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Southall

March 1919



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WAR DIARY

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or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Southall	1.3.19		Lieut. Powell H.W. marched in from No. 1 A.G.H. to take over duties as Q.M.	28A
	2.3.19		Influenzal attacks among Staff (not like true Influenza) more coryza, sore throats and lasting Pyrisin. Inoculation completed of Staff.	28A
	3.3.19		No admissions through sickness.	28A
	5.3.19		Q.M. taking stock of all clothing and equipment in Hospital.	28A
	6.3.19		Thirteen other ranks marched in from Fovant for duty.	28A
	8.3.19		Cpl. Scoines to be T/Sgt. vice Sgt. Charlton to Australia.	28A
	9.3.19		Nine Sisters returning to Australia.	28A
	10.3.19		Transfer of cases of one ward to another to be initialed by C.O. and Registrar.	28A
	12.3.19		Lt. Col. H. C. Taylor-Young marched in to take over command of this Unit from Col. Moseley. Col. Moseley struck off strength having been boarded by H.Q. Parade of Staff at 1.30 p.m. by Lt. Col. Taylor-Young.	28A
	13.3.19		Boat Roll called of patients on "Czaritza". Thirty missing (mostly on leave).	28A
	14.3.19		Issue of Khaki to men on "Czaritza".	28A
	15.3.19		General Birdwood came to inspect Hospital this morning..	28A
	16.3.19		H.M.H.T. "Czaritza" sailed for Australia with 138 Amputation cases from this Unit. Men entrained here in morning on special train and were conducted to Liverpool by Capt. Nesbit.	28A
	17.3.19		Capt. Nesbit to three weeks furlough for purpose of taking Part II examination D.P.H. at Cambridge.	28A
	18.3.19		Capt. D.I.R. Smith attached temporarily to undertake X-Ray duties during absence on leave of Capt. Nesbit.	28A
	19.3.19		Lt. Col. Upjohn struck off strength proceeding on leave to study for F.R.C.S.	28A
	20.3.19		S.Q.M.S. Watts marched out to Fovant prior to return to Australia.	28A
	21.3.19		S/Sgt. Humphreys granted leave for special purposes and struck off strength.	28A
	23.3.19		Sixty other ranks departed by train to Liverpool en route for Australia on H.M.H.T. "Czar". Conducted to boat by Capt. D.I.R. Smith.	28A
	24.3.19		S/Sgt. Dispenser Philpot marched out to A.B.M. Stores.	28A
	25.3.19		Sgt. Martin to be W.O. Class II T/Q.M.S.	28A
	27.3.19		Notification of 39 cases to be sent on H.M. Wandilla.	28A
	28.3.19		Capt. Scott-Scott marches out to S.A.O.D.S. returning to Australia on H.M.T.S. "Kyber".	28A
	29.3.19		Capt. Satchell reported to replace Capt. Scott-Scott. Summer time commences 2 a.m. this morning of 30th March. Clock put forward one hour.	28A
	30.3.19		Preparation for departure of cot cases on H.S. "Wandilla".	28A
	31.3.19		39 cot cases and one other were entrained on Hospital train at Southall and were due to arrive at Southampton to embark on H.S. Wandilla 2 p.m. to day.	28A

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Patients admitted 126
discharged 45

E. A. Davis

MAJOR A.M.C.
REGISTRAR.

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No. 2 Australian Aux. Hospital
SOUTHALL.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF 1919.
March

WARD.....

1. Brief report of work to be attached .
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REMARKS:.....
Three invalid boats have during the month taken back to ..

.....
Australia most of the surgical cases needing dressings... Minor.....
.....
surgical and medical cases have been admitted from U.S. A.I.F. in ..
.....
their places. It is suggested that one of the wards be converted ..
.....
into a medical ward.

2. NURSING. Changes in Staff..... several changes have occurred.....
.....

during the month
3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE. Quality of work satisfactory.....
(a) Male.....
(b) Female satisfactory.....
do

REMARKS.....
Orderlies are for the most part untrained for their work.

4. PATIENTS. DISCIPLINE. Fair.....

REMARKS.....

5. FOOD. (1) Quality..... (2) Quantity... Good.....
(3) Variety.....
Good
Fair

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

- (1). Reports of Unusual cases.
- (2). Reports of Deaths.

..... *H. Hastings Willis Major* M.O. in charge.
H.H.W.

No. 2 Australian Aux. Hospital
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REPORT FOR MONTH OF1919.
MARCH 1919

WARD.....
F & G.

1. Brief report of work to be attached .

(No. admitted 72. No. discharged 21.)

REMARKS:.....

A very large proportion of the cases have been admitted with tonsillar and prionsillar inflammations which have subsided in a few days.

2. NURSING. Changes in Staff.....
Satisfactory.

3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE. Quality of Work.....
(a) Male.....Fair.
(b) Female.....Good
Good

REMARKS.....

4. PATIENTS. DISCIPLINE.
Satisfactory

REMARKS.....

5. FOOD. (1) Quality.....(2) Quantity.....
(3) Variety.....Good Good
Fair

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

- (1). Reports of Unusual cases.
- (2). ~~Reports of Deaths.~~

.....*Hastings Wilkie Major* M.O. in charge.
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REPORT FOR MONTH OF March 1919.

WARD..... I

1. Brief report of work to be attached .

REMARKS: During this month all surgical cases have been transferred from this Ward and Medical cases only have been received.

Admissions 13

Discharges 4

2. NURSING. Changes in Staff..... Nil

3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE. Quality of Work..... Good
(a) Male..... Good
(b) Female..... Good

REMARKS.....

4. PATIENTS. DISCIPLINE. Good

REMARKS.....

5. FOOD. (1) Quality.. Good (2) Quantity.... Good.....
(3) Variety.. Good

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

- (1). Reports of Unusual cases. nil
- (2). Reports of Deaths. nil

..... *Ch. J. A. C. E. P.* M.O. in charge.

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SOUTHALL.

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REPORT FOR MONTH OF 1919.

WARD.....^{"A"}

1. Brief report of work to be attached .

..... Admissions (12)

REMARKS:..... Discharged to duty 1

..... Discharged to Australia 11

..... Transferred to Schools 1

..... Transferred to 1st A.D.H. 1

..... nil

2. NURSING. Changes in staff.....

..... good

3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE.....

Quality of work.....

(a) Male.....

(b) Female.....

REMARKS..... good

4. PATIENTS. DISCIPLINE.....

REMARKS.....

5. FOOD. (1) Quality..... good (2) Quantity..... good

(3) Variety.....

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

(1). Reports of Unusual cases. nil

(2). Reports of Deaths.

..... *L. A. Piggott Capt.* M.O. in charge.

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REPORT FOR MONTH OF March 1919.

WARD.....J.....

1. Brief report of work to be attached .

REMARKS: ... During this month all surgical cases have been transferred from this ward and Medical cases only have been received.

Admissions 29

Discharges 6

2. NURSING. Changes in Staff..... nil

3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE.

Quality of work..... good

- (a) Male..... good
- (b) Female..... good

REMARKS.....

4. PATIENTS. DISCIPLINE. good

REMARKS.....

5. FOOD. (1) Quality..... good (2) Quantity..... good
(3) Variety..... good

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

- (1). Reports of Unusual cases. nil
- (2). Reports of Deaths. nil

..... Lt P. J. Capt M.O. in charge.

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REPORT FOR MONTH OF 1919.
March,

~~TABLE~~ SCHOOLS.

1. Brief report of work to be attached .

REMARKS: Decrease in sick.

..... An increase of Admissions & Discharges owing to establishment
..... of two convalescent wards, through which all admissions from
..... outside pass before discharge.

2. NURSING. Changes in Staff..... Nil.

3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE.

(a) Male..... Good
(b) Female..... Good

Quality of work.....

REMARKS.....

4. PATIENCES. DISCIPLINE.

Very Good.

REMARKS.....

5. FOOD. (1) Quality..... (2) Quantity.....
(3) Variety..... Not applicable.

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

- (1). Reports of Unusual cases.
- (2). Reports of Deaths.

Still one or two throat cases

Paul Shaw
M.M.

no K.L.
M.O. in charge.

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REPORT FOR MONTH OF ... MARCH 1919. 1919.

WARD... B.

1. Brief report of work to be attached .

REMARKS: Mostly healing stumps: and those healed, fitted and awaiting
boat. During last week ward is emptying of amputations and is
becoming light surgical in character.

2. NURSING. Changes in staff.... Nil

3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE. Quality of work.....
(a) Male.. Two.....
(b) Female One..... .. Fair.....

REMARKS. One orderly being exchanged. 2.4.19.....

4. PATIENTS. DISCIPLINE. . Al.....

REMARKS..... Nil.....

5. FOOD. (1) Quality... Very good..... (2) Quantity. Sufficient...
(3) Variety..... Ample.....

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

- (1) ~~Reports of unusual cases.~~
- (2) ~~Reports of deaths.~~

Smithy cart

M.O. in charge.

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REPORT FOR MONTH OF 1919.
March

WARD.....

Infirmary

1. Brief report of work to be attached .

REMARKS: During the month 26 operations were performed

.....	Appendicectomy	2
.....	Reamputations	2
.....	Empyema	2
.....	Sequestrectomy	12
.....	Excision of sear	3
.....	Plastic eye	1
.....	Removal Cyst	1
.....	Opening Abscess	3

2. NURSING. Changes in staff..... Nil

3. ORDERLIES. DISCIPLINE.

Quality of work.....

- (a) Male.....
- (b) Female.....

good

good
good

REMARKS.....

4. PATIENTS. DISCIPLINE.

good

REMARKS.....

nil

5. FOOD. (1) Quality..... (2) Quantity.....
(3) Variety..... excellent.....
sufficient

6. ADDENDA. To be deleted if not required.

- (1). Reports of Unusual cases.
- (2). Reports of Deaths.

.....
John Herbert May
..... M.O. in charge.

The two reamputations were both double amputations in whom fitting was impossible satisfactorily. Both are doing well. Both appendix cases were urgent and both are doing well.

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April 8th, 1919.

To the O.C.,
No. 2. A.A.H.,
SOUTHALL.

Herewith report as requested of Amputation Cases still in Hospital. The total number in Hospital at present is 246. Of these there are:-

Pegged and on Boat Roll	127
Unfitted and on Boat Roll	16
Returning with wives	34
TOTAL		177

Of the remaining 69:

16 have limbs delivered
22 have limbs ordered
26 have pegs ordered
5 are fitted and working in the peg shops.

Twenty-six ordered pegs should be completed inside a fortnight. The remainder of these limbs delivered and ordered should be nearly all completed within a month.

Herewith also report on Double Amputations:

The total number of Double Amputations admitted to this Hospital is 101. This figure does not include those cases with loss of one arm and one leg. Of these 101, 57 are double below knee,
21 one above and one below,
19 double above knee,
1 double above knee and amputation of arm,
2 double arms
1 double below knee and loss of one arm.

Two Officers are included in this list.

Of these 101, 76 have embarked leaving 25.

Of these 25, 7 are now on the Boat Roll, 1 is at Bulford fitted and passed, 1 fitted and passed is being discharged in England, 5 have limbs ordered and 7 have limbs delivered.

I should like your instructions in reference to the following double amputations:-

1. Pte. Baillie.

This double was reamputated recently and will be ready in a fortnight to be fitted with a new bucket which the reamputation will probably necessitate.

2. Pte. Brown.

This double has been satisfactorily fitted on one side, the other side has been reamputated after repeated attempts to fit an unsatisfactory Chopart. He will need a new bucket and should be ready for the same in about a fortnight.

3. Pte. Turner.

This boy is a double below knee and has lost an arm. He has been fitted with one leg and an arm. The other stump is still

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unhealed but should be ready in a week for fitting.

4. Pte. Langgaard.

This double below knee has one limb. The other stump has only just healed. He is almost ready for fitting.

5. Pte. Stevens.

This double has one limb; the other stump, a lower third leg; has a chronic septic condition of the end of the fibula. It would not be safe to reamputate inside a couple of months. He should either be returned unfitted or an attempt should be made to fit with tuber bearing leaving the end of the stump free.

6. L/Cpl. Gillies.

This double above knee is just ready for an excision of scars of both stumps. He could not be fitted without this.. He does not wish to return unfitted.

Shelburne
-----Major

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March 27th, 1919.

To the D.M.S. A.I.F.,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
130, Horseferry Rd.,
LONDON.S.W.1.

In reply to your LM.1503/1/74 of the 26th inst. re
Kirk arm, the three men fitted returned on the 25th inst.

The special feature of this arm is that the fingers
are capable of exerting a very powerful grip. A ratchet
mechanism is worn on the opposite arm and flexion extension
of this arm closes or opens the fingers of the artificial arm.
The grip is powerful enough to hold any implement used by a
labourer, and by this means the Amputee is saved the trouble
of continually taking off and putting on adaptors for different
tools. Another feature is that the thumb can be moved round
for different grips. The arm is not aesthetic, but represents
the most practical replacement for the upper limb that has yet
been brought to our notice.

Holmes
Major Exam. Surgeon
for O.C. NO. 2. A.A.H. SOUTHAMPTON.

Diary