfaction.

S/Sgt. Beck W.J. marched out to D.M.S. for discharge
from the A.I.F.

I have carried out the duties of Messing Officer to the
Staff.

----- Lieut.

C.O.

No. 2. Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Southall.

To O.C.,
No. 2 A.A.H.,

From Capt. Nisbet, Radiographer.

MONTHLY REPORT.

X-RAY.

The number of patients passing through this Department during the month constitutes a record. By far the greater number, as may be expected, were lower limb amputation cases. Nothing of unusual interest has occurred and the Department in general runs very smoothly indeed.

MASSAGE.

A considerably greater number of patients could be treated here, but owing to the number of bed cases and open wounds at present in Hospital these are not available.

Statistics.

<u>X-Ray</u>	
No. of Patients	202
Limb Cases	168
Plates	376

<u>Massage.</u>	
No. of Patients	76
Average daily attendance	46
Treatments completed	30
Total treatments	1283.

A. J. Nisbet

----- Capt. and
Radiographer.

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No. 2. Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
SOUTHALL,
September 9th, 1918.

REPORT ON Q.M'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST - 1918.

Capt. Aspinall is still on duty at A.I.F. depots in the United Kingdom.

Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining sufficient leather for the repairing of boots, and supplies are not yet to hand, which necessitated obtaining supplies temporarily from the Red Cross Workshops on loan.

The fresh fish supplied by the Fennant Fish Supply Co., Grimsby, was very unsatisfactory, four consignments totalling 910 lbs. were condemned by Board of Officers.

Application was made to Officer i/c Supplies for authority to purchase locally but has not been granted to date, which necessitates the issue of tinned fish. Vegetables have been principally supplied from the Regimental Garden for use of Patients and Staff.

Two members of the Staff Ptes. Bartley M.M. & Allen marched out for transport duty to Australia, the former from the Clerks' Office, his place being taken by Pte. Walsh, the latter from the Pack Store and he was replaced by Mrs. Mc. Bride a member of the V.A.D.

*Watt GMS
7/9/18*
