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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE NOUVEAU MONDE	10.8.16		Major Lind detailed to A.D.S. at EATON HALL Shell proof dug-outs commenced at this post.	
	12.8.16		<p>Orders received from A.D.M.S. 5th Aust Division to take over A.D.S. at PORT à CLOUS with attached bearer posts from 8th Aust Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Inspection by the Commanding Officer of the new posts - 7 in number. The area covered mainly occupied by the 8th Aust Infantry Brigade is very extensive and draws its wounded from about 1500 yards of the front line with long stretches of sap. There is no adequate protection at WYE FARM or FORRAY HOUSE posts.</p> <p>Major NEWTON and 27 other ranks detailed to take over these posts and relieved the 8th Field Ambulance during the evening.</p> <p>Under orders from A.D.M.S. the number of working cars with this Unit was to-day reduced to 4; this means 2 cars for clearing each A.D.S. working continuously for one week when they will be relieved by 4 other cars which have been overhauled. It will not be possible to deal with any extra cases or with a rush of casualties until additional cars have been obtained by requisition from A.D.M.S. Owing to the additional care and overhauling the cars will receive it will probably be possible to keep the machines on the road for a longer period than formerly</p>	

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LA NOUVEAU MONDE	12.8.16	(cont)	formerly, but the shortage of available cars will render the work of evacuations more difficult.	
	14.8.16		Major Lind relieved at EATON HALL by Capt Beard. and half relief sent to EATON HALL	
x	17.8.16		No 8792 Pte Ramsden H awarded the Military Medal - "on night 20 th 21 st July he went over the parapet into no-mans land to collect wounded." Half relief sent to EATON HALL. At this post proper shell proof dugouts are being constructed of sufficient capacity to hold the personnel and 20 patients. Arrangements are being made to construct similar shelters for personnel at the various heavier posts held by this Unit.	
	21.8.16.		Half-Relief sent to EATON HALL.	
	23.8.16		Major Bullen granted 8 days leave to ENGLAND. DRS LA NOUVEAU MONDE opened.	
	24.8.16		Major Newton relieved at A.D.S. PORT-à-CLOUS. by Capt Bullen. Owing to the difficulty in coping with the increased work of the unit it was found necessary to return all the cars from the Half relief sent to EATON HALL.	
	28.8.16		Artillery and trench mortar demonstrations this afternoon to be followed by a raid on the enemy trenches	
	27.8.16		Capt. Baird transferred to 25 th Bde F.A. to relieve Capt Napier attached to	

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le NOUVEAU MONDE.	31/8/16.		Appendices attached as follows	Appendix 25.
			Medical report of work at M.D.S.. for August 1916.	Appendix 25.
			Graph (cases treated at M.D.S.)	Appendix 26.
			(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month & filed with volume for that month).	

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General Medical Report for August 1916

During the month a daily average of 32 cases were treated as in patients at the Main Dressing Station. By far the greater number of these were 'sick', this is well shown by the comparative graph (Appendix 26)

Total admissions 560
Evacuated to C.C.S. 273
Transferred to D.R.S. 222
Discharged to duty 80

The following list shows the general distribution Classification of the cases

Shock, Shell	17	} Battle Casualties
Wounds	128	
Other Injuries	50	
Pulmonary Diseases	26	'Miscellaneous Diseases' includes :- Cardiovascular, Urinary, Skin, Special Sense Exhaustion, Minor Maladies.
Diarrhoea	10	
Other Intestinal Diseases	28	
Miscellaneous Diseases	138	
Rheumatism	25	
Influenza and P.U.O.	80	
Tonsillitis	26	
Infectious Diseases	25	
Veneral Disease	7	

The Infectious cases were mostly sporadic Measles Mumps and Malaria. No epidemic existed.

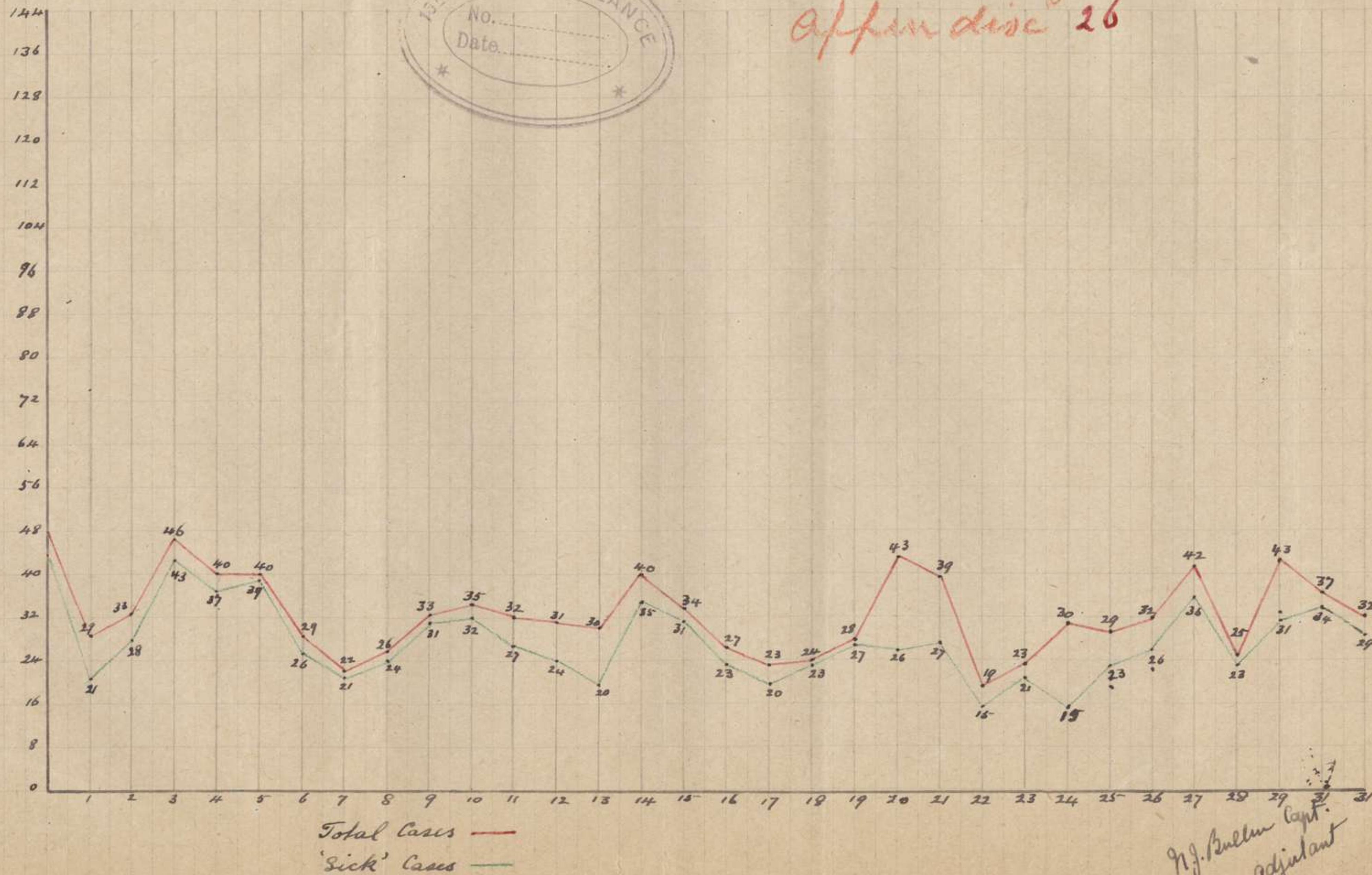
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Graph showing daily totals of cases treated at Main Dressing Station, le Nouveau Monde from 1st to 31st August 1916.

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