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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABBASSIA	MAY		<p><u>No. 1 AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.</u></p> <p>No. 1 Australian Dermatological Hospital was among the Hospitals that were intended to be sent overseas, when the Infantry Divisions left Egypt. The vast majority of its patients came from the Infantry and it was considered that when the troops were moved, there would not be sufficient work to keep a special hospital employed in Egypt. About the middle of May it still contained 1000 patients and the admissions showed no signs of diminution, although all leave to Cairo and Alexandria was cancelled, and the Provost Corps were exercising very strict surveillance. There appeared to be no prospect of closing the Hospital unless arrangements could be made with the Imperial Authorities for the treatment of Venereal Cases in the Canal Zone.</p> <p>An application from the Hospital for a Warrant Officer, (supported by the A.D.M.S. Delta District) was made and Warrant Officer Rudd, who recently returned from Australia was appointed.</p>	
	JUNE		<p>There were still close on 1000 patients in Hospital but admissions were dropping in number, and were expected to fall much more rapidly when the 4th & 5th Divisions moved out. By the middle of the month the number had fallen to 700. The Hospital was working well and the discipline was excellent. 53 incurables were sent from the Hospital to Australia, and by the end of the month the number had fallen to 577. Many of these were almost fit for discharge.</p> <p>A nominal roll of staff at this time is shown in Appendix 1.</p>	Appen. No. 1.
	JULY		<p>The Unit was still working well and the numbers were decreasing so rapidly that by the middle of the month there were only 240 patients in Hospital. It was considered that the Unit could be dispensed with now and an application was made to the D.M.S. E.E.F. to have it sent overseas. By the end of the month the number of patients had fallen to 130 and a further appeal was sent to the D.M.S. E.E.F. to have the hospital shifted. It was pointed out that the majority of these patients could be discharged within ten days, and that the daily admissions only averaged 4 or 5, but the D.M.S. E.E.F. replied that the Hospital could not be closed till there was further diminution of patients, as there was no accommodation elsewhere.</p>	
	AUGUST.		<p>There were only 100 patients in Hospital now, and fresh efforts were MADE TO HAVE THE Hospital moved. The Venereal Cases from the Anzac Mounted Division, and those left when No. 1 A.D.H. closed, it was considered, could be accommodated at No. 3 Australian General Hospital, so arrangements were made accordingly. The patients still remained at Abbassia barracks but</p>	

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ABBASSIA	1916 AUGUST	(cont.)	<p>they were treated by the staff of No. 3 Australian General Hospital, and the Commanding Officer of that Hospital was responsible for the administration. This transfer of management was carried out on 24th August 1916. No. 1 Australian Dermatological Hospital was now all packed up and ready to embark. The staff consisted of:</p> <table data-bbox="1262 645 1755 967"> <tr> <td>Major</td> <td>Grigor</td> <td>W.E.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>Morris</td> <td>A.E.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capt.</td> <td>Wiley</td> <td>C.J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>Ellis</td> <td>L.E.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>Orchard</td> <td>W.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>McDonnell</td> <td>V.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>Wesley</td> <td>C.H.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>Teece</td> <td>R.N.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Attached. Chap. Cap. Jessop</u></td> <td>A.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Unit entrained on 8th Sept. 1916 and proceeded to Mustapha to await embarkation.</p>	Major	Grigor	W.E.	"	Morris	A.E.	Capt.	Wiley	C.J.	"	Ellis	L.E.	"	Orchard	W.	"	McDonnell	V.	"	Wesley	C.H.	Lieut.	Teece	R.N.	<u>Attached. Chap. Cap. Jessop</u>		A.	
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APPENDIX - No. 1.

No. 1 AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.

Nominal Roll of Officers on the Staff, June 1916.

Major	GRIGOR	W.E.
Major	RAFFAN	
Major	MORRIS	A.E.
Capt.	ELLIS	L.E.
Capt.	ORCHARD	W.
Capt.	WYLIE	C.J.
Capt.	DAWSON	
Capt.	BOOTH	
Capt.	CLAY	
Lieut.	DAY (dentist - attached)	