

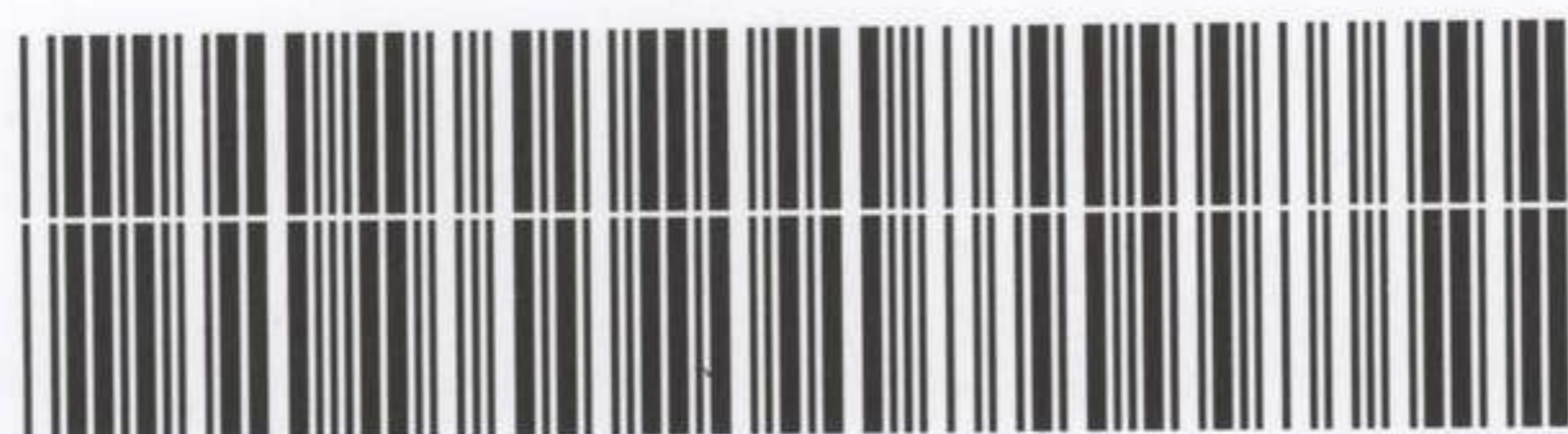
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BECORDEL	30.10.16		<p>Appendices attached as follows: General Medical Report for October Graph showing ratio of disease and wound incidence Graph showing daily sick and wounded treated at M.D.S.</p>	<p>Appendix 41 Appendix 42 Appendix 43</p>
	1.11.16.		<p>The Tent Subdivision of 7th Aust Field Ambulance reported for duty at M.D.S.</p>	
	1.11.16.		<p>1st ANZAC. A.A.M.C. Order No. 35 received</p>	<p>Appendix 44.</p>
	3.11.16		<p>5th Aust Division Medical Order No. 8. received.</p>	<p>Appendix 45</p>
	4.11.16		<p>Bearer Division of 15th Aust. Fld ambulance relieved at A.D.S. and returned to BECORDEL.</p>	
	7.11.16		<p>Bearer Division of 8th Aust Fld ambulance reported for duty at M.D.S.</p>	
	14.11.16		<p>Tent Division of 7th Aust Fld. ambulance marched out.</p>	
	15.11.16		<p>Tent Subdivision of 12th Aust Fld ambulance reported for duty at M.D.S.</p>	
	16.11.16		<p>Tent Subdivision of 13th Aust Fld. ambulance reported for duty at M.D.S.</p>	
	20.11.16		<p>5th Aust Division Medical Order No 10 received</p>	<p>appendix 46</p>
			<p>15th Aust Field Ambulance order No 13 issued</p>	<p>Appendix 47</p>
			<p>In accordance with this order the Bearer Divisions of 8th and</p>	
			<p>15th Aust Field ambulances marched to the A.D.S. at BERNAFAY</p>	
			<p>WOOD reporting there to O.C. 14th Aust Field ambulance.</p>	
			<p>The accommodation at this Station was a great improvement on</p>	<p>All</p>
			<p>that at GREEN DUMP. all personnel were placed under canvas</p>	

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RECORDED	20.11.16 cont.		The work of the bearers was very difficult but was greatly facilitated by the duck-board track which stretched throughout the line. The accommodations along the line was fairly good though no shell proof 'dug-outs' existed. In spite of the continuous heavy shelling by the enemy no casualties occurred.	
	21.11.16		Tent subdivisions of 13 th Aust. Fld. Amb. marched out.	
	22.11.16		one Section 1 st Aust. Fld. Amb. reported at M.D.S. for duty.	
	24.11.16		Capt Hughes temporarily detached for duty with 59 th Battrn. Capt Bullen left for ENGLAND on leave. Major Bullen left for AUSTRALIA	
	28.11.16.		1 st A.N.Z.A.C.; A.A.M.C. Order No 41 received	Appendix 48
	29.11.16		Bearer Divisions of 12 th Aust. Fld. Amb. reported for duty at M.D.S.	
	30.11.16		Appendices attached as follows (a) General Medical Report for November (b) Graph showing ratio of disease and wound incidence (c) Graph showing daily sick and wounded treated at M.D.S.	Appendix 49 Appendix 50 Appendix 51
				Weynton Lt Col. C.O. 15 th Aust. Fld. Amb.

15th Aust Field Ambulance Order No 13 Copy No 3

1st A.M.S. Main Dressing Station

Ref Map ALBERT Combined Sheet 40000

Offensive 47.

20.11.16

Information. Bearer Divisions of 8th and 15th Aust Field Ambulances will proceed to BERNAFAY WOOD (S. 22.d. 9.1) and report to C.O. 14th Aust. Fld. Amb. not later than 12 midday on 21st inst.

Move Bearer Divisions of 8th and 15th Aust Field Ambulances will move off from M.D.S. at 8 a.m. on 21st inst. moving by main road through MAMETZ and MONTAUBAN. Emergency rations 24 hrs will be carried and the main 48 hours rations will be carried by transport.

Officers 15th F. Amb
Capt Butler
Capt Brown
Capt Hughes
Officers 8th F. Amb
Capt Parker
" Craig

Rations



One G.P. Cook and an assistant will accompany bearers of 15th F. Amb. G.P. Cook will arrange for 2 Coy. stores and necessary devices to be transported for use of 15th F. Amb. bearers.

Transport. Transport officer will detail the transport necessary to carry stores, and packs and blankets of personnel of 15th F. Amb. marching out.

Marching out Officers i/c Bearer Divisions of 8th and 15th F. Amb. will hand in a

State

Marching out State to the Orderly
Room M.D.S. before 8 a.m. on
21st inst.

Dress Marching order

Water Water bottles will be carried full

Parade Beavers divisions of 8th and 15th Faubs
will fall in at 7.45 a.m. on
21st inst.

Breakfast Breakfast for personnel marching
out will be served at 6.45 a.m.

FEET. The feet of all personnel marching out
will be rubbed with whale oil on
evening of 20th inst, and a clean
pair of socks put on

W. H. Hornby
Sgt. Col.

O.C. 1st Anzac M.D.S.

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General Medical report for November 1916.

1st ANZAC Main Dressing Station.

A daily average of 138 patients was treated at the M.D.S. during the month. Of these an average of 68 were sick. The increase in the proportion of sick to wounded on the previous month at this Station was due to the ^{increase} opening of a Corps Rest Station of 250 beds at BECORDEL Main Dressing Station.

Approximately 2800 cases were admitted of whom 1354 were wounded -

Evacuated to C.C.S. 2127

Transferred to C.R.S. 630

A marked rise in cases of Diarrhoea occurred though the disease did not reach serious proportions. It was probably caused by (1) Drinking Shell hole water, (2) Monotonous diet of iron rations when in the trenches -

68 cases of Rheumatism and 183 cases of Influenza were treated

Owing to the damp, cold weather a large number of cases of Trench Foot were treated amounting in all to 102 cases.

With the exception of a few cases of Mumps there were practically no cases of infectious disease

A Dental Department was opened up and commenced work during the month.

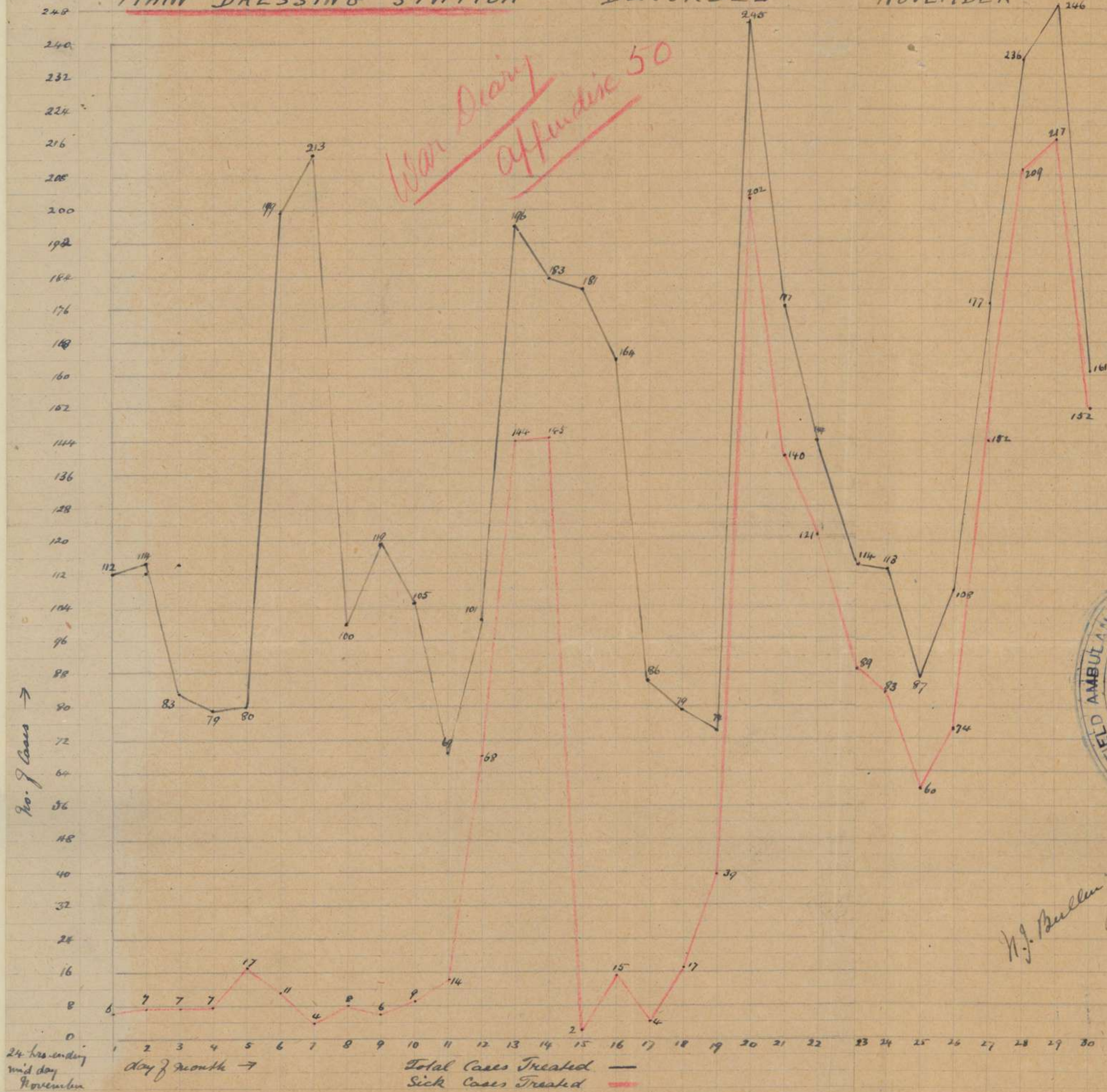
Alex. Horn M.D.

C.O. 15th Aust Field Amb.

Graph showing daily ratio of total cases treated to Sick cases treated at MAIN DRESSING STATION BECORDEL

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W. J. Bullen Capt.
Adjutant

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Medical Report for November 1916

BECORDEL Coys Rest Stations.

On the 14th inst a Coys Rest Station for minor cases was opened in connection with the Main Dressing Station

Up to the end of the month a total of 393 cases had been admitted. The following table gives the work done by the Rest Stations:-

Admitted	393
Evacuated to CCS	202
Discharged to Duty.	180
Daily average Total.	124

The patients are accommodated in marquees and appreciate and benefit by the good food and rest. The accommodation is rather limited but on the whole quite adequate as the period for which the men remain in the Station is not more than 6 days.



W. H. Tom H. H. H.

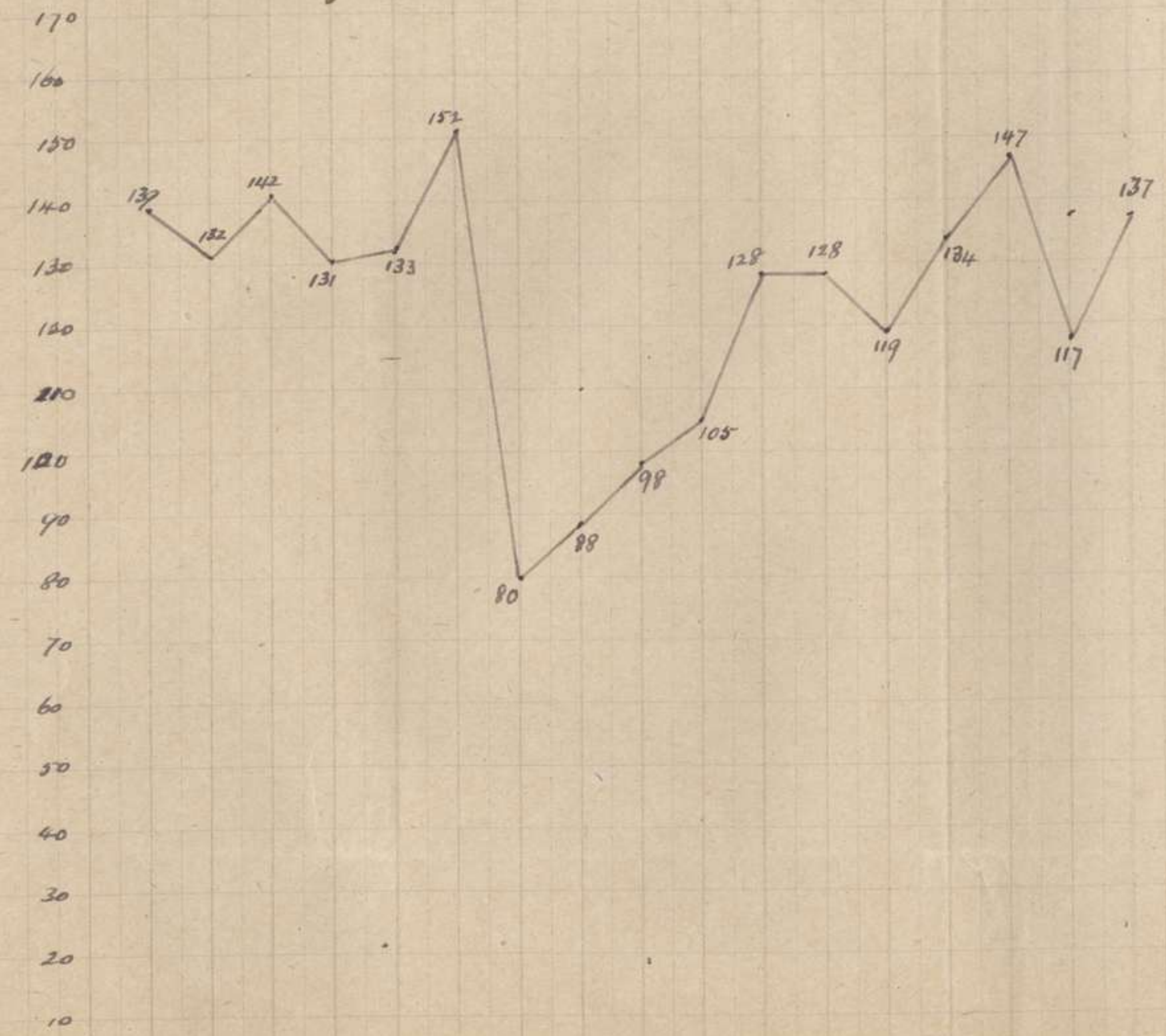
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Graph Showing daily TOTALS of patients treated at BECORDEL Rest Station



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H. G. Muller Capt
Adjutant

24 hrs ending mid day November.
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