

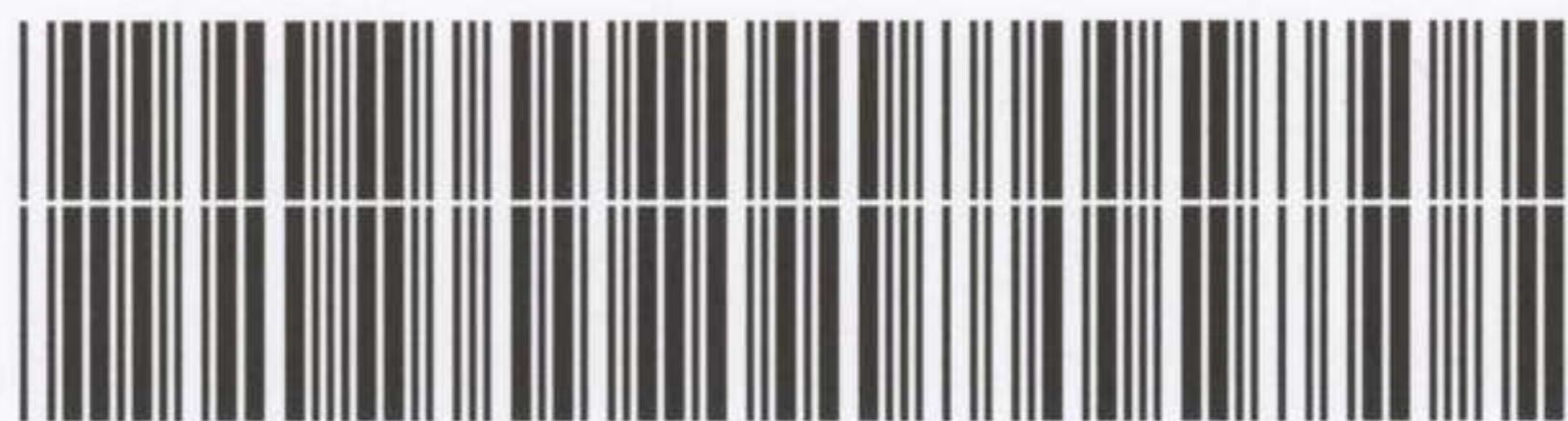
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A.A.M.C. Detachment Suez Hospital.

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War Diary

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A A M C. Detachment

Suez Government Hospital.

Month of May 1918

May 1st The four new orderlies were allotted to their different positions in the Hospital; Pte Knight being detailed for office work, Sgt. Benson for duties at the main gate: Sgt. McVillie as Pack Store Assistant, and Sgt. Albion as Car orderly and for general duties. The extra office help will prove exceedingly useful at this juncture as the office returns have been particularly heavy during the past month, the figures for the New Zealanders in Transit having to be kept quite separate from those of the Australians.

2nd A Medical Board sat at the Hospital at 11.30 AM. and dealt with four cases. Details will be found in Appendix N^o XVIII

3rd The Medical Board again met at the Hospital and dealt with three cases, as indicated also in Appendix N^o XVIII

During the day it has found necessary to crime Pte R. Webb 10th Reinf of 58th Batt.

N^o 3751 — An Australian in Transit — for Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he created a disturbance in Hospital. This man, who has been several weeks in Hospital, has proved an unruly spirit throughout. He was fined 14 days pay.

Matron Mooney returned today after a months holiday. Her place having been filled by Sister Burns of this unit.

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Cpl Brown of the office staff has been almost entirely incapacitated for work during the past two days on account of a violent attack of Conjunctivitis affecting the left eye.

May 4th Full of importance.

May 5th Sister Burns admitted to Hospital today with Pyrexia.

Wire received from Mother Creal No 14 RGH to say that if convenient she would visit this Hospital tomorrow.

Today Crime Sheet handed in signed by Capt Board with Lieut Clark as witness charging Sargt. Garbutt, of the AAMC personnel attached to this Hospital, with (1) Insolence and (2) Neglecting to Salute an Officer. A written statement was made on the back of the Crime Sheet by Lieut. Clark of the Australian Camp Suez and this was corroborated by Capt Board of the same address.

May 6th Sargt Garbutt brought up in orderly Room today, and admitted neglecting to Salute an Officer. He was reprimanded, and this was entered up in his conduct sheet. The following day he was transferred to Troascat accompanied by a note from the P.M.O. to say that he had given satisfaction, so far as his duties here were concerned.

May 7th Cpl Brown of the office staff took over from Sargt Garbutt the Egyptian Government equipment for which the Sargt was responsible.

Sister Perrier of the personnel attached here admitted to Hospital today suffering from Dysentery. Discharged on the 10th inst.

May 8th Sister Burns left at 11 AM today accompanied by Sister Smithers, their term of duty here being expired. The former was discharged still sick, their destination being No 14 RGH

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A.A.M.C. Detachment Suez Govt Hospital.

Port Said.

Pte Muller of this unit admitted to Hospital today suffering from Dysentery. Discharged from Hospital on the 29th. This is the second occasion on which Muller has been admitted to Hospital suffering from the same complaint, - while attached to this unit.

S/nurses B. Prandfort and C.S. Fitzpatrick arrived today from No 14 R.G.H. and commenced duty the following morning.

May 9th Letter received today from Col. Fulton Australian Headquarters with reference to the question of reduction of military beds to 150. This matter was dealt with by the P.M.O.

May 10th Nil of importance.

May 11th S/nurses White and Stephens left today for No 14 R.G.H. Port Said, while their places were filled by S/nurses Sinclair + Nicholas who arrived the same day.

The movements of the various members of the Personnel are given in enclosed form in Appendix No XIX

May 12th Nil of importance.

May 13th. Capt Wood left for Cairo today on Dental leave and returned on the 16th.

May 14th to 17th Nil of importance.

May 18th Pte W. Askin No 464 arrived today from 2nd L.H. F.A. and was taken on the strength.

S/nurse Fleming left today on leave for Alexandria from which place she returned on May 28th.

May 19th Nil of importance.

May 20th Pte Cully No 18475 transferred from this

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A.S.M.C. Detachment - Suez Post Hospital

Unit & Headquarters Desert Mounted Corps.

May 21st Pte Traundell admitted to Hospital today suffering from diarrhoea. Discharged on 26th

May 22nd Nil of importance.

May 23rd Sister Coburn brought into Hospital tonight suffering from severe attack of influenza - not officially admitted until the 24th. She was transferred to the Rest Home in Alexandria on 30th May.

Matron ill today and did not resume duties until 25th

May 24th Altered duties of the various members of the personnel today. She now preferred to eliminate the native who formerly undertook the cooking, and Dr. Benson became cook. Pte Robertson was thereupon transferred from batman's to general duties.

May 25th & 30th Nil of importance.

May 31st The Zealand transport arrived today, and transferred 9 patients including 4 venereal to this Hospital.

The month generally was comparatively quiet from the standpoint of admissions of Australians in transit. The daily total of Australians in transit in Hospital fell from 22 on May 1st to 10 on May 31st as shown in Appendix XX. The same applies to the Zealanders in transit as shown in Appendix XXI.

In Appendix No XXII I have given a nominal roll of Admissions & Discharges of Australians in transit for the month of May. It will be seen that there were only 4 Admissions for May, and 10 patients only remaining in Hospital on May 31st.

Sydney Gashell did not leave for Moscow until May 8th instead of May 7th the date given in error.

W. Wood Capt. A.S.M.C

A.S.M.C Detachment Suez Hospital

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OF

A. A. M. C Detachment Subj.

FOR

May 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
<u>XVIII</u>	Medical Boards
<u>XIX</u>	Australian Personnel attached to Government Hospital Subj - month of May 1918.
<u>XX</u>	Daily Total of Australians in Transit in Hospital - month of May.
<u>XXI</u>	Daily Total of New Zealanders in Transit in Hospital - month of May.
<u>XXII</u>	General Roll of Admissions & Discharges of Australians in Transit - month of May.

MEDICAL BOARD HELD AT SUEZ GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL 2ND MAY 1918. 7

MEMBERS Major C.Lowther Clark
Captains W.Wood and A.E.Taylor.

Reg.No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Disease	Finding
1122	Pte	McGregor J.T.	35th N.Z.R.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Recommended return to N.Zealand for 6 months
751	"	Webb R.	10/58 Battn.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Recommended return to Australia for 6 months
275	"	Briggs E.	8/43 Battn.	Bronchitis	Recommended return to Australia for 6 months.
198	"	McCosker S.J.	21/26 Battn.	Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema	Recommended for Discharge.

MEDICAL BOARD HELD AT SUEZ GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL ^{3rd} 2ND MAY 1918.

MEMBERS MAJOR C,Lowther Clark
CAPTAINS W.Wood and A.E.Taylor.

Reg.No	Rank	Name	Unit	Disease	Finding
0684	Pte	Ross G.	35th N.Z.R.	Chronic Rheumatism	Recommended for Discharge as Permanently Unfit.
5137	A/M	Barker N.H.	A.F.Corps.	V.D.H.	Recommended for Discharge as Permanently Unfit.
5515	Pte	Cottle W.R.J.	9/41 Battn.	D.A.H.	Recommended for Discharge as Permanently Unfit.

Signatures:-

Government Hospital, Suez.
Date

Appendix No XIX J

AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL SUEZ

FOR MONTH OF MAY 1918.

Name			Remarks.
Capt.	Wood	W.	
"	Taylor	A.E.	
Sister	Burns	G.H.	Admitted to Hospital 5-5-18. Transferred to No.14 A.G.H. Port Said 8-5-18.
T/Sister	Smithers	B.K.	Transferred to No.14 A.G.H. 8-5-18.
S/Nurse	White	S.	do do 11-5-18
"	Stephens	G.	do do 11-5-18.
T/Sister	Cobcroft	M.S.	Admitted to Hospital 24-5-18. Transferred to Rest Home Alexandria 30-5-18.
S/Nurse	Proudfoot	B.	Taken on strength from 14th A.G.H. 8-5-18
"	Fitzpatrick	C.S.	do do 8-5-18
"	Sinclair	F.	do do 11-5-18
"	Nicholas	S.B.	do do 11-5-18
"	Fleming	D.L.	Leave granted from 18th to 28th May.
"	Dare Lund	M.	
"	Ashworth	U.M.	
"	Perrier	M.A.	Admitted to Hospital 7-5-18. Discharged 10-5-18.
"	Sharpe	G.N.	
"	Jeffrey	O.E.	
"	Bentley	F.	
6202	Cpl Leslie	A.H.	
15208	Cpl Uren	H.G.	
13462	Pte Maundrell	F.	Admitted to Hospital 21-5-18. Discharged 26-5-18.
18111	" Hagger	R.L.	
19277	" Couchman	K.A.	
18475	" Robertson	K.	
19368	" Ellis	J.	
R/394	" Bader	C.	
1540	Dvr Albion	H.	
2035	" Benson	H.	
6442	" Melville	A.W.	
18954	Pte Knight	C.R.	
14507	" Muller	R.G.	Admitted to Hospital 8-5-18. Discharged 29-5-18.
464	Pte Askin	W.	Taken on strength from 2nd L.H.F.A. 18-5-18.
507	Sgt Garbutt	A.H.	Transferred to A. & N.Z.T.C. Meascar 8-5-18.
18475	Pte Conley	C.W.	Transferred to Descorps 20-5-18.

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DAILY TOTAL OF AUSTRALIANS IN TRANSIT IN HOSPITAL FROM 1-5-18
TO 31-5-18. (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE).

Date	Officers	Other Ranks.
1918.		
May 1	1	82
2	1	77
3	1	72
4	1	64
5	1	59
6	1	56
7	1	46
8	1	45
9	1	45
10	1	44
11	1	43
12	1	44
13	1	41
14	1	34
15	1	32
16	1	32
17	1	26
18	1	25
19	1	25
20		27
21		25
22		21
23		19
24		17
25		16
26		15
27		15
28		12
29		12
30		12
31		10
TOTAL.	19	1093.

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Appendix XXI
Government Hospital, Suez, 10

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DAILY TOTAL OF NEW ZEALANDERS IN TRANSIT IN HOSPITAL
FROM 1-5-18 TO 31-5-18. (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE.)

Date	Officers	Other Ranks.
1918		
May 1		37
2		34
3		28
4		28
5		26
6		26
7		25
8		27
9		26
10		25
11		25
12		25
13		24
14		21
15		20
16		20
17		19
18		19
19		18
20		18
21	1	17
22	1	17
23	1	17
24	1	15
25	1	16
26	1	16
27	1	16
28	1	14
29	1	13
30		13
31	1	20
TOTAL.	10	666

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Appendix XXII

Government Hospital, Suez, //

1st June 1918.

NOMINAL ROLL OF ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES FOR MONTH OF MAY 1918.

Reg.No.	Rank	Name		Unit	Admitted	Dis charged.
5313	Pte	Schmidt	J.	15/31 Battn.	1-5-18	11-5-18
7116	"	Reilly	J.G.	21/26 "	5-5-18	22-5-18
7130	"	Williams	E.	" "	10-5-18	"
3398	"	Wilson	J.	8/43 "	"	17-5-18
2727	"	MacVean	V.A.	22/28 "	9-5-18	19-5-18
5412	"	Whittaker	G.B.	15/31 "	11-5-18	14-5-18
5259	"	Dunbar	R.G.	" "	12-5-18	28-5-18
5368	"	Tamppinen	N.	" "	13-5-18	24-5-18
7292	"	Daly	W.	22/28 "	14-5-18	"
7082	"	Lennox	J.	21/26 "	15-5-18	28-5-18
3321	"	Huppats	A.C.	8/43 "	17-5-18	
5230	"	Arrowsmith	L.C.	15/31 "	19-5-18	23-5-18
3767	"	Coomber	W.W.	10/58 "	20-5-18	31-5-18
3710	"	Peters	J.H.	" "	20-5-18	28-5-18
3633	"	Duncan	E.	9/41 "	4-4-18	21-5-18
3564	"	Kernske	B.	9/41 "	"	
3677	"	Muttall	J.	" "	"	
7412	"	Robinson	T.	22/28 "	"	22-5-18
19501	"	Schlanders	E.	No.7 S.T.S.	"	31-5-18
3589	Sgt	Ottosen	E.	9/41 Battn	"	14-5-18
5254	Pte	Gull	J.	15/31 "	"	
7082	"	Lennox	J.	21/26 "	"	5-5-18
5137	A/M	Barker	H.H.	A.F.C.	5-4-18	
3622	Pte	Tranter	F.D.	9/41 Battn	"	26-5-18
3515	"	Gottie	W.R.	9/41 "	7-4-18	
3591	"	Pender	M.	" "	8-4-18	1-5-18
7354	"	Smith	A.R.	22/28 "	"	7-5-18
2696	"	Morgan	N.T.	10/58 "	"	14-5-18
7121	"	Tengdahe	O.A.	21/26 "	10-5-18	10-5-18
3501	"	Barnett	J.	9/41 "	"	1-5-18
3321	"	Huppats	A.O.	8/43 "	"	"
5374	"	Tatnell	R.T.	15/31 "	"	3-5-18
3708	"	Paten	F.A.	10/58 "	"	1-5-18
7110	"	Reilly	J.G.	21/26 "	11-4-18	2-5-18
3751	"	Webb	R.	10/58 "	"	5-5-18
313	"	Gray	W.	8/43 "	"	2-5-18
7426	"	Cummins	J.G.	22/28 "	12-4-18	25-5-18
3320	"	Harvey	F.	8/43 "	"	23-5-18
7198	"	McCosker	S.J.	21/26 "	13-4-18	15-5-18
3767	"	Coomber	W.W.	10/58 "	14-4-18	17-5-18
5275	"	Briggs	B.	8/43 "	15-4-18	
3734	L/Cpl	Waller	F.	10/58 "	16-4-18	22-5-18
7043	Pte	Cartwright	W.B.	22/28 "	17-4-18	14-5-18
3181	A/M	Wright	F.S.	A.F.C.	18-4-18	7-5-18
3419	Pte	Lanyon	R.F.	8/43 "	19-4-18	15-5-18
3145	"	Dean	A.W.	A.F.C.	"	1-5-18
3388	"	Trenough	J.	8/43 Battn	"	3-5-18
3536	"	Davies	W.G.	9/41 "	20-4-18	17-5-18
2712	"	Esstun	R.R.	Backxxx Kick	"	
19494	"	Best	L.W.	7th S.T.S.	"	1-5-18
7327	"	MacVean	C.A.	22/28 Battn	"	"
7051	"	Costello	V.S.	21/26 "	"	4-5-18
7273	"	Bearman	R.E.	22/28 "	"	17-5-18
534	"	Black	G.S.	15/31 "	21-4-18	1-5-18
3729	Cpl	Sharpley	R.A.	10/58 "	"	10-5-18
7292	Pte	Daly	W.	22/28 "	"	4-5-18
5260	"	Earle	S.R.	15/31 "	"	13-5-18
5258	"	Dreghorn	R.B.	" "	"	5-5-18
7119	"	Sharman	E.E.	21/26 "	"	2-5-18
3230	"	Arrowsmith	J.C.	15/31 "	"	1-5-18

Reg.No.	Rank	Name		Unit	Admitted	Discharged
7084	Pte	Lucas	L.M.	21/26 Battn.	22-4-18	5-5-18
3318	"	Huxley	H.	8/43 "	"	9-5-18
3641	"	Fredericks	H.	9/41 "	"	14-5-18
3568	"	Lysaght	A.P.	9/41 "	23-4-18	7-5-18
5348	Cpl	Woodley	E.H.	15/31 "	"	3-5-18
3294	Pte	Campbell	G.V.	8/43 "	"	18-5-18
7282	"	Carter	F.	22/28 "	"	6-5-18
3727	"	Shannen	G.O.	10/58 "	"	3-5-18
3374	"	Shea	J.	8/43 "	24-4-18	10-5-18
3626	"	Floyd	W.	10/58 "	"	11-5-18
2689	Cpl	Weeks	E.J.	Railway Unit	"	3-5-18
3610	Pte	Stevens	R.E.	9/41 Battn.	"	2-5-18
3706	"	Palmer	J.W.	10/58 "	25-4-18	14-5-18
7168	"	Daley	W.	21/26 "	"	5-5-18
7060	"	Franklin	T.J.	21/26 "	"	8-5-18
3633	"	Macklin	H.	10/58 "	26-4-18	5-5-18
7024	"	Burton	E.E.	22/28 "	"	7-5-18
3389	"	McDonald	V.H.	15/31 "	"	6-5-18
3724	"	Stephens	P.L.	10/58 "	"	2-5-18
3705	"	O'Hara	F.A.	" "	"	7-5-18
7253	Sgt	Lee	H.W.	22/28 "	27-4-18	13-5-18
7293	Pte	Elkington	L.N.	" "	"	21-5-18
2690	"	Brown	W.J.	Railway Unit	"	4-5-18
7138	"	Beyer	C.W.	21/26 Battn.	"	7-5-18
5297	"	Myers	H.	15/31 "	"	"
5419	"	McKean	C.	15/31 "	"	"
3580	"	McLean	K.E.	9/41 "	28-4-18	4-5-18
3375	"	Sargeant	A.	8/43 "	"	7-5-18
3628	"	Ford	G.H.	10/58 "	"	14-5-18
3710	"	Peters	J.H.	" "	"	17-5-18
5289	"	Kenman	J.C.	15/31 "	"	4-5-18
5259	"	Dunbar	R.G.	" "	"	7-5-18
3577	"	Mallan	P.	" "	"	4-5-18
7427	"	Darby	R.C.	22/28 "	29-4-18	14-5-18
7395	"	Anderson	A.J.	" "	"	13-5-18
7407	"	Robinson	J.S.	" "	"	"
3328	L/Cpl	Kelly	L.V.	8/43 "	"	15-5-18
3645	Pte	Heywood	W.C.	10/58 "	"	4-5-18
3725	"	Suzer	J.	" "	"	6-5-18
5288	"	Kemp	H.D.	15/31 "	"	17-5-18
7120	"	Thackray	C.	21/26 "	30-4-18	"
xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx
Lieut		Nix	H.J.	15/31 Battn.	22-4-18	20-5-18
Pte		Wilson	J.J.	8/43 Battn.	29-4-18	4-5-18

Officers Other Ranks.

Remaining in Hospital on 30-4-18	1	90
Admissions for May 1918.		14
	1	104
Discharged	1	94
Remaining in Hospital on 31-5-18.		10

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