

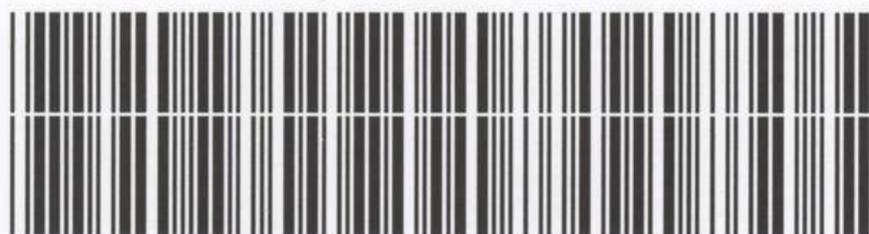
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WAR DIARY

OF

A.A.M.C. DENTAL SERVICES. IN EGYPT.

FOR

MAY 191⁸.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS. A.A.H.C.D.S. May '18

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MAJOR	DOUGLASS	G.	A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS.
CAPT.	BULL	R.A.	25 D.U.
CAPT.	LAMBERT	H.A.	103 D.U.
CAPT.	CUNNINGHAM	J.H.	73 D.U.
CAPT.	PASCOE	E.T.	31 D.U.
LIEUT.	COMINS	F.A.	71 D.U.
"	DONNELLY	J.B.	97 D.U.
"	JOHNSTON	A.C.	16 D.U.
"	ROBERTSON	A.T.	109 D.U.
"	KILNER	W.H.	104 D.U.
"	MITCHELL	J.F.	6 D.U.
"	BARHAM	G.S.	7 D.U.
"	McLACHLAN	J.M.	108 D.U.
"	ADAMSON	E.B.	105 D.U.
"	RYAN	P.A.	107 D.U.
"	ROSS	W.H.	106 D.U.

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To Staff Officer, Dental Services,
Administrative Headquarters, A. I. F.,
Egypt.

A.P. & S.D., Alex. / 2750 / 2: 18/500. W. M. & Co.
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DATE	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF	Teeth Used	
			Pin.	Diatric
	Attendance	3855		
	Cases Treated	2026		
	Teeth Extracted	656		
	Local	416		
	General	5		
	Amalgam.	1378		
	Cement	202		
	Root	309		
	Temporary	300		
	Scaling Cases	103		
	Dressings	729		
	Minor Operations	151		
	Ulcerative Gingivitis	130		
	Pyorrhœa	31		
	Crowns	13		
	Fractured Jaw Cases	1		
	Full Upper	37		
	Full Lower	6		
	Partial Upper	143		
	Partial Lower	102		
	Repairs	271		
	Approx. Number waiting for Dentures			

NUMBER OF

REMARKS

George Dimpfshagen
Dental Officer in Charge.

May 1918

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Statistical Reportfor the month shows a slight increase.

Dental Units at the Base have been distributed as follows:-

14th.A.G.H.	2.
D.M.C. Rest Camp.	1.
No.2 A.S.H.	1.
Camel Depot, Abbassia.	1.
Moascar Training Depot.	4.

A fine stone hut is in process of erection for Moascar.

All men are now rendered dentally fit before being forwarded to their regiments; the system followed being fundamentally that followed in depots in United Kingdom.

Field Units are distributed:-

1. to each Ambulance.
1. Mobile Unit (mobile only in so far as it possesses only a light kit).

All Field Units are considerably hampered during operations owing to their kits having to be "dumped"; further kit is frequently broken and lost during these moves through lack of suitable panniers for packing.

During recent operations Capt.Pascoe E.T. and Lieut.Donnelly, J.B. accompanied their Ambulances, Capt.Pascoe taking forceps only and Lieut.Donnelly a light Surgical Outfit on a camel.

Lieuts. Kilner, W.H., Comins, F.A., and Barham, C.S. were attached to Divisional Receiving Stations with two outfits.

Lieut.Robertson, A.T. was, for a time, attached to Lieut-Col. Storey's operating Unit doing valuable work as an anaesthetist.

Given proper transport these Units ~~these~~ would be self-contained and could be utilised wherever required.

The question of a Mobilisation Store Table for Dental Units, Base and Field, has recently been raised.

As the requirements are essentially the same for both fronts this matter has been held over pending information as to what has been done in this matter in England.

Lieut. Everett is returning to Egypt and Defence Department has approved of one, Pte. Smith, being granted a commission.

Correspondence in the matter has been forwarded.

The Establishment, position of e/r Warrant Officer for Moascar has been asked for. It would assist in a good quality of work from mechanics.

With increase of ~~the~~ staff an establishment, similar to that for a Command Depot, will later be asked for.

Cairo,
30.5.18.

George Longman

Major.

S.O.A.D.S.

FOR D.D.M.S., A.I.F. IN EGYPT.

War Records Report - May 1918.

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No 7 Dental Unit attached 2nd L. N. F. Amb.

Dental Officer - Lieut C. S. Parham

Staff - No 9115 S/Sgt. Southgate R. N.
2877 S/Sgt. Procter R. N.
1157 Spr. Devlin J.

From 1st to 4th May, this unit remained at Brigade-
Camp, in the Jordan valley, five miles west of
Jordan river. On the afternoon of 4th May the
Brigade returned from across the Jordan and the
following morning I was instructed to prepare to
commence work on the morrow - 6th May. On this
morning twenty-eight (28) men reported for treatment,
most of them complained that trouble was due to
Army-biscuits. This was more or less correct, for
in many cases I found that enamel was broken
away from teeth previously filled. The mechanical
work consisted mostly of broken dentures &
teeth (Army biscuits again said to be the cause).
Dentures lost during the stunt were few.
The following morning enemy Air craft dropped
bombs on unit's camped in Jordan Valley, the
7th Regiment suffered the heaviest losses. The Dental
parade this morning was a little late
but before 1300 twenty-three (23) patients reported.
On Saturday 11th May the Brigade moved to new
site north of Jericho, and I received orders to report
to Amzac Clearing Station (composed of 1st & 2nd L. N. F. Amb.)
which was stationed on the plain near the
Goraniyet road. Work was continued here until

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Thursday 16th when I was instructed to rejoin the Ambulance. We moved over & set up the same afternoon & commenced work the following morning. Five days later 21st May, the Brigade moved to "Kiv-ed-ant" our present camp. The total number of patients for the month were 402. The men reporting were twenty-one, different units viz:

5 th L. H. Regiment.	M.C.S.	2 nd sig troop.	Div train	- B.H.Q.
6 th " " "	A.S.C	1 st sig troop.	Field Troop A.E.	D.H.Q.
7 th " " "	R.E.	Sig Squad.	KK. Cable Post.	Z.C.P.
2 nd L.H. F. Amb.	19 th R.H.A.	17 th R.H.A.	1 st A.F.S.	—
8 th L.H. Regmt.	18 th R.H.A.	—	—	—

Many of these men had a distance of from 7 to 12 miles to ride, consequently it was late when they reported, and at an hour when the heat was most trying, this, with dust storms, & flies, made it almost impossible at times to carry on. To try & rid ourselves of the latter we spread poison traps - these, at first, proved a great success but we found later that the number killed were evidently less than those attracted by the bait, so we were obliged to discontinue our efforts. Sgt Procter & Sgt Southgate commenced work at a very early hour setting up cases, as late in the day they found it impossible to do this work as owing to the heat, the case was unworkable.

Chas Barham
Lieut.

Monthly Dental Report of "A" Unit, 8
Abbassia for month ending May 31st 1918.

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To S.O.A.D.S.

A.I.F. Headquarters

Cairo.

Acting on instructions from the
A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Division
I left Jericho on May 13th and reported
to A.I.F. Headquarters, following on
instructions from there, I reported
to Abbassia on May 16th.

I began work on 17th May and
noticed that no records were kept of
correspondence and that Examination Sheets
had not been forwarded on to men
returning to their units. This has been
put in order.

No work was done on 28th and 29th, I
having proceeded to Port Said on duty.

Only a small amount of work was
done during the week owing to men
having been returned to their units
in the field.

I understand that very few men
are in camp at present.



Abbassia
1-6-18.

A. Bonino

Lieut

D.O.
"A" Unit, Abbassia

To S. O. A. D. S.

Cairo

Through S. C. O.

Choussan

Direct please

War Diary Report. May 1918

373 men marched in Choussan of which the greater majority have been rendered Dentally fit.

When marching in are Dentally examined within 24 hours of their arrival in this camp.

Nominal rolls in duplicate, prepared by R. O. O's are submitted when men are parading for examination.

Details of treatment required are entered on same, the originals being filed for future reference & the duplicate copies are forwarded to the respective R. O. O's.

The R. O. O's are notified when men requiring treatment, are required to attend for same.

The Record Cards (showing chart of treatment required, based on details on nominal rolls) of men parading, are placed on operators

bracket, and as each patient is attended to, the treatment rendered is entered on card & initialed by operator.

If the patient still requires treatment he is given a fresh appointment.

When men are rendered Dentally fit, their respective R. O. O's are notified to that effect, so all men when marching out are not Dentally examined.

It has not been possible to attend to all men, owing to the short time they are in this camp.

To overcome this difficulty we attend to the more urgent cases first & then do as many of the less urgent cases as are possible.

W. Bull. Cap.

S. D. O.

Australian Troop Dept Dental Dept
Choussan

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War Diary Report May 1918

Nominal Roll

Lieut	Rooss	45 th	x	clo 7 DU all 2 nd L.H.F.A.
Lieut	McLachlan	45 th	x	16 DU Goussier
Lieut	Byan	P.A.	x	DU Abbassid
122 S/Lt Sg.	Free	R.L.	x	25 DU 2 nd A.S.H.
1767 S/Lt Sg.	Green	45 th	x	97 th DU all 3 rd L.H.F.A.
795 S/Lt Sg.	Batten	C.W.	x	31 st DU all 1 st L.H.F.A.
1044 S/Lt Sg.	Dent	C.L.	x	8 th A.L.H.
17577 S/Lt Sg.	Umbauer	P.A.	x	8 th A. Sarty Sec.
2081 S/Lt Sg.	Eldridge	J.B.	x	14 th Coy C.L.
14385 S/Lt Sg.	Deane	H.K.	x	Angac 4 th Div Band.
18989 Pte	Bird	F.B.	x	clo 25 DU all 2 nd A.S.H.
3100 Pte	Corrigan	K.L.	x	A. Details x 2 nd A.S.H.

Dr Bull Capt.

S. D. O.

Austln Eng Depot Dental Hospital
Choascan

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To.

S.O. A.D.S.

A. I. F. Dep.

Cairo.

I beg to report on work of this unit for May as follows.

The brigade being in the firing line & the road to the Ambulance being under fire the number of attendances were very small.

To further the work I travelled to Rafa & brought down the dental engine & small cabinet of instruments which enabled me to do fillings.

The conditions for working under were anything but favourable having to work in an operating tent which was used for dressings, sick parades etc, while 2 hundred yards behind was a section of 50 pdr guns which when in action made work impossible.

One case of Pinguitis (Rint Morris 4 Bn) I evacuated to hospital

as the case was very advanced & the patient running a temperature of 103°.

After being refused I eventually gained permission from Brigade to bring up the whole outfit to Kilo 1 so that I could get on with the plate work. but had no opportunity of using this place as the brigade pulled out of the line on the 11th & went into rest at Wadi Inam. about 2 miles N. of Kilo 295. it was the 23rd before I was able to get the unit together, it taking 3 days to get to K 295.

S/Sgt. Carnham & Pte Pillow reported on that date.

Due to rough handling the cases arrived in a battered condition & some of the gear being broken & missing I was able to procure six bolts for flasks by riding over to Rauleh where the A.F.C. kindly obliged, so that the work was not checked for a moment on this account.

For an impacted lower wisdom I recommended a general anaesthetic as the patient (Cpl Burns 1st Bn) was unable to open his mouth. this was given by an Officer of the ambulance. I extracted

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the end molar which was very much broken down then made an attempt to get the wisdom I could grasp it but could not make the slightest movement although using considerable force, the following day the patient who was debilitated was very sick with post anaesthesia vomiting & a temperature of 103.5° - he was kept in the ambulance for 3 days till he became normal.

I tried to have a skiagraph taken at the C. E. S. but was unable to do so, I had to have the case evacuated. At present I am one S/Sgt. short of the establishment.

The general condition of the men's teeth in this brigade is:-

Imperial.	Impossible
Aust & N.Z.	Good.

The former show chronic neglect & would require the services of a dental unit for themselves for an indefinite period, while the latter show care generally.

J. J. Donnelly, Lieut.
Dental Officer.
97. Dental Unit.



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No.71 DENTAL UNIT

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Nothing of special importance to report.

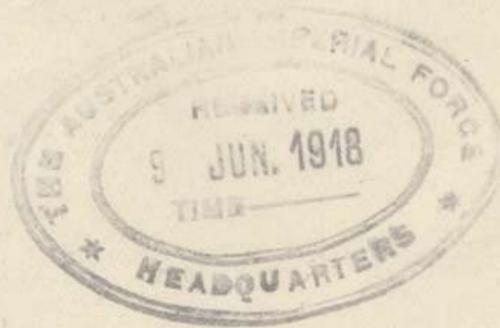
Total number (all ranks) discharged from Hospital for
the month of May: 1168

Total number in hospital 31.5.18	1465.
" " examined and charted	297
" " dentally fit	51

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W. A. Lambert. Captain.

Officer i/c No.71 Dental Unit attached
No.14 Aus.Gen.Hospital., A.I.F.,



Report of No 6 Dental Section
for month of May 1918

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- May 1st. No work, O. G. being ill.
2nd. do do.
4th. do do.
5th. Received instructions to rejoin 3rd. Brigade
6th. Packed up.
7th. Moved from Ramleh to Jericho and reported
to Australian Divisional Receiving Station
12th. Commenced work, doing urgent cases only
of Desert Mounted Corps
13th. Lieut. Comins left here to report to S.O.O.S.
18th. Capt. Mitchell reported.
20th. Received instructions to report to 3rd Lt.
Field Ambulance for duty.
Packed up and moved to Wadi Auja; arrived
that night.
22nd. Commenced work.
29th. Pt. Pearce W.L. reported from Moascar.

J. F. Mitchell Lieut.

Wadi Auja.
2/6/18.



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War Diary B. Dental Unit: MAY- 1918.

The 5th Mtd. Bde. went into action on the morning of the 30 April. The dental Unit was split up & given transport duties. We were all kept very busy during the stint and at times got into some warm positions. On one occasion I was called out to attend a man suffering with severe tooth ache. It was a very easy matter to attend as the dental case of instruments was always handy. After selecting a place away from the sun's rays amongst some dusty bushes, the excavator was soon at work & the zinc oxide ready when we were disturbed by Taubes hit as the dental chair? did not offer too good a target for Fritz, his machine gun bullets missed & the tooth was filled & the pain relieved.

On the 6th May I returned from across the Jordan River & reported to the Receiving Station about 1 mile west of Jericho. On the 7th a squadron of Taubes came over & bombed our forces severely however this unit

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escaped. As all the medical officers were kept extremely busy, Lieut Robertson was requisitioned to give the anaesthetics for Col. Storey which helped him considerably. I then did all dental cases at the #3 F.A. Dental Unit:

About the 13th of the month Lieut Comins was evacuated sick + I took over his unit.

The cases treated were all those that were sent from the lines for evacuation. It was thus necessary to keep the severe cases a few days at the Receiving Station, they were then admitted as patients and a separate tent was allotted for all dental patients.

Great assistance was given by the o/c Major Parry M.C. who was anxious that none should be sent on but if possible treated here, this was done.

At first the daily visits of the Taubes were disconcerting but after a few days one was took no notice + worked on heedless of the prevailing hiss of the nose caps from our "Antis" - The heat of the Jordan Valley was terrific + modelling was difficult to work - The dust + flies were a great nuisance.

W.H. Kilner Lieut.

To The SOA & S. Monthly report for month
ending 31/5/18. 1'

The work of this unit for the
month of May is slightly in advance
of the previous, & first month's work lines
being attached to the D.M.C. Rest Camp
with the exception of Ulcerative Gingivitis
cases, some of which have been successfully
treated whilst the remainder are still
under treatment.

A large majority of the Extractions
this month have been done for Imperial Troops
In the early part of the month on Staff Sgt. & one
orderly, who were attached for duty marched
on to their allotted unit & at the beginning of
this month week P. Sgt. Foster was temporarily
attached to the 4th Dental Unit for duty
During the last week of this month 25 patients
P.T.O. over

Have passed through this Unit since Dec 18
Dental Unit

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No 16 Dental Unit

At D.M.C. Rec Camp.

H. Johnston Lt

Pr. Sain

No. 16 Dental Unit

1/6/18

