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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WIMEREUX FRANCE	1918 JULY		<p>Except for the movements of officers there was nothing of note on any particular date. The most important subjects under consideration were -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing shelter against air raids. 2. Alteration in personnel. <p>Major Gen. Jethirstone, accompanied by Lt Col Wilson visited the hospital during the month enquiring in conduct of hospital work generally.</p> <p>The medical and surgical work was light - there were only 1250 admissions with 1887 discharges, and 15 deaths.</p> <p>The surgical work was particularly light - most of the cases coming down from the 2nd Army area, had been operated upon, and a number for "Delayed primary suture" were received.</p> <p>The lower number of admissions was due ^{partly} to the fact that this hospital has had a greater turnover than any other in the district and the D.D.M.S. considered it should be lightly worked for a time.</p> <p>W Arthur Powell Col O/C</p>	<p>App. I</p> <p>II</p> <p>App III</p>

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Appendix 1

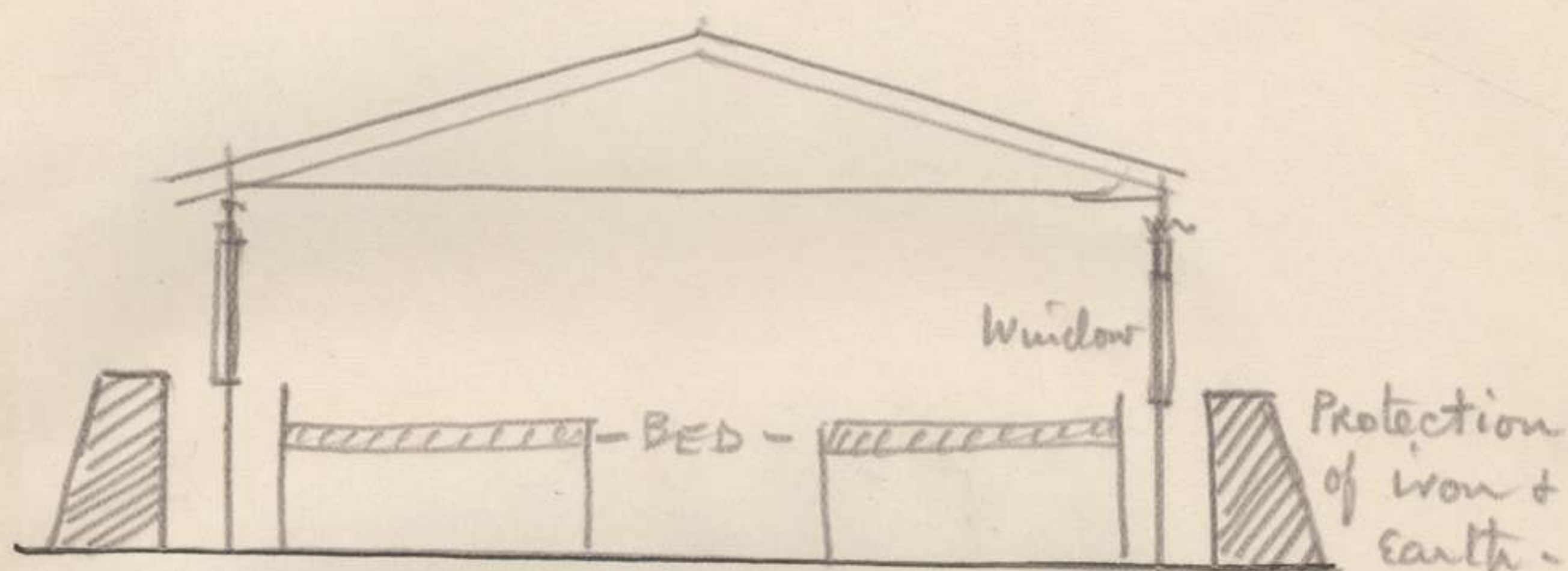
Air Raid Shelters &c.

Owing to the frequency of Air raids in the district, and especially to the bombing of Hospitals in Etaples, orders were issued some time ago to protect the patients and staffs of all hospitals as far as possible. This work has been carried out by German prisoners and by parties of convalescents provided by the Con. Camps in the area, under the direction of the Engineers.

Wards are protected by sand bags, or by galvanized or painted corrugated iron and earth structures built up as high as the window sill, giving protection ~~5e--hi--~~ to patients lying in bed or on the floor. For patients in tents trenches with head cover have been constructed, and similar trenches are provided for the men on the staff. For the Nursing Sisters two dugouts have been constructed. These shelters provide very fair protection from any -thing but a direct hit by a bomb.

The chief rules in case of a raid are.-

1. All windows to be properly curtained, and no lights except those absolutely necessary are allowed.
2. On the alarm being given medical officers will go to thair wards and remain there till the raid is over
3. Nurses and orderlies on duty to remain in their wards and to keep as far as work permits below the level of the protection.
4. The members of the staff not on actual duty to go to the shelters provided for them.
5. Night stretcher bearers, fire picquet, and theatre attendants to go to the shelter between E and F wards and await orders.
6. The O. C. will be found in his office or in E or F ward.



Cor, iron & wood sides -
Iron, wood & earth cover.
xx Ground level.

Appendix II
Changes in Personnel

This chiefly concerns the under age men who have not been the success it was hoped. At one time there were about 80 of these/ lads on the staff, but lately this number has been very greatly reduced by sending those who were considered useless to the base at Havre. Since the under age men have been on the staff discipline in little matters has been difficult to maintain, probably because these boys have been spoiled in their original units owing to the fact that they were under age. In a unit such as this they come under many different masters-and sisters-with varying ideas of what is good for them and the spoiling is continued. Now orders have come through for their return to Havre and we are to get extra A.A.M.C. men for training.

Many of the under age boys are very good, some of them are amongst the best orderlies in the hospital, but it will be a very difficult task to get any good work out of a few.

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Appendix III

Medical and Surgical work

In medical cases admitted the most interesting were those of the influenza type. This epidemic, mild at first, was responsible for more serious cases with some deaths latterly. The most serious complication was a form of broncho-pneumonia or more correctly a bronchiolitis and this was very rapid in it's action, course. Happily this epidemic was of short duration.

In Surgical work some very interesting cases sent down by the casualty clearing stations for "delayed primary suture" were especially successful in results. Most of these cases came in in the latter part of the month and will possibly be sufficient in number to merit a more lengthy note later.

Cases of Malaria came mostly from those units lately brought to France from Salonika and other parts of the Eastern theatre of operations, they are sent for treatment to a neighbouring hospital.

Stanley Powell

Colonel

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