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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No 1. A. D. H. BULFORD.	1.4.18	—	Capt. A.J. GALL of A.D.S. handed over to Lieut. R. GATEHOUSE of A.D.S. and reported to the S.O.D.S.; A.I.F. LONDON. K.R. 462 promulgated in ROUTINE ORDERS. <i>Jump</i>	
	2.4.18	—	No Entries necessary. <i>Jump</i>	
	3.4.18	—	T.M. BOARD commenced examination of Staff Guard other than A1. + A4 classes. <i>Jump</i>	
	4.4.18	—	A.D.M.S.; A.I.F. TIDWORTH interviewed ^{representative} of training given cases discharged to C.T.D. and asked for same to be modified. (2) change of Pathologist. (3) Necessity of a FORD AMB. CAR. (4) Exchange of M.O.s. (5) Training of F.T. details at PARKHOUSE being better place than here. Handed in WAR DIARY for MARCH. <i>Jump</i>	
	5.4.18	—	Major C.W. WHITING M.C. left on Embarkation leave. <i>Jump</i> . T.M. BOARD examined balance of Staff <i>Jump</i>	
	6.4.18	—	T.M. BOARD examined balance of GUARD <i>Jump</i>	
	7.4.18	—	No Entry necessary. <i>Jump</i>	
	8.4.18	—	The number of patients in hospital at 9 A.M. is 652. D.M.S. informed.	
	9.4.18	—	T/Major C.W. WHITING M.C. left for LONDON to report to D.M.S.; A.I.F. for embarkation to AUSTRALIA. <i>Jump</i>	
	10.4.18	—	Paymaster A.I.F. TIDWORTH inspected books to of pay S/E. of Unit. <i>Jump</i>	
	11.4.18	—	No Entry necessary. <i>Jump</i>	
	12.4.18	—	Number in P. at 9 A.M. 589.	
	13.4.18	—	Capt. A.B. MORRIS transferred by A.D.M.S. to T.D. PARKHOUSE. <i>Jump</i>	
	14.4.18	—	No Entry necessary. <i>Jump</i>	
	15.4.18	—	Number in P. at 9 A.M. 505. <i>Jump</i>	
	16.4.18	—	35 A4 Class marched out to their Training Brigades by order of A.A.G. TIDWORTH. <i>Jump</i>	
	"	—	Capt. W.H. JERMYN transferred by A.D.M.S. to NO 3 COMMAND DEPOT. HURDCOTT. <i>Jump</i>	
	17.4.18	—	No Entry necessary. <i>Jump</i>	
	18.4.18	—	Inspection of Buildings + Barrack Equipment in accordance with A.M.S. Reg. para 196 commenced in presence of C.O.; D.O.R.E.; R.E. A.I.F. + Q.M. of Unit. <i>Jump</i>	
	"	—		
	19.4.18	—	No Entries necessary. <i>Jump</i>	
	20.4.18	—		
	21.4.18	—		
	22.4.18	—	Lt Col. W.E. GRIGOR to be acting O.C. during absence of C.O. in LONDON for investigation. <i>Jump</i>	
	"	—	Two. <i>Jump</i>	

Jump Stewart Col.
C.O. No 1 A.D. H.

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N Φ 1. A. D. H. BULFORD.	23.4.18	—	No Entry Necessary. <i>Imp</i>	Appendix. 4/18.
	24.4.18	—	A.D.M.S. inspected treatment of cases in Hospital. <i>Imp</i>	
	25.4.18	—	ANZAC DAY Sports at TIDWORTH attended by members of staff off duty. Staff held	
	"	—	a DANCE in the evening. <i>Imp</i>	
	26.4.18	}	No Entries Necessary. <i>Imp</i> . 28.4.18. T/Col <i>Imp</i> Stewart resumed command of Unit. <i>Imp</i>	
	27.4.18			
	28.4.18			
	29.4.18			
	30.4.18	—	Number of patients in H. at 9 A.M. 396. Detail Monthly Report as Appendix 4/18 <i>Imp</i> . <i>Imp</i> Stewart Col. CD. No 1. A.D.H.	

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War Diary Appendix.
4/18.

REPORT FOR APRIL, 1918.

1. LOCATION - Bulford.

2. STAFF - Average strength - 15 Officers 273 Other ranks.

Changes in Personnel - Officers.

Marched in -

Nil.

Marched out -

Captain A.J.Gall, A.A.D.S., to D.M.S., A.I.F.
London - 1.4.1918.
T/Major C.W.Whiting, M.C., A.A.M.C., to D.M.S.,
A.I.F., London - 9.4.18.
Captain A.B.Morris, A.A.M.C., to A.A.M.C., T.D.,
Parkhouse - 13.4.18.
Captain W.H.Jermyn, A.A.M.C. to S.M.O. No.3
Command Depot, Hurdcott - 16.4.18.

Other ranks.

Marched in -

2 A.4 class men from A.A.M.C., T.D. Parkhouse.
8 C.1 " " " " " "
1 C.1 " " " Delhi Hospital, Tidworth.
2 A.4 " " released from Civil custody.

Marched out -

8 A.4 class men to 1st Training Brigade.
16 A.4 " " " 2nd " "
11 A.4 " " " 3rd " "
1 A " " " No.1 Command Depot
7 C.1 " " " No.2 " "
2 B.1.a " " " " " "
1 B.2.b " " " " " "
3 C.3 " " " " " "
2 C.1 " " " Aust.Flying Corps (early treatment)
3 A.4 " " " A.A.M.C., T.D., Parkhouse.
1 C.1 " " " A.M.T.S., Tidworth.
3 C.1 " " " Headquarters, London.
1 A.4 " " " Fargo Hospital.
also 8 men marched out to their Units after instruction
in early treatment of V.D.

3. PATIENTS -

Total admissions for April	...	...	663.
<u>Readmissions</u>	...	...	<u>219.</u>
Syphilis	...		127
Chancroid	...		7
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea			13
Chancroid & Gonorrhoea			3
Scabies	...		33
N.V.D.	...		112
Gonorrhoea	...		333

Total number of patients who contracted V.D. in Australia
or on voyage, admitted during month - 6.

Recent reinforcements who contracted V.D. since arrival
in England, admitted during month - 25.

Cases admitted for Wassermann Test - 48.

3. PATIENTS (Contd).

Total number of discharges for month - 1,151.

Syphilis ...	...	...	...	...	164.
Chancroid ..	...	...	...	...	6.
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea ..	...	...	...	...	56.
Chancroid & Gonorrhoea	...	...	...	...	2.
Scabies ...	...	...	...	...	33.
N.V.D. ...	...	...	...	...	185.
Gonorrhoea ...	...	...	...	...	705.

Average stay in Hospital -

Syphilis ...	...	...	...	...	11.6 days.
Chancroid ..	...	...	...	...	7 "
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea ..	...	...	...	...	49 "
Chancroid & Gonorrhoea .	...	...	...	...	31 "
Scabies ...	...	...	...	...	6 "
N.V.D. ...	...	...	...	...	10.1 "
Gonorrhoea ...	...	...	...	...	40.3 "

4. REMARKS.(a). Treatment -

During the whole of April, the system inaugurated on the 10th March this Year has been in full swing, and a uniform treatment of Gonorrhoea carried out. It was found that the arbitrary day on which Gonorrhoea should become chronic could be reduced from 35 days to 28, as foreshadowed in my report for March. After consultation with Os.C.Divisions it is more than likely that it will be still further reduced during the month of May to 21 days. The system introduced for the treatment of gonorrhoea on 10.3.18 was carried out to its completion towards the end of this month, when the whole of the treatment in the Hospital was placed directly under Lieut. Col. W.E.Grigor, with Major Avery as O.C. "A" Division (Gonorrhoea) and Major Gibson as O.C. "B" Division (Syphilis, complicated Gonorrhoea and skin cases N.V.D). This has enabled a central Treatment Card Bureau to be formed, and all cases on admission are seen and allotted to one or other of the Divisions by the Officer i/c Treatment. The patients are taken by runner, with their Card, to one or other of the Divisions.

Any cases 28 days in Hospital are reviewed by the O.C. of the Division in which they are being treated, and a report furnished to the Officer i/c Treatment who again reviews the case should he consider it necessary. Early instrumental examination and direct cauterization is at present being carried out by Officer i/c Treatment with the object of reducing the stay in Hospital of all cases of recent uncomplicated gonorrhoea, as it appears very evident that a case that has just escaped being cured by early treatment and abortive treatment at a Depot should be retained in this Hospital up to the present average number of days (40.3); so far the results are proving satisfactory, and cases have already been discharged cured and fit for duty in 12 days. The numbers so far dealt with are too small to enable a definite and reliable statement to be made as to the prospects of success, but all the evidence so far points in that direction. By the end of the ensuing month a sufficient number will have been dealt with to enable the O.i/c Treatment to furnish a very definite report.

In the 50 days ending 30.4.18, which is the period covered by the new system in the gonorrhoeal Division of the Hospital, the total number of admissions for the period was 1,258 and the total number of discharges, 1,955. There were

over.

4. REMARKS.(a) Treatment (Contd).

There were 1,093 cases in Hospital on 10.3.18 and 396 at mid-night 30.4.18.

(b). Relapses -

The number of readmissions found to have gonococci in discharge for the period 10.3.18 - 30.4.18 inclusive is 5.7 and for the month of April alone 5.5. To prevent as far as possible the return of cases with M.V. discharges, information is sent to S.M.Os and R.M.Os in every case in which Warts, Polypi, Follicles or glands have been cauterised, or, in fact, any procedure carried out which may cause some discharge for several days after the case is returned to his Unit. This should, as the Medical Officers become aware of the form of treatment, result in fewer cases being returned as relapses.

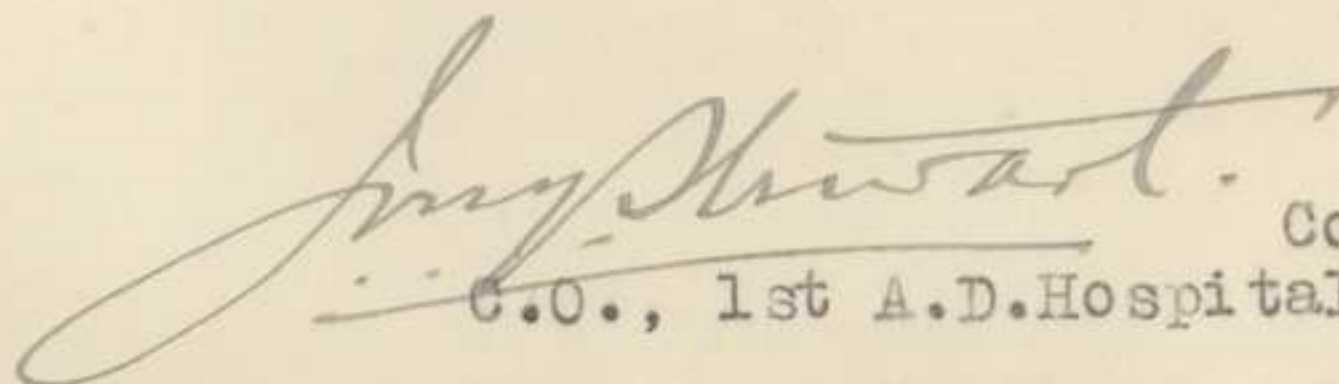
(c). Quartermaster's Department -

Negotiations are still in hand for the return to Ordnance of surplus stock for which this Hospital in the past has been over-supplied. On the 18th of the month the inspection of buildings and barrack equipment was commenced, the Officers assembled being Commanding Officer (Temporary Colonel J.M.Y. Stewart, D.S.O., V.D) Major Nicholls, D.O.R.E., Captain L.A. Withall on behalf of Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., and the Unit Quartermaster (Captain T. de C. Armstrong). This is still proceeding and should be completed before the end of May.

On the 23rd, 24th and 25th, the Local Auditor, A.I.F. made an examination of the Books, Cards, Long Rolls, etc., in connection with the Quartermaster's Department but no official report on the matter has yet been received. He verbally stated that he was exceedingly satisfied with his inspection.

The Washing Contract has not been satisfactory, and a report is being sent to the A.D.M.S., A.I.F., Tidworth, on the matter. With the ~~xxx~~ greatly reduced number of cases in Hospital, it should be quite possible to supply every patient with a clean shirt and under shirt every 7 days. In the past this has only been possible in the case of bed patients, the others receiving clean linen every 14 days.

5. Pathologist's report is attached.


Colonel,
C.O., 1st A.D.Hospital, A.I.F.



REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR
THE MONTH ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1918.

A. Work performed in connection with the Diagnosis & Treatment of Syphilis

1. Bloods taken by venipuncture of median-basilic or neighbouring veins	647.
2. Bloods received from Reading, Salisbury Infirmary & other Military Hospitals -	12.
3. Wassermann tests performed -	659.
4. Dark-ground examinations of serum from Venereal sores - of which 11 in number (16-12/13%) were positive -	65.
5. Urines tested for presence of Albumin prior to administration of Salvarsan -	441.

B. Work performed in connection with the Diagnosis & treatment of Gonorrhoea

1. Urethral Smears examined -	...	1872.
2. Urines centrifuged & deposits fixed, stained and examined for gonococci		4.
3. Eye smears examined for gonococci	...	5.

C. GENERAL BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK -

1. Vaccines prepared for boils, abscesses & other Staphylococcal infections -	7.
2. Complete qualitative and quantitative analysis of urines	9.
3. Sputa examined for Bacillus Tuberculosis	13.
4. Throat swabs	7.
5. Blood-counts - enumeration of corpuscles	4.
6. Cultures made and specific organism isolated	7.
7. Pathological specimens embedded, cut and stained -	2.
8. Examination of Faeces for amoeba coli	2.

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Pathologist.