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Sutton-Veney

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sutton-Veney	March 1 st		Fine - Col E. W. W. C. O. + Capt Maxwell inspected MELKSHAM, Red Cross Auxiliary Hospl. along with Pay officials to pay patients there. We have 80 Convalescents there -	
Sunday	2 nd		Fine. Mild - Capt. HASLAM: D.A.D.R.T., A.I.F., TIDWORTH - Called - also Capt. BLACKETT.	
	3 rd	9am	Staff Officer, Sutton-Veney Depots, A.I.F. - Mild-Fine - Cloudy. Col. D. McWHAE; A.D.M.S. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. called. and inspected as usual. Owing to pressure of work & no others at present ready to take the places of 1915 enlisted men - their repatriation is temporarily delayed.	
	4 th	9am	Raining - Mild - First meeting of "Indoor Amusements Committee" held 8pm - at which programmes for Amusement of Patients & Personnel were arranged -	
	5 th	9am	Major R. DOUGLAS - reports from extended Educational Leave - Raining - Mild - Further returns sent in, of 1914 & 1915 enlisted personnel - we require that suitable replacements be ready for our men when removed from our unit - nearly 100 required.	
	6 th	9am	Fine - Calm, clear, Frosty - tp 32° There is a shortage of coal: & a threatened coal strike in U.K. a supply of scantling WOOD is being received for emergency fuel.	
	7 th	9am	Raining - tp. 50° Mild - A.D.M.S. (Col. McWhae) called. Col. KNOX, A.A.G. A.I.F. Depots called.	
	8 th	9am	Three Mental Cases for transfer on 8 th for A.I.F. Mental Hosp. KNAPSbury - Others have gone previously.	
			Dull, cloudy. mild - Patients in Hospital 682 - of these 637 are A.I.F. - Sister 10, Canadian, V.A.Ds - 7 Other British 18 - German Prisoners of W. 18 - total 682.	

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SUTTON- VENY Sunday	MARCH 9 th	9 am	tp. 50°: Bult. Cloudy - General Patients A. W. L. - C. O. & Capt. BYRDON also Matron visited Melksham Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital - This is the only Auxiliary Hospital now attached to 1st A. G. H. and it is to close on April 8 th .	
	10 th	9 am	tp. 50°: Showery. A. W. L. patients dealt with - Awarded Forfeiture of Pay - Lt. Col. MILES, Mental Expert, visited team patients. Fire-bucket inspection throughout Hospital carried out.	
	11 th	9 am 11 am	tp. 50° Rain & Wind - T/Mpr. G. BELL - proceeded to Admin. - Mr. Genl. Sir ROSENTHAL, G. O. C. of A. I. F. Depot in U. K. (successor to Mr. Genl. Sir J. W. McKAY) visited the Hospital & inspected at 11 am.	
	12 th	9 am	tp. 50°: Raining - 3 pm. Bdr. Genl. J. HEANE, 2 nd A. I. F. Infy Bde. Called - Miss M. E. AHERNE, the new G. S. V. A. D. Unit Superintendent reported at 9 am on 13 th inst.	
	13 th	9 am	tp. 40°: Clear, Fine, Sunshine - The Electric Light failed at the Power House near Corford at 10 pm. last night and continued off all night in all camps. The Power House telephone also out of action. Q. M. went in car to Power House & discovered Cause to be due to breakdown of Wires on line of Communication - Raining all day after 11 am.	
	14 th	9 am	tp. 32°: Clear, light frost, Sunshine, 9 am. [Mr. W. W. S. Johnston; D. S. O., M. C. proceeded to Admin. on the 13 th Mr. K. McDOIG (Regt. & Asst.) went on Week-end leave to London - Capt. A. B. McCutcheon, Acting for him -	
	15 th	9 am	tp. 32°: Clear, Sunshine, Frost, fine all day - Q. M. Capt. H. M. Mangham went on Week-end leave to London till noon Monday. Capt. A. B. McCUTCHEON performing duties of Acting-Registrar & Asst. during absence of Mr. Doig. Q. M. S. SUMMERVILLE, D. (W. O. 2 nd CE) acting for Q. M. Capt. Mangham -	

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Sutton-Veney	March			
Sunday	16 th	9am	Fine, cloudy, cold. Paraded W.O.s. and N.C.O.s. - 11 am. in Recreation Room - C.O. addressed them on Responsibilities of W.O.s. and N.C.O.s. in view of recent promotions.	
	17 th	9am	Fine - tp. 45°. Col. D. McWHAE, A.D.M.S. A.I.F. Dep't in U.K. called - also A.Q.M.G., A.I.F. Dep't in U.K. (Lt. Col. G. WALL). Registrar & Q.M. returned from week-end leave -	
Tuesd.	18 th	9am.	Fine. Frosty - Cases of measles have occurred amongst Nursing Staff - also G.S.V.A.D. Staff -	
		3.30 pm	Lady MITCHELL, Asst. Commr. Aust. Red Cross Soc. London and MRS HOOD, A.R.C. London, visited & inspected the Hospital - Raining & dull all day after 12 noon -	
	19 th	9am.	Raining - tp. 45° - Ward inspections carried out as usual - also Sanitary Officer's inspections - and Orderly Officer's inspections.	
	20 th	9am.	Snowing - snow storm - tp. 35° - 38°. Suitable cases being selected for vacancies in Hospital Ship. "WANDILLA" due to sail shortly. Col. T. P. DUNHILL, A.A.M.C. visited the Hospital.	
	21	9am.	Fine clear - heavy thaw - Capt. AIRD, proceeded to Admnaust on Educational purposes. Q.M. & Hon. Lt. G. BROOKS. reported for duty from Admnaust -	
	22.	9am	Dull, snowing & showery. tp. 35° Fine all day after 11 am. Capt. HELLSTROM: same. reported for duty from A.D.M.S. A.I.F. Dep't. Patients in Hospital = A.I.F. 665, Sisters 11, Canadian 1, V.A.D.s. 10, Other British 17, Germans 10. Total = 714.	

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Sutton - Veng - Wills	March			
- Veng - Sunday	23 rd	9am	Frost. pipes frozen in several lavatories - Snow at noon - Clear afterwards Frost at night - Mr. E. M. STEPHEN, Med. Sect. A.I.F. H.Q. London visited the Hospital.	
	24 th	9am	Fine. Cold Wind. Frost. A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (Col. D. M. WHAE) called in inspect - Patients requiring Electric. therapeutic and massage treatment inspected amongst others.	
	25 th	9am	Fine - Cold. Windy - German Prisoners of War digging over garden patches - These are entitled to 6 1/2 ⁰ per hour and they work seven hours a day - at a very slow pace - This pay is "Agricultural Pay" for P.O.W.	
	26 th	9am	Fine - Sunshine - G.S.V.A.D. members who have been working in the Hospital departments (not Nursing V.A.D.s) and who have come from No. 1. A.A.H. Harfield - are working satisfactorily Mr. L.A. Baker - Commandant.	
	27 th	9am	Wind, Rain, Cold. Capt. THOMAS, a.m.c. from No. 2. C.D. WEYMOUTH sent by A.I.F. to see Orthopaedic cases for Hosp. Ship. "WANDILLA" due soon to sail.	
	28 th	9am	Wind, Fine - cold. The New Organization of A.I.F. Depots - into <u>Five Groups</u> to correspond with <u>5. Divisions</u> is being carried out - This Hospital is said to be in the 2 nd Group. formed from 2 nd Division -	
	29 th	9am	Heavy Snow during night - Fine 9am. & thawing - Representation from Director of Convention - Tidworth called. 3pm. re Educational Lectures - for Personnel & patients - promised as Entertaining Lectures on useful subjects. Weekly Entertainments for Patients - Concerts, Whist-drives, Billiard Tournaments etc are arranged weekly for one or other of these daily - in Recreation Hall (or J.F. M.C.A. Hall) from 2 to 4 daily and 4.45 - 7.45 daily -	

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Fine clear. Snow of yesterday melting fast. Arrangements made for evacuation of 120 (4) Lying cases to Warminster Station - to Amb. Train - for H. M. Aust. Hosp. Ship - "WANDILLA" (Lt. Col. T. G. WILSON O. C. Ship) at Southampton.</i>	
	<i>31</i>	<i>9am.</i>	<i>Fine. Patients evacuated by Ambulance Cars to Warminster Station - to Ambulance Train - en route to Hosp. Ship "Wandilla" for Australia (118 patients). The A.D. M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Visited & inspected. Mr. H. E. BROWNE and Capt. H. C. TRUMBLE reported for duty from <u>Admiralst.</u> (H.Q. A.I.F. <u>London</u>)</i> <i>Admissions during the month: - 756.</i> <i>Deaths during the month: - 6.</i> <i>The post of "Messing-Officer" has proved a most valuable one in the interests of the Aust. 1st for Patients & 2nd for personnel. A great saving of expense in foods, & greater value of foods is obtained. And a saving of bye-products of all sorts is made. With proper <u>cooks</u> and intelligent <u>Messing Officers</u> & <u>N.C.O.s</u>. Units can get greater food value from the rations - and waste is lessened, and bye products utilized & turned into money for messing purposes.</i>	

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March., 1st.	1919.		<p>Personnel. 14 Med. Officers. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M. 70 N/Staff. 2 Masseuses. 98. GS. VADs. 205. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. O/Rank from leave. 1. O/Rank from transfer. Departures. 1. O/Rank to Hospital. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 53. Discharges and transfers. 31. Patients remaining 783. Vacant beds. 329.</p>	JAD
March. 2nd.	1919.		<p>Personnel. 14 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M., 70. N/Staff. 2 Masseuses. 98 GS. VADs. 206. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. Sister. from leave. 52 O/Ranks. from leave. 1. Masseuse. Departures. 2. O/Ranks. to Fovant. 19-0/Ranks-on-leave. Admissions Bed Strength. 1112. Admissions. 21. Discharges and transfers. 13. Patients remaining 791. Vacant beds. 321.</p>	JAD
March 3rd	1919.		<p>Personnel. 14 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains, 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M. 71. N/Staff. 3 Masseuses, 98 GS. VADs. 209 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 3 O/Ranks from leave. Departures. 3 O/Ranks transferred. 1. O/rank to leave. Bed strength 1112. Admissions. 17. Discharges. 24. Patients remaining .784. Vacant beds. 328.</p>	JAD
March 4th.	1919.		<p>Personnel. 14 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M., 71 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 98 GS. VADs. 208. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 2 O/Ranks. from leave. 2 O/Ranks from transfer. Departures. 1. N/Staff. to leave. 1. O/Rank to leave, Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 46. Discharges & Transfers. 72. Patients remaining. 758. Vacant beds. 354.</p>	JAD

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	March 5th 1919		<p>Personnel. 14 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M., 70. N/Staff.</p> <p>3 Masseuses. 98 GS. VADs., 211.0/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 3 O/Ranks from leave.</p> <p>Departures. 2. N/Staff. to Hospital. 3 O/Ranks to transfer.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 15.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers. 12.</p> <p>Patients remaining. 761.</p> <p>Vacant beds. 351.</p>	Jas
	March. 6th, 1919		<p>Personnel. 14. Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Dent. Off. 1. Q.M. 68 N/Staff.</p> <p>3 Masseuses. 98. GS. VADs. 211.0/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 1. Med. from leave. (Major. R.O. DOUGLAS.)</p> <p>Departures. 1. N/Staff. to Hospital. 2 N/Staff. to transfer.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 16.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers. 9.</p> <p>Patients remaining. 768.</p> <p>Vacant beds. 341.</p>	Jas
	March 7th 1919		<p>Personnel. 15 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M., 65 N/Staff.</p> <p>3 Masseuses. 98 GS. VADs. 211.0/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 1. GS. VAD. from transfer. 1. O/Rank. from transfer.</p> <p>Departures. 2 O/Ranks off strength 2 O/Ranks on leave.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 22.</p> <p>Discharges. and transfers. 22.</p> <p>Patients remaining 768.</p> <p>Vacant Beds. 341.</p>	Jas
	March 8th 1919		<p>Personnel. 15 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M. 65 N/Staff.</p> <p>3 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs. 208. 0/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 1. O/Rank from leave.</p> <p>Departures. 1. N/Staff. to Hospital.</p> <p>Bed strength 1112. Admissions. 14.</p> <p>Discharges & transfers. 26. Patients remaining 756. Vacant Beds. 353.</p>	Jas

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	March 9th.		<p>Personnel. 15 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M. 64 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs., 209 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. N/Staff. 2 O/Ranks from Fovant. 1. O/Rank from transfer. Departures. 1. Den. Off. (Capt. C. MORCOM) 1. N/Staff to Hospital. 4 N/Staff to leave. 2 N/Staff to transfer. 4 O/Ranks to leave. Bed strength 1112. Admissions. 9. Discharges and transfers. 7. Patients remaining. 758. Vacant Beds. 354.</p>	JMS
	March. 10th.		<p>Personnel. 15 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Q.M. 59 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADS. 208. O/Ranks. Arrivals. Nil. Departures. 2 N/Staff to transfer. 1. N/Staff to leave. 2 O/Ranks. to transfer. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 8. Discharges and transfers. 14. Patients remaining. 752. Vacant beds. 360.</p>	JMS
	March 11th.		<p>Personnel. 15 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Q.M., 56 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs. 206. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 10 N/Staff from transfer. 1. N/Staff from Hospital. 1. N/Staff from leave. 1. O/Rank from leave. Departures. 1. Med. Off transferred (Major. G. Bell.) 1. O/Rank transferred. Bed Strength. 1112. Admissions. 14. discharges and transfers. 30. Patients remaining. 736. Vacant Beds. 376.</p>	JMS
	March 12th.		<p>Personnel. 14 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Q.M., 68 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs. 206. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. N/Staff from leave.</p>	

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	March. 12th. cont.		Departures. 3 N/Staff to Hospital. 4 O/Ranks transferred. 1.0/Ranks to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 13. Discharged and transferred. 14. Patients remaining, 735. Vacant Beds. 377.	JAD
	March 13th.		Personnel. 14 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Q.M., 66 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs. 201. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. N/Staff from leave. 3 O/Ranks. transferred. 3.0/Ranks from leave. Departures. 1. Med. Off. (Major. W.W.S. JOHNSTON. D.S.O. M.C.) transferred. 4 O/Ranks transferred. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 17. Discharges and transfers. 19. Patients remaining, 733. Vacant beds. 379.	JAD
	March. 14th.		Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Q.M., 67 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs. 203. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 2. GS. VADs. transferred. 1.0/Rank from leave. Departures. 1. N/Staff to Hospital. 1.0/Rank to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 10. Discharges and transfers. 29. Patients remaining. 714. Vacant beds. 398.	JAD
	March 15th.		Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess Off. 1. Q.M., 66 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 101. GS. VADs. 203. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. Den. Off. (CAPT. C. MORCOM) from leave. 1.0/Rank. transferred. 1. Masseuses transf. Departures. 1. N/Staff. to Hospital. 1.0/Rank transferred. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 12. <u>DEATH</u> : - 6 a.m. 3407. Pte. HARRISON. R.S., 59th Inf. - A.I.F. Discharges and transfers. 6. Broncho-Pneumonia. Patients remaining. 719. Vacant beds: 393.	JAD
	March 16th.		Personnel. 1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. & A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.	

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	March. 19th. cont.		Discharges and transfers. 12. Patients remaining. 740. Vacant beds. 372.	MD
	Midnight.			
	March. 20th.		Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispen. 2. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M. 72 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADS. 198 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 3 N/Staff. transferred. 1. O/Rank from leave. Departures. 1. O/Rank to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 41. Discharges. and transfers. 8. Patients remaining 773. Vacant Beds. 339.	MD
	Midnight			
	March. 21st.		Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispen. 2. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 1. Q.M., 75 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS/VADS. 198.0/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. Q.M. (Hon. Lieut. G. BROOKES.) transferred. Departures. 1. Med. Off. (CAPT. I. AIRD.) transferred. 1. Mess. Off. (Lieut. R. B. BAYLEY.) transf. 1. N/Staff to Hospital. 2 O/Ranks. transferred. 3 O/Ranks. to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 69. Discharges and transfers. 22. Patients remaining 820. Vacant beds. 292.	MD
	Midnight.			
	March. 22nd.		Personnel. 12 Med. Off. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 2 Q.Ms. 74 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADS. 193. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. Med. Off. (Capt. C. O. HELLSTROM) transferred. 1. O/Rank. transferred. Departures. 2 N/Staff transferred. 1. N/Staff. to Hospital. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 12. Discharges and transfers. 33. Patients remaining 799. Vacant beds. 313.	MD
	Midnight.			
	March 23rd.		Personnel. 13 Med. Off. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 2 Q.Ms. 71 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS/VADS. 194 O/Ranks.	

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March. 23rd.	cont.		Arrivals. 3 N/Staff from leave. 1. N/Staff from Hospital. 1. O/Rank from leave. Departures. Nil. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 16. DEATH: No. 38731. Gnr. Garrett. F.H., 1st B.A.H.Q., - Broncho-Pneumonia. Discharges and transfers. 14. Patients remaining. 800. Vacant beds. 312.	JND
	11.0 pm.			
	Midnight.			
March. 24th.			Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 1. Chaplain 1. Dispens. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 2. Q. Ms. 75. N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs. 195. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 2 O/Ranks from Hospital. Departures. 1. O/Rank transferred. 1. O/Rank to Hospital. 1. O/Rank to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 16. Discharges Death. 6557. Pte. C.H. PITTHARD., 11th Aust. Inf. - Intes. Obstr.- Discharges and transfers. 32. Patients remaining. 783. Vacant beds. 329.	JND
	7.30 p.m.			
	Midnight.			
March 25th.			xxxxx Personnel. 13. Med. Offrs. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispens. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 75 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. VADs. 194. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. N/Staff from leave. 1. O/Rank from transfer. Departures. 1. N/Staff to leave. 3 O/Ranks to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 66. DEATH: No. 10301. Spr. P. MAHER., 10th Aust. Engrs. - Appendicitis. Discharges and transfers. 88 Patients remaining. 760. Vacant beds. 352.	JND
	10.20 am.			
	Midnight.			
March. 26th.			Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs; 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispenser. 1. Mess Off. 1. Den. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 75 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. Vads. 192. O/Ranks. Arrivals. 2 N/Staff from Hospital. Departures. 2. N/Staff. to leave. 1. O/Rank to transfer. 2 O/Ranks. to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admission. 12.	JND

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	26th March.	Cont.	Discharges and transfers. 26. Patients remaining. 756. Vacant beds. 356.	<i>MS</i>
	Midnight.			
	March 27th.		Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 75 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. Vads. 189 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. N/STAFF. from leave. 5 O/Ranks transferred. 1. O/Rank from leave. Departures Nil. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 26. Discharges and transfers. 18. Patients remaining. 764. Vacant beds. 348.	<i>MS</i>
	Midnight.			
	March 28th.		13 Med. Offrs. Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 76 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. Vads. 195 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 2 O/Ranks from leave. Departures. 1 O/Ranks to leave. 3 N/Staff transferred. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 78. Discharges and transfers. 49. Patients remaining. 793. Vacant beds. 319.	<i>MS</i>
	Midnight.			
	March 29th.		Personnel. 13 Med. Offrs. 1. Chaplain. 1. Dispen. 1. Mess. Off. 1. Den. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 73 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS. Vads. 196 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. 6 O/Ranks transferred from leave. Departures. 1. Med. Off. Capt. C. MAXWELL. to Hospital. 4 N/Staff. to leave. 1. N/Staff to Hosp. 2 O/Ranks. to transfer. 1. O/Rank to leave. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 21. Discharges and transfers. 14. Patients remaining. 800. Vacant beds. 312.	<i>MS</i>
	Midnight.			

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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March. 30th.			<p>Personnel. 13. Med.Off.rs. 1.Chaplain.1.Dispen.1.Mess.Off. 2.Q.Ms. 1.Den.Off. 68 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS/VADs. 199 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 6 N/Staff from leave.</p> <p>Departures. 11. O/Ranks transferred. 1.O/Rank to leave.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 12.</p> <p>4.25 4.25 pm. <u>DEATH</u>: No.3934.,Pte. J. CLARKE. , 12th Aust.Inf. - Broncho-Pneumonia.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers. 8.</p> <p>Patients remaining. 803.</p> <p>Midnight. Vacant beds. 309.</p>	JAD
March 31st.			<p>Personnel. 13. Med.Offrs. 1. Chaplain. 1.Dispen. 1.Mess.Off. 1.Den.Off. 2.Q.Ms. 74.N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS/VADs. 187.0/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 1.Med.Off.(MAJOR. H.E. BROWNE) transferred.1.N/Staff from leave.5 N/Staff from Hospital.1.GS.VAD. transferred.</p> <p>Departures. 4 N/Staff to leave. 1.O/Rank.transferred.</p> <p>Bed strength .1112. Admissions. 18.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers. 139.</p> <p>Patients remaining. 682.</p> <p>Midnight. Vacant beds. 430.</p>	JAD
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>L. A. Oik.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Colonel., AAMC. Commanding, First Australian General Hospital.</p> <p>3.4.19. Sutton V eny.</p>				

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WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOR

M A R C H 1919.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

SUTTON VENY,
 WILTS.,
 20th. March 1919.

To:-
 D.M.S., A.I.F.,
 A.I.F. 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 G.O.
 FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

 FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.
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The month of February was one of hard work. There were many dangerously ill patients admitted suffering from a third wave of the Influenza and Pneumonia Epidemic.

INSPECTIONS ETC.

- The A.D.M.S., H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (Col. D. McWhae, C.M.G., C.B.E.) paid his weekly visit of inspection on Mondays.
 Feb. 3rd. The Officer Commanding, A.I.F. Depots Sutton Veny (Col. W.W.R. Watson, C.B., C.M.G.) called and inspected the Hospital.
 Feb. 4th. The Mental Specialist Southern Command (Lt. Col. G.E. Miles) called to see patients, also on 27th.
 Feb. 12th. The C.R.E., Wylve Valley (Lt. Col. Evans, R.E.) visited the Hospital and inspected G.S.V.A.D. quarters.
 Feb. 13th. The A.D.M.S., 5th. District (Tidworth) Southern Command (Col. Bowley, A.M.S.) visited the Hospital and saw Prisoner of War patients.
 Feb. 14th. The Inspector of Medical Records, (Lt. Col. Masters) from British A.D.M.S. Tidworth called and inspected Records.
 Feb. 20th. The A.Q.M.G., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (Lt. Col. G. Wall) visited the Hospital.
 Feb. 21st. The Consulting Surgeon, Southern Command (Col. Sir A. Mayo-Robson) visited, also on 26th. inst.

ADMISSIONS ETC.

During February there were admitted into Hospital:

Australians	-	853
English	-	25
V.A.Ds.	-	4
Civilians	-	9
Canadians	-	2
Germans	-	7
Total		<u>900</u>

DEATHS

There were 37 deaths during the month of February. These consisted of Australians 31; English 4; Civilians 1; Germans 1; Total: 37. The cause of death in the large majority of instances was due to Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia following Influenza.

THE AVERAGE STAY IN HOSPITAL

The average number of days stay per patient in Hospital was 14 days.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The attached report of the Officer in Charge of the Medical Division (Major W.W.S. Johnston, D.S.O., M.C.) gives an indication of the character of the Medical Cases treated during the month. The third wave of the Influenza Epidemic continued throughout February. The first was in June 1918, the second was in October and November 1918. The majority of the Medical cases admitted consisted of Influenza and its complications. There were many cases of dangerous and serious illness amongst the patients treated.

SURGICAL DEPARTMENT

The attached report from the Officer in Charge of the Surgical Division (T/Major G. Bell) indicates the nature of the surgical work performed during February. The total number of Surgical Operations performed in the Operation Theatre was 65. This is less than last month. The actual operation work has diminished but the care and attention and treatment of the Surgical cases has increased viz: the adjustments of splints, slings, massage, and electrical treatment. This is owing to the cases being the late results of injuries. A number of patients suffering from Surgical conditions common to civil life were admitted and treated.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Major A.J. Brennan, A.A.M.C. the former Pathologist has left the Unit and has been succeeded by Capt. O. Latham, A.A.M.C.

A report is attached from Captain Latham giving a short account of the Laboratory and a statement of work done during the month.

The arrangement whereby the Bacteriologist of the S.M.O., Wylge Valley Area, Southern Command shares the use of the Laboratory is working satisfactorily. Captain Caldwell, R.A.M.C. is at present performing the duties and is attached for rations and quarters.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT

A report from Captain A.E. Brown, A.A.M.C., Radiographer is attached. This report gives an account of the X-Ray work, also the Massage work, and Electro-Therapeutic work of the hospital during the month.

The assistance to the Surgeons and Physicians by the X-Ray Department continues to be of the greatest value in the treatment of patients.

Captain Brown is an enthusiastic worker as his report indicates.

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT

The Massage Department is a comparatively new Department for the Hospital and has developed considerably on account of the nature of the cases now admitted for treatment. At present there are four Masseuses on the staff. One of the orderlies has developed marked ability in this subject and affords considerable help. It appears that a larger staff of Masseuses will be required because of the numbers of patients requiring this form of treatment. This Department is referred to in the X-Ray Report.

ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC DEPARTMENT

This Department is comparatively new and has developed on account of the numbers of patients admitted to Hospital who require this form of treatment. The Surgeons and Physicians have found it most valuable in the treatment of stiffened limbs and other conditions. The supply of electricity so far is inadequate for requirements but steps are being taken to remedy this deficiency. This Department is referred to in the X-Ray Report.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

The Dental Department is well housed and has performed good useful work throughout the month.

SANITARY OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT

Captain Latham (Pathologist) has performed very good work in carrying out the duties of Sanitary Officer of the Hospital.

V.D.

The Early Treatment Room is maintained, and serves to diminish, if not prevent V.D.

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT

The work of the Registrar's Department was heavy throughout the month. The changes in staff, owing to the working of the Repatriation and Demobilisation of the A.I.F., have made the work somewhat difficult at times. Major K. McK. Doig, M.C., Registrar, performed his duties most efficiently. In the absence of the Registrar the duties have been performed by Captain A.B. McCutcheon, A.A.M.C.

NURSING DEPARTMENT

Miss E. Cornwell, R.R.C., Matron, has left the Unit for Australia and Head Sister Kidd Hart, R.R.C. is performing the duties of Acting Matron. Many changes in the Nursing Staff have occurred during the month. Several of the Sisters have been ill from Influenza.

A report is attached from the Acting Matron (Miss A. Kidd Hart).

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

The work performed by the Quartermaster's Department during the month has been considerable in amount. The various Sections are working smoothly. Difficulties have been experienced owing to changes in the staff due to the working of the Repatriation Scheme. Several experienced N.C.Os. and men have left and their work has been distributed to others. Q.M. and Hon. Lieutenant H.W.Powell has been transferred to No. 2 A.A.H., Southall. A report for the month from Captain H.M.Maughan, Quartermaster, is attached.

PRISONER OF WAR PATIENTS

The German Prisoner of War patients were transferred to the Military Hospital, Fargo during the month. A few still remain who were too ill for transfer.

DISPENSARY

The Dispensary has assumed new duties. In addition to the Hospital, it now supplies the various Medical Units under the administration of the S.M.O., A.I.F. Depots which were formerly supplied by the Group Depot of Medical Stores. That Depot has now closed. The Dispenser (Hon. Lieut. T.W.Longville) finds that more space is required for the bulk stores, a large stock of which it is now necessary to carry.

MESSING OFFICER

The duties of Messing Officer have been efficiently carried out by Lieut. R.R.Bailey. The patients and personnel have been catered for satisfactorily throughout the month.

PAY DEPARTMENT

A representative of the A.I.F. Pay Corps reported for duty on 22nd. January. This position has proved to be a most necessary and useful addition to the Unit as regards the Pay matters of patients and personnel.

ANAESTHETICS REPORT

A report is appended from Major E.M.Allester, Anaesthetist, upon anaesthetics administered in the Operation Theatre during February. The report indicates the high estimation held of Shipway's Apparatus and Boyle's Apparatus. The former for Warm Ether Vapour anaesthesia, the latter for Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen. The latter form of anaesthesia viz. Nitrous Oxide with Oxygen administered by Boyle's Apparatus is preferred above all others mentioned in the report.

GENERAL SERVICE V.A.D. MEMBERS' DEPARTMENT

The General Service V.A.D. Members from No. 1 A.A.H., Harefield were transferred to 1st. A.G.H. during the month of February. This is a new Department in the 1st. A.G.H. Observation has shown that the Members have settled down to their work in this Hospital in the same manner as at No. 1 A.A.H., Harefield. Miss Warneford, Commandant, has been transferred to Folkestone, and Mrs. L.A. Baker, formerly G.S.V.A.D. Superintendent, has been appointed Commandant. A report from the Commandant is attached.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

The A.R.C. has a representative attached to the Hospital in the person of Mrs. J.W. Blanch, Australian Red Cross Distributor. The Representative is quartered with the A.A.N.S. Sisters.

A room at the end of the Patients' Dining Hall which is used for recreation has been set apart for the store of the Lady Distributor.

Appended is a list of goods distributed by Mrs. Blanch in the Hospital during the month on behalf of the A.R.C. Mrs. Blanch has taken a keen interest in the welfare of the patients, and in providing equipment from the A.R.C. for the Recreation Room.

RECREATION ROOM

One of the Dining Halls for patients in the Hospital has been equipped as a Recreation Room. This has been done by the Australian Red Cross Society through its representative (Mrs. Blanch). Here the patients have a comfortable room used as a sitting, writing, reading and music room. There are also two three-quarter sized billiard tables. This room is smaller than that in the Y.M.C.A. Hut. It is used by patients who are unable to make use of the Y.M.C.A. Hut. The Recreation Room is also used for entertainments.

Y.M.C.A. HUT

The Hut belonging to the British Y.M.C.A. which is situated within the hospital quadrangle has been of great use to the Unit. The large room has been used for entertainments for the patients and staff. A full size billiard table in the same room has also been useful. The Unit Divine Service is held on Sundays in this Hut.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline has been well maintained by members of the Unit during the month. There have been several offences dealt with amongst patients and personnel. The majority of the cases have been A.W.L. or Overstaying Leave.

RECREATION

No outdoor recreation of an organised form has taken place during the month. Indoor amusements have been numerous. An Indoor Amusements General Committee has been formed from representatives of the various messes of the Unit. A Sub-Committee of this body arranges programmes for Patients and staff on Fridays for the coming week.

GARDENS (VEGETABLE & OTHERS)

Owing to circumstances there have not been sufficient staff so far available for employment in carrying out any gardening.

WEATHER

During the first fortnight of the month there was a succession of heavy frosts. Many water pipes were frozen and burst throughout the hospital and other places in this district causing much inconvenience and expense. All the measures laid down for prevention of freezing of the water pipes have been carried out. The remainder of the month was wet.

J. A. Dick

SUTTON-VENY, WILKS.
20.3.19.

Colonel, A.A.M.C.,
Commanding,
First Australian General Hospital.

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REPORTS HEREWITH FROM:

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

SURGICAL DEPARTMENT.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

~~X-RAY DEPARTMENT (including Massage & Electro-
Therapeutic Departments).~~

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

~~REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.~~

NURSING DEPARTMENT.

G.S.V.A.D. DEPARTMENT.

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ANAESTHETICS REPORT.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS DISTRIBUTOR'S REPORT.

CONSUMPTION OF FOOD PER 100 PATIENTS FOR FEBRUARY.

PROVISIONS CONSUMED BY PATIENTS: FEBRUARY (24,278).

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: THE COMMANDING OFFICER:
1st A.G.H.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

The bulk of the Medical Work has again been concerned with the Influenza Epidemic, and it was found necessary early in the month to open another Ward.(13) for the reception of this class of case. There are now 3 wards reserved for Influenza and in addition 1 for Influenzal Broncho-Pneumonia.

The number of cases admitted with the diagnosis of Influenza has been 410. The number of deaths from Broncho-Pneumonia has been 34 - a mortality in these figures of approximately 8%. It is to be remembered however that a certain number of cases of Influenzal might have been admitted as B.U.O., Broncho-Pneumonia &c. If these be taken in account, the mortality rate is slightly lowered.

As the month has progressed, the course of both the initial Influenza, and of the complicating Broncho-Pneumonia has been less virulent. It is probable that the more general adoption of prophylactic inoculation and the earlier consignment of patients to Hospital have both contributed towards this result. The effects of inoculation in the subsequent contraction of Influenza is debatable, but the effect seems to be to render the Pneumonic complications less severe. It has become the custom at this Hospital to inoculate cases of Influenza soon after Admission with 2-3 incisions of the Stock Vaccine, repeated at intervals of 48 hours. The results have been satisfactory in the early stages, though disappointing when the Pneumonic condition is far advanced.

In view of the large incidence and heavy mortality of the Broncho-Pneumonia, it was sought to discover whether the Pneumonia were really Influenza in onset or were following on "colds" induced by hardship and exposure suffered by the troops in camp and travelling across to England from Belgium. A careful enquiry into the history of cases showed that the great majority of cases, the onset was Influenzal in character.

During the month 6 Medical Officers from neighbouring camps have been under treatment in this Hospital for this complaint, and one Officer of the Australian Dental Corps, succumbed early in the month to Broncho-Pneumonia following Influenza. Of the Medical Staff of the Hospital, no members have been admitted as patients though several have had slight attacks. The Nursing Staff has been less immune and during the month 9 cases of Influenza have been under treatment, all so far having done well. The remainder of the Medical Work requires very brief notice. During the month, 3 fresh cases of Tuberculosis of the lungs, have been admitted. There are still 9 such cases, in Hospital awaiting disposal.

Of the ordinary Infectious Diseases, only one case has been admitted, viz, a case of Rubella which occurred in a member of the Nursing Staff.

SUTTONB VENY:
3.3.19.

(SGD) Major Johnston,
Officer i/c Medical Division,

First Australian General Hospital.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: OFFICER COMMANDING:
1st A.G.H.

Report of work of Surgical Division for month of February 1919.

During February the Surgical work has consisted mainly in the treatment of patients admitted during January 1919, and who were suffering from gun shot wounds in their later stages.

In addition patients requiring surgical treatment have been admitted from Local Camps. The treatment of the sequelae of osteo-myelitis in Compound Fractures has formed a fair proportion of the operative work, but not to such an extent as in January 1919.

The wounded German Prisoners of War have been evacuated with the exception of two dangerously ill patients.

No Cot cases have been evacuated to Hospital Ship. Col. Sir. A. Mayo Robson, Consulting Surgeon to the Southern Command has twice visited the Hospital during the month.

Attached is list of operations performed.

SUTTON VENY:
28.2.19.

George Bu.
T/Major., AAMC.
Medical Officer i/c Surgical Division,
and Senior Surgeon,
1st A.G.H.

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List of Operations performed during the month of February 1919.

Sequestrotomy	13.
Drainage of Secondary Abscess	10.
Removal of Foreign Body	1.
Reduction of Fractures under Anaesthesia	4.
Appendectomy	6.
Abscess of Liver	1.
Thoracotomy & Drainage of Empyema	4.
Removal of Cervical Glands for Epithelioma	1.
Orchidectomy for Tuberculosis of Testis	2.
Radical Cure of Hydrocele	1.
Drainage of Ischiorectal Abscess	1.
Incision for Acute Periostitis of Tibia	1.
Cut Throat	1.
Minor Operations	18.
Enucleation of eye	1.

Total. 65.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: THE COMMANDING: OFFICER:
1st A.G.H.

REPORT ON CONDITIONS OF WORK IN THE PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY
FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

On the transference of No.1. A.G.H. from Rouen to Sutton Veny taking up quarters until then in occupation by the R.A.M.C. a fine Laboratory, consisting of (1) A Large Central Room, 30 ft. long and 20 ft. broad, used as the main working room for Pathological Work, (2) A Writing and Record room at one end and (3) A sort of Hall where specimens awaiting report are kept, Patients inoculated and goods stored, and (4) Main preparatory room, also where the attendant sleeps. Here Media is prepared, utensils sterilised, and spare material stored. - was placed at the disposal of the A.A.M.C. The laboratory had been completely fitted up by the R.A.M.C. Authorities who maintained a pathologist not only to do (a) The work of the Hospital but, (b) also the work from surrounding Units. As the latter work still existed, the R.A.M.C., Pathologist was kept on, using one side of the Large Laboratory main room with his Attendant. His health failing, Capt. Caldwell from Fargo occasionally came in his place. Although the R.A.M.C. Authorities graciously offered us the use of all FITMENTS yet as the 1st A.G.H. had been splendidly fitted up under the direction of Col. Martin, Adviser to the Commonwealth Military Authorities, with ovens, glass ware, reagent, section cultus, micropes media of all sorts, at great expense and with Australian Money and recognising the Staff were already au fait with their own working tools as it were, it was decided and with this I thoroughly concur, to use many of their own fitments. We have to express our appreciation of the courtesy of the R.A.M.C. Authorities with whom we work in perfect harmony.

(SGD) O. LATHAM. Capt.
Pathologist & Sanitary
Officer.,

SUTTON VENY:
1.3.19.

First Australian General Hospital.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: THE COMMANDING OFFICER:
1st A.G.H.

REPORT OF THE PATHOLOGICAL DEPT: FOR MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 1919.

During the month of February the following specimens were
examined. :-

Agglutinations	--	4. (2 for Meningitis, & 2 for Enteric fever)
Blood count	--	5.
Blood examination for Malaria		2. (Benign tertian, recovered once)
Chan Cres	--	3. (One positive)
Fluids. C.S.F.	--	1.
" Chests	--	4.
" Pus	--	3. (2 Staff.aureus, 1 streptic coccus)
" Hydrocele	--	2. (T.B. Recovered once)
Swabs throat	--	8. (Vicents organisms 4 times)
Faeces	--	9. (Dysentery Vacilli, 1. Amebic Hist. 1.)
Sputum	--	91. (T.B. Recovered 5 times)
Tissues for section		4.
Urines	--	125. (Special Bacteriological 9)
Vaccines	--	4.
Wassermann	--	14.
Special Examinations for the R.A.M.C.		7.

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No. P.M's were asked for by the M.O's during the month.

SUTTON VENY:
1.3.19.

(SGD) O. LATHAM. Capt .
Pathologist.
First Australian General Hospital.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: C.O.,
1st A.G.H.

QUARTER-MASTER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

I beg to report that since my last return the following changes have taken place :-

Personnel. Lt. H. Powell, Assistant Q.M. has been transferred to Southall, (No. 2 A.A.H.)
Staff Sgt. Baker, N.C.O. in charge of Linen and General Store has been struck off strength on return to Australia.
Sgt. Noble N.C.O. in charge of Pack Store has been struck off strength on return to Australia.
Miss Poulton, V.A.D. Q.I. clerk in Clothing Store has obtained her discharge.
Cpl. Green transferred from Harefield (No.1. A.A.H.) has been placed in charge of the Pack Store.
Sgt. Arnold has been placed in charge of the Linen and General Stores being transferred from the Clothing Store.
Pte. Neate is at present in charge of the Clothing Store.
R.Q.M.S. Summerville and Sgt. Stevens, N.C.O. in charge of transport and drawing of supplies etc., have been on 14 days leave.
Pte. Harricks has been doing Sgt. Stevens duties whilst he has been on leave.

I have had 4 days in Hospital with a slight attack of Influenza.

The Kitchen Staff has been augmented by the GS. V.A.D. Staff transferred from Harefield who have also taken up duties in the Dining Hall and Offices and Stores, whose work has been satisfactory.

Stores. General Store. This has been mixed up with the Linen Store and scattered over several rooms, it is my intention to separate it and make the Pack Store that has been transferred into the General Store, this will make things easier in the working and relieve the congestion. Linen Store. Will now be run separately. I have asked that Alwyn Huts be placed outside this store so that the dirty Linen which has to be stored for a week, could be kept separately and away from the Clean Linen.

Pack Store. Previously two Pack Stores were in existence these have been combined thus relieving a store that can be used for General Store.

Clothing Store. The work in this Store has been taxed on account of the number of Discharges and the time it takes to obtain fresh supplies.

Stewards Store. Difficulty has been experienced in obtaining Ale and Stout this month, also certain cereals.

Dispensary. Owing to the Stocks that have to be carried, the storage for this Dept., is insufficient, further the store is a considerable distance from the Dispensary, I would suggest that Alwyn Huts be placed just outside the Administrative Block for this purpose or large Armstrong Huts if they could be obtained.

The General working of the various stores has been carried on pretty well under the circumstances.

Housing. The Quarters for the G.S., V.A.D. Members have been equipped with the majority of their requirements but the covering of the floors is not yet done. The Engineers have started to place flooring in the Dining Hall but this is taking some time and until all floors are completed these quarters will not be satisfactory.

All repairs are carried out by the Engineers and owing to the number of burst in the water service, they have been delayed in other work.

The cutting of an extra door in the Administrative Block has done away with a continual stream of walking through the corridors.

Provisions. Difficulty in the supplies of fuel have been experienced during the month with the result that very little has been available for wards, and great economy has had to be exercised to enable enough to be supplied for cooking purposes.

This has been due to the fact that supplies have not been coming to hand from the contractors, supplies have however been sent from other sources by Motor Transport., the A.S.C., are doing all in their power to help us in this respect.

The number of Diets issued during the month is as follows :

Ordinary	18, 745.
Chicken	991.
Milk	4, 542.

The total number of patients subsisted for the month has been 24, 278.

Attached please find return of food consumed per 100 patients for the month.

Linen. The supplying of linen to the Hospital at times, becomes acute owing to the fact that Laundry is only taken by and received from the contractors once a week. This means that all the linen received in the store from the Hospital as dirty has to be held until the clean linen is received back from the contractors, whilst clean linen has to be re-issued. I understand that the clean linen should be received from the contractors on Mondays, but they seldom keep up to time and last week it was not received until late Wednesday. This means a great drain on the stocks and the result is that clean linen cannot be exchanged for dirty from the Hospital.

The linen does not appear to be as satisfactorily washed as might be, it having a dirty appearance and not the snow white that one would expect. This to my mind means that it is not kept in use as long as would otherwise take place.

The following are the numbers of the main items sent to wash for the month :-

Sheets.	6990	Gowns Operating	162.
Dusters	550	Handkerchiefs	3220
Towels -Bath	315.	Neckerchiefs	1710
" Hand	5080.	Shirts Cotton	3150
Operg.	410.	Shirts Flannel	1907
Rnd.	370	Overalls	228
Cases Pillow	4170	Socks	1840
Cloths. B.P.	230	Jackets sleeping	652
Dist.	310	Trousers "	528.
Med.	330	Trousers. Serge	837
Tea	760	Waistcoats "	726
Table	165		
Counterpanes	670		

Clothing.

Very few Forms 500. Q.1. are recieved of Patients, which means that they have to be made out here.
The number of issues made from this Dept. is as follows:

Clothing issued to patients 1202 Articles.
Equipment issued to patients 1136. "
Issues to Staff 420 "

Dispensary.

This Dept. has taken over the stores from the surrounding camps and does the supplies for these camps.
The Dispenser has been unable to get out his usual returns on account of work.

Pack Store. The dirty clothing of patients is taken from packs sent to store and sent to wash, when received back, it is placed in the pack of the owner.

The number of Packs recieved into the store for the month has been 800.

The number of packs issued from the Store has been 625. Packs remaining 570.

The number of bundles of clothing sent to wash has been 112.

General. The clothing &c., held by Beckford Lodge, Warminster; Duchess of Somersets Hospital, Maiden Bradley, and Keyford Lodge, Frome, has been taken in; these convalescent Hospital that were previously attached to this Hospital having closed.

The attachment of the 30 cwt. lorry to the Hospital has been of great use in moving stores etc.

Owing to threatened shortage of Fuel a supply of 3 tons of wood has been obtained from the Canadian Forestry as a stand by in case of coal running absolutely out so that the cook houses can be kept going.

The attachment of a Messing Officer, who devotes all his time to Messing has been of great assistance and the feeding of the Personnel and Hospital seems to be going on satisfactorily.

The Bye Products saved during the month are as follows:-

Dripping 1st Class	--	11 cwt. 1 qtr.	8 lbs.
" 2nd Class	--	5	18
Bones.	--	20	13
Swill	--	163	0

SUTTON VENY:
3.2.19.

(SGP) H.M. Maughan. Captain.,
Q.M., 1st Aust. Gen. Hosp.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

TO: OFFICER COMMANDING:
1st A.G.H.

I beg to submit report of Nursing
Service for month of February. 1919.

Owing to the extremely cold weather
and the prevalence of Influenza, the health of the Staff has been
much impaired.

On Feb. 21st we had eleven members in
Hospital, ten suffering from Influenza, One who has been on service
in India was admitted to Hospital with Malaria. Three have been
transferred to No. 12, Southwell Gardens, Kensington, to be boarded.
The remainder, since the weather improved, are much better, having
reached a convalescent stage.

All members of Staff have been inoculated,
being given Vaccine as preventative of Influenza complications.
On Feb. 26th, a Sister reported sick, and was diagnosed by the Medical
Officer, as a case of Measles. The usual measures of precaution
were taken with regard to Isolation of Patient, and fumigation
of clothing etc, and a special Nurse appointed to do duty; up to
present date, this is the only case amongst the Nursing Staff.

The work in Hospital is much lighter chiefly
owing to decrease in number of patients suffering from Pneumonia,
those admitted have a milder form and the dangerously ill list is
considerably smaller. The evacuation of German Patients has given
us more Nurses for acutely ill patients.

The introduction of GS. V.A.D. Orderlies
has given us more help as General Duty workers, relieving Sisters
and allowing them more time for Nursing of patients and the Nursing
Orderly has more time to attend to his duties with regard to attention
to equipment, feeding of patients, rations, etc.

The constant withdrawal and replacement of
Sisters is not satisfactory, but apparently unavoidable, therefore
must be borne without protest.

The messing arrangements have improved
owing to food being more easily obtained by the Help and Advice of
the Messing Officer attached to the Unit.

We regret very much the departure of Miss
E. Cornwell, "Matron", who was withdrawn on Feb., 14th., reporting
to A.I.F. Headquarters for transport duty to Australia.

(SGD) A. Kidd Hart.

SUTTON VENNY:
28.2.19.

Head Sister,
Acting Matron,
First Australian General Hospital.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: THE COMMANDING OFFICER:
1st A.G.H.

REPORT UPON THE GENERAL SERVICE, V.A.D., DEPARTMENT
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

The first 40 members of the Harefield Unit of the GS/VAD. reported at No.1. A.G.H., on Feb. 3rd., and distributed in the Departments of the Hospital where assistance was most required, i.e., the Wards with Ward Orderlies, the Hospital Kitchen with cooks, the Sisters' Kitchen and Quarters with cooks and housemaid waitresses, and the Administrative Dept. & Q.M.S. with Clerks and Storekeepers.

They were all accommodated in the Main Block of the G.S. Quarters. These were quite comfortable and were equipped with the exception of baths, there being only one bath in the whole of the GS. Quarters. This has since been remedied, six baths having been fixed. Daily the numbers increased, and it was found necessary to open the huts, which after being temporarily covered with old blankets from Tidworth, were equipped.

Improvements are being carried out in these quarters to make them similar to the main G.S. Buildings.

The Health of the Unit has on the whole been good. Four cases were admitted to Hospital with Influenza.

At the end of Feb., the strength of the Unit was 102.

SUTTON VENY:
7.3.19.

(SGD) L.A. BAKER:

COMMANDANT:
GS/VAD:

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER:
1st A.G.H.

ANAESTHETISTS REPORT FOR MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 1919.

1. During the month, 65 General Anaesthetics were given as per accompanying table.

2. The majority of these were mixtures of Chloroform and Ether usually in the proportions of 1:32, administered from a drop-bottle. However, as soon as a Shipway's apparatus became available, this highly undesirable method of anaesthetising was abandoned, and warmed Ether-vapour became the Anaesthetic of choice, when for any reason, Nitrous Oxide & Oxygen were inadmissible. Incidentally the use of Shipway's Apparatus leads to a great saving of Ether.

3. Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen, administered by Boyle's apparatus is undoubtedly the ideal anaesthetic for the great majority of cases and I am glad to say the supply of both gases is more satisfactory than it was last month.

A small Boyle's apparatus consigned here from No.1.A.A.H. Harefield arrived in an incomplete condition.

(SGD) E.M. ALLESTER., Major., AAMC.

First Australian General Hospital.

<u>ANAESTHETIC:</u>	<u>METHOD.</u>	<u>No. of Administrations.</u>
Chloroform	Drop-bottle	4.
Ether	"	2.
Warm Ether vapour	Shipway's	10.
C & E. Mixtures.	Drop-bottle	28.
Nitrous Oxide x O ₂ .	Boyle's	21.
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LIST OF GOODS DISTRIBUTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS IN
IST A.G.H. DURING PERIOD OF JAN.14th to FEB.28th 1919.

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Shaving brushes	...	245
Shaving soap	...	323
Toilet Soap	...	1371
Toilet bags	...	322
Tooth brushes	...	384
Tooth paste	...	381
Walking sticks	...	66
Jam	...	480 lbs.
Biscuits	...	585
Honey	...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Barley	...	12
Butter	...	36 lbs.
Soup. sausages	...	1 case
Rabbit	...	29 doz. tins.
Loclogen	...	1 case
Fruit	...	76 doz.
Prunes	...	144 lbs.
Rubbers	...	30
Sweets	...	143 lbs
Cigarettes	...	158340
Tobacco	...	93
Bed socks	...	200
Crutches	...	68
Combs	...	86
Cushion Air	...	20
Chocolate	...	1884 cakes.
Face washers	...	1400
Hair brushes	...	300
Handkerchiefs	...	600
Housewives	...	226
Mirrors	...	200
Mufflers	...	439
Mittens	...	32
Paper & Envelopes	...	884
Playing cards	...	200
Socks. prs	...	444
Pipes	...	238
Ham Paste and Camp pie	...	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cases
Jelly chrystals	...	104 lbs.
Razor strops	...	10
Condensed milk	...	8
Treacle	...	50 lbs
Beef	...	2 doz.
Cake	...	50 cases
Surgeon Gowns	...	12
Pyjamas	...	165
Old Linen	...	3 cases
Air Beds	...	1
Air Rings	...	12
Malted Milk	...	4 bottles
Meat extract	...	32 lbs.

SUTTON VENY:
2.3.19.

W. Blanch

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

Return of provisions consumed by Patients (24,278) during the Period from 1st February 1919. to 28th February 1919.

	lbs.	ozs.
Meat	9928	
Ox Kidney	360	
Meat Extract	270	
Bacon	4069	
Fowls	656	2.
Fish	1788	

Total. 17071 2.

Potatoes	16988	2.
Vegetables	6605	4.

Total. 23593 6.

Bread	18429	
Flour	511	8.

Total. 18940 8.

Margarine	1428	11.
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Milk. pts.	30711	9.
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Eggs. No.	4299	
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Eggs, dried	31.	7.
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Sugar	2246	1.
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Stout pts.	185.	
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Brandy	109	2.
Port Wine	51.	12.
Champagne Bots.	16.	
Syphons Soda	214.	

	lbs.	ozs.
Cheese	494	-

Semolina	107	7
Arrowroot	19	-
Barley	197	-
Cornflour	473	2.
Haricot Beans	240	-
Lentils	134	14
Oatmeal	1648	-
Rice	214	11½
Macaroni	300	-
Split Peas	120	-
Tapioca	115	2.
Mandica	672	-

Total. 4239 4½

Tea	463	4.
Cocoa	242	4.
Coffee	102	8.

Total. 808 -

Jam	1130	-
Marmalade	290	-

Total 1610 -

Custard Powder	165	-
Calves Foot Jelly	746	pkts.
Mustard	5	12
Peper	10	8
Salt	351	-
Mixed Spice	-	14
Currants	15	-
Lemons No.	50	-

SUTTON VENY: WILTS:
1.3.19.

J. A. Dik.
----- Colonel. AAMC.
Commanding,
First Australian General Hospital.

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Consumption of Food per 100 patients for month February 1919.

<u>Item.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Patients Subsisted.</u>
Meat	45.7. lbs	24, 278.
Bacon	16.7. "	
Fish	7.5. "	
Potatoes	71.5 "	
Vegetables	27. "	
Bread	76. "	
Margarine	5.4. "	
Milk, fresh	126 Pints	
Eggs	18	
Eggs, dried	1. 4. ozs.	
Sugar	8.8. lbs.	
Cheese	2. "	
Cereals	18. "	
Tea & Coffee	2. "	
Cocoa	1.5. "	
Jam	6.4. "	
Spirits, etc	13. ozs.	
Liquors	15. "	

(SGD) H.M. MAUGHAN Captain.,

Q.M., 1st Aust.Gen. Hospital.

SUTTON VENY:
2.3.19.