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BULLFORD.
No 1 A.D.H.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1.5.18	-	Lt Col. G. RAFFAN, attached Administrative H.Qs. A.I.F. LONDON, arrived to discuss treatment of V.D. and study the methods in use at this Hospital. Injy.	
	2.5.18	-	No Entries necessary. Injy.	
	5.5.18	-	No Entries necessary. Injy.	
	6.5.18	-	Lt Col. G. RAFFAN reports back to H.Qs. A.I.F. LONDON. Lt Col. W.E. GRIGOR is placed in charge of all treatment. Major J.G. AVERY to be O.C. "A" Division and Major N.M. GIBSON to be O.C. "B" Division. Injy.	
	7.5.18	-	No Entry Necessary. Injy.	
	8.5.18	-	Major J.G. AVERY reports to WEYMOUTH for embarkation to AUSTRALIA (Authority A.D.M.S. CRAIF. 35080/2/25 M.S. of 8.5.18) from No 2 C Depot. Capt H. LEAVER asked for, as M.Os. are unable to take over more cases. Injy.	
	9.5.18	-	Capt H. LEAVER reported here from LEWES. Injy.	
	10.5.18	-	G.O.C. A.I.F. in U.K. inspected Detention Huts of "A" Divisions at 3.30 pm. Injy.	
	11.5.18	-	Major A. GOLDSTEIN takes over as O.C. "A" Division. Injy.	
	12.5.18	-	A.D.M.S. visited P. and inspected Huts in "A" Divisions with a view to their possibly being handed over to N.Z. Forces for a small Hospital (N.V.D.). Injy.	
	13.5.18	-	No Entries necessary. Injy.	
	14.5.18	-	MAJOR J.C.P. STRACHAN. reported from A.D.M.S. for duty here. Injy.	
	15.5.18	-	No Entries necessary Injy.	
	16.5.18	-	MAJOR STRACHAN. appointed Registrar, Capt. DELACY. to "A" Divisions. Injy.	
	17.5.18	-	Major LEAHY, paymaster TIDWORTH, with Lt M.C. LANSLOW from "ADMINAUST" visited + inspected Q.Ms. stores + books to ascertain our method of checking + controlling supplies. Injy.	
	18.5.18	-	No Entries necessary Injy.	
	19.5.18	-	No Entries necessary Injy.	
	20.5.18	-	No Entries necessary Injy.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	21.5.18	-	A.D.M.S. visited re Q.Ms. books, a/c. Long Roll, Barrack fixings & fittings, linen, stores, diets & supplies. A special parade of officers held at C.O. room for the purpose of reminding & generally admonishing officers of a certain amount of laxness in their behaviour & failure to observe orders. The inoculation of the Staff with T.A.B. was commenced by the Pathologist at 3 p.m. <i>Imp.</i>	
	22.5.18		} No Entries necessary. <i>Imp.</i>	
	To 27.5.18			
	28.5.18	-	Confidential Report (Appendix 5/18) sent to A.D.M.S. as the position is serious and all but irrigations & sounds will have to stop in the way of treatment. <i>Imp.</i>	5/18.
	"	-	Capt. W. R. YOUNG and W. J. BEVERIDGE reported for duty here. <i>Imp.</i>	
	29.5.18	-	No Entry necessary. <i>Imp.</i>	
	30.5.18	-	The D.G.M.S.; C.M.F. (Major General R. H. J. FETHERSTON) with D.M.S.; A.I.F. (Major General SIR N. R. HOWSE, VC. K.C.B.) A.D.M.S., Lt Col T. G. WILSON and Mr MANIFOLD visited this P. Detentions Huts, Wards, Kitchens, Pathologist's rooms, Operating Theatres, Treatment Huts "606", Room & Staff officers' mess were inspected. No comment was made by the D.G.M.S. apart from an unfavourable opinion as to the validity validity of the Detention Huts. The O.C. Guard was informed of the General's remarks. <i>Imp.</i>	6/18.
	31.5.18	-	No Entry necessary. <i>Imp.</i>	

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REPORT FOR MAY, 1918.

1. LOCATION - Bulford.
2. STAFF - Average strength - 14 Officers. 258 Other ranks.

Changes in personnel - Officers.Marched in -

Major J.C.P.Strachan, from D.M.S., A.I.F., London - 13.5.18.
 Captain W.J.Beveridge, from A.A.M.C., T.D. Parkhouse - 28.5.18.
 Captain W.R.Young, from A.D.M.S., Tidworth - 28.5.18.
 Lt.-Col.Raffan, from D.M.S., A.I.F.London as relieving Officer
 29.5.18.

Marched out -

Major J.G.Avery to No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth, - 8.5.18.
 Captain H.Leaver to D.M.S., A.I.F. London to 31.5.18.
 Lt.Col.W.E.Grigor - granted 3 weeks leave from 30.5.18.

Other ranksMarched in -

1 A class N.C.O. from D.M.S., A.I.F.London 29.5.18.
 1 A4 " other rank from Harefield - 25.5.18.
 1 C1 " " " " A.I.F.Depots in U.K. 12.5.18.

Marched out -

1 A4 class man to No.2 C.D.Weymouth.
 1 A4 " " " A.A.M.C., T.D., Parkhouse.
 6 A " " " No.1 C.D., Sutton Veny.
 3 A " " " O.T.B., Longbridge Deverill.
 2 A " " " No.3 C.D., Hurdcott.
 6 C1 " " " No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth.
 1 C1 " " " Southall Hospital for duty.
 1 C1 " " " Hq.London.
 1 C1 " " " Military Hospital, Fargo.
 1 C1 " " " Delhi Military Hospital.
 1 A4 " " " Lewes Detention Barracks.

3. PATIENTS -

<u>Total admissions and re-admissions</u>	-	583.
Readmissions	...	156.
Net admissions	...	427.
Syphilis (including readmissions)	..	137.
Gonorrhoea	" " " ...	254.
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea	... ..	8.
Chancroid	" " " ...	5.
Chancroid & Gonorrhoea	" " " ...	1.
Scabies	" " " ...	16.
N.V.D.	" " " ...	150.

Total number of patients who contracted V.D.in Australia or on voyage, admitted during the month - 9.

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

Cases admitted for Wassermann test and diagnosis - 51.

Report for May.

Total number of discharges for month - 564.

Syphilis...	...	...	...	...	146.
Gonorrhoea	...	...	...	...	212.
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea..	...	...	...	...	25.
Chancroid	...	...	...	...	4.
Chancroid & Gonorrhoea	...	...	...	...	1.
Scabies	...	...	...	...	22.
N.V.D.	...	...	...	...	147.

Average stay in Hospital -

Syphilis...	...	...	...	...	7.08 days.
Chancroid..	...	...	...	...	6.7 "
Syphilis & Gonorrhoea..	...	...	...	...	67.8 "
Chancroid & Gonorrhoea	...	...	...	...	29 "
Scabies	...	...	...	...	6.1 "
N.V.D.	...	...	...	...	10.1 "
Gonorrhoea	...	...	...	...	38.50 "

4. TREATMENT -

During the whole of May the treatment has been carried out on the organised lines introduced this year and has proved eminently successful. It has perhaps been somewhat less successful than it otherwise should have been owing to the change in the personnel of the Medical Officers, and the fact that 50% at least of them are learners. Notwithstanding that fact, the average number of days in Hospital for uncomplicated gonorrhoea still shows evidence of decrease. The most important, and so far unsolved difficulty as regards efficient and rapid treatment, is due to the lack of proper instruments and apparatus required in the Institution. This lack is due to the great delays and difficulties met with in endeavouring to obtain these special appliances from the makers and so far has not been satisfactorily overcome.

The early instrumental examination and direct cauterization by an experienced Medical Officer is giving good results, but owing to the absence on leave of the Officer i/c Treatment, a definite report as promised in last month's report on this phase of treatment will not be available until the end of July.

During the month just passed, 28 cases of Epididymitis have occurred and have been treated by the direct injection of "Electragol" in the substance of the epididymus, with marked beneficial results as regards the almost immediate relief of pain, cessation of swelling, and much more rapid reduction of the primary swelling, with the result that the average stay in bed has been reduced to 13 days, as against a previous 28 before this method of treatment was employed.

Readmissions from Convalescent Training Depot are not reckoned as relapses returned to Hospital, because the 8 days test of modified training is considered as part of the "try-out" before the man is definitely cured. As all cases are not being sent to C.T.D. it will be possible in future to state the percentage of cases which fail to stand, and also to show the number of days required to render them fit once again. Relapses are only considered as such when returned from their Training Battalions in U.K.

5. EARLY PREVENTION -

A large number of cases still fail to avail themselves of the precautions supplied to them and the instructions given at the various Centres both Overseas and in U.K., quite 50% taking

absolutely no precautions, and under 2% taking full and proper precautions. It would appear that some improved method of bringing prominently before every soldier the advantage of early and proper precautions should be introduced, if the number of men infected is to be considerably lessened.

6. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT -

Application was made early in February for the removal of superfluous and unserviceable stock, and eventually the necessary permission was obtained and the required authority forwarded, since when over **20** tons of superfluous and unserviceable stock has been returned to Imperial Ordnance, Tidworth.

An Officer from the Audit Branch of the Chief Paymaster, London, visited the Hospital in company with the Paymaster, Tidworth, on 17.5.18, for the purpose of enquiring into our method of obtaining supplies for the Hospital, and checking supplies already made by the Imperial authorities charged against the A.I.F. After careful search of our Diet Sheets and checking our various supplies as received from the A.S.C., he expressed the opinion that our methods were most satisfactory and complete in every detail.

A Court of Inquiry assembled at the Hospital on 30.5.18 in accordance with A.I.F. Depot in U.K. Order No.4821 of 20.5.18, to inquire into the surpluses and shortages of the stock, etc., at the Hospital. As a previous stock-taking was not considered satisfactory, which had been made during the end of January; ~~and~~ the Court decided that a fresh stock-taking be made, and the Court adjourned accordingly until such time as this was completed. Owing to the unsatisfactory condition in which the washing contract for this Hospital was being carried out, the matter was reported to the A.D.M.S. who issued instructions that the Quartermaster should personally visit the Alverstoke Laundries at Elson. This was done by him on 15.5.18 and all differences and difficulties gone into. The above complaint was owing to the state in which underclothing worn by scabetic patients was sent by us and returned by the Laundry.

7. TRANSPORT -

~~The~~ ^{Ford} The Ambulance car applied for early in February was taken on charge here on 9.5.18 and has been in use during the whole of the intervening period. It already shows the advantages to be gained by taking the small and economical Car as the weekly supply of Benzine has been reduced from an average of 35 gallons per week to an average of 22 gallons per week, which practically means that in 12 months the saving in petrol would almost pay for the vehicle.

8. SPECIAL VISIT OF INSPECTION -

On 30.5.18 the Director General of Medical Services, Surgeon General R.H.J. Fetherston accompanied by General Sir Neville R. Howse, V.C., K.C.B., the A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., Lieut. Col. T.G. Wilson and Mr. Manifold, visited this Hospital. The D.G.M.S. inspected the Detention Huts, Administrative block, Medical Huts, Treatment Huts, Pathological and Operating Theatre Huts, and Kitchens of "A" Division; "606" room, Operating theatre, Medical and Surgical Huts, and Patient Officers quarters in "B" Division, and Staff Officers' Mess. With the exception of the Detention Huts he made no comment. As regards this latter he considered that they were not as tidy and clean as they should have been. It was explained to him that this was the first occasion on which they had not been found thoroughly efficient, and that the Guard attached to the Hospital were responsible for the carrying out and the cleaning of the Huts in question.

9. Pathologist's report attached.



REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR MONTH
ENDING 31ST MAY, 1918.

A. Work performed in relation to diagnosis and treatment of Syphilis

1. Blood specimens taken by venipuncture of median-basilic or neighbouring veins	606.
2. Blood specimens received from Reading War Hospital and other Camps	11.
3. Wassermann Tests performed	617.
4. Dark-ground examinations of serum from chancres.. (of which 6 - 8.69% were positive) ...	69.
5. Examination of urines for albumin prior to administration of Salvarsan ,,,	216.

B. Work performed in relation to diagnosis & treatment of Gonorrhoea.

1. Urethral smears examined	887.
2. Urines centrifugalised and deposit fixed, stained and examined for gonococci	7.
3. Gonococcal vaccines prepared - titre 1000,000,000 per c.c. 2.	
4. Slides from conjunctiva examined for gonococci ...	3.

C. General Bacteriological and Pathological technique.

1. Urines - complete qualitative and quantitative analysis	6.
2. Sputa examined for Tubercle bacillus	12.
3. Throat swabs examined (of which 4 were cases of Vincents Angina)	10.
4. Vaccines prepared for a chronic recurrent case of Vincent's Angina... ..	2.
5. Vaccines prepared for boils, abscesses and other Staphylococcal infections	8.
6. Examination of faeces for amoebae	1.
7. Sections embedded and cut by microtome from specimen of Epithelioma of lip	12.

J. WARNE, Captain,
Pathologist.

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Records

H. Military Hospital A.I.F
From - C.O.,
1st A.D.Hospital.
To - The A.D.M.S., A.I.F.,
Tidworth.

Appendix 5/18.

Bulford,
26th May, 1918.

SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS.

I respectfully beg to draw your attention to the great delay in obtaining the necessary and special instruments required for the efficient treatment of cases at this Hospital. You will notice that three of the Requisitions were sent forward over three months ago, and the other three over two months ago.

The Officers in charge of Treatment state that they will be quite unable to cope rapidly and efficiently with cases that are coming in unless they have the necessary articles asked for, and I quite concur with their statement.

As I feel sure you are personally acquainted with the method of treatment and the necessity to render every assistance to those carrying it out, I do not hesitate to ask you to use every endeavour to get these requisitions completed, and any future ones expedited, so that such a delay will not occur again.

(Encl.- 1)

J.M.Y. Stewart, Col.,
C.O., 1st A.D.Hospital, A.I.F.

Article	No.	Date of req.
Kollmanns anterior non-irrigating Dilator	1	15.2.18.
Dito. Posterior	2	15.2.18.
Luy's Cystoscope with tubes 50,52 and 56 c.m. but without 9 c.m. tubes -	2	15.2.18.
Urethral speculum	4	7.3.18.
Kollmanns Ant.non-irrigation Dilator	8	14.3.18.
Transformer	1	14.3.18.
