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WAR DIARY

OF

No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital

FOR

May 191*9*

Signature of Officer compiling *H. M. North* Major & Registrar,
No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

Signature of Officer Commanding *A. J. Payne* Lieut.-Col.
O.C. No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital

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or

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DARTFORD	1. 5.	19	S/Nurse Slater proceeded on transport duty, and was struck off the Effec. Strength from 29.4.19. Sister L. Murrell and V. Rowe and S/Nurse M. Patton were granted Educational Leave and struck off the Effective Strength from 29.4.19. Chaplain Captain T. McVittie reported for duty, and was taken on the Ration Strength from 27.4.19. AA concert was held in the Theatre in the evening.	
	2. 5.	19	S/Nurses Boon, G., Stokes, M., Monogue, M., Rudge, D.A., Toan, E.W., Harris, L.G., were granted Educational Leave and struck off the Effective Strength from 1.5.19. Sister Brown, M., S/Nurse Broadbent, C., proceeded on transport duty to Australia and were struck off the Effective Strength from 1.5.19. Colonel (Chap) Merrington, E.N., proceeded on leave prior to embarkation to Australia, and was struck off the attached strength from 1.5.19. 1153 Sgt Maddick, R.C., was granted Non-military Employment, and struck off the Effective Strength from 1.5.19.	
	3. 5.	19	Sister Loft, E.M., and S/Nurse Horswill, V.A., reported for billeting and were taken on the ration Strength from 1.5.19. Captain Archdall, M., reported to AIF Headquarters, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 3.5.19. Sister McHardy, A., and S/Nurse Mackin, E.A., were granted Educational leave and struck off the Effective Strength from 1.5.19.	
	4. 5.	19	3018, Pte L. Bell, 37th Batta., was admitted to Hospital, transferred to AIF Headquarters for disposal, and struck off the Probationary Strength from 1.5.19. S/Nurse Z.I. Sydenham, J. Buchanan and L.M. Gibson reported to No 2 Command Depot for duty are taken on the Effective Strength from 2.5.19. S/Nurses A.M. Hofferma and J. Gant proceeded on Transport Duty to Australia, and were struck off the Effective Strength from 2.5.19. S/Nurses M. Mears and R.V. Carmichael proceeded on transport duty to Australia and were struck off the Effective Strength from 3.5.19. Sister K. Logan was granted Educational Leave and struck off the Effective Strength from 2.5.19. S/Nurses Hocquard, G., Hocquard, A.E., and Hemmersley, E., reported to AIF Headquarters for transport duty to Australia and were struck off the Effective Strength from 4.5.19. S/Nurse Riordon and G.H. Simons proceeded on Educational Leave and were struck off the Effective Strength from 4.5.19.	

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DARTFORD.	5.5.19		6585, Pte A.W.C. Maggs reported from Queen's Hospital, Sidcup for transfer to Hospital Ship for duty, and was taken on the Attached Strength from 6.5.19.	
			A Cinema Entertainment was given in the evening.	
	7.5.19		Matron C.L. Ross, R.R.C., was transferred from the Effective Strength to the Billete d Staff, and was taken on the Ration Strength from 5.5.19.	
			Hon Lieut H.C. Meathrel proceeded on Educational Leave, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 5.5.19.	
			Matron A.M. Kellett, Ex War Records Office Headquarters, reported for duty and was take on the Effective Strength from 5.5.19.	
			S/Nurses E.S. Wells, I.F. Lyscombe, J.O'Brien, proceeded on Educational Leave, and were taken off the Effective Strength from 5.5.19.	
			S/Nurses E.P.M. Parsons and B.L. Gibbons reported for Transport Duty to Australia, and were taken off the Effective Strength from 5.5.19.	
	(6.5.19)		6585, Pte Maggs, A.W.C., transferred to Ambulance Train for embarkation on the Hospital Ship "Karoola" and struck off the Attached Strength from 6.5.19.	
			No 3 Ambulance Train for Hospital Ship "Karoola" 100 Cots (in 2 T.B.) 63 sitting cases. 1 (Pte Maggs) for Staff of Ship.	
	9.5.19.		Major W.D.K. McCillivray proceeded on Transport Duty, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 9.5.19.	
	10.5.19		Captain D.I.R. Smith reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 9.5.19.	
			Captain W.J. Trehwella reported for duty and was taken on the Effective Strength from 10.5.19.	
			Sister M. Livingstone proceeded on Transport Duty, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 8.5.19.	
			S/Nurse E.S. Bailey proceeded on Transport Duty and was taken off the Effective Strength from 10.5.19.	
			13291 L/Cpl F.G. Goddard and 6838 Pte T.S. Smith proceeded on Non-Military Employment and were taken off the Effective Strength from 10.5.19.	
	11.5.19		Emil Hardy's Dramatic Company gave an entertainment in the Theatre in the evening.	
			S/Nurse E.E. Eussell proceeded to AIF Headquarters for transport duty to Australia and was struck off the Effective Strength from 11.5.19.	
	12.5.19		Matron C.L. Ross and S/Nurse M. Ambler proceeded on Non-military Employment and were struck off the Effective Strength from 10.5.19.	
	13.5.19		Chaplain Major McVittie, T., embarked for Australia, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 12.5.19.	

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DARTFORD.	13.5.19		Captain H.R.Sear embarked for Australia, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 4.5.19.	
	(Contd)		A Cinema Entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.	
	14.5.19.		Sister D.White proceeded on Non-military Employment, and was taken off the Ration Strength from 14.5.19.	
	15.5.19		Major H.A.North reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 14.5.19.	
			S/Nurse A.E.Dwyer proceeded on Transport Duty to Australia, and was taken off the billeting strength from 15.5.19.	
			Captain D.I.R.Smith proceeded on Educational Leave, and was taken off the Effective Strength of the Unit from 15.5.19.	
			20544, Pte G.W.Harris, and 932 T/Cpl H.Smith reported to Headquarters for duty, and were taken off the Effective Strength from 15.5.19.	
			3040 T/Cpl Southall W.H. proceeded on Educational Leave, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 15.5.19.	
			1146 Sgt Line, G., proceeded to Headquarters for return to Australia, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 14.5.19.	
			No 3040, T/Cpl Southall, W.H., relinquished duties, and reverted to the substantive rank of Lance-Corporal.	
	16.5.19		Captain Chaplin Rankin reported for duty, and was taken on the Attached Strength from 15.5.19.	
			6139, Pte L.T.Nairn proceeded on Educational Leave, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 16.5.19.	
	17.5.19		S/Nurses M.Anstey, G.M.Lummer, and M.Mathieson embarked for Australia from Southwell Gardens, and were taken off the Effective Strength from 15.5.19.	
			S/Nurse J.S.Cowley proceeded on Non-military employment from Southwell Gardens, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 15.5.19.	
			6823 Driver W.E.R.Rosewarne reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 17.5.19.	
			Captain J.L.Diggle reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 17.5.19.	
	18.5.19.		Major E.I.L.Graves reported for temporary duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 17.5.19.	
			Captain J.L.Diggle proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 18.5.19.	
	20.5.19		19038, Pte W.A.Coote and 5705 Pte J.R.Goffin proceeded on Educational Leave, and were struck off the Effective Strength from 20.5.19.	
			2721, Driver A.R.Knight reported to A.M.T.S., Chelsea, and was struck off the Attached Strength from 20.5.19.	

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Dartford	20.5.19 (Contd) 21.5.19		<p>Major E.I.L. Graves proceeded for embarkation, and was struck off the attached strength from 20.5.19.</p> <p>The following men reported to A.A.M.C.T.D. Fovant:- 1830, T/Cpl Allshorn, M., 1431, Pte Abbott, E., 2547, Pte Carlsson I.E.G., 18164, Pte Lennard, J.L., 518, Pte Richards, E., 3433, Pte Watkins, M., 3443, Pte Caesar, A.D., 9171, Pte Jackson, E.C., 213, Pte Sager, W.R., 5932, Pte Williamson, A.E., 1848, Driver Bebbington, L., 13766, L/Cpl Davis, A., 20534, Pte Bell, L., 2835 Pte Halliday, M.J., 2587 Pte Livermore, W.J., 4308, Pte Shorter, W.D., 9964 Pte Adams, E.W., 2661, Pte Fitzgerald, P., 3210, Pte McFadzean, A., 12688, Pte Walsh, G., 3357, Pte Armstrong, J.S.</p> <p>20577, Pte A.P. Fox reported to AIF Headquarters for duty, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 21.5.19.</p> <p>Sisters E.A. Murrell, G.F. Dickson, and S/Nurses S. Williams and M.M. Whitfield embarked for Australia and were taken off the Effective Strength from 21.5.19.</p> <p>Sister C.B. Whittington embarked for Australia and was taken off the Effective Strength from 21.5.19.</p> <p>Sister A.C. Shearer reported back from Educational Leave and was taken on the Effective Strength from 21.5.19.</p>	
	22.5.19		<p>Chaplain captain J. McEvoy (C of E) reported for duty, and was taken on the Attached Strength from 20.5.19.</p>	
	23.5.19.		<p>14709, S/Sgt Vickers, A.C., reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 22.5.19.</p>	
	24.5.19.		<p>22127 Sgt Nicholls, W.H., reported for duty, and was taken on the Attached Strength of the Unit from 22.5.19.</p> <p>36648, Warrant Officer O'Reilly, W.C., proceeded on leave prior to embarkation to Australia was taken off the Attached Strength from 25.4.19.</p> <p>2371 Pte T. Aitchison and 3680 Pte R. Burgess proceeded on Non-military Employment, and were taken off the Effective Strength from 23.5.19.</p> <p>The following were transferred to A.A.M.C.T.D. Fovant, and were taken off the Effective Strength from 24.5.19.</p>	
	25.5.19		<p>2277, Sgt J. Miller, 1850, T/Cpl Allshorn, M., 13766 1198, T/S/Sgt Hone, O.F., proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 25.5.19.</p> <p>1905 Driver Robeson reported to AMTS, Chelsea, and was struck off the Attached Strength from 25.5.19.</p>	

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DARTFORD	25.5.19		<p>13041, Driver H.W.Swanton reported for duty, and was taken on the Attached Strength from 24.5.19.</p> <p>Captain G.F.S.Landon reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 24.5.19.</p> <p>1635 L/Cpl Dpig promoted to T/Corporal from 24.5.19. (vice Allshorn)</p> <p>1198 T/S/Sgt Hone, O.F., on proceeding on Educational Leave reverted to the substantive rank of Sergeant from 25.5.19.</p> <p>26.5.19. Major H.M.North appointed Registrar from 25.5.19 vice Captain E.M.McCaffery.</p> <p>Captain E.M.McCaffery proceeded on Educational Leave, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 25.5.19.</p> <p>3433 Pte M.Watkins transferred to A.A.M.C.T.D. Poyant, and struck off the Effective Strength from 26.5.19.</p> <p>S/Nurses A.E.Galvin, A.Buchanan and S.Kellaway proceeded on Educational Leave and were struck off the strength from 26.5.19.</p> <p>28.5.19 1830, T/Cpl Allshorn reverts to the substantive rank of private from 24.5.19.</p> <p>Principal Matron G.Wilson reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 27.5.19.</p> <p>Matron Kellett reported to AIF Headquarters is struck off the Effective Strength from 27.5.19.</p> <p>10696, S/Sgt S.E.Wayland reported to AIF Headquarters and was struck off the attached strength from 27.5.19.</p> <p>29.5.19. Major F.D.H.B.Lawton reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 26.5.19.</p> <p>Captain E.Meikle proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 28.5.19.</p> <p>C.S.M.Verlander reported to his Depot and was struck off the Attached Strength (Imperial) from 28.5.19.</p> <p>20565, Pte F.T.Routley reported to AIF Headquarters for duty and was struck off the Effective Strength from 28.5.19.</p> <p>30.5.19. Captain A.V.R.Robinson proceeded for embarkation to Australia and was struck off the Effective Strength from 28.5.19.</p>	

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DARTFORD	31.5.19		<p>Captain G.J.M.Saxby reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 30.5.19. Captain M.H.O'Sullivan reported for duty (Temporary) and was taken on the Attached Strength from 30.5.19. Captain S.G.Germón proceeded on leave prior to embarkation to Australia, and was taken off the Attached Strength from 30.5.19.</p>	

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DARTFD.	MAY,	1919.	<p>The total number of Admissions for the Month were - Medical 539. Surgical 58. <u>Total 597</u></p> <p>The total number of cases boarded were Medical 97, Surgical 63. Total 160.</p> <p>Discharges were as follows:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>No 2 Command Depot.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Furlough.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">316</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hospital Ship.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">219</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous.</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>130</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>733</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Offences dealt with during the Month.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Patients.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Staff.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWL</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </table> <p>(There were three deaths during the month, viz.- 4923, Pte W. Wilkinson, AIFHQ late 31st Bata. Died 2.5.19. Heart failure & Endo-myocarditis 2855, Cpl W.D. Leitch, AADC attached AIFHQ. Died 4.5.19. Acute Tuberculosis & Tuberc. Meningitis. 3428, Munition worker Dobson, F., Died 8.5.19. Chronic Tuberculosis.</p>	No 2 Command Depot.	24	Furlough.	316	Hospital Ship.	219	Miscellaneous.	<u>130</u>		<u>733</u>		Patients.	Staff.	AWL	7	1	Other.	-	2	
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FOR

May 1919**LIST OF APPENDICES.**

No.	Subject.
1.	Commanding Officers' Report.
2.	Report of Medical Specialist.
3.	Surgical Specialists' Report.
4.	X-Ray Report.
5.	Education Report.
6.	Quartermasters' Report

NO 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

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

I beg to report on the work of the Hospital, then under the command of Lieut-Colonel B.C.Kennedy, for the month of May as follows:-

The admissions were - Medical 539 and Surgical 58.
Total - 597.

Bearded cases numbered 160, of which 97 were medical and 63 surgical.

The following were the discharged :-

No 2 Command Depot.	...	24
Hospital Ship.	...	219
Furlough.	...	366
Miscellaneous.	...	130

Total - 739

During the month 42 operations were performed.

Four deaths occurred, one from Nephritis, one from Endocarditis, and two from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Nine offences were dealt with during the month, six being those of patients, and three of staff.

The number of patients in hospital on 1st. May was 590 and on 31st May 404.

A. C. Laybourn.

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

NO. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

DARTFORD, KENT,
12th June, 1919.

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

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIVISION, MAY, 1919.

In the course of this month 539 patients were admitted, and 629 were discharged.

A large proportion of the patients had influenza, and in addition there were some cases of broncho pneumonia, following influenza.

Some of the patients were convalescents who had been under treatment in France, or in other Hospitals in England, while other men were direct admissions, and came in acutely sick.

There were about 25 cases of tonsillitis admitted, and some of them had Vincent's Angina.

There were also 20 cases of skin disease. The remainder of the patients under treatment presented a variety of more or less chronic conditions, and many of them were boarded for return to Australia.

There were 4 deaths - one from nephritis, one from endocarditis, and two from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The health of the Staff was good, but towards the end of the month several Officers, Sisters, and Orderlies were affected by hay fever.

M. J. Antom

Major, A.A.M.C.

NO. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

DARTFORD, KENT,
14th June, 1919.

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

The following is a report of the Surgical
Work in the Hospital during the month of May, 1919.

Adenoma of Breast.	...	1
Hydatid of lung.	...	1
Appendicectomy.	...	4
Hæmorrhoids.	...	4
Amputation of finger.	...	1
Amputation of toe.	...	1
Fistula in Ano.	...	1
Suture of wound of knee.	...	1
Removal of Tb glands of neck.	...	1
Opening and draining abscesses.	...	5
Sequestromy.	...	6
Inguinal Hernia.	...	2
Urethral Stricture.	...	1
Circumcision.	...	1
Removal of toe nail.	...	1
Skin grafts.,	...	3
Laminectomy.	...	1
Cellulitis.	...	3
Removal of foreign body.	...	1
Iridectomy.	...	1
Operation for strabismus.	...	2
Total	...	<u>42</u>

E. A. Powers.
Captain, A.A.M.C.

NO. 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

DARTFORD, KENT,
14th June, 1919.

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

REPORT OF X-RAY DEPARTMENT FOR MONTH ENDED MAY, 1919.

The amount of work done is shown by the following
figures:-

Plates.	...	124
Screens.	...	15
Dental Films.	...	<u>4</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>		<u>143</u>

E. A. Evans

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

NO.3. AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

DARTFORD.

JUNE 12th 1919.

From:- 22127. Sgt. Nicholls W.H. Education Service.
To:- C.O. No.3. Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

Education Service Report for the month of May 1919.

Classes have been discontinued as the men are in the hospital for a short period only.

About 60 applications for Non Military Employment, Extended Leave, Discharge in England etc., have been completed and forwarded during the month.

Every possible assistance is given to the men to make them familiar with Repatriation and Demobilisation procedure and conditions.

W. H. Nicholls
----- Sgt.
Education Service.

Dartford, KENT.
July 7th. 1919.

From:- Capt C.A. Oxley.
Q.M. No. 3. A.A.H.

To :- C.O.
No. 3. A.A.H.

Sir,

Herewith report on the work of the Quartermasters Section of this Hospital for the month ending May 1919 as follows;

PACK STORE.

568 Kit ~~was~~ taken into Stores, and 743 Issued during the month, this making a total received since the Hospital took over at Dartford, 64,920.

Clothing Store.

Approximately 574 Q.I. Forms were compiled and the same number of patients equipped, they receiving 11,999 articles averaging 21 for each patient. The number of articles received into Store during the month was 5520.

LINEN STORE.

The number of articles checked and washed by the Laundry was 35,100.

COAL.

The approximate consumption of Coal for the month was 350 tons.

SUPPLIES.

A comparison of the consumption of rations between April, 1918 & April, 1919 is shown as below:-

	<u>April 1918.</u>	<u>April 1919.</u>
No of patients	29984	18334
Milk, pints.	45742	20384
Milk, tins.	36	108
Meat, lbs. ozs.	15407-1	10243
Sugar.	2913-11	2080
Tea.	141-14	521-1
Stout, bottles.	37	1526
Ale.	Nil	Nil
Brandy, pints, ozs.	3-16	46-12
Port. "	1-19	Nil
Claret.	16-4	45-2
Champagne.	Nil	Nil

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

C. A. Oxley
.....Capt. & Q.M.
No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.