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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1918.				
July 1st.			Personnel. - 18 Med. Offrs. 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Masters, 86 Nursing Staff 219 O/Ranks. Arrivals. nil. - Departures - NIL. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 129. - Wounded 10. - Total 139. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 23. - Con Depot 46. - Base Depots 8 - Oth. Hsps. 61. - Total 138. Wounded. - " " 17. - " " 5. " 9 Total 31. Total 169. Patients Remaining. - Sick 582. - Wounded 125. - Total 787. - Vacant Beds - 333.	WSS
	Midnight.			
July 2nd.			Personnel. - 18 Med. Offrs. 1 Dent. Offr. 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Masters, 86 Nurs. Staff, 219 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. - Departures. - NIL. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 44. - Wounded 35. - Total 79. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 31. - Con Depot 24. - Base Depots 12. - Oth. Hsps. 1 - Total 68. Wounded. - " " 23. - " " 10. Total 33. Total 101. Patients remaining. - Sick 558. - Wounded 127. - Total 685. Vacant Beds 455.	WSS
	Midnight.			
July 3rd.			Personnel. - 18 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Masters, 86 Nurs. Staff, 219 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. - Departures. - NIL. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 131. - Wounded 42. - Total 173. Discharges and Transfers. - Sick. - To England 10. - Con Depot 30. - Base Depots 5. - Oth. Hsps. 3. - Total 98. Wounded. - " " 1. - " " 5. - " " 1. - " " 7. - Total 14. Total 112. Patients. remaining. - Sick 591. - Wounded 155. - Total 746. Vacant Beds - 394.	WSS
	Midnight.			
July 4th.			Personnel. - 18 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Masters, 86 Nurs. Staff, 219 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. - Departures. - NIL. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 78. - Wounded 12. - Total 90. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 11. - Con Depot 42. - Base Depots 7. - Total 60. Wounded. - " " 18. - " " 14. - Oth. Hsp. 1. - Total 33. - Total 93. DEATH. - No 5601. - Pte. T.C. JURY. - 27th. Aust. Inf. - Tubercular Peritonitis. Patients remaining. - Sick. - 609. - Wounded 133. - Total 742. - Vacant Beds 398.	WSS
	2 pm.			
	Midnight.			



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1918.				
July 5th.			Personnel-18 Med. Offrs, 1 Dental Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 86 Nurs. Staff, 219 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 2 Nursing Staff from leave. - Departures. - 2 Nursing Staff to Transfer. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 89. - Wounded 241. - Total 330. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 14. - Con Depot 36. - Base Depots 4. - Total 54. Wounded. - " " 13. - " " 1. - " " 1. - Total 15. - Total 69.	
	5-45 am.		DEATH. - No 87075. - Gunner H. PARTRIDGE. - 154th. How Bty. R.G.A. - Cutaneous Burns W.	
	5-30 pm.		DEATH. - No 63892. - Pte. Le Manquain. F.R.C. - 11th. Roy. Fus att. 54th. T.M.B. - S.W. Knee & Brain.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining. - Sick 644. - Wounded 357. - Total 1001. Vacant Beds. - 39.	W.S.
July 6th.			Personnel. - 18 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 86 Nurs. Staff, 219 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. Departures. - 1 Medical Officers to leave. (Maj. J.S. VESCO). Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 65. - Wounded 54. - Total 119. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 15. - Con Depot 82. - Base Depots 11. - Oth. Hsps 53. - Total 161. Wounded. - " " 20. - " " 2. - " " 10. - Total 39. Total 200.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick 548. - Wounded 372. - Total 920. Vacant Beds 120.	W.S.
July 7th.			Personnel. - 17 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 86 Nurs. Staff 219 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. Departures. - 2 O/Ranks to Leave. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 98. - Wounded 11. - Total 109. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 57. - Con Depot 34. - Base Depots 4. - Total 95. - Wounded. - " " 81. - " " 11. - " " 0. - Total 92. - Total 187.	
	Midnight.		Sick Remaining - 551. - Wounded 291. - Total 843. Vacant Beds 198.	W.S.



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1918.				
JULY 8th.			<p>Personnel. - 17 Med. Offrs, 1 Dental Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 86 Nurs. Staff, 217 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Nursing Staff from leave. - 1 Nursing Staff from transfer.</p> <p>Departures. - 1 Nursing Staff to Leave. - 1 O/Rank to Leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 119. - Wounded. - 26. - Total 145.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick. - To England 23. - Con Depot 63. - Base Depots 6. - Oth. Hsps. 40 - Total 132.</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 38. - " " 10. - " " 10. Total 58. - Total 190.</p>	
	Midnight		<p>Patients remaining. - Sick 528. - Wounded 259. - Total 797. -</p> <p>Vacant Beds. - 243.</p>	W.S.
July 9th.			<p>Personnel. - 17 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 87 Nurs. Staff, 216 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 2 Med. Offrs, from Transfer (Capts. H. Symonds, R.R. Milligan-NZMC)</p> <p>Departures. - 2 Nursing Staff to Leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 78. - Wounded 22. - Total 100.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick. - To England 48. - Con Depot 26. - Base Depots 11. - Oth. Hsps 37. - Total 122.</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 30. - " " 10. - " " 11. - Total 51. - Total 173.</p>	
	Midnight		<p>Patients remaining. - Sick 494. - Wounded 230. - Total 724.</p> <p>Vacant Beds - 316.</p>	W.S.
July 10th.			<p>Personnel. - 19 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 89 Nurs. Staff, 216 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - NIL.</p> <p>Departures. - NIL.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - 3 Sick. - Total 3.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick. - To England 6. - Con Depot 44. - Base Depots 5. - Total 55.</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 16. - " " 5. Total 21. - Total 76.</p>	
	Midnight		<p>Patients remaining. - Sick 442. - Wounded 209. - Total 651.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 389.</p>	W.S.



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1918 July 11th.			Personnel. - 19 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 89 Nurs. Staff, 216 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. Departures. - NIL. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick. 45. - Wounded 13. - Total 58. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 20. - Con Depot 28. - Base Depots 1. - Oth. Hsps. 27 - Total 86. Wounded. - " " 9 - " " 9 - " " 10. - Total 26. - Total 112.	
	2 am Midnight		DEATH. - No T40/83678 - Pte. T. GARDNER. - A.S.C. att. 1st. Cav. Div. Workshops. - Pneumonia. Patients remaining. - Sick 400. - Wounded 196. - Total 596. Vacant Beds 444.	W.S.
July 12th.			Personnel. - 19 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 89 Nurs. Staffs, 216 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. Departures. - 2 O/Ranks to leave. Bed Strength. - 1040. - Admissions - Sick 26. - Wounded 45. - Total 71. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England. 6. - Con Depot 31. - Base Depots 3. - Oth. Hsps. 1. - Total 41. Wounded. - " " 13. - " " 1. - Total 14. - Total 55.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining. - Sick. 385. - Wounded 227. - Total 612. Vacant Beds 428.	W.S.
July 13th.			Personnel. - 19 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 89 Nurs. Staff, 214 O/Ranks. Arrivals. - 1 O/Rank from leave. - Departures. - 1 O/Rank to leave. - 1 Nurs. Staff to Transfer. Bed Strength. - 1040. - Admissions. - Sick. 55. - Wounded 25. - Total 80. Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 13. - To Con Depot 19. - Base Depots 6. - Total 38. Wounded. - " " 11. - " " 4. - Total 15. - Total 53.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining. - Sick 402. - Wounded 237. - Total 639. Vacant Beds 401.	W.S.



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1918. July 14th.			<p>Personnel. - 19 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 88 Nurs. Staff, 214 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Nurs. Staff from leave. - 1 Med. Offr. for Temp. Duty. (Lieut. J. N. Edgar N.Z.M.C.) 2 Nursing Staff from Transfer.</p> <p>Departures. - 1 Med. Offr. to Sick List. - (Capt. R. R. D. Milligan N.Z.M.C.)</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick. 5. - Total 5.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers, Sick. - To England 12. - Con Depot 33. - Base Depots 5. - Oth. Hsps 34 - Total 84.</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 13. - " " 1. - " " 6. - Total 20. Total 104.</p> <p>DEATH. - No 3478. - Pte. J. STUART. - 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. - Pneumonia.</p> <p>Patients remaining. - Sick 322. - Wounded 317. - Total 539.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 501.</p>	
	9-40 pm Midnight.			
July 15th.			<p>Personnel. - 19 Med. Offrs, 1 Dental Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 91 Nurs. Staff, 214 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 2 Med. Offrs, from Transfer (Capts. F. J. B. Miller &amp; T. G. Allen) 1 Nurs. Staff from Transfer. <del>Departures.</del> 1 O/Rank from transfer.</p> <p>Departures. - 2 Nursing Staff to Leave - 2 O/Ranks to leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick. 112. - Wounded 27. - Total 129.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers. Sick. - To England 12. - Con Depot 19. - Base Depots 5. - Oth. Hsps 35. - Total 71.</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 14. - " " 2 - " " 6. - Total 22. - Total 93.</p> <p>Patients remaining. - Sick 363. - Wounded 222. - Total 585.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 455.</p>	
	Midnight			
July 16th.			<p>Personnel. - 21 Med. Offrs, 1 Dental Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 90 Nurs. Staff, 213. O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Nurs. Staff from leave. - 1 Med. Offr from Transfer - (Capt. N. L. Speirs)</p> <p>Departures. - 4 O/Ranks to leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick. 2. - Total 2.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers. Wounded. - To England 28. - Con Depot 4. - Total 32.</p> <p>Sick. - " " 18. - Con Depot 19. - Base Depots 5. - Total 42. - Total 74.</p> <p>Patients remaining. - Sick 323. - Wounded 190. - Total 513.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 522.</p>	
	Midnight			



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1918.				
July 17th.			<p>Personnel. - 22 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 91 Nurs. Staff, 209 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 20/Ranks from Leave.</p> <p>Departures. - 1 Dispenser to leave. (Lieut T.W. Longville) -</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 73 - Wounded 40. - Total 113.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick. - To England 5. - Con Depot 20. - Base Depots 6. - Oth. Hsps. 13 - Total 44</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 11. - " " 4. - Total 15. - Total 59.</p> <p>DEATH. - No 48769 - Dvr. J. Cooper. - N.Z. Field Art. 2nd. B.A.C. - Pneumonia.</p> <p>Patients remaining. - Sick 351 - Wounded 215. - Total 566.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 474.</p>	WSS
July 18th.			<p>Personnel. - 22 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 91 Nursing Staff, 211 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Med. Offr from Transfer, (Capt. E.E.W. Roberts) 1 Nurs. Staff from Leave.</p> <p>Departures. - 2 Nurs. Staff to Leave. - 1 Nursing Staff to Transfer.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. - Sick 0. - Total 0.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick - To England 7. - Con Depot 16 - Base Depots 1. - Total 24.</p> <p>Wounded - " " 13. - " " 1. - Total 14. - Total 38.</p> <p>DEATH. - No 42624. - Rfm. J.D. BROWN. - 3rd N.Z. Rifle Bde. - SW. Chest.</p> <p>Patients remaining. - Sick 327. - Wounded 200. - Total 527.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 513.</p>	WSS
July 19th.			<p>Personnel. - 23 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Quartermasters, 89 Nurs. Staff, 211 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Med. Offr from Transfer (Capt. A.E. Morton) - 1 O/Rank from Transfer.</p> <p>Departures. - NIL.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 61. - Wounded 17. - Total 78.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick - To England 12. - Con Depot 10 - Base Depots 6. - Total 28.</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 7. - " " 7. - Total 14. - Total 42.</p> <p>Patients remaining. - Sick 360 - Wounded 203. - Total 563.</p> <p>Vacant Beds - 477.</p>	WSS



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1918				
July 20th.			<p>Personnel. - 24 Medical Offr, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 89 Nurs. Staff, 212 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Med. Offr from leave (Maj. W.S. Sweet) -</p> <p>Departures. - 1 Nurs. Staff to leave. - 1 Nurs. Staff to Sick Leave. - No 2 Surgical Team to  <del>xxxxxxxxxxxx</del> 2nd. Army, composed as follows:- (Maj. R.O. Douglas, Capt. J.R. Williams, Sister  L.R. Tyers and 3 Other Ranks).</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick. 4 - Total 4.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers</p> <p>Sick - To England 11 - Con Depot 9 - Base Depots 6. - Total 26.</p> <p>Wounded. - " " 22. - " " 6. Total 28. - Total 54.</p> <p>Midnight Patients remaining. - Sick 338. - Wounded 175. - Total 513.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 527.</p>	
July 21st.			<p>Personnel. - 22 Med. Offrs, 1 Dent. Offr, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 86 Nyrs. Staff, 209 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - NIL.</p> <p>Departures. - Commanding Officer to Leave (Col. J.A. Dick)</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 2 - Total 2.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers</p> <p>Sick, to England 7 - Con Depot 21 - Total 28.</p> <p>Wounded, to England 6 - Con Depot 3 - Other Hospital 1 - Total 10. Grand Total 38.</p> <p>Midnight Patients remaining - Sick 312 - Wounded 165 - Total 477.</p> <p>Vacant Beds <del>55</del> 563.</p>	
July 22nd.			<p>Personnel - 23 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Masters, 89 Nurs. Staff, 212 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals - 1 Medical Officer from leave (Maj J.S. Verco).</p> <p>Departures - Nil.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions, Sick 30 - Wounded 114 - Total 144.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers -</p> <p>Sick, to England 8 - Con Depot 27 - Base Depot 6 - Other Hospitals 45 - Total 86.</p> <p>Wounded, to England 5 - Con Depot 5 - Other Hospitals 5 - Total 15 - Grand total 101.</p> <p>Midnight Patients remaining - Sick 256 - Wounded <del>244</del> 264 - Total 520.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 520.</p>	



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1918.				
July 23rd.			Personnel, 24 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officers, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Masters, 89 Nurs. Staff 212 Other Ranks. Arrivals - Nil. Departures - 1 Medical Officer to 1st Aust Division (Capt, W.K.W. Flook). 2 Other Ranks to leave. 1 Other Rank to Transfer. Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick 77 - Wounded 214 - Total 291. Discharges and Transfers - Sick, to England 18 - Con Depot 12 - Base Depot 6 - Other Hospitals 16 - Total 52. Wounded, to England 41 - Con Depot 5 - Other Hospitals 8 - Total 54 - Grand Total 106. 4.30 a.m. Death - No. 305821 Pte Mellor R. 5 D of W's. S.W. head. 5 p.m. " 164410 Pte Taylor H. A.S.C., M.T. att 2nd Life Gds, pneumonia. Midnight Sick remaining 280 - Wounded 423 - Total 703. Vacant Beds 337.	W.S.
July 24th			Personnel, 23 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Masters, 89 Nurs. Staff, 209 Other Ranks. Arrivals - 1 Nurs. Staff from detachment. Departures - 2 Other Ranks to leave. Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions, Sick 8 - Wounded 118 - Total 126. Discharges and Transfers - Sick, to Con Dept 16 - Base Depot 3 - Total 19. Wounded, to Con Depot 5 - Total 5 - Grand Total 24. Midnight Patients remaining - Sick, 269 - Wounded 536 - Total 805. Vacant Beds 235.	W.S.
July 25th			Personnel, 23 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Mstrs, 890 Nurs. Staff 207 Other Ranks. Arrivals - 1 Other Rank from Transfer. Departures - 1 Medical Officer to N.Z. Division (Lt. J.N. Edgar). N.Z.M.C., Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions, Sick 13 - Wounded 168 - Total 181. Discharges and Transfers - Sick, to England 26 - Con Depot 23 - Base Depot 5 - Other Hospitals 25 - Total 79. Wounded, to England 72 - Con Depot 5 - Other Hospitals 26 - Total 103 - Grand Total 182.	W.S.



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1918.				
July 25th	12.5 a.m.		Death - No. 5226 Pte F.W. Brown 2/5 West Yorks - G. SW head and face.	
(continued)	Midnight		Patients remaining - Sick 203 - Wounded 6 00 - Total 803. Vacant Beds 237.	W.S.
July 26th			Personnel, 22 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Msters, 90 nurs Staff 208 Other Ranks.	
			Arrivals - 1 Medical Officer from transfer (Lt-Col. H.C. Nott). 1 Nursing Staff from transfer, 2 Nursing Staff from leave.	
			Departures - 1 Nursing Staff to transfer.	
			Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions - Sick, 47 - Wounded 26 - Total 73.	
			Discharges and Transfers - Sick, to England 12 - Con Depot 14 - Base Depot 5 - Other Hospitals 25 - Total 56.	
			Wounded, to England 51 - Con Depot 26 - Other Hospitals 27 - Total 106. - Grand Total 162.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining - Sick 194 - Wounded 520 - Total 714. Vacant Beds 326.	W.S.
July 27th			Personnel, 23 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Msters, 92 Nurs. Staff, 208 Other Ranks.	
			Arrivals - Nil.	
			Departures - Nil.	
			Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions - Sick, 10 - Wounded, 87 - Total 97.	
			Discharges and Transfers - Sick, to England 3, - Con Depot 5 - Other Hospitals 8 - Base Depot 1 - Total 17.	
			Wounded - to England 92 - Con Depot 13 - Other Hospitals 28 - Total 133 - Grand Total 150.	
	7 p.m.		Deaths - No. 202865 Pte J. Duthie, 1st 4th Gordons S.W. thigh.	
	7.45 p.m.		No. 200032 Sgt G. Griffiths 4th Cheshires, gassed.	
	Midnight		Patients remaining - Sick, 187 - Wounded 472 - Total 659. Vacant Beds 381.	W.S.



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1918.				
July 28th.			<p>Personnel, 22 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr Msters, 92 Nurs, Staff 208 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals - Nil.</p> <p>Departures - 1 Medical Officer to transfer to 4th Aust. Flying Squadron (Capt A.E.Morton).</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions - Sick, 3 - Total 3.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers -</p> <p>Sick, to England 12 - Con Depot 9 - Base Depot 2 - Other Hospital 1 - Total 24.</p> <p>Wounded, to England 77 - Con Depot 9 - Other Hospital 1 - Total 87 - Grand Total 111.</p> <p>1.15 a.m. Death - No. 40401 Pte R.Wilson, 6th Camerons, gassed.</p> <p>2.30 a.m. No. 6328 Pte A.E. Stiff, 13th Aust Inf. S.W.head.</p> <p>9.10 p.m. No. 200859 Pte W.E.Hughes, 1st/4th Cheshires, gassed.</p> <p>11.10 p.m. No. 350503 Pte W.McPherson, 7th Black Watch, gassed. S.W. chest.</p> <p>Midnight Patients remaining - Sick, 166 - Wounded 381 - Total 547.</p> <p>Vacant Beds 493.</p>	
July 29th.			<p>Personnel, 21 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr. Mstrs 92 Nurs. Staff. 208 Other ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals - Nil.</p> <p>Departures - 2 Officers to leave (Lt Col H.C.Nott and Capt. A.E.Brown), 2 Nurs staff to leave, 2 Other ranks to leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions - Sick, 35 - Wounded 177 - Total 212.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers -</p> <p>Sick - to England 6 - Con Depot 5 - Base Depot 1 - Total 12.</p> <p>Wounded - to England 42 - Con Depot 5 - Other Hospital 1 - Total 48 - Grand Total 60.</p> <p>12.45 a.m. Death - No. 27922 Pte F.Johnson, 1st/4th Cheshires, , Gassed.</p> <p>Midnight Patients remaining- Sick 189. Wounded- 509- Total 698.</p> <p>Vacant Beds- 342.</p>	
July 30th.			<p>Personnel- 19 Medical Officers- 1 Dent.Off. 2 Chaplains, 2 Q/Masters 90 N/Staff 206 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals- Nil.</p> <p>Departures - 2 Nurs, Staff to leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions, Sick 12 - Wounded, 71 - Total 83.</p>	







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ROUEN	July -			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30am	tp: 50° - 88° Max. pt. 836 Min. pt. 694 Clear sunshine after moonlight night. Two air-raids during night 12-10am and 4-40am. No bombs dropped here - All pre cautionary measures taken.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30am	tp: 52° - 84° Max. pt. <del>707</del> 732 Min. pt. <del>579</del> 653 Cloudy after clear night - no air-raids during night. Sufficient trenches are dug for all able to walk. Sandbapping progressing. Roads & Camp badly known <sup>by the</sup> <del>by the</del> <sup>On the 2<sup>nd</sup></sup> .	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30	tp: 52° - 82° Max. pt. 787 Min. pt. 614 Cloudy morning - no air-raids during night. R.E. Supervising Entrenchments visited the camp along with A. Moorehouse, R.E. the officer in charge of party -	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30am	tp: 48° - 74 Max. pt. 807 Min. pt. 714 Cloudy morning after clear night - no air-raids. Lt. Gen. C. H. BURTCHAELL, D. G. M. S., B. A. in France, called at 4:30 with D. D. M. S. Rouen. Great celebrations of Commemoration of Independence Day - by U. S. A. - French - & British (and Australian).	
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30am	tp: 48° - 84° Max. pt. 1045 Min. pt. 715 Cloudy - no air-raids at night. Trip. VERCO went on leave. U. K. The 4 <sup>th</sup> Div. Concert Group & 13 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Band left for Dreppé after a most successful tour in Rouen Base.	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30am	tp: 54° - 84° Max. pt. 1018 Min. pt. 899 Cloudy morning - no air-raids during night. Wounded from the Hamel & Villers Bretonneaux Engagement Successful to A. I. F. & U. S. A. troops on 4 <sup>th</sup> arrived yesterday & today. 3pm. The Advising-Consulting-Surgeon G. H. Q. [Mjr. Gen. Sir Anthony BOWLER] visited the hospital & enquired concerning the Wounded and saw Operations in New Theatre and other cases with Lt Col. DONNELL on English Specialist.	

J. A. B. Col.  
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Rouen	July			
	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	tp: 52° - 88° Max. pt. 920 Min. pt. 782 Misty & cloudy - no air raids in night. Major E. Cornwall went to ETR E T A T. Rest Home for Sisters for 14 days - Capt. MILLIGAN, N.Z. Med Cap reported on 8 <sup>th</sup>	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	tp: 54° - 90° Max. pt. 926 Min. pt. 781. Misty - no air raids in night - Capt. H. Symonds reported. A. Col. T. P. DUNHILL, A.M.C. our Surgical Specialist is acting, has been acting since June 30 <sup>th</sup> for Col. PITCHER, Cons. Surg. Rouen Base.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	tp: 52° - 80° Max. pt. 819 Min. pt. 719. Misty - no air raids. Raining for one hour 5pm - 6pm. Dry weather & traffic from Entrenching & Sandbagging parties have made the Camp dusty & roads untidy.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	tp: 50° - 72° Max. pt. 724 Min. pt. 651. Cloudy. Windy, S.W. no air raids. F.D.M.S. inspected at 2.30. Rained off and on today for about 2 hours.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	tp: 50° - 74° Max. pt. 651 Min. pt. 577. Cloudy. Windy. <sup>no air raids</sup> D.S.M.S. called with Col. J. M. ELDER, Cons. Surg. Col. J. A. DICK - Maj. E. W. FAIRFAX & Capt. H. M. Maughan, with D.S.M.S. approval inspected Hqs & Con Camp TROUVILLE	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	tp: 52 - 62 Max. pt. 648 Min. pt. 577 Cloudy & showery. Lieut. EDGAR, N.Z. Med Cap. reported from Hospital	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		tp: 52 - 64 Max. pt. 668 Min. pt. 588 Cloudy & showery. Capt. T. G. ALLEN and Capt. F. J. B. MILLER reported from A.I.F. Adm. H.Q.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		tp: 50° - 60° Max. pt. 639 Min. pt. 539, Cloudy & dull. Capt. N. E. SPIERS, reported	

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Rouen	19 <sup>th</sup> July			
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7am	temp. 50° - 70° Max pb. 653 Min pb. 513. Cloudy & showery - much needed rains. Enemy offensive resumed <sup>round</sup> Rheims. 513. Man of Prin. Matron Rouen inspected.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 am	tp. 52 - 90° Max pb. 510 Min pb. 497. Cloudy in am. Clear & hot midday - tp 90° in shade - heavy thunderstorm between 4 & 6 am, causing leakage in tent & beds & several wash aways.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30	tp. 54 - 92 Max pb. 610 Min pb. 497. Cloudy in am. in air raids. Hot sultry day tp 92° in shade. Heavy thunderstorm 6pm. Capt. L. E. W. Roberts reported for duty. Matron Cornwell returned.	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30	tp 58 - 78° Max pb. 566 Min pb. 524. Cloudy morning - no air raids. Showery during day. D.D.M.S. inspected on Wednesday 2:45pm. The French & American successfully counterattacked today.	
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 am	tp 54 - 72 Max pb. 586 Min pb. 508. Cloudy & showery - no air raids.	
		8:30 pm	D. G. A. A. M. S. (Mr. J. R. G. FETHERSTON) with Staff Offr. (Lt. Col. T. G. WILSON) visited Capt. and stayed over night. Mr. Douglas Capt. Williams & remainder of their Surgical team left for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 am	tp 60 - 80 Max pb. 600 Min pb. 550. No air raids cloudy & clear. C. O. a procedure leave to U.K. today. D. G. A. A. M. S. to proceed to Paris this evening.	
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>		Weather Showery. D. D. M. S. called re Supt Raphael's marriage. Formalities Completed. Registrar (Major Vercy) returned from leave.	

J. A. Dick - Col.  
C. O. 1<sup>st</sup> A. G. H.



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Rome	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	mid day	Fine and bright. Temperature average. Clear moonlight last night. <del>with</del> 'Air raid' warning given at 12-20am. Official 'all clear' signal 1-5am. All lights in Huts, Sections etc were extinguished when warning was given. Two convoys during night - chiefly light cases - 90 in all.	(Capt Hook left)
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Heavy rain this a.m. later showers. Yesterday evening 150 cases admitted many severe surgical - Operations carried on until about 2 a.m. Convoy this a.m. <sup>120</sup> but surgical cases much lighter. Another Convoy during afternoon <sup>130</sup> also light cases. Entertainment Sections (Band and 'Anzac Coves') arrived yesterday evening & were housed in two marquees.	
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>		Fine and cool. Lieut. Edgar left. D.D.M.S. came & visited Sisters Quarters - re increase of accommodation etc. Convoy 124 at 7.15 pm.	SIR ANTHONY BOWLEY visited the hospital
	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Continuance of fine & cool weather. Lt. Col. Roth reported for duty. Surgical convoys of large size still coming in.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Clear & cool but cloudy. Captain Bermelt from 129 <sup>th</sup> F.A. (Porting) reported for duty. Captain Morton left for duty to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flying Squadron.	
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Rain in the night & showery this a.m. Saw Lt. Col. Davy R.E. re heating of baths & Sister Quarters. Radiators suggested. Saw Capt. Rowett R.E. about many minor repairs & alterations.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ronen Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30 p	Cold last night after heavy showers. Clear this am. swarmer. Capt. A.R. Brown & Lt. Col. Kott went away yesterday on leave. Air raid warning at 10 am. All clear signal about half an hour afterwards. Sound of plane's motor heard. No bombs dropped. Special instructions given for grass plots & flower beds of each section and gardens and grounds generally to be put in order. Inspected hospital site to find place for large red cross to be made in accordance with D.D.M.S. instructions. No vacant area large enough.	
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30 p	Clear & warmer. Consulting Surgeon Col. A.S. Carless came this morning. Convoy about 11 am. (96) almost all surgical mixed light & heavy. Consulting Surgeon Col. Charters Symonds visited the hospital informed by postal authorities that a firewoman & two soldiers W.A.A.Cs will shortly take over P.O.	
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> July	10 am	Weather fine & hot. Grounds thoroughly supervised. The D.D.M.S. General House, General Boddie D.A.B. & Mr. Mansfield arrived about 3.45 pm. They remained to tea & dinner. Mr. Mansfield was conducted over the hospital. The visitors left about 9 pm. Earlier in the day Major Holden from Boulogne Red Cross visited our Red Cross Stores. The D.D.M.S. came in the morning to see General House who had not then arrived.	
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Evening	Sunny & very hot. Saw Birler for heating Sisters Pratts brought yesterday. D.D.M.S. paid his usual visit this afternoon. [Whone Sweet Major CO. 18 <sup>th</sup> AGH]	



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1. Summary of Admissions, Discharges and Deaths.
2. Copy of C.O's. Monthly Report to D.M.S., A.I.F.,  
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APPENDIX

PARTICULARS TO ACCOMPANY WAR DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1918.

SUMMARY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED, DISCHARGED  
 AND DIED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1918.  
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	<u>SICK.</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
Remaining at midnight 30.6.18	591	146	737	
Admissions.	1488	1884	3372	
Transferred to England.	459	886	1345	
Transferred to Other Hospitals.	499	207	706	
Discharged to Conv. Depot.	778	198	976	
Discharged to Duty Bases.	149	2	151	
DEATHS.	4	16	20	
				7,307
Patients remaining midnight 31.7.18	190	721	911	
Daily average beds occupied.	677			
" " admissions.	109			
" " discharges & transfers	102.5			
" " deaths.	.645			
Average stay in Hospital.	6 days.			
Operations performed.	600			

*W. Sidney Sweet* Major.  
 Acting Commanding Officer.  
 First Australian General Hospital.

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A. I. F.  
10th. July 1918.

D.M.S. A.I.F.  
Administrative Headquarters,  
L O N D O N .

Ref. D.M.S. A.I.F. M.1513/4/2 of 15-10-17.

Herewith please

REPORT FROM C.O..  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1918.  
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The month of June was a busy one for this Hospital.  
The number of admissions exceeded the average by over one thousand. There were also several inspections by General Officers and Matrons-in-Chief.

INSPECTIONS ETC.

June 2nd. The G.O.C. A.I.F., (General Sir W.R. Birdwood) visited and inspected the unit.

June 7th. The D.M.S. A.I.F. (Maj. Gen. Sir N.R. Howse) visited the unit.

June 7th. The D.G.A.A.M.S. (Surgeon General ~~Sir~~ R.H. Featherston) inspected the hospital, being accompanied by the D.M.S. A.I.F. and Lt. Col. T.G. Wilson, Staff Officer to the D.G.

June 8th. The Matron-in-Chief B.E.F. (Miss E.M. McCarthy) inspected the hospital, accompanied by the Acting Principal Matron, Rouen.

June 15th. The D.M.S. L. of C. B.E.F., (Maj. General H. Carr) inspected the hospital, accompanied by the D.D.M.S. Rouen.

June 16th. The Matron-in-Chief A.A.N.S. A.I.F., (Miss E.A. Conyers) inspected the hospital, accompanied by Miss Smith G.H.Q., L. of C.

Other Official Visitors have been: Surg. Gen. Sir Wilmot Harringham, Consulting Physician G.H.Q., B.E.F. - Colonel A. B. Soltau, C.M.G., Consulting Physician, 2nd. Army B.E.F., accompanied by Col. W. Pasteur, Consulting Physician, Rouen Base.

The usual weekly inspections of the hospital have been made by the D.D.M.S. Rouen (Col. J. Meek, C.B., A.M.S.) also by the Acting Principal Matron, Rouen Area (Miss M.M. Tunley RRC.)

COST OF SUBSISTENCE.

The Cost of Subsistence per patient per diem for the month averaged 1/7-432d.

AVERAGE STAY IN HOSPITAL.

The average stay in hospital of patients during the month was 6 days.

ADMISSIONS.

The number of patients received during the month was 3723.

The average number of admissions per month for period in France (26 months) is 2625-923. Of the admissions, 2197 were "Sick" and 1526 were "Wounded". A widespread epidemic of influenza increased the "Sick" admissions. There were also an increased number of patients suffering from penetrating wounds of the chest. This hospital shares with the other three of the "Racecourse Group" of hospitals, all such cases at this Base.

MEDICAL CASES.

The number of Sick admitted was 2197. Amongst these were included cases of:- D.A.H., V.D.H., Debility, Diarrhoea, Enteritis, Goitre, Gassed, Pneumonia, Septic Broncho-pneumonia,



Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Trench Fever, Influenza, Nephritis, Jaundice and Malaria.

There were 35 Cases of Penetrating Wounds of the Chest.  
There were 181 Gassed Cases.

The Consulting Physician, Rouen Base, (Col. W. Pasteur) visited the Hospital and saw cases with the Physician Specialist and other officers.

The report of the Medical Officer in Charge of the Medical Division is attached.

#### SURGICAL CASES.

The number of "wounded" admitted was 1526. These included many dangerously wounded patients.

The new operating theatre has been completed and work in it was commenced on June 28th. This Theatre will accommodate five tables ordinarily, and could accommodate seven or eight in periods of pressure. The space formerly occupied by old No 1 Theatre is now a waiting room for patients who are about to be radiographed or operated upon. The space formerly occupied by No 2 Theatre 200 yards away, is now occupied by the Dental Unit. Both the old Theatres were very small and inadequate.

During the month several parties of Medical Officers from hospitals in the Rouen Area have visited the Surgical Wards. Arrangements were made for such visits at the suggestion of the consulting Surgeons, Col. Gask (now gone to 4th. Army) and Col. Pilcher. The visitors were taken charge of by our Surgical Specialist who prepared the programme, the cases were exhibited by the Medical Officers in charge of the patients. Since then similar visits to other hospitals in this area have taken place. These visits have served to stimulate deeper interest in the treatment of the patients.

The Report of the Surgical Department is attached from the Surgical Specialist, who is also the Medical Officer in Charge of the Surgical Division (Lt-Col. T.P. Dunhill).

In the absence of Colonel Pilcher, Consulting Surgeon, Rouen Area, on two occasions during the month, the D.D.M.S. Rouen has requested for the services of our Surgical Specialist (Lt-Col. T.P. Dunhill) who is the Senior Surgical Specialist of this area. Colonel Pilcher proceeds on leave at the end of the month, and the D.D.M.S. has requested that Lt-Col. Dunhill should act for Colonel Pilcher.

#### DEATHS.

There were 28 Deaths during the month. This is above the average, which, for the 26 months service in France is 23.81 per month. The percentage of deaths to admissions for the period in France is .91%

#### PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

During the month some necessary alterations were made by the R.E. to the Pathological Laboratory. One of the rooms was slightly enlarged. Windows facing North were substituted for windows that formerly faced East and West. The assistance of this Department is constantly being availed of by Medical Officers of the Hospital in the treatment of their patients.

Attached is the Report of the Pathologist for the month.

#### "X-RAY" DEPARTMENT.

During the month some necessary alterations were made by the R.E. to the rooms occupied by this department. The result is that Patients sent for "X-ray" now have a waiting room.

Capt. A.E. Brown rejoined the Unit from 4th. Australian Division, and resumed duty as radiographer. His report of the work for the month is attached.



A copy of a recently prepared plan, photographs and description of an efficient and cheap piece of apparatus designed by Capt. Brown with the assistance of the "X-ray" N.C.O. (Sergt. E.L.Norris) for "X-ray" examination of Chest Cases and others in the erect posture, has been forwarded to D.M.S. A.I.F. In a former Monthly Report, reference to this apparatus has been made.

The Consulting Radiologist B.E.F., (Lt-Col. R.Higham Cooper) considers the apparatus quite important.

#### SANITARY OFFICERS REPORT.

The Sanitary Officers' Report is attached. During the month there were several Cases of "Influenza" amongst the Staff, but no widespread epidemic.

T.A.B. inoculations are carried out upon all Members of the Staff who have not had same for a year.

#### V. D.

The number of Cases of V.D. during the month was 3.

It is considered that the methods of treating those exposed to V.D. infection are efficient. This subject is referred to in the Registrar's Report.

#### REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.

The various duties of this Department were carried out very efficiently during the month.

The Report of the Registrar (Major J.S. Verco) is attached.

#### NURSING DEPARTMENT.

The Acting Principal Matron, Rouen Area, inspected the Hospital on Mondays throughout the month. There were also inspections by The Matron-in-Chief B.E.F., (Miss M.M.McCarthy R.R.C., C.B.E.,) and by the Matron-in-Chief, A.A.N.S., A.I.F. (Miss E.A. Conyers, R.R.C.)

A report from Matron E. Cornwell, R.R.C. is attached.

#### QUARTERMASTERS' DEPARTMENT.

The work of this Department has proceeded smoothly during the month. The Report of the Quartermaster (Capt.H.M.MAUGHAN) is attached.

#### REPORT UPON ANAESTHETICS.

A Report upon the Anaesthetics administered in the Operating Theatres during the month is submitted by Capt.J.R.Williams.

#### SURGICAL TEAMS.

The No 1 Surgical Team proceeded on June 30th. via 3rd. A.G.H. Abbeville, to 1st. Aust. C.C.S. for Temporary Duty. Viz: Capt. H.S. Bush (Surgeon) and Major E.M. Allester. (Anaesthetist).

#### VISIT TO 3rd. AUST. GEN. HOSP.

On 30th. June the C.O. and Registrar took the opportunity of travelling to Abbeville by the cars which conveyed the Surgical Team. They spent an instructive afternoon at the 3rd. A. G.H. They also visited the South African Hospital, and returned the same evening to Rouen.

#### DENTAL UNIT.

The Dental Officer, Capt.D.B.Irwin continued his work in the improvised quarters provided for him until 28th. June, when the rooms formerly known as No 2 Operating Theatre were made available for the Dental Department.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.

The Depot of the Australian Red Cross in the Hospital Grounds has continued to supply many extras for the patients. The three A.R.C. ladies have done good work during the month in visiting Australian patients in the Rouen Hospitals.

Appended is a list of goods supplied to this hospital by the A.R.C. Depot during the month.

VISIT OF THE G.O.C. A.I.F.

General Sir W.R. Birdwood, K.C.B., etc., G.O.C. A.I.F. visited the Hospital on June 2nd. There was a Parade of the unit. After inspecting the parade, The General gave a short description of the conspicuous military operations of the A.I.F. Divisions during the past three of four months. The General was also pleased to express his high appreciation of the work done by the 1st. A.G.H. The Hospital wards and departments were inspected and many bed patients and others spoken with. The Sisters entertained the General to Afternoon Tea. The General and his Staff Officer (Lt. C.B. Birdwood) remained overnight as guests of the Officers' Mess.

VISIT OF THE D.G.A.A.M.S.

Surgeon General R.G. Fetherston, D.G.A.A.M.S. visited the hospital on June 7th, accompanied by Major General Sir N.R. Howse D.M.S. A.I.F., and Lt-Col. T.G. Wilson, Staff Officer to the D.G.

General Fetherston made an inspection of the grounds and wards and other departments of the hospital. The Medical Officers had an opportunity of meeting the D.G. at lunch and afterwards. The Matron and Sisters met the D.G. during the afternoon and at 4 o'clock tea, to which they had invited him at the Sisters Mess. The visiting General Officers and Party put up overnight at Hotel de la Poste, Rouen, and proceeded early next morning by car, to Havre.

VISIT OF THE D.M.S. A.I.F.

On June 7th, the D.M.S. A.I.F., (Major General Sir N.R. Howse) V.C., K.C.B.) - visited the hospital along with the D.G. A.A.M.S. (Surgeon General R.G. Fetherston). The D.M.S. gave up the day to the D.G.A.A.M.S. in order that Surgeon General Fetherston might see as much of the hospital and staff as possible during his visit.

HOSTILE AIR - RAIDS.

Several raids took place over the Rouen Area during the moonlight period of the month. Several bombs were dropped and caused considerable damage and some loss of life. No bombs were exploded within a mile of this hospital. A copy of the Standing Orders relating to precautionary measures in case of an attack by ~~hostile~~ aircraft, is appended.

HOSTILE

ENTRENCHMENTS AND SAND-BAGGING.

The entrenching has been completed as far as digging the trenches is concerned. What revetting and covering is required is to be carried out later. The sandbagging will be completed in about 10 days.

CAMP LINES.

The Camp Lines, on account of the traffic by the Entrenching and Sandbagging Parties, have been kept fairly tidy with very considerable difficulty.



DISCIPLINE.

The standard of Discipline has been maintained throughout the month. Some undesirable members of the unit have been transferred and the effect has been good.

RECREATIONS.

The visit of the 4th. Division Concert Party and the 13th. Battalion Band, in charge of Capt. Leake of the 4th. Division Headquarters for fortnights engagement in the Rouen Base was quite an event throughout this Base. With the approval of the authorities the performers were quartered at 1st. A.G.H.

Our patients and staff, as well as those of all the other hospitals in this area were greatly entertained by the excellent instrumental and vocal music provided by the party. The local authorities have expressed their appreciation in a letter to the G.O.C., 4th. Division.

Cricket and Lawn Tennis continue to be the games played by members of the unit when off duty.

On 26th. June the Officers and Sisters gave an Open Air Mid-summer Evening Concert to the staff of the various hospitals of this base. There was a large attendance. The Base Commandant and D.D.M.S. Rouen were amongst the guests. A similar function was held in June 1917.

WEATHER.

The weather throughout the month was warm and dry. The average maximum temperature was 76°, the average minimum was 50°. Rain fell on three occasions only. Altogether the weather was favourable for our patients both in travelling and in Hospital.

## REPORTS HEREWITH FROM:-

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.  
SURGICAL DEPARTMENT.  
PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.  
X-RAY DEPARTMENT.  
REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.  
QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.  
SANITARY OFFICERS' DEPARTMENT  
NURSING DEPARTMENT.

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Colonel.

Commanding.

First Australian General Hospital.

A.I.F. FRANCE.  
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## FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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To.

The Commanding Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF WORK OF MEDICAL DIVISION FOR  
MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

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D.A.H. - Number of Cases. - 37.

The Diagnosis was made on the patient's statement of shortness of breath and pain in the chest in the majority of cases. In very few cases was there any evidence of abnormal acceleration of the pulse rate on exertion. Several cases in which there was dyspnoea on exertion and precordial pain gave a history of having the symptoms in civil life. A small percentage had a history of rheumatic fever, but had no obvious cardiac lesion, only deficiency of reserve power.

V.D.H. - Number of Cases. - 6.

Four cases of mitral regurgitation, 1 of Mitral stenosis and 1 of aortic regurgitation. One case had only slight incapacity and was sent to Medical Board.

DEBILITY. - Number of Cases. - 34.

The usual causes, antecedent P.U.O., Trench Fever, Deficient Teeth and defective physique, were the most common.

DIARRHOEA & ENTERITIS. - Number of Cases. - 17.

They were cases of short duration, no history of dysentery or of having passed blood and mucus during this attack. The majority had ceased before admission, and had to have aperients. Only two cases had continued diarrhoea, there was no blood or mucus in the stools and no dysentery organisms could be discovered on repeated examinations.

GASSED (including Mustard) - Number 181. - Deaths - 4.

Most of the cases had only conjunctivitis, rhinitis and laryngitis, and were fit to be discharged in a few days. Others had a little bronchitis for a few days and quickly recovered. Some with more severe bronchitis were evacuated to England when their condition had improved, but three of these cases with bronchitis later developed broncho-pneumonia and died. Four other cases developed very much the same physical signs, but less extensive, of these one was well enough to evacuate, three others are still in hospital and are improving. One other case that died four days after having been gassed, had the physical signs of lobar pneumonia and cardiac dilatation, p.m. these conditions were verified and there was also an intense laryngitis, tracheitis and bronchitis. There were numerous more or less extensive burns, some only rubefaction, others extensive vesication. It has been found that if the cases with vesication can be exposed to the sun, and the raw surfaces dried up, they keep clean and heal up rapidly, the raw surfaces can be painted with ambrine at night. The conjunctivitis in some cases has been severe and purulent, a few have had definite haziness of the cornea.

GOITRE. - Number of Cases. - 3.

- 1 Large Adenoma of long standing.
- 2 early exophthalmic goitre.



PNEUMONIA. - Number of Cases 11.

Some were cases which had had their crisis before arrival at the hospital. Four were admitted with definite physical signs and high temperature. Two developed the physical signs after admission and have had their crisis. One man still in hospital has the physical signs of a creeping broncho-pneumonia, one lobe after another becoming involved, the first to become affected having now cleared up.

Septic Broncho-pneumonia. - 3 Died.

1 Peritonsillar Abscess opened before admission, had a series of rigors the day after admission, developed broncho-pneumonia signs and died 24 hours later, p.m. there was infection of the jugular vein and extensive septic infarcts and broncho-pneumonia.

1 Septic Gingivitis had extensive bronchitis on admission, developed broncho-pneumonia and died, the mouth had cleared up before death.

1 Gangrenous condition of cheek, resembling Cancrum Oris, had extensive broncho-pneumonia of both lower lobes.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS. - Number of Cases. - 5. 1 Death.

Four cases had definite physical signs in their lungs and were evacuated to England. A case admitted with a history of injury to chest wall, developed what was at first thought to be contra lateral collapse at the opposite lower lobe, then signs of a fine bronchitis in the other lung, later the signs were those of broncho-pneumonia of both lower lobes and general bronchitis, death occurred 6 weeks after admission, and on p.m. examination there was miliary tuberculosis. The man weighed 13 stone on admission and had no history of any previous illness.

PENETRATING WOUNDS OF CHEST. 35 Cases. - 3 Deaths.

23 have been evacuated to England.

9 are at present in Hospital.

Of the three deaths, one was moribund on admission and had a through and through wound of right chest badly infected. One was resected and drained, a badly infected haemothorax. (streptococci & B Welchii) was evacuated, but septicaemia developed. One had an extensive spinal injury in addition to the chest wound. In 5 cases the chest fluid was found to be badly infected, rib resected and drainage tubes put in. Two of these cases are still in hospital and are improving. Two have been evacuated to England with normal temperature and very little discharge.

In 11 cases the chest has been aspirated one or more times, and it has not been necessary to operate. Nearly every case has been explored and the fluid, if any, examined microscopically and cultured. The 23 cases evacuated to England all had normal temperature several days before leaving and the lung on the injured side was expanding satisfactorily.

Nearly all the cases were examined with the "X-rays" and photographs taken in some cases, which proved a great help in noting the rate of absorption of fluid and expansion of lung. The stand for screening and photographing chest cases in the sitting position designed and made by the "X-ray" staff here, has made it possible to have these cases examined at much earlier period than formerly.

P.U.O. Number of Cases - 57.

The prevalent type has been that with a febrile period of 4 - 6 days, headache, pain in back and thighs, and a subsequent period of malaise lasting another 4 - 5 days. There have not been many cases with a second rise of temperature, but some have had a recrudescence 4 - 6 days after the normal has been reached with a return of headache and pains.



TRENCH FEVER. - Number of Cases. - 82.

Mostly a mild type with temperature 100 - 101 and the usual head-ache, thigh and shin pains. A few cases have had a temperature of 101 - 103, severe pains in head back & shins, rapid pulse. Two cases resembled cerebro-spinal meningitis in onset, one was sent to the special hospital and returned after lumbar puncture, the other cleared up and developed the characteristic pains.

INFLUENZA. - Number of Cases. - 200.

About two thirds of these were a definite type, giving a history of sudden onset, sometimes collapse, high temperature 102 - 103, head and back ache, catarrhal signs, conjunctivitis, coryza, sore throat, cough and occasionally bronchitis; the temperature has been raised 2 - 4 days in the majority of cases and there is usually a complaint of weakness and giddiness for the first day or two on getting out of bed. There have been a number of cases less severe than this, and many have been admitted with the history of illness but no temperature or catarrhal symptoms.

NEPHRITIS. - Number of Cases - 22. - 1 Death.

The cases have been more numerous and more severe in type this month. One death occurred from Uraemia. In two other cases general convulsions occurred, they both recovered and were evacuated to England. Colonel Martin has kindly indicated a method of estimating the decreased alkalinity of the blood, and we hope to be able to show that the administration of large doses of Sodii Bicarbonate decreases the dysprroea in some of these cases, and also alters the degree of alkalinity of the blood.

JAUNDICE. - Number of Cases - 1.

Catarrhal Jaundice, evacuated to England.

MALARIA. - Five cases in which the parasites were found.

Sgd. E.W. FAIRFAX, Major.  
PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST.  
IN CHARGE MEDICAL DIVISION 1st.A.G.H.

RACECOURSE CAMP.  
ROUEN.  
3-7-1918.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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To.

The Commanding Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF WORK OF SURGICAL DIVISION FOR  
MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

During the month of June, the surgical work has been of the usual type. The division has been fairly full all the time but there has been no excessive rush.

The practice of delayed primary suture of wounds has been more universally applied and it has been practiced in more severe types of cases. It has been performed in a number of penetrating wounds of knee, shoulder and elbow joints, in which there had been much damage, involving the bones entering into the formation of the joint. Also in compound fractures of both upper and lower limb. In the great majority of these there has been primary and complete union.

In large flesh wounds, not quite clean, it has been performed partially, with great gain in lessening of the area of the wound surface, and permitting, often, complete closure a little later.

The new Operating Theatre, with its working capacity for 5 tables, has been opened. It is exceedingly convenient for working in, and would readily take two more tables on an emergency.

The annexes to this theatre are such as to give a degree of comfort and economy in working which has never obtained before.

There is no hot water laid on to the theatre. This is a great inconvenience, but it does not seem possible to have it rectified.

Appended is the List of Surgical Operations performed during the last month.

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3-7-1918.

Sgd. T.P. DUNHILL. Lt-Col.  
Surgical Specialist.  
i/c. Surgical Division 1st. A. G. H.



## LIST OF SURGICAL OPERATIONS FOR JUNE 1918.

Appendicectomy.	-	1.
Amputations.	-	8.
Bone Operations.		
a. Aspiration of Knee-joint.		5.
b. Bony Fragments removed.		31.
c. Wiring patella.		1.
d. Cpd. Fracts. drained, etc.		35.
e. Excision of joint.		4.
f. Plating femur.		1.
Catheterisation (with anaesthetic)		5.
Cyst <sup>os</sup> ecopy.	-	1.
Cystotomy.	-	1.
Dressings.	-	146.
Empyema.	-	3.
Enucleation of eye.	-	1.
"      tonsils.	-	2.
Excision of wounds.	-	18.
F.B. removed.	-	95.
Incisions & Drainage.		51.
Laminectomy.	-	1.
Laparotomy.	-	1.
Suturing.	-	82.
Delayed Primary Suture.		22.
Skin graft (Thierch)	-	2.
Trephine.	-	4.
Vessels ligatured.	-	4.
TOTAL.		525.

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To.

The Commanding Officer.  
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT FOR  
MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

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The number of specimens examined during the month  
of June 1918 was - 371.

Blood Agglutinations.	-	5.	
" Examinations (counts etc)	-	15.	
" for Malaria.	-	6	(4 positive)
" Cultures.	-	5	
Fluids. - Chest.	-	21.	
Knee.	-	21.	
Cerebro Spinal.	-	1.	
Swabs. Wound (for suture)	-	34.	
Throat.	-	68.	
			(Diphtheria - 2.
			(Vincents) - 7.
			augina)
Sputa.	-	64.	
Vaccines.	-	3.	
Urines.	-	112.	
Examinations. -			
Faeces.	-	7.	
For Treponema Pallida.	-	2.	
Cases Gingivitis.	-	2.	
Other infected material.	-	5.	

TOTAL. 371.

The number of specimens examined is about the same as in previous months. More swabs from wounds have been examined owing to the increase in the number of cases of delayed primary suture.

There were 23 Post-mortem examinations made, the cause of death in these cases being as follows:-

Gassed. - Mustard.	-	2.
Peritonsillar abscess. Pyaemia.	-	1.
Miliary Tuberculosis.	-	1.
Acute Nephritis.	-	1.
Acute Bronchitis. Heart Failure.	-	1.
Abscess Neck. Septic Broncho-pneumonia.	-	1.
S.W. Chest. Perforating.	-	3 (1 Spinal cord Inj)
S.W. Multiple.	-	4. (1 Pyaemia).
S.W. Head.	-	2.
S.W. Abdomen.	-	2.
S.W. Septicaemia.	-	2. (1 Hip. 1 Leg).
S.W. thigh. Gas Gangrene.	-	1.
S.W. Knee. - Lobar Pneumonia.	-	1.
S.W. Axillary Artery.	-	1.

TOTAL. 23.

Bacteriological examinations and microscopic sections made of material from post-mortems when necessary.



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APPENDIX 2

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To:-

The Commanding Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF WORK OF X-RAY DEPARTMENT FOR  
MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

Number of Cases Examined. - 447.  
Number of Plates used. - 357.  
Number of Stereoscopic plates. 24.  
No. of Regional Examinations. 484.

ANALYSIS OF REGIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

Region.	No.	Frac.	F.B.	Other Causes.	Normal.	Plates.
Head.	37	5	15	Dental - 2 Frontal Sinus. - 1. Periostitis of Jaw. - 1.	15	42.
Neck.	8	-	4	nil.	4	6
Chest.	54	-	21	Haemothorax. - 10 Collapsed Lung. - 1. Pneumothorax. - 2. Phthisis. - 2. Bronchitis. - 1. Empyema. - 1.	11	28
Back & Buttock.	29	2	18	nil.	12	11
Shoulder.	29	7	13	nil.	10	17
Arm & Elbow.	45	15	20	Osteoarthritis. - 1. Loose body. - 1.	10	33
Forearm.	39	19	17	nil.	6	20
Hand & Wrist.	37	22	6	nil.	11	14
Hip.	13	2	4	Excision. - 2. T.B. Hip. - 1.	4	24
Thigh.	61	12	30	nil.	14	333
Knee.	38	17	12	Excision. - 2.	12	54
Legs.	41	18	16	Old Rickets. - 1. Periostitis of Tibia - 1.	8	33
Ankles & feet.	44	20	13	nil.	15	35.
TOTALS.	484	144	195	31	138	357.

ANALYSIS OF PLATES USED.

15 x 12 - 21  
15 x 7½ - 52.  
10 x 12 - 21.  
8 x 10 - 143.  
1 x 1 - 106.  
½ - 12.  
Dental Films. - 2.  
TOTAL. 357.



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PLANT. - No alterations have been made in the plant with the exception of the addition of a rack-and-pinion action to the Chest Stand Tube box, for lateral movement and for diaphragm control. There have been no defects developed in the plant during the month. A folding Field Service pattern stereoscope has been obtained, which may be set up in the theatre for use of surgeons while operating.

ACCOMODATION. - The proposed alterations have been carried out with very satisfactory results. The waiting room which is used for both Theatre and X-ray Cases, is a very valuable improvement. The X-ray theatre is smaller by some 4 feet in length, which is no disadvantage, and the extra 5 feet in the office makes that a valuable and convenient room for office work, plate storage and viewing plates. The added system of doors is also a great advantage, since it stops the constant traffic through the X-ray Theatre which was a great drawback when working formerly. Several cases have been brought in from the operating theatre under anaesthesia, and the slightly increased distance between the theatres does not appear to hinder the ease with which this can be done.

STAFF. - A slight alteration has been made in the staff. A trained photographer has been attached to the department, to work in the dark-room. He will also attend to the clinical photography required by the surgeons for record purposes, and will as far as possible be trained in general X-ray work. The stretcher bearers have been taken from the department and attached to a centralised squad which will deal with both Operation and X-ray Cases.

Sgd. A. E. BROWN. Captain.  
A. A. M. C.  
Radiographer, 1st. Aust. Gen. Hosp.

A. I. F. FRANCE.  
1st. JULY 1918.



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The Commanding Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.

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Summary of patients dealt with during month.

Sick 2197 - Wounded 1526. - Total 3723.

England.	Conv. Depot.	Other Hosps.	Med. Board & Details.	DEATHS.
1571	1185	534	110	28.

Number of incoming Convoys.	-	34.
Number of outgoing Convoys.	-	45.

Average number of beds occupied % per diem - 63.27  
Average stay, in days, of patients in hospital. 6.

There have been 525 operations performed, and 447 cases have been examined by X-ray.

The following tables show the health of the staff for the month:-

OFFICERS:- Number in Hospital on 1-6-18. - 0  
Number admitted during month. - 2.  
Number remaining in Hosp. 30-6-18. 1.

<u>SISTERS:-</u>	Number in Hospital on 1-6-18.	-	1.
	Number admitted during month.	-	3.
	Number discharged to duty.	-	1.
	Number remaining in Hosp. 30-6-18.	-	1.
	Number evacuated to "U.K".	-	2.
	Number to Sick Leave, Etretat.	-	1.

OTHER RANKS:-

Number of Sick Parade during month.	54.
Number admitted to Hospital.	- 13.
Number in Hospital on 1-6-18.	- 6.
Number discharged to duty.	- 11.
Number evacuated to "U.K".	- 2.

One Other Rank was admitted to No 25 Stationary Hospital, suffering from Diphtheria.

Three cases of venereal disease occurred during the month. None of these had availed themselves of use of the ablution tent.

During the month a new Operating Block has been put into use. It contains Dark Room, X-Ray room, Operating Theatre capable of holding 8 operating tables, and the necessary adjacent rooms to an operating theatre. There is in the middle of the block, an awaiting room for patients



for both X-ray Room and Operating Theatre. An endeavour has been made, and I think success has been achieved in economising men by having 2 stretcher squads to do all carrying to and from X-ray room and Theatre.

The Dentist has been accommodated in the building previously used as an emergency operating theatre.

During the month 6 Other Ranks who came here as "under-age", were despatched to Australian General Base Depot for posting to units in the fighting zone, having reached the age of nineteen years.

Two Other Ranks were transferred to units in the field.

Sports amongst the men have been encouraged, and are leading to a much better esprit de corps in the unit. Some good cricket and tennis matches have been played against adjacent units.

The visit of the 4th. Divisional Concert Party and 13th. Battalion Band has afforded much pleasure to all members of the unit and to patients, as several afternoon concerts were given in the wards.

Sgd. J.S. VERCO. Major,  
REGISTRAR.  
First Australian General Hospital.

A.I.F. FRANCE.  
3-7-1918.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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To.

The Commanding Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT FOR JUNE 1918.

I beg to submit the following report for the month ending 30th. June 1918:-

HOUSING.

Adrian Hut. Since last report an extra Adrian Hut has been erected as an admission and evacuation building. This has been completed with the exception of flooring, which I am advised by the Engineers is not available at present.

The two Nissen Huts mentioned in my last report have been completed and painted.

The alterations at Operating Theatre No 1 and Hut 1 have been completed.

Operating Theatre No 2 has been taken over by the Dental Officer.

The four additional tents to form Section 12 have been erected.

The Soyer Stoves of which each section and hut had one, have been assembled in one half of the hospital and are accommodated in three sheds, to which a group of huts or wards is allotted. The water has been laid on to these boiler houses. This arrangement is proving a success, as it considerably reduces the coal consumption and also labour.

The alterations to the Pathological Laboratory have been completed.

PROVISION. - The following is a list of Diets issued during the month:-

Ordinary, 17209.- Chicken, 327.- Milk, 3733.

The above figures are contained in the attached return shewing the cost of subsistence per patient for the month.

LINEN. - The following is a list of articles laundered by Messrs. Hardy & Coy during the month:-

Sheets.	7705.	Gowns Operating	776.	Socks prs.	2209.
Blankets.	122.	Pyjama suits.	4491.	Quilts.	196.
Towels.	17244.	Slips Pillow.	7267.		

Total Number of Articles. - 50759.

The following is the total number of articles laundered at Sanitary Laundry for the month. - 6294.

PACK STORE. - Packs received into Store. - 279.

Packs issued from Store. - 109.

Packs remaining in Store. - 234.

The following articles were sent to Messrs Dany & Co. for laundry and repair to be subsequently re-issued to patients.

Total number - 3595.

Articles of Clothing and Equipment returned to Army Ordnance during the month of June.

Clothing. - 6801.

Equipment. - 2730.

In addition to the above, 580 pairs of Drawers Woolen were returned to A.O.D. in accordance with Summer Scale of Clothing.



CLOTHING STORE.

Issues were made to patients during the month on evacuation to Duty, Temporary Base, Medical Board and Convalescent Depot.

Australians	- 68.
Others of B.E.F.	- 1241.
Americans.	- 1.
<u>Evacuations to England and Trouville.</u>	
Total.	- 2087.

Issues to Staff, in replacement.  
Total. 9 264.

DISPENSARY.

Attached hereto is return shewing Medical Stores issued to wards by this Department during the month.

CONSERVATION OF FAT.

During the month 1307 lbs. of first quality fat and 203 lbs. of second quality have been handed over to the depot.

GENERAL DUTIES.

A good deal of extra work has evolved on the General Duty Section during the month, on account of the entrenching and sandbagging, and of late the Fatigue Parties supplied by Base Depots have been small.

The usual work of the section has been carried out.

KITCHENS.

Work in this department continues to go on satisfactorily.

GARDENS.

The Entrenching and Sandbagging of the Hospital has cut out a good deal of the garden space. The vegetable gardens have been reduced to about 1/3. acre. The work of straightening up beds and lawns is being proceeded with.

Sgd. H.M. MAUGHAN. CAPTAIN.  
QUARTERMASTER.  
First Australian General Hospital.

RACECOURSE CAMP.

ROUEN.  
3-7-18.



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To.  
The Commanding Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.  
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SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT  
FOR JUNE 1918.

The sanitation of the Hospital continues to be satisfactory. No alteration in the usual methods employed has been considered necessary.

SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT  
FOR JUNE 1918.

The sanitation of the Hospital continues to be satisfactory. No alteration in the usual methods employed has been considered necessary.

Four cases of Infectious Disease occurred among patients and one case of Diphtheria in our own personnel.

Diphtheria. - 2 cases.  
Mumps. - 1 Case.  
Measles. - 1 Case.  
Erysipelas. - 1 Case.

All necessary disinfection and retention of contacts has been carried out.

Two of our orderlies contracted Syphilis locally, one of these cases supervened on a soft sore and had been five weeks in hospital.

Sgd. A. J. BRENNAN. Major.  
SANITARY OFFICER.  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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3-7-18.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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To.

The Commanding Officer,

First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF NURSING DEPARTMENT FOR  
MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

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This has been a notable month on account of the number of visits by distinguished people, to the Hospital.

On the 2nd Inst, General Birdwood visited, and as he brought Miss Birdwood with him, the Nurses' Mess had the pleasure of entertaining her. Several of the Sisters had worked with her at Harefield Park and at 3rd. A.G.H. and were pleased to renew the acquaintance. An inspection was held of the staff and the sisters had the honour of receiving the General at afternoon tea in the marquee, when his wonderful memory recalled occasions on which he had met some of them at forward areas. General Birdwood's Sister-in-Law, Mrs. Cooper, was also present.

On the 7th. General Fetherston, General Howse and Colonel Wilson arrived at noon. In the afternoon General Fetherston took afternoon tea in our sitting room. After giving us a very interesting account of his visit to America he explained thoroughly the system and seeming delays of promotions and generally cleared up mis apprehensions in certain directions. He afterwards visited some of the wards.

Next day, the 8th., Miss McCarthy, the British Matron-in-Chief, accompanied by Miss Tunley, made an inspection, - the first since I have been Matron here. - At 10 am she went through several huts, "X-ray" room, Theatre, and Nurses' Quarters, also paying a visit to the Red Cross Store, and when about to leave was met by the D.D.M.S., Col. Meek and congratulated upon becoming a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. As Miss McCarthy is an Australian we felt pleased that while visiting an Australian Unit she should first hear of her honour.

On the 14th. June Miss E.A. Conyers, Matron-in-Chief AANS, A.I.F., arrived. At 4-30 pm she interviewed all the Staff and incidentally gave them a very interesting description of her recent visit to Windsor Castle. Next day Miss Conyers left at 9 am for Trouville, returning at 7 pm. She inspected the Hospital after dinner and expressed herself as very pleased with everything. She also said that Miss McCarthy was pleased with her visit. Miss Conyers left next morning at 9 am, for Abbeville.

On the same day the Band and Performers of the Infantry 4th. Division AIF., arrived for a fortnights engagement at the Rouen Base. They were quartered at this Hospital and throughout their stay delighted the patients and staffs of this and other hospitals in the area with their first class Band and String Quartette. On the last day of their visit, afternoon tea was tendered them by the Sisters in recognition of their generosity in playing so much & so often.

On 26th. a delightful Open Air Concert was given by the Officers and Sisters of 1st. A.G.H. to which the Medical & Nursing Staffs of all the Rouen Hospitals were invited, and of which they availed themselves, about 500 arriving and staying to the end.

Apart from the unusual number of visitors, I am happy to record that three members of the Nursing Staff received the associate Royal Red Cross, viz. Sister King, Geoghegan & S. Macdonald. and received congratulations from many, including Gen. Birdwood.

Several Members of the Staff went for leave to the "U.K." and three of them remained there as unfit for service in France. Three others were sent over from here as Medically Unfit, having been a considerable time in France.



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On account of the frequency of Air Raids, Trenches have been prepared in the Compound and a good many Helmets have been supplied.

Five Sisters have been called to C.C.S. work, and one has gone as a Member of a Surgical Team.

Sgd. E. CORNWELL. MATRON.  
A.A.N.S. A. I. F.  
First Australian General Hospital.

RACECOURSE CAMP.  
ROUEN.  
4-7-18.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
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To.  
 The Commanding Officer,  
 First Australian General Hospital.  
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REPORT UPON ANAESTHETICS FOR  
 MONTH OF JUNE 1918.  
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Herewith my report upon Anaesthetics administered during the month of June 1918.

The following Anaesthetics were used:-

Chloroform.-Duncan & Flockharts Blue Label.  
 Ether. - Bakers.  
 Ethyl Chloride. - Hedley's Green & Red label.

The Chloroform, while not causing any untoward effects is in my opinion, weaker than ever.

Baker's Ether is very good, and is an improvement on Burgoyne and Burbidge's. There is certainly less irritation produced and it is entirely satisfactory.

The Ethyl Chloride is good.

There is a bigger tendency to use open Ether as shewn below, though the continuation of inducing with chloroform and keeping the patient under with ether is easily the most popular.

Gas & Oxygen is given but rarely, and lately has not been satisfactory. An effort should be made to obtain a better instrument or to get a skilled man to give instruction to anaesthetists in the use of this most valuable anaesthetic.

The following were the anaesthetics given:-

Mixed.	Pure.
Chloroform & Ether. - 243.	Ether Open. - 99
Chloroform & Ether. (Shipway). - 35.	Chloroform. - 45
Ether & O <sub>2</sub> . - 14.	Ether(Shipway) - 9.
N <sub>2</sub> O x O <sub>2</sub> . - 8.	Local.
Ethyl Chloride & Ether. - 11.	Novocaine .19% - 12.
Total 496.	

Sgd. J.R. Williams.Capt.  
 A.A.M.C. 1st.A.G.H.

A.I.F. FRANCE.  
 3-7-1918.



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COST OF SUBSISTENCE.

JUNE 1918.

Article.	Issues.	Rate.	Total Cost.
Meat.	10754½ lbs.	@ 10½d per lb.	281-14-0½
Oxo.	97 "	@ 3/0½ " "	14-13- 0.
Fowls, frozen.	330 "	@ 2/2 " "	35-15- 0
Fish.	344 kilos.	@ 3/6 " kilo.	60- 4- 0
Carrots, Tinned.	323 tins.	@ 7/5 " doz.	9-19- 7½
Potatoes.	8876 lbs.	@ 29-1-6d. " ton.	35-10- 2½
Vegetables.	2826 "	@ 26 frs. 100 kilos.	12- 4- 0
Bread.	14596 "	@ 2d. per lb.	121-12- 8
Cornflour.	129½ "	@ 51/3d. " cwt.	2-19- 1
Milk, Cond. Unsweet.	18405 tins.	@ 27/5 " 48	525-12-6 ¾
Butter.	1435½ lbs.	@ 1/9d " lb.	125-12- 9
Milk, Fresh.	179 litres.	@ 60 frs 100 litres.	3-18- 9
Ice.	4500 lbs.	@ 8 " " kilos.	5-19- 4
Limejuice.	304 bottles.	@ 4/3d. per gall.	8- 1- 6.
Custard Powder.	213 lbs.	@ 76/6 " cwt.	7- 5- 6
Barley .	217½ "	@ 52/9d " "	10- 3- ¾
Cocoa.	449½ "	@ 1/1½d " lb.	25- 5- 8½
Cornflour.	129½ "	@ 51/3d " cwt.	2-19- 1
Jam	1988 "	@ 8d " lb.	66- 5- 4
Honey.	224. "	@ 7/11½ " doz.	7- 8- 1.
Mustard.	6 lbs.	@ 1/3½ " lb.	7- 9
Oatmeal.	1725½ "	@ 54/8 " cwt.	42-15- 0½
Pepper.	15 "	@ 1/3 " lb.	18- 9
Rice.	624½ "	@ 28/- " cwt.	7-16- 1½
Sago.	465½ "	@ 52/5½d " "	10-18- 0¾
Salt.	420 "	@ 65/8d " ton.	12- 3- ¾
Sugar	2832½ "	@ 34/- " cwt.	42-19- 9
Tea.	448½ "	@ 1/2 " lb	26- 2- 9¾
Lemons.	1599	@ 11 Frs. " 100	6- 7-11
Stout ½ pints.	488 bottles.	@ 4/- " Doz.	8- 2- 8
Ale. "	725 "	@ 4/3 " Doz.	12- 6- 9½
Brandy.	49 pts 10 oz.	@ 47/- " "	7- 4-11
Port wine.	12 " 6 "	@ 27/- " "	1- 0- 9
Sherry.	1 bottle.	@ 25/4 " "	2- 1½
Champagne.	2 bottles.	@ 38/6 " "	6- 5

Total Cost. £1722- 2- 2

District.	Station.	Hospital.	No. of patients sub- sisted as @.	Value of Issues.	Average Cost.
Rouen.	Racecourse No 1 Aust. Gen. Camp.	Hospital.	21269.	£1722-2-7.	1/7.432.

ROUEN.  
3-7-18.Sgd. H.M. MAUGHAN CAPT.  
Q.M. 1st. A.G.H.



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Section.	Wool.	Lint.	Gauze.	Bands.	Bandgs.	Jaconette.	Plaster.	Pins.
	lbs.	Yds.	Yds.	No.	No.	Yds.	Reels.	Safety.
								No.
Sect. 1	4	5	nil	46	nil.	nil	nil.	3
2	23	19	480	476	132	nil	3	5
3	2	2	30	12	6	-	1	2
4	4	3	84	48	24	1	-	1
5	1	2	90	48	-	2	-	2
6	7	3	90	30	12	-	-	1
7	33	14	930	312	96	4	2	4
8	22	11	510	272	-	-	1	8
11	15	3	810	348	120	-	1	5
12	1	9	240	336	84	2	5	4
13	5	1	-	60	-	-	1	-
14	6	3	150	118	36	-	1	-
16	6	6	60	24	-	3	-	2
Hut 1	30	1	1236	334	414	2	3	8
2	62	4	1860	358	336	-	2	8
3	121	-	2520	174	516	-	2	2
4	42	7	780	130	60	2	3	7
5	78	12	1890	654	228	3	2	3
6	41	6	1020	288	144	1	1	5
7	3	2	120	48	24	2	-	1
8	28	13	600	272	156	6	2	3
Optg. Theatre.								
1.	24	6	1740	176	84	-	2	11
2.	80	4	4032	600	108	-	2	16
TOTALS.	638	136	19272	5164	2580	30	37	106.

Bakin's Solution Issued during month., - 853 litres.

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Q.M. 1st. A.G.H.RACECOURSE CAMP.  
ROUEN  
3-7-1918.



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HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ATTACKS.  
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(vide Corps Order No 605 of 17th, June 1918.)

MEASURES FOR SAFETY FROM HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

- A. When to be prepared to take Measures for Safety! Whenever Anti-Aircraft Guns are heard it is to be understood that a hostile air-raid is in progress, and a state of alarm exists, and all preparations to take "Measures for Safety" are to be made.
- B. When is Danger to be Apprehended and Measures for Safety to be carried out? It is to be understood that when the bugle sounds the call known as the "Alarm" Measures for Safety are to be carried out. Also whenever danger is apprehended and the call cannot be heard, measures for safety are to be carried out by those responsible for the patients or staff.
- C. The "Alarm" will be sounded on the bugle when the C.O. or Senior Officer, or failing an Officer, when the Senior Warrant Officer or N.C.O. present considers that danger is apprehended. The "Alarm" may be sounded and be followed by "at the double" if considered necessary.
- D. ALL CLEAR. When a raid is over the bugle will sound "All clear" BY THE CALL "DISMISS". It should be remembered that one raid may be followed shortly by another raid or raids.

MEASURES FOR SAFETY.

1. SISTERS. Sisters not on duty will proceed to their trenches in the Sisters' Compound. Sisters on duty, unless performing an act of duty will, whenever danger is apprehended lie down where they are and as close to the floor and ground as possible. Steel helmets are to be worn when issued. (See also Order issued by "Notice" to Sisters on June 4th.)
2. PATIENTS.
  - (a) Walking Cases.
  - (b) Lying Cases.

(a) Walking Patients will proceed to the trenches set apart for their sections, where they will crouch or sit down. Medical Officers of Sections will direct all their suitable patients to their trenches when danger is apprehended, and take shelter with them. When patients are left in the ward the M.O. will remain with them, having directed the walking patients to their trenches.

(b) Lying Patients. UNABLE TO WALK TO THE TRENCHES will remain in their Sections and be told to lie down by their Medical Officer who will also take shelter there. Beds are to be lowered to the floor where possible. NB. As far as possible Lying Cases and any other persons remaining in huts and tents should lie down close to the floor and near a wall of the hut or tent.
3. N.C.O's and Men (Personnel of Hospital).

Fire Picquet. Will proceed to Fire Picquet Trench behind the Fire Station, in charge of the Orderly Officer (Trench for 31 men) Stretcher (or Convoy or Evacuation) Party will proceed to the Trench for this party behind the Matron's Office (2 Trenches accommodating 20 men in each - Total 40 men).

Orderlies at Sisters Compound will go to the trench immediately in front of Chief Entrance to Sisters' Compound.

Night Staff Lines. These have trench accommodation for 67 Other Ranks.

Clerks on Duty to trench in front of Orderly Room when danger is apprehended.

(P.T.O.)



Others on duty will go to their posts, and when danger is apprehended lie down flat, as close to the ground as possible.

Others not on duty will proceed to the trenches allotted to them and in rear of the Recreation Hut and in front of the Sergeants' Mess (Trenches Total accommodation in these for 171 Other Ranks).

4. OFFICERS. - Officers in charge of Section (Huts or Tents) will on their morning and evening rounds make out lists of their patients for Hostile Aircraft Alarm purposes: (1) Those fit to take shelter in the trenches. (2) Those unfit to walk to the trenches. A copy of which will be kept in the section. When an alarm occurs, Officers will proceed to their Sections, and see that the walking cases are ready to proceed to their trenches, and as soon as any danger is apprehended, will go to the trenches with their patients, or direct the walking patients to their trenches, and remain with those unable to walk. Patients who cannot walk will be ordered to lie down in the ward as close to the ground as possible. Where possible the legs of the beds may be folded up, and the beds lowered to the floor.

Officers not in charge of wards, section, or huts, or not upon other duties will go to the trench allotted to Officers in Officers' Compound.

Administrative Staff. Those on duty will go to the trench in front of the Orderly Room.

5. GENERALLY. Every person should crouch or sit down in a trench, or if not in a trench, expose themselves as little as possible, and near a protected end of a hut. Steel Helmets are to be worn by those on duty.

ADDENDUM. - Officers and Sisters will lie down in the ward if on duty, as close to the ground as possible. Orderlies will do the same. Bed Patients incapable of being moved will remain in their beds and as close to the ground as possible.

Sgd. J.A. MCK. Colonel.  
Commanding.

First Australian General Hospital.

A.I.F. FRANCE.  
28-6-18.



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ALLOCATION OF TRENCHES.  
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1. SISTERS. In Sisters' Compound.
2. PATIENTS. (a) WALKING CASES.  
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- Section 1. To Trenches at Entrance of Camp near No 1 Ablution Shed and trench next to Sect. 8 and trench next to Section 1.
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| " | 2.  | ditto.   | ditto. |
| " | 3.  | ditto.   | ditto. |
| " | 8.  | ditto.   | ditto. |
| " | 4.  | To Trench adjacent to Sect 4.                                |        |
| " | 5.  | To Trench behind Dry Store.                                  |        |
| " | 6.  | To Trench Adjacent to Sect. 6.                               |        |
| " | 7.  | " " " " Sect. 7.   |        |
| " | 11. | To Trenches near Sect 12 and Behind Sect. 11.                |        |
| " | 12. | ditto.   | ditto. |
| " | 13. | ditto.   | ditto. |
| " | 14. | To Trenches behind Sections 14 & 15 and in front of Sect 16. |        |
| " | 15. | ditto.   | ditto. |
| " | 16. | ditto.   | ditto. |

(b) LYING CASES.  
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Remain in their Sections or Huts.

3. N.C.O's & Men.

Trenches near Recreation Room and Sergeants' Mess and Men's Huts.

4. OFFICERS.

Officers not on Duty in Wards will make use of Trenches in Officers' Compound.

Sgd. J.A.DICK  
 Commanding Officer  
 First Australian General Hospital.

A.I.F. FRANCE.  
 28-6-18.



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## AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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The following goods were issued to the 1st. A.G.H. from the A.R.C. Depot during the month ending 30th. June 1918:-

Bags, Hospital.	- 1940.
" Hot water.	- 3.
Barley, Tins.	- 1.
Beef Extract (7lb.tins)	- 7.
Benger's Food. Tins.	- 6.
Brushes, Hair.	- 48.
" Nail.	- 15.
" Shaving.	- 39.
" Tooth.	- 36.
Caps.	- 32.
Cards, Playing. Packs.	- 36.
Cocoa, Tins.	- 50.
Combs.	- 30.
Cornflour, Packets.	- 78.
Envelopes.	- 500.
Essence, Brands. Tins.	- 73.
Fruit, Dried. Cases.	- 3.
" Tinned. Tins.	- 470.
Handkerchiefs.	- 884.
Hats, Linen.	- 100.
Honey. Cases.	- 1.
Housewives.	- 24.
Jackets, Pneumonia.	- 9.
Jam, Cases.	- 1.
Jelly Crystals, Packets.	- 140.
Lime Juice, Cases.	- 1.
Linen, Old. Rolls.	- 18.
Mirrors, Small.	- 9.
Packets, Stationery.	- 912.
Paste, Tooth. Tins.	- 288.
Pickles, Bottles.	- 44.
Pillow-slips.	- 20.
Pipes.	- 216.
Rabbit, Tins.	- 18.
Razor Strops.	- 2.
Slippers, Pairs.	- 25.
Soap, Toilet. Cakes.	- 204.
" Washing. Cases.	- 1.
" Monkey. Cakes.	- 63.
" Shaving. "	- 150.
Trays, Ash.	- 56.
Washers.	-1670.

A. I. F. FRANCE.  
1st. July 1918.