

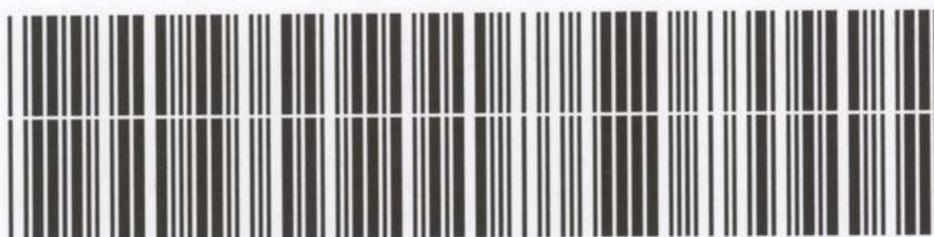
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Southall

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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Nov.	1st.	Major. VICKERS D.S.O. reported for duty. Chaplain Captain Deasey, relinquished temporary duty and marched out to A.I.F. Headquarters. Major the Reverend O.G.Dent reported for duty vice Capt. Deasey. Captain Piggott reported for duty from D.M.S A.I.F.	
	Nov.	6th	A Limb parade was held to-day:-. 1. Officer and 3 other Ranks were passed as satisfactorily fitted. 1. Officer and 1 other Rank were ordered Limbs. 7 other ranks who were ordered Allen & Hanbury Artificial replacements (legs) some months back, appeared on parade and had their art; replacement s condemned. Each were ordered and Ernst type of leg to replace those condemned. The condemned legs were returned to Allen & Hanbury.	
	Nov.	7th	Arrangements for the inoculation against Influenza were completed to-day. A start was made on the patients included on the Boat Roll for Australia. About 80 of these were done, Major H.O.Lethbridge M.B.E. being the Officer in charge.	
	Nov.	8th.	A death occurred to day, the patient being No. 6971 Pte. W.J. Wilson 23rd Bn from Pneumonia.	
	Nov.	11th.	News of the signature of the Armistice was received to-day at 11.a.m. with feelings of great thankfulness. Leave was granted by the C.O. to all ranks and only where it was absolutely necessary a few of the Staffr remained on duty.	
	Nov.	13th.	A Limb parade was held to-day:-. 1 O.R was passed as satisfactorily fitted. 1.O.R.who had been ordered an Allen & Hanbury Limb was ordered an Ernst in lieu of the first named make. 1 Officer and 4 O.R. were ordered Limbs.	
	Nov.	15th.	Major. Morgan. A.A.M.C. left the Unit to-day en route for Australia via Canada.	
	Nov.	16th.	The remains of the late Pte. W.J. Wilson 23rd Bn who died at this Hospital on the 8th inst; from pneumonia were removed this day by Ambulance to the London Necropolis Coy for interment in the A.I.F. Cemetery at Brookwood.	

MAJOR A.M.C.  
REGISTRAR.

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	Nov.	16th	Lieut. H.H. McColl, Quartermaster, was granted 75 days leave (1914) . He should report back to this Unit on 29.1.19.	
	Nov.	18th	Lieut Bell, attached for duty vice Captain Douglas who had been granted a weeks leave, marched out to report to A.D.M.S. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Tidworth. Lieut. Colonel. J. Gordon. C.M.G. attended as Consultant at a Medical Board at D.M.S. A.I.F.	
	Nov.	22nd.	Lieut. J.Braga. J. 1st F.Amb. reported to D.M.S. A.I.F. for Duty Overseas. S/Sgt. Miles S.A. No. 2 A.A.H. took over the duties of Warrant Officer of the Unit , vacant through the promotion of Mr Braga. Captain. J.Anderson A.A.M.C. reported for Duty as Temporary Q.M. vice Lieut McColl, granted 75 days leave. A War worker named R. Roseman died in Hospital to-day.	
	Nov.	23rd.	Colonel. A.H.Moseley. D.S.O. A.A.M.C. took over the Command of the Unit from Lt. Colonel J. Gordon. C.M.G. who had been acting C.O. since 7th October 1918.  A Limb parade was held on Wednesday November 20th 1918:- 1. O.Rank was passed as satisfactorily fitted. 1. O.Rank who had been ordered an Allen & Hanbury Limb was ordered a Pedestros Limb in place of the first named one. 2. O.Ranks were ordered Ernst Limbs.	
	Nov.	26th.	Lieut. ROFF. W.F. Dispenser marched out to the Australian Base Medical Stores for Duty.	
	Nov.	28th.	A Limb parade was held to-day:- 2. O.Ranks were passed as satisfactorily fitted. No New Limbs were ordered.	
	Nov.	30th.	The total Number of Artificial Limbs ordered for the Month of November 1918 were:- 16. The Total Number of Artificial Limbs passed as satisfactorily fitted were 1- 9. ( Essential -1. Ernst:- 6, Masters-1, Hobbs-1, ) Total Admissions for Months..... 71..... Total Discharges ..... 60..... Average Daily sick and wounded in Hospital ..... 510.....	

*thw*  
MAJOR A.M.C.  
REGISTRAR.

*W. H. Moseley*

# WAR DIARY

OF

NOVEMBER 1918.

Bo. 2 Australian Auxiliary <sup>FOR</sup> Hospital. SOUTHall

November 1918.

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No.	Subject.
1.	Report for the Month by Colonel A.H. Moseley. D.S.O.
2.	Report on Surgical Wards by Major Hardie. M.C.
3.	Report by Lt Col. Gordon. C.M.G. Surgeon Specialist .
4.	Report by Captain Nisbet . Radiologist.
5.	Reports by VCapt. Thomson. M.C. on Medical Wards.
6.	Reports by Major Vickers D . S. O. on Surgical Wards.

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December 6th, 1918.

To the D.M.S., A.I.F.,  
 Administrative Headquarters,  
 130, Horseferry Rd.,  
 LONDON, S.W.1.

I have the honour to submit the following report for the month of November:-

1. COMMAND.

I took over command of the Unit on 23rd November from Lt. Col. Gordon.

2. DISCIPLINE.

This is satisfactory.

3. Q.M. DEPARTMENT.

I have authorised a stock-taking the result of which will be forwarded to you later.

Hon. Capt. and Quarter Master J. Anderson reported for duty as Temporary Q.M. vice Lt. McColl granted 75 days' leave (1914).

4. CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK.

The Bathroom at the Schools is incomplete owing to non-delivery of boiler and cylinder which, I am informed, are on rail and should be due here very shortly. The renovation of the whole of the exterior of the main buildings is still in progress and nearing completion.

Lavatory accommodation for V.A.Ds in the Main Building and also the enclosures and ventilation of Stoke Hole at Infirmary are still in progress.

Tar pavings and repairs at continuation of covered way to the Schools have been completed. A barbed wire fence and gates to enclose the coal stack have been erected. These repairs are being effected by three R.E. Service men who are still attached here for duty.

5. RED CROSS WORKSHOPS.

Splendid work is being done in these shops. They have about 50 men there and all show great keenness for learning trades. Mr Honeywill reported for duty on the 18th inst. vice Hon. Capt. Payne embarked for Australia.

6. V.A.Ds.

The strength of this organisation at 30.11.18 was 1 Commandant, 1 G.S. Superintendent and 54 other ranks. Their work is very satisfactory. Leave was granted to the Influenza convalescents during the month and there only remains one sick from the total number. This member has been transferred to the South London General Hospital for Women.

7. GENERAL HEALTH.

The Health of the Patients and Staff is good.

A death occurred on the 8th ult. from pneumonia the patient being No. 6971 Pte. W. J. Wilson, 23rd Bn.. His remains were removed from this Hospital on the 16th for interment in the A.I.F. Cemetery at Brookwood.

8. OFFICERS.Struck off Strength:

Chap. Capt. Deasey to Head Quarters	1.11.18
Major Morgan to Australia	15.11.18
Lt. Bell to A.D.M.S. Tidworth	18.11.18
Lt. Braga to D.M.S.	23.11.18
Lt. H. McColl to 75 days' leave (1914)	16.11.18

Taken on Strength:

Major W. Vickers	1.11.18
Chap. Capt. O. G. Dent	1.11.18
Capt. L. Piggott from D.M.S.	1.11.18
Hon. Capt. J. Anderson	22.11.18
Col. Moseley A.H.	23.11.18

9. ATTACHED

Returns are attached by the Surgeon, Officers in charge of Special Departments and the Matron giving synopsis of their work.

*A. H. Moseley*  
----- Col.  
O.C. NO. 2. A.A.H. SOUTHALL.

MONTHLY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Month ending 30 / 11 / 18.

Wards *A.H.L.J. Infirmary*

MEDICAL.

- (1). Admissions ..... *6*
- (2). Discharges ..... *2*
- (3). Transfers ..... *39*
- (4). Limbs fitted.....
- (5). New cases sent to Massage... *3*
- (6). Operations.
  - Major. .... *10*
  - Minor. .... *23*
- (7). X-Ray Examinations..... *14*
- (8). Condition on arrival after travelling ..... *good*

NURSING.

- (1). Changes in Staff.....

ORDERLIES.

- (1). Discipline. .... *good* Quality of work..... *good*
  - (a). Male..... *good*
  - (b). Female..... *good*
- (2). Remarks.....

PATIENTS.

- (1). Discipline ..... *good*
- (2). Average stay ..... *8 months*
- (3). Work done by .....
- (4). Remarks.....

RED CROSS, A.N.A. etc.

- (1). Supply of comforts..... *good*
- (2). Outings Concerts etc.....

FOOD.

- (1). Quality..... *good* (2). Quantity..... *good*
- (3). Variety..... *good*

R.E. SERVICES. Improvements.

- (1). Carried out.....
- (2). Suggested.....
- (3). Remarks.....

ADDENDA. The following are attached:-

- (1). Reports of Unusual Cases.
  - (2). do All serious illnesses and deaths.
  - (3). do Medical Interest.
- ( strike out any not attached ).

*Hande* ..... M.O. in Charge.  
 ..... *3-12-18* ..... Date submitted.

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From. Lt. Colonel. J. Gordon. C.M.G. Surgeon Specialist.

To. O.C.  
No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.  
SOUTHALL.

REPORT ON SURGICAL WORK FOR NOVEMBER.

I beg to forward you hereunder a list of the operations performed during the month of November. 1918.

The total number of operations is double that of last month the reasons being:-.

1. The new instructions to finalise stumps before returning to Australia.
2. The days for operation having been increased owing to having two surgeons, Major Vickers D.S.O. and Major Hardie M.C. on the Staff .

List of Operations.

Re-amputations.	13.
Scars.	25.
Appendicectomy	2.
Sequestra.	10.
Spurs.	3.
Removal of thumb Nail.	2.
Removal of F.B.	3.
Neurectomy.	1.
Curretting of Sinus.	3.
Skin graft.	1.
Dilation of Anus.	2.
TOTAL.	
	65.

..... *J. Gordon* ..... Lt. Col.  
Surgeon Specialist.

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December 6th, 1918.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.Statistics for November - 1918.

Total number of Patients	120
" " " Plates	344

Amputation Cases:

Upper limbs	8
Lower limbs	82

General Cases:

Upper Limbs	6
Lower Limbs	10
Shoulders	4
Hips	1
Heads, necks and teeth	4
Backs	1
Chests	2
Stomachs (screened)	1
Localisation	1

TOTAL	120
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MASSAGE DEPARTMENT.November Summary-1918.

Total number of patients	104
Average daily	48
Treatments completed	50
Total treatments	1442

A. V. Whittles ----- Capt.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Month ending 30/11/18. Wards ..... D.F.B.

MEDICAL.

- (1). Admissions ..... 9 x nine
- (2). Discharges ..... 5
- (3). Transfers ..... 7
- (4). Limbs fitted.....
- (5). New cases sent to Massage..... 7
- (6). Operations.
  - Major..... 10
  - Minor.....
- (7). X-Ray Examinations..... 20 Twenty
- (8). Condition on arrival after travelling ..... good

NURSING.

- (1). Changes in Staff.....

ORDERLINGS.

- (1). Discipline. Quality of work.....
  - (a). Male.....
  - (b). Female.....
- (2). Remarks.....

PATIENTS.

- (1). Discipline .....
- (2). Average stay .....
- (3). Work done by .....
- (4). Remarks. ....

RED CROSS, A.N.A. etc.

- (1). Supply of comforts.....
- (2). Outings Concerts etc.....

FOOD.

- (1). Quality..... (2). Quantity.....
- (3). Variety.....

R.E. SERVICES. Improvements.

- (1). Carried out.....
- (2). Suggested.....
- (3). Remarks.....

ADDENDA. The following are attached:-

- (1). Reports of Unusual Cases.
  - (2). do All serious illnesses and deaths.
  - (3). do Medical Interest.
- ( strike out any not attached ).

Thomson Capt M.O. in Charge.

5/12/18 Date submitted.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Month ending 30 / 11 / 18 Wards ..... F. & G. ....

MEDICAL.

- (1). Admissions ..... 41: .....
(2). Discharges..... 30: .....
(3). Transfers ..... 3: .....
(4). Limbs fitted.....
(5). New cases sent to Massage.....
(6). Operations.
Major. .... 2 .....
Minor. ....
(7). X-Ray Examinations..... 14. ....
(8). Condition on arrival after travelling ..... good: .....

NURSING.

- (1). Changes in Staff.....

ORDERLIES.

- (1). Discipline. Quality of work.....
(a). Male..... Good: .....
(b). Female.....
(2). Remarks.....

PATIENTS.

- (1). Discipline .....
(2). Average stay .....
(3). Work done by .....
(4). Remarks. ....

RED CROSS, A.N.A. etc.

- (1). Supply of comforts.....
(2). Outings Concerts etc.....

FOOD.

- (1). Quality..... (2). Quantity.....
(3). Variety.....

R.E. SERVICES. Improvements.

- (1). Carried out.....
(2). Suggested.....
(3). Remarks.....

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..... M.O. in Charge.
..... Date submitted.

ADDENDA. "2"

Deaths - 2 - 0 -
a. Amp. case transferred from Schools. Typical Influenza
attach followed by septic pneumonia. Patient died in 3 days from
toxemia.
b. Old man- war worker- aged 70 died from Bronchitis and
Heart failure.
..... Capt. A.A.M.C.

MONTHLY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Month ending 30/11/18. Wards .. 13 .....

MEDICAL.

- (1). Admissions .. Twelve .....
- (2). Discharges .. one .....
- (3). Transfers .. one .....
- (4). Limbs fitted .. one .....
- (5). Now cases sent to Massage .. Three .....
- (6). Operations.
  - Major. .. Seven .....
  - Minor. .. ..
- (7). X-Ray Examinations .. Thirteen .....
- (8). Condition on arrival after travelling .. Satisfactory .....

NURSING.

- (1). Changes in Staff .. Sister Friendly via Sister .....

ORDERLIES.

- (1). Discipline.
  - (a). Male .. Good .....
  - (b). Female .. Good .....
- (2). Remarks. .. ..

PATIENTS.

- (1). Discipline .. Good .....
- (2). Average stay .. mostly in ward for several months .....
- (3). Work done by .. Satisfactory .....
- (4). Remarks. .. ..

RED CROSS, A.N.A. etc.

- (1). Supply of comforts .. ..
- (2). Outings Concerts etc. .. ..

FOOD.

- (1). Quality .. Good .. (2). Quantity .. Good ..
- (3). Variety .. Satisfactory ..

R.F. SERVICES. Improvements.

- (1). Carried out .. none ..
- (2). Suggested .. none ..
- (3). Remarks .. ..

ADDENDA. The following are attached:-

- (1). Reports of Unusual Cases.
  - (2). do All serious illnesses and deaths.
  - (3). do Medical Interest.
- ( strike out any not attached ).

Wilfred Hicks M.O. in Charge.  
 6/12/18 Date submitted.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Month ending 30/11/18.

Wards "C"

MEDICAL.

- (1). Admissions *Five*
- (2). Discharges *one*
- (3). Transfers *five*
- (4). Limbs fitted *one*
- (5). New cases sent to Massage *Three*
- (6). Operations.
  - Major. *Eight*
  - Minor. *Fifteen*
- (7). X-Ray Examinations *Fifteen*
- (8). Condition on arrival after travelling *Satisfactory*

NURSING.

- (1). Changes in Staff *Sister Chisholm from night duty 16/11/18*

ORDERLIES.

- (1). Discipline *Satisfactory* Quality of work *Good*
- (a). Male *Satisfactory*
- (b). Female *Satisfactory*
- (2). Remarks *nil*

PATIENTS.

- (1). Discipline *Good*
- (2). Average stay *most have been in Ward for months*
- (3). Work done by *Satisfactory*
- (4). Remarks

RED CROSS, A.N.A. etc.

- (1). Supply of comforts
- (2). Outings Concerts etc.

FOOD.

- (1). Quality *Good* (2). Quantity *Sufficient*
- (3). Variety *Satisfactory*

R. E. SERVICES. Improvements.

- (1). Carried out *none*
- (2). Suggested *none*
- (3). Remarks

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  - (2). do All serious illnesses and deaths.
  - (3). do Medical Interest.
- ( strike out any not attached ).

*Wilfred Vickerman* M.O. in Charge.  
 6/12/18 Date submitted.