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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>Personnel.</u>			<p>The month ending May 31st. 1918 was rather uneventful from a Dental Service point of view, and items of interest from a war history standpoint are therefore few.</p> <p>The following data conveys an accurate appreciation of movement of personnel:-</p> <p>Officers marched out to D.M.S. 7.</p> <p>" " " " Australia. --.</p> <p>Officers marched in from D.M.S. 5.</p> <p>" " " " Australia. --.</p> <p>Other Ranks marched out to D.M.S. 14.</p> <p>" " " " Australia. 3.</p> <p>Other Ranks marched in from D.M.S. --.</p> <p>" " " " Australia. --.</p> <p>Transfers effected within the Command:-</p> <p>Officers. 3.</p> <p>Mechanics. 15.</p> <p>Orderlies. 12.</p>	

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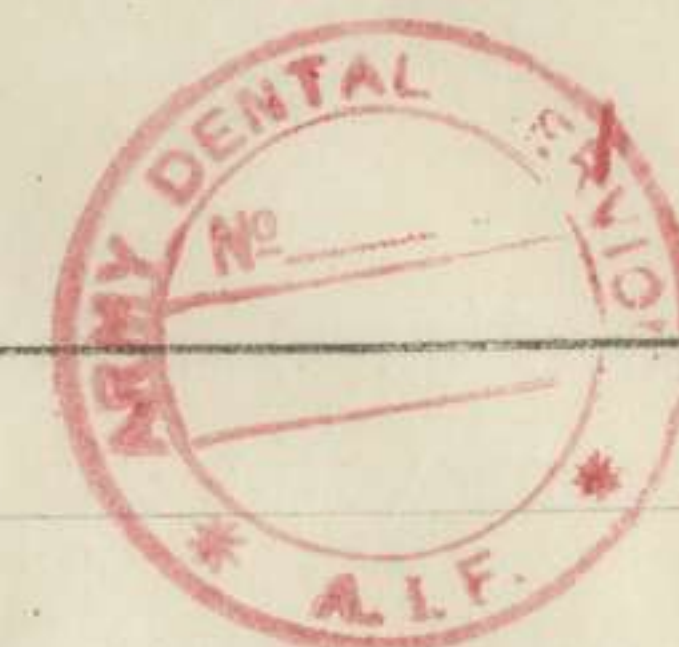
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Necessity for training Orderlies.</u></p> <p>While dealing with personnel it would appear wise to mention here the need for a definite basis of reinforcing casualties of both mechanics and orderlies, these have, up to the present, only been made good by transferring men from other branches of the Service. All orderlies so transferred are "B2A" or "C.1" class men, with the result there are now only about 6 "A" class orderlies available to fill vacancies which may occur Overseas. Efficient orderlies are a big factor in accelerating the output of operative work, and also in the quality of that work. A dental orderly cannot be trained under 2 months, and though C class men fill the gap temporarily they so frequently break down that the Dental Service has never been possessed of a reasonable proportion of skilled orderlies.</p>	
			<p><u>Dental Unfits.</u></p> <p>The Command Depots have begun to rapidly increase their inflow with the result that the number of Dentally Unfits is also rapidly increasing, however, with the increase in unfits, the output of Dentally Fit men has also increased, tending to show that the difficulty of keeping a big staff fully employed is very real unless there is a plentiful supply of unfit men to draw on for treatment.</p>	

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			<p>The amount of work required for each individual man in Command Depots is now decreasing, showing that the earlier efforts to render men Dentally Fit are beginning to make themselves felt.</p>	
			<p><u>Reinforcements from Australia.</u></p> <p>The men arriving from Australia show a too heavy percentage of Dental Unfitness, only 39% being fit of men who arrived during April. Returns for month of May, which are at present incomplete, show an even higher percentage of unfits. The necessity of attempting to complete the Dental Fitness of every man as soon as he is recruited is therefore made manifest.</p>	
			<p><u>Equipment.</u></p> <p>The endeavour to place the supply of equipment on an ordnance basis is proving quite feasible, and promises sufficiently good results to justify the contention that this system should be rigidly adhered to.</p>	
			<p><u>Returns.</u></p> <p>Weekly Consolidated Returns of work executed by Dental Units in Depots in U.K., are attached marked appendix 1.</p>	
			<p>Synopsis of examination of troops arriving from Australia, showing state of dental efficiency on arrival, and amount of work required, is attached marked appendix 2.</p>	<p>Not available H.M.C.A. 14/1/27</p>
			<p>A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.</p>	<p>Major S.O. A.D.S. A.I.F. Depôts in U.K.</p>



- AUSTRALIAN DENTAL SERVICES. -

- Weekly Consolidated Return for Week-ending 4 / 5 / 1918. -

	Cases Treated.	Dentally Unfit.	Gum Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "Y".	Requiring "A".	Men Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"A" Completed.	No. of Units.	Total Strength.
No. 1. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	1713	590	58	339	206	13	214	198	14	700	135	12	2911
No. 2. Comm. Dep. Bl b R.C.	115	66	7	6	50	2	14	15	8	23	46	1	4507
No. 3. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	1508	250	14	85	133	2	120	133	16	1056	163	12	4010
No. 4. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	968	142	9	77	51	4	81	166	23	651	73	11	2077
Totals.	4304	2496	145	1116	1173	95	868	512	61	2430 2429	417	36	13505.
1st. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No....1.	265	347	4	89	267	16	105	26	15	190	54	2	1700.
" " No....2 Pioneers. R.B.A.A.	45	53		26	16	3	21	8		30	8	1	632.
	180	171	1	24	138	14	57	12	9	62	27	1	1789.
2nd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No....5.	129	129	7	20	90	6	129	36	32	128	38	2	1376.
" " No....6 No....9.	137	199	2	69	149	15	64	29	16	248	20	2	1034.
" " No....10													
3rd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. B. No....12.	184	180	7	81	112		56	32	5	146	7	2	994
" " No....13 No....14.	129	178	5	37	120	9	69	36	9	120	14	2	1068
" " No....15.													

Inc. Sigs.

Inc ASC.
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Inc AOC.

	Cases Treated.	Dentally Unfit.	Gum Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "Y"	Requiring "A".	Non Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"A" Completed.	No. of Units.	Total Strength.
Brought Forward.	1069	1257	26	346	892	63	501	179	86	924	168	12	8593.
Engineers, Field. Brightlingsea.	103	39	2	4	28	10	54	6	12	42	7	1	871.
Engineers, Signal. Clifton, Beds.					-Nil	Return							403.
A.A.M.C. T.D. Parkhouse.	60	50	6	13	50	12	46	23	10	35	31		1902.
A. M. G. T. D. Grantham.	136	131	2	102	23	3	59	10	8	59	7	1	1113.
Overseas Troop. Brigade.	197	34	1	10	22	4	57	22	19	61	16	2	3798.
1st. M.D.M. Bulford.	151				-Nil	Return.		11	4	20	40	1	264.
Detention Bks. Lewes.	90	193		64	131	30	26	10	2	84	22	1	312.
A.R.O. Details. Lone Moor.						-Nil	Return					1	128.
Bhurtapore Bks. Tidworth.	101	-	-	-	-	-	30	15	7	115	6	1	952.
T o t a l s.	1907	1704	37	539	1146	122	773	276	148	1300	294	20	18336.

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- Weekly Consolidated Return for Week-ending 11 / 5 / 1918. -



	Cases Treated.	Dentally Unfit.	Gum Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "Y".	Requiring "L".	Men Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"L" Completed.	No. of Units.	Total Strength.
No.1. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	2482	538	64	278	210	9	262	244	39	689	95	12	2710.
No.2. Comm. Dep. Blb R.C.	126	42	7	1	34	2	18	15	7	52	43	1	4892.
No.3. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	1473	286	15	87	167	1	153	112	18	1123	163	12	4158.
No.4. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	965	120	4	65	47	4	80	124	30	690	86	11	2195.
Totals.	5046	2412	146	977	1233	93	989	495	94	2554	387	36	13955.
1st. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No.....1.	239	324	2	79	260	15	95	23	28	152	10	2	1573.
" " No.....2.	49	36		26	11	2	24	15	5	23	12	1	591.
" " Pioneers. R.B.A.A.	126	168		31	135	19	51	7	7	61	37	1	1638.
2nd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No.....5.	168	165	1	20	146	14	91	22	26	137	43	2	1213.
" " No.....6.													
" " No.....9.	125	169	4	63	119	12	53	18	9	179	5	2	925.
" " No.....10.													
3rd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. B. No...12.	198	139	7	62	88		53	31	6	130	11	2	948.
" " No...13.													
" " No...14.	87	111	5	23	94	7	65	30	10	127	16	2	1129.
" " No...15.													

	Cases Treated.	Dentally Unfit.	Gum Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "Y".	Requiring "A".	Men Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"A" Completed.	No. of Units.	Total Strength.
Brought Forward.	992	1112	19	304	853	69	432	146	91	809	134	12	8017.
Engineers, Field. Brightlingsea.	116	26	2	1	16	8	50	8	11	31	9	1	849.
Engineers, Signal. Clifton, Beds.					Nil Return								412.
A.A.M.C. T.D. Parkhouse.	74	46	4	10	46	7	48	21	5	66	12	1	1895.
A. M. G. T. D. Grantham.	151	84	6	71	10	2	68	24	9	60	29	1	1063.
Overseas Troop. Brigade.	204	17	2	8	7	-	61	25	18	37	2	2	3541.
1st. A.D.E. Bulford Detention Bks.	147	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	6	22	16	1	261.
Lewes.	96	184	2	61	123	20	23	8	7	93	24	1	329.
Tidworth. XXXXX TOTAL.	106	-	-	-	-	-	39	11	3	117	7	1	933.
A.R.O. Details. Longmoor.	92	45	31		14		24	9	5	53	27	1	128.
T O T A L S.	1978	1514	66	455	1069	106	745	263	155	1288	260	21	17428.

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- Weekly Consolidated Return for Week-ending 18 / 5 / 1918. -



	Cases Treated.	Dentally Unfit.	Gum Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "Y".	Requiring "L".	Men Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"L" Completed.	No. of Units.	Total Strength.
No. 1. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	2557	477	62	247	216	17	202	199	31	707	114	12	2687
No. 2. Comm. Dep. Bl b R.C.	114	36	2	6	26		16	15	4	42	28	1	3470
No. 3. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	1483	324	13	85	208		151	120	15	1283	135	13	4296
No. 4. Comm. Dep. Bl a4. Bl Cases less Bl a4.	929	140	9	67	70	38	249	135	30	568	70	10	2481
Totals.	5083	2539	149	1013	1402	135	1002	469	80	2600	347	36	12934
1st. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No. 1.	204	269	5	69	223	12	81	12	18	152	14	2	1490
" " No. 2. Pioneers. R.B.A.A.	29	35		18	15	3	20	17	3	8	2	1	586
	161	176	1	30	144	20	54	10	16	73	22	1	1504
2nd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No. 5.	157	176	2	8	163	17	113	38	24	148	19	2	1417
" " No. 6.													
" " No. 9.	95	446	2	135	354	22	51	21	9	145	8	2	1146
" " No. 10.													
3rd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. B. No. 12.	167	97	8	38	71		51	34	5	95	7	2	890
" " No. 13.													
" " No. 14.	91	190	5	64	115	13	53	30	10	47	3	2	1305
" " No. 15.													

	Cases Treated.	dentally Unfit.	Gun Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "Y".	Requiring "A".	Men Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"A" Completed.	No. of Units.	Total Strength.
Brought Forward.	904	1389	23	362	1085	87	423	162	85	668	75	12	8338.
Engineers, Field. Brightlingsea.	77	69	4	5	40	5	26	6	5	15	20	1	857.
Engineers, Signal. Clifton, Beds.					Nil	Return							376.
A.A.M.C. T.D. Parkhouse.	67	70	4	8	65	8	40	21	11	42	25	1	1821.
A. M. G. T. D. Grantham.	113	49	2	44	1	1	44	17	11	35	3	1	1070.
Overseas Troop. Brigade.	184	15	4				77	15	18	39	8	2	3425.
1st. M.D.E. Bulford.	140							11	5	21	14	1	262.
A.R.O. Details. Longmoor.	110	47	2	26	21	3	31	10	3	43	5	1	165.
A.I.F. Headquarters Tidworth, Wilt.	93						29	7	4	111	11	1	941
Detention Bks. Lewes.	67	166	4	52	105	13	27	9	2	88	20	1	36
Totals.	1755	1805	43	497	1317	117	697	258	144	1062	181	21	17291.

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Appendix.

- Weekly Consolidated Return for Week-ending 25 / 5 / 1918. -



	Cases Treated.	Dentally Unfit.	Gum Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "W".	Requiring "U".	Men Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"A" Completed.	No. of Units	Total Strength.
No.1. Comm. Dep. Bl a4.	2231	454	48	220	200	16	285	191	22	754	136	12	2743
Bl Cases less Bl a4.		198	9	119	89	15	95						
No.2. Comm. Dep. Blb R.C.	104	28	3	4	20		13	1	4	35	45	1	3687
No.3. Comm. Dep. Bl a4.	1486	293	13	122	140	2	146	136	17	1240	133	12	4421
Bl Cases less Bl a4.		729	45	294	328	35	256						
No.4. Comm. Dep. Bl a4.	1703	157	10	70	87	13	67	127	32	579	96	10	2833
Bl Cases less Bl a4.		871	20	334	558	62	236						
Totals.	5524	2730	148	1163	1422	143	1098	455	75	2608	410	35	13684
1st. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No....1.	208	232	1	55	179	22	48	16	10	128	12	2	1426
" " No....2.													
" " Pioneers.	28	28		16	11	2	17	8	7	19	3	1	586
" " R.B.A.A.	122	158	2	28	131	16	50	8	11	62	21	1	1526
2nd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. Bn. No....5.	160	321	3	64	277	28	101	22	23	153	54	2	1435
" " No....6.													
" " No....9.	130	397	2	149	302	14	52	19	13	151	8	2	1095
" " No....10.													
3rd. Training Brigade.													
Trng. B. No....12.	180	61	7	24	54		42	31	3	98	1	2	990
" " No....13.													
" " No....14.	89	154	6	50	101	7	47	36	1	90	7	2	1115
" " No....15.													

	Cases Treated.	Dentally Unfit.	Gun Cases.	Requiring "D".	Requiring "Y".	Requiring "A".	Non Completed.	"D" Completed.	"R" Completed.	"Y" Completed.	"A" Completed.	No. of Units.	Total Strength.
Brought Forward.	917	1351	21	386	1055	89	357	140	68	701	106	12	8173
Engineers, Field. Brightlingsea.	126	35	5	2	22		44	6	4	36	13	1	807
Engineers, Signal. Clifton, Beds.													360
A.A.M.C. T.D. Parkhouse.	62	60	5	10	54	10	37	15	10	39	17	1	1787
A. M. G. T. D. Grantham.	118	19	3	6	2		42	13	20	20	7	1	1018
Overseas Troop. Brigade.	194	15		3	3		45	13	19	24	6	2	3433
1st. A.D.L. Bulford.	170							13	4	23	28	1	250
A.R.O.D. Longmoor.	76	27		18	9		16	13	2	26	3	1	165
A.I.F. Det. Brks. Lewes. XXXXX	74	159	4	55	97	14	21	6	3	67	20	1	36 (312).
A.I.F. Headquarters.	91						25	11	1	81	4	1	953
<i>W</i> Total	1828	1666	38	480	1242	113	587	230	131	1017	204	21	16982.

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80. A.D.S. A.I.F. Depôts in U.K.