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# Australian Imperial Force.

# WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FOR

APRIL 1919.

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY First Australian General Hospital.

Page 1. Place: Sutton Veny  
England.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April 1st:		<p>Personnel: 14 .Med.Off.1 Chap.1 Disp.1 Mess.Off.1 Dent.Off. 2.Q.M. 76 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses.100 G.S./VAD. 186 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals: 1.Med.Off.(Capt: TRUMBLE.H.C.)transferred. 1.0/Rank. transferred. 1.0/Rank from leave 1.0/Rank from Hospital.</p> <p>Departures: 3.0Ranks transferred.</p> <p>Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 9.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers: 21.</p> <p>Patients remaining: 670.</p>	
	Midnight:		Vacant Beds: 442.	
	April 2nd:		<p>Personnel: 15.Med.Off.1.Chap.1.Disp.1.Mess.Off.1.Dent.Off.2.Q.M. 76 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses.100.GS/VAD. 186 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrival: 1.Chaplin.(Rev.T.McKEON.)From Leave.3.0/Ranks from leave.5 O/Ranks transferred</p> <p>Departures: 1 N/Staff to Hospital.1.0/Rank to leave. 1 O/Rank to transfer.</p> <p>Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 25.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers 28.</p> <p>Patients remaining 667.</p>	
	Midnight:		Vacant Beds: 445.	
	April 3rd:		<p>Personnel, 15.Med.Off.2.Chap. 1.Disp.1.Mess.Off. 1.Dent.Off. 2.Q.M. 75 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 100.GS/VAD.192 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals: 3.0Ranks from leave.</p> <p>Departures: 1.0/Rank transferred. 1.0/Rank to Hospital.</p> <p>Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions.10.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers.13.</p> <p>Patients remaining.661.</p>	
	Midnight:		Vacant Beds.451.	
	April 4th:		<p>Personnel: 15.Med.Off. 2.Chap.1.Disp.1.Mess.Off. 1.Dent.Off. 2.Q.M. 75.N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 100.GS/VAD. 193 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals: 3.0/Ranks from Hospital. 1.0/Rank from leave. 8.0/Ranks from transfer.</p> <p>Departures: 1.Med.Off.(Capt: A.J.REYE.)1.Dent.Off.(Capt: Moreom.C.)transferred. 1N/Staff.Hosp:</p>	



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	April 4th	(Cont)	Bed Strength. 1112. Admissions. 26. Discharges and Transfers. 63. Patients remaining. 627. Midnight: Vacant Beds. 485.	
	April 5th:		Personnel. 14. Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q.M. 74 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 100. GS/VAD 205 O/Ranks. Arrivals; 2.0/Ranks transferred. Departures. 1.0/Rank transferred. 4.0/Ranks to leave. 1. GS/VAD discharged. Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 20. Discharges and Transfers. 31. Patients remaining. 616. Midnight: Vacant Beds. 496.	
	April 6th:		Personnel: 14. Med. Off. 2 Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q.M. 74 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS/VAD. 202 O/Ranks. Arrivals: 1. Med. Off. (Capt: MAXWELL.) from Hospital. 1. Matron (Matron E. GREY) transferred. Departures: 1.0/Ranks to Hospital. <u>DEATH:</u> No 2304 Pte CAMERON. M.W., 36nd Aust: Inf: Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 26. 14th T.B. - Pleurisy. Discharges and transfers: 5. Patients remaining. 636 Midnight: Vacant Beds. 476.	
	April 7th:		Personnel: 15. Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q.M. 75 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99 GS/VAD. 201 O/Rank. Arrivals: 1. N/Staff. from hospital. Departures: 1.0/Rank discharged. to Headquarters. Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 15. Discharges and transfers. 85. Patients remaining. 566. Midnight: Vacant Beds. 546.	



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No. 1. Aust; Gen; Hosp:

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	April 8th:		<p>Personnel: 15. Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q. M. 76. N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 99. GS/VAD 200.0/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals, 3. Med. Off. (Major A. E. ROWDEN-WHITE) (Captains G. M. WHISH., &amp; R. J. HAYNES) transferred. 5 O/Ranks transferred. 3 V. A. D./GS. transferred.</p> <p>Departures: 2 N/Staff to leave. 1 O/Rank to leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 36.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers. 40. 39.</p> <p>11.10. am. DEATH: No 3758 Pte GARDINER. G. C. 34th Australian Inf: M. G. School, Park House - Nephritis.</p> <p>Patients remaining: 562</p> <p>Midnight: Vacant Beds: 550</p>	
	April 9th:		<p>Personnel: 18. Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q. M. 74 N/Staff. 4. Masseuses. 102 GS/VAD. 204 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals: 3. N/Staff arrived from leave.</p> <p>Departures: Nil.</p> <p>Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 15.</p> <p>Discharges and Transfers: 23</p> <p>Patients remaining 554.</p> <p>Midnight: Vacant Beds: 558</p>	
	April 10th:		<p>Personnel: 18. Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q. M. 77. N/Staff. 4. Masseuses. 102. GS/VAD 204.0/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals: 1. N/Staff from leave. 1. O/Rank from Hospital. 2. VAD/GS transferred. 2</p> <p>Departures: 2. Med. Off. (Captains G. M. WHISH. &amp; R. J. HAYNES.) transferred. 1. N/Staff to leave.</p> <p>Bed Strength. 1112. Admissions. 14.</p> <p>Discharges and transfers: 41.</p> <p>Patients remaining. 537.</p> <p>Midnight: Vacant Beds: 575.</p>	
	April 11th:		<p>Personnel: 16. Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q. M. 77. N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 104. GS/VAD 205 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals: 2 N/Staff.</p> <p>Departures: 1. O/Rank transferred.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April 11th (cont)		Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 37 Discharges & Transfers. 65 Patients remaining. 509 Midnight: Vacant Beds. 503.	
	April 12th:		Personnel: 16 Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q.M. 79 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 104 GS/VAD. 204 O/Ranks. Arrivals: 2 N/Staff. from leave. 1 N/Staff from transfer. Departures: 1 N/Staff to leave. Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 26 Discharges & Transfers: 24 Patients remaining 511. Midnight. Vacant Beds. 501.	
	April 13th:		Personnel: 16 Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q.M. 81 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 104 GS/VAD. 204 O/Ranks. Arrivals: 2 N/Staff from leave. 1 N/Staff from transfer. 1 O/Rank from leave. 1 O/Rank from Hospital. Departures: 1 O/Rank to hospital. Bed Strength: 1112. Admissions. 14. Discharges & Transfers. 13. Patients remaining: 512. Midnight. Vacant Beds. 600.	
	April 14th:		Personnel: 16 Med. Off. 2. Chap. 1. Disp. 1. Mess Off. 2. Q.M. 84 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 104 GS/VAD. 205 O/Rank. Arrivals. 2 GS/VAD transferred. 5 O/Ranks transferred. Departures: 1 O/Rank transferred. 2 O/Ranks to leave. 4 N/Staff to leave. Beds Strength: 1112. Admissions. 43 Discharges & Transfer. 54. Patients remaining. 501. Midnight. Vacant Beds. 611.	



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	April 15th:		<p>Personnel: 16 Med. Offrs. 2 Chaplains. 1. Dispens. 1. Mess. Off. 2. Q. Ms. 80 N/Staff. 4 Masseuses. 106. GS/VADs. 207. O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 1. Den. Off. (Lieut. C. H. DOWN) transferred. 1. N/Staff from leave. 1. O/Rank from leave. 1. O/Rank transferred.</p> <p>Departures. 3 N/Staff to leave. 1. Masseuses transferred. 1 O/Rank to Hospital.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 32. Discharges and transfers. 28 Patients remaining. 505. Vacant Beds. 607.</p>	
	Midnight.			
	April 16th.		<p>Personnel., 16 Med. Off. 2 Chapl. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 78 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106. GS/VADS. 208 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 1. Officer. Med. (Col. R. B. HUXTABLE. CMG. DSO. VD.) transferred. 1. N/Staff from sick leave. 2 O/Ranks from leave.</p> <p>Departures. 1. Officer (Lieut. H. K. Love) from attachment. 1 O/Rank to leave.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 14. Discharges and transfers. 15. Patients remaining. 504. Vacant beds. 608.</p>	
	Midnight.			
	April. 17th.		<p>Personnel. 16. Med. Offrs. 2. Chapl. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 79 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106. GS/VADS. 209 O/Ranks.</p> <p>arrivals. 1. O/Ran transferred.</p> <p>Departures. 12. O/Ranks transferred. 6 O/Ranks to leave.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 19. Discharges and transfers. 39. Patients remaining 484. Vacant beds. 628.</p>	
	Midnight.			
	April 18th.		<p>Personnel. 16 Med. Offrs. 2 Chapl. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 79 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 192 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 2 O/Ranks transferred.</p>	



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April. 18th. cont.			Departures. Nil. <del>xxxxxxxx</del> Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 17. Discharges and transfers. 1. DEATH: 4521., Cpl. SOWTON. F.L., 27th Aust. Inf. - Nephritis. Patients remaining. 499. Vacant beds. 613.	
10.25.p.m.				
Midnight.				
April 19th.			Personnel., 16 Med. Off. 2 Chapl. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 79 M/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 194 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 20 O/Ranks transferred. Departures. 1 O/Rank transferred. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 19 Discharges and transfers. 20. Patients remaining. 498 Vacant beds. 614.	
		Midnight.		
April. 20th.			Personnel. 16 Med. Offrs. 2 Chap. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess Off. 2 Q. Ms. 79 N/Staff. 3 Masssueses. 106 GS/VADS. 213 O/Ranks. Arrivals. Nil. Departures. 1 N/Staff to Hospital. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 22. Discharges and transfers. 4. <del>xxxx</del> DEATH. Sister Tyson. F.J.C., A.A.N.S., - Cerebral Haemorrhage. 14873. Dvr. HILL. F.J., Aust Sig, Corps. - Broncho-pneumonia Patients remaining. 514. Vacant Beds. 598.	
8 p.m.				
11 p.m.				
Midnight.				
April. 21st.			Personnel. 16 aMed. Offrs. 2 Chap. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. off. 1. Mess Off. 2 Q. Ms. 78 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 213 O/Ranks. Arrivals. Nil. Departures. 11. O/Ranks transferred.	



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April. 21st.	Cont.		Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 7. Discharges and transfers. 19. Patients remaining. 502.	
Midnight.			Vacant beds. 610.	
April. 22nd	.		Personnel. 16 Med. Off. 2 Chapl. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess. Off. 2, Q. Ms., 78 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106 GS/VAD. 202 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 2 N/Staff from leave. Departures. 1. Med. Off. (Col. J. A. DICK. 2 CMG.) transferred. 1. N/Staff to Hospital. 3 OR/transf. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 17. Discharges and transfers. 76. Patients remaining. 443.	
Midnight.			Vacant beds. 669.	
April. 23rd.			Personnel. 15. Med. Offrs. 2 Chapl. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 79 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 2199.0/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. O/Rank transferred. Departures. 1. Med. Off. (Major. K. McK. DOIG. MC) transferred. 3 N/Staff to leave. 5 O/R. tranf. Bed strength 1112. Admissions. 19. Discharges and transfers. 12. Patients remaining 450.	
Midnight.			Vacant beds. 662.	
April. 24th.			Personnel. 14 Med. Off. 2 Chapl. 1. Dispen. 1. Den. Off. 1. Mess. Off. 2 Q. Ms. 76. N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 195 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 1. N/Staff from leave. 5 O/Ranks from leave. Departures. 3 N/Staff to leave. 1. O/Rank to leave. Bed strength 1112. Admissions. 11. Discharges and transfers. 18. Patients remaining. 443.	
Midnight,			Vacant beds. 669.	



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	April.25th.		<p>Personnel. 14.Med.Offrs. 2 Chap..1.Dispen.1.Den.Off.1.Mess.Off. 2 Q.Ms. 74 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses..106 GS/VADS. 199 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. Nil</p> <p>Departures. <del>Nil</del>.2 Med.Offrs.(Major. A.E. ROWDEN-WHITE. &amp; CAPT.H.C. TRUMBLE.) transferred. 2 N/Staff transferred. 6 O/Ranks transferred. 1 O/Rank to leave.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 20. Discharges and transfers. 10. Patients remaining. 453. Vacant B eds. 659.</p>	
	Midnight.			
	April.26th.		<p>Personnel. 12 Med.Offrs. 2 Chap.1.Dispsn.1.Den.Off.1.Mess.Off. 2 Q.Ms. 72 N/Staff. 3 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 192 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 8 N/Staff transferred.12 O/Ranks transferred. 2 O/Ranks from leave.</p> <p>Departures.7 N/Staff transferred. 1.Masseuses.Transferred to leave.</p> <p>Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 14. Discharges and transfers. 11. Patients remianing. 456. Vacant beds. 656.</p>	
	Midnight.			
	April.27th.		<p>Personnel., 12 Med.Off. 2 Chap.1.Dispen.1Den.Off.1.Mess.Off. 2. Q.Ms. 73 N/Staff. 2 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 206 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals.Nil.</p> <p>Departures. Nil.</p> <p>Bed strength 11112. Admissions. 21. Discharges. Nil.</p> <p>DEATH: No.4601. Pte. QUICK. R., 39th Aust.Inf., - Pneumonia.</p> <p>Patients remaining. 477. Vacant beds. <del>477</del> 635 .</p>	
	9.30.am.			
	Midnight.			
	April.28th.		<p>Personnel. 12.Med.Offrs. 2 Chap.1.Dispen.1.Den.Off.1.mess.Off. 2 Q.Ms. 73 N/Staff. 2 Masseuses. 106 GS/VADS. 206 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Arrivals. 1.O/Rank transferred.</p> <p>Departures. NIL.</p>	



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	April.28th.	Cont.	Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 20. Discharges and transfers. 21. Patients remaining. 476.	
	Midnight.		<del>xxxx</del> Vacant beds. 636.	
	April.29th.		Personnel., 12 Med.Offrs. 2 Chap.1.Dispen.1.Den.Off. 1.Mess Off. 2 Q.Ms. 73 N/Staff. 23 Masseuses . 106 GS/VADS. 207 O/Ranks. Arrivals. 4 N/Staff from leave.3 O/Ranks transferred.1.O/Rank from leave. Departures. 1.N/Staff to Hospital. Bed strength. 1112. Admissions. 2218. Discharges and transfers. 11.	
	1.30.am.		DEATH: No.4230. L/Cpl. Leach. G.R., 1st Austr. Pioneers - Accidental Injuries.	
	Midnight.		Patients remaining.4822. Vacant beds. 630.	
	April.30th.		Personnel., 12.Med.Offrs.2.Chap1.1.Dispen. 1.Den.Off.1.Mess.Off. 2 Q.Ms. 76 N/Staff. 2 Masseuses. 106 GS/Vads. 211.O/Ranks. Arrivals. 2 O/Ranks transferred 1.O/Rank from leave. Departures. 2 Chaplains. (Capt.P.A. SMITH. & CAPT. T. MCKEON.) to leave. 1.N/Staff transferred.8 O/Ranks transferred. Bed strength.1112. Admissions. 14. Discharges and transfers 12. Patients remaining 484.	
	Midnight.		Vacant beds. 628.	

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	1 <sup>st</sup>	9am.	Frost. Fine. The Telephones [Internal Set. brought from Egypt & France] installed - 7 fixed - the 3 others not yet fixed on account of shortage in cable - (a ten-wire cable). L.M. ERICSSON, set. a Stockholm firm. The gardens are being manured this week. Some rain & snow during day.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am.	Frost. Fine. Inspection at noon by Lt. Genl. Sir H. C. SCLATER, C.I. C. Southern Command, and Mr. Genl. Sir Chas. Rosenthal, G.O.C., A.I.F. Depot in U.K. - - - At 8pm. An Entertaining Lecture by Dr. Simon, in Y.M.C.A. (Br) of the Hospital, under Auspices of A.I.F. Education Dept.	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am.	Frost. Fine. Several patients have been in infectious compound - Measles, Mumps, Scarlatina, and Extra accommodation is required as these patients consist of A.I.F. Soldiers, Sisters, & S.S. W.A.D.S.	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Frost. Fine. Melksham Auxiliary Red Cross Hospital. Closing Entertainment & Meeting. Attended by A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depot in U.K. (Col. D. McWHAE, C.M.G., C.B.E.) also Col. J.A. Dick C.O. 1 <sup>st</sup> A.G.H. and three other A.I.F. Officers & Sisters. Col. McWhae suitably spoke at the meeting & thanked the Commandant (Mr. Warren) & Staff - & people of Melksham on behalf of A.I.F. for services rendered by their Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital to Australian patients. Over 1000 A.I.F. patients had passed through this hospital.	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Frost. Fine. C.O. proceeded on week end leave. Major K. McK. DOIG, M.C. left in charge - Matron E. G. RAY, R.A.C., A.A.N.S. reported for duty - vice Miss A. Kidd-HART, acting Matron since departure of Matron E. CORNWELL.	

J.A. Dick Col.  
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Sutton - Vemy - Sunday	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Fine - all Patients at Red Cross Auxiliary Hosp. Melksham - were inspected yesterday and 25+ boarded for Weymouth, the remainder 60+ to return to Sutton Vemy. Moves to take place on 8 <sup>th</sup> . MATRON GRAY - recently of 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.G.H. now in Charge. 1 <sup>st</sup> A.G.H.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Fine. First am. Major WHITE - reported for duty from Admnaust. Colonel R.B. Huxtable, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. a/c. (recently O.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.G.H.) expected to take over here on 10 <sup>th</sup> about.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Fine. First light in am. C.O. returned from week-end leave. Capt. G.M. WHISH and R.J. HAYNES reported for duty from Admnaust.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Fine. Clear. Concert-party from Hd. Qr. Aust. Red. Cross, London, performing at the Hospital every afternoon this week.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Rain & wind. Capt. WHISH & HAYNES - left the unit for Admnaust, & S.M.O. Depots respectively. Lt. Col. G.E. MILES, Mental Specialist, called to see patients.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Fine, dull. Col. S.R. BURSTON, D.S.O., A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. TIDWORTH. (Vice Col. D.M. WHAE, C.M.G., C.B.E.) - visited - and inspected the Hospital.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Shower, mild. Prizes awarded for tidiest & cleanest Ward or Hut, annexes, & precincts. The inspection to be without notice. Orderlies Hut, 2 <sup>nd</sup> B. (Cpl. HINNES). Ward - 6 (Sister E.G. DOBSON)	

J.M. Dick. Col.  
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Sunday -	13 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Shower. Fine afterwards. Col. J. McWhae called upon for will visit as A. S. M. S. he having handed over the duties to of A. D. M. S. A. I. F. Depots in U. K. Some days ago to Col. S. R. BURSTON.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Raining - Mild - A. C. H. DOWN, Dental Officer, reports for duty. The Duke & Duchess of Somerset & Hon. Miss St. Maur - visited the hospital - from Maiden - Bradley.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Wind, rain, cold. <u>Three months</u> today since taking over the premises from R. A. M. C. on JAN 15. L. Col. G. A. MILES, Mental Specialist Southern Command visited to see patients. Mjr. Temple SMITH, Eye Specialist visited from Admiralet to see patients.	
WED.	16 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Dull, rain, Windy, cold - Col. R. B. HUXTABLE; C. M. G., D. S. O., V. D. arrived from Admiralet to take over Command of the Hospital - as soon as practicable -	
		4pm	to take over Command of the Hospital - as soon as practicable -	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Dull, cold windy. Commandant (M <sup>rs</sup> Warren) and Q. M. (Miss Warren) Red Cross Auxiliary Hosp. Melksham visited the Hospital - Further measles cases amongst women staff.	
Good - Friday	18	9am.	Dull, windy, fine. Col. DICK & Col. R. B. HUXTABLE, and of Regt. Capt. Mc Cutcheon - called upon A. D. M. S., A. I. F. Depots in U. K. Tidworth. [Col. Burstun, D. S. O.]	
SAT.	19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Fine, mild, afterwards a warm day. Paraded Unit - 2 pm. Parade state today 23 Officers - 82. Sisters - 21. Lgts - 176. Others - 302. A. I. F. Attached & gts. 30 others 35- mass cases - 3. G. S. V. A. D. members = 110. A. Red Cross Soc. Lady. Rep. = 1. and 1. Butch. Ranc Officer (Bacteriology) Attached.	

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



First Australian General Hospital

# WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Sutton-Veney, Wilts

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April-1916

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Sutton-Veney Easter Sunday-	April-20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Fine. Mild. Sister F.I. TYSON, aaus. attached to No 2 Group Clearing Coy (HURDCOT) died 8pm. from Cerebral Hge. after 24 hrs. illness.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	9am.	Fine. Mild. Warm. Parade of Unit-2pm. Col. Dick & the new C.O. Col. Huxtable present. The former spoke to the men upon Repatriation & Demobilization.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am.	Fine. Mild. Colonel Dick left today on leave. He will return in a few days for completion of the papers of board proceedings with reference to Stock taking. Colonel Huxtable in charge from midday.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		The funeral of the late Sister F.I. TYSON took place today at Sutton Veney Churchyard. Br. Paul Ray LEANE from No 4 Group. Hurdcot attended. There was a large attendance of Officers, Sisters, V.A.D.s & many convalescent patients. Many beautiful wreaths sent. Five O.R.s. 1914 & 1915 men left the unit on leave prior to reporting to Torant. The matter of releasing all 1914-1915 men receiving close attention.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Let in the afternoon Col Birdwood's orders regarding procedure to be taken with regard to honoring the graves of Australian dead in all graveyards. On Anzac day (tomorrow) was received. It had already been decided that our Chaplains should go to Sutton Veney churchyard after the morning service & place flowers on all graves (140) in suitable receptacles. £5 was spent out of regimental funds to provide flowers & flowers for 100 graves were provided by Unit.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Warmish. Anzac day. Church parade in morning & afterwards Sutton Veney churchyard visited & flowers placed on all graves as arranged. We are associated with Group 2. Col Birdwood's order. The last post was blown at noon & bugles from No 2 Group.	

P.B. Huxtable  
- 4010 A.P.A.



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Sutton VERNY	25/4/19		Major R. McK. Doig M.C. late Registrar left on 22 <sup>nd</sup> inst. to report to A.I.F. HQ. for Educational leave. Captain MacIntyre has assumed duties of registrar. Confirmation of his appointment as such now being awaited -	
	26/4/19		Major A.R. Rordere, who has been chief medical officer left today for educational leave + Captain N.I. Trumble M.C. also -	
	27/4/19		W.O. Miscamble + 5 M.C.D. + O.R.s also left. They are 1914-15 men for repatriation -	
	28/4/19		Twelve O.R. (reinforcements) reported -	
	29/4/19		Eight Sisters left for non-military employment -	
	30/4/19		Six " " left for non-military employment -	
			Promotions of 3 Sergeants to Staff Sgts. Five Corporals to T/Sgts. Seven L/Cpls to T/Cpls -	
			all leave ranks. Two T/Cpls to made Corporals - Four privates to be T/Cpls -	
			Board appointed to visit wards + complete papers of patients for hospital ship Karoola - the early departure of which we have been warned -	
			Snowing through the night. Unit sports postponed in consequence -	
			W.O. Purdie sent here to take charge of educational duties -	
			Orders issued for exam <sup>n</sup> of all patients for discharge by Orderly Officer at 2 p.m. daily -	
			Three O.R.s (recruits) reported -	
			Unit's Sports. Six O.R.s. 1915 men (warriors) left for Forant also T/Sgt. See	
			Head Sister A. Kidd-Hart left for duty at Weymouth -	

R.B. Huxtable  
Sgt. Major



# WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

FOR

APRIL

1919.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
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SUTTON VENY,  
WILTS.,

12th. April 1919.

To:-

D.M.S., A.I.F.,  
A.I.F. Headquarters,  
L O N D O N.  
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Ref. D.M.S., A.I.F., M.1513/4/2 of 15.10.17.

Herewith please

REPORT FROM C.O.  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
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FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1919.  
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The work for the month of March was lighter than that of the preceding two months work in England. The epidemic of Influenza and Pneumonia was subsiding.

INSPECTIONS ETC.  
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The A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (Col. D. McWhae, C.M.G., C.B.E.) visited and inspected the Hospital regularly about noon on Mondays throughout the month and on other occasions.

March 2nd. The D.A.D.R.T., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (Capt. Haslam) visited in connection with railway and motor transport matters.

March 6th. The S.O.D.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., (Major C.H. Terry) visited along with Major W.H. Marshall, S.D.O. Sutton Veny Area, in connection with the Dental Unit.

March 10th. The Mental Specialist, Southern Command, (Lt. Col. Miles) visited concerning patients, also on 29th.

March 11th. Major General Sir Charles Rosenthal, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., newly appointed G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., visited and inspected the Hospital, and on April 2nd.

March 12th. The Brigadier General Commanding No. 1 Group, A.I.F. Depots (Bdr. Gen. J. Heane, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) visited the Hospital.

March 20th. Col. T.P. Dunhill, A.A.M.C., recently Consulting Surgeon, Rouen Base, visited the Hospital.

March 26th. The C.O., R.A.S.C., Southern Command, Wilton, (Lt. Col. Pollock) visited in reference to A.S.C., Contracts, British and Australian.

March 30th. The Officer in Charge, Education Department, H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. visited along with Captain Blackett the Education Officer, Sutton Veny Area concerning the A.I.F. Education Scheme.



# ADMISSIONS ETC.

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The number of patients admitted during the month was the smallest since opening the Hospital in England on January 15th. last. The total was 756.

Australians	723
Others	33
	<u>756</u>

328 were transfers from other Hospitals.

The average number of admissions per day was: 24.4.

The average number of discharges per day was: 27.

It is possible that the number of admissions may diminish till the Hospital completes its service in England. On the other hand it might happen that a fresh outbreak of the virulent epidemic of Influenza with fatal Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia or other epidemics may occur, amongst the troops temporarily stationed in the neighbouring camps where there have been at times from ten to fifteen thousand troops awaiting repatriation. In the case of such an epidemic the number of admissions may be expected to increase greatly.

## DEATHS

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The number of deaths during the month was the lowest recorded during the period of service in England. The total was 6 (all Australians). The cause of death was chiefly Broncho-Pneumonia. The epidemic of Influenza and Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia greatly diminished during the month.

## AVERAGE DURATION OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

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The average duration of stay in Hospital per patient during March was 34 days. The longest by far since the Hospital left Egypt. This long duration is due to the fact that numerous patients were transferred from other Hospitals and were cases awaiting convalescence or cure or transport by Hospital Ship to Australia. On March 31st. as many as 118 patients were evacuated to Ambulance Train at Warminster for H.M.A.S. Hospital Ship "Wandilla" at Southampton for Australia. At Rouen, France the Hospital functioned as a General Hospital upon the Lines of Communication and resembled a very large C.C.S. Here however the role is that of a final base hospital where patients remain till convalescent and fit for discharge or fit for transfer to Australia by Hospital Transport or Hospital Ship.

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

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The report of this department for the month is attached from Captain A.G. Brydon, Officer i/c Medical Division, vice Major W.W.S. Johnston, D.S.O., M.C.

The abatement of the epidemic of Influenza resulted in fewer patients being admitted suffering from that disease and fewer cases of Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia. Several patients suffering from Measles, Mumps, Vincents Angina and one Scarlet Fever were admitted. A few of the Nursing Staff (A.A.N.S.) and a few of the General Service V.A.D. Staff also contracted Measles.



#### SURGICAL DEPARTMENT

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The work of the Surgical Department like that of the Medical Department has been less strenuous during the month of March. The character of the Surgical work has changed the cases are those of late results of wounds and those cases met with under civil conditions.

The treatment of the former cases includes some operative and a great amount of non-operative orthopaedic measures. Consequently the Massage and Electro-Therapeutic Department has been doing a large amount of work.

There were 43 operations in the theatre during the month.

There were two interesting cases of civil surgery admitted. One was a case of purulent peritonitis from appendicitis with subsequent gangrene of bowel, the other was a case of volvulus with gangrene of intestine and subsequent general peritonitis. Both ended fatally.

A report of the department is attached from Major R.O. Douglas who has succeeded T/Major G. Bell as Medical Officer in charge of the Surgical Division.

#### PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

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This department has performed excellent work during the month. The Medical Officers continue to take the same interest in this branch as they have done in France.

A report from Captain O. Latham, Pathologist, is attached. The report shows the nature of the work done in the laboratory.

Captain Caldwell, R.A.M.C. continues to perform the duties of Bacteriologist, Wylie Valley Area for the S.M.O., Wylie Valley, making use of the laboratory premises and his own equipment.

#### X-RAY DEPARTMENT

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A report is attached from Captain A.E. Brown Radiographer, upon the month's work of the X-Ray, Massage, and Electro-Therapeutical Departments which now are under his charge.

The x-ray work was considerable and comprised Bones, Joints, Chests and Abdominal Conditions. The report gives a detailed account of the work.

#### ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC DEPARTMENT

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This is reported upon in the X-Ray Report by Captain A.E. Brown, the Medical Officer in charge of the Department. On March 26th. Captain E.B. Thomas was sent by the A.D.M.S. from No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth to inspect the cases considered suitable for this form of orthopaedic treatment and that were proceeding to Australia per the Hospital Ship "Wandilla". Captain Thomas also advised as to additional equipment in this Department.

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#### MASSAGE DEPARTMENT

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The work of this department has been very heavy. The staff employed is small for the amount of work to be done. Accommodation and quarters are required for an increased staff of Masseuses. The present staff has performed excellent work, an increase in the staff is required.



#### DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

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This Department has performed good work. Changes still occur from time to time in the Dental Officers. Capt. C. Morcom is shortly to proceed to America. (Left on April 4th).

#### EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEPARTMENT.

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This Department has a Hut devoted to the outpatients and a ward for inpatients. Capt. Brydon is in Charge of this Department. A Specialist visits the Hospital regularly to see all cases. The Specialist came weekly for two days during the first two months and now comes fortnightly. Lieut-Col. Edgar Brown has been succeeded by Major Temple-Smith, as Visiting Specialist. This Department attends to a considerable number of outpatients, and inpatients.

#### REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.

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The duties of this department have been well performed during the month. The Records Section involves considerable work. The duties of Registrar have been most efficiently performed by Major K. McK. Doig M.C. The duties of Acting Registrar have been carried out by Capt. A.B. McCutcheon in a highly satisfactory manner. Major Doig may be leaving shortly and Capt. McCutcheon is able to take his place.

#### QUARTY SECTION.

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The pay of Patients and Personnel is greatly assisted by the N.C.O. representing the Pay Department, who is attached to the Unit.

#### QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

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This Department has been working well during the past month. Report upon the work of the month is attached from Capt. H.M. Maughan, Quartermaster. Great care and supervision are exercised to keep control over articles of equipment. This has been found to be absolutely necessary. Active Service Abroad, in the Field does not always tend towards the exercise by patients of meticulous care in every particular.

#### NURSING DEPARTMENT.

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The changes in the Nursing Staff have been numerous, but the efficiency of the Nursing has been constantly maintained. The standard of Nursing of patients by the A.A.N.S. is exceedingly high and appears to be seldom if ever surpassed. The Report for the month is attached from Head-Sister A. Kidd Hart A.R.R.C.; The Acting Matron.

#### GENERAL SERVICE V.A.D. DEPARTMENT.

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A Report is attached from Mrs. L.A. Baker, Commandant of the G.S. V.A.D. Unit of the Hospital. The work of the G.S. V.A.D. Members has been very satisfactory throughout the

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month . The improvements to the G.S. V.A.D. Quarters which were so much required are receiving attention from the R.E. and are giving satisfaction.

In several directions the work of the Members of this Unit has shewn that women can do certain things better than the average man who is employed upon the same work. This is well shown in the Patients Kitchen, Patients Dining-Hall, and Ward Kitchens, also in the different messes where employed.

#### SANITARY OFFICERS' DEPARTMENT.

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The Sanitary condition of the hospital premises and site has been quite satisfactory. Captain O.Latham has performed his duties as Sanitary Officer of the Unit most efficiently. The Senior Sanitary Officer, Wylve Valley Area Southern Command (Captain Welsford R.A.M.C.) has been referred to as occasion required.

A report is attached from the Sanitary Officer of the Unit.

#### DISPENSARY.

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The work of the Dispensary has been considerable during the month. The Dispensing for the Hospital has been carried <sup>on</sup> also the supply of Drugs etc, to other Medical Units under the Charge of the S.M.O. A.I.F. Depots of the Area. The Dispensary is referred to in the Quartermasters Report. X

#### ISOLATION COMPOUNDS.

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There are two Isolation Compounds. One is for the treatment of Scabies and other contagious Diseases of that nature, and is termed the Contagious Compound or Section. The other is for the treatment of Measles, Mumps and all other Infectious Diseases, and is termed the Infectious Compound.

The Contagious Compound has one ward and several very small Alwyn Huts. The Alwyn Huts are old. They have been repaired, but are still considered unserviceable, except in the finest warm weather.

The Infectious Compound possesses one long hut divided into two wards (Wards 20 & 21) and one ward constructed of brick. (Ward 22) a receiving room, also several very small Alwyn Huts. The Alwyn Huts are old, they have been repaired but are still considered unserviceable <sup>except</sup> in the finest warm weather. X  
Marquees have to be erected in connection with this Infectious Compound when a large number of cases require treatment. Lately the accommodation has been taxed on account of both men and women requiring treatment for different infectious complaints.

#### V.D.

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Endeavours to control V.D. continue to be made by the maintenance of an Early Treatment Room. The results show that cases of V.D. have diminished.



### ANAESTHETICS REPORT

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A report upon the Anaesthetics administered in the theatre is attached. It is from Major E.M. Allester, Anaesthetist.

Warm Ether Vapour Anaesthesia by Shipway's Apparatus, and Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen Anaesthesia by Boyle's Apparatus are regularly employed, as also are Anaesthesia by Chloroform, also Anaesthesia by Chloroform and Ether mixtures by the open methods.

### MOTOR TRANSPORT SECTION

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Attached to the hospital are five Motor Ambulances and one Motor Lorry. The Section is in charge of a Corporal and five Drivers. One car is usually away for repairs so that for most of the time four cars are available for duty. The O.C., A.A.S.C., A.I.F. North Camp Warminster acts for the A.D. of S.&T., H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. in the supervision of this Motor Transport. When additional Ambulances are required the S.M.O., A.I.F. Depots, Sutton Veny has supplied.

### MESSING OFFICER

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The Messing Officer has performed very useful duties during the month. The catering for the patients and personnel has been highly satisfactory.

### OFFICER PATIENTS

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The accommodation for Officer patients has been sufficient during the past month. When the Officers' Ward is full, Officer patients are accommodated in the Special Case Rooms one of which is attached to most of the Wards of the Hospital.

### SICK SISTERS' HOSPITAL

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The accommodation in the Sick Sisters' Ward within the Sisters' Compound has been sufficient for the treatment of sick sisters during the month.

### WOMEN WAR WORKERS PATIENTS.

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The accommodation for women patients in Ward 4A has been sufficient during the month. The patients have consisted of Women War Workers of various branches as heretofore.

### PRISONER OF WAR PATIENTS

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Prisoner of War patients continue to be admitted from the neighbouring Prisoner of War Camp. They are few in number.



### AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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The Depot within the Hospital (In charge of Mrs. M.N. Blanch, A.R.C. Distributor) has continued to be of the utmost value to the the patients within the Hospital. A list is appended which shows the quantities of Red Cross comforts which have been issued to patients. The A.R.C. has also greatly assisted in providing entertainment for the patients in many and various ways. A Concert Party from the Entertainments Committee of the A.R.C. London, visited the hospital from April 7th.- 12th. inclusive.

Lady Mitchell and Mrs. Hodd visited from A.R.C. Headquarters London on March 18th. and spent some time in inspecting the Hospital. Miss Cholmondeley of the A.R.C. Prisoners of War Section visited the hospital on March 28th. Major N.H. Taylor, A.R.C. also visited the hospital from London. OX

### AUXILIARY RED CROSS (BRITISH) HOSPITALS CLOSED

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When these premises were taken over January 15th. from the R.A.M.C. there were still several Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals attached to this as their main Hospital. Afterwards as these Auxiliary Institutions were not required by us they were closed by the B.R.C. County Director. Amongst these institutions were the Auxiliary Red Cross Hospitals at Keynsham, Frome, Maiden-Bradley (Duchess of Somerset's Hospital) Warminster. The Hospital at Melksham was required by us as a Convalescent Hospital and continued open.

Over one thousand Australian patients passed through the Melksham Red Cross Hospital. It was a well managed auxiliary hospital under Commandant Mrs. Warren with Miss Warren as Q.M. and Sisters Wyld and Brown trained nurses, and a number of Voluntary Workers. The hospital was under the direction of the Melksham Medical Practitioners. It was found that at least a weekly inspection was helpful in the management of the Auxiliary Hospitals. Melksham Auxiliary Red Cross Hospital closed on April 8th. A Meeting held in connection with the closing of the Hospital the A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. expressed thanks on behalf of the A.I.F. X

### RECREATION ROOM

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The Recreation Room, (formerly one of the Patients' Dining Rooms) has proved most useful for patients also for personnel. The furnishing of this room has been kindly carried out by the A.R.C. The two three-quarter sized billiard tables which were in this room have been placed one in each of the two convalescent patients wards. These are very large wards each containing 100 beds.

### Y.M.C.A. HUT

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This Hut has proved to be exceedingly useful for entertaining large numbers of patients and personnel. Entertaining and instructive Lantern Lectures have been given under the auspices of the A.I.F. Department of Education in this Hut. Other forms of entertainments have also taken place. Miss Oag and a staff of ladies conduct this Hut for the British Y.M.C.A. under rules of the Hospital.



### INTERNAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

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The set of telephones which was in use within the Hospital at Rouen and before that in Heliopolis Palace, Egypt, has again been installed at Sutton Veny. It is a ten point set (Ericsson & Co., Stockholm) which was presented to the Unit. Several points have been fixed. A shortage of cable holds up the remainder for the present.

### INSPECTION BY THE C.I.C., SOUTHERN COMMAND AND THE G.O.C., A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

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The C.I.C., Southern Command (Lieut. General Sir H.C. Selater, G.C.B., G.B.E.) accompanied by the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (Major General Sir Charles Rosenthal, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) visited on April 2nd. and inspected the Hospital. The A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (Col. D. McWhae, C.M.G., C.B.E.) subsequently intimated to the O.C. of the Hospital that the Generals had expressed to him their entire satisfaction with the hospital and their pleasure at the visit, and wished him to communicate the message to the Unit. X

### RECREATION OF UNIT

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Owing to the work and the movements of personnel no Football teams have been formed in the Unit so far this Season. Kicking the football and taking long walks form the chief outdoor methods of recreation.

The Indoor Amusements Committee has met every Friday evening under the Presidency of the C.O. or Registrar. Programmes of entertainments for the succeeding week have been formed and have been carried out for both patients and personnel every week.

### DISCIPLINE

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This important part in the efficiency of the Unit has been well maintained. Several offences by patients and personnel have been dealt with. Owing to several patients having been admitted who were under arrest it has been necessary to have a guard from one of the neighbouring Depots. All such patients are accommodated in one special ward whenever possible.

### GARDENS (VEGETABLE & OTHERS)

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Several pieces of ground have been prepared for the growing of vegetables. An Agricultural Account has been opened in the Commonwealth Bank, Warminster by an advance from Regimental Funds. It is expected that the proceeds of the sale of vegetables to the Messing Officer will more than balance the amounts expended upon their production. Some patches for flower gardens are also in course of preparation.

### WEATHER

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The weather throughout March was alternately wind and rain. There were a few sunny days also a few very sharp frosts. Also there were three heavy falls of snow.



CHANGE OF COMMAND  
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Information has been received that Colonel R.B.Huxtable, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., recently C.O., 2nd. Australian General Hospital, Boulogne, will shortly take over the command from Colonel J.A.Dick, C.M.G. who has been in charge since October 10th. 1917 and who is soon due for repatriation.

*J.A. Dick.*

SUTTON VENNY., WILTS.  
12.4.19.

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

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REPORTS HEREWITH FROM:-  
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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

SURGICAL DEPARTMENT.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT. (Including Massage and Electro-  
Therapeutic Departments).

*Sanitary Department*  
QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

NURSING DEPARTMENT.

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

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS DISTRIBUTORS REPORT.

CONSUMPTION OF FOOD PER 100 PATIENTS FOR MARCH.

RETURN OF BREAKAGES.

RETURN OF DRESSINGS ISSUED.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL;  
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TO: OFFICER COMMANDING:  
1st A.G.H.

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REPORT OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1919.

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The pleasing feature of the Medical work in the Hospital, for the month of March, has been the marked decrease in the number of Influenza cases admitted to Hospital during that period. Not only have the numbers decreased but the comparative virulence of the cases has also been less. In a total of 605 Medical Admission, 288 were diagnosed Influenza. Of these only two died. There were two deaths from other causes ( Non-Surgical) making a total of 4 deaths on the purely medical side.

Forty-eight Medical cases were allotted berths on the Hospital Ship "Wandilla", and those were sent off by Hospital train on the 31st ulto. The majority of those cases were chest complaints including 8 tubercular, most of which were Influenzal in origin.

Another feature of the far reaching after effects of this epidemic has been the number of cases of middle ear trouble requiring treatment either in Hospital or as out-patients from the surrounding camps. Most of such cases have a history of Influenza.

The number of cases in Hospital suffering from Nasal, Naso-pharyngeal and laryngeal symptoms can usually be traced to an Influenzal origin. A fact, which is not surprising when one remembers the affinity of the bacillus for the mucous membrane of the nose and throat.

As Medical Officer in Charge of the Ear, Nose and Throat Department, I have frequently felt the need of a permanent specialist in the treatment of those diseases, and if such could be arranged, I feel sure that great benefit would accrue, not only to these classes of patients in Hospital, but to the large number of out-patients from the surrounding camps.

The numbers of infectious diseases has shown an increase during the month, Measles accounting for seventeen out of twenty-three admissions under that heading. Several members of the V.A.D. Staff and one of our nursing Sisters were admitted with Measles, fortunately of a mild type. One member of the Medical Staff of this Hospital was admitted suffering from Influenza.

In conclusion, I desire to express my personal regret at the loss of Major Johnston, from the Medical Staff of the Hospital. As Medical Officer in Charge of the Medical Division, he never spared himself in the pursuit of his duties and universal regret was expressed on his departure for a well earned course of further study.

SUTTON VERNY: WILTS:  
3.3.19.

(SGD) A.G. BRYDON. Capt.  
Medical Officer in Charge,  
Medical Division, 1st A.G.H.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL;  
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TO: OFFICER COMMANDING:  
1st A.G.H.

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REPORT OF THE SURGICAL DIVISION FOR THE MONTH OF  
MARCH. 1919.

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On March 10th. charge of the Surgical Division was taken over from T/Major Bell. The cases that had been collected from other places were now in much better condition. Abscesses had been drained, many of the worst sequestra had been removed, and the general state of the patients much improved.

Since then the operative work has been cut down to a minimum. It is regarded as much more important to get muscles functioning again and joints moving than to be constantly removing sequestra.

In the Hospitals from which many of the fracture cases have been received the Thomas splint with extension seems to have been regarded as the curer of all ills. Once a fracture has been placed in a Thomas splint and sufficiently heavy extension applied it seems as if it has been thought that all that was necessary was to wait till union took place. The result has been in the case of compound fracture of the femur, an almost constant succession of stiff knees. In addition in many cases the dorsal aspect of the limb exhibits a succession of furrows and oedematous ridges corresponding to the position of the splint slings, and the intervals between them. In the furrows pressure atrophy of muscle has reached such a degree that the skin is often apparently in direct contact with bone. In between these broad sulci are tense rolls of stasis and congestion oedema and fibrosis. Many of the fractures are ununited; some if not the majority are due to the fact that on account of the continuous extension the bones have never been given a chance to exercise their normal function of resistance to the various muscle pulls.

The percentage of ununited fractures in simple fracture is very great. It is the rule rather than exception, in fractures of the humerus or femur treated by prolonged extension to find no sign of union at the end of the sixth week, while the elbow or knee is already much if not completely limited in movement. Muscle atrophy from disuse and sling pressure is as a rule already marked.

The great problem of the Hospital is the dealing with scar tissue. In the region of wounds scar tissue is frankly evident. In many places especially the thigh it may form an unyielding mass right from surface to bone and thus greatly limit movement. Even more superficial scars are almost invariably adherent to the underlying fascia or other structures. Little or no attempt appears to have been made to free these scars, and yet this is probably the most essential element in securing a soft pliable scar. The difficulties in dealing with this frank scar tissue are not nearly so great as the treatment of that more occult but much more widely distributed type that arises at sometimes quite great distances from the wound. Usually distal to a wound ( but often proximal where the lymph or blood circulation has been obstructed by the pressure of slings or rings of splints ) is found a more or less persisting oedema. Partly due to obstructed return, partly to toxic spoiling or even a low grade bacterial infection, this oedematous portion tends to become more and more infiltrated with fibroblasts, and proliferated tissue cells of the region. Cases seen in this stage are as a rule fairly amenable to treatment. Unfortunately many of the cases received here are long since past this stage. The oedema has in many cases disappeared or at least become the less dominant feature. The diffuse fibrosis of subcutaneous tissue, fascia,



muscle and connective tissue often with some degree of oedema remaining, dominates the scene. Through this there still run the much atrophied and often functionless muscles. Round joints this occult scar tissue has infiltrated capsules and muscle insertions and fixed the limb firmly in the position in which it has been so long kept.

Hopeless as many of these cases appear at first much can apparently be done by intensive massage and various electrotherapeutic devices. Re-education of muscles more easily demonstrated can be quite well done by the surgeon. In the cases of the less prominent muscles and in practically all cases where the limb is still on a splint, a Bristow coil or similar electrical treatment is essential to attain good results. In all cases of old standing limitation of joint movement intensive heavy massage combined with hot air treatment appears to hold out the best prospects of success.

The electrical and massage staff of the Hospital is quite inadequate to cope with even the most essential work demanded of it. All cases that can possibly get along without massage have to do so, regardless of what the ultimate crippling may be.

The work of the electrical and massage staff both as to quantity and quality of work done has been excellent.

This part of the report has been thus elaborated because it is felt that the work of the surgical division is almost wholly Orthopedic. Since taking over the surgical division there have never been fewer than 120 cases in the Hospital requiring electrical or massage treatment. Of these at least half have been of a heavy type. The departure of the cases for Hospital ship on the last day of the month has lightened the work to a certain extent, but judging by the cases received since the 26th inst., (9 cases of fractured femur or hip joint injury, three of other lower limb and three of upper limb fractures) the number of cases may still increase. Difficulties are still more increased by the Electric supply being cut off every day till some time after sundown. This means that all hot air work has to be done in the evening. Many cases after a varying sojourn here are therefore being sent on in a practically untreated condition, becoming more and more intractable to treatment all the while, to finally assume a much higher place in the pension scale than they would do if energetic and efficient treatment were possible here.

Difficulties are further increased by the fact that none of the medical Officers of the surgical division have had any adequate training in orthopedic work and every step in treatment is more in the nature of experiment than the following out of recognised lines of therapy.

The two dangerously ill Germans are still under treatment but are improving.

No visit has been paid by the Consulting surgeon to the Area since the tenth of the month.

Two deaths after operations have occurred during the month. One a case of purulent peritonitis from appendicitis, with subsequent gangrene of a loop of bowel where there were some old T.B. Ulcers. The other was a case of volvulus of about a week's duration with gangrene and subsequent general peritonitis.

A summary of surgical operations is attached.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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LIST OF OPERATIONS PERFORMED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1919.

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HERNIA	--	2.
Papilloma cheek	--	3.
Rodent ulcer	--	1.
Appendicetomy	6--	6.
Sequestrotomy	--	3.
Glands in neck	--	2.
Circumcision	--	10.
Fistula in ano	--	3.
Sybarious cyst	--	2.
Varicose veins	--	1.
Minor operations	--	6.
Submucous resection	--	1.
Rib resection	--	1.
Heparatotomy	--	1.
Haemorrhoids	--	1.
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	TOTAL:	43.
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SUTTON VERNY: WILTS:  
3.3.19.

(SGD) R.O. DOUGLAS. Major.  
OFFICER IN CHARGE:  
Surgical Divisions., 1st A.G.H.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

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

REPORT OF WORK OF PATHOLOGICAL DEPT: FOR MONTH OF  
MARCH 1919.

The following is the list of examinations made in the  
Laboratory during the month ending 31st March 1919 :-

Agglutinations	--	2.(enterica 1. dysentery 1.)
Blood counts	--	4.
" Exams for malaria		6.Parasite in 3. all benign tertian.
Examinations for gonococci		8. 2 positive.
" " syphilis		6. all negative.
" " Wassermanns		12. one positive.
" special for blood donors		1.
Faeces	5.	5.
( Chest		6.
Fluids. ( C.S.F.		0.
( Pus. abdomen		4.
Cultures		30. from which were prepared.
Vaccines		15. Staff aureas, allus, 8 times. various colon group 3 times and once a minute influenza like organism and twice streptococci.
Swabs, throat and mouth		8. Vicents organisms 4 times.
Microscopic section of tissues. parafin or frozen sections		9.
Sputums for T.B.		96. Tubercle bacilli recovered 7 times.
Urines		159.100 of these were pathological and a number of quantitative special exams were made re. sugar and albumen.

370.

2 Examinations of water and one of milk were done to trace connection  
with an outbreak of diarrhoea in another camp.

One complete and 2 partial post mortems were done. The former ,an  
interesting case of malignant endocarditis grafted on an old mitral  
stenosis and showing infarets in spleen and gross cerebral haemorrhage  
with some aortic atheroma. The other two being cases of gangrene of th  
bowel and appendicitis respectively.

The month's work was chiefly interesting for the number of cultures  
and vaccines made and the great interest the Hospital staff have  
taken in the microscopical examinations of some of the tissue removed  
surgically or post mortem, quite a number of tumours were thus  
sectioned, most of them fortunately being of an innocent nature.

SUTTON VENY:  
3.4.19.

(SGD) OLIVER LATHAM, Capt.  
Pathologist,  
First Australian General Hospital.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL;

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

REPORT OF WORK OF X.RAY, MASSAGE & ELECTROTHERAPEUTICAL  
DEPARTMENTS FOR MARCH 1919.

X. RAY DEPARTMENT:

No. of cases sent for Examination	137.
No. of cases sent for treatment	2.
No. of plates used.	226.

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1. Table of conditions requiring treatment :-

Injuries and diseases of bones	58.
Injuries and diseases of joints	33.
Chest conditions	25.
Renal calculus :- Positive 2. )	
Negative 6. )	8.
Bismuth meals	3.
Abdominal conditions, Gall Bladder	2.
Hydated	1.
For F.B. Positive 3. )	
Negative 2. )	5.
For Cervical rib	1.
Bursitis	1.

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2. Analysis of chest conditions.

Tubercle : Active 4. )	
Old. 2. )	6.
Post Influenzal	4.
Post Pneumonia	2.
Bronchitis	1.
Pleurisy , Chronic 2. )	
Acute 3. )	5.
Empyema	2.
Effects of G.S.W.	2.
Effects of gas	1.
Normal.	2.

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25.

3. Analysis of Injuries & Diseases of Joints.

: Joint.: Normal.:Involved in frac: Excision: Arthritis. : Separated.  
: : : Simple.: GSW. : : Acute:Chron: Epiphysis.

Shoulder				1.		1.	
Elbow	1.						1.
Wrist	4.	1.					
Lumbo-Sacral					1.		
Hip	1.		3.	1.			
Knee	6.		4.	1.		1.	
Ankle	1.	1.	3.				
Tarso-Metatarsal.						1.	
	13.	2.	10.	3.	1.	3.	1.



#### 4. Analysis of Injuries & Diseases of Bones.

Bone .	Normal.	Simple	Compound Fracture.	Healthy.	Non-Union.	Sequestrum.	Caries.
		fract.					
Face.							
Jaw		1.					1.
Vertebrae							
Cervical			1.				
Dorsal.	1.						
Humerus	1.			1.		4.	
Rad & Ulna	1.	2.				1.	
Metacarpals.							
& Phalanges.		2.					
Pelvis			1.				
Femur		1.	5.		8.	7.	1.
Tib & Fib.		5.	2.		5.	3.	
Tarsus	1.						1.
Metatarsals							
& Phalanges	2.	1.					
	6.	12.	9.	14.	16.	2.	

#### 5. Analysis of plates used :-

Size	No.
$\frac{1}{2}$	10.
1 x 1.	45
8 x 5	41.
8 x 10	16.
12 x 6	59.
12 x 10	25.
15 x 12	30
	226.
Steriographs	62.

Remarks. The general tenour of the work remains the same - a large bulk of it dealing with bone injuries from gunshot wounds..

The plant is working well and will be greatly improved by the arrival of the coolidge outfit and extra batteries which are due to arrive very shortly. Treatment especially should be improved by the arrival of the coolidge tube.

#### ELECTROTHERAPEUTICAL DEPARTMENT:

No. of cases under treatment.

14.

#### Analysis of treatment given.

Condition.	Neuro.	Muscular	Galvanism.	Faradism.	Bristow.	Ionisation.
	Reactions.					
Muscular atrophy	3.				1.	
Fractures.				1.	3.	
Painful scars.						2.
Nerve Injur.	4.					
Facial Pal.					2.	
	7.	-		1.	6.	2.



The work of this Department is only slightly greater than it was the previous month and owes its absence of development to lack of appliances and of sufficient staff. When the large number of cases for the "Wandilla" are off the masseuses' list and when appliances are received as promised from Weymouth, the department ought to be able to be efficiently organised and the work greatly developed. Capt. Thomas, from Weymouth, reporting on the condition of work, recommends certain extra appliances and two, at least, extra masseuses. If these arrive, and if the actual massage work gets lighter, I propose to withdraw one at least of the masseuses from massage to electrical and place her in charge of the Department.

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MESSAGE:  
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Attached is the statistical report of the Masseuses on their work for the month. Their work has been very heavy and extremely successful in its results. Many cases have had to go without massage, owing to lack of Staff, but with the departure of the Wandilla, this should be remedied.

SUTTON VEERY:  
9.3.19.

(SGD) A.E. BROWN. Capt.  
Radiographer.  
First Australian General Hospital.



MONTHLY LIST FROM MASSAGE WARD NO. I. A. G. H. FOR MONTH OF  
MARCH. 1919.

Complaint.	March. 1st.	New cases.	Discharges.	Present Cases.
(Fract.	68	26	51	43
GSW (Nerve Inj.	3.	-	2	1
Caus (Ner. Inj. & Frac.	1.	-	-	1.
-ing (Paralysis.	4.	4	6	2
(Flesh wd.	1.	-	1.	-
Accid. (Fracture.	2.	8.	4.	6.
Caus- (Severed	-	1.	-	1.
ing. (Tendon.	-	2.	1.	1.
(Sprains.	1.	-	-	1.
) Dislocation.	-	-	-	-
Neuritis	2-	1.	1.	-
Rheumatism	2.	1.	3.	1-
Thrombosis	1.	-	1.	-
Neurasthenia	1.	-	1.	-
Sciatica	1.	-	1.	-
Trench Fever	1.	-	1.	-
Myelitis	1.	-	1.	-
After pleurisy	1.	-	1.	-
	88.	43.	75.	56.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

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

REPORT OF SANITARY DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF  
MARCH: 1919.

- (1) At the commencement of the month, it was definitely established that at least 2 to 2½ loads of rubbish collected daily from the Hospital.
- (2) The one vehicle taking one load a day, recommended through the courtesy of Capt. Welsford, S.S.O., Warminster., was quite insufficient for the purpose, a fact which surprised Capt. Welsford, who hitherto failed to realise that the higher pay of the Australian soldier allowed the purchase of a larger quantity of tinned commodities, creating removeable rubbish. Having shown me round his sanitary plant at Warminster, Capt. Welsford brought me to see Capt. Berryman, who arranged that until the dump was quite cleaned we could have the use of 2 extra waggons a day. This was done and in about a fortnight the whole dump was cleansed of everything removeable allowing us to erect separate compartments to hold :- (1) Ashes, (2) Tins, (3) Broken crockery & Glass (4) A place when papers can be burned, (5) Other material - say ashes separated, as recommended by Capt. Welsford. (6) To gain our second point i.e., the separation of these several classes of refuse at the Kitchen doors - needed the requisition of 54 new covered tins. About 15 of these have since delivered & Kerosene cans also will be provided with the ward numbers painted on. But there is a difficulty experienced in getting the camp orderlies to fetch the articles separately, for after they have been carefully separated at the kitchen doors, the orderlies dump them altogether again into the hand cart. Recommended, a horse-drawn vehicle with at least 4 compartments. (7) An increased staff of orderlies and some Germans have been granted and as a result a great improvement is already visible where piles of ashes, tin cans, paper, cardboard boxes & a ranger peel used to collect, and the Sisters in Charge of the ward have been interested in educating patients not to throw anything out of the window. (8). The grease traps have been left in a clean condition, (9) and all the annexes of the wards carefully inspected from time to time and found satisfactory. The disinfecting plant is working well, and the sanitary work in connection with the latrines properly carried out. Attention must be drawn to the fact however, that no covers have been provided for the pans, to which therefore flies have at all times free access, to become covered with pathogenic bacilli of the colon group should the company harbour a "Carrier". This matter which is quite against Australian Custom was brought under the notice of Capt. Welsford - who assured us that flies were unknown on the plain.

The chief matter that concerns us now is (a) the daily removal of the refuse and (b) Supply of more covered cans.

The store and ration wagon has authority to remove rubbish, but we object to the same cart carrying stores and rubbish. The swill cart has time to and we have made formal request to Capt. Berryman for the necessary authority to use it. If we use it for one trip daily, Capt. Welsford has promised another cart as well.

SUTTON VENNY: WILTS:  
4.4.19.

(SGD) OLIVER LATHAM, Capt.,  
Sanitary Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:  
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TO: THE OFFICER COMMANDING:  
1st A.G.H.  
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REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT FOR  
MONTH OF MARCH 1919.  
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I beg to submit the following report for the month in reference to this Department :-

Personnel. Since my last report the following changes etc. have taken place :-

Lieut. Brookes has taken up the duties of Assistant Q.M. in place of Lieut. Powell transferred to Southall.

W.O. Sommerville, R.Q.M.S. and Sgt. Stevens transport Sgt. have been struck off strength, on being returned to Australia.

S/Sgt. Nutting has been struck off strength on discharge to Australia.

Cpl. See promoted Sgt. has taken S/Sgt. Nutting's place as Sgt. Steward.

Miss Jones V.A.D. has been taken on strength and taken the place of Miss Poulton, in the Pack store who has obtained her discharge.

S/Sgt. Henderson has returned from his 1914 leave and is doing the duties of R.Q.M.S.

Stores. General. This store has been separated from the linen store and is now under the charge of Cpl. Fox. The work of this store has been much more satisfactory and issues, exchanges etc., are done daily.

Linen. Owing to the decrease in the number of patients in Hospital, the linen has been kept well in hand, this has also been greatly assisted by the contractors delivering clean linen twice a week instead of once as previously and taking away the dirty linen relieves congestion in the store.

The following are the main items sent to laundry for the month :-

Sheets	6500	Towels, bath	310.
Counterpanes	935	" hand	4840
Cloths, B.P.	294	" Operating	350
" Dist	339	" Road	420
" Med	310	Cases Pillow	3530
" Tea	940	Dusters	280
" Table	178	Handkerchiefs	1470
Shirts cotton	2340	Neckerchiefs	1640
" flannel	1620	Socks	1060
Overalls	182	Trousers, sleeping	1100
Jackets sleeping	1159	" serge	1034
Waistcoats	800		

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Pack Store.

Number of kits received into store.	434.
" " " issued from store	694.
" " " remaining in store	360.

Number of bundles of clothing sent to wash 42.

Clothing store. Lieut. Brooks has taken charge of this Department.

Clothing issued to patients	2393.
Necessaries issued to "	3536.

Dispensary. Attached please find breakages and Issue returns from the Dispensary for the month..



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Housing. The flooring of the V.A.D. Quarters is proceeding, four of the sleeping shacks and the Dining Room having been completed. Also Baths have been installed, in the main buildings.

The reduced number of patients allows of all patients being in the Ward buildings thus leaving the Marquees empty and surplus equipment.

Stewards. Attached please find provisions consumed per hundred patients for the month.

Supplies have been coming to hand satisfactorily on the whole but eggs have been short towards the end of the month.

The number of patients subsisted for the month has been 18808.

The number of diets issued during the month is as follows :-

Ordinary	--	13857.
Chicken	--	1074.
Milk	--	6877.

General. Coal supply has been kept up much more satisfactorily this month audit has been unnecessary to use the reserve of wood brought in last month.

The storing of Equipment in Marquees is taking place as rapidly as possible. The wards being reduced to twenty four beds, making it more convenient for working in the wards, gives a large amount of Equipment for storing, and, although it is practically impossible to keep a close supervision over the stores, it is not possible to use buildings for them.

Messing. Lt. Bayley who was doing duty as Messing Officer having resigned has been replaced by Lieut. Dunnett.

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

Dripping, 1st Class	10 cwt.	0 qtr.	16 lbs.
" 2nd Class	1.	1.	18.
Bones.	20.	0.	13.
Swill	162.	3.	0.

The total value being £66. 3. 0.

SUTTON VENNY: WILTS:  
2.4.19.

(SGD) H.M. MAUGHAN., Capt.,  
Quarter-Master,  
First Australian General Hospital.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

Provisions consumed per 100 patients for the month of March, 1919.

Meat. lbs.	Fish. lbs.	Bacon. lbs.	Potatoes. lbs.	Vegetables. lbs.	Bread. lbs.
52.	9	16.	65.	22.	74.
Milk. Pts.	Eggs. No.	Sugar. lbs.	Cereals. lbs.	Margarine. lbs.	Cheese. lbs.
135.	32.	9.5.	21.	6.5.	2.
Jam. lbs.	Cocoa. lbs.	T & Coffee. lbs.	Spirits. ozs.	Liquors. pts.	
8.	1.	2.5.	18.	4.	

SUTTON VENNY: WILTS:  
2.4.19.

(SGD) H.M. MAUGHAN. CAPT.  
Quartermaster.  
First Australian General Hospital.

RETURN OF BREAKAGES.

March. 1919.

WARD:	THERMOMETERS.	SYRINGES.
1.	2.	
2.	8.	
3.	1.	
6.	1.	
7.	7.	
8.	1.	
9.	2.	
12.	1.	
13.	8.	1.
15.	1.	
16.	3.	
17.	3.	
Total.	38.	1.

(SGD) H.M. MAUGHAN. CAPT.  
Quartermaster,  
First Australian General Hospital.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

RETURN OF DRESSINGS ISSUED.

Ward.	Wool. lbs.	Lint. lbs.	Gauze. yds.	Bandage. Roller. Nos.	Bandage. Triang. Nos.	Jaconet. yds.	Plaster reels.	Pine. safety.	Gamgee tissue
1.	3.	1.	36.	-	-	-	1.	1.	-
2.	8.	3.	240.	12.	6.	3.	2.	1.	-
3.	15.	8.	312.	150.	48.	-	2.	3.	9.
4A & 4B.	5.	7.	78.	24.	12.	-	-	-	-
5.	22.	18.	612.	216.	-	-	1.	2.	-
6.	6.	1.	84.	24.	18.	1.	-	2.	-
7.	5.	2.	24.	-	-	-	1.	1.	-
8.	12.	10.	156.	936.	156.	-	-	3.	-
9.	54.	9.	636.	144.	96.	-	2.	3.	15.
10.	25.	5.	486.	60.	72.	-	-	1.	-
11.	5.	3.	90.	60.	-	-	-	2.	-
12.	8.	3.	24.	24.	-	-	-	1.	-
13.	2.	3.	36.	12.	-	1.	-	-	10.
14.	4.	2.	84.	48.	-	-	-	3.	-
15.	2.	3.	72.	-	-	-	2.	2.	-
16.	1.	1.	12.	24.	-	-	1.	-	-
17.	8.	2.	72.	18.	-	-	1.	1.	9.
18.	4.	6.	24.	-	12.	1.	-	-	-
19.	2.	1.	6.	12.	-	-	-	-	-
20 & 21.	3.	-	18.	36.	24.	2.	2.	-	-
22.	3.	4.	24.	36.	12.	1.	-	-	-
A.	17.	36.	282.	204.	24.	4.	3.	4.	-
B.	12.	7.	120.	84.	-	-	-	-	-
C.	2.	-	48.	12.	24.	1.	1.	-	-
Op. Th.	7.	-	360.	60.	-	6.	3.	6.	9.
Total.	235.	135.	3936.	1356.	604.	18.	24.	26.	52.

SUTTON VENNY: WILTS:  
2.4.19.

(SGD) H.M. MAUGHAN. Capt.,  
Quartermaster.  
First Australian General Hospital.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
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TO:-

The Commanding Officer,  
First Australian General Hospital.  
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REPORT OF NURSING DEPARTMENT FOR MONTH OF  
MARCH, 1919.  
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I beg to submit report of Nursing  
Service for the month of March.

The general health of Staff has improved. There has been less sickness. Several Sisters were transferred to Mrs Hall's Hospital, .2 Southwell Gardens, they were boarded and sent to Australia. Two whom were sent to Convalescent Home on sick leave, since returned to duty, have been re-admitted to Hospital. These Sisters, when convalescent will be sent to 12 Southwell Gardens, for Board. One case of measles was reported on March 13th. Now convalescent.

The Nursing duties in Hospital are much lighter owing to evacuation of patients. Influenza has practically died out. The number of cases suffering from Pneumonia is small. Cases on Dangerously Ill and Seriously Ill Lists considerably less.

It was necessary to open another Isolation Ward. Sisters were needed for this section owing to limited accommodation in Sisters' Quarters, tents had to be used. Every arrangement was made for their comfort, also to ensure isolation.

The ordinary routine work of Hospital is still heavy. It has been arranged that scrubbing of wards, corridors, offices, etc., be done by Civilian women Workers. This will be a great benefit.

A Number of Sisters have applied for Non-Military Employment prior to Repatriation. This has been granted where term of employment comes under the Ruling of Regulations, regarding these appointments.

The general feeling amongst patients is that of content. The food is good and they are being liberally entertained. Messing arrangements are satisfactory.

SUTTON VERNY: WILTS:  
9.4.19.

(SGD) A.KIDD HART;  
A/Matron.  
First Australian General Hospital.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

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

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE GS/VAD. UNIT ATTACHED 1st A.G.H.  
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1919.

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The V.A.D. Unit members have increased during March and at the end of the month there were 107 on strength distributed in the following Departments of the Hospital.

2 Officers.	13. Sisters' Kitchen & Quarters.
7 Clerks, Administration.	6. Officers' Kitchen & Mess.
11. Clerks Q.M.S.	13. V.A.Ds' " " "
2. Clerks Post Office.	9. Cooks, & Kitchen maids- Patients Kitch
2. Telephonists.	8. Waitresses, Patients' Mess.
34. Ward Orderlies.	

Improvements have been carried out in the Quarters and this has added considerably to the comfort and happiness of the members.

There has been a slight outbreak of measles and Influenza. Five members had measles and were isolated in Ward 22.

SUTTON VENY: WILTS:  
3.4.19.

(SGD) L.A.BAKER.  
Commandant, GS.VA.D  
First Australian General Hospital.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

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

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ANAESTHETIST'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH  
OF MARCH 1919.

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1. During the month, General Anaesthetics were required in  
34 cases, as follows :-

Chloroform,	2 cases.
C & E Mixtures, (open)	7 cases.
Warm Ether Vapour, (Shipways)	21. cases.
Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen (Boyle's)	4 cases.
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	34 cases.

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2. The supply of anaesthetic material was satisfactory and  
the apparatus in good order.

SUTTON VENNY: WILTS:  
4.4.19.

(SGD) E. MARSTON ALLESTER,  
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

TO: OFFICER COMMANDING:  
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MONTHLY REPORT OF GOODS DISTRIBUTED BY AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCY.  
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.1919.

Shaving brushes	59	Hair brushes	170
do. soap	117	Handkerchiefs	200
Toilet do.	506	Housewives	99
Tooth brushes	155	Mirrors	96.
do paste	325	Mittens	pairs 300 15.
Jam	lbs 300	Stationary	pkts 300
Biscuits	do 953	Playing cards	31.
Honey	do 160	Socks	pairs. 297
Patent barley	tins 7	Pipes	192
Butter	lbs 37	Hampate & Camp Pie	lbs 364
Pea Sausage	ea. 94	Jelly Crystals	pkts 18
Rabbit	lbs 532	Razor strops	4
Fruit (Tinned)	do. 588	Condensed Milk	7.
Prunes (Dry)	do. 154	Golden syrup	12
Crutches	prs. 32	Beef	lbs 8.
Rubbers	ea. 76	Cake	tins 30.
Sweets boiled	lbs 544	Old linen	cases 31.
Butter scotch 6d.	tins. 480.	Malted milk	4.
Chocolate	cakes 1637	Meat extract	9.
Cigarettes	68550.	Mufflers	332.
Tobacco	tins 440	Plum Puddings	lbs 600.
Bed socks	pairs 46	Balaclava caps	2.
Combs	139	Salmon	15.
Face washers	500	Air beds	1.
Toilet bags	200	Pyjamas	prs. 1076
Ox cheek	1.	Sultanas	112.
Cheese, large	2.		

(SGD) M.N. BLANCH.

SUTTON VENY: WILTS:  
3.3.19.