

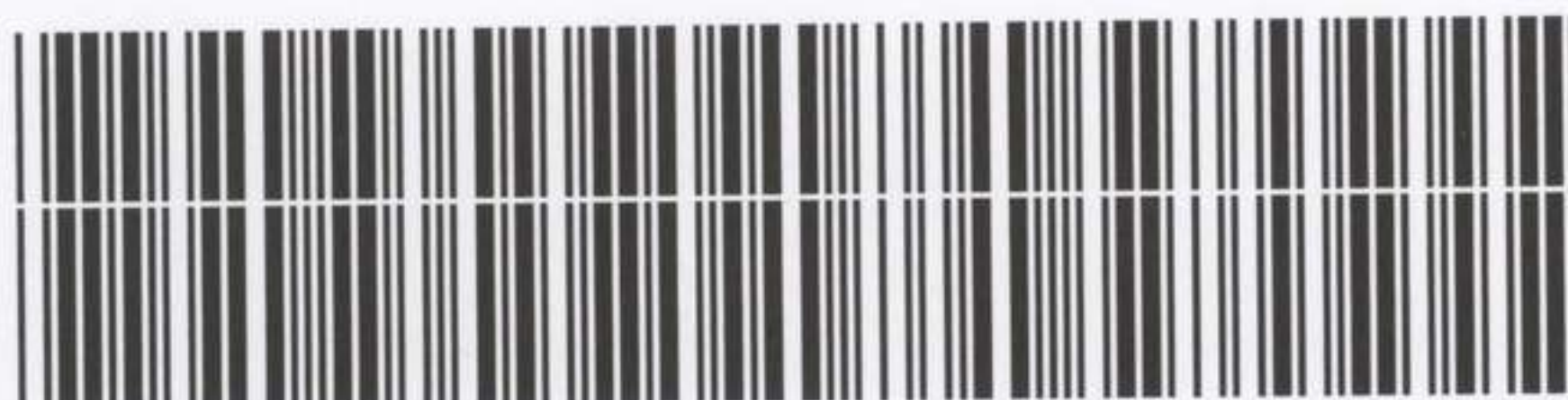
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3RD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.
No.
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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY
OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FOR

JANUARY, 1918.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABBEVILLE	JANUARY, 1918.			
	3		Captain E.M.Mc.Caffrey detailed for duty with 1st.Australian Division.	
	4		Major S.B.Burge evacuated to England.	
	5		General Sir Rose Bradford, Consulting Physician visited the Hospital.	
	6		Captain E.H.Loxton reported for duty from 1st.Australian Division.	
	9		General Sir Rose Bradford, visited the Hospital.	
			Major C.T.Turner reported for duty from 1st.Australian Division.	
			Lt-Colonel F.Marshall, Assistant Director Dental Services, A.I.F. with Major B.Day, Senior Dental Officer, France visited the Hospital to inspect the Dental Section.	
	10		Captain A.Goode returned to duty from South of France.	
	11		Lt-Colonel Hayward, Red Cross Commissioner visited the Hospital.	
	12		Colonel H.C.Thurston, A.D.M.S., Abbeville & Amiens Areas visited the Hospital.	
			Fire Drill.	
	15		Captain J.Anderson, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. reported for temporary duty from 20th.C.C.S.	
	16		Major R.St.C.Stewart detailed for temporary duty with 20th.C.C.S.	
			Colonel Thorburn, Consulting Surgeon, visited the Hospital.	
			Major H.Powell, M.C., Registrar admitted to Hospital.	
			Major C.J.Tozer, D.S.O., appointed Acting Registrar.	
	17		Colonel J.S.Purdy, D.S.O., assumed Command of the Hospital.	
	20		Captain W.K.Inglis transferred to No 2 Australian General Hospital.	
	21		Captain J.Gray detailed for temporary duty at St.Valery.	
	22		Captain D.D.Browne proceeded to A.I.F.Headquarters.	
			Captain E.H.Loxton relieved Captain Robertson of duties at Medical Inspection Room, Abbeville.	
	23		General Sir.William Birdwood, G.O.C., A.I.F., Visited Hospital and decorated Sister A.M.Kelly with M.M., and R.R.C.	
			Captain H.G.B.Bruce reported for duty.	
	24		General Sir William Birdwood inspected Hospital and decorated Pte.F.I.P.Catherwood with Meritorious Service Medal.	
	25		Colonel Thorburn, Consulting Surgeon, visited the Hospital in Consultation.	
			A.D.M.S., (Col.Thurston), Base Commandant (Col.Hulton), C.R.E. (Lt-Col.Lloyd-Owen), and S.S.O. (Major Mussen), visited the Hospital.	
	30		General Sir Rose Bradford, Consulting Physician, visited the Hospital.	
			Medical Meeting Held in Y.M.C.A.Hut.	
			Captain H.G.B.Bruce detailed for duty with Australian Mounted Corps Troops.	
			Captain I.Aird relieved Captain E.H.Loxton of duty in Annexe, Abbeville.	

COLONEL.

COMMANDING OFFICER.

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ABBEVILLE 1918.	JANUARY,		<p>The following Convoys were received during the month :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>19.1.1918</td> <td>1</td> <td>Convoy</td> <td>114</td> <td>Cases.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25. 1.1918</td> <td>1</td> <td>Convoy</td> <td>120</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.1.1918</td> <td>1</td> <td>Convoy</td> <td>138</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table>	19.1.1918	1	Convoy	114	Cases.	25. 1.1918	1	Convoy	120	"	28.1.1918	1	Convoy	138	"	
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WAR DIARY

OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOR

JANUARY, 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Monthly report of Surgical Work.
2.	Monthly report of Medical Work.
3.	Statistics.
4.	Monthly report of Pathological Work.
5.	Monthly report of "X" Ray Work.
6.	Monthly report of Dental Work.

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AUSTRALIAN
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J. W. C. C.

2nd. February 1918.

From. Lieut.Col. H.L.Taylor Young.

To. Colonel J.S.Purdy. D.S.O., C.O. 3rd.A.G.H.

MONTHLY REPORT ON THE SURGICAL SECTION.

I have the honour to report upon the Surgical work done in this Hospital during the month of January 1918.

The great majority of cases admitted were slight and well advanced towards convalescence, many having been already classed for evacuation to England, before reaching this Hospital. In a number of cases re-classification was done, and so many marked for Convalescent Camps instead.

The number of cases admitted was 365, the discharges for the same period were 499, the number remaining (31-I-18) was 340.

85 operations were performed, chiefly for the Sequelae of Septic Wounds. A certain amount of work results from Local Admissions these including cases of Acute Appendicitis. It is gratifying to note the excellent results obtained in this class of work.

There were Six (6) deaths during the month

- (1) Multiple wounds; sepsis; Secondary Haemorrhage.
- (2) G.S.W.Chest; Pneumonia.
- (3) Comp.Fracture of Femur; Amputation; Blood Infection.
- (4) Multiple Wounds; Sepsis; Exhaustion.
- (5) Multiple Wounds; Sepsis; Exhaustion.
- (6) Multiple Wounds; Amputation of leg; Secondary Haemorrhage.

During the month an Order has been issued stating that in future Compound Fractures of the Femur are to be segregated in one Hospital in this Area which is fitted with a portable X Ray outfit. Also that "Clean" cases, such as Hernia, Varicocoele etc., are to be segregated in this Hospital. This must be taken as a tribute to the work of this character done here.

In view of the above it will be necessary to consider the advisability of setting aside ward space for these clean cases.

Cases are very frequently in the Hospital which require and would distinctly benefit by having massage and electric treatment.

No provision has been made for this. I would suggest therefore, that at least two Masseuses should be appointed to the Staff.

The Nursing has been much more arduous and difficult owing to the severe weather conditions. Readings of the thermometer were taken and a report upon the same submitted.

An investigation into the action of the Reading Bacillus has been instituted. A pure culture has been obtained from the discoveries and Subcultures have been made. An opportunity for testing the same has not occurred since obtaining the pure Culture.

All the Staff have been most attentive to their duties.

(Sgd) H.L.Taylor Young. Lieut-Col.
i/c. Surgical Section.

Summary of Operations appended.

J. Purdy Col

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.
 OPERATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1918.

APPENDIX **A** 5

3RD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.	
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Head

Scalp.	I.	
Fracture Orbital Margin.	I.	

Abdominal.

Appendicitis	6.
Rupture, Small Intestine (Suture)	I.

Bones.

Sequestrectomy	6.
Fractures. Femur.	4.
" Leg.	I.

Incisions.

Chest	I.
Thigh.	12.
Knee.	9.
Arm.	2.
Hand.	4.
Abscesses. (Peri-Urethral)	I.
(Groin.)	I.
(Perineal)	I.
(Axilla)	I.

Amputations.

Thigh	4.
Foot	I.
Arm.	I.

Secondary Haemorrhage.

Ligature or Packing	10.
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Chest.

Resection of Ribs.	3.
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Miscellaneous.

Urethral Stricture (dilatation)	1.
Circumcision	2.
Removal of Foreign Bodies	3.
Nerves (fibro-neuroma) freeing and transplanting	1.
Fissure in Ano (dilatation)	1.
Tonsillectomy	1.
Arthrosis (hip) aspiration	1.
Suturing Tendons (hand)	1.
Sesuturing Wounds	3.

APPENDIX
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIVISION FOR JAN. 1918.

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There has been a large number of Medical cases this month, and 8 Surgical Wards were taken over for medical cases.

The number of cases admitted was 697 and 526 were discharged. At the end of the month, 477 patients remained in Hospital.

Among those admitted there were 245 N.Y.D. Gas cases; 168 of these have been discharged and the rest are still in Hospital.

The most serious cases under treatment were those of Nephritis, Bronchitis and Pneumonia.

There were four deaths from Nephritis and one from Pneumonia. One case of Acute Rheumatism with Pericarditis has been in Hospital all the month and still remains.

Of notifiable diseases there were 10 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 2 of Malaria, 3 of Pneumonia, 1 of Chicken-pox and 1 of Scarlet Fever.

Two Medical Officers, Major Burge, S.B. and Major Powell, H. were sent into Hospital. The former was evacuated to England and the latter is still in Hospital.

Five Sisters were sent to Hospital and 2 were evacuated to England. Other Sisters have been under treatment for minor conditions but the health of the Sisters generally has been good.

21 Orderlies were admitted to Hospital and 21 were discharged; 6 were evacuated to England - 10 remain in Hospital.

Wooden floors have been put in some of the Wards and have made these Wards more comfortable. Still more wooden floors are required to make the tents in the Medical Division suitable for the treatment of severe medical cases; also atleast, one more hut for medical cases is required.

(sd) F.B. LAWTON,
Major.

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JANUARY. 1918.

Remaining 31-12-17.

Medical..... 306)
Surgical 474) 780.

Admitted.

Medical..... 697 } including 245 N.Y.D.G.
Surgical..... 365 } 1062.

Discharged.

Medical..... 526 } including 76 N.Y.D.G.
Surgical..... 499 } 1025.

Remaining.

Medical..... 477)
Surgical..... 340) 817.

Deaths.

Medical..... 5)
Surgical..... 6)

Disposal of Cases.

England..... 493)
Con.Camp..... 334)
Details..... 244)
Other Hpls..... 40)

Convoys.

19-1-18. 114 Cases. (109 Sick. 5 Wounded.)
25-1-18. 120 " (104 " 16. ")
28-1-18. 138 " (111 " 27 ")

Infectious Cases.

Admitted T.B..... 10.

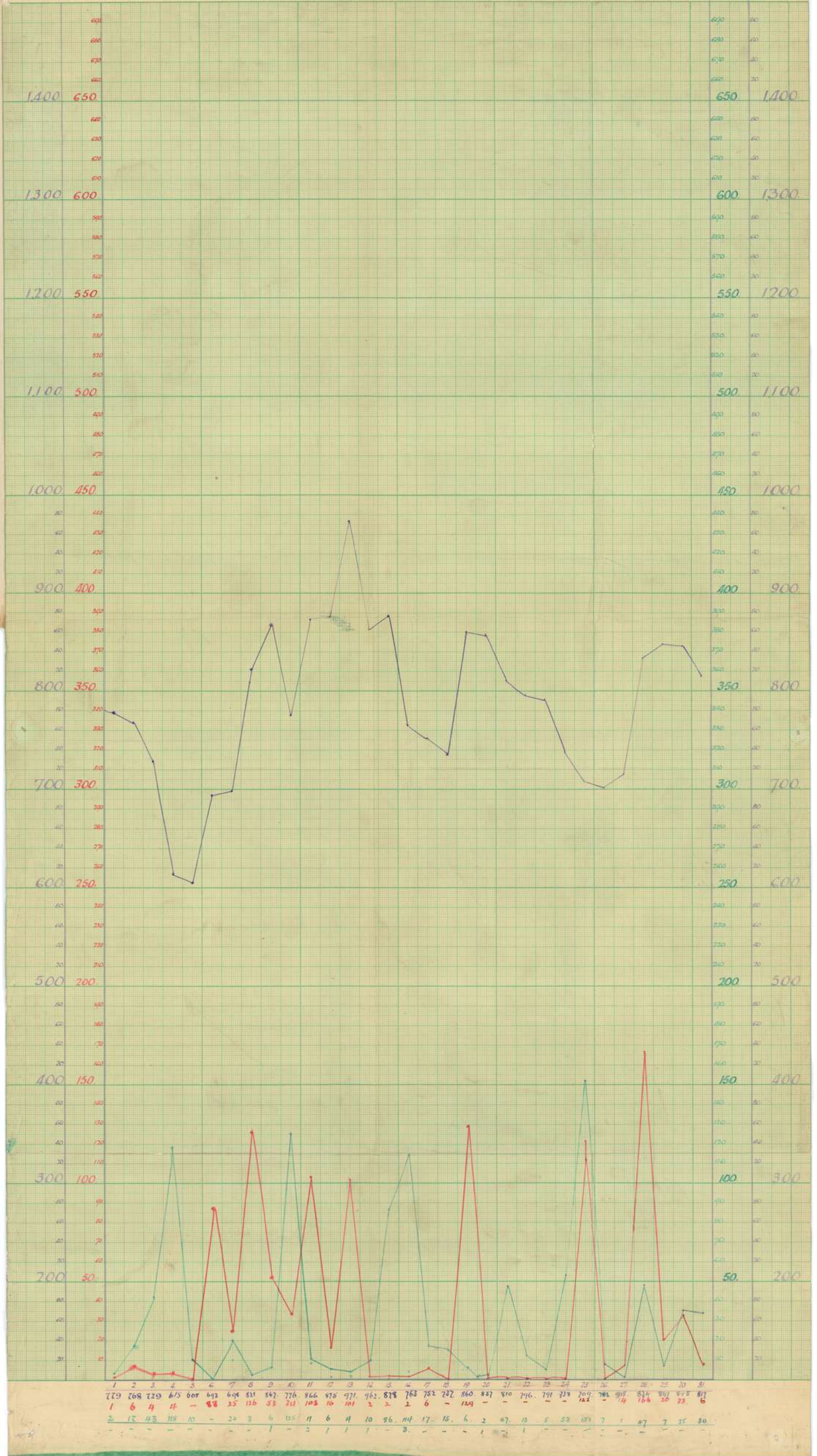
Discharged.

T.B. 3.
Scabies..... 8.
Chicken-pox..... 1.
Scarlet Fever... 1.

JANUARY 1st - 31st 1918.

ADMISSIONS - RED. THUS -
DISCHARGES - GREEN. THUS -
REMAINING - PURPLE. THUS -

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APPENDIX 3

3RD
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1st. Feb. 1918.
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From Pathologist, 3rd. A.G.H.

To C.O.

Third Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR JANUARY 1918.

The number of pathological specimens examined this month was 205, being an increase of 29 on the previous month. Appended is a detailed list of the examinations carried out. The urines examined were mainly from cases of nephritis. The examinations of faeces ^{are} ~~is~~ however much below the usual figure, mainly due to the less number of cases of dysentery or diarrhoea since the advent of cold weather.

Autopsies during the month 5.

<u>Specimens</u>	<u>Number</u>	
Urines	75	Mostly from Nephritis cases.
Faeces	26	Negatives.
Sputa	52	T.B. detected in three cases.
Throat Swabs	15	Mostly Vincents Angina.
Blood examinations		
Counts	6	
For Malaria	3	No parasites detected.
Culture	3	Streptococcal infection in two cases.
Agglutinations	3	
Pathological Fluids	7	
Microbic counts	5	
Urethral Smears	4	Two Positives.
Wassermanns	3	One Positive.
Vaccines	5	Mainly from furunculosis.
<u>Total</u>	<u>205.</u>	

(Sgd) E.W.Ferguson. Major. A.A.M.C.
Pathologist.
Per. E.Dawes. Sgt.

APPENDIX

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Ist. February, 1918.

From. O. i/c "X" Ray Section. 3rd. A.G.H.

To. C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

MONTHLY REPORT.

I beg to report that during the month ending 31/I/18,
the following work was done by this department:-

Screened 96 cases.

Photographed, 121 cases.

including several stereoscopic photographs.

(Sgd.) W.R. Beeston. Captain

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APPENDIX
THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

2/1/18.

From. Dental Officer, attached to 3rd.A.G.H.
To C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

HEREWITH REPORT OF DENTAL SERVICES FOR MONTH ENDING 31/1/18.

Patients treated	444.
Fillings.	141.
Gingivitis Cases.	41.
Extractions.	376.
Crowns.	5.
Dentures and repairs.	108.
General anaesthetic cases.	20.
Minor Operations.	87.
Scaling Cases.	20.
Fractured Jaw Cases.	3.

G.T.Donovan. Captain
10th. Dental Unit.

J. Mundy Col

