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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DARTFORD.	1.11.18		Attention was drawn to the necessity of transferring the entries on temporary history sheets to the original A.F. B. 178.	R.O. 747 para 7.
			Instructions were given to Officers, Sisters and Orderlies in attendance on Influenza cases to wear gas masks for the protection of the mouth and nose.	para. 9.
	2.11.18.		Three wards were reserved for the transfer to and reception of Influenza cases. One ward B. 18 to take surgical and medical cases requiring bed treatment, which had become cross infected with Influenza, and for Influenza cases which required special nursing. Two wards B. 30 and 31 will be for convalescent medical and surgical cases cross infected with Influenza, and for non-complicated cases of Influenza. Uncomplicated cases of Influenza will be kept in bed till their temperature has been normal for 48 hours, when they will be allowed up, and marked Blb to be transferred to Littlemoor two days later. These cases will be conveyed to the station in ambulances.	
	3.11.18		Instructions were given that Influenza convalescents who are Blb are to be discharged direct to No. 2 C.D. Littlemoor, this will apply to all cases irrespective of whether they are men on leave or men employed at Headquarters. These patients will be transferred to Littlemoor as a separate party, and separate nominal rolls will be sent in by the wards accordingly, Lt. Colonel J. W. Springthorpe having reported at Headquarters for special duty was taken off the ration strength as from the 2.11.18.	R.O.749 para 2. Auth.DMS. 1M.15071.
			1149 Pte McDonald H.E. having reported to No. 2 C. D. for transport Duty to Australia is struck off the effective strength of the Unit.	
			425 Pte Sanson H. having reported to Headquarters for 1914 leave is struck off the ration strength of the Unit.	
	4.11.18		Lt.Col. B. M. Sutherland having returned from special Duty in France is taken on the the ration strength of the Unit as from the 3.11.18.	
	5.11.18		Instructions were given that all patients sent to the theatre for operation, A.F.S. W. 3243 & 3243A must be forwarded with the patient. Sister O.M. Greer and S/Nurse Z.C.M. Moyle having re turned from furlough were taken on the ration strength of the Unit from the 4.11.18. 90 W. O. Campbell H. 1139 S/Sgt. Hone H.R. 117 S/Sgt O'Halloran H. and 23 Sgt. Flynn G.M. having reported to No. 2 C. D. for 1914 leave to Australia were struck off the effective strength of the Unit as from the 5.11.18	

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DARTFORD.	5.11.18.		Lt. Col. R. D. Campbell D.S.O. having proceeded to leave is struck off the ration strength of the Unit.	
			1146 Cpl. Line G. 1186 Cpl. Unstead W. and 1153 Cpl Maddick R.C. were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. 1198 Cpl. Hone O.F. 9958 Cpl. Rowe C.E.P. and 2277 Cpl. Miller J. to be T/Sergeants. 3056 L/C Ashworth J.H. 9519 L/C Fisher T.E. 4373 L/C Bentham R. were promoted to the rank of Corporal. 3040 L/C Southall W.H. 656 L/C McGlashan R. 4229 L/C Yates G.F. 6567 L/C Randall R.E. to be T/Corporals. 13286 Pte. Ennis T. 9589 Pte Parry W. 13556 Pte Lee A.E. to be L/Corporals.	
			During the night of the 1.11.18 a burglary occurred in the Pay Office, the persons or persons guilty removed the key from Sergeant Davidson's clothes, opened the safe and stole monies to the value of £45. On discovery at 6.30 a.m. in the morning of the 2.11.18 the A.P.M. was communicated with, an a detective visited the institution to make enquiries.	
			On the 4.11.18 Mr. Meichlejohn the head of the Medical Research Committee accompanied by Lt.Col Fryer visited the Institution and inspected the records. They expressed themselves as satisfied as what they found, but requested that the operation book in the theatre theatre should be drawn up to correspond with A.Book 27A.	
	6.11.18		As the result of the visit of Mr. Meichlejohn following instructions were given:- That in future the discharge of patients to No. 2 C.D. boarded B2b. and C. class will be shown on the A.F.S.W3243 and 3243A, in the line reading date of discharge as an invalid, the discharge of patients for No. 1 C.D. Littlemoor and No. 4 C.D. will be shown on the line of-discharge reading discharge to duty. Only patients transferred to another hospital will be shown on the line date of transfer, the date and Command Depot must also be shown.	R.O. 752 para 4.
			It is with regret that I have to announce the death in this Unit of 6348 Pte J.E.A. Lockyer, the result of Influenza.	
			Major D.J. Browne returned from furlough.	
			13832 Pte Rungay G. to be L/Corporal as from the 4.11.18.	
	7.11.18.		Captain L. G. Muirhead reported for Duty and Sister T. Martin reported to Headquarters A.I.F. for Duty overseas.	
	8.11.18.		Instructions were given that owing/the necessity of rigid economy in the use of methylated spirits, only one bottle per ward per week would be allowed. These bottles to be filled at the dispensary on Thu sday of each week. This rule will not be departed from except under very exceptional circumstances.	

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DARTFORD.	8.11.18		Lt. Col. T.E.V. Hurley C.M.G. having returned from leave is taken on the ration strength. 3277 Pte Phillips C. reported from No. 1 C. D. for Duty.	
	9.11.18.		Until further notice patients are not to be transferred to No. 4 C.D. but are to be sent to No. 1 C.D.	
			Duplicate cards for cases of Gas Poisoning are not required in future. Town of Dartford was declared in bounds for troops of this Hospital.	
			Major Ryan A.A.M.C. having reported for Duty is taken on the effective strength and S/Nurse C. Morehead was struck off the effective strength.	
	11.11.18		S/Nurse D.A.H. Brinsley was struck off the effective strength. A full dress parade of the Staff of this Hospital was held at 12.45 for the funeral of Pte. Lockyer.	
			6139 Pte Nairn L.T. 2nd Fld. Amb. ) having been transferred to No. 3 A.A.H. are taken on the effective strength of the Unit from 11.11.18 15798 Pte Hill L.R. 15th Fld.Amb. ) 13260 Pte Bourke C. 12th Fld.Amb. )	Auth.DMS 2M.1504/10/17 7.11.18.
			270 Pte Faux J. 37th Bn.      2173 Pte Osmond J.W. 33rd Bn.      7345 Pte Wurm F. 6th Bn. 6629 Pte Grail W. 7th Bn.      6887 Dvr Smith W. 35th Bn.      3433 Pte Watkins M.1st Pnrs. 4115 Pte Fraser E.21st Bn.      6946 Pte Standing M. 23rd Bn.      518 Pte Richards E.12th MGC. 3834 Sig Jackson W.J.21st Bn.      2428 Pte Jenkins G. 53rd Bn.      6923 Pte Barrott W.J. 23rd Bn. 2798 Pte Cushion W.J. 12th Bn.      8759 Pte Snowden C. 12th Bty.      1854 Sig.Kirkwood R.E. 13th Bn. 2060 Pte Payne W. 3rd M.G.C.      3139 Pte Henderson G.H.20th Bn.      2716 L/C Jurd P.N. 9th Bn.	
			The above named having been transferred to this Unit for a probationary period of one month are taken on the attached strength of the Unit from 11.11.18.	Auth.DMS 2M.1504/10/17 7.11.18.
			At 10. 20 a.m. a message was received by telephone that the Armistice had been signed. Through the day there were scenes of jubilation and pleasure through out the Hospital. A Thanksgiving Service was held in the theatre and was conducted by Major Beveridge (C.E.) and Captain Foster (Presb), who gave a stirring address. There was a full dress parade of the Staff at this Service.	
			A cinema entertainment was held during the evening, and throughout the day the troops patients behaved in an orderly manner. Leave was granted to 33% of the Staff to London until each man had had an opportunity of partaking in the celebrations.	

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DARTFORD.	12.11.18		Captain H. South having been recommended for a months sick leave, proceeded on leave from to-day.	
	12.11.18		S/Nurse M. Yeatman having reported for Duty was taken on the effective strength from to-day.	
	13.11.18		Captain J.A. Dawson A.A.M.C. reported for temporary duty and was taken on the attached strength of the Unit.	
			Captain H.R. Sear A.A.M.C. reported for duty and was placed on the effective strength of the Unit.	
			20734 Pte Hall A.A.C. having reported for duty from A.A.M.C. Camp Fovant was placed on the effective strength of the Unit.	
	14.11.18		An entertainment was provided in the theatre by the Soldiers Entertainment Fund. Lt.Col. J.A. Shellshear D.S.O. having been instructed to report to Headquarters for passage to France was struck off the effective strength of the Unit.	
			10463 S/Sgt. Hodgins C.O. A.A.D.S. reported for duty with No. 26 Dental Unit.	
			S/Nurse H. Mawson proceeded on furlough and was taken off the ration strength.	
	15.11.18		S/Nurse M. Croker Brown returned from sick leave and was taken on the ration strength.	
			S/Nurses M. Goodchild & M. Minogue having returned from furlough were taken on the ration strength.	
			3508 S/Sgt. Wilson J.C. No. 26 Dental Unit having been instructed to report to A.D.M.S. Tidworth was struck off the attached strength of the Unit.	
	16.11.18		Lt. Col. J. W. Springthorpe returned from special duty in France. Captain H. Leaver A.A.M.C. reported for duty and was taken on the effective strength of the Unit.	
			Mrs. Morley Peel and the "Players" Company gave a dramatic entertainment in the theatre this evening. As usual a large number of patients were present.	
	18.11.18		Captain L. G. Muirhead A.A.M.C. reported to No. 2 C.D. Weymouth for transport duty to Australia.	
			The usual Monday nights cinema entertainment was held in the theatre in the evening.	
	19.11.18		Owing to the approach of the winter weather, I instructed that general leave for patients should be from 1 p.m. till 6 p.m. until further notice.	
	20.11.18		The following men were transferred to A.A.M.C. and posted to this Unit for duty	Auth
			7374 Pte Boyd C. 10th Bn. 6048 Pte Cannon K.P. 26th Bn.	2M 1504
			2689 Pte Hipe G.E. 45th Bn. 14673 Spr Law D.A. 11th F.Engs.	/10/17.
			6838 Pte Smith T.S. 20th Bn. 4482 Spr Thomas E. A.E.M.M. &B.C.	16.11.18.

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DARTFORD.	20.11.18		<p>As I noticed that several of the Staff had been wearing caps while on leave, I instructed that dress regulations must be complied with and hats worn outside the Hospital.                      Chap. Captain J.A. Forrest (Pres) returned from furlough.                      Captain R.L. Forsyth A.A.M.C. reported for duty and was taken on the effective strength.                      1178 Pte Smith W. B. having been granted 75 days 1914 leave was struck off the effective strength.</p>	
	21.11.18		<p>An entertainment was given by the S.E.F. in the theatre.</p>	
	22.11.18		<p>S/Nurse I. Ripper was transferred to Southwell Gardens for treatment.                      Captain A. Juett A.A.M.C. having been instructed to report to Weymouth for duty is struck off the effective strength.</p>	
	23.11.18		<p>"The Delphic Dramatic Society" were to have given an entertainment this evening, but owing to stage properties going astray in the railways, this had to be postponed till the 25.11.18.                      S/Nurse Phillips Masseuse returned from sick leave, and was taken on the <del>ration on the</del> ration strength.</p>	
	24.11.18		<p>2237A Pte McCabe J. No. 3 A.A.H. died at 0530 from Influenza and Bronchial Pneumonia.                      1113 R.Q.M.S. Davenport W. having taken over the duties of No. 90 W.O. Campbell H. (proceeded on 1914 leave 4.11.18) was appointed temporary Warrant Officer as from 4.11.18.</p>	R.O. 771 25.11.18
	25.11.18		<p>2811 Pte Marsh S.J. was instructed to report to A.I.F. Headquarters for return to Australia.                      17560 Pte King C.H. reported to No. 2 C.D. Weymouth for transport duty to Australia.                      Captain F.R. Forster A.A.D.S. reported for duty with No. 26 Dental Unit and was placed on the attached strength.</p>	
	27.11.18		<p>Instructions having been received to train a number of patients, who were suitable for transport duty, I gave instructions for C.I. patients to parade to the Registrar to be selected for training.                      A full dress Parade of the Staff of the Hospital was held at 1.45 p.m. for the funeral of the late Pte. J. McCabe and on the following day a party of six of the staff accompanied the funeral party to Brookwood Cemetery.                      Sister A.C. Shearer returned from sick leave and resumed duty.                      S/Nurse H. Mawson returned from furlough and taken on the ration strength.                      The usual mid-week entertainment was held in the theatre at 6 p.m.</p>	
	28.11.18		<p>Captain P. Shaw A.A.M.C. proceeded on tqn days furlough.</p>	
	29.11.18		<p>Captain G.N. Roberts No. 26 Dental Unit and Chap. Major Raverty J.H. proceeded on leave.                      Telephone communication having been received from D.M.S. that further A.A.M.C. personnel would be required for transport duty, I instructed the Medical Officers not to discharge from Hospital members of A.A.M.C. units at present.</p>	
			<p>The hospital Concert Party gave</p>	

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DARTFORD.	29.11.18		The Staff Concert Party gave an entertainment in the theatre at 7 p.m. when a new programme was submitted.						
	30.11.18		S/Nurse A. Shaw proceeded on furlough and was struck off the ration strength. Major W.B. Ryan A.A.M.C. reported to D.M.S. for temporary transport duty. 558 Temporary Lance Corporal Divers J.C. was appointed Lance-Corporal from this date.				<i>Pres</i>		
							<i>Pres</i>		
			<u>Medical</u>	<u>Surgical</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>DIRECT DISCHARGES.</u>			
			ADMISSIONS.	780	1389	2169	No 1 Command Depot Sutton Veny	11	
						No 2 " " Weymouth	216		
			DISCHARGES.	842	1420	2262	No 2 " " Littlemoor	464	
						No 4 " " Hurdcott	3		
			BOARDED CASES.	144	560	704	No 1 A.A.Hospital, Harefield	7	
						No 2 do Southall	1		
						No 1 A.D.Hospital, Bulford	5	707	
			<u>(DEATHS. 8)</u>						
			1787	Pte Bonser A.	26th Bn.	5.11.18	Discharges to Furlough	1477	
			6348	" Lockyer J.E.A.	No 3 AAH	6.11.18	Discharges to Hospital Ship	Nil	
			1026	Cpl Durrington A.A.	41st Bn.	7.11.18	Miscellaneous	78	1555
			3316	Pte Hopkins W.	33rd Bn.	9.11.18			
			2763	Sig Young J.P.	37th Bn.	9.11.18			
			4810	Pte Gilmour J.	5th MGC	11.11.18			
			2237a	" McCabe J.	No 3 AAH	24/11/18			
			2872	" McCann J.A.	5th Dv Tfc Cont.	27.11.18			
							TOTAL DISCHARGES	2262	
			<u>STAFF ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.</u>						
			<u>RegNo</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Disability</u>	<u>Date admtd.</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
			<del>6328</del>	Pte	Lockyer J.E.A.	Influenza	1. 11. 18	6. 11. 18	Died.
			9983	Pte	Robinson A.	Tonsillitis	2. 11. 18	19. 11. 18	Duty.
			5982	Pte	Smith A. F.	Influenza.	2. 11. 18	9. 11. 18	Duty.
			4308	Pte	Shotter W.D.	Influenza.	4. 11. 18	27. 11. 18	Duty.
			3841	Pte	Salmon F.T.	Influenza.	4. 11. 18	13. 11. 18	Duty.
			2880	Pte	McIntosh E.	Tonsillitis.	4. 11. 18	18. 11. 18	Duty.
			2237A	Pte	McCabe J.	Influenza.	7. 11. 18	24. 11. 18	Died.
			6567	T/Cpl	Randell R.E.	Influenza.	13. 11. 18	22. 11. 18	Duty.

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DARTFORD.	1918	November	The following offences were dealt with during November.	
			Patients A.W.L. 40.	
			Staff A.W.L. 1.	
			The sale of by-products realised the sum of £18: 16: 4. Principal items being dripping & bones.	
				<i>Blair...</i> Lieut. Col. O.C. No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital

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# No. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

Telephone No. 67 DARTFORD.  
Telegraphic Address:  
"KAPUNDA," DARTFORD.

ORCHARD MILITARY HOSPITAL,  
DARTFORD, KENT,

20th. November, 1918

The General Officer Commanding,  
Australian Imperial Force.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for your special and kind consideration the recommendation that a German Field Gun, captured by Australian Troops, and suitably inscribed, be offered to the Town and Corporation of Dartford as a memento of the location of an Australian Hospital in the District.

In support of this application I beg to mention -

1. That over 54,000 Australian patients have passed through this Hospital.
2. That since the opening of the Hospital on October 9th. 1916 the Townspeople have voluntarily provided all the organized entertainments in the Hospital. This consisted of a Cinema every Monday evening, a Concert every Thursday evening, and a Dramatic Entertainment every Saturday evening, whilst extra performances have been provided both in the Wards and in the Theatre.

In addition, the people have thrown their homes open to the men, and have entertained them liberally.

Under these circumstances the Australian people are under a great obligation to the people of this District, and a gift of this nature would be compatible with the dignity of Australia and an acknowledgment and appreciation of the kindly interest shown to our Soldiers by the Townspeople.

I know that the Council and Citizens would value such a gift very highly ; it would also act as a bond between the older and the younger country, and would be a standing advertisement for Australia.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*B. M. Sutherland* Lieut-Colonel.

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ORCHARD MILITARY HOSPITAL,

DARTFORD, KENT,

December 28th 1918

MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1918

To/ D.M.S. A.I.F.

During November the demand for accommodation by British Hospitals was less acute and there was difficulty in keeping the hospital full even though the discharges were less than the average.

The admissions were as follows:-

Medical	Surgical	Total
780	1689	2169

The discharges were as follows:-

Medical	Surgical	Total
842	1420	2262

There were eight(8) deaths. 7 Influenza & Broncho Pneumonia  
1 Hydatit Cyst and Pneumonia

The number of cases boarded were :-

Medical	Surgical	Total
144	560	704

There were a large number of cases of Influenza admitted or developed in the Hospital. This accounted for the number of Deaths. It was noticeable again that the fatal cases occurred in those men who had previously been gassed.

On the Night of the 1st or morning of the 2nd a burglary occurred in the Pay Office. This was reported and the sum of £45 was missing.

On the 24th of November Mr Meiklejohn the head of the Medical Research Committee accompanied by Lieut. Col. Freyer visited the hospital and inspected the records.

On the 11th November notice of Armistice was received and I granted Leave to 33% of the Staff till each man had been able to visit London and partake of the celebration.

Discharged and transfers were made as tabulated below:

DISCHARGES DIRECT:-	No.1 Command Depot Sutton Veny	11
	No.2. Command Depot Weymouth	216
	No.2 Command Depot Littlemoor	464
	No.4 Command Depot Hurdcott	23
	No.1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital	7
	No.2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital	1
	No.1 Australian Dermatological Hpl	5
		707
	Discharges to Furlough	1477
	Discharges to Hospital Ship	Nil
	Miscellaneous	78
	<b>TOTAL DISCHARGES.</b>	<b>2262</b>

The following deaths occurred:-

1787	Pte	Bonser. A	26th Bn	5. 11. 18
6348	Pte	Lockyer. J.E.H.	No.3. A.A.H	6. 11. 18
1026	Cpl	Durrington. A.A	41st Bn	7. 11. 18

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3316	Pte	Hopkins. W.	33rd Bn	9. 11. 18
2763	Sig	Young. J.P.	37th Bn	9. 11. 18
4840	Pte	Gilmour. J	5th M.G. Coy	11. 11. 18
2237A	Pte	McCabe J	No. 3. A.A.H.	24. 11. 18
2872.	Pte	McCann. J.A.	5th Div. Traffic Contl	27. 11. 18

During November the following members of the Staff were admitted to Hospital:-

REG.NO.	RANK.	NAME.	DISABILITY	ADMITTED	DISCHARGED	TO
6328	Pte	Lockyer. J.E	Influenza	1. 11. 18	6. 11. 18	Death
9983	Pte	Robinson. A.	Tonsillitis	2. 11. 18	19. 11. 18	Duty
5982	Pte	Smith. A.F.	Influenza	2. 11. 18	9. 11. 18	Duty
4308	Pte	Shotter. W.D.	Influenza	4. 11. 18	27. 11. 18	Duty
3841	Pte	Salmon. F.T.	Influenza	4. 11. 18	13. 11. 18	Duty
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2237A	Pte	McCabe. J.	Influenza	7. 11. 18	24. 11. 18	Death
6567	T/Cpl	Randall. R.E.	Influenza	13. 11. 18	22. 11. 18	Duty

Offences dealt with during the month are as follows:-

PATIENTS.

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STAFF.

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The sale of by-products for November realised the amount of £18. 6. 4. of which Bones and dripping were the principal items.

*W. S. Sutherland*

Lieut. Colonel.,  
Commanding.

No. 3. Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

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From Captain Sear,

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

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.  
REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

- ( a ) The number of cases examined is shown by the following figures.

Radiographs	312
Screen examinations	54
	<u>366</u>

- ( b ) Segt McLoughlin. on furlough.  
Pte Hall reported for duty 12/11/1918.
- ( c ) Vertical X-Ray Tube Stand supplied by Messrs Dean arrived 29/11/1918. It is absolutely satisfactory, and fulfils all specifications.
- ( d ) Report on X-Ray outfit at No. 3 A.A.H. supplied on 26/11/1918.

*H. R. Sear*

Captain A.A.M.C.  
No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

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4th December

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

MASSAGE & ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC DEPARTMENT.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

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

Massage & Radiant Heat	115
Faradism & Galvanism	49
Ionisation	7
Reports on Disabilities for Board Purposes	4
Examination of Nerve injury cases	3
Average daily admissions	5

The number of treatments of the different kinds given daily in the Ward was 171, and the total treatments for the month 5123.

- (b) There has been no marked departure from the usual type of cases treated except that a considerable number of serious cases of injury of the spine have required the administration of massage.
- (c) There has been a certain amount of difficulty in obtaining the best apparatus for treatment of foot drop and wrist drop for reasons not fully understood by me.
- (d) Captain Leaver, A.A.M.C. during one week has been assisting in the supervision of the work.

Miss Phillips returned to duty after illness.

*W. B. Johnson*

Major A.A.M.C.  
M.O. i/c Massage and Electro-Therapeutic Dept.

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7th December

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

I have the honour to submit the report for the surgical work of the Hospital during November.

48 operations were performed as follows:-

Aneurism Brachial Artery	1
Secondary Suture of wound	1
Foreign bodies	10
Circumcision	1
Incisions	9
Explorations of Median Nerve	2
Popliteal Nerves	3
Sciatic Nerve	2
Ulnar Nerve	2
Sinus curetted and drained	1
Cellulitis Arm	1
Sequestrectomy	1
Removal of Cysts & tumours	5
Inguinal Hernia	5
Passage of Urethral sounds	1
Excision Tumour upper lip	1
Laparotomy ( Peritonitis )	1
Inguinal Abscess.	1

One surgical case died during the month. A man of 43 convalescing from operation 10 weeks previously for hydatid of liver when he developed Influenza followed by symptoms of peritonitis; laparotomy revealed acute peritonitis probably pneumococcal in origin, and the patient died 24 hrs after operation.

Owing to the coming into force of the Armistice I have not gone any further into the question of workshops for splint work, leather-work etc. referred to in my last report.

Considerable delay occurs in obtaining fulfilment of indents for surgical stores and especially for necessary splints.

During the month there have been frequent changes in the Staff of the Hospital which have rendered the working of the wards more difficult, more especially is this the case in regard to the Electrical & Massage Department and the Wards set aside for nerve cases.

Capt. Sear returned during the month to the X-Ray Department, and his excellent work has been of the greatest value.

The position in regard to Pathological examinations is unsatisfactory owing to the absence of a Pathologist and adequate equipment, it is impossible to perform any but the simplest examinations and much delay occurs in getting reports on specimens sent to London for examination.

*Lita Hurley*  
Lieut-Colonel.

NO. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

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DARTFORD, KENT.

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From Captain R. Glen, Q.M.  
No. 3 A.A.H.

December, 9th, 1918.

To The O.C.,  
No. 3 A.A.H.

Sir,

I beg to report on the work of the Quartermaster's Section of this Hospital for month ending November, 30th, 1918, as follows:-

Pack Store:

2188 kits were taken into store and 2221 issued during the month, this makes the total kits received since the Hospital took over at Dartford 57,800.

Clothing Store:

Approximately 2262 Q.1 Forms were compiled and the same number of Patients equipped, they receiving 28,943 articles or an average of 12 per patient. The number of articles received into store during month was 27,881.

Linen Store:

The number of articles checked and washed by the Laundry was 53,347.

Coal:

The Coal consumption for the month was 500 tons. This being the same amount as for the corresponding month last year.

Supplies:

A comparison of the consumption of rations between October, 1917 and October, 1918, is shown below:-

	<u>October '17.</u>	<u>October '18.</u>
No. of Patients.....	29757.	32395.
Milk, pints ... ..	58905 - 14.	16128 - 0.
Milk, tins ... ..	Nil.	Nil.
Meat, lbs. ozs. ... ..	21653 - 2.	16530 - 2.
Sugar, " " ... ..	4369 - 11.	3310 - 6.
Tea, " " ... ..	680 - 4	520 - 0.
Stout, bottles. ... ..	2145.	115.
Ale, " " ... ..	Nil.	Nil.
Brandy, Pints. ozs. ....	21 - 8.	5 - 6.
Port. " " " " ....	56 - 15.	28 - 8.

By Products:

£18.16.4d. was placed to the credit of the Hospital from the sale of by-products, the principal items being dripping and Bones.

The work of the section generally has been satisfactory, and there is nothing of an exceptional manner to report.

*R. Glen*

Captain & Q.M.  
No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.