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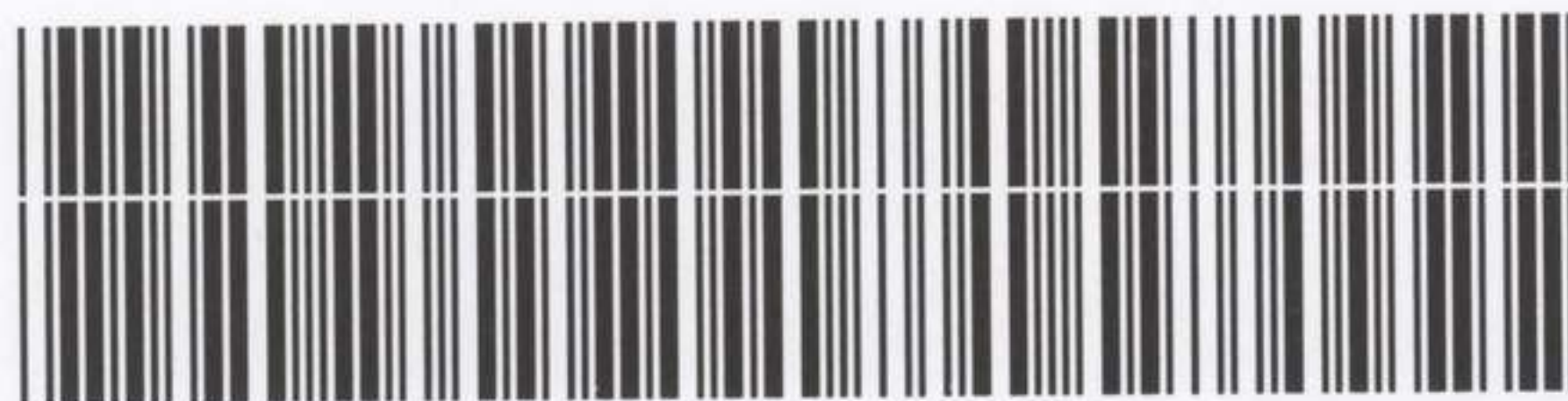
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WAR DIARY

OF

NO. 3 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

FOR

DECEMBER 1918.

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for C.O. No. 3 Aust. Cas. Clear'g Stat.
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EUSKIRCHEN. GERMANY.	1.12.18.		At the commencement of December the C.C.S. was camped in a field at Audenarde receiving patients from the troops advancing towards the Rhine. A few returned prisoners of war were admitted including one Australian who was suffering from post diphtheritic paralysis of the legs and who had escaped from his guards and had walked about 50 kilometres.	
	3.12.18.		Received orders from the D.M.S. Second Army to close and evacuate patients to Couttrai. This was accordingly done.	
	4.12.18.		Three motor lorries were at this time attached to the C.C.S., these were loaded and despatched to Huy with stoves, operating theatre material and ward stores. At Huy an advanced party of 2 Officers and 20 men was posted to guard these stores.	
	8.12.18.		Twelve men classified B111 or under age were despatched to Base Details, Havre, in order to embark for Australia.	
	10.12.18.		Information arrived that owing to the fact that the 2nd Army had advanced into Germany the 3rd A.C.C.S. would be transferred to the 5th Army until a train was available for moving.	
	12.12.18.		Orders were received that the C.C.S. would proceed to Euskirchen near Cologne and relieve No.1 Canadian C.C.S. An advanced party of one Officer and 6 men was at once despatched to Euskirchen.	
	14.12.18.		The Matron (Miss E.W. Jeffries) and Sisters McNulty and Nicholls left the unit to proceed on leave. Their places were taken by Sister Zichy-Wainarski as Matron and Sisters Glasson and Slater.	
	15.12.18.		Arrangements were made by the 5th Army for the C.C.S. to entrain on the 16th. These orders were cancelled by G.H.Q. At this time there was an advanced party at Euskirchen, 4 Officers and 32 men and 4 lorry loads of material at Huy, and the main body at Audenarde. A distance of about 100 kilometres separated each party and there were no methods of communication. The C.C.S. was unable to telephone or send telegrams to H.Q. and no mail was received. This made matters exceedingly difficult, and a large quantity of official correspondence was unavoidably delayed.	
	18.12.18.		The D.M.S. 2nd Army informed the C.O. that he wished the C.O. to relieve No.1 Canadian C.C.S. as soon as possible. 2 Officers and 12 men and 2 lorry loads of material were therefore hurried forward from Huy. No.1 Canadian C.C.S. left blankets, stretchers, and stores at Euskirchen and one officer and 18 men were detailed from No.1 British Field Ambulance and the 2/1 West Riding Field Ambulance to assist until the main body of No.3 Australian C.C.S. arrived.	
	19.12.18.		A train arrived at Audenarde and loading was commenced at once. The train left at 1 p.m. on the 20th inst., and travelled via Charleroi and Namur and arrived at Euskirchen at about 7 a.m.	
	22.12.18.			

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Admiral Lt. Col.
for C.O. No. 3 Aust. Cas. Clear'g Station
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EUSKIRCHEN. GERMANY.	19.12.18.		5 Lorries had been detailed by the 2nd Army and the train was unloaded and all material transferred to the C.C.S. by 6 p.m. of the same day.	
	24.12.18.		The 2 Officers and 36 men attached for duty from British Field Ambulances were returned to their Units. At present the C.C.S. is billeted at the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Euskirchen a German town about 20 kilometres south east of Cologne. The buildings are sufficiently large to accomodate the whole staff and three hundred patients. The rooms are heated throughout by steam radiators, are lit by electric light and are well supplied by hot baths. There is a good kitchen with steam heated boilers, fine mess room, separate quarters for Officers and Sisters, large recreation hall for the use of the staff and a suitable building for storing material which is not required for use such as tents and stoves. The railway station is convenient and cars are drawn from No. 5 M.A.C., for the evacuation of patients. Patients are being received from the 9th Corps which is at present billeted in this area. Very few surgical cases are arriving and the bulk of the work consists of medical cases such as influenza. As many cases as possible are held until they can be returned to their lines. The weather throughout the month has been uniformly fine, but very cold. On Xmas Day there was a considerable fall of snow. Owing to the fact that the local E.F. Canteens did not arrive in this area until the 24th. December there was considerable difficulty in getting sufficient supplies. Xmas celebrations were therefore postponed until the 26th. December and on that day the staff had a special dinner followed by a concert in the evening.	
XMAS FESTIVITIES.				

W. A. Shuter Lt. Col.
for G.O. No. 3 Aust. Cas. Clearing Station
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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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2.	Medical Officer's Report.
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4.	Head Sister's Report.
5.	Monthly State.

TOTAL ADMISSION SICK DECEMBER

Officers.....	21
O. Ranks	598
Total	619

Repatriated Prisoners of War..5

PRINCIPAL DISEASES OF SICK ADMISSIONS

Influenza	162
Boils & Cellulitis.....	97
Diarrhoea.....	48
Local Injuries.....	37
P.U.O.	20
Pneumonia.....	20
Gonorrhoea.....	19
Dental.....	16
Bronchitis.....	14
Debility.....	13
Scabies.....	12
Eye Diseases.....	11
Myalgia.....	9
Haemorrhoids.....	9
Nephritis.....	8
Hernia.....	8
Synovitis.....	7
Impetigo.....	7
Chancroids.....	7
Tonsillitis.....	6
Enteritis.....	5
Malaria.....	4
Clinical Dysentery.....	4
Lumbago.....	4
Eczema.....	4
Rheumatism.....	3
Dermatitis.....	2
Paraphimosis.....	2
Varicose Veins.....	2
Haematuria.....	2
Jaundice.....	2
D.A.H.	2
Phelitis.....	1
Intestinal Obstruction.....	1
Orchitis.....	1
Ptomaine Poisoning.....	1
Appendicitis.....	1
Miscellaneous.....	22

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REPORT OF HEAD SISTER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

On 13.12.18 I arrived to replace Head Sister E.W. Jeffries who has been granted 75 days leave.

On my arrival at Audenarde I found the C.C.S. closed and under orders to move forward to Germany. Head Sister Jeffries gave me every assistance making me acquainted with the various duties etc. before leaving on the 14.12.18.

STAFF - Consists of 1 Temp. Head Sister in Charge and 6 Sisters

CHANGES IN STAFF - Sister E.L. Slater reported on 12.12.18 and Sister B.R. Glasson on 13.12.18 to relieve Sister Mc Nulty and Sister Nicholls who left with H. Sister Jeffries on the 14.12.18 by Ambulance ~~XXXX~~ for 10th. Stationary Hospital

HEALTH - There has been no sickness amongst the members of the staff during the month.

WARDS - The Wards closed on the 3.12.18 and the hospital was not re-opened until the 21st. Dec. at Euskirchen when we took over from the 1st. Canadian C.C.S. The wards are small but comfortable, all the building having central heating. The cases received since 21.12.18 have been mostly medical with a few surgical and accidental injuries etc.

SISTERS QUARTERS - Our new quarters are most comfortable, the building having central heating and a satisfactory hot water service.

RECREATION - Advantage was taken of the permission given by the Matron in Chief B.E.F. to dance in quarters from December 20th. to January 3rd. on Xmas night. The dance was enjoyed by all and concluded most happily the festivities of our Xmas in Germany.

V.3. Womarski

Sister in Charge.

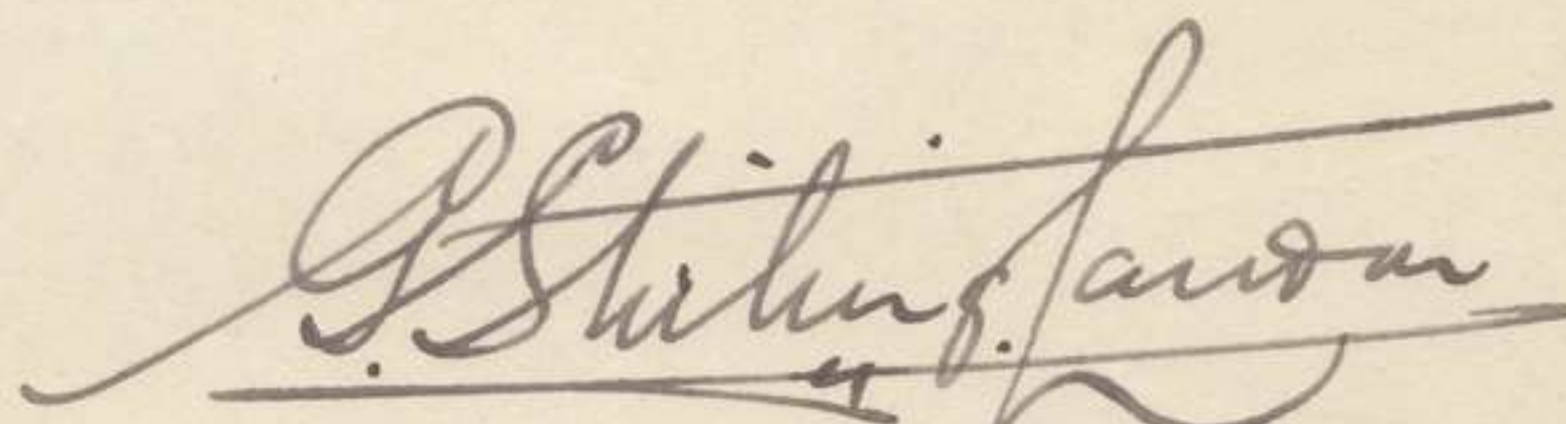
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No. 3 Aust. C. C. S.

PHYSICIANS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1918.

No. 3 AUST. C. C. S. closed down on Dec. 3rd., at Oudenarde on the Scheldt and reopened on Dec. 21st. at Euskirchen between Cologne and Duren - in a well appointed Deaf and Dumb Institution just outside the town.

The total sick admissions for the month numbered 619, of which 162 were admitted as Influenza, while others admitted as Bronchitis 14, Pneumonia 20, Diarrhoea 48, Debility 13, were probably also mostly influenza in origin. Among the personnel 6 were admitted with influenza while since opening at Euskirchen there has been a considerable amount of diarrhoea - both among officers and other ranks - mostly of a mild nature and in the few cases admitted to hospital clearing up in 2 or 3 days. Otherwise the general health has been good.



Capt. A. A. M. C.

NO. 3 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLG. STN.

1.1.1919.

No.3 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

SURGEON SPECIALIST'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918

During the month of December there has been very little surgical work done in this hospital.

On the 3rd. of the month the hospital was closed down and was waiting at Audenarde from that date until the 20th. of the month. This was, of course, a period of inactivity. Owing to the cessation of hostilities there has been no war surgery and all the work that has been done consisted of minor surgery with the exception of two cases of Acute Appendicitis.

On the 20th. of the month the hospital was established in a building at Euskirchen near Cologne in Germany and here also there has been very little surgery done.

H. S. Bush

Major
Surgeon Specialist No.3 Australian C.C.S.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS.

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Lieut. Colonel.
for C.O. No. 3 Australian C. C. Station.