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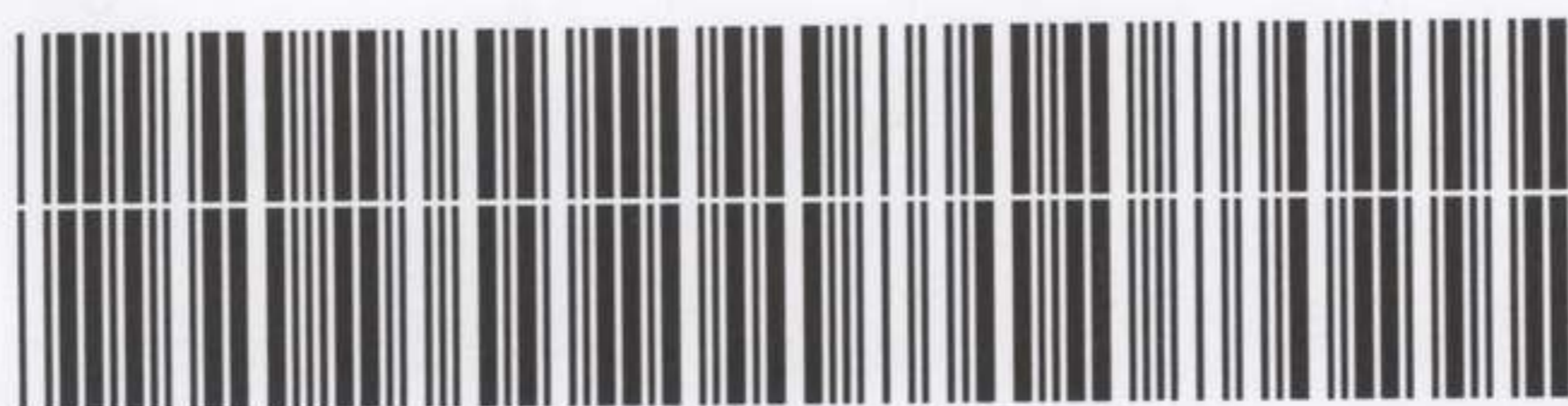
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WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian C. C. Station

FOR

November 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

*Robert Stephen Ross
for Major C. Minty.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*Major
A/O.C. 2nd Aust. C.C.S.*

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<u>Admissions Etc & Operations - NIL</u>				
Neavou Monde	1. II. 18.		Day fine. Train for evacuation at 9a.m. Men given a half holiday for a football match. General health of personnel remarkably good. No Influenza cases except the Quartermaster, who has had a relapse. Unit taking Quinine. Still no orders re our next site. Diary for last month completed and ready for despatch.	
	2. II. 18.		Day wet and cold. Evacuated yesterday 60 O/Ranks. Camp practically demolished now and the Unit can move off at very short notice.	
	3. II. 18.		Day dull and showery. Miss Blake sent to N.Z. Stationary Hospital. Slight attack of Appendicitis. All tents being pulled down and placed at entrance convenient for loading. Great difficulty in getting mail and supplies. The S. Depot is some distance East of Lille, a long run for a lorry.	
<i>W. Lennick Major at O.C. 24cc5.</i>				

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Neavou Monde	4. II. 18.		Day fine and clear. Still awaiting orders. Monthly report sent to D.M.S., A.I.F.	
	5. II. 18.		Day wet and cold. Heavy rain accompanied by strong wind through the night. Everything in readiness to move. Lt. Col. Cudmore A.A.M.C. arrived on a visit from England. No cases of Influenza in the Unit in spite of bad weather conditions. One is led to believe that the prophylactic measures adopted have been efficacious i.e. the taking of quinine, and the observance of precautions on the part of nursing orderlies, and Sisters, and the use of gauze (medicated) by those with a cough.	
<i>W. Pennick Major Act. OC 2 Accs.</i>				

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Neavou Monde	6.II.18.		Still raining. Camp site very sloppy. Our troops appear to be doing well all along the Front. A retirement from Tournai must surely take place within a day or two. Last month although the Station was only actually receiving patients for about 17 days, owing to moving was a busy one. All arrangements went well in spite of bad weather and a very muddy site in a field that had been ploughed and sown. The % of Wounds requiring Operative treatment in general Anaes. = 73%.	
	7.II.18.		Day cloudy, no rain. No orders re move. Everything in readiness. Conference tomorrow at D.M.S. office to discuss new C.C.S. establishment. German Delegates left on 6th for Western Front.	
<i>lost Penick Major Act. O.C. 2 ACCS.</i>				

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Neavou Monde	8. II. 18.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Admissions Etc & Operations - Nil</u></p> <p>Day dull cold showery. Orders at midnight to start loading on to a train at La Gorgue, 10 lorries to be used. Loading started at 11.30 a.m. and went on apace. No orders re destination or time of departure. Fifty-three loads put on up to 5.30 p.m. when loading ceased owing to no further orders being received. Conference of O's.C. C.C.Ss. sat A.D.M.S. Office, Lille at 3 p.m. Saw A.D.M.S. who could give no further particulars re our destination. Told him the mens quarters and Nurses quarters and gear would be on the train by tomorrow morning, but on getting back to camp from Lille found orders to have everything on train at 10 p.m.; Nothing about Sisters, decided to leave them behind, also 3 officers, Capt? Pollard and Capt. Maudsley leaving two days rations. Also working party of 10 men and one Sergeant for demolition of Sisters quarters, and for cleaning up site. By 2a.m. everything on the train. A very good days work on the part of the Unit; loading at night in the cold and rain very difficult.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. Lennick Major Act. OC. 2ACC5.</i></p>	

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Neavou Monde	9. II.	18.	<p>Day fine and clear. Train moved out 5.10.a.m., destination Basieux about 15 kilos? East of Lille; reached Basieux at 8 p.m. R.T.O. was determined that the train should be unloaded at once, but this was not done. Communicated with D.M.S., who gave orders that train was not to be unloaded at Basieux, but to standby till the line to Blandain was repaired. Kitchen arrangements worked well on the train; good hot meals being prepared at the usual meal hours. Train consists of 35 trucks, some closed down and some open. Nine closed trucks set apart for Officers and men.</p>	
	10?	II. 18.	<p>Borrowed a lorry from advanced Dump C.R.E. IIth Corps and sent to Lille for rations and to pick up our own 2 lorries, which had orders to be at Fives, near Lille, on the morning of the 10th to get instructions. In Lille got an ambulance car from 43 M.A.C. for use at the Station for a few days. Still standing by at Basieux. D.M.S. informs us that part of the Lunatic Asylum at Tournai has been reserved for this Station. The line to Blandain will not be ready for a day at least. Men all in good health and spirits; food good and plentiful. Tournai is about 18 kilos. from Basieux.</p>	

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	II. II.	18.	<p>Day dull cold and showery. Working party of 20 men and one N.C.O. sent to Tournai to make a start with cleaning up the building the Station is to occupy. I went along with Major Minty. Found A.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Tournai and together we went over to the Asylum, which is in good condition, except for broken windows, but very dirty and fouled everywhere by the Germans before the retreat. Drove back to Basieux with Col. Millard. Armistice signed at 11 a.m.; very hard to realise that hostilities have ceased. At midnight orders came that train would move on to Blandain at 8.30 a.m. Nov. 12th. Electric light installed in the living quarters of the train by L/Cpl Hards; a great convenience - power from X-Ray engine. Called at D.M.S. office on way to Bondues, but no officers about.</p>	
	12. II.	18.	<p>Day fine and clear. Train pulled out en route for Blandain at 8.30 a.m. distance about 4 kilos. Twenty lorries to meet the train. Unloading awkward, most of the material had to be carried across several sets of rails and dumped on the ground as the train had to be got away in quick time. By nightfall all but a few lorry loads had been brought to Tournai. cleaning up of building going on well. The building is enormous, very well laid out, and fitted with all conveniences in the way of heating and lighting apparatus, but all the machinery is damaged to a certain extent, though not beyond repair. Some of the corridors are half a kilometre in length.</p>	
<p><i>Not planned Major Act. OC 2nd accs.</i></p>				
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Tournai.	13. II. 18.		Day fine and clear. Hon. Lt. & Q.M. Summerfield ex W.O. 1st. class of this Unit proceeded to 15th Field Ambulance. By noon all material from Blandain brought to Asylum. Place beginning to look habitable. Latrines erected near various blocks. All indoor water being out of order and water supply cut off. Main kitchen cleared of debris, but all culinary arrangements will not be of use till water supply is re-established. Gen. Birdwood visited the Station. Sisters Quarters all ready.	
	14. II. 18.		Day fine, clear, and frosty. Sisters arrived from Estaires. Several wards equipped. Stoves put in till radiator system can be put in order. Supplies still being drawn from Lille; mail also a very long run. Working party from Estaires left behind to load Sisters huts and gear not arrived yet. Army has evidently forgotten to send the 5 lorries promised. Small amount of electric light available from accumulators in the Engine house. Telephone installed by III. Corps Sigs.	
<i>W. H. Lennick Major Act. OC. 2 ACCS.</i>				

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			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR
			5	183	-	-	-	-	-	-			5	260
Wounded Admitted.							Operations							
NIL							5 (Miscell)							
Tournai.	15.	II. 18.	Day fine and clear. Party of German Prisoners obtained to clear up. Also some female civilians. Electric supply increased. Accomodation by noon for 300. D.M.S. visited the Station At 2 p.m. started to receive. Good number of sick(Influenza) arriving. Arrangements working well. Instructions given to all Sisters and orderlies in charge of Influenza wards especially to read again and observe all the precautionary measures printed in notices in orders recently.											
	16.	II. 18.	Day fine and clear, very cold frost on the ground all day. Big number of patients. By 6 p.m. nearly 400 in hospital, including some Surgical cases resulting from explosion of a mine near Ath. Light supply now fairly satisfactory; we are running our Petter engine through accumulators Water service not yet repaired. Water lorry attached and water has to be hand carried to the various blocks at present. No 5I C.C.S. occupying one half of the building will be ready to receive at 9 a.m. tomorrow. No word of any arrangements for evacuation. Some new wards had to be opened up in a hurry to meet the rush.											

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Capt. O.C. 2ACC.S.*

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			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	
			8	138	—	148	—	—	—	4	1	—	12	246	
			Wounded Admitted					Operations							
			NIL					2 (Miscell)							
Tournai	17. II.	18.	<p>Day dull, very cold, thick frost. Special Thanksgiving Service at Church this morning. No 51 C.C.S. attended. 270 cases for evacuation, no train till tomorrow when cases up to 200 are to be evacuated to Ascq, to No 63 C.C.S. or No 13 C.C.S. which ever may be receiving. Ascq is about 20 kálos. from Tournai. Stoves put in wards, working well and cooking arrangements satisfactory. From 16th supplies to be drawn from Basieux and mail collected in Tournai. Matron-in-Chief visited the Station.</p>												
	18. II.	18.	<p>Day dull, cold. Snow fell through the morning. Evacuated 200 Cases to No 63 C.C.S. at Ascq. using 16 cars. Arrangements held up at Ascq and in consequence all cases not got off till 5.30 p.m. after starting at 10 a.m. In future cases are to be admitted to one of the C.C.S.'s. at Ascq, and the cars sent straight back to do a second trip, also in future there will be 30 cars in use. This as a result of a conference with D.M.S. today. Some difficulty in obtaining coal from Army. Got one load from dump made by Germans near Tournai Station. Sister proceeded on duty to No 25 General Hospital. Consulting Physician visited Station today.</p>												
			<p>W. Rennie Major A.C.C. 2000</p>												

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			Admissions		Evacuations		Transfers		Go Duty		Deaths			Remaining	
			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	
			8	88	15	177	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	152	
			Wounded Admitted					Operations							
			NIL					2 (Miscell)							
Tournai	19. II. 18.		Day dull and showery. Front part of building being heated from radiator system. Some cases evacuated this a.m. 112 all told. Receiving today not many cases coming in. Col. Fairfax who to be consulting Physician to this area vice Col. Millard proceeding to England, visited the Station.												
	20. II. 18.		Day dull and foggy. An electric pump under the kitchen ranges and steam cooking apparatus will now be available for use. In a few days the whole of the extensive lighting, heating, and water services of the establishment should be in working order. evacuated 48 cases to Ascq this morning. Arrangements being made with Town Major and Maire for coal to be supplied from a huge dump left near the Station at Tournai by the Germans.												
			<p><i>W. H. Kinnick</i> <i>Act. Off. 2ACC5.</i></p>												

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			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	
			-	-	1	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	105	
Wounded Admitted						Operations									
NIL						2 (Transfusions)									
Tournai	21. II. 18.		<p>Day dull cold and foggy till noon, when the fog lifted and the sun came out. Working party from Estaires not rejoined Unit yet. One lorry load of material from last site to hand yesterday; only one lorry having turned up instead of 5. Few cases evacuated today; leaving only 30 odd in hospital.</p>												
													<p><i>10th Genial Hosp Act. O.C. 2nd Accs.</i></p>		

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			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	
			2	141	2	76	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	162	
			Wounded Admitted					Operations							
			2					2							
Tournai	22.II.18.		Brisk, sunny day. Admitting today. Some 120 cases received practically all Influenza. Water working well now. Hot water heating pipes working in Orderly Room block of buildings. Estaires working party returned with rest of equipment.												
	23.II.18.		Very nice, bright day. 140 cases for evacuation. C.O. visited 5th Army H.Q. re special leave which was granted him as from 24.II.18. Capt. Pollard to leave as soon as possible. Capt. Pollard left early this morning to purchase the wherewithal to render Tuesday evening next a success as a Thanksgiving Banquet. Col. Hodder 51 C.C.S. proposes that the sick parades each day should not be passed on to the receiving C.C.S., but that an equal division be made of all units sending their sick to these C.C.Ss., between the C.C.Ss. M.O.i/c 2nd Wing R.A.F. applied to us to have some of his men re-inoculated.												
			<i>W. Lennick Major</i> <i>Act. O.C. 2nd Acc S.</i>												

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			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR		
			Nil	-	37	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	122	
			Wounded Admitted - Nil -						Operations Nil					
Tournai	24. II. 18.		Another fine day. CO. left 8 a.m. for Boulogne. Capt Pollard a bit fatigued after yesterday's prolonged trip. Very good Concert given by 8th Division this afternoon. No I A.C.C.S. full up and switched to us about 6 p.m. Nothing much coming in. Colonel Fairfax to see us this afternoon.											
			<i>Lt. Kennick Major Act. Oc. I.A.C.C.S.</i>											

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			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	
			9	172	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	290	
W DER Admitted - Nil. - Operations - Nil															
Tournai	25/II/18		<p>Dull day. Cases coming in, in a constant stream all day. Note from 2nd. Canadian C.C.S. addressed to C.Os. Tournai group C.C.Ss., asking whether, for a short while, the number of cases allotted for evacuation to these C.C.Ss. daily could be increased from 50 to 100 statting from 25/II/18. Other 2 C.C.Ss. agreeable, we are conforming. Men wish to know whether permission can be granted, in view of impending move, for Armistice Festivities to be held to-morrow, 26th. This was arranged, and 8th. Div. Orchestra (stringed) are to assist us. Water from town supply turned on this afternoon. News through that Sister Moorhouse of No. 1 A.C.C.S., who has been very ill with broncho-pneumonia following Influenza, died 1800 hours 24/II/18. Capt. Corfe, Matron and three other sisters to attend funeral leaving No. 39 S.H. Lille at 0900 hours. Car kindly supplied by C.O. No. 1 A.C.C.S. Men again on prophylactic dose quinine. Good possibility of Electric power being supplied from Antwerp in a few days. This will greatly relieve the feul question which is becoming acute.</p> <p>250 patients admitted to-day. No difficulty experienced in accomodating them. A large evacuation assured for the morning as neither of the other C.C.Ss. have many to evacuate. This will leave us fairly clear to-morrow.</p>												
<p><i>W. Pennington Major</i> Act. C.O. 2 ACCS.</p>															

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			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR
			3	51	7	194	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	147
Wounded Admitted - Nil - Operations: Nil														
Tournai	26. II. 18		<p>Variable sort of a day. Cleared up towards midday. 200 hundred patients evacuated. Everything got in readiness for the mens' festivities. AS cleared and prepared for the meal and Concert. In the afternoon a Football match under Australian Rules was organised between the Staff and Attached men. Staff won easily. By 16.30 hours the Matron and Sisters had the tables in excellent condition- artistic and very pleasing. At 18.30 hours the Officers and Sisters went to the party to drink the Toasts. The King was proposed by the Acting C.O. Major Rennick; Our Allies by Cpl. Williams, and responded to by Cpl. Martin; the N.C.Os and men by Major Rennick; the Unit by Pte. Dutneall; Attached men by Sgt. Hodgson, responded to most fittingly by Sgt. Beddie. Capt. Pollard by Major Rennick, wishing him farewell and bon voyage. The Concert for which we were fortunate enough to obtain the 8th Divisional Orchestra started at 20.00 hours. Lt. Col. Hodder and practically all the Staff of No 5I C.C.S. attended. No I. A.C.C.S. were not represented as they were in mourning. The programme consisted mainly of Orchestral items a few songs being supplied by our own personnel amongst them our worthy Warrant Officer. A most enjoyable evening and thoroughly appreciated by all. The men had a short dance later and the Sergeants entertained N.C.Os. of the Band and M.A.C. Units. The dinner was a great success Splendidly cooked and plenty of it-to say nothing of sundry casks of ale procured locally. Altogether then a very good day. Colonel Fairfax visited us in the afternoon. Gave us to understand we are to go to 5th Army. No 5I C.C.S. is to take over from No I A.C.C.S. Both Australian C.C.Ss. are for 5th Army. One will be stationed at Menin- presumably under canvas. Nothing definite as to which C.C.S. will be marooned there. Sister Moorhouse buried at 10.00 hrs. this morning at Lille.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. Rennick Major Oct 20 1918</i></p>											

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Tournai	27/II/18		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Admissions etc - Nil. Wounded Admitted + Operations - NIL</i></p> <p>Day varied from dull to fine. Water working very well. One slight accident only. A tap overlooked in the general search and situate in a small room in the erstwhile administrative block, had been left on. Fortunately no damage done. Owing to some misunderstanding No. I A.C.C.S. switched on to us for about a quarter of an hour. On consultation with the C.O. No. I A.C.C.S. this state of affairs was rectified. Latest reports tend to show that we are going with No. I A.C.C.S. to a spot near Brussels, named Enghien. the C.O. No. I A.C.C.S. and Major Minty to visit the said town on 29/II/18 it is understood.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. H. Rennie Major Act. O.C. 2A.C.C.S.</i></p>	

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			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR
			4	202	6	205	-	-	-	16	-	-	4	120
Wounded Admitted							Operations							
NIL							2 (miscellaneous)							
TOURNAI	28/II/18		<p>Wet dreary day. Very busy to-day. Over 250 patients admitted up to 1800 hours. The majority are influenzas. No difficulty in accomodating them however. D.G.M.S. wires that acute influenzas are not to be evacuated to Base.</p>											
TOURNAI	29/II/18		<p>Dull day. Foggy in the morning. Major Minty left at 0930 hours to see new site at Enghiem. The latter is a small town with not many suitable places for C.C.S.s. The College will accomodate both No. 1 and ourselves easily. It is not an excellent spot. An Infantry Brigade wishes to use this place also. D.D.M.S. 3rd. Corps says D.M.S. 5th. Army advised him that buildings were not essential to us. In view of the prevailing weather, and the keen promise it gives of a severe winter, the idea of tents does not commend itself as a very sound one. No possibility of an early move yet; General Birdwood visited the Station to-day. His son accompanied him. 201 patients evacuated to-day. The rush of patients yesterday eased down towards 1900 hours. Wire came in evening to the effect that the school viewed by C.O. No. 1 A.C.C.S. and Major Minty had been reserved for the two C.C.S.s respectively. Intend exploring the new site in the morning.</p>											

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			Admitted		Evac ^{td}		Transfers		Lo Duty		Deaths			Remaining	
			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	
			2	2	-	4	-	-	1	1	-	1	5	115	
			Wounded Admitted - Nil -				Operations: - Nil								
TOURNAI.	30/II/18		<p>Rather cold to-day. Dull in the early part of the day, but sun peeped out towards Afternoon</p> <p>Word through this morning that Engien site was out of the running. To select a new site to-morrow, leaving here 0800 hours. CO. No. I A.C.C.S. visited us to-day. Wished to discuss the educational scheme. Came to the conclusion that we had best work together in this respect, and apply to Corps for any subjects outside our immediate scope with the lecturers we have ourselves. D.M.S. promulgated placing us under Corps for administration, particulars to be notified later.</p> <p>Major Matthews receiving bad news of his wife's illness in England, proceeded to D.M.S. and placed the matter before him. Australian Corps came to his assistance. Major Matthews granted a duty pass for England, leaving here to-morrow.</p> <p>Small party of Sisters invited to a performance by a regiment of the Worcestersters.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. H. Pennick Major Act. OC. 2 A.C.C.S.</i></p>												

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REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1918

I. STAFF MOVEMENTS.

	Additions to Strength.	Proceeded to Other Units	Proceeded on Leave		
			J.K.	France	Italy
Sisters	-	4	-	-	-
369 Officers	5	2	1	-	-
Other Ranks	1	2	9	3	2

2. DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of H.C.O. and men has been excellent.

3. ADMISSIONS AND DISPOSALS FOR THE MONTH.

British- All Admissions &c.	Officers		O.R.	
	S. V.	W.	S.	W.
Remained midnight 31/10/18.....	3	-	133	17
Admitted during month.....	43	-	998	4
Transferred from Other C.C.Ss.	-	-	-	-
Died during the Month.....	1	-	4	1
Transfers during Month:-				
(a) To Other C.C.Ss.....	33	-	920	2
(b) To Rest Stations.....	-	-	-	-
(c) To Base.....	-	-	50	6
Discharged to Duty during Month.....	6	-	32	4
Remaining Midnight 30/11/18.....	6	-	115	8

NOTES. In addition to above, the following Casualties occurred:-

<u>Portuguese.</u>	Admitted 7	O.R. Sick	<u>Disposal</u>	All transf. to other C.C.S.
<u>Italians.</u>	" 7	" "	<u>Disposal</u>	" " " " " "
<u>French</u>	" 7	" "	<u>Disposal</u>	" " " " " "
<u>Belgians.</u>	" 3	" "	<u>Disposal</u>	1 to Duty; 1 " " "
<u>Civilians.</u>	Remained 13; Admtd. 4		<u>Disposal</u>	4 to Other C.C.S. 2 Remain

4. GENERAL ITEMS.

1. The principal incidents of the months work were:-
 - (a). The pulling down of the Hospital at Nouveau Monde Site and loading same in railway trucks.
 - (b). The 4 days train journey of hospital equipment and personnel from La Gorgue near Estaires to Blandain, during which time the armistice was signed.
 - (c). The establishment of the C.C.S. in an Asylum at Tournai and the reception of sick patients in conjunction with No. 1 A.C.C.S. and No. 51 C.C.S.

2. On the 2nd. inst. the camp was practically demolished, packed at entrance ready for loading, and was ready to move off at short notice.

Sister Blake was sent to New Zealand Stationary Hospital, owing to a slight attack of appendicitis.

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3. Though this Station was only actually receiving patients for about 17 days, the previous month, owing to moving, was a busy one. All arrangements went well in spite of bad weather and a very muddy site in a field that had been ploughed and sown. The percentage of wounds for this month requiring operative treatment in general anaesthetics = 73%.

4. On the 7th. inst. News was received that German delegates left on 6th inst. for the Western Front.

5. At midnight 7-8th. inst., orders were received to start loading on a train at La Gorgue. Ten lorries were to be used. Loading started, and went on apace. No orders were received re destination or time of departure. 53 loads were put on by 5.30 p.m. when loading ceased owing to no further orders being received.

6. On the 8th. inst. a conference of C. C. C.C.S. was held at D.M.S. Office Lille at 3 p.m. The Q.C. of this Station saw A.D.M.S. who could give no further particulars re our destination. He was notified that the men's quarters and Nurses' quarters and gear would be on the train by to-morrow morning, but on getting back to the camp from Lille, it was found that orders had been received to have everything on the train at 10 p.m. Nothing was said about Sisters, so it was decided to leave them behind, also 2 Officers, leaving 3 days rations. A working party of 10 men and 1 sergeant was also left behind for demolition of Sisters' quarters, and for cleaning up site. By 2 a.m. everything was on the train. A very good days work had been done on the part of the unit. Loading at night in the cold and rain was very difficult.

7. The train moved out at 5.10 a.m. for Baisieux, about 15 kilometres east of Lille. Baisieux was reached at 8 p.m. on 9th. inst. The R.T.O. was determined that the train should be unloaded at once, but this was not done. D.M.S. was communicated with who gave orders that the train was not to be unloaded at Baisieux, but was to stand by till the line to Blandain was repaired.

Kitchen arrangements worked well on the train; good hot meals were prepared at the usual meal hours. The train consisted of 35 trucks some closed down, and some open. Nine closed trucks were set apart for Officers and men.

8. On the 10th. inst. a lorry was borrowed and sent to Lille for rations, and to pick up our own 2 lorries which were at Fives awaiting instructions. We were standing by all this day at Baisieux. Information was received from D.M.S. that part of a Lunatic Asylum had been reserved for this Station. The line to Blandain could not be ready for a day at least. All the men were in good health and spirits. Food was good and plentiful.

9. On the 11th. inst. a working party of 20 men and 1 H.C.O. were sent to Tournai to make a start with cleaning up the building the Station was to occupy. The Q.C. with Major Minty found the A.D.M.S., A.I.F. in Tournai and together the Asylum was inspected. It was in good condition except for broken windows, but very dirty and fouled everywhere by the Germans before the retreat.

At 11 a.m. this day, the Armistice was signed. At midnight, orders came that the train would move on to Blandain at 8.30 a.m. Nov. 13th. Electric light had been installed in the living quarters of the train by L/Cpl. Harley, the power coming from the X-Ray engine. This proved a very great convenience.

10. At 8.30 a.m. on 13th. inst. the train pulled out en route for Blandain. 30 lorries met the train. By nightfall all but a few lorry loads had been brought to Tournai, where the building was being well cleaned out. The building is enormous, well laid out, and fitted with conveniences in every way, especially in

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heating and lighting apparatus, but all the machinery is damaged to a certain extent. Some of the corridors are half a kilometre long.

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II. On 13th inst. General Birdwood visited the Station. All material had been brought from Blandain by noon. The work of fitting out the hospital was proceeded with. All indoor water was out of order, and the water supply was cut off.

12. On the 14th. inst. the Sisters arrived from Estaires. Several wards were equipped, and stoves installed until radiator system could be installed. A small amount of electric light was available from accumulators in the Engine house. The telephone was installed by 3rd. Corps Signals.

13. On the 15th. inst. a party of German Prisoners was obtained to clear up, also some female civilians. The electric supply was increased. By noon there was accommodation for 300 patients. The Station was visited by the D.M.S. At 3 p.m. patients were received, and arrangements worked well. A good number of sick arrived- the majority being influenza cases. Instructions were given to all Sisters and orderlies in charge of influenza wards especially, to read again and observe all the precautionary measures printed in notices in orders recently.

14. By 6 p.m. on 16th. inst. nearly 400 patients were in hospital, including some surgical cases resulting from the explosion of a mine near Ath. Some new wards had to be opened in a hurry to meet the rush. The water service was not yet repaired. A water lorry was attached, and water had to be carried to the various blocks.

15. On the 17th. inst. a Special Thanksgiving Service was held in the church No. 51 C.C.S. attended. Orders were received that patients up to 200 were to be evacuated to Ascoq to 63 & 13 C.C.S. alternately. From 16th. inst. supplies were drawn from Balisieux, and mail collected in Tournai. The matron-in-chief visited the Station 17th. inst.

16. On 18th inst. the Consulting Physician visited the Station. 207 cases were evacuated to 63 C.C.S., 18 cars being used. As a result of a conference with D.M.S. it was decided that in future, cases were to be admitted to one of the C.C.Ss. at Ascoq, and the cars sent back to do a second trip, also that 30 cars were to be used.

17. On the 19th. inst Col. Fairfax who is to be Consulting Physician visited the Station.

18. On the 20th. inst. an electric pump under the kitchen range was available for use. Arrangements were made with the Town Mayor and Maire for coal to be supplied from a huge dump left near the Station at Tournai by the Germans.

19. On the 22nd. inst. the working party from Estaires returned with the rest of the equipment.

20. Receiving continued throughout the month, No. 1 A.C.C.S., 51 C.C.S. and this Station receiving alternately. On 22nd. inst 120 cases were received here- practically all influenza.

21. On the 23rd. inst. the C.O. visited 5th. Army H.Qs. re special leave to U.K. which was granted him as from 24th. inst. Col. Hedder proposed that the sick parades each day should not be passed on to the receiving C.C.S. but that an equal division be made for all units sending their sick to these C.C.Ss. between the C.C.Ss.

22. On the 25th. inst., cases came in to this C.C.S. in a constant stream all day. A note was received from 2nd. Canadian C.C.S. addressed to C.Os. Tournai group C.C.Ss. asking whether, for a short while,

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369 the number of cases allotted for evacuation to these C.C.Ss. daily could be increased from 50 to 100 starting from 25th. inst. This was conformed to. Arrangements were made for Armistice Festivities to be held on 26th. inst. News was received of the death of Sister Poorhouse of No. 1 A.C.C.S. who had been very ill with Broncho-pneumonia following influenza. An officer, the Matron, and 3 Sisters from this C.C.S. attended the funeral.

23. On the 26th. inst. a football match was arranged amongst the personnel. In the evening a banquet was held in A3 Ward, followed by a concert. Officers and Sisters attended to drink the toasts which were proposed by various members of the Staff. Capt. Pollard, who is returning to Australia, was given a send off- the toast being proposed by Mr. Rennick. The 8th. Div. Orchestra rendered excellent items. A few songs were supplied by our own personnel. The men had a short dance later, and the sergeants entertained H.C.Os. of the band and H.A.C; units. This enjoyable evening was thoroughly appreciated by all.

24. There is a good possibility of Electric power being supplied from Antwerp shortly. This will greatly relieve the fuel question which is becoming acute.

25. On the 26th. Inst Col. Fairfax visited the Station and gave us to understand that 51 C.C.S. will shortly take over at No. 1 A.C.C.S. Both Aust. C.C.Ss. will be for 8th. Army.

26. During the month, Hon. Lt. & Col. Summerfield ex W.O. 1st. Class of this unit proceeded to 15th. Field Ambulance. 6 Under-age youths attached to this Station proceeded to A.C.D.D.

27. Only a few cases of influenza occurred amongst the personnel during the month. Men were given prophylactic dose quinine. One is led to believe that the prophylactic measures have been efficacious i.e. the taking of quinine, and the observance of precaution on part of Nursing Orderlies and Sisters, and the use of gauze (medicated) by those with a cough. This measure has also been referred to in an earlier report of ours.

28. On the 28th. inst. over 250 patients were admitted up to 18.30 hours- the majority being influenza cases. Instructions were received from D.G.M.S. that acute influenzas were not to be evacuated to Base.

29. On 29th. inst. Major Minty left to see the new site at Enghien near Brussels. Enghien is a small town with not many places suitable for C.C.Ss. The college will accommodate both No. 1 and ourselves. An infantry Brigade wished to make use of this college also. A wire was received later, however, to the effect that it was reserved for the C.C.Ss.

30. On the 29th. inst., General Birdwood, accompanied by his son, visited this C.C.S.

31. On the 30th. inst., word was received that the idea of occupying the Enghien Site was abandoned. A new site was to be selected. Arrangements were made O.C. No. 1 A.C.C.S. re the Educational Scheme. It was decided to work together, and apply to Corps for any subjects outside our immediate scope. D.G.S. order was promulgated placing us under Corps for administration, particulars to be notified later.

32. On the 30th. inst Major Matthews was granted permission to proceed on special leave to England.

(Sgd) W.H. RENNICK mjr
A/O.C. 2nd Aust. C.C.S.

W.H. RENNICK Major
A/O.C. 2nd Aust. C.C.S.

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O.C. 2nd. Aust. C.C.S.

The work since this C.C.S. opened here on 15th. November 1918, has been mostly the treatment of Influenza and Broncho-Pneumonia following on influenza.

There have been 30 cases of Broncho-pneumonia treated including those still in the wards, and the mortality has been 6. Only one case of true Lobar Pneumonia has occurred which had a crisis, and recovered normally.

The treatment has been exercise in 2 min. doses with Pot. Iod. gr.V in nearly every case and stimulation with brandy and digitalin by mouth, and by camphor and strychn. and, (in two cases where the pulse was very soft,) injection of half c.c. Adrenalin hypodermically. The last seemed to have a good effect.

Several cases have run a protracted temperature, one being now in his 3rd. week.

One case developed pleurisy with effusion, and 40 ozs. of clear fluid have been aspirated.

Another had severe hiccough from a diaphragmatic pleurisy but is now progressing comfortably.

Four cases of Nephritis have been treated, and have improved rapidly with rest and dieting, sweating and purgation.

W.H. Kennick Major

2nd. Aust. C.C.S.

*W.H. Kennick Major
Advt. 2accs*

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SURGICAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

To:-

C.O. 2nd. Aust. C.C.S.

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The following is the Surgical Report of the Station for the month of November 1918.

The C.C.S. ceased receiving patients at the site near Estaires on October 27th., and re-opened at the Tournai site on November 15th. 1918.

The armistice being declared on November 11th., there has been very little surgical work to be done during the month.

During the 15 days, there has^{re} been 13 Operations performed with one death.

Operations were performed on two Belgian Civilians, as a result of accidental wounds from grenades.

Blood transfusion was performed 3 times on 2 cases wounded as the result of an explosion. One of these cases died and the other has been evacuated to 39 General Hospital, Lille.

The remaining operations were of a minor nature.

During the 15 days, 454 dressings have been done in the dressing room. These were chiefly cases of Furuncles, I.C.T. of body and limbs, Abscesses, Burns, Septic Sore, and other skin diseases.

(Sgd) W.H. RENNICK mjr
A/O.C. 2nd. Aust. C.C.S.

A. J. Corfe Capt.

2nd. Australian C.C.S.
Surgeon

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DENTAL REPORT.

To:-

C.O. 2nd; Aust. C.C.S.,

Attached please find total of work done by this Dental Unit, during the month of November 1918.

During the first week of this month, practically no work was done as the Station was awaiting orders to move, and most of the Dental kit was packed up.

We left Estaires on November 8th., and spent 4 days in the train, and eventually arrived at the Anglus building at Tournai on November 12th. All my dental kit was brought to the building from Haisieux during that day.

The C.O. of this unit allotted me two rooms facing one another in a passage right at the front of the building.

My location was very handy for patients who came requiring dental treatment, as I was just a few rooms from the receiving Room.

The rooms of course were very dirty, and filled with all kinds of rubbish so that it took all the first day to clean them out. The next day, all the dental equipment was unpacked, and my surgery established. I did not have the mechanical workroom fixed up till the day after this, as no mechanical work had yet come in.

Within the first few days, some men began to parade for dental treatment - the numbers increasing each day. About the 20th. November, I also had to commence visiting a Field Ambulance for 4 days per week. The parades at these Ambulances averaged about 25 to 30 patients per day. When I arrived back from the Ambulance, in the afternoon, there were also usually a few waiting to see me at the C.C.S.

Among the men parading direct to this Station, I have noticed a slight increase in the cases of Ulcerative Gingivitis.

However, in my experience, this always happens at the beginning of winter.

A new Dental Surgeon, Capt. G.E. Paterson, has arrived from England to take over the Dental work of this C.C.S. from me.

(sgd) W.H. RENNICK mjr
A/O.C 2nd Aust. C.C.S.

W.G. Banfield Capt.

30/11/18

Dental Unit attached

2nd. Aust. C.C.S.
REVISION OF DENTAL CASES TREATED IN NO. 2 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

- 1. Number of Killings.....14
- 2. Number of Extractions.....180
- 3. Number of Dentures sent down for repair.....nil
- 4. Number of Amalgams.....138
- 5. Number of Cases evacuated :-
 - (a). To 5th. Army Centre.....104
 - (b). To Base.....
- 6. General Remarks:-
 - (a). Number of new Dentures.....11
 - (b). Number of Repairs.....34

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DISPENSARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918

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Drugs	Oper. Theat	Dress. Rm.	Wards	Total.
Flaviney Paraffin	5 lbs.	-	-	5 lbs.
Acid Carbolic Pure	2 oss	-	9 oss	11 oss
Novocaine 1% Sol.	1 lb.	-	-	1 lb.
Paraffin Liq.	1 lb.	-	1 lb.	2 lbs.
Ether	4 lbs.	-	1 lb.	5 lbs.
Saline(I-19)	-	40 oss	-	40 oss
Algyrd Sol. 35%	-	4 "	-	4 "
Lint	-	10 lbs	9 lbs	19 lbs
Z O	-	1	2	3 spoons
Bandages	-	4 dos	30 dos	34 dos.
Jaconet	-	6 yds	3 yds	9 yds.
Safety Pins	-	6	15	21 Pins
Wool Cotton	-	10 lbs	38 lbs	48 lbs
Triang. Bandages	-	5 dos	-	5 dos.
Iodine Tincture	-	2 lbs	3 lbs	5 lbs
H2 O2	-	2 pints	-	2 pints
Picric Acid Soln.	-	4 "	-	4 "
Flavine	-	80 oss	-	80 oss
Dakins Soln.	-	80 "	-	80 "
Gause	-	86 yds	584 yds	670 yds
Quinine	-	-	12 oss	12 oss
Aspirin	-	-	28 "	28 "
Pill No. 9	-	-	7 dos	7 dos
Mixture Expect	-	-	28 pints	28 pints
Lin. Camph. Co.	-	-	1/2 "	1/2 "
Mixture Tussl	-	-	1 Pint	1 Pint
Mag. Sulph. Xta.	-	-	6 lbs	6 lbs
Castor Oil	-	-	3 "	3 "
Galeol Tablets	-	-	5 dos	5 dos
Cresote	-	-	3.5 oss	3.5 oss
Omnocyl	-	-	1	1
Syringes	-	-	2	2
Hypodermic Tablets	-	-	15 Tubes	15 Tubes
Biodide Tablets	-	-	50	50
Gargu Tissue	-	-	3 LBS	3 lbs
Lead Opium Lotion	-	-	1 Pint	1 Pint
Acid Boric	-	-	2 oss	2 oss
Bismuth Carb.	-	-	.25 lbs	.25 lbs.
Pituitrin	-	-	4	4
Casphor	-	-	3	3
Pot. Bromid	-	-	4 oss	4 oss
Mag Gallai 5 Op.	-	-	4 "	4 "
Sod Sal	-	-	.25 lbs	.25 lbs
Dovers Tablets	-	-	1 Dos	1 Dos
Pot Chlo Tab.	-	-	3.5 oss	3.5 oss
Cascara Tablets	-	-	1 dos	1 dos
Mixtures	-	-	6	307

(sgd) W.H. RENNICK mji
A/O.C. 2nd Aust. C.C.S.

V.R. Bellamy Lieut.
Pharmacist 2nd. Australian C.C.S.

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QUARTERMASTERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1918

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During the early part of the month the unit was moved by train from the site near Estaires, to a large Asylum at Tournai which we are now sharing with No. 51 C.C.S. The movement was by train, 30 trucks being required to transport unit and equipment from La Gorgue railhead to Blandain railhead. From Blandain railhead to our present site 70 lorry loads of material and equipment were transported.

The Sisters and the equipment together with the 10 Armstrong Huts were left behind at Estaires, together with a party of men cleaning up and salvaging any equipment left behind. When the Sisters came, the huts were taken over by the Army.

The buildings which we now occupy were little damaged by shellfire, but the enemy who had previously used these buildings for a hospital, left them in a very unsatisfactory and insanitary condition.

This meant a great deal of work for the staff, but credit is due for the manner in which the cleaning up was carried out.

A party of German prisoners was supplied for 3 days to assist. Belgian women were also employed to clean up portion of the buildings. A large electric light installation used in connection with the asylum was left by the enemy practically intact. Our own electrical staff did good work in getting the plant and lines in working order. Fortunately, on the repatriation of civilians after the armistice, the services of civilians employed on this work before the war were obtained, and now the plant lights the whole of the asylum including the section occupied by No. 51 C.C.S.

A pump used for the purpose of pumping water from a well to storage tanks has been repaired. The town supply is again laid on.

This water is laid on conveniently to all parts of the building, and the sanitary question largely solved.

Sgt. Hodgeon, our sanitary sergeant, has converted a large copper boiler found on the premises into a good hot water bath and shower service. The boiler holding approximately 400 gallons, has been placed over a fire, and a tap over the boiler keeps the boiler filled. A large ablution tub is used for the bath, and a shower spray made by himself out of an oil drum, and a rose is filled with the hot water out of the boiler wound up to a suitable height by a ratchet windlass, and used as a shower. This has proved a boon to both patients and staff.

Advantage has been taken since the unit has been established in buildings, to examine all equipment. A number of locally made fixtures and surplus stores has been dispensed with.

Our tentage is being reduced to one store tent, 1 H. Marquee large, 60 Hospital Marquees eq., 35 C.S.L. tents, and 15 C.D.L. tents. A little more requires to be done before the work is completed.

Unfortunately the cooking range in the building does not work satisfactorily, and we have to rely upon our Goyer stoves for most of the hospital cooking. Field Service rations drawn from Baisieux railhead, have been issued to the staff. A list of rations and comforts consumed by patients for the month is appended. Rationing has been satisfactory for the month. Fuel is rather scarce and for all the requirements of this station, 15 tons are required weekly. Up to the present, however, using strict economy, all requirements have been supplied. Laundry for the month has had to be taken to the No. 2 area laundry at St. Omer. This is an up-to-date laundry, which absorbs the labor of a number of German prisoners. The distance is at present too great for motor transport, but from next week, a truck will run weekly from our railhead to St. Omer, and return with clean washing. In transporting our fumigator, it again smashed on the road with a broken axle, and we have been without one for sometime. On the 26th. inst. we celebrated the Armistice by a football dinner and concert given by the members of the unit, and assisted by the 8th. Div. Orchestra. The Aust. R.C. helped us very much by supplying additional foodstuffs &c. Steps are being taken to re-form our Pierrot Troupe also to form an Orchestra to suitably celebrate our remaining months in France.

(sgd) W. H. RENNICK mjr
A.O.C. 2nd Aust C.C.S

Major of Quartermaster
2nd Aust. C.C.S.

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Quartermaster's Report (Part 2.)

MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT SENT TO SALVAGE FOR NOVEMBER 1918

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300	Stretchers	7	Mattresses H.P.
13	Bedsteads Iron	135	Tent sides H.M.
40	Porchways H. Marq.	2	Valises C.S.L.
148	B. Windows " "	405	Rifles
1	Windows " "	368	Bayonets
1	sk. Brushes	212	Blades T.E.
1	" Spurs	318	Helves " "
344	sts. Equipment	380	Valises
90	Blankets G.S.	250	Haversacks
20	Razors	350	Shirts Fl.
100	Field Dressings	523	Water Bottles
1	sk. Cutlery	1	sk. Lids
42	prs. Boots	21	Pillows H.P.
300	" Underpants	283	Pillow Stretchers
3	aks. Bags	60	Cardigans
1	" Oil Bottles.	210	Jerkins Leather
523	S.B.R.	32	Jackets Slpg.
1	Sk. Pullthroughs	5	Dressing Gowns
340	Helmets Steel	40	Prs. Trousers S.P.
50	Housewives	10	" Breeches "
5	aks. S.A.A.	136	Trees folding.
486	Mess Tins	13	Tables Soldiers
490	Groundsheets	32	Kit Bags
70	Greatcoats	147	Tent Poles
60	Jackets S.D.	150	Sheets Barrack
130	prs. Putties	1	Washstand H.P.
10	Stools close	43	Bandoliers
3	Soyer Stoves	130	Belaters H.P.
1	Thomas Splint	150	prs. Socks
200	Containers H.C.		

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RATIONS ISSUED TO PATIENTS.

Meat Fresh	2750	Pickles	9
Bacon	832	Sauce	33
Ox Tongue	414	Vinegar	8
Fish Pres.	403		
Rabbit	460	Malt Liguors:	
Soups	1500	Ale	308
Chicken Essence	25	Stout	232
Roast Fowl	40		
		Spirits	4916 oss.
Bread	4220	Soda Water	118 Bottles
Flour	355	Malt Extract	5 lbs.
Biscuits	98		
Cake	99	Eggs fresh	600
Margarine	417	Potatoes	2240 lbs.
		Onions	130
Milk tins	1182	Vegt. fresh	224
		Fruits pres.	488
Cheese	30	" dried	130
Honey	30		
Sugar	1199	Cornflower	148 lbs.
Jam	750	Tapioca	302
		Oatmeal	59
Tea	321 lbs.	Gloxe	164
Coffee	25 "		
Cafe au Lait	382 tins	B. Powder	20 lbs.
		Cas. "	140 "
Barley	20 lbs.	Currie "	19
		Egg "	5

*with Kaminick Quartermaster
Acct. 9. all 5.*

*Clifford Major Quartermaster
2nd Aust C.C.S.*

2ND. AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION

REPORT ON POSTMORTEMS PERFORMED AT 2ND. AUST C.C.S.
FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918 AT TOURNAI.

Number of cases of Post-Mortem Examinations = 6

389
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Causes of Death

4 Cases- Broncho-pneumonia following Influenza. The post-mortem findings in these cases were as follows:-

Pleural Cavity

In all cases there was a slight excess of clear fluid, in no case was there a purulent fluid or blood.

Adhesions were found, all three cases? In two they were recent and not dense. In one case they were old and dense, widely spread over lung, with adhesions to the upper surface of the diaphragm. In this case only was there some purulent exudate between the lobes of the left lung.

Lung Substance

In all cases, patchy areas of consolidation, each of small area were scattered through lung substance, interspersed with areas of normal lung and a few patches of collapsed pus exuded from the cut bronchioles- on section there was some dripping of blood from cut consolidated patches with crepitation from patches round.

Heart

Slight excess of pericardial fluid found in each case- not purulent. Heart was fatty in each case - no valvular abnormalities found

Other Organs

No special changes observed. On a case, that of an officer admitted as P.U.O. with a history of feverishness for 4 days with headache, there was nothing definite in the history except that he became comatose a few hours before being sent into this C.C.S. P.M. findings: Died 6 hours after admission. Central abscess both occipital lobes- large on right side (Hen's egg) with large blood clot, and small amount of pus. On left side, abscess was much smaller and contained a small blood clot. Walls of abscess were not thickened. Abscess was ruptured in removing brain.

Kidneys

Multiple minute abscesses in cortex, apparently secondary to brain condition.

Heart, Lungs, Liver, Bladder searched - normal. No sign of primary focus. A scar of a suppurating appendix was found, but there was no local condition to suggest a primary focus.

Another case- admitted 15/11/18- Died 20/11/18. Diagnosis: Mine wounds, back, hands, face. (Probably the effect of explosion caused by a soldier moving a small tin box found beside the road. No mine crater seen.)

For clinical notes, see notes by Surgeon Specialist in Appendix for November 1918. P.M. 24 hours after death. Slight cyanosis and jaundice. Lung. Slight congestion both bases- a few small haemorrhages over surface- no excess of mucus or inflammation in bronchioles

Heart dilated- muscle pale and soft- ante mortem clot right side, no excess of pericardial fluid.

Liver- not enlarged- probably a little fat round lobules.

Kidneys - Pale- Capsule strips easily- few small haemorrhages on surfaces- No pelvic inflammation.

Spleen - Slightly enlarged- almost black - somewhat friable- contains disorganised blood.

Brain - Many small haemorrhages on surface in grey matter.

Causes of Death- Cardiac failure following absorption of a chemical poison of unknown origin - possibly of phenol group.

N.B. Samples of blood were taken before and after death for microscopic examination. Details not yet to hand.

(Sgd). W. H. RENNICK, mjr.
A/O.C. 2nd Aust. C.C.S.

30/11/18

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D.G. 25/23
D.M.S. 5th. Army No. 15/4

D.M.S., Armies,
D.M.S., L.of C.

At a recent meeting of the Sub-Committee for the investigation of Shock and its treatment, the following points were recommended by the Committee for circulation amongst Medical Officers serving with the British Armies in France:

BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND GUM INFUSION AFTER WOUNDS

1. Provided that the Gum Solution is prepared from good gum (e.g. Turkey elect), raised to body temperature, and slowly injected no seriously harmful results need be apprehended from its use.

2. Gum solution has a valuable place in resuscitation and in replacing lost blood. The amount injected should be 750 c.c. and the injection may be repeated later. To be beneficial, the injection must be given early.

3. No definite statement can at present be made as to when Gum Solution should be used & when blood is required for resuscitation work.

4. For transfusion of blood, the citration methods and the Kimpton tube are equally good.

5. Warmth and rest should be employed before resort is had to intravenous injections. These latter should not be delayed if progressive improvement under ordinary measures is not evident within an hour. The use of drugs, excepting morphia, is to be deprecated.

The value of fluids given by mouth or rectum must never be forgotten and their use should be continued in the hours following intravenous injections.

Any evidence that may have been collected by Medical Officers or Shock Committees in the Armies on the questions dealt with in the above memorandum is required. The experience gained with casualties in warfare will be of the greatest value for guiding the treatment of shock in civil practice. Statistics or reports should be sent directly to the Secretary of the G.H.Q. Shock Committee Colonel T.R. ELLIOT, DSO., A.M.S., c/o D.D.M.S. BOULOGNE.

Will you please issue the necessary instructions accordingly...

(sgd.) F.B. Winfield, Major
for Director General Medical Services
British Armies in France.

21st. November 1918.

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For information and necessary action.

(signed) W. Turner Capt.
for Major-General
Director of Medical Services.

Headquarters
Fifth. Army.
26. 11. 18.

D.D.M.S. Corps for distribution.
All medical units administered direct.

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MEDICAL ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major-General J.J. GERRARD C.B. A.M.S.
Director of Medical Services, 5th. Army.

Headquarters
5th. Army,
27th. November 1918

46. DEMANDS FOR TRANSPORT.

Demands for transport (lorries) must reach this Office by 12.00 hours on the day preceding that on which the transport is required.

All previous orders on this subject are cancelled.

47. CLASSIFICATION OF PERSONNEL BY CATEGORIES

Very particular attention is directed to G.R.O. 5600 of 17.11.18 re Classification of Personnel by Categories. All Medical Officers will report to the Administrative Medical Officer concerned all cases where paras. 2(i) or (ii) have not been complied with.

With regard to para (2) (iii), "B" officers and men admitted to Medical units in this Army will be evacuated to the Base if, in the opinion of the Officer Commanding they are considered "A". A statement showing that they are for "H.B." Base Depot will accompany these cases.

(signed) S. Boylan Smith Lt. Col.
for Major-General,
Director of Medical Services.

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