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WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOR

DECEMBER 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1918				
DECEMBER	1st.		<p>Personnel, 15 med offrs 2 chaplains 1 dispenser 2 grmastrs 1 dent offr 201 o/rks 67 nrs staff.</p> <p>Arrivals - 2 med offrs from leave, Mjr R.O. Douglas & Capt J R Williams. 1 o/r from escort duty.</p> <p>Departures, 2 other ranks to leave 3 nrs staff to U.K. for return to Australia.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040 - Admissions nil.</p> <p>Hospital ceased to receive patients 30th November, 1918.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers -</p> <p>Sick, to England 25, Con Depot 23, Base depots 6 other hosps 15 - total 69.</p> <p>Wounded, " 33, " 4, " nil " 19 - total 56 - gd total 125.</p> <p>DEATH. - No 358 Pte R J CAMPBELL. 1st. Sth. African Field Amce. - SW R Buttock Pen. abdomen.</p> <p>Patients Remaining. - Sick 136. - Wounded 98 - Total 234.</p>	
	1-30 pm			
	Midnight.			
December 2nd.			<p>Personnel. - 16 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Offr. 200 O/Rks. 64 Nurs. Staff.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 2 Nursing Staff from Leave France.</p> <p>Departures. - 2 Other Ranks to Leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. - Admissions. Nil.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick To Con Depot - 9. Other Hospitals 21. - 30</p> <p>Wounded to Other Hospitals 20. Grand Total 50.</p> <p>Patients Remaining. - Sick 106. - Wounded 78. - Total 184.</p>	
	Midnight.			
December 3rd.			<p>Personnel. - 16 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Offr, 66 N/RS. Staff. 198 O/R ks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - Nil. - Departures. - Maj. M. L. Scott AAMC to Admin HQ AIF London..</p> <p>Bed Strength 1040. -</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.</p> <p>Sick - To England 14 - Con Depot 5 - Other Hospitals. 84 - Total 103.</p> <p>Wounded - " 13 - " 7 - " 51 - Total 71 - Grand Total 174</p> <p>DEATHS - No 58630 - 1 AM Baldwin. A.W. - RAF 4th. Res Lorry park. - Broncho Pneumonia.</p> <p>No 5183 - Pte. C. ELLIOTT. - 2nd. H.L.I. - Broncho Pneumonia.</p> <p>Patients Remaining. - Sick. 3 - Wounded - 7. - Total 10.</p>	
	12 Noon			
	8-20 pm			
	Midnight.			

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1918				
December 4th.			Personnel. - 15 Medical Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Offr. 66 N. Staff 198 O/Rks Arrivals. Nil. - Departures. - 2 Nursing Staff to Leave. Bed Strength 1040. - Discharges and Transfers:- Wounded to Base Depot - 2. Patients Remaining. - Sick 3 - Wounded 5 - Total 8.	
Midnight.				
December 5th.			Personnel. - 15 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Offr, 64 Nurs. Staff, 198 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 4 Nurs. Staff from Leave France. - 2 O/Rks. from Leave. Departures - 1 Med. Offr to 4th. Aust. Div. (Capt. J.R. WILLIAMS) Bed Strength 1040 - Discharges and Transfers. - Wounded to Other Hosp. - 1. Patients Remaining. - Sick 3 - Wounded 4 - Total 7.	
Midnight.				
December 6th.			Personnel. - 14 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Offr, 68 Nurs. Staff, 200 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 2 O/Rks. from Leave. - Departures. - 2 O/Rks. to Hospital. - 20 O/Rks. to 2nd. Aust. Div. - 29 O/Rks to 3th. Aust Div. Bed Strength 1040. - Discharges and Transfers. - Wounded to Other Hosp. - 4. Patients Remaining. - Sick 3. - Total 3.	
Midnight.				
December 7th.			Personnel. - 14 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Offr, 68 Nurs. Staff, 151 O/Rks. Arrivals. - Nil. - Departures. - 1 Other Rank to Leave. Bed Strength 1040. - Discharges and Transfers - Nil. Patients Remaining. - Sick 3 - Total 3.	
Midnight.				
December 8th.			Personnel. - 14 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dispenser, 1 Dent. Offr, 68 Nurs. Staff, 150 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 1 Dispenser S/Sergt from A.G.B.D. Havre. - 2 O/Rks. from Hospitals. Departures - Major R.I. Furber A.A.M.C. to Admin. HQ AIF London. - 2 O/Rks. to Leave Italy. Bed Strength 1040 - Discharges and Transfers - Nil. Patients Remaining. - Sick - Total 3.	
Midnight.				
December 9th.			Personnel. - 14 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'masters, 1 Dent. Offr, 68 Nurs. Staff, 152 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 4 Nurs. Staff from Leave. - 2 O/Rks. from Leave. Departures. - 2 O/Rks to Aust. Sect. GHQ 3rd. Echelon. Bed Strength 1040. - Discharges and Transfers. Nil. Patients Remaining - Sick 3 - Total 3.	
Midnight				

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1918.				
December	10th.	Midnight	Personnel. 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr 72 Nurs. Staff, 152 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 1 O/Rk. from Hosp. - Departures - 1 Nurs. Staff to Hosp. Bed Strength 1040. - Discharges and Transfers - To Duty Unit. - Sick 3. Patients Remaining. - NIL.	
December	11th.		Personnel - 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 71 Nurs Staff, 153 O/Rks. Arrivals - 2 Nursing Staff from Leave, 2 O/Rks. from Leave. 1 O/Rk. from Hospital. Departures. - 1 O/Rk. to Admin. HQ AIF London.	
December	12th.		Personnel. - 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 73 Nurs. Staff, 155 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 2 O/Rks. from Leave. Departures. - 29 O/Rks to No 2 Aust. Gen. Hosp. - 1 O/Rk. to AGBD Havre, 1 O/Rk. Aus. Sec. GHQ 3rd. Ech.	
December	13th.		Personnel. - 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 71 Nurs. Staff, 126 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 3 O/Rks. from Leave. Departures. - 3 O/Rks. to Admin HQ AIF London and Return to Australia having embarked in 1915.	
December	14th.		Personnel. - 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dispenser, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 71 Nurs. Staff, 126 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 4 O/Rks. from Leave. - Departures - 2 Nurs. Staff to Admin HQ AIF London.	
December	15th.		Personnel. - 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 69 Nurs. Staff, 128 O/Rks. Arrivals. - NIL. - Departures. - 2 O/Rks. to Leave. - 1 Nurs. Staff to Leave.	
December	16th.		Personnel. - 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 68 Nurs. Staff, 126 O/Rks. Arrivals. - NIL - Departures. - 1 Nurs. Staff to Admin. HQ AIF London.	
December	17th.		Personnel. - 14 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 2 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 67 Nurs. Staff, 126 O/Rks. Arrivals. - 3 Nurs. Staff from Leave France. - 1 O/Rk. from leave. Departures. - Col. J.A. DICK, Maj. K. McK. D OIG A.A.M.C. Capt & QM. H.M. MAUGHAN A.A.M.C., 21 Nurs Staff and 20 Other Ranks Advance Party 1st. A.G.H. en route for Sutton Végny.	
December	18th.		Personnel - 12 Med. Ofcs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Masters, 1 Dent. Ofcr, 46 Nurs. Staff, 106 O/Rks. Arrivals. - Nil - Departures. - 4 O/Rks. to Leave.	

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December 19th.			<p>Personnel - 12 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Offr, 46 Nurs. Staff, 102 O/Rks</p> <p>Arrivals. - 2 Nurs. Staff from Leave France.</p> <p>Departures. - 1 Med. Offr. to Admin. HQ AIF London (Lt-Col D.M. Emberton A.A.M.C.)</p> <p>20 Nursing Staff to Sutton Veny England.</p>	
December 20th.			<p>Personnel. - 12 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Offr, 28 Nurs Staff, 102 O/Rks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 4 Nurs. Staff from Leave France. - Departures - NIL.</p>	
December 21st.			<p>Personnel. - 11 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Off'r, 32 Nurs. Staff, 102 O/Rks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 O/Rk. from Leave. - 2 Nurs. Staff from Hospital. -</p> <p>Departures. - 20 Nursing Staff to England en route for Sutton Veny. - 1 O/Rk. to A.G.B.D. Havre.</p>	
December 22nd.			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Det. Offr, 14 Nurs. Staff, 102 O/Rks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - Nil. - Departures. - Nil.</p>	
December 23rd.			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Mstr, 1 Dent. Offr, 15 Nurs. Staff, 102 O/Rks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - Nil. - Departures. - 15 Nursing Staff to England en route for Sutton Veny.</p>	
December 24th.			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Quartermaster, 102 O/Ranks, 1 Dent. Offr.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 O/Rank from Hospital - 5 O/Ranks to Leave. - Departures)</p>	
December 25th. -			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Quartermaster, 1 Dent. Offr, 102 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Other Rank from Leave. - Departures. - NIL.</p>	
December 26th.			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dental Offr. 103 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - NIL. - Departures. - NIL.</p>	
December 27th. -			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Officers, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Officer, 103 Other Rks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 3 O/Rks. from Leave. - 1 O/Rk. to Admin. HQ AIF London.</p>	
December 28th.			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Officer, 105 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - 1 Other Rank from leave Italy. - Departures. - NIL.</p>	
December 29th.			<p>Personnel. - 10 Med. Offrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Offr, 106 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. - NIL. - Departures. - NIL.</p>	

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December	30th.		Personnel. - 10 Med. Ofrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Ofrr, 106 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - NIL. - Departures. - 6 O/Ranks to 2nd. A.C.C.S.	
December	31st.		Personnel. - 10 Med. Ofrs, 2 Chaplains, 1 Dispenser, 1 Qr'Master, 1 Dent. Ofrr, 106 Other Ranks. Arrivals. - Nil. - Departures. - 4 Other Ranks to Aust. Sect. G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Signed: T. G. WILSON Lieut-Colonel. A/Officer Commanding. First Australian General Hospital.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">per J. D. Col C.O. 1st A.G.H. 7/3/19.</p>				
<p>A.I.F. FRANCE. 4th. January 1919.</p>				

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Rouen	Dec			
Sunday	1	6.30am	tp: 30° - 50° Max. pb 359 Min. pb 236. Clear Frosty - followed by rain - Patients gradually being evacuated: & wards gradually closed: and Equipment collected. No orders yet as to date of move -	
Monday.	2	6.30.	tp. 46° - 52 Max. pb 234 Min. pb 184 Dull, mild cloudy. A Post-graduate Refresher Course in Indocine & Surgery has been arranged by the D.M.S.A.I.F. at each of the Aust. Gen. Hops. Ten M.O.s from each Hosp. for 6 weeks course. This will not be able to be carried out in Rouen, on account of the transfer of 1st A.G. H. to England -	
	3.	6.30 am	tp. 44° - 52° Max. pb 184 Min. pb 10 Dull, cloudy, rainy. Capt & T/Majr Scott proceed to A.I.F. Hd. Qrs. Patients being evacuated & Equipment returned. Concert Party and Football Team from No 1. Aust. Conv. Deptt. arrived on a visit of 3 days yesterday -	
	4 th	6.30	tp: 56° - 60° Max. pb 10 Min. pb 8 - Dull, Cloudy, mild. D.D.M.S. inspected at 2.45 pm. Equipment is being collected and returned to Ordnance Store. and other equipment (Medical) to vacated hut for the O.C. Base Depot of Medical Stores -	
	5 th	6.30.	tp. 50° - 58° Max. pb. 8. Min. pb. 7. Dull, mild, rainy. The Post-graduate M.O. left for No II & No III. Aust. Gen. Hops. The Aust. Convalescent Dept. Concert party and Football team left for the Conv. Dept. Havre. Capt. J.R. WILLIAMS left for 4 th Div.	J. A. Dick - Col. C.O. 1st A.G. H

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Rouen	6 th	6.30	tp. 44° - 50° Max pb - 11 Min. 3. Mild dull, rainy - All attached A.A. personnel proceeded to Dismounted Unit. Precise arrangements for the reception of handed over stores equipment etc are being determined upon by the Austrians, room for taking same is the matter required.	
	7 th	6.30	tp 42° - 50° Max pb - 3 Min. 3 Mild dull. Sunshine. Packing and handing over equipment.	
Sunday	8 th	6.30	tp 38° - 50° Max pb - 3 Min. 3 Mild, fine. Mr. Gen. CARR, P.M.S., L.C. inspected the hospital at 11.30 am. with D.D.M. S. Rouen.	
1	9 th	6.30	tp 40° - 52 Max pb 0 Min. 0 - Dull, Cloudy, mild. Miss E.A. CONYERS - Matron-in-Chief, A.A.N.S., A.I.F. arrived on 8 th .	
	10 th	6.30	tp. 40° - 54 Patients all are now transferred to XI th Stat. Hosp. Dull. Raining, mild. A.I.F. Demobilisation Forms; A.I.F. Form 534 arrived from (Lt. Gen. MONASH.) The Director General of Repatriation & Demobilisation, A.I.F. Farewell Dinners - 6 pm. Mess Mess in Hut. 2 and 8 pm. Mess Mess in Operating Theatre both rooms now dismantled & empty.	
Wed	11 th	6.30	tp. 44° - 54° Raining heavily for several hours. D.D.M.S. visited at noon. Enquiries received from Q.M.G. as to numbers of personnel & amount of equipment for transport.	M. Dick. Cal C.O. 1st A.G. H.

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Rouen	12 th	6.30	tp: 44° - 58°. Dull, rainy, mild - O. Rs. who had attained here the age of 19 yrs left the Unit for 2 nd A. G. H. under instructions from D. A. A. G., A. I. F.	
	13 th	6.30am	tp: 56° - 58° Dull, mild, rainlike. Maj ^r DOIG, Registrar visited 3 rd A. G. H. Abbeville - waiting for orders to move - and packing equipment.	
	14 th	6.30	tp: 50° - 58° Dull. Fine - Waiting for orders. 20 th Bn. A. I. F. BAND proceeded to report to C. O. 20 th Bn. it has been quartered here since 1/10/18 and has entertained all the hospitals in Rouen alternately during its stay. greatly appreciated by thousands of patients.	
Sunday -	15 th	6.30	tp: 48° - 58° Dull. Cloudy, misty - Church Services now held in Y. M. C. A hut in grounds of 10 th Br. Gen. Hosp. next door to us. United Services as well.	
	16 th	6.30	tp: 50° - 54° Dull, Raining - Orders received 1pm for O. C., Registrar, Q. M., to proceed to Sutton Veney tomorrow 2pm. With the machine + 20 Sisters also 2 O. O. Rs.	
	17 th	6.30	T 50 - 52° Dull Raining. O. C. Registrar Q. M. Machine 20 Sisters 2 O. O. Rs. proceeded today to Havre en route for Sutton Veney at 2 p.m. D. D. M. S. did not visit.	
	18 th	6.30	T 50 - 54° Dull Raining. Orders for 20 Sisters to proceed to UK tomorrow. Demobilization forms for O. R. of unit. proceeded with.	
	19 th	6.30	T 44 - 50 Raining all day. 20 Sisters left for UK. Demobilization forms for O. R. of unit completed.	

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Rouen	20	6.30p	Cold & raining. Instructions received for balance of unit to leave Rouen 22/12/18 by boat 70 tons equipment to be taken. No arrangements made for rearward to remain in the Hospital. Practically all equipment now packed except that in use in the various messes.	
	21 st	6.30p	Cold - raining. 20 sisters left for Havre en route for Mullon Valley.	
	22	6.30p	Cold - raining. Made complete inspection of Camp to finalize how it is to be left on handing over.	
	23	6.30p	Cold - raining. Final batch of sisters left this morning. Packing up being finalized. There will be no inspection of Camp before departure.	
	24	6.30p	Not so cold but much rain. Engineers have been round & inspected Camp. & will sign their inspection certificate on this. Definite instructions from Ordnance that tents are to be taken over as they stand. Arrangements made for Xmas dinner for NCOs & men tomorrow.	
	25	6.30	Still cold - showery. Xmas day. Evening all passed an easy day. D. Col back. No 10 G.H. has arranged to put up officers of house when our men is moved.	
	26	6.30	Bright & sunny day. Cleaning up Camp being finalized. Still no definite orders about time of boat sailing.	
	27	6.30	Raining again. Cold & windy. Camp ready for handing over. except for officers mess.	
	28	6.30	Raining. No news of arrival of boat for transport yet.	
	29	6.40	Raining. General & people work going on round camp.	
	30	6.30	Raining. Final inspection of men before marching.	
	31	6.30	Raining. All returns ready for final signatures. Still no news of date of departure. Have applied for permission for Departmental specialists to proceed to England at once to take over.	

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To:-

The D.M.S. A.I.F.,
Administrative Headquarters A.I.F.,
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A.I.F. FRANCE.
12-12-18.

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

Herewith please

REPORT FROM C.O.,
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FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

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The month was remarkable in that an Armistice was signed upon November 11th. and hostilities ceased upon all fronts at 11 am that day.

Also notification was received on November 29th. that the Hospital was to be transferred to Sutton Veney, England, at an early date.

INSPECTIONS ETC.

The D.D.M.S. Rouen inspected the Hospital on Wednesdays as usual.

The Acting Principal Matron, Rouen, visited on Mondays. On November 3rd. - The A.D.M.S. Paris (Col. Statham R.A.M.C) visited the Hospital.

November 4th. - The D.D.M.S. Australian Corps (Col.G.W. Barber) and Lieut-Col. G. Raffan, A.A.M.C. visited.

November 9th. - Bdr-General Blamey, H.Q., Australian Corps, also Lt-Col. A.J. Wilson, A.Q.M.G., A.I.F. H.Q., London visited the Hospital.

November 13th. - The Acting D.M.S. A.I.F. (Col. R. J. Millard, C.M.G.) visited and inspected the Hospital.

November 23rd. - Lt-Col. A.M. Cudmore A.A.M.C. visited upon special duty.

November 24th. - Major C.A. Kellaway A.A.M.C. visited in connection with Post-Graduate Refresher Course.

COST OF SUBSISTENCE.

The average daily cost of Subsistence per patient during the month of November was

DURATION OF STAY IN HOSPITAL.

The estimated average duration of stay in Hospital per patient was five days.

ADMISSIONS.

The Total number of patients admitted during November was 3379, made up as follows:- Wounded 8489 Sick 2531. After November 11th, there was a considerable falling off in the numbers of wounded cases admitted, whereas the numbers of sick were maintained, there being many cases of Influenza with complications.

The average number of admissions per month for the period of thirty-one months in France is 2912-83. The total number of admissions recorded for the same period is 90298, consisting of Sick 46187 and Wounded 44111.

ADMISSIONS OF AUSTRALIAN PATIENTS.

The number of A.I.F. patients admitted during November was 264. Appended is a Graph showing the daily number of admissions of all patients also of Australian and U.S.A. patients.

MEDICAL CASES.

The number of "Sick" admitted was 2531. The epidemic of Influenza which was world-wide, accounted for many cases of severe illness during October, and this continued into November. The Report of the Medical Division is appended and has been prepared by Lt-Col D.M. Embelton, Officer in Charge of the Medical Division.

During the period of 31 months service in France, the records show that 46187 cases of Sickness have passed through the Medical Department of the Hospital. There were 182 deaths from Sickness. The percentage of deaths from Sickness to admissions from Sickness is -394.

SURGICAL CASES.

The number of "Wounded" admitted was 848. The admissions of wounded patients greatly diminished after 11th. November and more so as the month advanced. There were 233 operations performed in the Operating Theatre.

A Report of the Surgical Division is attached from T/Major M.L. Scott, Surgical Specialist and Officer in Charge of the Surgical Division. Major Scott has also appended an interesting resume of two and a half years work of the Surgical Division.

During the period of 31 months in France the records show that 44111 wounded cases have passed through the Surgical Department of the Hospital.

There were 774 deaths from wounds. The percentage of deaths from wounds to admissions of wounded is 1-754.

CLINICAL MEETINGS.

During the month many of the Medical Officers have attended Meetings of the Rouen Base Clinical Society. The Surgical Meetings have been fostered by Col. T.P. Dunhill A.A.M.C., and Col. J.M. Elder Canadian M.C. the Consulting Surgeons Rouen Area. On November 20th the Meeting was held at No 9 (Lakeside USA) General Hospital, the subject being "Primary and Delayed Primary Suturing of wounds, etc".

On November 25th. The Meeting was held at No 1 Australian General Hospital when a paper was read by Capt. H.A. S. Newton A.A.M.C., upon "Treatment of G.S. Wounds of the Head". There were fifteen cases exhibited. The Meeting began at 2-30 pm with the reading of the paper, the cases were then examined. This was followed by a discussion which lasted till the meeting closed at 4-15 pm. All present were then invited to tea at the Officers' Mess. About 50 Medical Officers were present.

These Meetings are most valuable in stimulating keen scientific and practical interest in professional treatment of patients.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths during November reached the high figure of 105. This is greatly above the average. The average number of deaths per month over a period of 31 months in France is 30-838. The percentage of deaths to admissions during the month was 3-11%. The total number

of deaths during the period of 31 months in France is 956. The percentage of deaths to admissions for the period of 31 months in France is 1-059%. The total admissions for 31 months amounted to 90298. The total number of deaths from sickness was 182, and from wounds 774. The percentage of deaths from sickness to admissions from sickness was -394%, and the percentage of deaths from wounds to admissions of wounded was 1-754%.

There were many deaths from wounds, but most of the deaths were consequent upon complications set up by the widespread epidemic of Influenza, e.g. Broncho-pneumonia.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Report of this Department for November is attached, and is from Major A.J. Brennan, Pathologist. The Report shows a record of steady, good and useful work. The work of the laboratory continued after the hospital ceased to admit patients and until after the last patient was evacuated, in December.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

The Report of the X-ray Department from Capt. A.E. Brown Radiographer, is attached. The work of this Department was not so heavy during November as it was in September and October. This was to have been expected on account of the diminishing numbers of wounded patients admitted after the cessation of hostilities on November 11th. Appended is a paper giving some statistics of the X-ray work done for the year Nov. 1st 1917 to Oct. 31st, 1918. Also, Capt. Brown has appended a most interesting resume of the X-ray work done by the the Hospital in France.

Up to the 30th. November 14316 cases have passed through the X-ray Department. Of these, 2828 cases were in Egypt and the remainder 11488 were in France. The last year has been the heaviest with 6593 cases.

SANITARY OFFICERS' DEPARTMENT.

The Report of the Sanitary Officer of the Hospital is attached (Major A.J. Brennan). Sanitary condition of the hospital remains very satisfactory.

V. D.

There were two cases of V.D. amongst the personnel during the month. The prophylactic tent is maintained. One case was gonorrhoea, the other was a Primary Syphilitic sore on the lip.

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.

The work of this Department continued to be heavy during November. There has been a great paucity of men amongst reinforcements who are capable clerks, and very few, if any, typists or stenographers. This has made the work of the Registrar's Department somewhat difficult during the past month when the absence of experienced clerks gone on 1914 furlough etc., has been felt. The Department has been carried on thoroughly and efficiently, and has been in charge of T/Major K. McK. Doig M.C., the Registrar, whose Report is attached.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

The work of this Department was carried out satisfactorily during the month by the Quartermaster, Capt. H. M.

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Maughan, whose Report is attached.

The Quartermaster has been employed since the Hospital ceased to receive patients, upon the dismantling of the equipment of the hospital. As the remaining patients became gradually well enough they were evacuated and the equipment has been pari passu collected and an inventory taken as it was returned to the Ordnance or Medical Stores.

DISPENSARY.

A list is appended from the Dispenser (Hon. Lieut. T.W. Longville) of various items supplied by the Dispensary during the month.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.

The A.R.C. Depot in the hospital continued its much appreciated work during the month. Attached is a list of the items issued to the hospital by the A.R.C. Store during the month.

With the cessation of hostilities and the subsequent order for no more convoys of patients for admission to 1st A.G.H. the work of the A.R.C. Depot here gradually diminished as the numbers of patients lessened.

ANNIVERSARY OF EMBARKATION OF UNIT.

The Anniversary of the Embarkation of the unit at Brisbane, Queensland in 1914, occurred on November 21st, 1918. Very few of the original members are at present upon the strength of the Unit. The 1914 furlough to Australia took all but a few of those remaining who were original members of this unit.

NURSING DEPARTMENT.

A report from Matron E. Cornwell is attached. The widespread epidemic of Influenza affected the Nursing Staff during the month, but fortunately all those who suffered have made a good recovery. The report also gives a brief retrospect of events, and indicates that the quarters of the Nursing Staff are comfortable.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

The frequent changes of the Officer in Charge of the Dental Unit attached to this Hospital have maintained a state of continual unrest in the Department.

The Dental Unit commenced work here on 21-5-18. Since then the following Dental Officers have been in charge:-

Lieut. A.E. CLARK.	Arrived 4-5-18.	Left 9-6-18.
Capt. D.B. Irwin.	" 31-5-18	" 8-8-18.
Capt. E.H. Jenkins.	" 25-8-18.	" 14-10-18.
	returned 27-10-18	" 21-11-18.
Capt. R. Godson.	Arrived 16-11-18.	" 26-11-18.
Capt. E.J. McDougall.	" 30-11-18.	Still with Unit.

REPORT UPON ANAESTHETICS.

A Report upon Anaesthetics administered in the Operation Theatre is appended. It has been prepared by Major W.W.S. Johnston M.C., D.S.O.

DISCIPLINE.

The Discipline of the unit has been maintained throughout the month. The celebrations consequent upon the cessation of hostilities on Nov 11th, passed off without any increase in the usual number of Orderly Room cases. The behaviour of the Members of this Unit was excellent, so also

was that of all troops located in this Area. The Base Commandant has complimented the troops upon their good conduct.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

The Cessation of Hostilities on November 11th. 1918 was celebrated throughout this area with great joy and with what may also be called seriousness if not solemnity. Owing to pressure of work, no special festivities took place within the unit during the Armistice week. The presence in camp of the 20th. A.I.F. Battalion Band added greatly to the demonstrations on 11th. November and on several occasions since then. There was a United Service at 6 pm on Sunday November 17th. in the Y.M.C.A. Hut that is used by our patients, and which is situated within the adjacent grounds of No 10 British General Hospital. On the same day several members of the Unit accepted an invitation to attend a Solemn Te Deum Service at Rouen Cathedral, presided over by Cardinal Archbishop of Rouen.

POST GRADUATE COURSE AT AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITALS.

The Communication of the D.M.S. A.I.F. upon this subject was received on November 23rd. (LM.14739 of 19-11-18). A Copy is appended.

The Registrar of the "Refresher Course" at 1st. A.G.H is Capt. H.A.S. Newton. The Registrar is responsible for the Co-ordination of the teaching work and general management of the course. The following Officers are responsible for the respective Sectional Teaching and organisation:

MEDECINE. Major W.W.S. JOHNSTON, M.C., D.S.O.

SURGERY. Major M.L. SCOTT.

SURGICAL ANATOMY. - Captain H.A.S. NEWTON.

PATHOLOGY. - MAJOR BRENNAN.

RADIOLOGY. - Captain. A.E. BROWN.

Major A.C. Kellaway M.C. visited 1st. A.G.H. on November 24-26 and conferred with the C.O. and Registrar of the course upon the details of the scheme. Copies of the D.M.S. Instructions have been supplied to all the officers concerned. The instructions from the D.M.S. indicate that the ten Medical Officers who are sent from the Australian Divisions will not be available for general hospital duty, except in case of emergency, but must devote their whole time for six weeks, to the Refresher Course.

The A.I.F. General Hospitals in France perform, amongst other functions, that of acting as a source of supply for Medical Officer reinforcements for the Australian Medical Units in Army and Divisional Commands. Careful co-ordination between the wants of the Divisional Units etc., and the wants of the General Hospitals is always desirable, and is necessary in order that both may efficiently discharge their important functions.

The demands for reinforcement Medical Officers for the Australian Divisions etc., that are made from time to time would greatly deplete the staff of this Hospital, and would necessitate that the Refresher Course Medical Officers would be obliged to do General Hospital duties until such time as Reinforcement Medical Officers arrive at the Hospital to replace those detailed to the Divisions etc. Should ample reinforcements be supplied to the General Hospitals, the necessity for the ten Refresher Course Medical Officers to do General Hospital duties would not arise.

All preparations were made, and most of the ten Medical Officers from the Divisions had arrived who were to attend the first Post-Graduate Refresher Course, when orders for the transfer of the Unit to England were received. Thereupon the Officers were sent, under instructions, to No 2 and No 3 Australian General Hospitals.

TRANSFER OF HOSPITAL TO SUTTON VENNEY, ENGLAND.

Notification that the 1st. A.G.H. would be transferred to Sutton Veney, England, was received on November 28th. 1918. Copy of notice is appended. (D.D.M.S. Rouen 1136/5/18 of 28-11-1918).

Instructions were received from A/D.M.S. A.I.F., that an inventory of everything was to be made and all Ordnance and Medical Stores and Equipment were to be handed over locally and receipts obtained.

No convoys of patients arrived after November 30th. and the hospital became emptied by the gradual evacuation of patients as they recovered or became well enough to travel. The last of the patients were evacuated to No 11 Stationary Hospital.

The 1st. A.G.H. was established in France at Rouen in April 1916 and up to November 30th. had been working in France for 2 years and 7 months (31 months).

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

As mentioned in last report the Acting D.M.S. A.I.F. Col. R.J. Millard, C.M.G., made a tour of inspection in France. Col. Millard arrived at 1st. A.G.H. on November 13th. and remained over night, and on the 14th., after inspecting the Hospital, proceeded to Havre.

HUTTING.

The hutting of the hospital made steady progress during November.

GROUND PLAN OF THE HOSPITAL.

Two photographs of a ground plan of the Hospital are appended. The originals (not to scale) were prepared by Pye. C. Leyshon-White. The photographs of the plan were taken by Capt. A.E. Brown. One shows the Hospital as in May 1918 and the other as in November 1918.

GROUNDS.

The sandbags have been removed in many places where they had become obstacles and for the same reason many trenches have been filled in.

WEATHER.

The weather for November was more fine than we have been led to expect for that month of the year at Rouen.

The minimum temperature was 30° F. and the maximum was 68° F. The average lowest temperature was 40°. The average highest was 53°. The mean was 46°. There were 10 rainy days 11 foggy and misty days and 9 fine days. There were several severe frosts, freezing the fire buckets and fire tubs which have now to be kept inside the huts, where the stoves are now in use.

Upon the whole the weather was not rigorous (excepting for a few days) for our patients.

PERIOD OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN FRANCE OF 1st. A.G.H.

The 1st. A.G.H., after its arrival from Heliopolis Palace, Egypt, opened for the reception of patients in France upon its present site on the Racecourse (Bruyeres) on April 29th. 1916. The Hospital ceased to take in patients in France on the 30th. November 1918.

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Orders to move to Sutton Veney, England, have been expected from day to day since November 30th, but at the time of closing this report, December 12th, 1918, the unit had not left France.

J. A. Dick.

A.I.F. FRANCE.
12-12-18.

Colonel.
Commanding.
First Australian General Hospital.

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REPORTS HEREWITH FROM:-

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

SURGICAL DEPARTMENT.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

SANITARY OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT.

NURSING DEPARTMENT.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

To: The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIVISION FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

During the month medical cases were dealt with as follows:

Admitted	2531
Evacuated	2673
Died	83 (including 5 gas cases).

INFLUENZA. The epidemic has abated in severity during the month and the cases in the latter half were decidedly less severe. Cases have not run the short acute fatal course that was experienced in the earlier part of the month.

Cases sent down from Casualty Clearing Stations with obvious broncho-pneumonia before the journey began, did badly and if accommodation permitted would do better by being kept at Casualty Clearing Station.

The day of death was the 10th day from onset on an average in 45 deaths. Death occurred as early as the 3rd. and as late as the 21st. day.

Antipneumococcal serum was given to 12 cases. While improvement temporarily was noticeable in some cases, in the majority death ensued later. With a limited supply of serum, work could only be done in treating broncho-pneumonia that had already developed and not as a prophylactic measure.

Number of Cases treated	12.
Recovered	3.
Died	8.
Still on "D.I." list but improving.	1.

All cases on administration exhibited signs of broncho-pneumonia. In the majority there was a drop of 2 - 3 degrees in temperature within 24 hours. Temporary improvement was followed by relapse and death in 6 cases. 2 cases showed no improvement. In the improved cases the fatal end seemed to be delayed. With regard to early treatment no definite deduction was drawn.

75 deaths from broncho-pneumonia following influenza have occurred. Post mortem appearances allied to clinical observations have pointed uniformly to broncho-pneumonia and not lobar pneumonia following influenza. Frequently massive consolidation of both lungs has been found but the varied stage of advance of disease has pointed to lobular not lobar pneumonia. Death has occurred in all stages of the disease from engorgement to purulent infiltration. Traces of albumen have occurred without clinically affecting the course of the disease but in two cases where urine was loaded with albumen and the patient exhibited symptoms of nephritis both were fatal. Relapses after defervescence have occurred but after temperature has been down several days usually these cases have finally recovered.

D.A.H. 12 cases.

Dilated hearts with overstrain and fatigue with tachycardia or extra systoli with nervous irritability.

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V.D.H. 4 cases of old valvular lesions showing interference with compensation following strain of service.

LOBAR PNEUMONIA. Only 2 cases of clinically undoubtedly lobar pneumonia have presented themselves.

DYSENTERY. Two cases of clinically dysentery have passed on for examination.

JAUNDICE. Five cases. Among them no cases of haemorrhagic presented themselves. The five cases were catarrhal jaundice.

GASSED. 70 cases with 5 deaths from broncho-pneumonia. The remainder showed bronchitic and ocular symptoms. One case of intense broncho-pneumonia still remains in hospital. With this exception, all cases have passed on to Convalescent Camp or other Hospitals.

NEPHRITIS. 22 cases exhibited slight to gross oedema, albumen blood and casts in the urine. Two cases died, one a Prisoner of War recently released from German custody. Post mortem examination in this case revealed subacute nephritis of probably some weeks standing. The patient on admission was too ill to give a satisfactory history. Purgation, hot air baths and other diaphoretic measures were found efficient in the other 20 cases.

MALARIA. Ten cases, all in men that had previously been in the tropics or Salonika. In one only were the parasites found in the blood as these cases had had quinine.

SUBACUTE T.B. Four cases which owing to course and symptoms were evacuated to England for further observation.

In concluding this as the final report of the Medical Department in France after a period of 31 months records show that 46,167 cases have passed through the Medical Department of the Hospital. The work has been diverse and interesting, largely composed of those cases to which the army is disposed, such as Influenza, P.U.O., Acute Pulmonary Affections, Trench Fever and Nephritis as well as a large number of other cases which naturally arise.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
2.12.18.

Sgd. D.M. EMBELTON, Lt-Colonel.
OFFICER i/c MEDICAL DIVISION
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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RETURN OF DISEASES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

INFLUENZA.	-	1123	
ANÆMIA.	-	2	
D.A.H.	+	12	
DEBILITY.	-	66	
ENTERITIS.	-	8	
GOITRE.	-	1	
INCONTINENCE OF URINE.		1	
PLEURISY.	-	10	
PNEUMONIA.	-	104	Deaths 75.
LOBAR PNEUMONIA.	-	2	
TRENCH FEET.	-	2	
TRENCH FEVER.	-	4	
V.D.H.	-	4	
DIARRHOEA.	-	43	
DYSENTERY.	-	2	
JAUNDICE.	-	5	
GASSED. (Including 5 Mustard)		70	Deaths 5 with Com. B. Pneu.
NEPHRITIS.	-	22	Deaths 2.
SUSPECT. T.B.	-	4	
MALARIA.	-	10	
OTHER DISEASES.	-	96	Death 1 Diabetes.

TOTAL MEDICAL ADMISSIONS FOR NOVEMBER	2531.
TOTAL DEATHS FROM SICKNESS FOR NOVEMBER.	83. (Inc. Gas 5)
TOTAL EVACUATIONS (SICKNESS) FOR NOVEMBER.	2673.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
2.12.18.

Sgd. D.M. EMBELTON, Lt-Colonel,
PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST,
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 NOVEMBER 1918.

In the Surgical Division during November, work proceeded normally until with the cessation of hostilities it abruptly underwent a transformation.

233 Operations have been performed in November, but almost all of these, other than dressings were done in the first fortnight of the month. Within a few days of the signing of the Armistice operative surgery nearly ceased, though for a while longer ward work continued in moderation owing to the fact that evacuations were sparse for a time. With the approaching removal of the unit to England, the cessation of admissions should leave but few cases unfit for evacuation.

Thus concludes the active work of the Surgical Division after some of the most strenuous months of operative work. A list of operations is appended.

With a changing personnel in the theatre staff it is not easy to single out individuals -- so many have proved their willingness and their worth, but I cannot fail to bring before your notice the steady efficiency of Sgt. Solomon the N.C.O. in charge.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
1.12.18.

Sgd. MALCOLM SCOTT, Major,
SURGICAL SPECIALIST,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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LIST OF OPERATIONS PERFORMED FOR THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER 1918.

Removal of Foreign Bodies, Incisions and Dressings.	180
Suturing.	12
Drainage of Joints and Fractures.	20
Empyema.	6
Abdominal.	4
Amputations.	4
Haemorrhage.	2
Trephining.	5

<u>TOTAL.</u>	233
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A.E.F., FRANCE.
1.12.18.

Sgd. MALCOLM SCOTT, Major.
SURGICAL SPECIALIST.
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

To:

The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF WORK OF PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

The following is the list of examinations made in the laboratory during the month ending November 30th. 1918:

Agglutinations, Enterica	1	
Blood Cultures	8	(Streptococci recovered: 2. Paratyphosus B. 1.)
Blood Count	1	
Blood for Malaria	5	(1 Benign Tertian)
Blood for CO.	1	
Leucocyte Count	5	
Fluids Chest	31	(Infections: Streptococcal, 4. Mixed with Streptococci, 3. Gram. -ve. Bacillus 1. Tubercular Pleurisy 2.)
Fluids Knee	11	(Streptococcal, 5. Staph. Aur., 1)
Faeces	12	(Bacillus Flexner Type recvd. 2)
Pus	2	
Swabs, Throat	27	(K.L.B., 1: Vincents angina, 4)
Swabs, Wound	22	(Streptococci Haemolytic, 5: Strep. Brevis, 1.)
Sputa	30	(4 for culture B Influenza of which 3 positive.)
Urines	130	
Vaccines	8	
Urethral Discharges	3	(Gonococcal, 2.)
Wassermanns	3	(2 positive: No. 1 Staty. Hosp. kindly made these tests.)
Chancres	2	(one soft: other primary Syph. lip)
 <u>TOTAL</u>	 302	

The number of post mortem examinations made was 25.
Cause of death in these cases being:

Pneumonia following Influenza	13
Mustard Gas: Broncho Pneumonia	2
Lobar Pneumonia	1
Subacute Nephritis	1
Acute Nephritis: Oedema & Glottis	1
S.W. Chest: Pyaemia	1
" Pneumonia	1
" and Kidneys	1
" Haemorrhage	1
S.W. Head: Purulent Meningitis	1
S.W. Knee: Pyaemia	1
S.W. Spinal Cord and Kidney	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>25</u>

The character and value of the work which has all been of a routine type are I think sufficiently explained in the preceding table. Testing of blood donors, preparation of all salines and gum solutions etc. has been done as usual. Post mortem examinations have been prepared on those required by the Medical Officers, time not being available to do all cases.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
4.12.18.

Sgd. A.J. BRENNAN, Major.
PATHOLOGIST,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

To:

The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

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

Number of Cases Examined	-	296
Number of Plates Used	-	242
Number of Stereoscopic Skiagrams	-	35
Number of Regional Examinations	-	314

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1. ANALYSIS OF REGIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

Region	No.	Frac.	F.B.	Other Conditions	Normal	Plates	
Head & Face	40	13	12	Dental	2	15	38
Neck	5	-	3	-		2	4
Chest	57	1	12	Haemothorax	7	8	37
				Haemopneumothorax	3		
				Pneumothorax	1		
				Empyema	1		
				Pleural Effusion	1		
				Pleural thickening	1		
				Contusion Lung	3		
				Collapse Lung	6		
				Shrapnell in Heart	1		
				Pneumonia	3		
				Broncho-Pneumonia	2		
				Acute Bronchitis			
				(Gas)	1		
				Chronic Bronchitis	3		
				T.B.	3		
				Pericardial Effusion	1		
				Hypertrophied Heart	1		
				Transposition of			
				Viscera	1		
Abdomen & Pelvis	10	2	3	Dislocation of		5	16
				Symphysis Pubis	1		
Back & Buttock	17	5	11	-		3	12
Shoulder	10	3	6			1	8
Arm & Elbow	47	26	8	Periostitis Humerus	1	12	37
Forearm	12	7	5	-		2	5
Hand & Wrist	15	9	4	Dislocation Finger	1	4	7
Hip	14	4	1	Excision	4	2	23
				Sequestrum of Gt.			
				Troch. Osteo-	1		
				Osteoarthritis	1		
Thigh	28	10	16	-		3	20
Knee	14	4	8	Loose Body	1	4	14
Legs	25	11	3	Malunited Fracture	1	10	9
Ankles & Feet	20	7	7	-		8	12
TOTALS.	314	107	94			70	242

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ANALYSIS OF PLATES USED

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1x1	-----	110
8x10	-----	26
10x12	-----	17
15x7½	-----	43
15x12	-----	36

TOTAL.		242
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ANALYSIS OF (a) INJURIES TO BONES NOT INVOLVING JOINTS.
(b) INJURIES INVOLVING JOINTS.

A.

B.

Skull	11	Shoulder	2
Face	0		
Lower Jaw	2	Elbow	6
Spine: Cervical 1	5	Wrist	6
Dorsal 2			
Lumbar 2		Hip	4
Sternum	1	Knee	3
Clavicle	1		
Humerus	20	Ankle	1
Radius	4		
Ulna	1	Sacro-iliac	1
Radius & Ulna	0		
Metacarpals & Phalanges	5		
Pelvis	1		
Femur:	11		
Complete 9			
Partial 2			
Patella	1		
Tibia	2		
Fibula	2		
Tibia & Fibula	2		
Tarsus	2		
Metatarsals & Phalanges	1		

4.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TYPE OF F.B. FOUND.

F.B.	No.	%
High Explosive	89	83.
Shrapnell Ball	5	4.8
Bullet	13	12.2
TOTAL.	107	100
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5. COMPARATIVE TABLE OF DAILY NUMBER OF SURGICAL CASES ADMITTED,
CASES SENT FOR X-RAY EXAMINATION AND CASES OPERATED UPON.

Date	Admtd.	X-Ray	Opn.	Date	Admtd.	X-Ray	Opn.	Date	Admtd.	X-Ray	Opn.
Oct. 1	22	10	10	Oct. 11	143	22	25	Oct. 21	3	5	5
2	47	17	12	12	18	7	10	22	-	17	2
3	57	9	7	13	-	8	9	23	1	4	3
4	22	14	14	14	-	4	3	24	-	6	6
5	148	22	35	15	52	7	5	25	-	6	2
6	40	14	20	16	8	9	10	26	-	10	1
7	84	26	6	17	6	11	3	27	-	9	3
8	27	4	6	18	1	6	2	28	-	-	2
9	84	13	11	19	-	8	3	29	-	7	1
10	-	15	12	20	-	3	4	30	-	-	4

TOTALS.

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6. The work during the month has been the lightest for any month during the past year except February and May 1918. This is of course due to the suspension of hostilities.
- The increase in chest work is well shown this month where the percentage of chests to all other parts X-Rayed is 18-1. This is due mainly to the decline in the number of wounds, and to the large number of chest cases in as a result of the influenza epidemic. The chest stand made in the hospital has to be left behind when the unit moves, but it has done excellent work and rendered possible a great deal of chest work that we would have otherwise been unable to attempt.
- The ventilatory apparatus fitted by the R.E. in October is a very great improvement on working conditions but the pattern used is not light-tight.
- All equipment except Australian issue is now being dismantled for handing over. The engine, Dreadnought interrupter and main control switchboard are to be taken with us.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
1.12.18.

Sgd. A. E. BROWN, Captain.
RADIOGRAPHER,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

To: The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

OUTLINE OF WORK DONE IN X-RAY DEPARTMENT
WHILE IN FRANCE.

The X-Ray Department received its first case in Egypt on February 2nd. 1915 and when it closed to sail for France on March 20th. 1916 had examined 2828 cases. From the opening in France on May 4th. 1916 till its departure it dealt with 11488 cases, making a total of 14316 cases passed through it while on active service abroad. Arranged in periods of 12 months the work done shows a slight increase in the third year and a very marked increase in the fourth year.

Period	Special fighting activity during period.	No. of Cases done in Period.	No. of Cases Serially
Feb. 2. 1915	Gallipoli and Egypt	2133	2133
Nov.30.1915			
Dec. 1.1915	Gallipoli, Poziers and 1st. Battle of Somme. (Closed for	2160	4293
Nov.30.1916	6 weeks during transit from Egypt to France).		
Dec. 1.1916	Spring Advance 1917.	3425	7718
Nov.30.1917	Passchendaele (not in Rouen area).		
Dec. 1.1917	German Offensive March 1918	6598	14316
Nov.30.1918	2nd. Battles of Somme and Marne Final Battles of Autumn 1918.		

The increase shown in the last year is due partly to the constant nature of the fighting in the southern area of the battle line, partly to structural alterations in the department increasing the capacity, and partly to the appointment of an officer as whole-time Radiographer, relieved from Ward and Anaesthetic Work.

Up to October 1917 the department consisted of an X-ray room, also used as an office and viewing-room combined, a dark-room, and a small store-room. In December 1917 the store-room was cleaned out and converted into an office and viewing-room thus freeing a lot of space in the X-ray Room. In June 1918 the office was enlarged and the old operating theatre converted into a waiting room for patients. At the same time the stretcher-bearing was given into the hands of a Corporal and a squad of men to supply both x-rays and operating theatre. Owing to this increased capacity we were enabled to deal with over 90 cases a day with ease, on several occasions, the largest number in one day being 94. Previously the highest daily number was 58. In the last 8 days of August we examined a daily average of 56 patients.

CHEST WORK. In January 1918 an upright stand for examining chest cases in the sitting position was constructed and chest work in the hospital has since increased steadily.

Month	No. of Regional Exams.	No. of Chest Exams.	% of Chest to Regional Exams.	Month	No. of Regional Exams.	No. of Chest Exams.	% of Chest to Regional Exams.
1917				1918			
Novr.	598	23	3.8%	May	299	37	12.4%
Decr.	415	28	6.7%	June	484	54	11.2%
1918				July	768	84	10.9%
Jany.	243	11	4.5%	August	1075	116	10.8%
Feby.	162	26	16. %	Sept.	1201	110	9.1%
March	696	60	8.5%	October	1134	119	10.5%
April	589	47	7.9%	Novr.	314	57	18.1%

The majority of these cases have been results of gunshot wounds with a sprinkling of general pathological conditions.

FEMURS. In December 1917 a coil trolley was obtained for use in the wards, and a scheme was formed for systematic examination of all fractured femurs, which was carried out until these cases were deflected from this hospital to No. 8 General Hospital.

LOCALISATION. The Mackenzie Davidson Localiser was alone used in this department until in February 1918 a slide-rule depth calculator was obtained. This in turn was superseded in April 1918 by a modification of the Strohl Method by parallel bars which has been the standard method ever since.

STEREOSCOPIC RADIOGRAPHY. The Stereoscope was practically never used before October 1917, since when its use has been developed and it is now the standard method of examining joint and spine injuries, as well as many other cases. The development of the method in this department is shown in the following table.

Month	No. of Plates used.	No. of Stereos total	% of Stereo Plates to Plates used.
1917			
Novr.	300	33	22%
Decr.	255	28	22%
1918			
Jany.	270	11	8%
Feby.	219	6	5.5%
March	619	19	5.5%
April	399	37	18.5%
May	286	13	9. %
June	357	24	10.6%
July	499	36	14.4%
August	705	63	17.9%
Sept.	727	86	23.8%
Oct.	613	104	33.9%
Nov.	242	35	29. %

(Note: Each Stereo consists of two Plates).

STAFF. For two years after arriving in France the staff of the X-Ray Department consisted of an H.C.O. and two men who were responsible for the carrying of patients as well as for the up-keep of the premises and their special duties. In June 1918 the stretcher-bearing was altered as stated above, and the staff consisted only of the Radiographer, an Electrician with the rank of Sergeant, and a Photographer, a private. This has been found an adequate staff to meet requirements, and has always enabled us to give to the Surgeons, the report and plates of a case within fifteen minutes of the examination even in the busiest rushes.

With the appointment of a Photographer we were able to develop the printing of negatives for reproduction very considerably.

PLANT. The plant, with the exception of the generator for re-charging batteries, which was brought from Australia, is the ordinary British Army Issue. It is in the main efficient, but without ingenuity, and is quite unsuitable for the finer points of X-Ray work. The available current has been increased from 90 to 150 volts (accumulators) during the past year. The efficiency of the plant in general was greatly increased by the excellent mechanical work of Sergeant E.L.Norris, A.A.M.C., during his time as electrician and X-Ray assistant in the department.

A.I.F.. FRANCE.
1.12.18.

Sgd. A.E. BROWN, Captain.
RADIOGRAPHER,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

To:

The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER
1918.

The month of November has only been moderately busy, although the number of admissions has been above the average, and the death rate is mainly to be ascribed to the influenza epidemic prevailing which abated somewhat in the latter part of the month.

With the welcome cessation of hostilities, the surgical work naturally lessened considerably. Toward the end of the month, very little surgical work was done.

The work of the personnel of the Hospital has been carried out smoothly, and I am glad to say that the amount of sickness has not been nearly so much as it was last month.

ADMISSIONS.

Sick: 2531 Wounded: 848 Total: 3379.

DISCHARGES.

England.	Conv.	Depot.	Other Hosp.	Med. Board & Details.	Deaths.	Total.
1086	1039	1501	91	105	3822.	

CONVOYS AND EVACUATIONS.

Total Convoys: 34 Total Evacuations: 48

Average Number of Beds occupied % per day. - 73.75%
Average Stay of Patients in Hospital. - 5 days.

OPERATIONS AND X-RAY EXAMINATIONS.

Operations - 233. X-Ray Examinations - 296.

The following tables show the health of the Staff for the Month:-

OFFICERS:- Remaining in Hospital 1.11.18. Nil.
Admitted during month (Chaplains McKeon & Smith). 2
Discharged to duty. " " " 2

SISTERS:- Remaining in Hospital 1.11.18. 4
Admitted during month. Nil
Discharged to duty. 3
Remaining in Hospital 1.12.18. (Sister Grewar who proceeded on Sick Leave to Cannes). 1
Two members of A.A.N.S. had Sick Leave to Etretat during month.

OTHER RANKS:- Number on Sick Parade for month. 76
Remaining in Hospital 1.11.18. 14
Admitted during month. 20
Discharged to duty. 24
Evacuated to U.K. 4
Remaining in Hospital 1.12.18. 6

There was one case of V.D. amongst the staff during the month.

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13 members (all that were due) were inoculated during the month.

14 Under-age personnel (who have now reached the age of 19) were transferred to Field Units during the month.

13 Under-age boys marched out to Havre for return to Australia.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
1.12.18.

Sgd. K. McK. DOIG, Major.
REGISTRAR,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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SUMMARY OF WORK OF QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

APRIL 1916 -- NOVEMBER 1918.

The Hospital arrived in France from Egypt on 13th. April 1916 as a 750 bed Hospital, taking over this site from No. 12 Stationary Hospital and receiving patients on 29.4.16.

The working of this Hospital from the commencement has been under great difficulties owing to lack of accommodation. At the outset we had two Hospital Huts which were utilised as follows: No. 1 as Operating Theatre, X-Ray room and small Surgical Ward of 15 beds. No. 2 as Surgical Ward of 40 beds. The remainder of the beds were housed in marquee tents.

The work of draining the ground was our first necessity as at that time the surplus water from Nos. 10 and 12 General Hospitals was drained into this ground which, during the three months continued rain following our arrival, reduced the ground to a quagmire.

Owing to a lack of accommodation a number of Sisters were attached to other hospitals, the remainder were accommodated in two huts and tents. Officers were accommodated in tents solely. Personnel were also in tents.

One of the great difficulties was the water supply. We were dependent on the Sanitary Section for our supply which was delivered was delivered in carts from which barrels, placed in different parts of the hospital area, were filled. This system was obviously unsatisfactory, continual complaints being made of the non-arrival of carts.

The hospital kitchen has always been a source of trouble and the work carried out under the greatest difficulties. A much appreciated addition was made to the building early in 1917 and the Royal Engineers are at present engaged in further additions which would have made the working much easier for the staff and minimised the complaints.

The expansion to 1040 beds with crisis expansion to 1100 beds was carried out on 10.7.16, during which month the patients in hospital at times far exceeded this number, it being necessary to place bedboards and trestles in staff quarters and in tents erected wherever possible.

The work of the hospital was carried out under canvas till early in 1918.

During our stay here much work of improvement has been carried out and has changed a most uncomfortable area to one of comparative comfort. The laying on of water, erection of huts, addition to Sisters' quarters, huts for officers and personnel, improving of roads, bathing facilities, heating of wards and quarters have been large factors in this.

The Stores of the Hospital viz. Stewards, Clothing, Linen and Equipment Stores have at all times been under canvas. The Pack Store is situated in portion of hut used as Q.M.'s office, but extra accommodation has to be provided for anything over 250 kits.

We are at present engaged in handing over to the Chief Ordnance Officer, Rouen the equipment, which is being conditioned by Ordnance Representatives, and counting work commences on Monday next 16th. inst., but, owing to shortage of storage room at A.O.D. Depots, it will be taken over here and will be transferred later by Ordnance.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
 13.11.18.

HAROLD M. MAUGHAN, Captain,
 QUARTERMASTER,
 FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

To: The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

MONTHLY REPORT QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

NOVEMBER 1918.

I beg to submit the following report for the month ending 30th. November 1918.

HOUSING. During the month of November Nissen Huts, completing twelve, were handed over and equipped as wards.
Stoves, Heating were fitted to all Sections.
Heating Installation was fitted to Operation Theatre.
Adrian Hut for Store was erected.
Additions to Patients' Kitchen in hand.
Heating of Sisters' second shack completed.

PROVISIONS. The following is list of rations issued during the month. Figures contained in attached return.

Ordinary	-	20359
Milk	-	4420
Chicken	-	553

LINEN. The following is a list of articles laundered by Hardy and Co.

Sheets	-	9597
Gowns Operating		1089
Blankets	-	383
Socks, pairs		2316
Towels, hand		15920
Pyjama Suits		5718
quilts	-	274
Pillow Slips		9240
Miscellaneous		13526

TOTAL. 58063

The following is the total number of articles washed by the Sanitary Laundry:- 6439.

PACK STORE.

Packs received into store	2614
Packs issued from store	2044
Packs remaining in store	570

Articles sent Dany & Co. to be washed and repaired for subsequent reissue to patients on evacuation: 1160

Articles of Clothing and Equipment returned A.O.D.,
quevilly:

Clothing Pieces	9368
Equipment Pieces	3181

CLOTHING. Issues were made to patients during the month of November on evacuation to Duty, Temp. Base, Boards, and Convalescent Depot as follows:

A.I.F.	114
B.E.F.	994
A.E.F.	44

On evacuation to England and Trouville:

A.I.F. to England	146
A.I.F. to Trouville	-
B.E.F. to England	910
B.E.F. to Trouville	1422
A.E.F. to England	3
A.E.F. to Trouville	57

Issues to Staff: 340

DISPENSARY. Attached is a Return showing Medical and Surgical Stores issued during the month.

CONSERVATION OF FAT. During the month 1445 lbs. of 1st. class fat and 34 lbs. of 2nd. class fat were handed over to Receiving Depot.

GENERAL DUTIES. The usual work of this Department has been carried out during the month.

KITCHENS. The work of this Department continues to be satisfactory.

GARDENS. General attention to Gardens.

A.I.F.. FRANCE,
13.12.18.

HAROLD M. MAUGHAN, Captain,
QUARTERMASTER,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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To:

The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF
NOVEMBER 1918.

The sanitation of the Hospital during the past month has been satisfactory. No departure was made from the routine methods adopted.

For a short period some difficulty arose in the disposal of rubbish, faeces etc. owing to the re-building of one of the destructors. The remaining one could not cope with the amount received and a small temporary brick incinerator was built and proved quite adequate.

The following infectious diseases occurred among patients:

Diphtheria	1	
Bacillary Dysentery	2	(B. Flexner type)
Paratyphoid B.	1	

All necessary disinfection and in the case of Diphtheria isolation of contacts, swabbing etc, has been varried out.

Two cases of Venereal Disease occurred in members of the unit, one being a case of Primary Syphilis on the lip.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
4.12.18.

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

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FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

To:

The Commanding Officer,
First Australian General Hospital.

REPORT UPON ANAESTHETICS FOR MONTH OF
NOVEMBER 1918.

Number of Anaesthetic Administrations - 233.

Anaesthetics employed	Maker	Quality
Ether	Howard	Satisfactory
Ether	May & Baker	"
Ether	Duncan & Flockhart	"
Chloroform	" "	"
Ethyl Chloride	Hedley	"
Kerocain	Kerfoot	"

ANAESTHESIAS.

Anaesthetic	Total No. of Admin- istrations.
Chloroform & Ether	190
Ethyl Chloride & Ether	12
Ether	8
Chloroform	6
Nitrous Oxide & Oxygen	5
Ethyl Chloride	2
Ethyl Chloride & Nitrous Oxide	1
Ether & Oxygen	1
Local (Kerocain)	8
<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>233</u>

REMARKS:-

The number of anaesthetics administered during the month of November shows a marked decrease on that of the preceding month, consequent on the cessation of hostilities. The last convoy admitted to the hospital was on November 27th.

The great majority of anaesthesias were of the open Chloroform and Ether method, there being 190 of these as compared with 12 of the next in order of preference viz. Ethyl Chloride & Ether. Gas & Oxygen (5 anaesthesias) was found particularly suitable and easy of administration to patients already in low condition when placed on the operation table.

For local anaesthesia Kerocain was employed and answered admirably as evidenced by its efficacy in operations on penetrating head cases under local anaesthesia performed by Captain Alan Newton.

A.I.F., FRANCE.
6.12.18.

Sgd. W.W.S. JOHNSTON, Major
A2A?MCC?
First Australian General Hospital.

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TOTAL ADMISSIONS
OF ALL TROOPS
FOR NOVEMBER.

● 3379

AUSTRALIANS

● 264

AMERICANS

● 116.

J. A. Dick. Col.
O.C.
N°1 AUST. GEN. HOSP.
FRANCE
1918

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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM OPENING OF HOSPITAL IN FRANCE.

MONTH.	SICK	WOUNDED	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL	MONTHLY AVERAGE
1916					
MAY (Ap'l..11)	¹¹ 515 }	236	762	762	
JUNE	794	351	1145	1907	953.5
JULY	⁴ 580 }	4320	4914	6821	2273.6
AUGUST	862	1778	2640	9461	2365.2
SEPTEMBER	⁵ 980 }	2946	3921	13382	2676.4
OCTOBER	809	1368	2177	15559	2593.6
NOVEMBER	2166	971	3137	18696	2670.857
DECEMBER	2241	299	2540	21236	2654.5
1917					
JANUARY	2193	249	2442	23678	2630.8
FEBRUARY	1618	481	2099	25777	2577.7
MARCH	1622	470	2092	27869	2533.545
APRIL	1317	987	2304	30173	2514.416
MAY	886	829	1715	31888	2452.923
JUNE	837	624	1461	33349	2352.071
JULY	1556	649	2205	35554	2370.26
AUGUST	1526	1294	2820	38374	2398.375
SEPTEMBER	901	1032	1933	40307	2371
OCTOBER	1924	1182	3106	43413	2411.83
NOVEMBER	1648	1268	2916	46329	2438.368
DECEMBER	1550	841	2391	48720	2436
1918					
JANUARY	2029	290	2319	51039	2430.428
FEBRUARY	921	162	1083	52122	2369.181
MARCH	1695	3332	5027	57149	2484.739
APRIL	2127	1920	4047	61196	2549.875
MAY	2240	1111	3351	64547	2581.88
JUNE	2197	1526	3723	68270	2625.769
JULY	1488	1884	3372	71642	2653.4
AUGUST	1094	3546	4640	76282	2724.357
SEPTEMBER	1404	3375	4779	81061	2791.758
OCTOBER	1916	3942	5858	86919	2897.3
NOVEMBER	2531	848	3379	90298	2912.83

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

X-RAY DEPARTMENT

Some Statistics concerning work done by this department for 12 months beginning November 1st, 1917 and ending October 31st, 1918. (Captain A.E. Brown, Radiographer).

TOTAL WORK from November 1st, 1917 to October 31st, 1918.

Cases Examined	6769
Plates Used	5321

Table of Monthly Work from November 1st, 1917 to October 31st, 1918.

<u>Month.</u>	<u>Cases.</u>	<u>Plates.</u>
November	483	300
December	359	255
January	230	270
February	154	219
March	640	691
April	524	399
May	288	256
June	447	357
July	632	499
August	939	705
September	1072	727
October	1001	613
XXXXXXXX		

Maximum Daily Work

Cases Examined	94 (Oct. 1st)
(Previous maximum 90 on 3 occasions)	
Plates Used	76 (Mar. 30th)

Average Daily Work for last 8 days of August 1918.

Cases Examined	56-25
Plates Used	33-38

Average Daily Work for first 10 days of October 1918.

Cases Examined	49-5
Plates Used	32-7

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A.I.F., 1513/1/36.
D.G.M.S., DG.56/26.
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D.D.M.S., 1136/5/18.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters..
LONDON.
16.11.18.

The Secretary,
War Office,
London.

In view of the conclusion of hostilities and of the apparent probability that No. 1 Australian General Hospital could now be spared from Rouen, I should be glad if urgent action could be taken to make this unit available as early as possible for duty in England.

If this can be done the D.M.S., A.I.F. proposes to put it into Sutton Veney Military Hospital, the transfer of which to the A.I.F. has already been arranged with you.

The matter is recommended as very urgent in order that the evacuation to Australia of A.I.F. invalids may be expedited as much as possible.

Sgd. T.H.DODDS, Brig-General.
Commandant.

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War Office,
18.11.18.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the enclosed copy of a letter received from the Commandant, A.I.F. for the favor of your remarks as to whether No. 1 A.G.H. can be spared from your Command.

Sgd. for Director General
Armt Medical Service.

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D.M.S., L. of C.

Forwarded for your remarks please.

24.11.18.

Sgd. for D.G.M.S., B.E.F.

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D.G.M.S., B.E.F.

With reference to your No. DG. 56/26 dated 24.11.18 forwarding a copy of War Office letter No. 121/Medical/3912(A.M.D.1) dated 18.11.18 containing an application from the Commandant, A.I.F. asking whether No. 1 A.G.H. can be spared from Rouen:

In view of the conclusion of hostilities, I have no objection to this unit being taken away for duty in the United Kingdom.

The enclosures forwarded with your No. as above are returned herewith.

26.11.18.

Sgd. D.M.S., L. of C.

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D.D.M.S.,
Rouen.

For information.

26.11.18.

Sgd. D.M.S., L. of C.

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O.C.,
1st. Aust. General Hospital.

For information and return.

28.11.18.

Sgd. D.D.M.S., Rouen.

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D.D.M.S.,
Rouen.

Noted and returned please.

29.11.18.

Sgd. J.A.DICK, Colonel.
C.O. First Australian General Hospital.

APPENDIX

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

COST OF SUBSISTENCE

NOVEMBER 1918

Article	Issues	Rate	Total Cost
Meat	12499 lbs.	@ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb	507.15. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sausages	1900 "	@ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	67. 5.10
Bacon	1220 "	@ 195/- per cwt	106. 4. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Meat Extract	302 "	@ 4/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb	63.10.11
Frozen Fowl	170 fowls	@ 2/2 per lb	55. 5. -
Fish	1020 kilos	@ 4.70 Frs	174. 5. 1
Potatoes	10515 lbs	@ £10.1.6 per ton	47. 4. 9
Vegetables	2100 lbs	@ 30 Frs per 100 kilos	10.10. -
Flour	240 "	@ 21/6 per 80 lbs	3. 4. 3
Bread	17944 lbs	@ 2.2/3d per lb	199. 7. 6
Butter	901 lbs	@ 8.63 Frs per kilo	129.11. 7
Milk, Fresh	216 litres	@ 68 Frs per 100 litres	5. 7. -
Milk, Cond. Unsweet.	18790 tins	@ 23/6 per 48 tins	459.19. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Milk, Cond. Sweet	240 tins	@ 42/6 per 48 tins	10.12. 6
Gift Eggs	4018 eggs	@ 3d each	50. 4. 6
Limejuice	204 bottles	@ 2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$ per gallon	1.17. 5
Custard Powder	320 lbs	@ 74/11 per cwt	10.14. -
Margarine	745 lbs	@ 131/- per cwt	43.11. 4
Cheese	412 lbs	@ 133/- " "	24. 9. 3
Arrowroot	247 "	@ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb	6.11. -
Barley	38 "	@ 33/3 per cwt	11. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cocoa	253 "	@ 1/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb	17. 7.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coffee	69 "	@ 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d " "	3. 8. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jam	2253 "	@ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d " "	77. 8.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oatmeal	1591 "	@ 30/8 $\frac{1}{2}$ per 140 lbs	17. 8.11
Rice	753 "	@ 26/6 per cwt	8.18. -
Pepper	16 "	@ 1/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb	1. 4. 4
Sago	706 "	@ 80/- per cwt	25. 4. 3
Salt	450 "	@ 67/3 per ton	13. 6
Sugar	3023 "	@ 34/- per cwt	45.17. 8
Tea	543 "	@ 1/2 per lb	31.13. 6
Lemons	1427 lemons	@ 130/- per 1000	9. 5.6
Ale	507 bottles	@ 6/8 per doz	14. 1. 8
Stout	1282 "	@ 6/8 " "	35.12. 2
Brandy	60 Pts.13 ozs	@ 63/- " "	12. - . 3
Whisky	61 " 4 "	@ 35/- " "	6.14. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Port Wine	13 " 15 "	@ 27/- " "	1. 3. 2
Sherry	5 " 11 "	@ 30/- " "	10. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Champagne	42 bottles	@ 2 Fr per bottle	3. 1. 7
Malt Extract	16 "	@ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb	13. -
Lactogen	11 lbs	@ 82/6 per 50 lbs	18. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total Cost			£ 2291. 7.10 $\frac{1}{2}$

District.	Station.	Hospital	No. of patients subsisted as per AF735.	Value of Issues.	Average cost.
Rouen.	Racecourse Camp.	No.1 Aust. Gen. Hosp.	25,332.	£2291.7.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/9.709

AIF, FRANCE.
1.12.18.

Sgd. HAROLD M. MAUGHAN, Captain.
QUARTERMASTER,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

First Australian General Hospital.

Return of Breakages

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Sect No	Thermometers	Syringes	Medicine Measures
Sect 1	2	-	2
" 2	6	2	3
" 3	6	-	4
" 4	4	-	1
" 5	1	-	3
" 6	3	-	1
" 7	7	-	1
" 8	4	-	2
" 9	-	-	-
" 10	1	-	-
" 11	1	-	-
" 12	1	-	2
" 14	1	1	-
" 15	4	-	2
" 16	-	-	-
Hut 1	2	-	-
" 2	6	1	-
" 3	3	-	1
" 4	2	3	2
" 5	4	4	1
" 6	3	1	1
" 7	1	-	1
" 8	4	1	1
Total	66	12	28

First Australian General Hospital.

Return of dressings issued

November 1918

Sect No	Wool	Lint	Gauze	Bandages	Bandages	Jaconett	Plaster	Pins	Gau
	lbs	lbs	yds	Roller	Triang	yds	Reels	Sty	gse
Sect 1	3	7	120	96	12	1	-	3	-
" 2	3	1	30	-	12	1	-	3	-
" 3	1	4	30	24	12	2	-	1	-
" 4	3	2	120	192	-	-	-	6	1
" 5	2	-	30	36	-	-	1	2	-
" 6	2	-	90	84	-	6	-	8	2
" 7	2	6	270	-	12	-	1	5	2
" 8	7	-	240	156	60	2	2	3	6
" 11	16	18	480	84	24	4	3	3	8
" 12	11	8	420	192	48	2	1	2	-
" 14	18	13	540	228	120	2	4	4	4
" 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
" 16	3	5	60	48	24	-	-	1	-
Hut 1	55	5	1410	216	492	-	4	2	46
" 2	166	4	3310	132	684	2	2	2	24
" 3	47	7	870	48	396	-	4	1	48
" 4	28	3	570	60	-	2	1	10	2
" 5	23	4	1410	144	168	-	3	1	27
" 6	54	10	1410	108	108	2	2	22	12
" 7	29	4	870	252	96	-	-	1	-
" 8	67	7	1680	180	156	-	5	6	18
O.T.-	-	-	2520	300	144	6	3	16	33
Total	840	108	16180	2580	2568	31	26	82	235

James H. Haffner Capt
Q.M. No1. A.G.H.

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*Corps Memo Bo*FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
-----ROUEN BASE
-----CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

Now that the Armistice has been signed and Peace is at least within measurable distance, after 51 months of the greatest war the world has ever seen, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all ranks for their loyal support to me personally during the last year of the war and for all they have done in their different spheres of usefulness to help towards the consummation of the great Victory of Civilisation over Barbarism.

At the same time I feel bound to give one word of advice. The troops comprising the British Army now stand very high in the estimation of their allies. They have fought magnificently and have covered their beloved Country with Honour and Glory. With very few exceptions the behaviour of the troops quartered in and passing through Rouen has won the admiration of all the inhabitants, both military and civil, in the Town and District. Don't let us now, in the joy of Victory, do anything to mar the splendid reputation we have made during the war. Don't let us do anything to shame our comrades who have given their lives for the great cause for which we have been fighting. Celebrate our Victory as much as you like, but "play the game".

When demobilization is ordered, everything possible will be done to get you home in the most equitable and speediest manner, and the best possible arrangements have already been made to ensure employment for everyone after the war, but there is plenty of work to be done still, both before and after demobilization, and I know that I can count on your support in getting it done as quickly and as well as in the past.

ROUEN.
11.11.18.

Sgd. L. PHILIPS.
Brigadier-General,
Base Commandant.

To
The Members of the 1st. A.G.H.

The Base Commandant has directed, through the D.D.M.S., that a copy of the above Memorandum is to be posted upon the Notice Board of every Unit in the Area, for information and necessary action.

ROUEN.
13.11.18.

J.A. Dick Colonel.
Commanding,
First Australian General Hospital.

Administrative Headquarters,
L o n d o n.
19th Nov 1918.

From: D.M.S., A.I.F.,
To: O. C.,
No. 1 A.G.H.,
A.I.F., France.

POST GRADUATE COURSE AT AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITALS.

Six Medical Officers will be sent from each Australian Division for a six weeks course at Australian General Hospitals, ten being attached to each hospital. These Medical Officers will not be available for general hospital duty except in case of emergency but will devote their whole time to "refresher" course in medicine and surgery.

The following officers will act as registrars of the refresher course and will be responsible to the O.C., for the co-ordination of the teaching work and general management of the course. -

No. 1 A.G.H. - Capt. H.A.S. Newton.
No. 2 A.G.H. - Lt.Col W.G.D. Upjohn
No. 3 A.G.H. - Major B. Smeaton

The following officers will be responsible to the O's.C. for the respective sectional teaching and organisation. -

Hospital	Medicine	Surgery	Surg. Anatomy	Pathology	Radiology
No 1 AGH	Major Johnston DSO. MC.	Major Scott	Capt Newton	Major Brenan	Capt A.E. Brown
No 2 AGH	Major A.E.R. White	Lt-Col W.G.D. Upjohn	Lt-Col W.G.D. Upjohn	Capt Forshaw	Capt Parkhouse
No 3 AGH	Major Lawton	Lt-Col Taylor-Young	Mjr Smeaton	Capt Connor	Capt Beeston

In addition to above subjects where facilities are available, lectures and demonstrations will be given on special subjects such as Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat diseases and any special subject that may appeal to the O.C., to be of practical value. Where possible, visits should be arranged to other hospitals in the area. Five of the Medical Officers at each hospital will do medicine for 3 weeks and five will do surgery for the same period when a change of subjects will be made. Each Medical Officer will ~~will~~ be attached to a Physician or Surgeon and will assist at operations and learn practically the methods of diagnosis and lines of treatment in the ward. This work should occupy the hours of the morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. From 12 noon to 1 p.m. all Medical Officers will attend at the Pathological Laboratory where instruction will be given in clinical pathology. From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a post mortem examination or pathological demonstration except on those afternoons reserved for visiting other hospitals. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. two afternoons a week a demonstration in surgical anatomy will be held and at the same time on two other afternoons per week efforts should be made to arrange lectures by specialists in the area on special subjects suggested are, Blood transfusion, serum sickness, physiology as applied to modern medicine and surgery. There should be no further work arranged after 4 p.m. unless asked for. On two evenings in the week it is suggested there be medical meetings and discussions where cases can be shown.

The above will be taken merely as broad outlines on which it is suggested this course be carried out and it is hoped that every effort will be made by Medical Officers on the Staff of General Hospitals to make this course practical and interesting on behalf of their fellow officers who, through the exigencies of the service have been unable to keep abreast of the recent advances in professional knowledge.

It is hoped to start this course within the next 7 days and Major Kellaway M.C. will shortly visit the three Australian General Hospitals to confer with the O.C. and Registrar of the Refresher Course on matters of detail.

Sd/ R.J. MILLARD. COLONEL. a/D.M.S., A.I.F.,

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF GOODS ISSUED TO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL FROM THE
DEPOT OF THE AUSTRALIAN BRANCH B.R.C.S., FOR THE
MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1918.

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Jam	...	59 tins
Pickles	...	30 bottles
Fruit	...	258 tins
Jelly crystals	...	137 pkts
Malted milk	...	2 tins
Coffee & milk	...	43 tins
Cocoa	...	100 tins
Cornflour	...	96 pkts
Extract of beef	...	104 tins
Chutney	...	2 bottles
Vegetables	...	54 pkts
Barley	...	1 "
Benger's food	...	3
Rabbit	...	165 tins
Onions	...	13 pkts
Pea sausages	...	49
Corned beef	...	37 tins
Hospital bags	...	1582
Handkerchiefs	...	350
Pipes	...	169
Combs	...	16
Brushes, nail	...	22
" hair	...	17
" shaving	...	31
Soap, shaving	...	102 cakes
" toilet	...	342 "
" C.T.	...	16 "
" Monkey	...	57 "
" bar	...	7 1/2 bars
Powder, toilet	...	91 tins
Tooth paste	...	212 tins
Stationary	...	232 pkts
Pencils	...	11
Old linen	...	59 pieces
Bandages, roller	...	36
Towels, "	...	2
Jackets, pneu	...	90
" cardigan	...	10
" bed	...	24
Socks, "	...	112 pairs
Caps, bed	...	20
Cap comforters	...	6
Lino	...	15 ft
Cocconut matting	...	12 ft
Football pants	...	24 pairs
Facewashers	...	886
Mittons	...	95 pairs
Cushions	...	8
Gloves	...	32 pairs
Mufflers	...	192
Scarves	...	6
Mirrors	...	4
Blankets	...	6
Lime juice	...	5 bottles
H.W.Bags & covers	...	5
Playing cards	...	10 pkts

A.I.F., France,
12.12.18

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
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SOME FIGURES CONCERNING THE PERIOD
 OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN FRANCE.

1. PERIOD COVERED.

April 28th. 1916 - December 15th. 1918.
 31 months.

2. AVERAGE DAILY COST OF SUBSISTENCE.

Per patient - 1/7..

3. AVERAGE DURATION OF STAY IN HOSPITAL.

Per patient - 6 days.

4. ADMISSIONS.

Totals:	Sick -	46,187
	Wounded-	44,111
	Total.	<u>90,298</u>

Average admissions per month: 2913.83.

Average admissions of Australian patients: 10%

5. DEATHS.

Total for 31 months:	956
December:	<u>3</u>
	<u>959</u>

Average per month:: 30.838.

6. PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS TO ADMISSIONS.

To Sickness:	.394%
To Wounds:	1.754%
To Total:	1.059%

7. X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

Number of cases examined by X-Ray Department:

In Egypt:	2,858
In France:	<u>11,488</u>
	<u>14,316</u>

8. PERIOD OF SERVICE IN FRANCE.

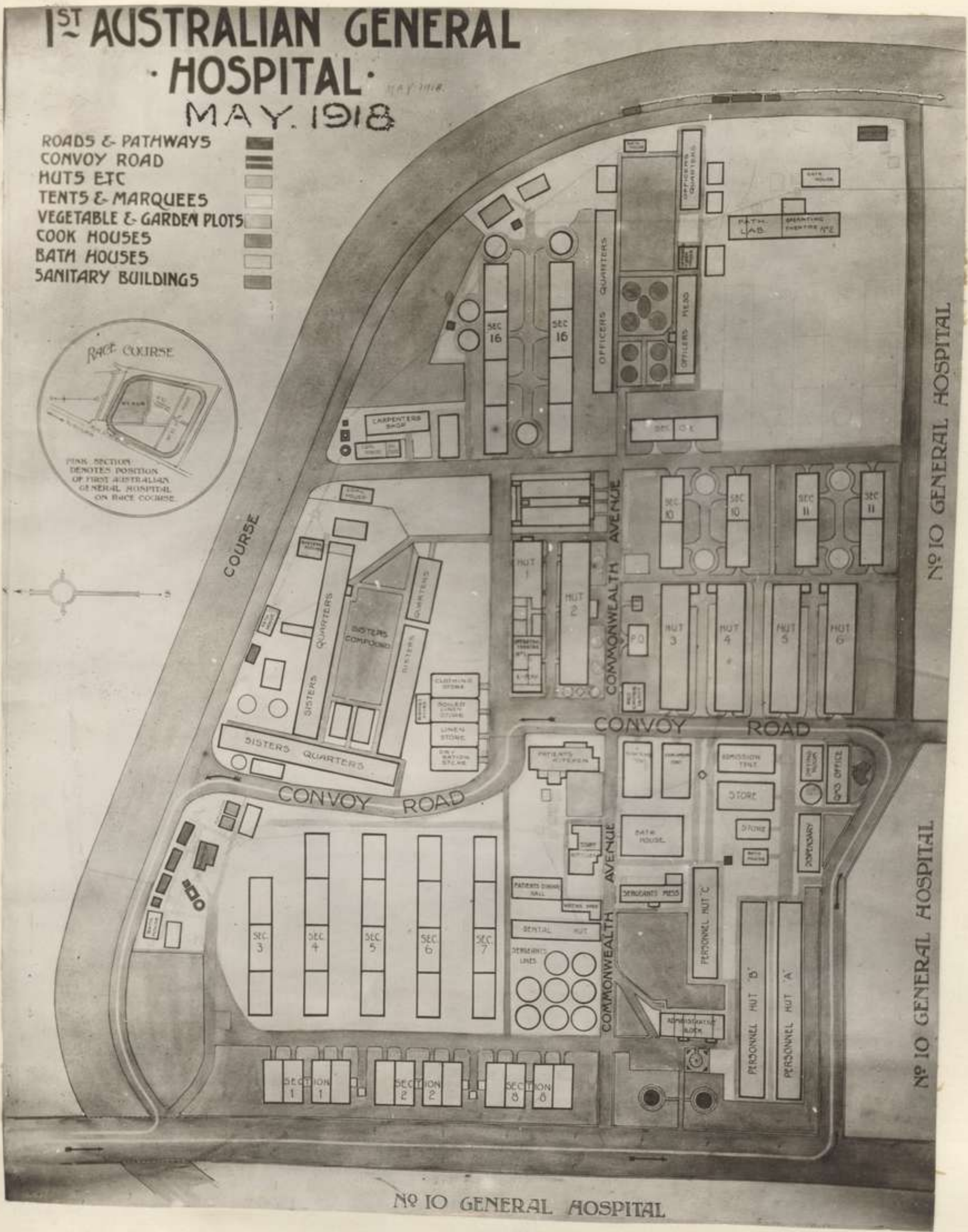
Unit left Heliopolis Palace, Egypt, March 28th. 1916 for Service in France. Reopened at Racecourse, Rouen, for reception of patients, April 29th. 1916. Closed at Rouen for reception of patients, November 30th. 1918, but patients not all evacuated until December 15th. 1918.

J. A. Sick

Colonel.

A.I.F.. FRANCE.
 16.12.18.

Commanding,
 First Australian General Hospital.



Nº1 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

NOVEMBER 1918

RACE COURSE
COLORED SECTION
DENOTES POSITION OF
Nº1 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL
HOSPITAL ON RACE COURSE



- ROADS & PATHWAYS
- CONVOY ROAD
- HUTS ETC.
- YENTS & MARQUEES
- GARDEN PLOTS ETC.
- COOK HOUSES
- BATH HOUSES
- DRAINS, SANITARY BDGS.
- TRENCHES



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