AWM4

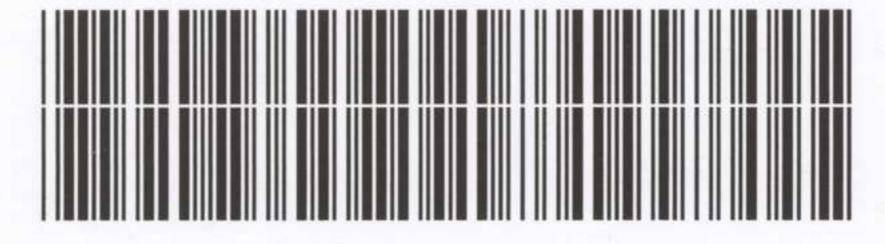
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries, 1914-18 War

Medical, Dental & Nursing

Item number: 26/68/2

Title: No 14 Australian General Hospital

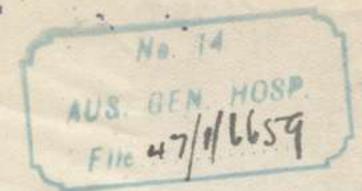
October 1917



AWM4-26/68/2

1047

CONFIDENTIAL.



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 Toulonel 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 rotained 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.

Abbassia, 9/11/17. (Sgd) Haller Summon dolonol. A. A. M. C.

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 Surgical Venereal	432 203 6	641
(2)	Minimum number of Beds Occupio	ed:			727
(3)	Maximum " " "				933
(4)	Average number of Beds Occupie	ed:			801.53
(5)	Average number of Daily Admiss	mions:			21.37
(6)	Total number of Discharges:		Medical Surgical Venereal	408 172 169	749
(7)	Average number of Daily Discha	rges:			24.97
(8)	Average number of days in Hospital of Patients Discharged or Transferred during the month:				30.15
(8)	Percentage Discharged to (1)	(a) Med	Hospitals Hical Cases Hereal "	18.69	19.22
	(2)	(a) Med	espitals: lical Cases gical "	33.24	43.52
	(3)	(b) Suz	etc: lical Cases gical " rereal "	20.69	37.24
(10)	Number of Patients Boarded dur	ing the Medical	cases:	160	192
(11)	Total number of Deaths:				NII
HOTE:	The number of Patients Discitransferred to No.2 Aus. Sta	harged i	noludes 134 Hospital o	venereal m 2nd Oct	Cases .1917.

Abbassia.

** Major A.M.C.

REGISTRAR No. 14 A.G.H. A.I.F.

No 14 Australian General Hospital. R/3/3 PARADE STATE 30th OCTOBER 1917.							
Classification.	On duty.	Sick.	on leave.	Temp detached.	Total		
Medical Officers Other Officers	22	1	1	1	24		
Nursing Staff	79	5	8	-	92.		
Other Ranks:- Staff. Attached.	158	14	1	1	174 55		
TOTAES	314.	24.	11.	3.	352.		
3 0 OCT 1917	REGIS REGIS ASH ANTE						

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL