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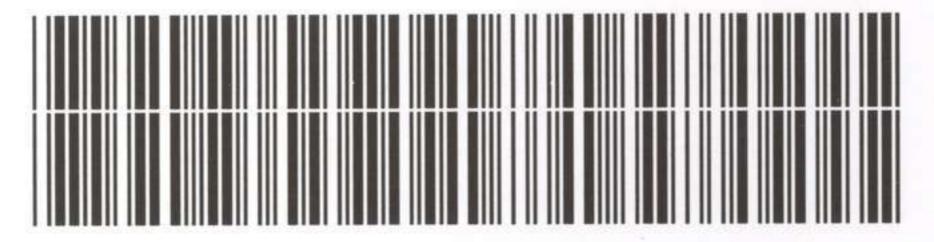
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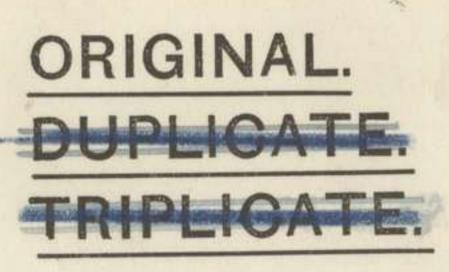
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WAR DIARY

OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FOR

DECEMBER,

191 8.

Signature of Officer compiling.

Signature of Officer Commanding Lt-Colonel A/O.C., Third Australian General Hospital.

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t Appendices
EVILLE	1918 Dec.1		Lt-Col H.C. TAYBOR-YOUNG proceeded to report to D.M.S., A.I.F. Refresher Course for 10 Medical Officers commenced, divided into Medical and Surgical Sections: lectures and practical syllabus. Nil. Nil. Evacuation - 172 cases.	
	7		Nil. Major C.J. TOZER. DSO. proceeded to report to D.M.S., A.I.F. Captain U.L. BOURKE was detached to temporary duty, Drucat.	
	10		Nil. Major G.A.M. HEYDON.M.C. detached for temporary duty at Fressehville. Nil.	
	12 13 14		Nil. Nil. Evacuation - 190 cases. Ambulance Train - 125 cases.	
	14 15 16		Nil.	
	16 17 18		Nil. Completion of Demobilization forms by all members of unit. Ambulance Train - 179 cases. Nil.	
	19		Major H.A. WYLLIE.M.C. proceeded to report to 3rd Aust Division for duty. Evacuation - 150 cases Colonel S.R. BURSTON. DSO. proceeded on 14 days leave to the United Kingdom. Receiving week for all local sick. Captain B.L. HART proceeded to report to 1st Aust. Division	S .
	21		for duty. Ambulance Train 110 cases.	
	23		Captain B.M.BEITH, A.A.M.C. proceeded to report to P and R. School, attached Australian Corps. Red Cross Christmas Gifts issued to Personnel. Christmas Dinner, concerts and usual festivities for patients.	
	23 24 25 26 27 28		Christmas Dinner for personnel.	
	28		Nil.	
	31		New Pack Store opened. New Pack Store opened. Confidence Lieut-Colonel. Opened Lieut-Colonel. Ope	

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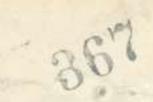
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FOR

DECEMBER 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Report of Matron.
2.	" " Medical Officer 1/c Surgical Division.
3.	" " Medical Officer i/c Medical Division.
4.	" " Officer i/c X-Ray Department.
5.	" " Laboratory.
6.	" " Dental Officer.
7.	" " Quartermaster.
8.	List of Evacuations and Convoys.
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REPORT OF NURSING STAFF - DECEMBER 1918.

ESTABLISHMENT.

91.

1 Matron, 4 Head Sisters, 28 Sisters, 58 Staff-Nurses.

PRESENT STRENGTH.

1 Matron, 60 Sisters, 22 Staff Nurses.

ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Personnel.

The following reported for duty during the month :-2 Sisters from Casualty Clearing Stations.

The following proceeded for duty during the month :-2 Sisters to No 3 Australian C.C.S., 3 Sisters to the United Kingdom, 1 Sister and 2 Staff Nurses to No 25 General Hospital, and 3 Sisters to No 2 Australian General Hospital.

- (b) Leave. 6 Sisters have been grahted 14 days' ordinary leave to the United Kingdom, 3 to Paris, and 4 to the South of France.
- (c) Discipline. Good.
- (d) Health.

Four Sisters have been admitted to Mospital during the month suffering from Influenza, Debility, Colitis, and Gastritis respectively. Three have been evacuated to England

leaving one still in Hospital.

The two Sisters, remaining in Hospital at the end of last month, have both returned to duty after being granted Sick Leave in the South of France.

WORK.

Work has been considerably lighter during the month. Ordinary off-duty time has been given during the whole month.

RECREATION.

The order suspending the rule against Dancing has been

taken advantage of freely.

Three Dances have been given in the Unit -1 for Officers and Bisters, for which invitations were sent to the other Mospitals, the Officers of 3rd Australian Division, the W.A.A.C. Officers and the Ladies Motor Exmyxxx.Convoy. 1 for Other Ranks and W.A.A.C.

1 for the Unit only. Invitations from the other Hospitals, the Nurses' Club, and the Ladies Motor Convoys have been accepted by the Sisters.

A most enjoyable Christmas was spent by all in Hospital. The patients had a very good and plentiful dinner, and various concerts and amusements were provided in the Y.M.C.A. Hut and in the Wards.

The Sisters and Medical Officers had dinner together in the Sisters' Mess on Christmas Eve.

> (Signed) Grace M. Wilson, P/Matron, Third Australian General Hospital.

APPENDIX JANUARY 1st., 1919.

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From: Officer i/c Surgical Division,

To: The Commanding Officer.

HONTHLY REPORT OF THE SURGICAL DIVISION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1918.

The Surgical Cases admitted during December have been drawn chiefly from the patients admitted from the troops in this area; two or three convoys from Stationary Hospitals or Casualty Clearing Stations supplied a few cases. The work therefore consisted of the treatment of fractures and similar accidental injuries and the operations of hernias, haemorrhoids etc.

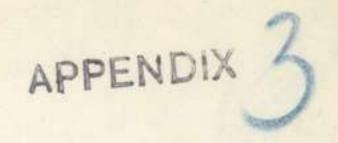
Eighty operations have been performed for these conditions including a few cases of appendicitis; the only death occurred in

a case of multiple shell wounds and was due to appsis.

Ten Medica 1 Officers from the Divisions attended for a four weeks' course of training; these officers made full use of the surgical material available.

(Signed) Bronte SmeatonMajor, A.A.M.C., Officer i/c Surgical Division, Third Australian General Hospital.

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From : Officer i/c Medical Division.

To : Officer Commanding,

Third Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIVISION FOR DECEMBER 1918.

The most important feature of the month's work has the decrease in the number of cases of influenza and broncho-pneumonia.

and 78 cases of broncho-pneumonia admitted during the month. The cases of broncho-pneumonia were less severe than those seen in former months.

There were 19 deaths from broncho-pneumonia which seems a high figure, but in several instances the patients were admitted during November and are not included in the above figures. In addition there was one death from broncho-pneumonia complicating nephritis and one from broncho-pneumonia following burns.

On December 1st there were 1139 patients in hospital and during the month 2257 were admitted and 2410 were discharged. Among them there were 29 cases of trench fever, 10 of tuberculosis, and 12 of malaria. Apart from the diseases mentioned a large number of the patients were suffering from more or less chronic conditions.

Twenty three orderlies were admitted to hospital and fifteen were discharged to duty and one was evacuated to England.

(Signed) F.B.Lawton, Major, A.A.M.C., Officer i/c Medical Disvision, Third Australian General Hospital.

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APPENDIX 4

From: N.C.O. i/c X-Ray Department.

To: Officer Commanding, Third Australian General Hospital.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1918.

Sir,

I beg to report that during the month of December the following cases passed through this Department:-

No. of cases SCREENED

96

No. of cases PHOTOGRAPHED

82 including a great number of stereoscopic plates.

(Signed) S.Fitzgerald, Sgt., N.C.O. i/c X-Ray Department, Third Australian General Hospital.

APPENDIX 5

From: Pathologist,

Third Australian General Hospital.

To: 0.C.,

Third Australian General Hospital.

PATHOLOGICAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1918.

During the month of December, an investigation committee consisting of Major Gibson, R.A.M.C., Major Bowman, C.A.M.C. and myself, has been using this laboratory. The work has been an investigation of the influenza epidemic at the direction of Colonel Cummins, Adviser in Pathology.

The routine work of the laboratory has been carried on as usual as follows:-

Pleural Fluids 113. Urines. 86. 2 Positive T.B. Sputa. 12. Staph. Aureus. Vaccines. 16. 3 Benign tertian. Blood (Malaria) 6 Vincent's Angina. Throat Swabs. Fluids from Knee Joint ... 3. 8. Blood Counts Typhoid pos.agglutination 1. B lood agglutination 14. Stools. 6. Blood Cultures l Positive Reaction. 3. Wasserman Tests 2 Positive Gonococci. 2. Urethral Smears 1. C.S. Fluid. Penile Sores. Miscellaneous

Total 297.

There were 9 Post-mortem examinations carried out during the month.

January 3rd, 1919.

(Signed) J.I.CONNOR, Captain,

Pathologist,

Third Australian General Hospital.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF DENTAL WORK.



Month. DECEMBER.

Year. 1918.

Station. 3rd Australian General Hospital.

Place. France.

Number of Dental Surgeons employed during the month, one.

Number of Dental Mechanics employed during the month, two till 13-12
one for the rest of the month.

1. Number of the following performed during the month:
Extractions. Fillings. Impressions Sundries. Dentures New Dentures made.

Taken. Repaired made.

91. 71. 60. 220. 23. 37.

- 2. Daily average cases treated, 14.
- 3. Awaiting mechanical treatment on last day of month:

Waiting List. (Mechanical treatment in hand, 6. (Mechanical treatment not in hand, 4.

Gum List, -.

4. Denture cases previously provided with dentures at the public expense:=

	Repairs.	New	Total.
a. Numbers dealt with during month			-
b. Number awaiting on last day of month			-
	CT CT TO NO 100 00 00 100 00 00 00 0		
Total.	N	IL.	

5. Remarks: - Captain A.D.Coles granted 14 days leave to Nice from 2-12-1918 to 15-12-1918

Place. 3rd Australian General Hospital. Signature.A.D.COLES, Captain.

Date. 1-1-1919.

Senior Dental Surgeon.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Third Australian General Hospital 5th. January 1919.

To. C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

The following report for the month of December is submitted; -

Linen Store.

Pack Store.

Supply Store.

Clothing Store.

Post Office.

Funigator.

appendices A to D illustrates in figures the vi

There are no further remarks to make.

Contain and Quartermaster.
Third Australian General Hospital.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

APPENDIX

Third Australian General Mospital,
4th January 1919.

SUBJECT: - APPENDICES TO DECEMBER WAR DIARY REPORT.

APPENDIX "A"

Total number	of	patients	dealt with during December2323 issued during December
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APPENDIX "B"

Linen Store.		
Total m	mber soiled atticles sent to Laundries	175
Average	returned from Laundries clean	751

APPEADIX "C"

Pack Store.			
Total	number	patients kits received into Store 176	12
10	11	articles comprising same	8
- 19	18	" Withdrawn & sent to Laundry. 250	0

APPENDIX "D"

Fumigator.

Third Australian General Hospital.
4th. January 1919.

Statement of Clothing Issues for month of December 1916.

Boots Ankle 297
" U.S.A
730
Caps 8.D
Hate A. I. F
Caps U.S.A
Jackets S.D240
" A. J. H
Coats U.B.A
Trousers B.D264
Breeches D.S77
U.D.A
Conts Great
Overcoate U.B.A
Coate B. 9
Shirts Flannel1527
Socks Pairs
Decke rares and lan
Drawers woollen
Puttees Pairs
U.S.A
Weistonsts Cardigan 1016
Cap Comforters
Brushes Tooth
shaving344
Comb
Razore
Towels Turkish 773
Braces Pairs
Tine Hess D.H
Covers "254
Haversacks643
Braces w/o Buckle643
Bottles Water
Carriers "
Enives, Porks, Spoons 400 each.
Muldelle
Boles Inners Fairs 7
Gloves Pairs9
Sheets Ground
Laces Pairs
Badges Arm Dis, Sets 24
Crosees Geneva
Discs Green Identity
Shoes Conves Pairs 17
Vests Woollen1520
Bedges Gallipoli "A"2
Carters
Hose Tope
Pantaloons
W. CHARLE CO. W. C.

Lo crothing store.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Third Australian General Hespital.
4th January 1919.

STATEMENT SHEWING TOTAL COST AND AVERAGE DAILY COST PER PATIENT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

Hospital	Area	Total cost	Daily cost	Number subsisted.	
3rd.A.G.H.	Abbeville	£3281-18-5.27	sl-d10.34	35255.	

A C.O. Third Australian Ceneral Rospital.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Third Australian General Mospidal, 4th-January 1919.

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION OF THE FOOD COMMODITIES PER 100 PATIENTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

				Vegetables			Coffee						Malted liquors pints	Spirite.
55	7	2	57	8	80	7	4	80	6	11	36	15	7	1

A/C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

APPENDIX

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Post Office, Third Australian General Hospital. France.

REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1918.

INWARD MAILS RECEIVED.

1243 687 696 87000 2100 230 98

CARD SYSTEM - Record of patients remaining for NOVEMBER 1167

" " admitted for December 2263

" " admitted for December 2297

" " admitted for December 2297

" " admitted for December 2297

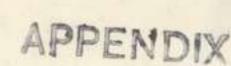
" TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES - 6690

Letters returned from Wards for record of ward transfer 75000

Whole total of all details for month - 300680.

APPENDIX

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LIST OF EVACUATIONS AND CONVOYS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1918.

EVACUATIONS.

	Date.	Ambulance Train.	No. of Cases.
December	5th.	36.	172.
	13th.	27.	190.
	19th.	2.	150.
	22nd.	6.	215.
	30th.	37.	214.

CONVOYS.

	Date.	Ambulance Train.	No. of Cases.
December	21st.	6.	118.
	13th.	22.	125.
	17th	15.	179.

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STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1918.

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PATIENTS: -				
Remaining on 1-12-1918			20	
	Medical	41	39.	/-
Admitted:-	Medical	22	57.	1167.
Discharged: -	Medical		33.	2263.
Deaths:-	Medical Dead on Admission	on	21.	2447.
Remaining on 31-12-191				24.
	Medical		63. il.	
		Street	With the said	963.

DISPOSAL OF CASES:-

			SICK.	WOUNDED.
England			921.	20.
Convalescent Camp			539.	9.
Other Hospitals			240.	
Base Depot Duty and	H.B.		710.	4.
Deaths		0 0 0	23.	1.



T HIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.



APPENDIX ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1918.

			ADMISSIONS.	DISCHARGES.
British		 	1698.	1611.
Australians		 	395.	674.
canadians		 	75.	65 .
Americans	***	 	5.	51.
New Zealanders		 	15.	17.
Cape Boys		 	10.	6.
South Africans		 	6.	6.
Indians		 	4.	4.
Civilians		 	4.	3.
French Troops		 	1.	1.
B.W.I		 		1.
Deaths		 		24.
		Totals	. 2213.	2463.

APPENDIX

A. General Health of Troops 173 Cases of Influenza remaining on 28th Nov.

if any disease prevalent. 134 cases were admitted from L.of C..49 cases

are remaining on the 5th Dec 1918.

185 Cases of Broncho Pneumonia remaining on the

28th Nov., 7 cases were admitted from L.of C..

31 cases were diagnosed since admission. 8 died.

156 cases remaining in Hospital on 5th Dec. 1918.

B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements.

Wooden Floors for 11 tented Wards.

O. Visitors and object of their visit.

Wil.

(1)	number of sick and wounded. Admitted from E.of C. Evacuated to England.	Sick. 428 349	Wounded.
discha (1) (3) (3) (4)	number of sick and wounded rged to. Base Details. Base Depots. Convalescent Depots. Transferred to Other Hospitals. Deaths.	192	2 3

F.Disposal of Infectious cases.
Influenza. To Duty 93. Brencho Pneumonia To England 58
England 67
C.Comp. 67
Died 8
Trench Fever, England 8 Malaria. To England 1
Tuberculosis do. 2.

G. Brief report of accidents involving death or serious injury.

Mil.

- H. State Health of Oversess Contingents. Fair, 7 of Personnel in Hospital.
- I. General Remarks. Influenza spidemic abating.

3rd australian General Hospital.

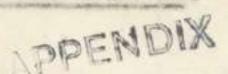
Date. 6th December 1918.

c.69shird-Resursion General Hospital.

Dental Report.

Number of Patients in Hospital awaiting.

(b) Fitting of Dentures under (4) Nil.



if any disease prevalent. 190 cases were admitted from L.of C., 144 cases remaining on the 12th December 1918.

156 cases of Broncho Pneumonia remaining on the 5th December. 5 cases were admitted from L.of C.

9 cases were disgnosed since admission, 7 died.

E. Urgent requirements and 12 outer covers. Hospital Marquees, to replace suggested Amprovements. worn out covers.

C. Visitors and object of Colonel Elliott, Consulting Physician 9-18-18.
their visit.

Colonel Thorburn, visited Hospital 12-12-18 and

lectured to Medical Officers attending Refresher Course.

D.	Total number of Sick and Wounded .	Siok.	Wounded.
	(2) Admitted from Eront. (2) Admitted from L.of C.	479	2
	(3) Evacuated to England.		-
Si.	Total number of sick and wounded discharged to.		
	(2) Convelescent Depots.	198	3 9
100	(3) Transferred to Other Hospitals.	42	-

F. Disposal of Infectious Cases. Influenza. To Duty 44. To Con. Camp. 32.

Froncho Pheumonia, Died 7.

Venereal, To O.H.O.B. 54.

G. Brief report of accidents invadving death or serious injury.

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- 2. State Health of Oversess Contingents. 16 of Personnel in Hospital.
- I. General Remarks Influenza spidemic abating, death rate decreasing.
 7 deaths occured during week from Broncho Pneumonia
 following Influenza.

3rd Australian General Hospital. (sgd) S.R.Burston.

C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

(b) Fitting of Dentures under (4) NII.

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APPENDIX RETURN IN ACCORDANCE WITH D.M.S., L. of C. c. 351/15.

Broncho Pneumonia : 166 Cases remaining on the A. General Health of Troops if any disease prevalent. 12th Dec., 4 cases were admitted locally, 1 case was admitted from Front. 2 were admitted from Other Hespitsls. 62 cases were transferred to England, 5 died, lo cases were diagnosed since admission, 116 cases remaining on the 19th Dec. Influenza: 144 cases remaining on the 12th Dec 83 cases were admitted locally, 117 cases were admitted from Front, 4 were admitted from C. Camp

14 were admitted from Other Hospitals, 84 were transferred to Con Camp. 15 To England 47 To Duty, 10 were diagnosed Fron. Pneumonia since admission, 206 cases remaining on the 19th Dec.

B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements.

Hil.

C. Visitors and object of their visit.

Mil.

D. Total number of Sick and Wounded Wounded. Siok. (1) Admitted from Front. (E) Admitted from L. of C. 334 (3) Evacuated to England.

E. Total number of sick and Wounded discharged to.

(1) Base details and Depots. (2) Convalescent Depots. 83 (3) Transferred to Other Hospitals. (4) Deaths

lo To England. Trench Fever. F. Disposal of Infectious Cases. 2 do. Tuberculosis. 70 To O.H.O.B. Venereal.

G. Brief report of accidents involving death or serious injury.

Mil.

H. State Health of Overseas Contingents. 2 Sisters in Hespital. 11 Other Ranks of Personnel in Hospits

I. General Remarks.

3rd Australian General Hospital.

Date. 20th December 1918.

colonel. c. 69gairs. Ruburstonn General Hospital.

Dental Report: -. Humber of Latients in Hospit al awaiting.

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REQUIRM IN ACCORDANCE WITH D.M.S., L. of C. c. 351/15. PPENDIX



. General Health of Troops Broncho Pneumonia : 116 cases remaining on the if any disease prevalent. 19th Dec., 49 cases were transferred to England, 4 died, 5 cases were diagnosed since admission 68 cases remaining on the 26th Dec. Influenza: 206 esses remaining on the 19th Dec 37 cases were admitted from Front. 11 cases were admitted from C. Camp, 81 cases admitted locally 45 cases were transferred to C. Camp. 34 to Duty. 14 to England, 5 cases were diagnosed B. Pneu since admission.237 cases remaining on the 26th Dec.

B. Urgent requirements and suggested imptovements.

Flooring of Tented Wards.

C. Visitors and object of their visit.

Nil.

Wounded D. Total number of sick and Wounded. Sick. 118 (1) Admitted from Front. 364 (2) Admitted from L. of C. 214 (3) Evacuated to England. E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to. Base details and Depots. 98 (2) Convalescent Depots. (3) Transferred to Other Hospitals.)4) Deaths.

F. Disposal of Infectious cases.

Trench Fever. Tuberculosis. Malaria. / Venereal.

3 Ton England.

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42 To Other Hospitals.

C. Brief report of accidents involving death or serious injury.

Nil.

E. State Health of Overseas Contingents.

8 other Ranks of Personnel in Hospital.

I. General Remarks.

Ord Australian General Hospital.

27th December 1918.

Lieut-Colonel. E.W. GUTTERIDGE. A/C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

Dental Report: -. Number of Patients in Hospital awaiting.

(b) Fitting of Dentures under (4) Nil.

TRU IN ACCOMMANCE WITH D.M. S. L. OF C. C. 351/15.



A. General Health of Troops

Improving. 68 cases of Broncho Pasumonia were if any disease prevalent. remaining on the 27th Dec. 1 case was admitted from L.of C. 30 cases were transferred to U.A. l death occurred. 38 cases remaining on End Jan. 237 cases of Influenza remaining on the 27th Dec 21 cases were admitted From L. of C. 7 were admitted from C.Camp. 14 Were admitted from 46 G.C.S. 113 were discharged to Duty, 68 cases were transferred to U.A. 96 cases remaining on the End Jan.

D. Urgant requirements and suggested improvements.

Mil.

U. Visitors and object of their visit.

Mila

D.	Total number of sick and Wounded. (1) Admitted from Front. (2) Admitted from L. of C.	Siak	Wounded
	(3) Evacuated to magland	422	*
\Z.	Total number of Siek and Wounded discharged to.		
1	(1) Base details and depots. (2) Convelescent De ots.	244	5
16	(3) Transferred to Other Bospitals.	8 8	148 148

I. Disposal of Infectious cases. Trench Fever, to England 11. Tuberoulosis, do. Maleria do. Vonoreal. To O.Hosp. 38.

O. Brief report of accidents involving death or serious injury.

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H. State Health of Overseas Contingents. Fair. 2 Sisters and 11 C. Ranks in Hospital.

1. General Remarks.

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3rd Australian General Hospital.

Pate 3rd January 1918.

E.W. GUTTERIDGE Licut-Colonel. for C.O. Third Austrelian General Hospital.

Densal Report:-Number of Petients in Hespital awaiting.

(b) Fitting of Dentures under (4) Wil.

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D.M.S., A.I.F.,
Administrative Headquarters,
130, Hurseferry Road,
LONDON, S.W.1.

MONTHLY REPORTS - DECEMBER 1918.

Acave to England on 20th December 1918.

There has been a considerable slackening off in the work of the Hospital. With the waning of the Influenza epidemic the number of sick has diminished and the gravity of their diseases has lessened.

Store divided into a Reception Room and Hardwere Store. This has freed a hut for a ward. Consequent on the increased hut accommodation and diminished number of patients in Hospital, it has been possible to close two unfloored tented Blocks and concentrate the sick cases in Huts.

A most enjoyable Christmas was spent by all in Hospital. The patients had a good and plentiful dinner, the British Red Cross (Australian Branch) supplying 1/10 per head to supplement the ordinary rations. Various concerts and amusements were provided in the Y.M.C.A. Hall and Wards.

and tents, and the filling in of trenches has been necessitated by the wet weather. It has not improved the appearance of the Hospital.

(Sgd) E.W. GUTTERIDGE.

A/O.C., Third Australian General Hospital.

9-1-1919.