

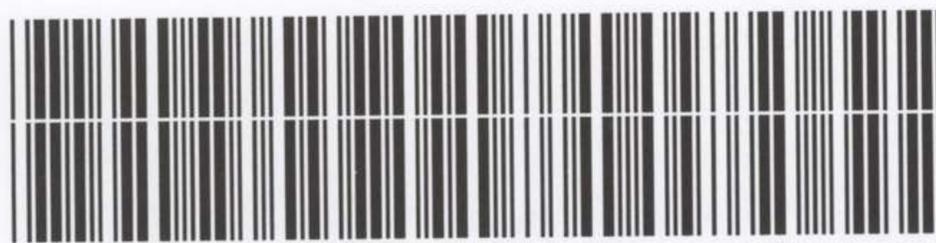
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WAR DIARY

OF

1st A.C.C.S

FOR

February 1918

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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
1st ACCS	4 Feb 1st 1918		Cold foggy day. began to prepare half of D2 wood (up till now used as sleeping quarters for attached working party) to accommodate patients. The theatre is now ready for use as such, having been repainted + the equipment got ready. the Dressing etc are being done in the remaining half of D2 until such time as the original dressing room is available. 545 patients at 6 pm. A Centre for treatment + consultation on head & throat cases has been opened at No 1st ACCS, this facility has long been needed. <i>DL</i>	
2.			Warmer day with a little sunshine. Lieut Col CAMPBELL with party of Officers, Orderlies + men from No 3 ACCS. Arrived in the afternoon, a football match was played between teams of the 2 stations (Australian rules) 3 ACCS winning by 35 points to 32. In the evening a concert was given by the 3rd ACCS concert party. Began making arrangements to utilize as many beds as possible for patients. 552 patients 6 pm <i>DL</i>	
3			Fairly warm day. War diary for January sent to new address as laid down in A.I.F. order 1090 29/1/18. Also reports to D.M.S. A.I.F. for O.C. Registrar G.M. etc. C (see of) ward opened for L. medical cases, Portion of D2 opened for L. Surgical cases. A stand is being made also to utilize officers patients dining rooms as ward for the cases. 562 patients at 6 pm <i>DL</i>	

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1ST ACCS	Feb 4		Dull day, hot cold. Capt DOUGLAS, P.O. rejoined from leave. 23 OR (working party) rejoined 1st Aust. F. Amb. & were ^{attached} strength. Official patients dining room changed today from former large NISSEN to small NISSEN up till now used as 10 bed ward. Preparations for equipping the large NISSEN as a Light medical ward. 566 patients at 6 pm.	
	5		Brighter day, quite mild. 357 lbs of waste paper sent to Salvage. 555 patients in 6 pm. Patients 9.30 am by Col GASK, DSO, R.A.M.C. on Thomas' Splints. 2 members of Aust Corps Medical Officers School.	
	6		Bright day. S/sergeant HOILE, E. transferred to No 10 Stationary Hospital ST. OMER is abroad off the strength of the unit from today. Sgt PATON is promoted O.N.M. Sgt. dated from 18/12/17 (Authenticity A.F. order 1026 18/12/17). A count book of patients in afternoon bringing total at 6 pm to 578.	
	7		Squally cloudy day, cold, heavy wind. New ward F3 opened for patients. 572 at 6 pm. Capt BOTHAMLEY, A.I. admitted to Hospital section. Death of patient under Anaesthesia whilst being operated on for removal of Papilloma of neck.	

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19 ACCS	8.2.18		Dull showy day. Nothing of note to report. Patients at 6 pm 569.	
	9.2.18		Weather fine. Mrs. Glissan, who belongs to England. Leave for new jam factory. Visited Cimentiers looking for radiators in theatre. Found plenty. Put the matter up to the engineers.	
	10.2.18		Admissions 3. evacuees 24. Discharges 12. remaining 563	
	11.2.18		admitted 38. evacuees 22. remaining 561. General O'Keefe inspected and passed main bomb partitions in tents and green paint and black boards for walls of huts.	
	12.2.18		Resolved by Col Sinclair to send officers school in theatre on Thurs. Col. Maunifold inspected. water from bore has now been on at No 2 British ccs for about a week but it has not yet come on here. Engineers tamping ground but no water coming across.	
	14.2.18		Mrs. MacLure surgical specimens left for 3 days school at No 10 ccs the research centre. During day engineers tried to get the water through but owing to mistake in level of gauges at No 2 British and here they could not get the water to get across as intended. water only reaches to 1 foot below the tank. A fire occurred in a tent but was quickly extinguished.	
	15.2.18		569 patients in. Considerable numbers of slightly fagged cases still being admitted. from the 14th Bath. This morning Capt. Gray went to an anaesthetic conference at No 10 ccs. Capt. Williams returned from night from leave to south of France.	
	16.2.18		This morning an aeroplane from was shot down near Melmerby by one of our Dolphin scouts. There is some difficulty with the water supply. The latest stunt of the engineers is to place a small tank under the big tank here; to let the small tank fill by gravitation and then we are to pump by hand from the water into the big tank.	
	17.2.18		Ice which has been on for several days continues. The day is beautiful although the ground remains frozen. The cross rivetting of the walls is being continued. The frozen earth is dug off and the unfrozen stuff below used to freeze the top.	
	18.2.18		Sleeping. at Number of cases in much about the same.	
	19.2.18		Trest shows signs of breaking. The tank has been placed in position and we are pumping by hand into the upper tanks.	
	20.2.18		Rivetting proceeding well inside walls. Day beautifully fine.	
	21.2.18		Baths now completed and a preliminary haul made this afternoon. 61 men bathed.	
	22.2.18		Lt Col Hayward of the Australian Branch of the B.R.C. visited yesterday and authorised the expenditure of £20 on electrical blowing apparatus for air heating.	

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23	22	18	Baths now running well. Another method of water supply is to be installed. A higher tank is to be placed at No 2 Postbox. To fill the tank here by gravity. This afternoon all the staff except 4 attended lecture on "offensive gas" at Remy siding.	
24	2	18	Day fine and warm. General Birdwood visited during day. Only brief stay. 91 cases were admitted yesterday so wards are fairly full. 599 cases at 6 pm. Lecture by Col Sinclair on Thomas's splints to 1 st Aust Corps Medical School.	
25	2	18	Day broke wet and stormy. Major GLISSAN reported back from leave to UK 604 Landings.	
26	2	18	Fine day but windy bleak day. Shortage of accumulation towards evening, but by transferring 32 L.O cases from A.1 to vacant tent + filling A1 with cases almost ready for L.O here able to take over. 623 cases at 6 pm.	
27			Dull day, showers during evening. Capt D. BARTON + Sgt BARRETT proceeded to 2 nd Army R.A.M.C. school at No 15 C.C.S. Three officers attended 1 st meeting of 4 th Army Anaesthetic Society at No 10 C.C.S. Capt BOYERS (dispensary) reported from leave to BOULOGNE. Capt WILLIAMS read a paper on "gas" before meeting of Medical Officers of this unit. 630 patients at 6 pm.	
28			Warm but cloudy day. Owing to continued stress on the wards. A1 has been opened as a light medical ward + the patients from this ward have been transferred to vacant Messines messes. Application was made today to D.P.M.S. Aust Corps for a Field Ambulance Tent Subdividing to augment our own personnel. Patients in Hospital 6 pm 650.	

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APPENDIX

RESUME OF Q.M.A. Dept. for month of February 1916.

During the month under review, the accommodation for patients at this hospital has been increased to 700 beds.

The baths have been working since the 20th inst., with every satisfaction. On admittance, every patient, who is ill to be bathed, is put through and clean underclothing and pyjamas issued also the regimental clothing sterilized. All patients in hospital are bathed at least once per week.

The water supply has been at times inadequate. However, during the last few days, the supply has been ample.

The Coy (B. & M.) Coy. R.A. have promised to instal the additional Electric Lighting engine on March 5th.

It is essential from the point of view of economy, to have a shoemaker and tailor permanently attached. At present I have to depend on V.D. and light duty patients to do the former work. So far, I have not been able to obtain a tailor for any temporary work.

The majority of boots handed in to my department can be made serviceable, if there is a shoemaker working. This also applies to at least 80% of the regimental clothing handed in. Chronic V.D. or P. Base men should fulfil these offices with satisfaction.

On the morning of the 15th inst. a tent marquee, hospital small pattern, which formed a portion of a brigade of 6 tents, (Wara A1) caught on fire and was slightly damaged. A board of enquiry sat on the 16th inst., and forwarded ^{their} report to D.M.S. 4th Army.

The tent repairer was evacuated sick during the month. This man was too decrepit and possessed very little knowledge of his work. I would like to point out, Sir, that to keep the tentage in good order and condition, it is necessary to have a man, well skilled in his work and agile. Most of the repairs have to be effected whilst the tents are standing. The majority of the tents at this Station have been in constant use from 10 to 15 months, consequently there is more than sufficient work for a capable man.

The food waste has reached the irreducible minimum. I always personally inspect all waste, three times per day.

The Drying room is now in use. The heat for same is derived from the incinerators, which are established close by.

The "Thresh" Disinfecter has been temporarily loaned to the D.D.M.S. Australian Corps. The improvised steam disinfecter is working with excellent results.

Have been loaned by authority D.M.S. Fourth Army, I have borrowed 1000 Blankets from No. 36 Casualty Clearing Station.

All spare ground in the camp has been prepared for the cultivation of vegetables.



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I have to report that the Australian Corps Troops Ordnance are still unable to supply distinguishing colour patches for the unit also chevrons for service overseas.

My various departments have efficiently carried out their many duties during the month under review.

STEWARD'S STORE.

Rations :- These on the whole have been ample and of good quality.

Fuel :- Owing to lack of transport, I have had some difficulty in drawing the weekly supplies.

Other Supplies :- No difficulty in drawing same.

Diets :- The following diets were issued to the cook-house during the month.

	Milk.	Light.	Full.	Total.
Feb 1-7	-	543	9893	10436
" 8-14	-	402	10182	10584
" 15-21	-	300	9801	10101
" 22-28	-	602	10539	11141
TOTAL	-	2147	40415	42562

LINEN & CLOTHING STORE I

The new linen and clothing store, by being connected with the baths, has made the work of this department much simpler. All patients returning to duty, have been fully equipped before marching out.

Laundry :- 24000 pieces were washed at the Army Laundry, during the month.

Shoemaker :- The following boots were needed and soled, during the first 14 days of the month, the balance of the month I had no boot repairer.

HEELED	SOLED.
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Pack Store :- Despite the present congestion existing, the work of this department has been excellent. The pack store was only designed for 500 each, Packs and Rifles and 50 Officers' Afts.



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WASTE PAPER. 700 lbs. were sent to salvage during the month.

POWER HOUSE. Nothing further to report.

CARPENTERS. Some constructional work and many sundry repairs were effected by this department during the month.

COOK-HOUSE. Additional Boyer stoves have been installed during the last fourteen days, consequently the congestion in the cook-house has been relieved somewhat. The staff are to be congratulated on the quality of the food cooked and the cleanliness of the premises, utensils etc.

<u>Fat saved.</u>	<u>1st. Class Only.</u>	Quantity of fat saved during the month is as follows:-
	sent to Kallinaga	1500 lbs
	Issued to messes	140
	Used in cooking	<u>47</u>
		1747

SANITATION. The work of the Sanitary Squad is excellent. The portion of the camp under their care is kept scrupulously clean and neat.

PAINT SHOP. The hospital buildings are being renovated. Through lack of labor, progress is slow.

FIRE DRILL & PRECAUTIONS. Fire drill is carried out twice each week. Standing Orders re fire precautions are still being rigidly adhered to. An additional 100 Fire buckets and 6 Pumps have been lately installed also 200 Fire Buckets and 72 Pumps are on indent, still to arrive.

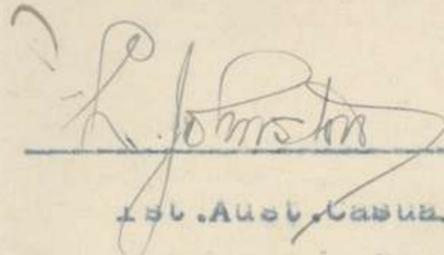


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To/
Officer Commanding,
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Herewith please, resume of my department for the
month of February, 1918.


Quartermaster & Hon. Capt.
1st. Aust. Casualty Clearing Station.

March 1st. 1918.

