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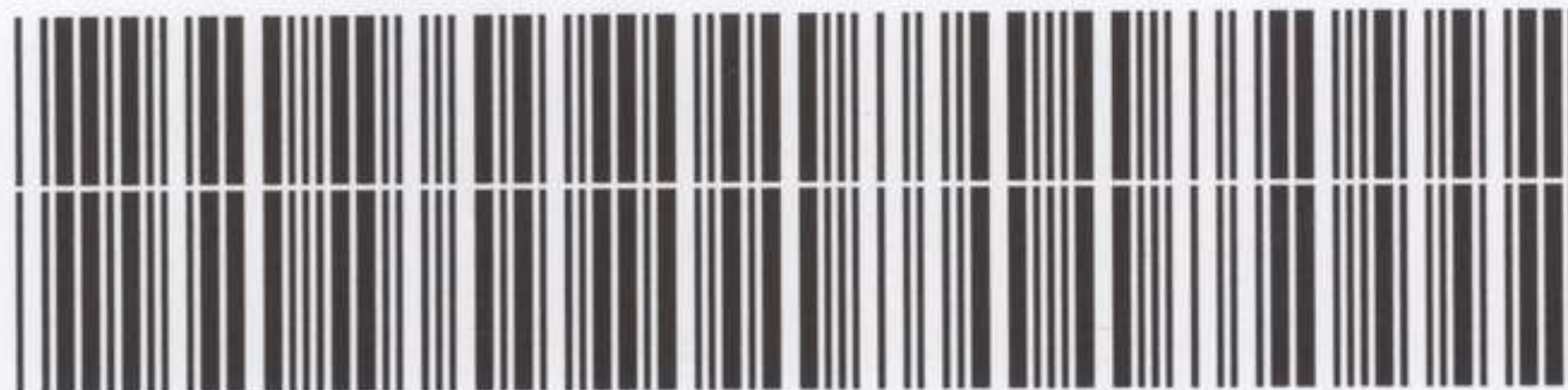
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November 1918



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W A R D I A R Y .

Two copies. and Appendices
and
triplicate copy of Appendices for
Month of October 1918.

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of

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

for

month of November 1918.

R. B. Shirlab Colonel
Officer Commanding
No 2 Australian General Hospital

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2nd Australian General Hospital

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Amiens	6/11/18		Urgent message from 3rd Echelon to dispatch 46 O.R. to the field - from Reinforcements held here - 36 to 1st Div - 10 to 4th Div - Steps taken as full number not available from reinforcements - 7 O.R. from this Staff added to make up.	R.B.H.
	8/11/18		Weather reports that lower end of R. ward is cold owing to fire not being provided. Engineers have so far failed to supply an elbow - Extra stoves (Beatrice or others) 25 have been indentified for, for tents & stables.	
	9/11/18		Heavy frost last night - weather very cold - Advn 94 - Dis 157. Patients 1449 - appears for Millard fully visiting - Three patients charged with being in possession of Khaki clothing, suspected to have been stolen - one discharged under No 7 Con Camp - Two others sent to St. Martin Camp under arrest F.G.C.M. to be applied for.	
	7/11/18		Telephone message from D. A. that previous instructions re cases to be retained holds good. Cases to be held up to 10 days - special cases up to period decided on previously.	
	10/11/18		4 Prisoners authorized to be taken up.	
	11/11/18		News of Armistice being agreed received - Very wet & cold. Extra blankets issued.	
	12/11/18		Bright clear day - intensely cold & frosty in the evening.	
	13/11/18		It is reported to be very cold & badly lighted - Engineers are putting in wires for electric light. 25 oil stoves have been indentified for & passed for issue to D. A. but they have not yet been received.	R.B.H. Australia

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ammerham	13/11/18		<p>Ordnance say stores should be supplied (R.R. who say they know nothing about it & will investigate - Extra blankets are available & have been issued where necessary - but the wards are intensely cold</p> <p>2.15 PM Same message received through AFMation from Boulogne detailing Messrs Crabb, (Capt) Simpson to go to Marseille leaving Boulogne tonight at 10.47 for transport duty to Australia -</p> <p>Sister Forsyth replaced Sister Simpson who has no paybook & money & necessary amount of clothing -</p> <p>Weather very cold & frosty.</p> <p>Adms 60 Patients in Hospital 1301 -</p> <p>Dis 141</p>	
	14/11/18		<p>Adms 20 " " 1284</p> <p>Dis 47</p> <p>AF Registrar reported Sick -</p> <p>No 2 Surgical Team returned yesterday from No 3 A.C.C. 8.</p> <p>Reinforcement officers (2) arrived -</p> <p>Captain Lisle (relief officer) reported Sick this morning -</p> <p>Arranged with Senior Mes. office to draw up a diet chart for patients</p> <p>On reports that Major Engineer states that stores are to be put into huts and stores supplied as soon as possible (oil stores)</p> <p>Very heavy frost last night.</p> <p>Patients 7 & 8 Tents complained of shortage of diets - Engineer into & adjusted -</p>	

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General Hospital

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Wimmera	17/1/18		Both Surgical Teams arrived back from Cibo today. The tons of Potatoes ± 12,808 lbs fresh vegetables have been supplied to the hospital from hospital cultivation this year.	
"	19/1/18		Col R. B. Struttable proceeded on leave to Paris. Col W. Estay to act as A.O.C. General Birdwood G.O. G. H.Q. arrived at 5 pm and stayed the night leaving boat.	
	20/1/18		Gen. Birdwood left at 9 am for boat. Captain CR Kister reported Dampwood, ill at 10/14 General Hosp.	
	22/1/18		Captain Kister died last night at 10/14 General Hosp at 11.40 pm. Orders from D.O. are returning surplus stores to Ordnance put in motion. Inspector of Catering inspected the mess cookhouse & messday meal & expressed himself very satisfied with the improvement evident there.	
	23/1/18		Capt Kister buried at 3.30 pm at Tenbyington Cemetery. 5500 hrs. Bonaparte General Grave No 11 D.S.	
			Capt Storey Dental Corps reported for duty in place of Capt Pottinger.	
	24/1/18		Capt Gray returned from leave in Paris.	
	25/1/18		Col Struttable returned from leave to Paris.	

AB Struttable

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Wimereux	28/11/18	-	The Senior Physician (Major White) reports that one of the Sisters + some patients have developed diarrhea of a mild dysenteric type - (not yet confirmed bacteriologically). No cause can be assigned. Further notice is to be drawn to the necessity for boiling all water. Patients in hospital 1389. Adms 154. Dis 95.	
	29/11/18		Report from Orderly Officer regarding complaints of patients in tents 7 & 8 attached.	
	30/11/18		Notice of Court martial on patients under arrest for having public property in their possession already received.	

R. B. Hurdable

WAR DIARY

OF

No. 2 Australian General Hospital. Wimereux. Boulogne.

FOR

NOVEMBER

1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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6.	" " " " 16.11.18.
7.	" " " " 23.11.18.
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10.	A.Fs, B.213 for last week in month of november
11.	Report on Operating Room to D.D.M.S. by O.C.
12.	Summary of work of No. 1 Surgical Team - Capts.
13.	" " 2 " Archdall.
14.	Subsistence for November. Craig F.B.
15.	Quantity commodities per 100 patients.- November.
16.	" " consumed by patients - November.
17.	

R. R. Available

Colonel,

O.C. No. 2 Aust. General Hospital.

No 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Summary for the month of November 1918

Admissions	3275
do Daily average	109.17
Discharges	3198
do Daily average	106.6
Daily average number of Patients in Hospital	1284.4
Detained cases for Month	110
Deaths	63

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

Report on the Nursing Staff for the month of November 1918.

Though hostilities ceased on the 11th November, the work during the month has been extremely heavy, not so much as regards new surgical cases, but the continued Influenza Epidemic has kept many of our wards full, and many of the patients have been very seriously ill. The same precautions exercised last month to prevent the infection being conveyed to the staff, have been carried out, with the result that no member of the Nursing Staff has this month been affected.

The Surgical work in hospital has been very much less, the only heavy cases being those who are too ill yet to transfer across the Channel.

The daily average number of patients in hospital has been 1284, our admissions being 3275.

LEAVE. Ordinary leave has been continued through the month; twelve Sisters and Staff Nurses have been granted 14 days leave to the United Kingdom.

Special Leave. One Sister has been granted 8 days in Paris.

CHANGES IN THE NURSING STAFF FOR THE MONTH.

Sister Priestley A.B.	Transferred to England.
" Crago B.	These Sisters left Australia in 1914
" Crabb E.M.	and have been granted 6 months furlough
" Simpson J.	to Australia. They left France on
	Monday November 26th for England en
	route for Australia.

Sister Cresswick B.	Transferred to England.
" Stephenson N.	Also left for England en route for
	Australia.

Sister Killicoat F.M.	Has left the A.A.N.S. on the occasion
	of her marriage with Captain Cowen of
	Kew, Melbourne.

Taken on the strength.

S/Nurse Gant J.	Returned from 49 C.C.S.
" Dorsch G.O.	" " 55 C.C.S.
Sister Bonnily C.	" " 3 A.C.C.S.
S/Nurse Godden M.J.	Reported from D.D.M.S. Boulogne.

Three more Sisters,	
Sister Ashton M.	Reported from temporary duty with
" Taylor E.B.	advanced C.C.S.
" Frost D.H.	

The month closes with three Sisters sick at the Sick Sisters Hospital,

Sister Hodgson C.P.	with Enteritis.
S/Nurse Allen H.A.	with Carbuncle of the leg.
" Smallwood N.M.	with Rheumatism

All of them are improving.

B. Gray
Hutton

D.M.S., A.I.F.,
Administrative Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road,
London.

Confidential report for month of November 1918.

SUMMARY.

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Report of Senior Surgeon.)	
" " Physician.)	
" Pathologist.)	attached.
" Radiographer.)	
" Matron.)	

ADMISSIONS.

were heavy, and included a large number of Surgical cases until Armistice Day, 11th November 1918, after which these cases rapidly declined. Medical admissions showed a gradual increase, mostly due to Influenza, and respiratory diseases due to exposure etc. At the beginning of the month the type was severe, and of the large number of deaths occurring during the month, a big proportion have been due to Pneumonia complicating influenza. Strict precautions in the wards were taken, and constant care paid to their being carried out, in the way of Officers, Sisters and orderlies who were dealing with Influenza cases wearing gowns and masks. The comparatively small number of cases of Influenza amongst the Staff, is, in my opinion, attributable to these precautions.

THE WEATHER

was, at the beginning of the month, extremely cold. There were heavy frosts, and some of the wards were very cold. Extra stoves were indented for, and approved by D.D.M.S. Boulogne.

ADMINISTRATION.

Summaries of evidence in three cases of patients who were charged with being illegally in possession of clothing etc., were taken, and two men were recommended for Court-Martial.

STAFF

I have, with deep regret, to record the death of Captain C.R. Lister from Influenzal Pneumonia. Captain Lister reported here for duty on the 13th and was sent to No. 14 General Hospital on the 14th November. He was probably sick when he arrived from England, and it would appear that he had contracted the disease there. On the 20th he was reported "Dangerously Ill" and at 11.30 pm. on the night of the 21st he died. The burial took place at Terlingthun Cemetery at 2.30pm. on 23rd November, the D.D.M.S. Boulogne and a large number of officers, (British, Canadian, American and Australian), Sisters and men were present.

Drafts for reinforcing Field Units.

On 6.11.18 an urgent message arrived from 3rd Echelon to despatch 46 Other Ranks to 1st and 4th Australian Divisions. These men were held on the attached lists as reinforcements and had been here for

two months. Instructions received with the men prevented them being taken on strength, but they had been doing duty with the unit and trained in ward work etc. As the personnel of the unit was already under strength, and the staff of the unit had suffered casualties from sickness, the sudden withdrawal of so many men seriously dislocated the attendance on patients in the wards, particularly as the work was heavy from Influenza etc cases. Their places were partly filled by Convalescent patients, which made the work harder for those left, and was inefficient in character. The Base was informed, and reinforcements asked for urgently, but they did not arrive until the 17th November.

NURSING STAFF.

At 12.15pm on 13.11.18 a Phone message was received to send Sisters Crabb E.M., Crago B. and Simpson J. to Marseilles for transport duty to Australia. They were required to leave by train from Boulogne at 10.17pm. and Wimereux at 8.30pm. Sister Simpson was not able to proceed as she had no money, no paybook and insufficient clothing. After informing D.D.M.S.'s Office, I was informed that I had better exercise my own judgment in the matter, and Sister Forsyth E.L. was then sent in place of Sister Simpson - Sister Forsyth having left Australia in 1914 and not having been back.

SURGICAL TEAMS.

Both Surgical Teams arrived back from British Casualty Clearing Stations on 15th November and will not probably proceed to the front again.

R.A. Sturtevant Colonel,

Wimereux.
5.12.18.

O.C., No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

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No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

D. D. M. S.,
Boulogne.

Confidential report on the principal Medical Occurrences
for week ending 2nd November 1918.

Admissions. 873.

Discharges. 1065.

Admissions show a decrease of 229.

Discharges show an increase of 176.

1. Influenza.

Influenza cases have increased in number - many of the staff are affected.

2. Cookhouse.

Improvements and additions have not yet been commenced.

An increase in patients rations, particularly meat, bread and vegetables, has been issued.

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R. B. Threlk Colonel,

O.C., No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

Wimereux.
2.11.18.

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No. 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OCCURRENCES FOR WEEK ENDING
9th. November 1918.

ADMISSIONS 990.
DISCHARGES 790.

The admissions show an increase of 117, and the discharges show a decrease of 275 from last week.

1. INFLUENZA:

Influenza has continued to form a large proportion of the admissions. Segregation of these cases is still being carried out as far as possible and the wearing of masks by the sisters and orderlies is strictly carried out.

2. COOKHOUSE:

Improvements have been commenced during the last day or two. Food still arrives at the wards in a cold condition owing to deficiency in necessary hot water containers; these have been approved for issue and will, I hope, arrive shortly.

3. WARMING OF WARDS:

An extra issue of Kerosene Stoves is necessary, and has been indented for and approved. Some wards require warming badly.

Wimereux.
9.11.18.

R B Mable Colonel.
G. C. No. 2 A.G.H.

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No. 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OCCURRENCES FOR WEEK ENDING
Saturday 16th. November 1918.

ADMISSIONS 683.

DISCHARGES 799.

The admissions show an decrease of 307, and the discharges an increase of 9, on last weeks figures.

1. INFLUENZA

Influenza has abated somewhat, both in type and numbers admitted.

2. COOKHOUSE

The food is still in a cold condition on arrival at the wards. The extra hot water containers indented for to replace old tin carriers have not yet been received.

3. WARMING OF WARDS

The kerosene stoves approved for issue have not yet been received, and owing to the severe frosts some of the wards (Tents and Huts) are very cold.

4. SURGICAL TEAMS

Both the surgical teams have arrived back from the C.C.S's.

Wimereux.
16.11.18.

R. B. Huclable

Colonel.

O. C. No. 2 A.G.H.

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No 2 Australian General Hospital.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF PRINCIPLE MEDICAL OCCURRENCES FOR WEEK ENDING
Saturday 23rd. November 1918.

ADMISSIONS. 715.

DISCHARGES. 729.

The admissions show an increase of 32, and the discharges a decrease of 70, on last weeks figures. This was largely due to the fact that evacuations to England were held up for several days.

1. Influenza. The cases now being admitted are of a milder type but still form the main bulk of all cases admitted.

2. Cookhouse. The extra hot water food containers indented for to replace the old tin carriers have not yet come to hand. These will be very necessary during the present winter ~~months~~ to ensure the patients being served with hot meals.

3. Casualties to Personnel. I regret to have to report the death from Influenza at No 14 General Hospital at 11.40 ~~hours~~ ^{pm} on 21.11.18. of Captain C.R. Lister. A.A.M.C. attached for duty to this Hospital.

Wimereux.
23.11.18.

W. Lister
Lieut-Col.
Act/O.C. No 2 Australian General Hospital.

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

Confidential report for week ending 1.12.18.

Admissions. 801.

Discharges. 681.

There has been an increase of Admissions 86 - Discharges a decrease of 48.

1. Influenza. There is nothing special to report.

2. Cookhouse. Extra Hotwater Food containers are not yet to hand.

STAFF. Three officers have been sent to Divisions during the week and One officer has joined the staff from 3rd Australian Division. One officer reported to D.M.S. A.I.F. London for return to Australia on 1914 Leave.

R.B. Inatible

Colonel,

O.C. No. 2 Australian Genl. Hospital.

Wimereux.
30.11.18.

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APPENDIX *A*

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

D.M.S., A.I.F.,
Administrative Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road,
London.

I desire to put before you the position as regards the Medical and Surgical Staff of this Hospital, with a view to having reinforcements sent as soon as possible.

Captain Thomas has just been evacuated sick with a Strangulated Hernia, which will require operation.

Major Weedon has been boarded and recommended 3 weeks leave of absence. I do not anticipate that he will be returned as he has had two slight attacks of Haemoptysis, has evidence of Pleurisy and in view of the danger of T.B. developing, should in my opinion, be returned to Australia. He will leave here at the end of this week. Lieut. Colonel Kay and Major Power both have Septic fingers and are not able to operate, although they do ward work. Captain Gratton Wilson will leave on the 14th Instant on special leave, no relief being advised for him during his absence.

We are very busy at the present time owing to a large number of Influenza patients in hospital and arriving. Handling of these patients owing to infectivity, entails extra work.

Our establishment in M.O's is 30, including the O.C. There are actually 17 at present on duty, three are away with Surgical Teams and two are on leave, so that we are 7 M.O's under strength. The necessity for extra Medical Officers at the present time is an urgent one.

The application of Major Moodie for transfer to a Field unit is forwarded and recommended, provided that another officer can be sent to replace him.

R.B. Huxtable

Colonel,

Timereux.
6.11.18.

O.C. No. 2 Australian Genl. Hospital.

For information of the A.G.'s Office at the base.

APPENDIX

Officers and men who have become casualties, been transferred or joined since last report.

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

1.12.18.

Place

Date

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature of casualty, or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return	Remarks*
REPORTED FROM LEAVE.						
H/	Lieut.	Craig J. C.	AAMC. att.	From leave in Paris	24.11.18.	
573	L/Sgt	Drayton V.A.	No. 2 A.G.H.	From leave in England	26.11.18.	
	Major	Hume Robertson	Chaplain Pres.	From leave in France	27.11.18.	
	Capt.	Forshaw E.	AAMC. att.	From leave in England	29.11.18.	
9140	Pte	Pudicombes J.M.	No. 2 A.G.H.	do.	29.11.18.	
	Col.	Huxtable R.B./CMO. DSO. V.D.		From leave in Paris.	25.11.18.	
ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.						
299	Pte	Tunny E.	No. 2 A.G.H.	Sick to 2 A.G.H.	24.11.18.	
6402		Gilbert C.M.	"	do.	29.11.18.	
693	T/Sgt	Gates H.I.	"	Sick to 3 A.G.H. whilst on leave in England	24.11.18.	
TRANSFERRED SICK.						
6402	Pte	Gilbert C.M.	"	Trans. sick to 25 B.G.H. ex sick 2 A.G.H.	29.11.18.	
PROCEEDED ON LEAVE.						
1566	Sgt	Smith H.H.	No. 2 AGH.	Leave to England	24.11.18.	
11965	Pte	Glenzie R.E.	"	do.	24.11.18.	
	Capt.	Lindeman G.B.	AAMC. att.	Leave to Paris.	26.11.18.	
794	Pte	Venn C.H.	No. 2 AGH.	Leave to England	27.11.18.	
8671		Kynoch A.	"	do.	27.11.18.	
	Major	Kelly J.P.	"	Leave in France.	29.11.18.	
		White A.E.R.	"	do.	29.11.18.	
	Capt.	Aspinall A.	"	do.	29.11.18.	
798	T/NO. 2	Falsh T.	"	do.	29.11.18.	
13789	Pte	Harris W.D.	AAMC. att.	do.	30.11.18.	
662	Cpl.	Cole C.	No. 2 AGH.	Spec. Leave France	25.11.18.	
STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.						
706	Sgt	Jones J.S.	No. 2 AGH.	Leave to Eng. (75 days) & struck off strength	16.11.18.	
703	S/Sgt	Harcourt V.E.	"	do.	20.11.18.	
113		Slawski P.	AAMC. att.	do.	25.11.18.	
776	ts	Urniersz S.	No. 2 AGH.	do.	25.11.18.	
2947	S/Sgt (Temp)	Smith C.T.	"	Proceeded on transfer to No. 3 A.C.C.S. and is str. off strength.	27.11.18.	
11876	W.O.1.	Mobbs L.J.	"	To A.I.F. Headquarters for duty and str. off strength.	30.11.18.	
	L/Col.	Kay L.E./DSO.	"	To AIFHQ. London for return to Australia 1914 leave.	30.11.18.	
TRANSFERRED SICK. (See above)						
TAKEN ON STRENGTH.						
	Capt.	Collins W.H.	AAMC.	From 3rd Aust. Division	26.11.18.	
8092	Cpl.	Oliver C.S.	" att.	From Super. att. to part comp. estab. as from	26.11.18.	
REJOINED UNIT.						
13304	Pte	G.B. Horne.	No. 2 AGH.	From sick 2 AGH. to duty	do.	
697	T/Cpl	Hill G.A.	"	do.	27.11.18.	
ATTACHMENT.						
	Capt.	Storey E.	A.A.D.C.	From AIFHQ. Lond. 24.11.18 and taken on strength 17th Inf. Unit.		

*State whether absence is of a permanent or temporary nature, adding, in the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to the relatives.

Army Form B 213

RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit.
(b) Rationed by Unit.

Date.

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

Date of Despatch _____

For information of the A.G.'s Office at the base.

Officers and men who have become casualties, been transferred or joined since last report.

Place **No. Australian General Hospital.**

Date **1.12.18.**

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature of casualty, or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return	Remarks*
PROCEEDED FOR DUTY.						
	Capt.	Siege S. P.R.	AMC. att.	To 4th Aust. Division and ceased to be attached.	27.11.18.	
		James A.A.	" "	To 5th Aust. Division and ceased to be attached.	28.11.18.	
		Liggins W.F.L.	" "	do.	28.11.18.	
CREATED TO BE ATTACHED.						
	Capt.	Benton G.	AMC. att.	Struck off strength of attached list as from 19.11.18 ex sick leave England 8.10.18 ex sick 14 S.G.H. 19.8.18.		
Major,						
for O.C. No. 2 A.G.H.						

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A. A. M. C. REINFORCEMENTS.

To be made up to and for Saturday in each week

No. of Report _____

FIELD RETURN.

Army Form B 213

(To be furnished by all arms, services, and departments (except A.S.C. units) to the A.G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.)

RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit. No. 2 Australian General Hospital. Wimereux. 1.12.18.
(b) Rationed by Unit. at _____

Date.

DETAIL	Personnel			Animals						Guns and transport vehicles.											REMARKS				
	Officers	Other ranks	Natives	Horses				Mules		Guns, showing description	Ammunition wagons	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed		Mechanical				Motor Bicycles		Bicycles	Motor Ambulances		
				Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack	Large	Small					Wheeled	Wheeled	Motor Cars	Tractors	Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description					Trailers	
Effective Strength of Unit.....		47.																							
Details by Arms attached to unit as in War Establishment:—																									
Sick.	8.																								
On Leave.	2.		10.																						
Total		57.																							
War Establishment																									
Wanting to complete (Detail of Personnel and Horses below)																									
Surplus																									
*Attached (not to include the details shown above).....																									
Civilians —																									
Employed with the Unit																									
Accompanying the Unit																									
TOTAL RATIONED.....		47.																							

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Signature of Commander.

Major. for O.C.No. 2 A.G.H.

Date of Despatch.

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(To be furnished by all arms, services, and departments (except A.S.C. units) to the A.G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.)

RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit. No. 2 Australian General Hospital. Nimeroux. 1.12.18. Date.
(b) Rationed by Unit.

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* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

Major, for O. C. No. 2 A. G. H.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

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No. 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.



D. D. M. S.

BOULOGNE.

REPORT ON OPERATING ROOM (ENLARGEMENT)

The Senior Surgeon of this Hospital reports that the present Operating Room is not large enough for requirements in the event of large convoys of wounded arriving, and has handed me a plan for suggested enlargement, which is for your information and, if possible, approval.

The scheme is:-

1. Appropriation of "G" Ward and converting it into an operating Room with accommodation for 6 tables.
2. Retention of the present operating room for special cases.

The present operating room has accommodation for two tables only, which is not sufficient, when surgical cases are arriving freely. It is badly lighted and ventilated, and when both tables are in use the atmosphere is bad for both patients, Staff and attendants.

R. A. M. Little

Colonel.

O.C. No. 2 A.G.H.

Wimereux.

10.11.18.

No 2 Australian General Hospital.

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France.

6th November 1918.

Colonel Huxtable, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.
No 2 Australian General Hospital.
France.

Herewith is short summary of work with No 1 Surgical
Team requested by you for War Diary purposes.

Mervyn McCall CAPTAIN.
A.A.M.C. A.I.F.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH.

Left No 2 Australian General Hospital at 7-30 A.M. for Gassincourt near Doullens for No 3 Casualty Clearing Station where I was to relieve Colonel Hurley; arrived that night and took over from Hurley the same day.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH.

There had been no work for us to do and we were sent by car to No 59 Casualty Clearing Station at Verennes. Our team consisted of myself, Major Mitchell M.C., Sister MacDonald and Privates Banney M.M., and Johns. We were put on day duty and began work almost immediately. Major Blair, the surgical Specialist, had everything well planned. The arrangement of the reception room, preoperation ward, and other wards was excellent. There were two teams on day duty and two teams on night duty. We were only able to operate on the very urgent cases. I cannot say exactly how far we were behind the front line but I know that we were too far back for abdominal cases. These cases as a rule did very badly. The jolting in a motor Ambulance over a long rough road was more than they could stand. Blood transfusion and gum Acacia injections were given in the operating theatre by the surgeon; the theatre Sister belonging to the unit was able to give blood transfusions herself and did this work extremely well. We stayed at this Casualty Clearing Station until the work slackened on the 15th of the month.

We had received orders from the D.M.S., 4th Army to proceed to Boulogne and travelled by train reaching our destination next day. On the 17th we left by ambulance for No 47 Casualty Clearing Station at St Christ near Brie. Major MacGillivray had replaced Major Mitchell as anaesthetist. Arrived at No 47 Casualty Clearing Station we found an unit thoroughly alive, and, although it had only been twenty-four hours on its site, almost prepared to receive patients. We worked here for three days, four teams being on day duty and three on night duty. We were only nine miles behind the "Line" and in consequence had more success with abdominal cases

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than at any other Unit we visited. At this Casualty Clearing Station, an Officer was in charge of the resuscitation ward; he gave all the blood and gum which was required and so saved a good deal of time for the surgeons in the operating theatre. The X Ray plant belonged to a mobile Unit; the hut was erected and X Ray work was being done before the "Stunt" was twenty-four hours old.

On Friday the 20th we left by motor ambulance for Boulogne arriving there at 6-45 A.M. on the following morning.

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Left Boulogne at 8 a.m., by motor ambulance and travelled through to No 49 Casualty Clearing Station at Grevillers near Bapaume. The team had again been somewhat altered; Sister Fisher was team Sister; Private Hill had replaced Private Johns.

No 49 Casualty Clearing Station was not expecting us or any other teams. They had been on the ground for some days and were preparing for the "Stunt" which was supposed to start the following morning. We asked to be put on night duty with Major McKim, a Canadian Surgeon, who was there with his team. We had been with him at No 47 Casualty Clearing Station and had formed a very high opinion of his work.

The following morning the Casualty Clearing Station became very busy. There were three teams on day duty and two teams on night duty; a third team was put on occasionally to help us at night time. We were, when the push started, from fifteen to twenty miles behind the line and this again was too far back as we very soon came to find when we came to operate on abdominal cases.

We were on duty from 8 P.M. until 8 A.M. every night. During these twelve hours we found that we were able to operate on an average of twelve cases. These cases would be all major operations and might include, one abdomen and four or five fractures of either extremity. Blood and gum was given either in the theatre by the operating surgeon or another surgeon would do this in the resuscitation ward. No X Ray work was done in the Unit until the 9th of October when the rush of work was beginning to quieten down.

I cannot speak in too high terms of the way in which the

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the members of my team worked. Sister Fisher in particular showed untiring energy and ability, and I never saw her once in the least out of temper.

The wounds during the first part of our stay at No 49 Casualty Clearing Station were nearly all shell wounds and nearly all severe. Later on, when the warfare was more open there were many more machine gun bullet wounds.

Before we left No 49 Casualty Clearing Station we must have been ^{quite} ~~quite~~ thirty miles behind the front line. The patients had to be brought to us over a very long and a very rough road. For chests and abdomens this was hopeless.

We left No 49 Casualty Clearing Station on Tuesday 22nd October for No 46 Casualty Clearing Station, (also attached to 3rd Army) at Delsaux Farm near Beugny. Here we worked for nearly a fortnight on night duty. Patients were still being brought by road because the railway line was being blown up by time fuse mines, beyond Cambrai. In this Casualty Clearing Station blood and gum were given by the Officer in Charge of the resuscitation ward.

On Monday 4th November we were sent to No 1 Casualty Clearing Station, 1st Army, at Esquedoevres beyond Cambrai. We were here one night and operated on twelve cases. Here as elsewhere, we had some trouble about a batman but everything else went well. We were the most forward Casualty Clearing Station at this point and we were sorry to leave next day.

On Tuesday 5th November we were sent to No 50 Casualty Clearing Station at Bohain, 4th Army. There was very little for us to do here, but we found a well equipped and efficient Unit. There was however, no X Ray plant attached.

~~XXXX~~ We received orders to return to Boulogne on the 14th November.

CONCLUSION.

(1). During my absence from Boulogne with the team I operated on 324 cases; a summary of these cases is appended.

(2). Each team, in my opinion, should be supplied with a batman. Theatre orderlies, whose hours on team work are necessarily long, cannot be expected to do both kinds of work. Otherwise the personnel of a surgical team as it stands at present leaves nothing to be desired.

(3). After visiting all these Units I came to the conclusion that there should be more uniformity in the arrangements and management of Casualty Clearing Stations, more particularly in the direction of X Ray work and blood transfusion. In those Casualty Clearing Stations in which one man took complete charge of the blood work, the work was more easy to do, more work was done, and the work was more efficient.

(4). If a forward Casualty Clearing Station cannot move up quickly with the advancing front Line, there should, without doubt, be a small Unit, an abdominal surgical team which could move quickly and keep close enough to the scene of action to make abdominal operations more successful than they are at present.

(5). There should be more exchange of information about cases between Surgeons who work at Casualty Clearing Stations and Surgeons who work at the Base. Each does not understand the working conditions of the other sufficiently well and it would be for the ultimate good of the patient if C.C.S., Surgeons knew in what condition their patients arrived at the Base.

Mervyn Archdale
A.A.M.C., A.I.F. Captain.

SUMMARY OF WOUNDS AND PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS IN
SERIES OF 324 CASES.

Multiple Wounds.....	73 Cases.
Bullet Wounds.....	21. "
the others were either shell, shrapnel, or bomb wounds. One bayonet wound was included in the series.	
Abdominal sections for wounds.....	17 "

WOUNDS INVOLVING JOINTS:-

(a). Knee Joint.....	18 "
(b). Ankle.....	6 "
(c). Elbow.....	7 "
(d). Shoulder.....	3 "
(e). Metacarpo-phalangeal.....	1 "

WOUNDS COMPLICATED BY FRACTURE OF:-

(a). Scapula.....	5 "
(b). Humerus.....	18 "
(c). Radius.....	5 "
(d). Ulna.;.....	11 "
(e). Radius and Ulna.....	1 "
(f). Carpus.....	2 "
(g). Metacarpus & phalanges.....	5 "
(h). Ilium.....	3 "
(i). Femur.....	14 "
(j). Patella.....	3 "
(k). Tibia.....	17 "
(l). Fibula.....	7 "
(m). Tibia & Fibula.....	9 "
(n). Tarsus.....	11 "
(o). Metatarsus & phalanges.....	5 "
(p). Skull (Trephined).....	4 "
(q). Mandible.....	3 "
(r). Vertebral (Spurious processes).....	3 "
(s). Partial fracture of femur.....	10 "

LIGATURE OF ARTERIES FOR HAEMORRHAGE:-

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(a). Peroneal.....	1.	Cases.
(b). Postr, tibial.....	4	"
(c). Femoral.....	2	"
(d). Antr Tibial.....	1	"
(e). Sciatic.....	1.	"
(f). Brachial.....	1.	"
(g). Radial.....	2	"
(h). Ulnar.....	2	"
(i). Facial.....	1	"

NERVES SUTURED:-

(a). Ulnar.....	6	"
(b). Radial.....	1	"
(c). Median.....	2	"
(d). Musculospiral.....	1	"

WOUNDS OF CHEST:-

(a). Penetrating.....	8	"
(b). Non tenetrating.....	6	"

Wounds of mouth and face..... 4 "

AMPUTATIONS PERFORMED:-

(a). Lower 1/3 arm.....	2	"
(b). Finger.....	5	"
(c). Thigh Upper 1/3.....	2	"
(d). Thigh Lower 1/3.....	5	"
(e). Disarticulation at knee joint.....	8	"
(f). Upper 1/3 leg.....	3	"
(g). Lower 1/3 leg.....	8	"

The number of wounds found to have gas infection
at the time of operation..... 31 "

Three transfusions of blood and three injections of gum
were given by me at time of operation - otherwise this
was done in the resuscitation ward by another surgeon.

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No 2 A. G. H.

France

1. 12. 18.

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From Capt. F. Brown Craig.

To O.C. No 2 A. G. H.

I have the honour to report having taken over Command of No 2 Base Surgical Team from Major A. Barton D.S.O. on 18. 8. 18. The team was at that time attached to No 3 A.C.C.S. located at Esquibere & was composed of Maj. A. Barton D.S.O. Surgeon, Capt A.R. Aspinall anaesthetist, Sister H. Hill theatre Sister, & two other ranks.

During the three succeeding months the team was attached for surgical duty to various C.C.S's as follows:-

20. 8. 18 No 62 British at Amek & Remy.

28. 9. 18 No 3 Australian at Haringe

13. 10. 18 No 11. British at Bruden

24. 10. 18 No 3 Australian at Kegelberg

9. 11. 18 No 44 British at Contrai

While the team was in existence a large quantity of operative work was dealt with, sometimes under difficulties as regards assistance.

For the last three weeks the team was working with only one trained orderly owing to my second orderly being admitted to hospital, sick & no relief being obtainable from our Base.

It appears that the two orderlies had originally been drawn from No 2 A.C.C.S. & when I obtained transport to collect a relieving orderly this unit was moving & could not be found.

All classes of cases were dealt with including gun shot & bomb wounds of the head, face, thorax, abdomen & limbs with very satisfactory results.

The D.O.C. of the various units to which we were attached expressed their satisfaction with the character & quantity of the surgical work done by the team.

Orders reached me whilst at No 44 British C.C.S. on 13.12.18 to return with my team & surgical kit to the Base.

Thomas Craig
Capt A.M.C. A.I.F.

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No 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

D.D.M.S.

Boulogne Base.

Herewith subsistence for Month ending 30.11.18.

Total Cost of commodities	£3197.18.8
" number of Patients subsisted	41026.
Actual cost per patient per diem	1/6.7
Total number of Eggs issued	18014.

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R.B. Metable
Colonel
D.C. No 2 A.G.H.

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No 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

D.D.M.S.

Boulogne Base.

Herewith quantities of commodities per 100 Patients for Month
ending 30.11.18.

Meat	lbs	49.6	
Fish	"	7.3	
Bacon	"	11.2	
Bread & Flour	"	9.5	90 lbs
Sugar	"	12.6	
Edible Fats	"	8.24.	
Potatoes	"	29.6	
Vegetables			
Fresh	"	35.09	
Cocoa	"	3.1	
Milk	Pts	26.02	
Syrup & Jam	lbs	6.3	
Cereals		17.1	
Eggs	No.	43.8	
Cheese	lbs	2.96.	
Malt Liquore	Pts	16.4	
Wines & Spirits			
	ozs	17.9	

WIMEREUX
3.12.18.

R.B. Threlk
Colonel
O.C. No 2 A.G.H.

No 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

D.D.M.S.

Boulogne Base.

Herewith quantities of commodities consumed by patients for
month ending 30.11.18.

Days of Subsistence. 11026.

COMMODITY	QUANTITY
Beef	lbs 18950
Mutton	" 200.
Fowls	" 60
Rabbits	" 852.
M&V Rations	" 310.

TOTAL 20372.

Fish Fresh	lbs 403.
" Tinned	" 2631

TOTAL 3033.

Bacon lbs 4620.

Bread " 36456

Flour " 398

Biscuits " 303

TOTAL 37157.

Sugar lbs 5207.

Edible Fats " 3212.

Potatoes " 12154.

Vegetables Fresh" 10714

Tomatoes Tinned " 1930.

Pres. Fruit " 1752.

TOTAL 14396.

COMMODITY	QUANTITY.
Cocoa	lbs 406.
Tea	" 864
Coffee	" 42.
TOTAL.	1312.

Milk Fresh Pints 5576.

" Dried 175.

" Condensed 4926.

10677.

Syrup 917.

Jam 1705.

TOTAL 2622.

Arrowroot lbs 14.

Cornflour " 64.

Haricot Beans 126.

Oatmeal 3320.

Rice 1835.

Tapioca 1658.

TOTAL 7017.

Eggs No 18014.

Cheese lbs 1215.

Malt Liquors Pts 6760.

Wines & Spirits ozs 7360.

Wimereux
3.12.18.

R. B. Shute
Colonel
O.C. No 2 A.G.H.