

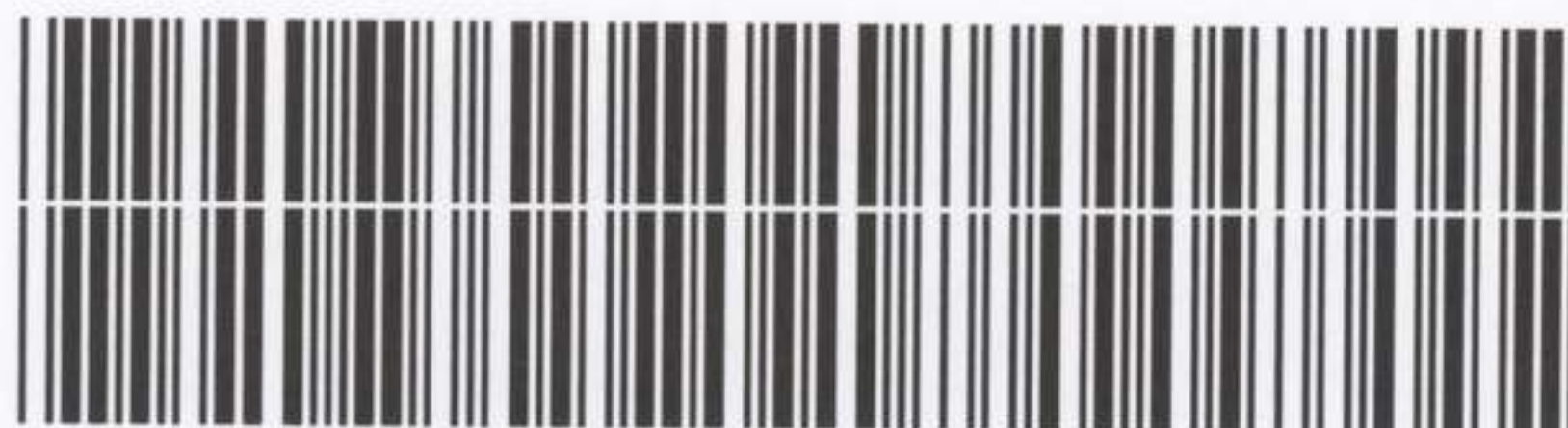
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Title: Australian Base Depot of Medical
Stores, London

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Commonwealth supplies			A large list of drugs & sundries required by Australia was received by the H/C Australia House - & it has now been arranged that all such requirements be submitted to the Dms. AIF for review before taking any action to purchase. In the present instance we are able to supply from stocks of the Base medical Depot many of the items & list of these has been submitted to Dms. A further supply of samples of dressings & gaskets from tenderers for Austr. Commonwealth supplies - were received from Africa House & after careful consideration & testing by O/C and P/O - recommendations were forwarded to the Dms AIF.	
Office work			The work of the office staff was particularly heavy in the direction of carrying out alterations to Ledger Systems in accordance with Auditor suggestions. The regular Ordnance system has now been adopted as closely as is possible with the stocks peculiar to a medical store. The card system which has served the Depot exceedingly well since its inception now gives way to the orthodox Ordnance Ledger & the transfer of the stocks there has considerably taxed the clerical staff.	
Transport			Surplus medical sundries stored in HMAAT Ostroby & Luripider were	

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			collected & taken into stock. Two Hospital Carriers were outfitted with the necessary supplies for return to Australia.	
<u>OWM</u>			The system of accounting for all medical stores issued to units under the administration of ADMS Depots in UK - was not uniform with the later orders issued for the guidance of Hospitals & units in London area - by the ADMS A.D.C. The ADMS Depot accordingly revised his instructions under Circular No. 58 which was issued on 3/7/18. The advantages of the uniform system for all accounting units is already being appreciably felt.	
<u>Stocks</u>			These were generally well maintained although some little delay was occasioned in the supply of such items as Lysol - Sapo-mellin, Paraffin Mollin - owing to the restricted supplies available. Oil Olive is still unobtainable - but we are able to secure a supply of O. Arachis which covers our requirements for liniments which are now compounded in the store. Quinine was required for stocks & advantage was taken of the opportunity to secure supply from War Office Controlled stocks.	
			We had occasion to call for tenders for Calico Bandages and the	

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			samples submitted illustrate the very poor quality & limited Cotton Supplies now available. The so called Calico bandage could very nearly be classed as an open weave. We however accepted the best available @ $1\frac{1}{3}$ pence per inch x 6 yds. Specialist instruments are in constant demand & are the most difficult to procure - more on account of the state of the labor market than because of actual shortage of material. We managed to supply most of the apparatus needed for the A.F.C. Medical boarding personnel at Am. H.Q. It was decided to keep the whole of the bonded stocks distinctly separate from other stocks both for issues & receipts. This will simplify considerably our stock taking & also the official review by the visiting Customs Officer. Supplies of medicinal tincture & spirits are now beginning to come in freely under the new system. There is considerable work in the store in the recording & overhauling of damaged stocks - consignments of which reach the store freely from all units. All damaged stocks to which any possible value could be attached are returned to	
			<u>Bonded supplies</u>	
			<u>Damaged stocks</u>	

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			Base store taken on charge either as produce or as a damaged article - the first opportunity is taken to have such repairs effected as can be arranged, although the scarcity of skilled labor makes the position difficult. Many articles which in ordinary times could be repaired must at the present time remain on the damaged list.	
<u>Economy</u>			All waste is carefully avoided. Broken glass - metal, rubber & the like is preserved for sale in bulk - & all string - wrappings & paper are reused.	
<u>Staff</u>			Officers 2, M.R. 18, The influenza epidemic again lessened our man power by 13 x 1 man working days. Instructions have been received from Dms A17 to reduce "A" class personnel to not more than 75% total strength. In consultation with Dms A17 it was agreed that the 2 Staff pharmacists need not be calculated on this basis as it is impossible to replace them with other than "A" class personnel. Of the remaining 16 men, 7 are A class but owing to the peculiar nature of our work they are extremely difficult to replace - as they have been a long time in the store have thorough training in their work in all Departments. This changing of personnel is moreover	

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			detrimental to the accuracy of our work - for the reason that the work in all departments is more or less technical - even down to the packing room where more than an ordinary knowledge of Drugs is essential, also the considerable amount of heavy lifting required to be done is beyond the strength of any but fit physique. 127 requisitions were dealt with during the month. 30 Indents were passed for purchase of new stocks covering 110 items of Drugs & Sundries. The approx. No. of cases & C handles for the month were:- Received 321 Issued 229 Besides which 172 Amples were returned to firm for credit. The issues of Lamp & Blue light outfits was lower this month - the units evidently having sufficient stock in hand. Prophylactic outfits issued 6200 Rubber sheaths sold 10134 of which 288 were to France	
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Manufacture				
Early Treatment				
Prophylactic				

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<u>Manufacture</u>			The Laboratory was busy - several pathologic stains were made up	
			Methyl violet 34 oz	
			Lugol Iodine 34 oz	
			Carbol Fuchsin 20 oz	
			also Aetheral Soap 20 lbs	
			Antiseptic liquid soap 24 lbs	
			Liq. Styrac 20 lbs	
			Tine Camph. 174 lbs	
			Tine. Quin. Arumow 8 lbs	
			Mist. Gub. G. Conc 4 lbs	
			Tine Capsici 8 lbs	
			Ess. menth pip 4 lbs	
			Syr Codine Bl 8 oz	
			Spt Chloroform 2 lbs	
			Mist Dimetics 4 lbs	
			Tine Iodine 100 lbs	
			Liq Glyc. Thymol A 20 oz	
			Mist Bromine Conc. 4 lbs	
			- Sodae Sal 8 lbs	
			e Stimulus 20 oz	