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1914-18 War**

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No. 2 Australian General Hospital

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Nº 2 Australian General Hospital

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Numerous	2/12/18		Refresher Classes for 8 officers from field units, who arrived yesterday commenced. Lt Col Upjohn, ^{Surgeon} Major Macfildray, + Capt Forshaw (pathologist) have these classes in hand and the M.D.s are kept fully occupied on clinical work etc. They are keenly interested + the impression as to its usefulness is very good.	
	3/12/18		Report that vegetables were issued in an uncooked condition to patients received. Investigation confirmed this + that the carrots issued were improperly cleaned + unfit for food. The Sgt Cook in the Main Kitchen relieved of his duties + Cpl Oliver from Mess Cook house placed in charge.	
	4/12/18		Report that there is a slight epidemic of diarrhoea throughout the unit. No special cause found. Returns showing men who left Aialia before June 1915 have been sent in -	

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2nd Australian General Hospital

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Warrington	7/12/18		<p>Arrangements are being made for purchase of poultry for Luas. Price required is practically 2/5 per lb.</p> <p>Note received that repairs to kitchen are to be pushed on from S.S.O. Boulogne.</p> <p>Adm 152 dis 88. Patients in hospital 1326. empty beds 182.</p> <p>Letters sent out to Ofcs of neighbouring hospitals asking assistance in the way of clinical demonstrators for refresher course of M.D.</p> <p>A.A.G. 3rd Echelon warned that if 1915 men + B Class men are sent away before replacement the work of the hospital + its efficiency will be seriously interfered with.</p> <p>The weather is wet but not very cold.</p> <p>Five more M.Ds arrived here today from No 1 A.G.H. Rouen. They formed a portion of the Refresher Course there + were sent on here when No 1 A.G.H. received orders to close. These M.Ds will increase the no. at this Refresher Course here to 13, which is too large - but an endeavour will be made to help them to do some clinical work.</p>	
	6/12/18			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Namurux	6/12/18		A complaint from M.O. of No 8 Tent regarding its dampness necessitates - These patients will be moved in a day or two to new Tents which are about completed -	
			D.A.A.G. 3rd Eschelon informed by wire yesterday, which was confirmed today that the withdrawal of 1915 class men + B Class men would seriously interfere with the efficiency of the unit, under present conditions of heavy work, unless they were replaced first of all. We are now awaiting further instructions regarding this matter -	
			Adm 7 to 12 4 Dis 88 - Patients in hospital 1276 -	
	5/12/18		" 14 5 " 109 " 1288	
	7/12/18		" 86 " 106 " 1253	
			Authority received to reduce accom of the Hospital by 200 Emergency beds: bringing down the accom to 1500 -	
	8/12/18		Adm 3. Dis 124. Patients in hosp 1135 -	
	off		No 8 Tent closed + Emergency Tent struck (to be returned to store)	

R.B. Hurdle

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Numerous	9/12/18		Adm 160 Dis 123 - Patients in hosp 1172 Repairs to boilers in main kitchen commence. breaking in of boilers - + minor repairs etc.	
"	10/12/18		No 8 Tent dismantled but not struck owing to wet weather - Adm 83 Dis 57 Patients in hospital 1139 - S. Munn & Rees & McKenzie adm'd to No 14 St 9 Hospital yesterday suffering from influenza	
"	11/12/18		Report received from Captain J. Brown re the death of 550575 - C/Sgt G. J. Taylor 2/16 London from effects of an anaesthetic - Adm 111 Dis 131 - Patients in hosp 1119 - Sister Forsyth & Sister Fido left for England for return to Australia - 1914 nurses - Major Moodie also - Very wet. No tents can yet be struck - Repairs in main kitchen proceeding.	
	12/12/18		Adm 192 Dis 79 Patients in hosp 1232 S. Sister Woods (1914 nurse) left for London for return to Africa - General Budwood visited the hospital.	
	13/12/18		Adm 94 Dis 78 Patients in hospital 1248 Pls W. J. Manly & J. L. Manly R. Nock & G. Spark who are now on the Staff were taken prisoners together with 11 others at Mouquet Farm - on 31 Aug 1916 - They were then p.o.w.s in Germany - repatriated through Holland on 23 Feb 1918 - were sent as patients to King George Hospital Millbank - were there about 8 days - granted 1 mo. furlough - then back to Parkhouse & were there 3 weeks then had another month leave & returned to Parkhouse - Then were sent to Forward Training Camp & from there to ...	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Wimmerux	14/12/18		Adm 217 Dis 54. Patients in Hosp 1165 - Of the admission 216 were Italian prisoners of war sent here for detention arriving about 10.30 pm. They are reported to be in a very bad condition - are very venenous. Some were in a dying condition. A report is being furnished for information of the D.D.M.S. - D.D.M.S. visited the hospital + interviewed some of these Italians. One died through the day.	
	15/12/18		Adm 29 Dis 79. Patients in hospital 1115 - B Class men left for Le Harvee for embarkation to Australia -	
	16/12/18		Adm 49 Dis 186. Patients 938.	
	17/12/18		" 173 " 68 " 980	
	18/12/18		" 189 " 40 " 1006	
	19/12/18		" 124 " 118 " 1012. At 12.30 O.C. proceeded to England on duty	
	20/12/18		" 8 " 42 " 978. During to gale two tent wands had to be emptied yesterday afternoon then reducing bed state by 160.	
			D.D.M.S. met 6.45 at 14 Stationary at 3 p.m. this afternoon and arrangements were made for drawing supplies for patients on Christmas Day.	
	21/12/18		" 711 " 102 " 876. Tent 7 dismantled this morning and patients were moved into two hibern huts R. 2 + 3. "A" opened up as a medical ward.	

P.B. Muntz

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information			Remarks and references to Appendices
	22-10-18		Admissions	Discharges	Patients in hospital	
			78	76	878.	
Namereux	23-12-18		86	21	942.	5, 6, 7 and 8 Tent wards were struck to-day as they were being very badly damaged by the wind. A court of inquiry was held to enquire into the absence without leave of No 1777 Pte C.M. Nicholson A.D.M.C. 2 A.S. No. and also to take stock of the Dental equipment.
	24/12/18					Lt. Huntall returned from duty to England.
	25/12/18					Christmas day. The diets for Xmas were specially arranged. Menu Breakfast. Porridge, Eggs & bacon. Bread butter, Jam etc. Dinner Tomato Soup, Turkey, Roast potatoes, cabbage, Cold Ham, Plum pudding - Ale or Stout for each patient - Tea. Cold Ham, cake, custard & fruit - Jelly - Blanc mange. Muscatels, Bread butter Jam Syrup etc.
						A present was provided for each patient by the American Red X + further presents by the Australian, Canadian + New Zealand Red X Societies for men who came from those dominions -
						Patients in hospital 925. Adm - 30 Disch ^{ns} 4.
	26/12/18					Adm - 22 Disch ^{ns} 91 - In Hosp 856.
						Reports from wards + personnel that Xmas dinner etc very greatly appreciated.

R.A. Huntall

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WAR DIARY.

of

No. 2 Australian General Hospital, Wimereux.

for

DECEMBER 1919.LIST OF APPENDICES.

<u>Number.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>
1.	Confidential report to D.D.M.S. 7.12.18.
2.	" " 14.12.18.
3.	" " 21.12.18.
4.	" " 28.12.18.
5.	Clinical classes held at No. 2 A.G.H. for officers.
6.	Recommendations for Nursing Staff for Peace Despatch DDMS.
7.	Report by Senior Surgeon on Surgical work for the month.
8.	" " " " for November
9.	Original orders for Air Raids by Colonel H.A.Powell ex O.C.
10.	Summary of admissions & Discharges for month of December.
11.	A.Fs,B.213 for last week of month of December.
12.	Subsistence per 100 patients for the month of December.
13.	Report by Captain Parkhouse, Radiologist, No. 2 A.G.H.
14.	Report by Major AER.White - Senior Physician.
15.	Report by Matron, E.Gray on Nursing Staff for December.
16.	Triplicate copy of War Diary & appendices for October.



No. 2 Australian General Hospital.
-----D. D. M. S.
Boulogne.
-----Confidential report for week ending 7.12.18.
-----ADMISSIONS. 480.DISCHARGES. 558.

There has been a decrease of admissions, 321 and discharges, 123.

INFLUENZA.

There has been a decrease of the number and severity of type of cases.

REFRESHER COURSE FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS.

This course has been started for Medical Officers from the Field. Eight officers reported and classes started on the 2nd Instant. On the 6th instant, Five Medical Officers reported for this course from No. 1 Australian General Hospital, Rouen. The course there, having fallen through, owing to the hospital moving.

COOKHOUSE.

Minor repairs have been commenced. The Sergeant Cook, Sergeant Cutmore has been replaced by Corporal Oliver.

COURT-MARTIAL.

Two patients were tried by Field General Court Martial on the following charge:-

"Conduct to the prejudice, improper possession of Public goods."

These men were found guilty and sentenced to 14 days F.P. No. 1 and 56 days forfeiture of pay, in the one case - and 28 days F.P. No. 1 and 56 days forfeiture of pay in the other.

STAFF.

One officer reported for duty from 4th Australian Division.

R. D. Huxtable

Colonel,

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

Wimereux.
7.12.18.

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No 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

APPENDIX 2

D. R. M. S.
BoulogneConfidential Report for Week ending 14.12.18Admissions 664.Discharges 692.

There has been an increase in the Admissions of 134 and in the Discharges of 134.

Main Kitchen The Improvements are progressing.

Accommodation Has been reduced by 200 Beds and is now 1500 Beds.

Wimereux
14.12.18

R B Huxtable

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

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

Confidential report on the principal Medical Occurrences at No. 2
A.G.H. for week ending 21.12.18.

ADMISSIONS. 347.

DISCHARGES. 617.

There has been a decrease of admissions for the past week
of 317 and a decrease of discharges 75.

ITALIANS.

213 Italian Prisoners of War were admitted as Detained cases during the week. Thirty of these had to be admitted as they were too ill to travel. Four of these have since died. The men were very verminous, and the majority of cases showed the effects of starvation. As a consequence, when these patients were transferred, all the bedding had to be fumigated, thus putting 180 beds out of action for two days.

TENT WARDS.

Two of the tent wards became unsafe, owing to the gale. These patients have been transferred to wards, and the tents are at present unoccupied.

NISSEN HUTS.

The Nissen Huts are now complete, with the exception of Electric light in one, and are in process of being occupied.

INFLUENZA.

There are not so many cases of Influenza occurring.

J. J. Rowe

Major,

Wimereux.
21.12.18.

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

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.
-----D. D. M. S.,
Boulogne.

The following is the report on the Principal Medical Occurrences at this Hospital for the week ending 28.12.18.

ADMISSIONS. 318.

DISCHARGES. 413.

Decrease of admissions 29. - Decrease of discharges 204.

XMAS.

Patients were provided with Poultry paid for by the Australian Red Cross Society, who allotted the sum of 2/6d per patient for Christmas Cheer. In addition, each patient received a gift, provided by the American Red Cross, also patients from Australia, Canada and New Zealand received gifts from Red Cross Societies of these dominions.

Personnel received gifts from the Australian Red Cross Society.

Meals provided were well cooked, ample in quantity, and of excellent quality, and all patients appeared to be contented and well satisfied.

Wards were decorated from money taken from Unit Regimental Funds, amplified by gifts from the Australian Red Cross Society. Y.M.C.A. provided concerts for patients during the day.

MAIN KITCHEN.

Repairs and improvements have been completed, and condition generally very much improved.

TENTS.

Tents (Nos. 7 & 8 wards) have been struck and removed, owing to damage being done to them by prevailing gales. Patients from Nos. 5 and 6 tents have been transferred to new huts.

There were no patients in tents on Christmas Day.

R. B. H. H. H. Colonel,

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

Wimereux.
28.12.18.

Under instructions from R.M.S., A.I.P. London, Clinical Classes are being held at this Hospital for A.A.M.C. Officers who have not had any opportunity of doing any clinical work for some time past, owing to their duties at the front.

A Class for eight officers commenced on the 2nd instant and will last for about four weeks.

With the approval of the R.M.S. Surgeon, I wish to approach you for assistance in the following subjects:-

If you are agreeable, I should be glad to know,

- (a) Whether the Demonstrator would like the eight officers to attend at one time, or
- (b) Whether he would rather give several demonstrations to smaller classes on separate days.
- (c) The days and time suitable for the instruction.

I shall be glad if you can help in this matter. The M.C.'s in the present class are enthusiastic and will appreciate any help they can be given in brushing up their clinical work.

Colonel,

Vicereux,
5.12.18.

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

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

D. D. M. S.,
Boulogne.

Herewith recommendations for awards of the following
members of the Nursing Service of this Hospital:-

Sister Hill N.F.	AANS.	R.R.C. 1st Class.
" Crosby J.M.	"	R.R.C. 2nd Class.
Tp/H/Sister Ashton M.	"	R.R.C. 2nd Class.
Sister Stewart A.S.	"	R.R.C. 2nd Class.
" Slack J.E.	"	R.R.C. 2nd Class.
" Cuzens E.M.	"	R.R.C. 2nd Class.
" Dorrington A.	"	M.I.D.
" Taylor E.B.	"	M.I.D.
" Milne H.E.	"	M.I.D.

R. B. Hunt

Colonel,

Nimereux.
4.1.19.

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

No. 2 Australian General Hospital (REF. COURSE CONTD%)

During the Month of December the surgical work of this hospital has steadily decreased.

The surgical patients admitted comprised Prisoners of War with old war injuries, and patients suffering from boils, abscesses, sprains and a few suffering from simple fractures.

There are now only two wards in the hospital reserved for surgical patients, and they have never been full during this month.

Accordingly the Operative work has been very light and for the most part has consisted of incisions for pus collections.

A refresher Course for Medical Officers from Field Units has been held since Dec. 2 1918 and a separate report on this course has been written.

The Surgeons for the month have been

LT. Col. Upjohn,

Major Power,

Capt. Archdall,

" Craig.

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Operations performed during December 1918:-

Incisions for Cellulitis & abscess	-----	24
Removal of nails for Sepsis	-----	4
Sebaceous cysts removed	-----	5
Amputation Hand for dry gangrene	-----	1
Secondary Wound Suture	-----	1
Thoracotomy for Pleural Sepsis	-----	2
Appendisectomy	-----	1
Wiring fractured Patella	-----	1
Blood Transfusion for Sepsis	-----	4

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Report on the Surgical work of No. 2 A.G.H. for month of November 1918.

In the early part of November before the cessation of hostilities, there was sufficient surgical work to keep the Surgeons fully occupied, but after the signing of the Armistice the admission of wounded men ceased and the work of the surgeons in consequence is light.

The wounded arriving in the earlier weeks of the month had nearly all been operated adequately at the Casualty Clearing Stations, so the surgeons have had to deal mainly with convalescent patients who could be evacuated without delay. There has been a small number of patients too septic to evacuate.

During the last fortnight, most of the operations have been of a simple nature, such as the evacuation of pus from boils, carbuncles, suppurating glands and remaining septic war wounds. Occasionally Secondary Haemorrhage from the latest wounded admitted, has required a Major operation.

The surgical admissions now are of a "Civil" type, such as sprains, occasional simple fractures, boils, carbuncles and I.C.T.

Hernias, Varicose Veins and Haemorrhoids are not operated here. A Special Hospital is set aside for the treatment of "Clean" cases.

W. J. Moore Upjohn M.D.

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No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

Operations during November 1918.

Suture of wounds.						28.
Incisions for Cellulitis & abscesses.						68.
Removal of foreign bodies and Excision of wounds.						18.
Arthrotomy.....	Shoulder	1.	Hip.	1.		
	Elbow	1.	Knee	4.		
	Wrist	2.	Ankle	1.		
Blood transfusion.						8.
Excision of wounds complicated by fracture of Humerus.						3.
"	"	"	"	"	Radius.	1.
Removal of fibroma of arm .						1.
Amputations.....	Thigh	4.				
	Leg	1.				
	Toe	2.				
	Finger	6.				
Reamputation	thigh	1.				
Ligation of arteries.....			Femoral			2.
			Anterior tibial			1.
			Posterior tibial			1.
			Gluteal			1.
			External circumflex	Thigh		1.
			Internal	"	"	.
Thoracotomy.						7.
Nephrotomy.						1.
Appendicectomy.						1.

W. D. Dismore M.D. & Co.

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ORDERS FOR AIR RAIDS.

APPENDIX 9

Wardens
3 ALARM
The firing of the first Barrage guns will as a general rule be considered as the alarm, if it is considered necessary to take shelter before that the gong will be sounded.

After the sounding of the alarm all personnel on duty in the wards will remain with their patients. Personnel not on such duty, or on some absolutely necessary work will go to the shelters provided for them.

Medical officers will go to their wards, and remain there till the raid is over.

The Fire picquet, night stretcher bearers, and theatre attendants will go to the sandbagged shelter behind the main kitchen and wait for orders.

Patients in tents will go to the shelters provided for them.

Patients and personnel on duty in wards will as far as possible keep below the level of the protecting sandbags.

No lights of any kind whatever are to be shown outside the buildings, and inside only those absolutely necessary, and these are to be screened.

The O. C. will be found in his office or in or near E. or F. ward.

H. Arthur Powell

Colonel

12 - 7 - 18.

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

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

Admissions.	2013.
Admissions daily average.	65.
Discharges	2368
Discharges daily average.	76.4
Daily average number of Patients in Hospital.	1075.
Detained Cases for the Month.	244 Lying) 203 Sitting)
DEATHS.	24.

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

APPENDIX

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

No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

29.12.18.

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 *

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.

Lawrence J. R.

AMC.

Sick to 2 A.G.H.

25.12.18.

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

Signature of Commisary.

* These details to be communicated by wire.

Date of Discharge.

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

The perforated sheet is not to be used to record casualties; additional sheets, preferably foolscap, to be attached when necessary. These sheets to be carefully numbered and the number of attached sheets to be noted here.

To be made up to and for Saturday in each week

A. A. M. C. REINFORCEMENTS.

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No. of Report

FIELD RETURN.

(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.
(b) Rationed by Unit.

No. 2 Australian General Hospital. Vimereux. 29.12.18.

Date.

DETAILS.	*Personnel				Animals				Guns and transport vehicles														REMARKS			
	Officers	Other Ranks			Horses				Mules		Guns, showing description	Ammunition wagons	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed				Mechanical				Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	Motor Ambulances	(Number of Acting W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s included in effective strength to be shown in this column.)
					Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack	Large	Small					Wheeled	Wheeled	Motor Cars	Tractors	Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description	Trailers					
Effective Strength of Unit ...	12.																									
Details by Arms attached to Unit as in War Establishment ...																										
Sick 1.	1.																									
TOTAL ...	12.																									
War Establishment ...																										
Wanting to complete ... (Detail of Personnel and Horses below.)																										
SURPLUS ... (Detail of Personnel and Horses below.)																										
† Attached (not to include the details shown above) ...																										
Attached for Rations only ...																										
Civilians Employed with and Accompanying the Unit ...																										
† Detached from and struck off effective strength of own Unit ...																										
† Detached from but retained on effective strength of own unit ...																										
TOTAL RATIONED ...	12.																									

* Blank columns to be used for W.A.A.C. Natives or as may be required.

† 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.
‡ These details to be enumerated by arms.

Signature of Commander.

Major, for O.C. No. 2 Date of Despatch.

W. H. Hume

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D.D.M.S.,

Boulogne Base.

No.2 Australian General Hospital

No.2 Australian General Hospital.

D.D.M.S.,

BOULOGNE.

Herewith Subsistence for month ending 31-12-18.

Total Cost of Commodities	.....	£ 3317 - 1 - 7
Total No. Patients subsisted	.....	35553
Actual cost per patient per diem ..		1/10.39
Total No. Eggs issued	24710

Wimmereux.

3-1-19

Colonel

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

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D.D.M.S.,

BOULOGNE BASE.

Herewith quantities commodities consumed by patients
for month ending 31-12-18.

Beef 11531 lbs.
Mutton .. 4660 "
Rabbits . 736 "
Fowls ... 310 "

17399 "

Fish Fresh 210 lbs.
Fish tinned 112½ "
Fish do. 1610 "

1932½ "

Bacon 3880 lbs.
Margarine 2724 "
Dripping 88 "
Butter 112 "

2924 "

Cocoa 327 lbs.
Tea 770 "
Coffee 123 "

1220 "

Arrowroot 10 lbs.
Cornflour 134 "
Harricot Beans .. 180 "
Oatmeal 3084 "
Rice 1698 "
Tapioca 1193 "
Mandioca 135 "

6434 "

Eggs 24710

Wines & Spirits 8801 ozs.

Bread 32534 lbs.
Flour 640 "
Biscuits 346 "

33520 "

Sugar 4485 Lbs.

Potatoes 14512 lbs.
Vegetables 9655 "
Onions 280 "

9935 "

Syrup 1638 lbs.
Jam 1669 "

3327 "

Milk fresh 4216 pints
Milk condensed . 14283 "
Milk dried ... 1080 "

19579 "

Cheese 1103 lbs.

Malt liquors ... 7666 pints

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R. B. Muntz
Colonel

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

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APPENDIX

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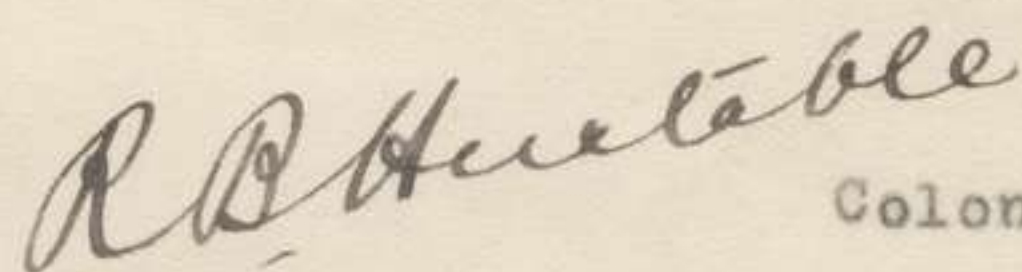
BOULOGNE BASE.

Herewith quantities Commodities per 100 patients
for month ending 31-12-18.

Meat	.....	48.93 lbs.
Fish	.....	5.43 "
Bacon	.....	10.91 lbs.
Bread & Flour	.....	94.28 "
Sugar	.....	12.61 "
Edible Fats	.....	8.22 "
Potatoes	.....	40.81 "
Vegetables	.....	27.94 "
Cocoa	.....	3.43 "
Milk	.....	55.07 Pints
Syrup & Jam	.....	9.30 lbs.
Cereals	18.09 "
Eggs	69.50 "
Cheese	3.10 lbs.
Malt Liquors	21.56 Pints.
Wines & Spirits	24.75 Ozs.

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Colonel

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

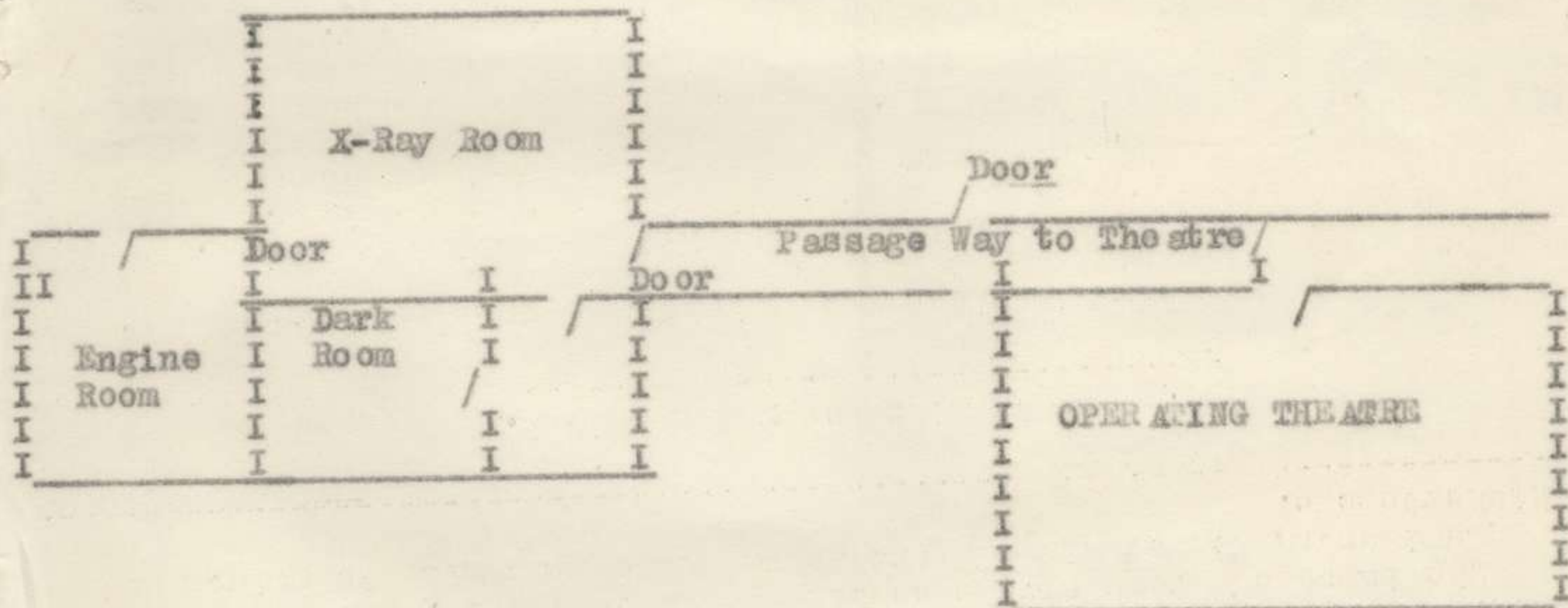
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Medical Memo. No. 6/12
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From Captain Parkhouse D.
Radiologist 2nd. Australian General Hospital.
France.

To Australian War Records Section
Re X-Ray Work in the A.I.F. - Information -

- 1) 2nd. Australian Gen. Hosp. - Immobile - Hatted and Tented - Majority Surgical in nature, though some Medical cases.
- 2) Three in staff of Department - Captain in charge as Radiologist - Sergeant who is an electrical expert and attends to that side - Private who is photographic expert and does the developing etc.
- 3) X-Ray Room - 20 feet x 12 feet
Dark Room - 12 feet x 6 feet
For Plan see photos attached -
- 4) Same level and block as Operating Theatre to which it is attached by an enclosed passage way about 20 feet long -



- 5) Three Ventilating Shafts one of which has an electric fan adjacent to create draught. Folding windows for use when work is finished
- 6) 54 volts from storage battery - Main laid on from Boulogne 110 AC for Lighting only - the supply though is uncertain; and for emergency lighting a 54 volt set of Storage Batteries is used
In damp weather owing to the X-Ray plant being in sectional huts there is a tendency to short circuiting and a general spread of current.
- 7) To generate current a Lister L type Engine is used 1.62 Kilowatts 5 hp (approx.) & 400 revs. per minute - Driving a dynamo 50-70 volts giving up to 23 amps. (see Photo) -
- 8) 14 inch Butt's Induction Coil used -
Length of time in use 18 months.

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Also one in use with Portable Apparatus - 4 months use -

9) Two Butt's Field Service Interrupters to take up to 250 volts.

10) (a) One type of Butt's Couch with tube box underneath - Length of couch - $6\frac{1}{2}$ ft. x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

(b) Also separate Tube Stand (Butt's heavy Military Pattern) for overhead work.

(c) Butt's overhead Plate Carrier also used with the Tube underneath (see photo)

11) (a) Protection by existing Tube Box is very inadequate as the tube is not wholly enclosed in a box lined with material opaque to X-Rays.

With both Overhead and underneath boxes, the limit of the of box only reaches to level of glass, so that there is no protection at all from this side, which is quite wrong.

The glass projectors at either end carrying the cathode and anode are supported in slots and rays escape here to a large extent.

(b) Protective Gloves, Aprons, lead glass over the Fluorescent Screen, Iris Diaphragm. There are also Metal Handles on the Screen. To prove the inadequacy of the Protection supplied, I also enclose photos taken through these various protections under the conditions written on them.

12) Viewing Screen 12" x 10". Lead glass ^{and} metal handles for protection. I also enclose photos taken through the lead glass, in which well defined objects can be easily demonstrated;

13) Mammoth Tube 7" spark with 2 M.A.

Macalister Wiggin Tubes.

Andrews Special Rapid Valve Tube.

All these work satisfactorily though there is a tendency for them to have too high a vacuum.

14) (a) Examination in two positions - ant. post. & lateral as in limb examinations for foreign bodies.

(b) Parallax e.g. in limbs etc.

(c) Prodding - especially in superficial F.Bs.

(d) Stohl's Method. Very accurate, simple and quick. for F.B.s in chest, abdomen, back, & buttock where the foreign body can be seen with screen.

(e) Stereoscope - For relations of F.B.s to bones & joints etc. also lateral in heads combined with ant. post. - Working out depth of F.B. - also by Mathematics.

(f) Double move plate used where an ill defined shadow is seen with screen & also where an F.B. is not seen though suspected.

(g) Thurston Hollands screen localizer.

15) Yes

16) Ilford, Sunic, Wratten, Wellington. We take whatever supply is available.

17) Metol Quinol - put up in tins by Johnson & Sons Cross St. Finsbury, London.

18) Sometimes sent away with patients, or if of no use otherwise sent to the Glazier for window panes etc. - Lantern slides are made.

19) Yes - Gaslight solely. Sent away with patients.

20) Not used.

21) Photos not taken of chests. -

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- 22) No.
- 23) 300 cases approx. Maximum 850 cases in a month
- 24) Records kept of special cases and sent to Records Dept.
- 25) --
- 26) Portable apparatus (Butt's) used with 54 volt Storage Batteries.
(see Photo)
- 27) It is a necessity for efficient treatment of patients to have an apparatus for making bedside examinations.
- 27) I would suggest that a means be given of having a stronger current to work with so as to minimise the duration of exposures.
- 28) In regard to suggestions :- I submit -
- (1) That a consulting Radiologist be appointed to each District. and that a monthly visit at least ~~once-a-month~~ should be made to each dept. both to suggest any improvements that may be made in the existing apparatus or technique, and also to advise of any new advance made in Radiographic work generally since the preceding monthly visit.
 - (2) Before an appointment as Radiologist, each prospective Holder should have a months work under a recognised Radiologist. in order that he may understand the difficulties and necessities of war-work as these are quite different to Civilian Practice e.g. as regards localization and Chest Examinations.
 - (3) That Standard methods of Localization should be taught.
 - (4) That an adequately and efficiently protected Tube Box be used as a standard set, and auxiliary protectors as gloves, aprons etc. be issued as Standard, and that it be the duty of the Consulting Radiologist to ascertain that the Standard protection is sufficient and is being used.
 - (5) That a standard couch be supplied where the Operator can move the Tube Box in any Direction, and see how the tube is working without exposing himself to the X-Rays; The Cavendish Universal X-Ray couch seems to meet all necessary requirements, and affords all protection. This safeguard is essential where much screening is employed, but is advisable in all cases.

Photos enclosed :-

- (1) Four photos to show inadequacy of protection with the existing apparatus.- Taken through lead glass of the Fluorescent Screen; Protective apron; new " protective " gloves & and position on floor where Radiographer stands.
- (2) Engine for charging Accumulators and for Lighting.
- (3) X-Ray Room and Apparatus
- (4) Portable Apparatus for Ward use.

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Although the Medical wards have been full for the most part during the month of December, the number of serious cases has been very considerably diminished. This is due to the abatement of the Influenza epidemic. Most of the cases are now admitted in a more or less convalescent condition, but, in the less fortunate or "Sick" cases, they arrive in a debilitated state owing to the very long journey they have experienced. In many instances, they have been two or three days on the WAY DOWN FROM THE FRONT.

A large number of prisoners of war passed through our hands during the month, many of whom showed varying degrees of inanition. They invariably stated that they had to work hard, and were poorly fed, and that they were closely segregated. These factors probably accounted for several of the patients (especially Italians) being admitted in an advanced stage of tuberculosis, many of whom died.

Of the general medical cases, there was nothing calling for special comment, but they provided a wealth of material for examination by the officers of the Refresher Course.

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Report on the Nursing Staff for the month of December 1918, combining a short account of Christmas in the Hospital.

Perhaps this month has been one of the most unusual as regards the work of the Nursing Staff, since the war commenced.

Except in one or two instances where the very sick patients were concentrated, the wards as one entered them presented an air of convalescence - so many patients were sitting round the fire - some playing different games, some reading. Being so accustomed here, to see the majority of the patients in bed, one could not help realizing, even if one did not know that hostilities had ceased. So many patients out of bed, made the work for the Nursing Staff during the month of December not only lighter, but of an entirely different character - In some ways the Sisters would say the strain of the work was heavier, for the wards were much more difficult to keep tidy and clean, particularly on the wet days when the patients could not get outside. Then a great restlessness took possession of the patients. They began to feel that they should not be sent to Convalescent Camps or Base Details, they should all be sent to "Blighty", and when they realised that this was not being done there was a good deal of irritation which had to be tactfully dealt with. Another phase that made the work through the month somewhat difficult - patients feeling somewhat aggrieved and not getting what they expected, thought they need not do the small items of work allotted to them, and so again much tact and wisdom had to be exercised by the Nursing Staff to avoid trouble.

As the month advanced and the Christmas Season drew near, the patients, realizing that they would still be in France, began to take an interest in the ward decoration for the Festive Season, which to a great extent overcame some of our difficulties. We all determined to make the Christmas of 1918 (Possibly our last on Active Service) one to have a pleasant memory in our minds. To decorate the wards is a difficult thing over here, as our area is rather barren of green. Flowers were out of the question - so we fell back on twigs and paper, and one would be surprised to see how much can be done to beautify a place out of these things. We were successful in getting a good amount of crinkled paper principally green, pink, Mauve and red. These colours made blossoms roses, Wisteria and poppies, making a most effective show in the wards. The rafters of the huts and the upright beams in some of the special wards lent themselves to this form of decorating, and when on Christmas Eve we entered the wards to see the effect, we all felt that the work expended and the money spent had been worth while. On Christmas Eve a small band of Carol Singers led by Major Haydon, our Church of England Padre, visited a number of the wards and had a short Christmas Service lasting about 15 minutes. The patients enjoyed the singing of the familiar carols which brought to their minds Christmas in their Homelands.

Christmas morning dawned beautifully fine, the sun shone brightly & the air was quite warm. Every patient in the Hospital received a gift which had been generously donated by the American Red Cross. The Australian, Canadian and New Zealand patients also were the recipients of a special gift from their own Red Cross Societies.

The Christmas Dinner consisted of Roast Turkey (made possible by the 2/6d. per patient given by the Australian Red Cross Society), Plum pudding and many delicacies, and was voted a big success. The tables laid in each ward looked very festive and made one almost forget that a severe war had been raging for the past four years. Hearty cheers could be heard echoing from the wards as the dinner terminated, which proved that a full sufficiency had been partaken of. We had 930 patients in Hospital of whom the majority were walkers, being about 600, so we had planned to entertain them during the Christmas afternoon and evening.

Our Y.M.C.A. Hut in the grounds would hold from 250 to 300 at a time, so Mrs Langridge, who managed the hut decided to give three entertainments, so taking in the whole of those able to go to the hut, tickets were issued to the patients so that all should have a fair chance of being entertained at one of the three amusements. The afternoon entertainment took the form of an impromptu concert, and at its close one of the padres (dressed as Father Christmas) went round and gave each patient in the hall a small gift. The boys then had a cup of tea and a piece of cake and left for their wards. The second and third entertainments took more the form of games in which the Sisters helped, and during the afternoon "Father Christmas" presented a small gift to each patient and before leaving the hut a little refreshment was given. The day closed about 8.30pm. The Sisters were all tired but happy in having spent themselves for their patients.

The whole Season was a happy one. During the week, Officers Sisters and orderlies were all catered for, both as regards special dinners and amusements. The fact that no fighting was going on, that hostilities had ceased, made one happier, and with a greater sense of freedom, than we have enjoyed for over four years.

LEAVE. During the month leave both to the United Kingdom and to South of France has been granted-five Sisters having been away on 14 days leave.

SPECIAL LEAVE. Also three Sisters were granted 8 days special leave to Paris.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH Sisters Field, Wood and Forsyth left the Hospital for the United Kingdom. They were all Sisters who left Australia in 1914 and were returning on transport duty.

Sisters Imlay, Camac, and Walsh who had been away from the unit on temporary duty were also struck off strength.

Sisters Fillans and Walker were sent to the 2nd Army for duty and were also struck off strength.

Sister Allen was evacuated sick to the United Kingdom.

SICKNESS. On the whole the Nursing Staff has been very well indeed, though the month showed, apart from Sister Allen, five Sisters sick and on sick leave - none of them serious.

Sisters Hodgson, Smallwood and MacKenzie are away in the South of France on Sick Leave.

Two Sisters, Rees and L.F. Stewart are sick in Hospital with Influenza.

Our staff is smaller, but the work being lighter, we are able to cope with the amount there is to do.

7.1.19.

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Matron.

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