

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Medical, Dental & Nursing

Item number: 26/95/7

Title: Staff Officer, Australian Dental
Services, Egypt

September 1918



AWM4-26/95/7

CONFIDENTIAL.

ORIGINAL.
~~DUPLICATE.~~
~~TRIPLICATE.~~

Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

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

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1918



Signature of Officer compiling E.T. Pascal Capt.

Signature of Officer Commanding E.T. Pascal Capt.

1

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

September 1918

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ludd	19.18		Carrying on duties with Fourth Brigade	
	16.9.18	1300	Packed up and proceeded to Reinforcement Camp Ludd transport provided by Ambulance	
	20.9.18	0900	Operations commenced for men in Details	
	25.9.18		Capt. Cunningham evacuated sick, 5 Sq. McEwin carrying on operations	
	30.9.18		Nothing further to report.	

A. Sprungel 5 Sq.
for O. C.
73rd Dental Unit.

M/3/1
Sept-1918
2

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information <i>of 104th Dental Unit</i>	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Jerusalem</i>	<i>23.9.18</i>		<p><i>All available men moved out from 5th and 6th Post Station, leaving most of posts standing, and a small guard of same. The amount of dental work presently has therefore been small, being made up from Reconnaissance Camp and other units in the neighbourhood.</i></p> <p><i>There is nothing of further interest to report.</i></p>	

W. A. [unclear] Capt.

*M/3/2
Sept 118
3*

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

September

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Suwafon	19/18		Usual operations with 5 th Bds L. 2/3. A.	
"	16/9/18	1400	All Dental gear, (2 Staff Sqs in charge) removed to D.M.C. Reinforcement Camp, Ludd. Dental officer left with orderly left on duty with 5 th Bds L. 2/3. A.	
Ludd	30/9/18		Dental work being carried on.	

W. J. E. Owens
Staff Sqd.
N.C.O. 1/c 97th Dental
Unit
M 3/2 sqd 1/18
4

WAR DIARY

OF

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

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS
2.	STATISTICAL REPORT
3.	GENERAL REPORT
4.	REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

M 3/5 6
Sept '18

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS

A.A.M.C., D.S.

SEPTEMBER, 1918.

MAJOR	DOUGLASS	G.	A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS
CAPT.	BULL	R.A.	16TH D.U.
"	LAMBERT	H.A.	104TH D.U.
"	CUNNINGHAM	J.H.	73rd D.U.
"	PASCOE	E.T.	25TH D.U.
"	ROBERTSON	A.T.	109TH D.U.
"	COMINS	F.A.	71ST D.U.
LIEUT.	DONNELLY	J.B.	EX "H" D.U.
"	JOHNSTON	A.C.	31ST D.U.
"	KILNER	W.H.	105TH D.U.
"	MITCHELL	J.F.	107TH D.U.
"	BARHAM	C.S.	7TH D.U.
"	McLACHLAN	J. McK.	108TH D.U.
"	ADAMSON	E.B.	IN HOSPITAL
"	RYAN	P.A.	97TH D.U.
"	ROSS	W.H.	106TH D.U.
"	BRYCE-THOMPSON	J.	6TH D.U.
"	SMITH	A.	117TH D.U.
"	QUEALY	M.J.	103RD D.U.

DENTURE STATISTICS FOR PERIOD

Sept '18

MAY 21st. to AUGUST 31st., 1918.

<u>New Dentures supplied</u>	867.
<u>Remakes</u>	
1. of Military dentures within three months of issue.	17.
2. of Military dentures within six months of issue.	6.
3. of Military dentures after six months of issue.	138.
4. Private dentures	81.
<u>Repairs.</u>	
1. of Military dentures within three months of supply.	67.
2. of Military dentures within three to six months,	12.
3. Private dentures repaired within three months of supply.	7.
4. Private dentures repaired within three to six months of supply.	1.
5. of Military dentures when time of supply exceeded six months.	710.
6. of Private dentures peried over six months.	287.

Dental Treatment for the month was largely interfered with by:-

1. Operations and
2. Sickness.

The need for transport for these Units was again very apparent - No. 6 Dental Unit being, at one time, left quite "in the blue".

This is very disheartening always to the officers concerned. One officer, apparently, accompanied his Ambulance though no notification or word has so far been received from him.

It is considered that, if this officer accompanied the Ambulance some notification to that effect was, in courtesy, due to this office.

As an effort towards improving the tone and morale of Moascar Dental Hospital, Capt. Pascoe. E. T. was appointed S.D.O. 16.9.18. - Capt. Bull. R. A. going to Rest Camp, Port Said.

Results, so far, have amply justified the change.

Indeed it is now realised that a big mistake was made in not appointing this officer to the position at an earlier date.

In this connection it is only fair to state, with regard to this officers recent "mention" that it can now be realised of what value he must have been to 1st. A.L.H.F. Ambulance.

The arrangement adopted by him of settling all professional points in weekly conferences of officers appears a most admirable one.

Lieut. Queally. M. J. reported from Australia on 19.9.18. ; four Staff Sergeants also reported. It is worthy of mention that one of these Staff Sergeants is aged 19; the amount of experience a man of that age has had can better be imagined than described.

And yet we can still obtain from reinforcements a smattering of men with experience ranging up to 15 years.

The mechanic mentioned is the son of a dentist and is perhaps appointed on some theory of heredity - perhaps.

Yet expert workmen were asked for.

George Douglas

MAJOR.

S.O.A.D.S.

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

M 3/7. 8
Sept 18.

21

Statistical Report
For
Month Of
September 1918

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

A.P. & S.D., Alex. 4459-7: 19, 500 A.M.
1225

Dental Officer in Charge.

Statistical Report For Month Of September 1918		DATE	NUMBER OF	REMARKS
4,804	Attendance			
2,705	Cases Treated			
661	Teeth Extracted			
396	Local	Anesthetics		
1	General			
1435	Amalgam	Fillings		
864	Cement			
507	Root			
646	Temporary			
140	Scaling Cases			
892	Dressings			
333	Minor Operations			
134	Ulcerative Gingivitis			
49	Pyorrhœa			
5	Crowns			
1	Fractured Jaw Cases			
28	Full Upper	Dentures		
3	Full Lower			
146	Partial Upper			
110	Partial Lower			
315	Repairs			
	Approx. Number waiting for Dentures			
		Teeth Used		
		Pin.		
		Diastoric		

Monthly War Report. ¹⁰ Sept 18.

No 7 Dental Unit. Attached. 2nd A. I. B. S. Amb.

Staff.	Lieut C. S. Barham.	M 3/9
No 12877	Spsgt Procter, D. G.	Sept 118
" 9115	Spsgt Southgate, R. W.	
3100.	Spr Carrigan, H. L.	

This unit was stationed, with the Field Ambulance in the Wadi Anja from the 1st to 7th of this month. Work was delayed during this time owing to movement of Regiments who were across the Jordan. On the 7th the Dental equipment was loaded on G.S. wagon + moved out with Divisional Train - the Staff travelling on the wagons. Four days later I moved out with the Ambulance crossing the Jordan + finding South to a Site near the Dead Sea.

On 13th the Divisional Train joined us, + we set up the Surgery under a Grape Trellis and commenced work the following day. Staff Sgt Southgate was suffering from an attack of Spanish Flu (a form of influenza) which compelled him to lay up for two days. Staff Procter was convalescent having had an attack of same fever the day after leaving the Anja. On Thursday 19th I received instructions to pack up + move to Amias Receiving Station.

Several of my patients having Arsenical Dressings sealed in their teeth, made it necessary that they should be notified to report immediately + have same removed before Brigade moved out. Three however failed to report + we moved to Receiving Stn + set up + commenced work. Two patients have reported owing to Brigade being in action.



30th Sep 18. No 2191. Spsgt Irvine H. I. marched unit.

Chas Barham

30/9/1918. C. S. No 7 Dental Unit Attached. 2nd A. I. B. S. Amb.

Monthly Report for September

N/3/10 Sept 118 11

After three weeks at Ludd, word was received on 15th inst. that we were to pack up & be ready to shift at 10 a.m. on the 17th inst. to No. 1 Squadron, Aust. Flying Corps for duty during operations. Again lack of our own transport caused us loss of time as the waggon from the Flying Corps did not call for us till 18th at noon. In the meantime I had been trying to get into telephonic communication with the Aerodrome to see if they had forgotten about us as we were sitting on our baggage waiting. However was unable to get in touch with them till the Wednesday morning. Possessing our own transport would save the unit quite an amount of working time in twelve months & as a number of motor lorries have been captured from the Germans they couldn't be put to better use than present one to each brigade unit.

Had the unit ready to start work on the morning of the 20th. This time had a tarpaulin covering on the floor. It adds immensely to the cleanliness of the tent & from a hygienic point of view the cream coloured floor gives one the feeling that asepsis is carried out in this field surgery. At present there is just a comfortable amount of work to be done & we are taking the opportunity of having any little jobs done for us by the skilled workmen of the aerodrome. Have had a very neat board made for hanging the impulsion trays in the surgery & during the week-ends am painting the steel parts of the dental chair. Hope also to get a new wooden stand made for the chair as the screws will scarcely



N/3/11 Sept '18
12

hold in the wood now. Everything brought under
notice during the month was two cases of acute pericostitis
from Arsenical dressings, one being in three weeks, the other four
weeks before the patients were able to report to me from
Moascar. Whilst I was in Moascar we were in the habit of
leaving arsenical dressings in the tooth five days but since
being in the field have found in every case forty-eight hours
is sufficient. I quite understand the difficulty that Moascar
has in the men being marched out at a moment's notice but
would it not be possible to tell men, with these dressings,
the seriousness of them being left in for any time &
it would only take a couple of minutes to take out Arsenic
& substitute Carbolic & Tannic dressings if they reported they were
marching out. The men could march out to their units
without fear of trouble for a considerable period. When
a man leaves Moascar one can never tell how long
it will be before he gets in touch with his brigade
dentist as for instance men leaving Moascar prior
to these operations will probably be in the field for a
couple of months without dental attention. Another
matter is the length of time one has to wait before
indented supplies are received. August - Sept.
indent is not to hand yet. There has been an epidemic
of sand-fly fever in this camp & both staff Sgt Edwards
& Spv. Stevens had a touch of it last week but both
managed to keep on duty when their services were
required.

Bryce Thompson Lieut

B. C.

No 6 Dental Unit

ass. kmp No 1 Squadron

Aust Flying Corps

1/10/19.



M 3/12

Sept 118

WAR DIARY SEPTEMBER 1918

105th DENTAL UNIT ATTACHED No 2 A.S.H.

On the 5d Septr I relieved Lieut. Adamson who left on Sick Leave. Throughout the month work has progressed steadily. I would like to emphasise the efficiency of the liquid arsenicalis and saline treatment for Gingivitis. Being a Venereal Hospital many cases of ulcerative and mercurial Gingivitis present themselves and it is very pleasing to see the good results from liquid Arsenicalis. In all cases the teeth are never scaled until the gums shew a marked improvement. Each patient is supplied with a tin of A.D.C. dentrifice and the many applications received from the men shew that the paste is appreciated and the men are anxious to have the trouble cleared up. S.Sgt. Clarke reported for duty on the 26:9:18. Recommended that both Staff Sergeants be retained for at least a fortnight. The following are particulars of dental work done for the month:-

Number of patients	321	Minor operations such as	
Number of cases	175	scalings etc.,	62
Teeth extracted	44	Dentures made	14
No of fillings inserted	220	Repairs	10

(Sgd) W.H.KILNER. Lieut.

-----0-----

War Diary for Month of September 1918 ^{N 3/13} Sept '18

71st & 109th Dental Unit Attached 14th A.G.H.

The usual routine of work was carried out during the month.

934 men attended & 687 received treatment.

Of these 192 amalgam fillings & 127 cement fillings were done.

58 root fillings were completed

200 temporary fillings and 461 dressings were also done

6 cases of pyorrhoea, & 43 of gingivitis were treated & 137 other operations were performed.

In the mechanical dept 8 full upper dentures were fitted

29 part uppers " "

2 full lower " "

29 part lower " "

50 repairs " "

Besides this ordinary work gold work was done as follows

3 gold bridges

8 gold crowns

14 " " inlays

1 " " filling

5 Davis Crowns

430 men were examined from Convalescent Ward & treatment given where possible.

There were no cases of special interest during the month

A. W. Robertson Capt
S.D.O. 14th A.G.H.



20. S. A. D. P.
A. J. F. of Ors.
Cairo
Through S. C. O.
Choasca
Please direct.

War Diary Report.
Month ending Monday September 30th 1918

There are (6) six units attached to
H.T.D. Dental Hospital viz: Co's 25, 106,
107, 108, "I" & "H" respectively.

Capt Buzell R.A. late S.D.O. marched
out to D.M.C. West Camp Fort Said Sept 15th

Capt Pascoe C.F. S.D.O. marched in
& took over Sept. 16th

1980 men marched into Choasca Training
Depot & were duly examined, 718 of which,
were Dentally unfit & required dental
treatment. These have been treated &
most of them rendered dentally fit.

When marching in are paraded for examination
within twenty four hours of their
arrival in depot, details of the condition
of mens mouths are entered on nominal
rolls (in duplicate) which are prepared
by R.O.R.s, one copy is forwarded to
Inspector R.O.R.s, the other being kept &
filed for Dental Officers' future reference.

2
War Diary Report continued

When examination parades are completed
charts are drawn up of men requiring
treatment & appointments are then forwarded
to respective R.O.R.s through D.A.A.G. to Ors.
Choasca.

Treatment rendered on each sitting is
entered on charts & if patients require
further treatment fresh appointments are
made & forwarded.

When marching out to units in field are
examined, (generally two days before marching
out.) & if any are found with treatment
incomplete they are held back from going
on draft until completed.

It so happens that some men who are under
treatment, march out, without being paraded
for examination & it is some time before
we find that these men have marched out.
This means that these men are completed
in the field.

As soon as it is found that men have marched
out, & treatment is incomplete their charts are
forwarded to Brigade Dental Officer with
covering note to Regimental Medical Officer
Cases of Aphthosa & Gingivitis are fairly
frequent, such are treated daily with
Alkaline mouth wash & applications of
Iodine & Liq Arsenicalis.

M/3/14
Sept-18.

15

M 3/15
Sept '18.

3

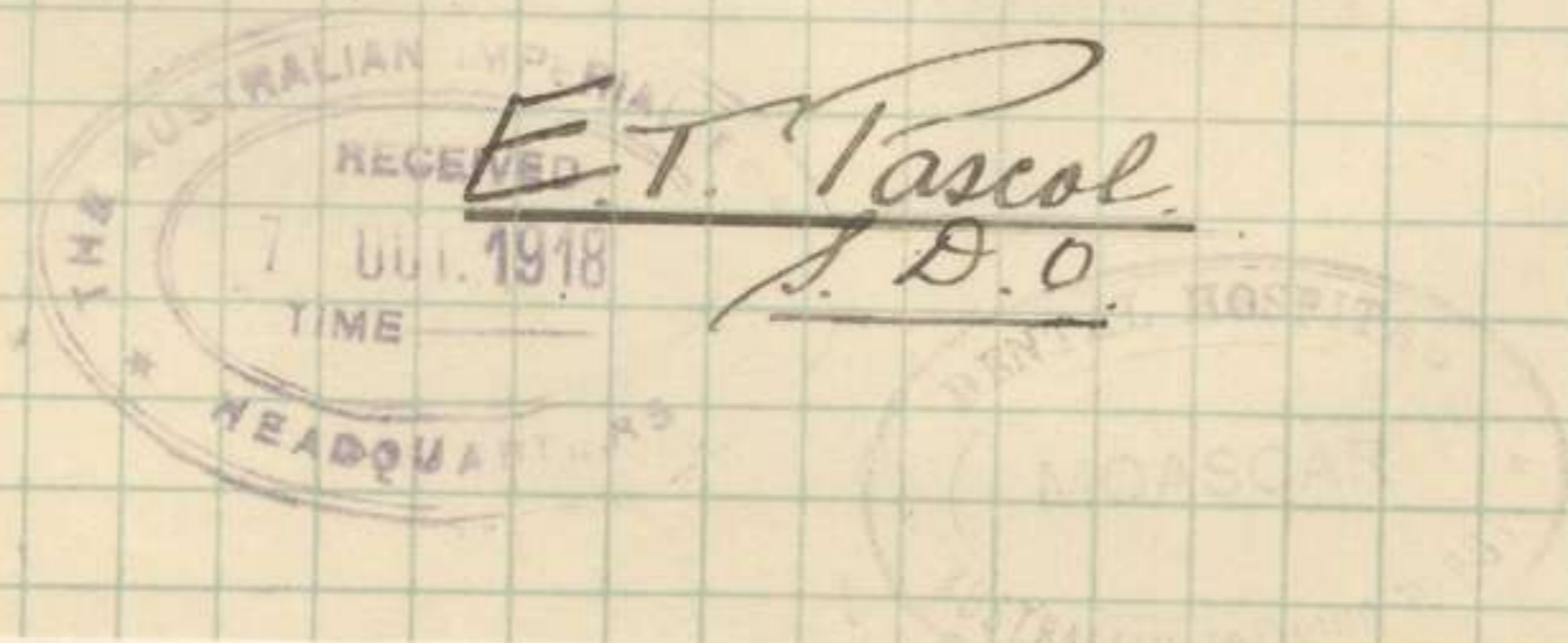
War Diary Report continued

There has been several changes in staff, C.O.s with long service marching in from field units, being replaced ~~with~~ by C.O.s with shorter service.

Since Capt Pascoe has taken over, officers lines have been moved & are now adjoining Hospital & those of C.O.s & orderlies are in front of Hospital this was done after consultation with C.O. A.A. & C. Cadre & Camp Commandant.

After consultation with Camp Commandant & Administrative Commandant of Somaria it was decided to supply hospital with new floor & roof glass windows & doors. We expect this work to commence early in October.

5-10-18



M 3/16
Sept '18

(copy)

From :-
DENTAL OFFICER,
Transport "A15" Port Sydney"

To:-
S. O. A. D. S.,
A. I. F. Headquarters,
Cairo.

Report of Dental Services performed on board
between Albany, W. A. and Port Suez. :-

Fillings	53	
Extractions	28	
Scaling	13	
Treatments	16	
Adjustments to dentures	7	
Examination	12)
Men made dentally fit	6)
Men requiring dentures	6)

Twelve men for Lines of Communication were embarked from 2nd. Military District without dental treatment. Of these men six were made dentally fit. The remaining six required dentures which could not be supplied owing to the absence of a complete vulcanising outfit.

M. J. Quealy
~~(Sgd.)~~ "M. J. Quealy" Lt.

Dental Officer
Transport A15

28/9/18

It will be noted that a regular inspection of troops
was not held

