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**WAR DIARY**

OF

No. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUX'LY. HOSPITAL.

FOR

APRIL 1919.

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DARTFORD 1. 4. 19 Sisters F.G. Walpole, M. Duggan and A.M. Wilson having proceeded on Transport Duty to Australia were struck off the Effective Strength from 30.3.19.  
 14673, Pte D.A. Law, was admitted to Hospital, and transferred to No 2 Command Depot, and struck off the Effective Strength from 31. 3. 19.  
 14984 Pte P.Q. Shelley was granted Educational Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 31.3.19.  
 A Cinema Entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.

2. 4. 19 Rev. M. Shandel, Jewish Chaplain, visited the Hospital to day.  
 A Lantern Lecture entitled "Round Norway in a Yacht" was given in the Theatre in the evening.  
 S/Nurses A.O. Alexander, M. Byrne and E.G. O'Neill proceeded on Transport Duty to Australia and were struck off the Effective Strength from 31.3.19.  
 Sister E.M. Reid and S/Nurse (Massachusetts) M. Gaffney were granted Educational Leave, and were struck off the Effective Strength from 31.3.19.

3. 4. 19 Major T.F. Wheatland reported for Temporary Duty, and was take on the Attached Strength from 2/3/19  
 S/Nurse M. Skidmore granted Educational Leave and struck off the Effective Strength from 1/4/19.  
 Sister A.E. Allchin reported for duty, and was take on the Effective Strength from 1/4/19.  
 There was a Concert given in the Theatre in the evening.

4. 4. 19 Major W.D. McGillivray, A.A.M.C., having reported for duty was take on the Effective Strength from 3.4.19.

5. 4. 19 Sister C. Sorensen proceeded from Sick Leave to Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 31.3.19.  
 S/Nurse B. Hooper proceeded from Sick Leave to Educational Leave and was struck off the Effective Strength from 12.3.19  
 Sister R.M. Stafford Williams ex leave on Transport Duty to Australia was struck off the Effective Strength from 31.3.19.  
 5772 Pte E.J. Metcalfe proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 5.4.19.  
 Chaplain Captain (C of E) T. Reynolds reported for duty, and was taken on the Attached Strength from 4.4.19.  
 An entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DARTFORD	6.	4. 19	<p>S/Nurse I. Bowman transferred to Southwell Gardens Hospital, and struck off the Retention Strength from 4.4.19.                      Major J. McPherson proceeded on Educational Leave and was struck off the Effective Strength from 4.4.19                      Capt. N. J. Mackay, MC., proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 6.4.19.                      S/Nurses G. Giddings, J. G. Campbell, and C. S. Greens were granted Educational Leave and struck off the <del>Retention</del> Effective Strength from 5.4.19.                      Sister W. M. Mulholland and S/Nurse M. S. Cox proceeded on transport duty to Australia and were struck off the Effective Strength from 4.4.19.                      Sisters E. M. Ellis and D. L. Ellis reported for Duty and were taken on the Effective Strength from 4.4.19.</p>	
	7.	4. 19	<p>Captain J. S. McLean appointed Medical Specialist from and including 7.4.19.                      2713, L/Cpl Jurd, P.H., was granted Educational Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 5.4.19.</p>	
	8.	4. 19	<p>Major F. E. Hutchinson and Captain K. Rae proceeded on Educational Leave and were struck off the Effective Strength from 8.4.19.</p>	
	9.	4. 19	<p>A Lecture on Eugenics was given in the Theatre by Sergeant Eldridge, Educational Service.                      S/Nurse A. Davey was granted Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 7.4.19.</p>	
			<p>S/Nurses M. E. Murray, M. Patton, J. O'Brien, E. S. Well, and I. Lipscombe reported for duty and were taken on the Effective Strength from 7.4.19.                      13157, Pte E. Bracewell, and 15798, Pte L. R. Hill were granted Education Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 8.4.19.                      15502, S/Sgt T. H. McKie reported to No. 2 Command Depot for duty and was struck off the Attached Strength from 8.4.19.                      4864, Pte W. F. Worboys, MSM., reported to No. 2 Command Depot for duty and was struck off the Effective Strength from 8.4.19.</p>	
	10.	4. 19	<p>Captain M. Archdall, A.A.M.C., reported for duty and was taken on the Effective Strength from 9.4.19.                      3139 Private Genderson, G.H., to be Lance-Corporal from 7.4.19.                      An entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.</p>	



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DARTFORD	11. 4.	19	<p>Sister C.L.Porter, S/Nurses G.M.Piesse and D.Hastwood proceeded on transport duty to Australia and were struck off the Effective Strength from 10.4.19.</p> <p>S/Nurse A.W.M. Grath was granted Educational Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 10.4.19.</p> <p>Sisters D.Search, M.Livingstone, M.Lenton, and S.Nurse R.M.Hall reported for duty and were taken on the Effective Strength from 9.4.19.</p> <p>Sister L.Mockridge proceeded from Southwell Gardens to Australia, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 31.3.19.</p>	
	12. 4.	19	<p>S/Nurse S.A.I.Bray having proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 10.4.19.</p> <p>S/Nurse M.Riordon reported for duty and was taken on the Effective Strength from 10.4.19</p> <p>An entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.</p>	
	13. 4.	19	<p>The usual Church Services were held during the day.</p> <p>Lt-Col. G.G.Shaw, D.S.O., reported to A.I.F. Headquarters, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 10.4.19.</p> <p>Major S.T.Wheatland reported to the Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation, AIF, for embarkation, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 9.4.19.</p> <p>Capt. R.F.Forster, 26th Dental Unit, proceeded on Educational Leave, and was taken off the Attached Strength from 12.4.19.</p> <p>Sister A.McHardy and S/Nurses N.E.Carr and M.L.Yule reported for duty, and were taken on the Effective Strength from 11.4.19.</p>	
	14. 4.	19	<p>A Lantern Lecture on Gallipoli was given in the Theatre in the evening.</p> <p>The names of the undermentioned members of the Unit were brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the war.</p> <p>3557 Pte Armstrong, J.S.                      1154 Pte (now L/Cpl) Goddard, F.S.                      9588 Cpl (now T/Sgt) Rowe, C.E.D.                      1154 S/Sgt Marques, C.A.</p> <p>(Extract from War Office Document 27th March, 1919.</p> <p>Sisters N.Leake, and S/Nurses R.C.Hyland, C.Linding, I.R.Everett-Smith and J.Darragh having proceeded on transport duty to Australia were struck off the Effective Strength from 13.4.19</p> <p>Sister A.P.Smith and S.Nurse S.McLennan reported for duty, and were taken on the Effective Strength from 13.4.19.</p>	
	15. 4.	19	<p>A Cinema Entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.</p>	



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DARTFORD	16.	4.	19 Captain R. Fraser, A. .D.S., reported for duty, and was taken on the Attached Strength from 15.4.19.	
			S/Nurses E.F. Miller, E.S. Rogerson, and S.J.O. Newton reported for duty and were taken on the Effective Strength from 15.4.19.	
			1193, Pte McKinney, J., proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Probationary Strength from 16.4.19	
			14982 L/Cpl Beckett, J.G. was transferred to A.I.F. Headquarters for duty, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 17.4.19.	
			17.4.19 R.C. Mass was celebrated in the Chapel at 9 a.m.	
			An entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.	
			18. 4. 19 Divine Service was held in the Chapel at 11 a.m. and R.C. Services in Chapel at 3 p.m.	
			19. 4. 19 S/Nurses G. Mogg and E.J. Mann were granted Educational Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 16.4.19.	
			Sister L.M. Bishop reported for duty and was taken on the Effective Strength from 17.4.19.	
			2050 Pte W.J. Payne was granted Educational Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 17.4.19	
			A Concert was held in the Theatre in the evening.	
			20. 4. 19 The usual Church Services were held.	
			Sisters N. Lehman, A. McKenzie, R.A. Petersob, E. Watkins, and C. Hughes proceeded on Transport Duty to Australia, and were struck off the Effective Strength from 18.4.19.	
			21. 4. 19 Major H.A. Syllie, MC., reported to AIF Headquarters, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 17.4.19.	
			22. 4. 19 A Cinema Entertainment was held in the Theatre in the evening.	
			23. 4. 19 S/Nurse R.V. Carmichael was transferred to Southwell Gardens, and struck off the Ration Strength from 21.4.19.	
			24. 4. 19 Major V.M. Coppleson was granted Educational Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 24/4/19	
			S/Nurses F.M. Swab and Z.I. Sydenham reported for duty, and were taken on the Effective Strength from 23.4.19.	
			25. 4. 19 A Concert was held in the Theatre in the evening.	
			S/Nurse K. McAlister was granted Educational Leave, and struck off the Effective Strength from 23.4.19	
			S/Nurses E.H. Roberts and A.P. Priestley reported for duty, and were taken on the Effective Strength from 23.4.19.	



DARTFORD 26. 4. 19 S/Nurse L.B.Godfrey was granted Educational Leave, and stryck off the Effective Strength from 24.4.19.  
Sister B.Hammersley reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength.  
The "Delphic Players" gave an entertainment in the Theatre in the evening.

27. 4. 19 The usual Church services were held.  
S/Nurses J.Birham and L.M.Gibson and E.L.Pahey, reported for duty, and were taken on the Effective Strength from 26.4.19.  
Sisters H.Weatherhead and A.B.Smith, S/Nurses E.S.Rogerson, M.B.Thomas, E.C.Miller and M.E.Carr proceeded to Ho 1. A.G.H. Sutton Veny, and were taken off the Effective Strength from 26/4/19.

29. 4. 19 A Cinema Entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.  
30.4.19 A Lecture on the Development of Aircraft was given by W.O. O'Reilly in the evening.  
S/Nurses I.Hendersoh and H.Lawrence were granted Educational Leave and struck off the Effective Strength from 28.4.19.



DARTFORD.

APRIL, 1919.

The total number of admissions for the month were -

Medical 634, Surgical 78. Total 712

The total number of cases boarded were 239, being 97 medical and 142 surgical.

Discharges were as follows:-

No 2 Command Depot.....	205	
No 1 A.D.H. Bulford.....	6	
Furlough.....	616	
Miscellaneous.....	87	
	<u>914</u>	Total.

Offences dealt with during the month.

	Patients.	Staff.
AWL.	8	1
Other	-	1

There was one death during the month, viz.-  
5428, Sapper Bartlett, J., 12th F.C. Regts died 12/4/19.

Malignant  
Endocarditis.

By products for the month realised £17.13.5, Chiefly from the sale of  
Swill, Bones and fat.

Lieut-Colonel,  
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NO. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

DARTFORD, KENT,  
30th May, 1919.

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

To:- D.M.S., A.I.F.,  
Headquarters,  
LONDON.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL, 1919.

I beg to report on the work of the Hospital for the month of April as under. -

The Admissions were - Medical 634, Surgical 78. Total 712. <sup>596</sup>  
Boarded cases numbered 239, of which 99 were medical and 142 surgical.

The following were the discharges. -

No 2 Command Depot.	...	205	
No 1 A.D.H. Bulford.	...	6	
Furlough.	...	616	
Miscellaneous.	...	87	
		<u>914</u>	Total. <sup>920</sup>

During the month 58 operations were performed.

One death (from Malignant Endocarditis) occurred, viz. -  
5428, Sapper Bartlett, J., 12th Field Coy. Engineers.  
Died 12/4/19.

Ten offences were dealt with during the month, eight being those of patients and two staff.

By products for the month realised the sum of £17.13.5.

The number of patients in Hospital was decreased from 748 on 31/3/19 to 546 on 30/4/19.



Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding,  
No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.



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DARTFORD, KENT,  
30th May, 1919.

To:- C.O. No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,  
Dartford Kent.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1919.  
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I beg to report that during the month of April, 1919,  
634 Medical cases were admitted to this Hospital.  
97 Medical cases were boarded.  
856 Medical cases were discharged during the month.  
There was only one death - from Malignant Endocarditis.  
There were no cases of virulent Influenza, and the majority  
of cases were not of a serious type.

*J. M. Lean*

Captain, A.A.M.C.

Medical Specialist.



MA/AGMcC.

May 2nd. 1919.

From :- Surgeon Specialist, No. 3, Australian Auxiliary Hospital,  
Dartford, Kent.

To :- C.O., No. 3, Australian Auxiliary Hospital,  
Dartford, Kent.

The following is the report for the month of April on  
the Surgical Work in the Hospital.

Total Number of Operations performed 53.

Haemorrhoids.	3
Removal of piece of lip for Exam.	1
Partial Excision of Fibula.	1
Setting Fracture.	1
Hydated of Lung.	1
Removal of Nail.	1
Abscesses & Incisions for Pus.	7
Laparotomy ( Tubercular Peritonitis)	2
Circumcisions	1
Cystoscopic Examination.	1
Removal of Cyst.	2
Sequestrotomy.	5
Tonsillectomy.	9
Fistula in Ano.	1
Plastic Operations	2
Removal of Foreign Bodies.	3
Caretlage of Sinus.	3
Hernia.	3
Orchidectomy.	1
Examination under Anaesthetic.	2
Nephrectomy.	1
Appendicectomy.	3
Fissure in Ano.	2
Amputation of toe.	1
Partial Amputation of Penis.	1

The number of Surgical Cases has decreased considerably.  
Most of the Cases being 'Civilian' Surgery.  
There is nothing further of interest to report.

*Mervyn Archdall*  
Surgeon Specialist.

No., 3, Australian Auxiliary Hospital.



O'R/AGMcC.

May 5th, 1919.

From :- Education Officer. No.3. Australian Auxiliary Hospital.  
Dartford. Kent.

To :- C.O., No.3. Australian Auxiliary Hospital.  
Dartford. Kent.

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 1919.

The Educational Classes have been continued, but owing to pressure of work on the Staff, absence on leave, and transfers and discharges, the French Class had to be discontinued, and the Short-hand class is held during the afternoon instead of in the evening.

Inquiries regarding Non-Military Employment leave, etc, have varied according to the number of Patients in the Hospital, but sometimes have averaged twenty a day.

The Total number of forms completed and forwarded during the month was 85.

Educational Lectures delivered during the month were as follows :- "Round about Norway in a Yacht".  
"Eugenics". ( Second Lecture). "Gallipoli".

*W. Cresswell O'Reilly*  
Warrant- Officer

A.I.F. Education ~~Officer~~ Service.