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WAR DIARY.

of

NO. 14 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.For the month of October, 1917.Volume II. 1.

This is the first month of the second year of the establishment of this Unit at Abbassia, Cairo. The statistics of the first twelve months are being compiled, and will be forwarded (marked Volume I), as no War Diary had been sent prior to this date.

Colonel Walter Summons, A.A.M.C., took command on September 27th, 1917, vice Lieut. Colonel R. Macdonald, A.A.M.C.

The hospital had been transformed from a single to a double General Hospital. On 22/10/17 authority was given to extend the number of beds to 1650, in view of the coming offensive on the Palestine front - this included Officers' beds 60.

The No. 14 A.G.H. is the only Australian General Hospital in Egypt at present. Its functions not only comprise the treatment of sick and wounded, but all men unfit for Active Service conditions are examined, tested, and boarded or reclassified. Those recommended for return to Australia are retained in hospital till a ship is available to take them. As a number were fit for camp life, they were transferred to the Rest Camp at Port Said to await embarkation. The total number remaining in hospital recommended for return to Australia is 17 Officers and 175 Other Ranks, while the number sent to Port Said to await embarkation is 215.

The bulk of the work of the hospital in the absence of any active military operations has been Medical. There has been no undue prevalence of any infectious diseases. The statistics herewith set out the work done in the hospital.

In the Pathological department, Capt. Fairley, A.A.M.C., has done good original work, and has brought to a practical issue a blood test depending on the complement fixation reaction for the early diagnosis of Bilharziosis, and for the detection of latent cases.

The health of the personnel is fair only. The average daily percentage of sick has been 10.5%. The health of the Medical Officers and Sisters is better. Approximately one fifth of the staff is attached B. class personnel. The staff is ample for present requirements. A parade strength is attached.

(Sgd) Walter Summons Colonel, A.A.M.C.

Abbassia,
9/11/17.

Commanding, No. 14 Aus. Gen. Hospital.

NO. 14 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917.

(1)	Total number of Admissions:	Medical	432	
		Surgical	203	
		Venereal	<u>6</u>	641
(2)	Minimum number of Beds Occupied:			727
(3)	Maximum " " " "			933
(4)	Average number of Beds Occupied:			801.53
(5)	Average number of Daily Admissions:			21.37
(6)	Total number of Discharges:	Medical	408	
		Surgical	172	
		Venereal	<u>169</u>	749
(7)	Average number of Daily Discharges:			24.97
(8)	Average number of days in Hospital of Patients Discharged or Transferred during the month:			30.15
(9)	Percentage Discharged to (1)	Other Hospitals		
		(a) Medical Cases	.53	
		(b) Venereal "	<u>18.69</u>	19.22
	(2)	Conv. Hospitals:		
		(a) Medical Cases	33.24	
		(b) Surgical "	<u>10.28</u>	43.52
	(3)	Duty, etc:		
		(a) Medical Cases	20.69	
		(b) Surgical "	12.68	
		(c) Venereal "	<u>3.87</u>	37.24
(10)	Number of Patients Boarded during the month:			
		Medical cases:	160	
		Surgical "	<u>32</u>	192
(11)	Total number of Deaths:			NIL

NOTE: The number of Patients Discharged includes 134 Venereal Cases transferred to No. 2 Aus. Stationary Hospital on 2nd Oct. 1917.

Abbassia.

Charles Berke

.....Major A.M.C.
REGISTRAR No. 14 AG.H. A.I.F.

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No 14 Australian General Hospital.

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PARADE STATE

30th OCTOBER 1917.

Classification.	On duty.	Sick.	On leave.	Temp detached.	Total
Medical Officers	22	1	1	-	24
Other Officers	6	-	-	1	7
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Nursing Staff	79	5	8	-	92
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Other Ranks:- Staff.	158	14	1	1	174
Attached.	49	4	1	1	55
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T O T A L S	314.	24.	11.	3.	352.

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Shuttleworth Major A.M.
REGIS. AGH. A.I.F.

APPENDIX.