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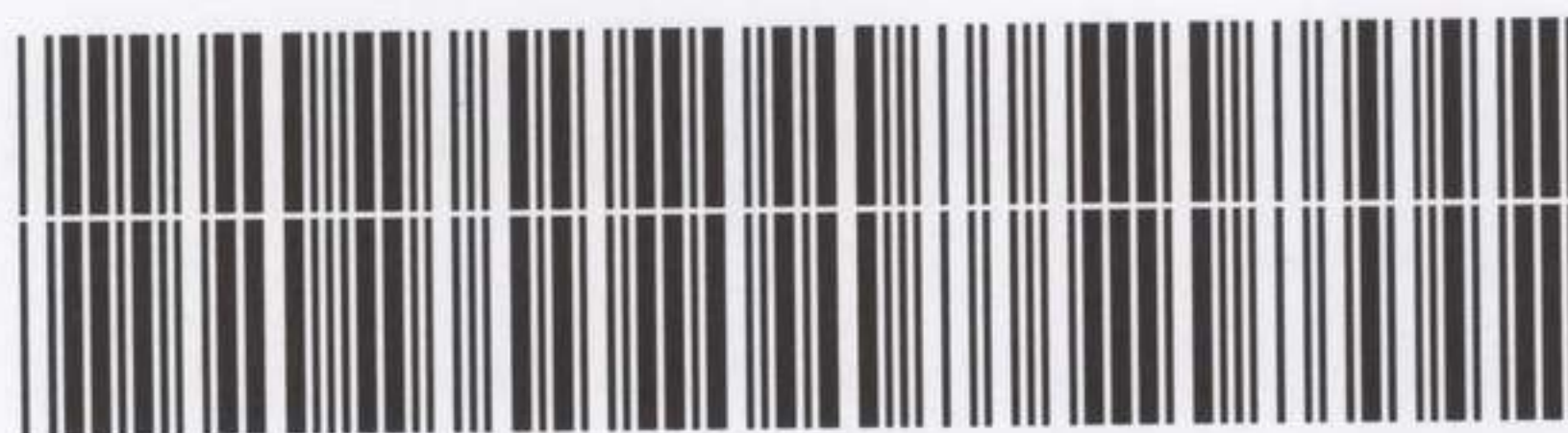
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1914-18 War**

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Tetbury

November 1918 - February 1919



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War Diary - Oct 27 - Nov 30 1918

FOR OTHER RANKS:

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS HOSPITAL:
T e t b u r y: Glos.

RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY PATIENTS OF AUSTRALIAN
FLYING CORPS HOSPITAL, TETBURY.

1. REVEILLE will be at 6.45 a.m., and Convalescent Patients must be out of bed and fully dressed by 7.15 a.m.
2. MEAL HOURS :-

Breakfast	..	7.30 a.m.
Dinner	..	12 noon.
Tea	..	4.30 p.m.
Supper	..	7.30 p.m.
3. All patients must be in bed by 8.30 p.m.
4. 'Lights Out' .. 9 p.m.
5. At 8.45 p.m. the Night Orderly will check the beds, and the names of any patients then absent will be taken and handed to the Officer Commanding for disciplinary action.
6. On admission to Hospital Patients will hand over to the Wardmaster, and obtain an Official receipt therefor, any money in their possession. Valuables should also be handed in for safe keeping. On production of the receipt when being discharged, the money and valuables will be given back to the patient.
7. On admission to Hospital all Kit (except Hat and Overcoat) must be given in to the Quartermaster and receipt therefor obtained. Upon discharge the patient will produce the receipt to the Quartermaster and obtain his Kit.
8. Hospital "Blues", white shirt, and red necktie, will be worn by all walking patients below the rank of Warrant Officer, who will be allowed to retain his Khaki uniform, but must have a blue band securely sewn on the right arm sleeve of his tunic and overcoat. The overcoats of those below the rank of Warrant Officer must also have a blue band securely sewn on the right sleeve.
9. At the discretion of the Officer Commanding patients may draw pay at a rate NOT EXCEEDING 3/6d PER WEEK: They will be paid at the Hospital on Fridays, and those wishing to draw pay must hand their paybooks in to the General Office not later than the preceding Wednesday. Personal or written applications for pay MUST NOT BE MADE to the Chief Paymaster, A.I.F.
10. Patients wishing to make any Official application or communication to any Branch of the A.I.F. or other Military Service must do so in writing: such communications to be addressed to the Officer Commanding this Hospital.
11. Patients considered fit by their Medical Officers will be allowed out of the Hospital between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day. The special permission of the Officer Commanding must be obtained for any extension of these hours, and written application must be lodged in the General Office before 10 a.m.
12. Convalescent patients, if considered fit by their Medical Officers, will perform any duties allotted to them in the Wards or Hospital premises under the direction of the Sisters or Wardmaster.
13. Any infringements of rules or breaches of discipline will be dealt with by the Officer Commanding.

BY ORDER:

W. H. H. Hill
Major, AAMC. O.C.

3rd November 1918.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS HOSPITAL,
T e t b u r y: Glos.

1st December 1918.

REPORT BY SISTER IN CHARGE FOR MONTH OF
NOVEMBER 1918.

T/Head-Sister Tucker, Staff-Nurses McKay and Fahey, reported from No.2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall, on 26th October, for duty at the above Hospital. The following day 14 patients were admitted, 8 being transfers from the Cottage Hospital, Tetbury; the remainder coming from the 'Dromes.

On the 28th October Staff-Nurse Chaplin reported for duty from the Tetbury Cottage Hospital.

The work for the month has been light; one acute pneumonia, and a "crash", are both convalescent now.

The health of the Nursing Staff is good, and it is satisfactory to note report no cases of Influenza as regards this Staff, who were all inoculated during the month.

Owing to the want of suitable accommodation, the General Service V.A.Ds. have not been attached to this Unit. Civilian women have been substituted - 2 for the Laundry, 3 for Kitchen work, and 2 as Ward Scrubbers. The first five are billeted at home and have their rations at the Hospital. The Scrubbers live entirely at their own homes.

The position of the Hospital Theatre made it much more practicable to nurse the Surgical cases on "A" Flat. A Staff Nurse is in charge of that floor, with two Orderlies. The Theatre is midway between the two Wards, one of which is used for Officers and Cadets, the other being an 8-bed Men's Ward. The upper floor, "B" Flat, is kept for the Medical cases. There are two large Wards for the men, and three small Wards for the Officers and Cadets. There are also a Staff Nurse and two Orderlies on this floor.

A Staff Nurse and Orderly are on Night Duty, and the Sister in charge of the Hospital has charge of the Theatre, which, although small, is quite large enough for the work required, is well lighted, well warmed by steam pipes, and has hot and cold water laid on.

T/H/Sister:
A.F.C. HOSPITAL.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS HOSPITAL,
T e t b u r y: G l o s .

1st Jgñuary 1919.

From: Sister in Charge:

To: O.C. A.F.C. HOSPITAL,
T E T B U R Y.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

The Nursing work for the month has been light, the majority of the cases being medical.

There was one case of Pneumonia, now convalescent, and one "crash", which was slight and the patient has now been discharged.

The work of the Nursing Staff has been very satisfactory, and their health good. The Staff is still four, with a Staff Nurse in charge of each Flat, and a Sister on Night Duty.

There have only been five operations during the month, and they have all done well.

6 T/Head Sister.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS HOSPITAL
T e t b u r y: Glos.

1st February 1919.

REPORT BY SISTER IN CHARGE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1919.

This month records the maximum number of patients since the Hospital opened.

Three "crashes" have been admitted and are still in Hospital. They are progressing satisfactorily.

There were also six minor accidents, three of whom have been discharged, and the remainder will be shortly.

Twelve operations have been performed during the month - eleven under general, and one local anaesthetic.

The men's medical wards have been practically full, and the surgical wards have averaged about half of the beds occupied. The Officers' medical wards have been practically empty, and the surgical full - a couple of beds in the medical section having to be used for the surgical cases.

Two infectious cases have been admitted and nursed in the Isolation Ward - bot/measles.

NURSING STAFF :

General health good: No alterations as regards number of Staff. One Nurse has been granted her half yearly Leave - a relieving Nurse having been sent from No.2 A.A.H. to take her place.

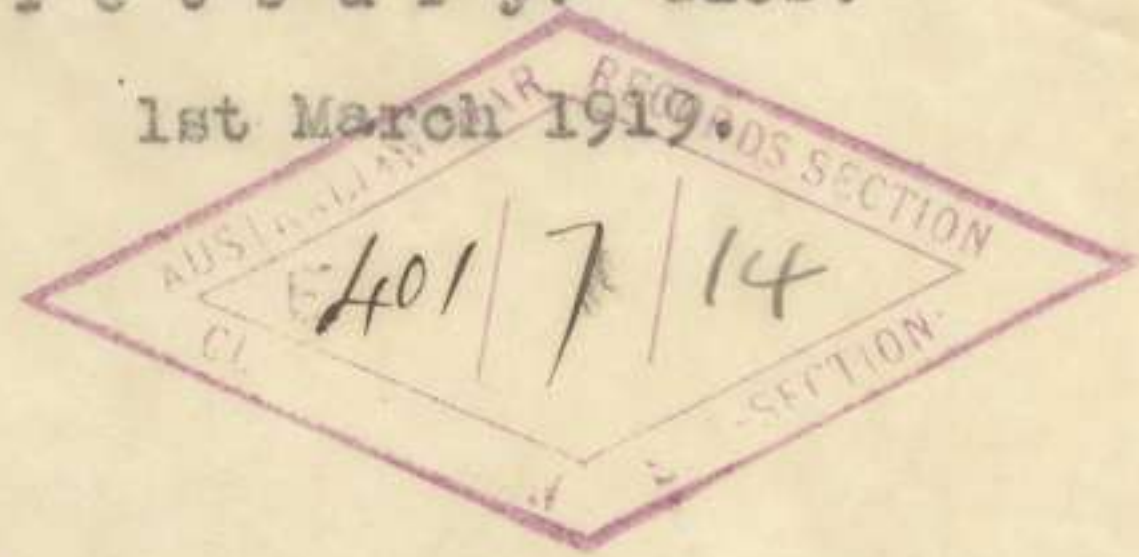
CIVILIAN STAFF:

Still many minor ailments amongst the women. The Cook was 12 days off duty with a septic finger, and the Assistant Cook had 7 days light duties owing to an accident to her hand. One of the Scrubbers absconded, the Assistant Cook has taken her place, and a new Maid has been obtained for Kitchen duties.

T/H/Sister.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS HOSPITAL:
T e t b u r y: G l o s.

1st March 1919



From: Head Sister i/c.

To: O.C. A.F.C. Hospital,
TETBURY: Glos.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

The total number of cases admitted for this month was 68.

Four crashes were admitted. They are still in Hospital and are all progressing satisfactorily.

Several small operations were performed.

Owing to the large number of Influenza cases admitted it was necessarily to turn the Recreation Room and Staff Mess Room temporarily into Wards.

Four Measles cases were admitted and are still in Hospital.

Three deaths occurred during the month, the cause in each case being Influenza, followed by Broncho Pneumonia.

The health of the Staff has been fairly satisfactory. Two Sisters had to be transferred to Southwell Gardens suffering from Influenza. One returned to duty on 26th Feb., and the other is to return on 4th March. Two Sisters were sent here for temporary duty during their absence.

One of the Civilian Staff (Scrubber) was away sick from 12th to 23rd February inclusive, and it was necessary to replace her owing by engaging another woman owing to increase of work. The Staff however will not be increased at present, as one of the Kitchen Hands has been given notice and will be discharged early in March, and, as the work has now slackened off somewhat, this hand will not for the present be replaced.

Head Sister.

P.C.
E.H.
7/19