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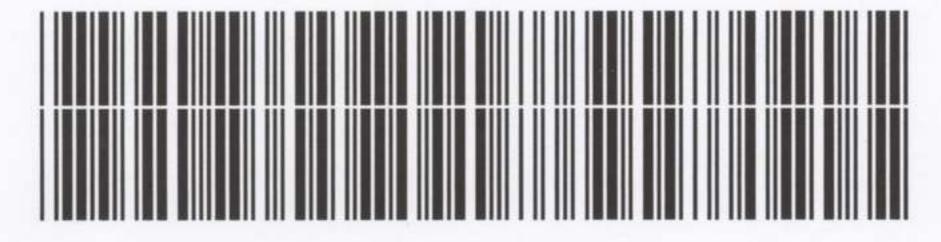
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DARTFORD	Jun	alst	The usual Church services were held.	
			Major L. May, D.S.O., M.C., proceeded on Educational Leave, and was taken off the	
			Effective Strength of the Unit from 31.5.19.	
			1115, T/WO. (1st Class) Davenport, R.W., relinquished the appointment of RS.M. and was struck off the Effective Strength of the Unit from 31.5.19.	
	June	2nd	S/Nurse I. Bowman embarked for Australia, and was taken off the Ration Strength	
			from 1.6.19.	
	June	a 3rd.	Lieut-Colonel Taylor Young, G. reported for duty, and was taken on the Efective	
			Strength of the Unit from 3.6.19.	
			Captain McKenna reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 1.6.19.	
			Cartain M.H.O/ Sullivan proceeded on leave prior to embarkation, and was #struck off	
			Strength from 2.6.19.	
			No 106 T/W.O. Cornish, A.T. reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective	
			Strength from 3.6.19. 13041, Driver Swanton and 13205, Driver Bollinger transferred to A.M.T.S.H.Q.	
300 TA			Chelsea, for duty, and were taken off the Attached Strength from 5.6.19.	
			9519, Cor peral ".E.Fisher, 6628, L/Cpl C.R.Hall, M.M., and 291, Prim te	
			G.Rowlands proceeded on Non-military employment, and were taken off the	
			Effective Strength from 3.6.19. Sisters E.Allchin, E.G.Clapp, E.M.Teft, and S/Nurses B.M.Kent, M.McDonald and L.Gay	
			embarked to Australia, and were struck off the Strength of the Unit from 1.6.19.	
	Ju	as 4th.	7317, Sergeant J.F. Johnson and 5602 T/Sgt M.R. Leach proceeded on leave pending	
			embarkation to Australia, and were struck off the Effective Strength from 4.6.19.	
			76, L/Sgt L.H.White, 11th Field Ambulance, proceeded for embarkation of H.MAT "Aeneas, and w as struck off the Attached Strength from 2.6.19.	
	Ji	ine 5th		
			653, Cpl R.Mc Clasham promoted to T/Sgt from 4.6.19, vice 7317 Sgt J.F. Joh nson, returning	
			to Australia.	
			5325 T/Cpl B.S. brook to be T/Sgt while employed as wardmaster, from 25.5.19. vice 1198 Sgt O.F. Hone (Preceeding on Educational Leave)	
			9985m L/Cpl H.W.Sparks to be T/Cpl from 3.5.19, vice \$ 19 Cpl T.E.Fisher(Proceeded	
			on Non-miliabary employment.	
	Jı	ie 6th	. 95 89, T/Cpl C.W.B.parry, 2689 Pte G.E.Hipe, 4919, Pte H.Yates (over)	
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D. RTFOR) Ju	te 6th	(Continued) 6807, Pte Themsen, C.S., and 678, Pte H.Nerten transferred to A.A.M.C. Training Depet, Fevant, and were struck off the Effective Strength from 6.6.1919. 3136, T/Cpl Lister, A.W., and Private Herbert, L., reported for duty, and were taken on the Effective Strength from 31.5.19. 1516, L/Cpl Clark, F.D., reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength	
		June 7	from 2.6.19. 989, T/Cpl C.W.B.parry reverted to the substantive rank of L/Cpl from 6.6.19. 1516, L/Corporal Clark, F.D., pomoted to the rank of Temperary Corporal from 6.6.19, whilst employed on Nursing Duties, to complete establishment, vied T/Cpl Parry. th A Board of Inquiry to inquire into the disposal of certain Stores was ordered to assemble on Monday, 9th June. President - Major Lawton, A.A.M.C., Member - Captain Scott, AIFHQ.	
	J	une St	horne usus 1 Church Services were held.	
	Ju	me 9th	In accordance with AIF Orders of 6th June, List 482, Lieut-Colonel Hugh Corbett Taylor Young, was appointed to the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, for valuable services rendered in connection with the War.	
			In accordance with the same orders, Major Frederick Donald Herwert Blois LAWTON, was appointed to the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, for valuable services rendered in connection with Military operations in France.	
*			Captain J.G.M.Beale appointed to the rank of T/Major from 14th February, 1919,	
			h Sister E.D. Greig reported after leave from 3rd A.G.H., and was taken on the Ration Strength	
	Ju	me 11t	h S/Nurse A. Love proceeded on Non-military ampleyment, and was struck off the Effective	
			Strength from 10.6.19. Chaplain Major McEvey returned to Headquarters, and was struck off the Attached Strength	um.
			from 11.6.19. 4755, Pte C.Pask proceeded on Educational Leave, and was struck off the Effective Strength	
			from 11.6.19. 75, Pte C.J., avell reported to AIFHQ for embarkation leave, and was struck off the Effective	
			Strength from 11.6.19. An entertainment was given in the Theatre in the evening.	
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DARTFORD		12th 13th	Lieut-Colonel B.C.Kennedy relinquished the Command of the Unit, and Lieut-Colonel H.C. Taylor Young assumed command from 12.6.19. Lieut-Colonel B.C.Kennedy proceeded on leave, and was taken off the Effective Strength from 13.6.19. 2880, Pte E.McIntosh transferred to A.A.M.C.T.D. Fovant, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 13.6.19. 1273, Pte W.A.Waugh, D.C.M., reported to A.I.F. Headquarters, and was struck off the Effective Strength from 13.6.19.	
	June	14th	Authority = D.M.S.A.I.F., M.5050/1/45 of 12/6/19. ***RENIGHMENTAL STREET AND	e e
			while he rushed off and sounded the fire sirent In the meanwhile L/Cpl Condiek and Private Beckwith had run a fire hose out, and were about to makexnessed begin work on the fire. Within three minutes of the alarm having been given, ample streams of water were playing on the fire, all the man having turned out promtly. Colonel Taylor Young took charge of proceedings, and as the hut in question was doomed, dire the main effort in preventing any spread of the fire to adjoining huts and grounds. No one could have saved the Hospital, but for the fact that the wind was blowing awa from the buildings, and the hut involved was the last one on the lee side. Although the Local Fire Brigade was promptly on the scene the fire was well in hand D. D. & L., Lendon, L.C. Legae) Wit WassoofPris 750,000 5/105 E 2088 Forms/Cair8/16	

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DARTFORE	June	24 th	has detailed for arrangements to be made for a Court of Inquiry to be held at an
			early date. Also that the D.O.R.E.Woolwich (Capt Rowe) be notified. On the day of the 14th., Mr Meiklejohn, in charge of Records, and Colonel Fryar of Eastern Command, with Asst Secretary of Med. Res. Committee checked Records, and found everything satisfactory. Majarxix
	Jun	e 15t	The usual Church services were held. Strict instructions were given as to the disposal of eigarette butts, etc., on account of the inflammable nature of the Hospital buildings, and the dry nature of the grass. of the inflammable nature of the Hospital buildings, and the dry nature of the grass. Captain J.W.S.McKee, A.A.M.C., reported for duty, and was taken on the Effective Strength from 14.6.19. h Chaplain Rakkelffe reported for duty, and was taken on the Attacked Strength from 16.6.19.
		e 161	embarkation on the Hospital Ship "Ormonde."
	Ju	me l'	th S/Nurse A.M. Mowand embarked to Australia, and was struck off the Elice trop but and the struck of the s
		le 18	was taking place between patients of this hospital, and elvilland in an Ambulance Car. The the W.O., and some N.C.O's proceeded to the scene of disturbance in an Ambulance Car. The trouble had practically finished, and all invalids that could be found in town were collected trouble had practically finished, and all invalids that could be found in town were collected
	Jui	e 19	In the morning the riot of preceding evening was reported to the D.M.S., and C.O. was summoned by him to London for conference with A.P.M. in afternoon. As a result 1 N.C.O. in charge of 9 M.P's were despatched to Dartford for the evening, and returned to their quarters in London by at 10.15 p.m. train. At 10.45 p.m. news was received from civil police, that a riot was in progress, and that they were collecting our men on the Railway Station. They asked for an Ambulance to be sent for them, which was depatched, W.O Cornish in charge. Later the police asked for more cars which were also sent. The C.O., with another Officer, proceeded to the scene of the trouble in Ford Car. All personnel returning from leave to London were safely got on ambulances at Station, but in the meantime a large body of townsmen had gathered at the corner of Messrs Burrows
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	Trans	e 20th	sustained in a brawl in the Bull Hotel earlier in the eventus. Captain W.J. Trewhella proceeded for embarkation, and was struck off the Effective Strength from	
	o tan		19.6.19.	
	Ju		D.M.S. Office was rung up re riot, but as the D.M.S. was not present, the C.O. communicated D.M.S. Office was rung up re riot, but as the D.M.S. was not present, the C.O. communicated directly with Genetal Griffiths, Commandant A.I.F. Headquarters, and as a result General Griffith paid a visit to the Hospital at 12.45 p.m. accompanied byam.A.P.M. Wominish. After consultation with C.O., the General decided to placed Dartford out of bounds to all ranks, and to send an Office of 30 men to Dartford from Provost Corps. Later in the dayGeneral Griffiths rang up C.O. and stated, that he had information from Inspector of Police that a very serious riot was and stated, that he had information from Inspector of Police that a very serious riot was contemplated on Saturday night, the 21st inst, and that Provost Forces in Dartford would be increased to 2 Officers and 50 Other Ranks. He also gave orders that no man was to enter Dartford except for the Railway Station, and that, only with a pass signed by C.O., between the hours of 6 a.m. for the Railway Station, and that, only with a pass signed by C.O., between the hours of 6 a.m. Dartford falls, who stated that H.Q., Eastern Command, were much elemented at the disturbance. Details of the root, and arrangements to prevent further trouble, were explained to him, and he in turn, promised any assistance that he could render. It Extract from Routine Orders.— "Until further notice Dartford Township, with the exception of Railway Station, is strictly out of bounds to all patients and members of Staff. The Railw ay Station is out of Bounds from 7 pmm. to 5 a.m. General Griffiths, accompanied by Lieut-Colonel Jackson, Provost Marshal, visited the	icer's eased
			Hosp ital at 8.30 p.m. All was reported quies in the town during the night by the police. Lieut Chapman and band of 37 Other Ranks from 47th Quota reported for temporary duty and play	ed
	Ju	ne 221	Band played between ramps at 3.25 p.am. and reso p.m.	period
1 1 1 1 1 1			that Don't fond is out of bounds.	
	Jı	me 251	th Corporal R. Bentham, 4374, to be T/Sgt from 24.6.19	
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DA RTFORD	June	25th 29th 30th	(CONTD) 215 L/CPL Conway to be T/Cpl from 24.6.19. 12321, Driver Hopkins to be T/Corporal from 24.6.19. The usual Church Services were held. A Court of Inquiry was constituted, and sat at this Hospital at 11 a.m. on this date. PresidentMajor C.R.Turner. 4th Div. Artillery. Exptain MembersCaptain L.A.Kennedy. 22nd Battalion. Captain W.Scott. General List. Captain G.D.Stewart. R.A.S.C. Captain & Q.M.F.H.Roe.R.A.S.C. The finding of this Court has not yet been forwarded to this Hospital.			
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NO 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

Dartford. Kent. 16th July 1919.

From: - C.O., No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford.

To:- D.M.S., A.I.F.,
Headquarters. London.

In forwarding attached monthly reports from the various Officers in Charge of Divisions and Departments, I have the honour to submit the following summary of the work of the Hospital during the month ending 30th June 1919:-

Admissions.

Medical 181.

Surgical 62.

Total 243.

Discharges Furlough 164
HQ for disposal.78
No.1.A.D.H.
Bulford 1
Miscellaneous 22.

Total 265.

Boarded Cases.

Medical 57
Surgical 51

Total 108

Offences.
Patients 10
Staff Nil

the civil population under control.

Staff admissions to Hospital.

Pharyngitis 1

Influenza 1

Herpes Zogter 1

Sister (Operation Case) 1

(a) Pneumonia. Heart Failure.

Deaths.

2626 Pte H.W.Clifford. 41st Battn.

(a) Malignant Disease of Stomach (Exhaustion)

2645 Pte F.B.Chattell 49th Battn.

The conditions which have been threatening for some time between the civilian population and the Hospital became acute and culminated in very grave disturbances, fortunately without serious casualties, only one inmate of the Hospital having been injured. It was deemed advisable to have Dartford placed out of bounds and this was immediately done. No one of any rank was permitted to enter the town, and only when holding a Pass could they proceed to the Railway Station. All traffic was prohibited after 7.p.m. and this now has only been relaxed to the extent that up till 6.p.m. all banks may frequent Dartford, while twice a week passes are given to return by a later train, and these trains are met by Motor Transport. It is but right to place on record that in my considered opinion these disturbances need not have occurred, had the civilian police been alive to the situation and had they kept

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Continued). That along with the flagrant disregard of the liquir laws is entirely the cause of the trouble. No attempt is made fo punish publicans who supply alcohol to Hospital patients.

inmates a regular system of Hospital Amusements was instituted and has been continued ever since the original outbreak. It is a matter for congratulation that these amusements, Bands, Cinema entertainments, Concerts, Billiard Tournaments, Whist and Euchre Parties, as well as the weekly dances, have kept the place going without even any suspicion of trouble, and it is hoped that with the sailing of the next Hospital Ship all anxiety will be at an end.

There was a serious outbreak of fire on the evening of June 23rd, resulting in complete destruction of the Barrack Wardens store, with all its contents. Particulars of this have

already been forwarded in a separate report.

Fortunately immediately after assuming command my attention was first directed to fire preventing appliances, all these had been thoroughly tested and so were in excellent order on the occasion of the fire. Another good thing was that I had just succeeded in having all the grass around the huts cut and consequently that menace had been removed.

Delay in providing shipping accommodation is regrettable; were this not so, but few patients would now be remaining in

Hospital,

Since my arrival I have had the Surgical Stores very thoroughly checked and arranged. All surplus stock has been returned to the Base Medical Stores and thus when the time comes to close down, that Department will be in a position for speedy disposal.

The Quarter Masters Department cannot be too highly spoken of. Captain Oxley has all branches in excellent order,

and his staff do their work in a most creditable manner.

Some difficulty occurred by an almost complete march out of the Orderly Room Staff, but that condition has gradually been overcome. and now everything is working well under Temporary - Staff Sergeant McGlashan.

All the Officers have done their work well, the only trouble being that M.O's do not sufficiently realise the importance of keeping their wards empty. This is a difficulty

I have almost invariably found to exist.

The nursing staff has done its work well, especially considering the very frequent changes which have taken place during the month owing to the making up of boat rolls

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Lieut-Colonel.

Commanding.

No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

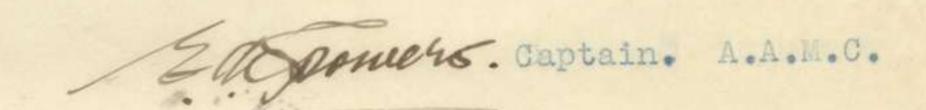
appenduc > REPORT OF MEDICAL DIVISION FOR JUNE, 1919. The number of patients admitted to this Division was 181. Of these a number came from France, and had been in Hospital there several weeks or months with influenza and its complications. There were also cases of influenza and broncho pneumonia admitted directly to this Hospital, or transferred from other Hospitals in England. Several cases of malaria were seen. In most, the disease had been contracted in Egypt or Palestine, but in one patient it seems likely that the disease was acquired in England. In the course of the month two cases of measles occurred. When the first was diagnosed the ward the patient was in was isolated. Scon after this Ward was re-opened another case occurred in another ward, and the latter is still isolated. This has greatly retarded the disposal of patients. Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were admitted, and in addition, six others have been under treatment throughout the month. A Ward for sick sisters was opened, and three patients were received. One of them is a Medical case. Of the other cases under treatment there was nothing special to report. The health of the Sisters was very good. Large numbers have been living in the Hospital, but very few have been sick. Many Sisters were boarded prior to peturning to Australia. Only three orderlies were admitted to Hospital. There were two deaths, one from carcinoma of the pancreas, and the other from pneumonia. 7Blanton Major, A.A.M.C., Officer i/c Medical Division, 3rd A.A.H. RCDIG1016225 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

DARTFORD. KENT.

3rd July 1919

SURGICAL OPERATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1919.

Removal of bone Sequestra.	7
Appendicectomy.	.3
Empyema.	2
Opening Abscesses.	10
Hydrocele.	1
Circumci sion.	1
Hernia.	2
Haemorrhoids.	4
Tubercular Peritonitis.	1
Ingrowing Toenail.	1
Operations on Eye.	2



appendese of NO 3 AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL. DARTFORD, KENT, 4th July, 1919. To the Registrar, No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital. The following is the report from the X-Ray Department from the month of June, 1919:-Plates Taken. ... 78 Screens. ... 10
Dental Films. ... 3 Screens. Total. Eagroueus Captain, A.A.M.C.

DARTFORD, KENT,
17th July, 1919.

To:- C.O., No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Dartford, Kent.

Medical & Surgical Stores Dept.

Immediately consequent on my arrival at this Hospital, on 13th June, I commenced a thorough check of the Medical

and Surgical Stores on hand here.

The summary of stock thus arrived at was compared in detail with existing records of stores previously received or despatched. In consequence small deficiencies in various items were discovered; these, however, were, in my opinion, to be regarded as the result of fair usage in consideration of the fact that this Hospital has been working at high pressure, almost without intermission, during the last 2½ years.

Sanction for the writing off of these deficiencies having been obtained from the D.M.S., A.I.F., the records

have been adjusted accordingly.

I have therefore much satisfaction in reporting that the Medical and Surgical Stores Dept. is now established on the firm basis essential for its smooth running until the final closing down of the Hospital.

Staff Sergeant, A.A.M.C., I/C Medical and Surgical Stores Dept.

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From: - 22127 Sgt Nicholls W.H. Education Service.

To:- C.O. No 3 Aus tralian Auxiliary Hospital,
Dartford.

Education Service Report for June 1919.

About 60 applications for N.M.E, Extended leave etc,

have been forwarded during the month.

The majority of applications for Motor Driving have not been approved, as it is considered that the men would not have sufficient time at their disposal to gain sufficient experience to be of any benefit to them in Civil life.

Applications for N.M.E, closed at the end of this month.

M. M. Chollo sgt.
Education Service.

appendix 7. To:- C.O., No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, Kent. On the 13th June, 1919, I took over from No 958, Sergt A.C. Paterson of the A.M.T.S. the following:- Five Napier Ambulances, a Commer Lorry, a Garford Truck, and a Ford Car. The last mentioned has since been replaced by a Leon Bollee Touring Car. The above mentioned cars were found to be in fair condition, with the exception of one Napier Ambulance which was off the road pending the receipt of twin wheels from the A.M.T.S. Workshops, Chelsea. In addition to the cars I am also responsible for the Expendable Stores on hand. From experience gained of the work of this Hospital, I find that the fleet here is adequate to cope with the transport work necessary. Reports on Petrol, Mileage, and Personnel, are forwarded monthly to A.M.T.S. Headquarters, Chelsea. Str. Marshall Corporal,
A.M.T.S. attached, No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital. DAR TFORD, KENT, 17th July, 1919.

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From: - Capt C.A.Oxley.
Q.M.No.3. A.A.H.

To :- C.O. No.3. A.A.H.

Sir,
Herewith report on the work of the Quartermasters
Section of this Hospital for the month ending, June 1919 as follows:-

PACK STORE.

226 Wits were taken into Stores, and 344 issued during the month, this making a total received since the Hospital took over at Dartford, 65146.

Approximately 574 Q.I.Forms were compiled and the same pat number of patients equipped, they receiving 4422 articles averaging 19 for each patient. The nimber of articles received into Store during the month was 2659.

The number of articles checked and washed by the Laundry was 26212.

COAL. The approximate consumption of Coal for the month was 460tons.

A comparason of the consumption of rations between May, 1918 and May 1919 is shown as below:-

	May 1918	May 1919.
No. of Patients. Milk, pints Milk, tins. Meat, punnds-ozs, Sugar. Tea. Ale. Stout, bottles Brandy, pints-ozs. Port. pints-ozs. Clamet. Champagne.	41223 64475 144 21477-6 4088-6 958-11 Nil 163 700 3-16 20-6 Nil	15485 23432 294 8720 1860 473-15 Nil 1824 40-19 34-16 Nil 2.

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