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WAR DIARY

OF

No 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WIMEREUX	1918			
	MCH 1		Restrictions on leave of N.C.O.s and men into Boulogne and Wimereux removed. Capt G. S. Gibson reported for duty.	Ap. 1
		2	Major H.M. North " " from 3 rd Inftry Bn	
		3	Meat cards are now supplied to officers and O.R.s. proceeding on leave to U.K.	
		6	Hon. Lt J.E. CRAIG reported for duty as Q.M. vice Beers (left for Australia)	
		10.	"Summer" time came into force from midnight on 9 th A simultaneous "stock checking" of all ward equipment was made in wards on 9/3/18 - a medical officer being detailed to each ward for the purpose - This with the double purpose of a check, and to give M.O.s same idea of the equipment.	
		16	Major E. CULPIN proceeded to 2 nd Aust. Div. for duty. Capt W.J. PATTERSON reported for duty with No 17 Dental unit - to replace Capt HENDERSON who is to report to A.I.F. H.Q. London for duty.	
		20	TEMPY LCOL F MACLURE reported for duty as Surgeon Specialist.	
		22	No leave to Australia to members of A.I.F. can be granted except in very exceptional circumstances. Leave to U.K. stops today till further notice -	

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WINEREUX FRANCE	MCH 23		TEMPY MAJOR G. FITZ-HILL to be Registrar. Major A.S.D. Barton and Capt ⁿ A. Aspinall reported from No 2 A.C.C.S. to form No 2 Surgical Team from this unit. No 1 Team (No 6 on list of D.D.M.S. Boulogne) consists of Lt Col. T.E.V. Hurley and Major Mitchell - with Sp Nurse Macdonald & Privates Johns & Danney	
	26		(Said) medical officers reported for duty from A.A.M.B. HQ. - also 3 A.A.M.B. officers and two American Army Medical Officers	
	28		13 A.A.M.B. officers reported for duty from U.K.	
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			During last week or ten days wounded have been admitted from the fighting areas Arras - Albert & line - most of them moderately light wounds, a few more severe. Many of the wounds appear to have been caused by machine gun bullets. Have had to extend bedding accommodation of hospital	App 2 App 3.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

1. Restriction on leave of men of unit
2. Wounded from Arras-Albert line.
3. Expansion of hospitals in this Base.

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War diary for March 1918

Appendix 1 Restriction on leave of men of unit

In February it was reported that a sentry box belonging to the Portugese had been pushed over by Australians and the C.O.; in putting the matter before the Base Commandant stated that the only men who could have done the deed were members of the staff of No 2 Aust. Gen. Hosp. The next evening two or more of the Portugese military police ran amok in the streets of Wimereux and firing automatic pistols into the crowd wounded seven soldiers and one W.A.A.C. Five of the men were Australians three of them from this unit. The Base Commandant immediately - on the 19th Feb- issued orders that the men of this unit and the Australians in No 10 (?) Con Camp. were to be confined to their own grounds after 6 each evening. At this time there were many other Australians in the district, one of the divisions was resting near here, and there was no evidence whatever to connect men of this unit with the pushing over of the sentry box.

Appendix 2 Wounded from ARRAS-ALBERT line

Most of these wounds are light, probably because the heavier cases are being sent to Rouen and other bases. It is also noticed that the wounded are much more healthy than those we have been used to from the northern part of the line. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that the wounds do not show such marked infection, and this is possibly because the wounds are mostly those made by machine gun and rifle bullets.



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This of course will fall heavily on the staff if the beds are occupied for any length of time and the extra ward work has to be met by employing the men who are normally occupied in special work such as carpentering, shoemaking &c, and by utilizing the gardeners, road repairers &c for stretcher bearers.