

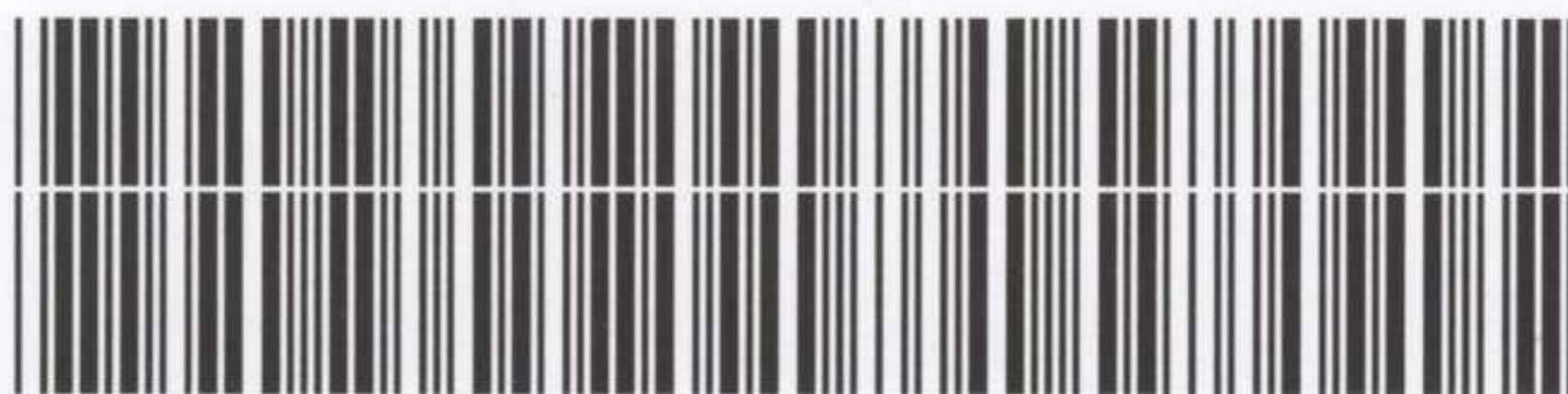
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

No. 3 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AUDENARDE SHEET 29 L.10 Central	1.11.18		At the commencement of November/1918 the Hospital was very full and large numbers of patients were arriving. There had been a considerable amount of difficulty in obtaining sufficient Hospital Trains.	
	10.11.18		The C.C.S., was warned to be prepared to move to Avelghem.	
	13.11.18		The order to move to Avelghem was cancelled and the C.C.S., was instructed to close and move to Audenarde.	
	16.11.18		A site was picked in a suitable field about 2 miles away from the town of Audenarde .. May Reference Sheet 29. L.10 Central.	
	18.11.18		At this move, owing to the declaration of the Armistice the whole constitution of the C.C.S., was changed and from being a unit for the treatment of surgical cases, it became a mobile hospital for the clearing of sick.	
	20.11.18		<p>To effect this change the following alterations were made :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(I) The number of tents were reduced from 154 to 98<sup>1</sup></li> <li>(II) The X-ray plant was disposed of.</li> <li>(III) The Operating Theatre was reduced from a hut capable of containing eight tables, to two tents capable of containing one table.</li> <li>(IV) The accommodation for patients was reduced from 800 to 300.</li> <li>(V) The number of beds was reduced from 200 to 50.</li> <li>(VI) The quantity of material was reduced from approximately 450 Tons to approximately 75 Tons.</li> <li>(VII) Eleven sisters have been sent to the Base and the present nursing staff consists of one Matron and six Sisters.</li> </ul> <p>The excess material and equipment was returned to Ordnance or Base Medical Stores and receipts obtained.</p> <p>The C.C.S., was established at Audenarde and now consists of accommodation for 50 bed cases and 250 walking cases. Evacuations are by car to Courtrai.</p> <p>The C.C.S., opened to receive patients. A party of 2 Officers and 62 men remained on the old site at Keselberg to clean the camp and hand over the excess equipment. This party followed to Audenarde in a few days.</p> <p>Cases are being received at the rate of about 75 per day. These are chiefly sore feet due to the heavy marching of the troops, influenza and an occasional accidental wound from a bomb explosion. A few civilians are being admitted and are being evacuated to the Civil Hospital in Audenarde.</p>	

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AUDENARDE Sheet 29 L. 10 Dentral	25.11.18		Received orders to be ready to proceed to HUY, between Liege and Namur.	
	26.11.18		The O.C. proceeded to Huy and picked a large school as a suitable billet. One Officer and two Other Ranks remained there to make the necessary arrangements.	
			<u>ALTERATIONS IN PERSONNEL</u>	
	2.11.18		Captain Aitken and Team reported from No. 10 Staty. Hospital.	
	3.11.18		Major R. Taylor A.A.M.C., left to report to A.I.F. Headquarters, London.	
			Major Wesley, R.A.M.C. and team from 44th C.C.S., reported for duty.	
	4.11.18		Sister Lindsay AANS was evacuated ill.	
	5.11.18		Major Wesley and team returned to 44th C.C.S.	
	9.11.18		Captain Craig AAMC and Team and Captain Aitken CAMC and team reported to 44th CCS for duty	
	13.11.18		Captain F. Lemon A.A.M.C., Radiologist of this Unit was evacuated to the Base with Influenza.	
	15.11.18		Eleven Sisters left to return to the Base.	
	19.11.18		Sgt. Major E.R. Carrington, promoted Quarter Master and Hon. Lieut., left to join the 4th Australian Field Ambulance.	
			<u>VISITORS</u> - The following visitors have visited the camp.	
	7.11.18		D.M.S. 2nd Army	
	8.11.18		D.D.G.M.S..B.E.F., inspected the camp and gave instructions that Influenza cases were to be isolated.	
	10.11.18		Colonel Millard Acting D.M'S..A.I.F., visited and inspected.	
	25.11.18		General Birdwood, G.O C...A.I.F.....	

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Lt. Col.

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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*Appendix I*

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SURGEON SPECIALIST'S REPORT  
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During the month of November 1918 there has not been a great deal of surgical work done at this Hospital.

There was only one period that was at all active. This was between Nov. 1st and Nov. 11th., when hostilities were suspended. This was a fairly busy season while it lasted but since then there has been very few cases operated and those were of a minor nature and several of them were civilian.

The hospital was situated at Keselberg for the first half of the month and was then fully equipped with a theatre that would accommodate six tables. Since the 17th of the month it has been stationed at Audenarde with a very greatly reduced accommodation as far as the surgical side is concerned and the theatre is now equipped to work with one table only. This is in accordance with orders from the D.M.S...Second Army in anticipation of very few casualties.

Appended is an Analysis of the operative work of the Unit.

*W.S. Burch*

Major

1. 12. 1918.

Surgeon Specialist No. 3 Aust. C. C. S.



*Appendix II*

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ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS AT No. 3 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING  
STATION FOR NOVEMBER 1918.

FRACTURES

Skull, dura open	1.
Skull, dura not open	Nil.
Clavicle	-
Scapula	2.
Humerus	7.
Radius	3.
Ulna	3.
Hand	2.
Pelvis	-
Femur	8.
Patella	-
Tibia	2.
Fibula	3.
Foot	1.
Jaw	1.

Thoracotomy	3.
Blood Transfusion	1.
Eye Enucleation	1.
Flesh Wounds	48.

JOINTS

Shoulder	1.
Elbow	-
Wrist	-

JOINTS

Hip	-
Knee	1
Ankle	-

LIGATIONS

Brachial	1
Radial	-
Ulnar	-

LIGATIONS

Femoral	1
Popliteal	-
Posterior Tibial	1
Anterior Tibial	2
Peroneal	1

AMPUTATIONS

Arm	5
Forearm	-
Hand	2
Finger	5

AMPUTATIONS

Thigh	10
Leg	2
Toe	-

LAPARATOMY

Acute appendicitis	1
For War Injuries	4

MULTIPLE	43
SINGLE	<u>70</u>
	113

*W. S. Bush*

Major

1. 12. 1918.

Surgeon Specialist No. 3 Aust. C.C.S.



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*Appendix III*

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PHYSICIAN'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF  
NOVEMBER/ 19 18.

During November 1918 No. 3 Australian Casualty Clearing Station was stationed at Keselberg (25.10.18 to 14.11.18) and just outside Oudenarde - opening on 18.11.18 being well situated on rising ground alongside a main road.

The total sick admissions were 2162 - Influenza accounting for 898.

The type of Influenza received at Keselberg was -as mentioned in the October report- severe with a heavy proportion of toxic, Broncho pneumonia. These were apparently unaffected by treatment beyond a very temporary improvement in some cases. These Broncho pneumonias were relegated to a special ward and isolated from other cases and the attendants protected by gauze masks and aprons.

Since opening at Oudenarde the type of Influenza seems to have been less severe with much fewer cases of Broncho pneumonia.

A number of Influenza cases have been admitted for "Diarrhoea"

The general health of the Unit remains good. There have been 14 admissions with Influenza not of a severe type.

1.12.1918.

*G. Shandon*

Captain  
No. 3 Australian Cas. Clg. Stn.



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*Appendix IV*

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH  
OF NOVEMBER 30th/1918

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FOOD

The quality of food issued during the past month has been excellent with the exception of fish which was unfit for consumption.

CHANGES

During the month of November the accommodation of the C.C.S., was reduced to 300 patients, which necessitated the return of much equipment and many stores to both Ordnance and Advance Depot Medical Stores; this extra work of transporting stores etc., to Railhead was carried out by Lorries specially detailed for the purpose by Army, so that now, the whole of the Stores and Equipment of this C.C.S., can be carried in 25 Lorries, as against 147 Lorry loads as heretofore, thus increasing the mobility of the unit considerably.

TRANSPORT

Two lorries, each 3 Ton Hallfords, are on the strength of the C.C.S., but, owing to the amount of work to be done, which necessitates continuous running and the bad state of Roads, it is seldom that more than one lorry is available for duty at a time.

This is a great handicap, which of late has increased by the fact that when once a lorry goes into Workshops it is weeks before it can be repaired and returned to its Unit.

Broken springs and want of spares cause most of the delay,

*R. Henley*

Capt. & Qr. Mr.  
No. 3 Aust. Cas. Clg. Stn.



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HEAD SISTERS REPORT NOVEMBER/18



For the first week of this month the work continued to be heavy. At 10 p.m., on 10.11.18, we heard that the Armistice had been signed. On the following day the 11.11.18 we received orders to close the Hospital and prepare to move forward. Six Casualty Clearing Stations had been chosen to go forward with the Second Army, and this C.C.S., is one of the six. The Nursing Staff was reduced to seven, One Head Sister 3 Sisters and 3 Staff Nurses. The rest of the Sisters were returned to their respective Units on 15.11.18. On 16.11.18 we left by Motor Ambulances for our new site which was at Audenarde, where the Germans made their last stand. Any day we expect orders to close. Our next stop is at Huy, some 120 miles further forward.

Staff now consists of :-

1 - Head Sister	E.W. Jeffries	ARRC
3 - Sisters	J.B. McDonald	
"	M.M. McNulty	ARRC
"	F.A. Nicholls	"
3 - Staff Nurses	A.M. Wilson	
	D. Robertson	
	M.M. Neilsen	

Health Early in the month two Sisters had to be evacuated to No 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital suffering from Influenza, but on the whole the Health has been good.

Wards Fresh Wards had to be opened on 10.11.18 for Influenza and Broncho Pneumonia cases. All Casualty Clearing Stations chosen to go forward have had to reduce their equipment and the accommodation is now 300 beds :-

Officers Ward	8 Beds	
Acute Surgical	10	"
Acute Medical	32	"
5-Stretcher Wards	250	.....Total....300

The surgical work since the fighting ceased has been very light- A few accident cases due to Shells and Bomb explosions two Belgium women and one man were among the victims.

Theatre Prior to 9.10.18 the work in the Operating Theatre was very heavy and while the rush was on it was impossible to obtain further help

The Sisters	-	Sisters McNulty and Hill
" S.Nurses	-	S.Nurses Graham and Cornish.,

worked splendidly.

Visitors Miss McCarthy Matron in Chief B.E.F., visited us at Kesselberg on 16.11.18 just as we were about to move off for our new camp at Audenarde.

General Birdwood paid us a friendly visit on 25.11.18.

*E.W. Jeffries*

Head Sister

No. 3 Aust. Cas. Clg. Stn.



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MONTHLY STATE NOVEMBER/18

BRITISH TROOPS

	OFFICERS		O. RANKS	
	SICK	WOUNDED	SICK	WOUNDED
REMAINING	14	25	186	413
ADMITTED DIRECT	92	9	1946	145
" TRANSFER	8	-	179	-
DIED	2	-	23	38
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER )				
MEDICAL UNITS )	31	-	815	3
TRANSFERRED TO REST )				
STATIONS )	-	-	-	-
TRANSFERRED TO BASE	67	34	1264	485
DISCHARGED TO DUTY	8	-	99	32
REMAINING	6	-	110	-

AMERICAN TROOPS

REMAINING	-	-	-	15
ADMITTED DIRECT	1	-	2	12
DIED	-	-	-	3
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER )				
MEDICAL UNITS )	-	-	1	-
TRANSFERRED TO BASE	1	-	1	23
DISCHARGED TO DUTY	1	-	-	1
REMAINING	-	-	-	-

FRENCH TROOPS

REMAINING	-	-	1	18
ADMITTED DIRECT	-	1	2	-
" TRANSFER	-	-	3	-
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER )				
MEDICAL UNITS )	-	-	3	-
TRANSFERRED TO BASE	-	-	3	18
DISCHARGED TO DUTY	-	1	-	-
REMAINING	-	-	-	-

GERMANS

REMAINING	-	4	-	78
ADMITTED DIRECT	-	-	-	8
DIED	-	-	-	3
TRANSFERRED TO BASE	-	4	-	83
REMAINING	-	-	-	-

INDIANS

REMAINING	-	-	-	-
ADMITTED DIRECT	-	-	9	-
" TRANSFER	-	-	3	-
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER )				
MEDICAL UNITS )	-	-	7	-
TRANSFERRED TO BASE	-	-	5	-
REMAINING	-	-	-	-

CHINESE

REMAINING	-	-	-	-
ADMITTED DIRECT	-	-	10	-
DIED	-	-	1	-
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER )				
MEDICAL UNITS )	-	-	9	-
REMAINING	-	-	-	-



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BELGIAN CIVILIANS  
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SICK

REMAINING	-
ADMITTED DIRECT	4
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER	
MEDICAL UNITS	1
REMAINING	3

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1. 12. 1918.

*John R. Aday*  
C.O. No. 3 Aust. Cas. Clg. Stn. Lt. Col.