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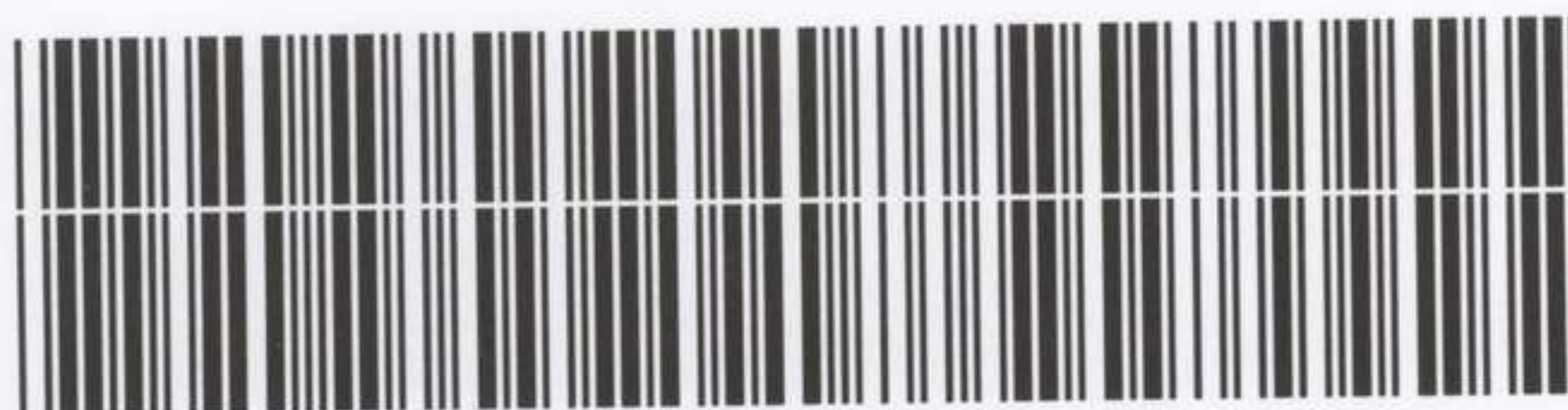
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Dartford

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																																								
DARTFORD	1. 3. 18		1182 Sgt TIGGEMANN. E.L. transferred to AAMC DETAILS. TIDWORTH for duty.																																									
	2. 3. 18		S. NUNES LEE BROWN. O. 1. BONNIN. 158 reported to NO 2. C.D. for duty.																																									
	3. 3. 18		SAM. MAWSON. H. G. & MAWSON. N. reported for duty.																																									
	6. 3. 18		Owing to the outbreak of Small Pox in East LONDON and the close proximity of the Isolation Hospitals Longbridge it was deemed advisable that JOYCE-GREEN HOSPITAL together with its grounds and approaches should be cut off bounds to ALL RANKS.	R.O. 504. Para 5																																								
			A supply of Colours having been received from Ordnance. A.I.F. an issue was made to all Ranks. This is the 1st occasion that this unit either as No 1 Stationary Hospital or as NO 2. Aust. A.I.F. Hosp. has been accepted Colours.																																									
	6. 3. 18.		MAJOR FRASER. A.C. reported ADMS. TIDWORTH for duty.																																									
	7. 3. 18		Capt BLACK. J.H. admitted to Hospital. suffering with Jaundice.																																									
			Sister HUNTER. A.L. returned to duty after having been discharged from Hospital.																																									
		23 35	AIR RAID WARNING. ENEMY PLANES passed towards London on the Essex side of the Thames.																																									
	8. 3. 18	01.35	ALL CLEAR. Given.																																									
	9. 3. 18		1183. Sgt. TONKIN. A.A.T. reported to AAMC DETAILS. PARK HOUSE for duty OVERSEAS																																									
			Major DRUMMOND. A.D. reported for duty.																																									
	10. 3. 18.		10. Other Ranks of Combaunt units whose classification is C.1. were attached for probationary period of 1 month pending transfer to AAM.C.	Authority DMS. A.I.F.																																								
			ALL PATIENTS & STAFF of the Hospital were vaccinated. Instructions were issued that till further notice all patients are to be vaccinated on admission.	R.O. 511. Para 2																																								
	12. 3. 18		S.N. MORRIS. B.G. reported H.Q. A.I.F. for transport. duty to Australia																																									
	14. 3. 18.		Major L.N. STEELE. reported. H.Q. A.I.F. for duty OVERSEAS.																																									
	16. 3. 18.		170. Other RANKS transferred to Ambulance TRAIN. at CRAYFORD for return to Australia. The departure of the train was delayed 46 minutes through by 1 patient mentally deficient (Shell Shock) absconding. 25. Stretcher Bearers of the S.E.V.C. Railway Coy. assisted in the loading of the COT CASES. This gratuitous loan of the Stretcher Bearers was of great help and much appreciated.																																									
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	20. 3. 18.		Sister MARTIN. M.T. reported for duty.																																									
	21. 3. 18		2136 Sgt GAMMON. C.A.S.C. A.T. reported for duty to relieve B.C. 6. S/Sgt BIRD. H.W. AMTS																																									
	22. 3. 18.		ALL Patients whose vaccination did not take were to be re-vaccinated.																																									
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			NO 6. S/Sgt BIRD. H.W. AMTS. reported to H.Q. AMTS. Chelsea for duty.																																									
	26. 3. 18		Instructions re AMPUTATION CASES were received from DMS. A.I.F.																																									
	27. 3. 18.		Major COLS. G.E. DED. Capt VOSS. P.E. reported to H.Q. for duty OVERSEAS.																																									
			During the Easter period transfer of Patients to and from the Hospital occurred only on Easter Saturday March 30th.																																									
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No. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

Telephone No. 67 DARTFORD.

Telegraphic Address:
"KAPUNDA," DARTFORD.

ORCHARD MILITARY HOSPITAL,

DARTFORD, KENT,

22nd March 1918.

Returns re Amputation Cases.

A notification of the admission of an amputation case with full particulars of present condition will be sent to Officer i/c Records, Administrative Headquarters.

This information will be included in the Nominal Roll at present supplied to the Officer i/c Records reporting admissions transfers and discharges.

Should an amputation, or any further operation of a serious nature in connection with amputation, be performed after admission, a special notification will be sent to Officer i/c Records, and a weekly progress report rendered until patient is removed from "seriously ill" list.

(sgd) H.B. LEWERS Major
for Surgeon-General
D.M.S., A.I.F.

12th April

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From:- C. O.
No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
DARTFORD.

To:- D. M. S.
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.
130 Horseferry Road,
LONDON. S. W. 1.

MARCH MONTHLY REPORT.

The demand for accommodation from British Hospital was very small and only by keeping in constant touch with them, that we were able to draw patients. I beg to suggest, that as the number of patients in British is small, the Australian Auxiliaries have many vacant beds, and a most efficient method for obtaining transfers is by visitation of Consultants or some authorised Medical Officer.

The Medical cases consisted mostly of Trench Fever and Gas Poisoning, excluding the Mustard Gas. These two complaints are the most potent factor in the production of D.A.H. whether it be through the Cardiac muscle or the result of Nerve Poisoning through the Vagus or indirectly through the Lungs.

This is responsible for a large wastage of men, the percentage of these men would in three to four months be fit to undergo further training, if only they be allowed to recuperate and given graduated exercises for at least two months after leaving Auxiliary Hospitals, and are not forced. Any attempt at forcing will cause a rapid breakdown. A certain amount of wastage is the result of an increasing tendency in a large number of men not to under estimate their disability.

Captain Newton Surgeon Specialist, has mentioned in his report, the difficulty and delay in obtaining Pathologist's report on important specimens. The Laboratory has no appliance for Section Cutting or for the examination of important specimens, and there is not sufficient work in the Hospital to employ a whole time Pathologist, though each Medical Officer does his own minor Pathology.

I beg to suggest that some arrangement be made with one of the London Hospitals to do this work. Competent Pathologists are difficult to obtain and this method would be less expensive.

Owing to the proximity to the Longreach Isolation Hospital for Small Pox precautions were taken on the 5th inst. to prevent contact and from the 10th of the month the whole Staff (Medical Officers, Sisters and O/Ranks) all patients in Hospital and all patients since have been vaccinated. Roughly 50% of those remaining were successful, those who did not take were revaccinated.

On the 16th inst., 170 patients were transferred to the Hospital Train for Australia, without a hitch, but after transfer one patient disappeared. A report was immediately forwarded you.

There has been still further reduction of Alcohol ordered as compared with the previous month.

The health of the Staff during the month was good. Three men being transferred to No. 2 Command Depot Weymouth for return to Australia.

The following is the list of admissions to Hospital.

Reg No.	Rank.	Name.	Disease.	Admitted.	Transferred.) Discharged.)	Where To.
	Capt.	Black J.H.	Toxic Jaundice	5.3.18.	5.3.18.	3rd L.G.H. Wandsworth.
8411	Cpl	Steele J.A.W.	Chron. Bronchitis.	11.3.18.	12.3.18.	Weymouth.
874	Pte	Dike J.B.	Rheum. Arthritis.	13.3.18.	14.3.18.	Weymouth.
912	Pte	Bullock E.	Bronchitis.	18.3.18.		
1149	Pte	MacDonald H.E.	Influenza.	20.3.18.	30.3.18.	To Duty.
4152	Pte	Johnson R.	Old. G.S.W. Rt. Leg.	25.3.18.	26.3.18.	Weymouth.

Two members of the W.A.A.C. contracted Measles and were immediately transferred to Joyce Green Infectious Hospital and steps taken to limit the outbreak which proved successful.

Crimes during the month were 13 patients who had overstayed leave, which necessitated a forfeiture of pay.

The following are the returns of the month:-

	Med.	Surg.	Total.
ADMISSIONS	991.	421.	1412.
DISCHARGED	836.	447.	1283.
BOARDED Cases	245.	182.	427

The destination of the discharged were as follows:-

No. 1 Command Depot.	11.
No. 2 " "	184.
No. 3 " "	339.
No. 4 " "	100.
No. 1 A. A. H. Harefield.	17.
No. 1 A. D. H. Bulford.	10.
No. 2 A. A. H. Southall.	4.
	<hr/> 665. <hr/>
Furlough.	419.
Hospital Ship.	170.
Miscellaneous.	29.
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C.O. No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital. Lieutenant-Colonel.

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No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

DARTFORD.

REPORT ON SURGICAL WORK DONE DURING MARCH. 1918.

To. C.O., No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital;

Very few patients requiring operative treatment were admitted during the month. The majority of surgical cases had been for some time in British Hospitals, and had already been adequately treated.

Despite this fact the surgical wards have been busy, as admissions included more seriously wounded cases, which had been in other Hospitals since the October and November offensive, and had previously been too ill to allow of their transfer here.

For the reasons stated above, only two cases requiring nerve anastomosis were admitted. I wish to report on the difficulty of obtaining a pathological diagnosis of tumours. There are a limited number of cases admitted here in each year, with swellings suggestive of malignant disease. In these cases, rapidity of diagnosis is very necessary, and our present routine of obtaining such a diagnosis is slow and uncertain.

List of operations during the month.

<u>Operation.</u>	<u>No</u>
HERNIA.	1.
APPENDICTOMY.	3.
NERVE.	2.
AMPUTATION (FINGER)	1.
SKIN GRAFT.	1.
INCISIONS.	4.
RECTAL ABSCESS.	1.
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TOTAL	13.
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Alan Hewitt

Captain.
Surgeon Specialist.

No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

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JR/HDB

11th April

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From Major J. Reisch,

To C.O.,
No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.
DARTFORD.

Medical Report for Month of March 1918.

The cases admitted during the Month are of the usual
type

Trench Fever	248
Trench Foot	36
Respiratory	155
Myalgia	56
Debility	45
Shell Shock	14
Measles	2
Malaria	2

The Measles contacts were isolated for ten days, with
no fresh cases appearing.

The majority of the Trench Fever cases show a marked
degree of Myocarditis, and many of them require complete rest
in bed. Many of these cases have been moved too soon.

James Reisch.
Major A.A.M.C.

4th April

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To the C.O.
No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
DARTFORD.

Massage and Electro-Therapeutic Department Report
for the Month of March 1918.

(a) The average daily number of cases has been:-

Massage and Radiant Heat	82
Faradism and Galvanism	17
Ionisation	18
Reports on disabilities for Board purposes	6
Examination of Nerve Injury cases	1
Average daily admissions	4

The number of treatments of the different kinds given daily in the ward is 117, and the total treatments for the month 3627.

(b) The class of case coming in for treatment during March has been of a less severe type on the whole, although some cases were remarkably bad, i.e. those men repatriated from Germany.

(c) The staff has managed easily to cope with the work during the latter part of the Month. This is due to the fact that one member who was away sick returned to duty, and also because four "learners" have been taken on for training (3 on 11.3.18 and 1 on 26.3.18). Their classifications are B2b and C1.

All of the learners appear to be suitable men and making progress.

When working at top pressure with the Hospital full, the staff as now constituted, in my estimation, will just cope with the work forthcoming.

W B Johnson

Major A.A.M.C.
M.O. i/c Massage and Electro-
Therapeutic Department.
No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

4th April

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To the C.O.
No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
DARTFORD.

X-Ray Department Report for Month of March 1918.

(a) The following figures show the number of cases examined:-

Skiagrams taken	33
Screen Examinations	27
	<hr/> 60

(b) The drop in the figures is due mainly to the less severity and smaller number of cases being admitted to hospital.

(c) The non-delivery of the new X-Ray Plant by Messrs. Siemens is again a matter for comment. This plant was, under terms of the contract, to be delivered upon 11th February last.

The last information, by letter dated 27th March, obtained from the contractors contained the usual remarks about delivery in a few days, which is as far as the matter seems to get. However, they stated that their representative went to Stafford especially concerning the plant.

A letter dated 16th March from the Consulting Engineer, A.I. F. Administrative Headquarters stated that search had been made into the cause for delay in delivery, and that the next week should see delivery. This hope was not realised.

It is more than probable that the installation of this plant is likely to occur in the immediate future, when there is a large number of sick being admitted, and at the most inopportune time for proper and thorough setting up and testing of the Machine etc.

J. B. Johnson

Major A.A.M.C.
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12th April

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From:- Captain R. Glen, Q.M.
No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
DARTFORD.

To:- The C.O.
No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
DARTFORD.

I beg to report on the work of the Q.M.'s. section of this Hospital for the month of March 1918, as follows:-

Pack Store. There were 1380 kits taken into Store and 1435 kits issued, in addition to 220 issued and received after changing, refitting, etc., at the Clothing Store.

Total kits dealt with 3035.

Clothing Store. 1283 Q.l. Forms and duplicates were compiled and a similar number of troops equipped.

Linen Store. The number of articles passed to the Laundry for washing was 47,879 being a reduction of 3,879 on the previous month's numbers. The undermentioned savings have been effected during the past three months:-

Soap bars.	1040.
Rags Flannel	160 lbs.
Matches boxes	892.
Soap, Toilet	164.

Supply Store: A comparison of the principal articles of food consumed during March, 1917 and March, 1918 is set out below:-

No. of Patients.		March 1917.	March 1918.
		37424	29786
Milk.	(Pints)	12140	17080
Milk.	(Tins)	6408	192
Meat.	lbs. -ozs.	24042--4.	15144--11.
Sugar.	"	7118--8.	2912--8.
Tea.	"	946--3 1/3.	470
Stout.	Bottles	1910	208
Ale.	"	264	19
Brandy.	Pints--ozs.	23--0.	11--9.
Claret.	"	-----	18--4.
Port.	"	18--4.	0--9
Champagne.		-----	-----

Coal. The coal consumption for the month was approximately 375 tons as compared with 450 tons received during March last year. It is hoped that by the exercise of the most rigid economy in the use of steam, this reduction will be maintained.

The work in the Section was satisfactory, and there is nothing of an exceptional nature to report.

R. Glen
Captain. & Q.M.

No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.