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*Shurley* Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABBEVILLE.	1918.			
	1 Mar.	9 pm.	<p>Major J.W. Farrar from 4th Aust. Field <del>Amiens</del> <sup>Fld Arty. Bde</sup>, commenced duty as Registrar vice Major Tozer, DSO, who took up work in Surgical Division.</p> <p>In connection with the plan to replace tents by huts the first tent on E Block was removed &amp; erected on A. block. The C.O. had pointed out by the A.D.M.S. that the tents were in such close proximity with the guy ropes interlocked that in case of fire a block at a time would probably be burnt down as it was impossible for orderlies to get between the tents. The special Board with Major Robinson as President, formulated a plan for repitching the tents over a period of months which was approved by the A.D.M.S., Abbeville &amp; Amiens Areas.</p> <p>As the C.R.E. had done little to improve the Hospital, the A.D.M.S., A. &amp; A. Areas, reported that he would no longer be responsible for the construction or extension of the Hospitals in the Abbeville Area. In consequence there was a sudden excess of energy displayed in Administrative Centres in this Area and more attention was directed to the Third Australian General Hospital especially after a new C.R.E., &amp; D.O.R.E. took over the Area.</p> <p>Following the policy of getting to know the people we had to work under and with, the following at various times were invited to the Officers' Mess as Guests: A.D.M.S. Col. Thurston, C.B., C.M.G., Acting D.A.D.M.S., Major Thompson, R.A.M.C. (T), Major Mussen, S.S.O., D.M.S. of L. of C. Surg-General Carr, C.B., D.D.M.S. of L. of C., Col. Galley, D.S.O., Lt-Col. Ward, D.S.O., S.A.A.C., Lt-Col. Short, RAMC, Inspector of Stores, Capt. Manning, Inspector of Catering, Capt. Atkinson, A.C.L. of L. of C., Capt. Williams &amp; McDougall in charge of Hun Prisoners (whom we obtained for labour in the Camp).</p> <p>The system of having special fire picquets on duty is acting well. New Fire stations have been made with red buckets, pumps, fire alarm etc., the chief being in front of the Administration Block</p>	
		11 pm	<p>Special Order published re Aerial Attack to be posted in Orders Cage. On an average twice a week there has been a rehearsal with notice by telephone "Hostile Air Raid". All lights are instantly put out. The C.O. at 1 a.m. 28/2/1918, had to report that the Power House in the adjoining South African Camp was a blaze of light, also found the Cook-house windows uncovered and had to get sacks to cover these at night. Five Sisters and three Orderlies were found carrying unshaded lamps.</p>	
	2/3/18		<p>Had interview with A.D.M.S., A. &amp; A. Areas, re Honours Dispatch. He agreed with me that the A.D.M.S., Fifth Australian Division, in recommending an officer for services previous to that officer leaving the 11th Aust. Field Ambulance should send the recommendation through the A.D.M.S. of the Third Australian Division. The circumstances were exceptional in that the A.D.M.S. of the Third Australian Division had left the Division his place having been taken</p>	



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ABBEVILLE	1918. 2/Mar.		<p>by the C.O. of the Ninth Australian Field Ambulance. The C.O. of the Eleventh Australian Field Ambulance had become the A.D.M.S. of the Fifth Australian Division and made the recommendation to and through the C.O. of the Third Australian General Hospital who had been the C.O. of the Tenth Australian Division (but at the time of the special service of the Officer (Major Chaplin) had been during the YPRES Operations 3rd to 23rd Oct. O.C. 2nd Anzac Corps Gas Centre at BRANDHOEK about 350 yards from RED LODGE Corps M.D.S., where the services of Major Chaplin had been carried out under the C.O. of the Corps M.D.S. (now the A.D.M.S., Fifth Australian Division. To complicate matters still further the Third Australian Division had been transferred from the 2nd Anzac Corps (which had ceased to exist as such) to the Australian Corps and consequently the D.D.M.S. who had direct authority over the Corps M.D.S. was no longer D.D.M.S. over the A.D.M.S., Third Australian Division, although the G.O.C. Third Australian Division had temporarily taken over the duties of G.O.C. Australian Corps whilst the G.O.C. Corps temporarily acted as G.O.C. Fourth Army (The G.O.C. Second Army, under whom the operations in question had taken place having gone to Italy and the Australian Corps had come under the command of the G.O.C. Fourth Army. The above illustrates the fluctuations which occur in command &amp; transfers in a campaign such as this.</p> <p>With regard to inviting dispatches for Honours &amp; Rewards it is interesting to note that many Officers have little if any idea how these have to be sent in or compiled. In any School for Medical Officers it would be advisable to show at least Officers of Field Rank how such dispatches should &amp; should not be written. A Board with Major Lawton as President, Major Ferguson &amp; Capt. Daniel as Members, met "to enquire into the cause and make any suggestion to prevent recurrence of the outbreak of sickness among the personnel of the Hospital necessitating the admission of twelve between the 26th &amp; 28th February.</p> <p>Col. Sir Wm. Leishman, Pathological Director G.H.Q. (under whom the C.O. had worked in 1903 at the R.A.M.C. College, London) the guest of the Officers' Mess, had a long talk with Major Ferguson our Bacteriologist &amp; Pathologist, and drew attention to the advantages of carrying out special lines of research in addition to routine laboratory work.</p> <p>At 9.45 p.m. Capt. HARVEY COOMBS, A.P.M. of the Abbeville Area, telephoned to C.O. to say that there had been a disturbance in an Estaminet and that two men alleged to be from this Hospital had escaped from the Military Police. The C.O. instructed Capt. Goode as Orderly Officer &amp; Staff Sergt. Monk, the Orderly Sergeant, to inspect the huts of the personnel and check any absentee. All reported correct and present at 10.15 p.m.</p>	
	3/Mar.	2 pm.	<p>Notified A.P.M. at 10 a.m. today that all personnel present on previous night at 10.15 pm. It has been necessary to deal severely with delinquents, For Drunkenness on active service 14 days F.P.No.1 with Forfeiture of 28 days' pay was given in one case.</p>	Appendix



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ABBEVILLE.	1918.			
	3/Mar.		The C.O. has in the course of considerable experience more especially whilst in charge of the A.A.M.C. Training Depot found that the best policy is when a case is clearly proved to give a punishment which will act as a deterrent to further cases of the same offence. If there is any doubt in the case it is dismissed and in all cases care is taken to see that nothing savouring of favouritism or injustice is shewn. In this Unit as in the 10th Australian Field Ambulance it is expected that "crime" will be comparatively rare.	
	4/Mar.	10pm.	The A.P.M. visited the Hospital at 6.30 p.m. and arranged that he together with certain of the Military Police attend Orderly Room at 10 a.m. tomorrow as witnesses in the case of Pte EVANS charged with Drunkenness. Also that an opportunity be given by a parade of the personnel for the M.P. to pick out & identify the escapees of the night of the 2nd inst.	
	5/Mar.	10pm.	Capt. J.B.BIRCH, MC, left to attend Court Martial at POPPERINGHE.	
		11 pm.	An interesting item is that Major G.S.Robinson took his eight days leave to visit his old Battalion in the line after receiving special permission so to do.	
			At Orderly Room Pte Evans on charge of Drunkenness sworn to by three M.P. witnesses in presence of A.P.M. elected to be tried by Court Martial but later wished to be dealt with summarily. 10 days F.P.No.2. awarded.	
			The Unit was paraded at 10.30 a.m. Military Police identified two men who escaped on the occasion of the Estaminet disturbance on night 2/3/1918.	
			After the Parade was dismissed some men on moving off counted out (presumably the M.P.) Immediately the C.O. had the parade reassembled, left the A.P.M. in the Orderly Room and then came and read Section 7 Army Act, explaining to the men that as Senior Officer on the first Parade after dismissal the count out was not only a breach of discipline but an affront to himself & that as far as the honour of the A.A.M.C. & the Unit were concerned he intended to insure that such was not imperilled by the action of a few men.	
			Surg.General Sir Anthony Bowlby & Col. Thorburn visited the Hospital and expressed themselves as satisfied with the work of the Surgical Division.	
			The A.D.M.S. made a routine inspection of the Hospital going into the different departments more especially enquiring into the system of administering the Quartermaster's Branch or making suggestions to improve the working thereof, pointing out the necessity for uniformity in dress of patients and the checking of diet sheets.	
	6/Mar.	9 pm.	Capt.P.L.Daniel transferred to 2nd Australian Division left at 8.30 p.m. last night. Capt. Daniel had acted as Orderly Officer and had shown initiative, resource & organising ability being especially assiduous in furthering the improvement of the roads, paths and the outside appearance of the Hospital.	
			By instruction of the C.O. Duck Boards to be gradually removed and stacked to send to	

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ABBEVILLE, 1918.	6/Mar.	9 pm.	forward areas, ash paths to be substituted therefor. All wood borders to paths to be tarred. All exposed iron work inside and outside huts & tents to be coated with soot and greese, stoves blacklead. All taps to be cleaned and polished. Special attention directed to the Salvage of woollens, linen bags etc. Check to be made in rubbish sent to Incinerators.	
	7/Mar.	9 pm.	5891 Pte BUERCKNER, 39th Bn. 3728 Pte FIELDING, 7th Bn. attached 3rd A.G.H. charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order & military discipline in a Cafe on 2/3/1918, case remanded for further evidence on plea of not guilty. Major W.F. Matthews returned to duty from 20 C.C.S. yesterday. Capt. B. Pickering, RAMC, having returned to his Unit the 20 C.C.S. on 4th inst. Major TOZER and Sergt. Gorst left for BOULOGNE to interview Paymaster re Pass Book. All found to be correct.	
	8/Mar.	9 pm.	Election held for the Legislative Assembly Queensland, thirteen Members of Unit Voting. Capt. H.A. WYLLIE, MC, reported for duty yesterday from 55th Bn. A.I.F. Ptves. BUERCKNER & FIELDING having pleaded guilty sentenced to 14 days' F.P. No. 2 with forfeiture of 20 days pay.	
	9/Mar.	10pm.	Colonel THURSTON, C.B., C.M.G., A.D.M.S., A.G. & A. Areas, spent two hours inspecting the Hospital expressed himself as satisfied and pleased with the improvements. In writing the A.D.M.S. congratulated the C.O. on the "explicit way in which the working of the Unit was demonstrated (in the War Diary). There is nothing like organization to keep things going in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and I wish you all success." Miss CONYERS, Matron-in-Chief, visited the Hospital and made a routine inspection of 2½ hours in company with Miss MILES WALKER, Matron, and the C.O. Miss Conyers expressed herself as pleased with the improvements and made some suggestions to improve the new Adrian Huts by having special cupboards provided for bed pans etc. Major HARDY, R.E., inspected the electric lighting and agreed to instal extra lights in Operating Theatre and extra fittings in new Wards, also to shift telephone erected to Central Office to facilitate work of clerical staff. Capt. Atkinson, D.A.D.L. entertained at Officers' Mess promised to provide extra Hun prisoners to expedite construction and other work at Hospital. Major Matthews left for duty at 42 Stationary Hospital, AMIENS. New Lists for Surgical Teams arrived.	
	10/Mar.	9 p.m.	Medical Officers assembled and instructed to sign their diet sheets by 10 a.m. daily. Diet sheets afterwards checked by Registrar and Quartermaster.	



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ABBEVILLE, 1918.	10/Mar.	9pm.	<p>There were two alarms of fire this afternoon in the South African Hospital where one Hospital Marquee was burnt down. A squad of men went at the double from this Hospital.</p> <p>Major ROBINSON, MC, detailed to report under para. 189 Regulations Army Medical Service 1906, as to equipment and stores in Hospital, satisfy himself as to their condition and verify the inventories.</p> <p>Major TOZER returned from duty at Boulogne reporting that Pass Book and accounts were satisfactory.</p>	
	12/Mar.	9pm.	<p>Parade held for issue of new Color Patches &amp; "A" Badges, 448 pairs of the former, and seventy five of the latter being issued.</p> <p>Arrangements made for lecture by Major Harvey Cushing on Brain Surgery at the Abbeville &amp; Amiens Medical Society Meeting to be held at Third Australian General Hospital Y.M.C.A. on 13th inst.</p>	
	13/Mar.	10pm.	<p>The practice of removing all beds, furniture etc. from each hut in succession and having a thorough "spring cleaning" is being continued.</p> <p>Convoy arrived 11 p.m. previous night.</p> <p>Major Harvey Cushing, U.S.A.M.C., Col. Powell, C.M.G., &amp; Lt. Col. EAMES, C.B. arrived from Boulogne.</p> <p>Large attendance at Lecture. Col THURSTON, C.B., C.M.G., introduced Lecturer and then vacated the chair as he had a conference to attend. Col. THORBURN, C.B. Lt-Col. TAYLOR YOUNG, Lt-Col. FIASCHI, Lt-Col. THOMPSON, S.A.A.C., spoke. The C.O. as Chairman thanked the distinguished American Surgeon for his address.</p> <p>At dinner in addition to the guests from Boulogne, Col. GALLEY, D.D.M.S., of L.of C. was present.</p>	
	14/Mar.	10pm.	<p>Convoy 102 lying, 12 walking arrived at 10.45 p.m. previous night.</p> <p>Inspection shewed Officers' Mess kitchen untidy.</p> <p>It is noticeable by C.O. after considerable experience of inspecting various Units that almost invariably the Officers' Mess Kitchen is one of the worst kept places in a Unit from the point of view of cleanliness.</p> <p>Major Harvey Cushing on leaving for Paris stated that his sojourn at the Australian Hospital had been one of his pleasantest experiences in France and that it was the first time he had had the C.O.'s hut placed at his disposal.</p> <p>The accommodation at this Hospital for the C.O. is quite palatial with two electric lights, bath and other accessories not usually found on active service.</p>	
	15/Mar.	10pm.	<p>Large convoy of gassed cases arrived.</p> <p>The following laid down as Surgical Division at Third Australian General Hospital:</p>	



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ABBEVILLE, 1918.	15/Mar.	10pm.	<p>Surgical Specialist. Lt-Colonel Taylor-Young. Operating Surgeon. Operating Surgeon Major W.F. Matthews. No. 1 Team. Surgeon. Major R. St. C. Steuart. Anaesthetist. Capt. H. O. Maher. No. 2 Team. Surgeon. Lt-Col. P. Fiaschi. Anaesthetist. Capt. A. G. Brydon.</p>	
	16/Mar.	10pm.	<p>In the absence of the Surgical Specialist, the first Operating Surgeon will be responsible to you for the surgical work of the Unit. In the event of the absence of both Surgical Specialist and first Operating Surgeon, such duties will devolve on the second Operating Surgeon. Lt-Col. Fiaschi who reported for duty on 10/3/1918 together with No. 27 L/Cpl. FERGUSON, J. P., No. <del>xx</del> 82 L/Cpl. Renfree, W. E., commenced operating in the Theatre today and commented eulogistically on the high class condition and the way everything was done stating that the plant "was equal to any of the best private Hospitals in Sydney."</p> <p>Sir Anthony BOWLBY, C. B. Consulting Surgeon, stated that "the Operating Theatres of the Third A. G. H. were the best arranged &amp; equipped at any Base Hospital in France."</p> <p>An interesting point about the meeting of Lt-Col. Fiaschi and Col. Thurston, A. D. M. S., was that the latter attended Lt-Col. Fiaschi's brother with Enteric Fever at Bloemfontein during the South African War, and was also well acquainted with Colonel Fiaschi, the first C. O. of this Hospital. Sir Anthony Bowlby also had some time previously in connection with a conversation re his motor operating theatre referred to the brilliant work of young Fiaschi and on meeting him recalled reminiscences of experiences in the South African War.</p> <p>Certainly the advent of Lt-Col. Fiaschi to the Third Australian General Hospital created more than local interest in the institution, he being asked by various visitors to shew his method of giving saline &amp; blood transfusion as illustrated in Burroughs &amp; William's Circular together with enquiries as to his method of Anaesthesia Insufflation. Major Harvey Cushing, U. S. A. &amp; Col. Thorburn were especially interested in the private collection of instruments Col. Fiaschi always carries with him on service and in his two trained orderlies.</p> <p>Miss Constance J. BIRDWOOD was taken on the Strength as a V. A. D. on 12/3/18 having previously been employed as Assistant to Miss Murdoch who has charge of the Red Cross Depot.</p> <p>Note received from Lt-Col. J. H. ANDERSON, A. D. M. S. I, Headquarters, A. I. F., London, re Pte RECORD being returned to England for employment at making casts at the Special Jaw Hospital, SIDCUP, Kent. The C. O. having discovered (accidentally from seeing Pte Record's work in cement ornamentals outside a Ward) that Pte Record was an experienced cast modeller temporarily made him Dental Orderly vice Pte BOUTCHER (a water colour artist) who was not</p>	
	17/Mar.	10pm.		



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ABBEVILLE, 1918.	17/Mar.		considered suitable for the position. Pte. Record made a cast of Capt. AIRD'S face. When Pte. Record went on leave the C.O. told him to shew the cast of Capt. <del>AIRD</del> Aird's face to Colonel Anderson with a possible view to his employment in special work in modelling and casting. Lt.Col. Fiaschi by request gave a demonstration in the Operating Theatre of his method of transfusion to three visiting Matrons from other Hospitals.	
	18/Mar.	10pm.	Arrangements made for fire pumps to be distributed one to each Ward, four in fire stand in front of Administrative Block. The Red Cross has provided £10 to be expended on pot plants for Wards, seeds, etc. L/Cpl. WEBSTER is improving the surroundings of the Hospital by planting flower beds etc. This N.C.O. is an enthusiastic worker & gets convalescent patients to assist him in gardening, lime washing and generally improving the appearance of the grounds. L/Cpl. Nelson is indefatigable in his efforts to improve the place by painting woodwork, putting up signs and painting notices etc. Ptves. Woolcott & Sharpen, two scenic artists, have decorated the Sisters' Mess. Pte Boucher, another Artist, has employed his leisure time in making water colors sketches. The three last named men have applied for position as Artists with the A.I.F. Copies of stock mixtures have been posted in all Wards. POISON cupboards to the number of 42 have been made by Sergt. Moore and some convalescent patients who are joiners. We now have a poultry run with some fine pure bred Orpingtons. In accordance with instructions from Headquarters, Abbeville, Rabbits have also been purchased. Pte Sutherland a patient, has given valuable assistance as a poultry expert, and it is largely due to Sergt. Moore & Pte Sutherland that we now have a small poultry farm. The C.O. advanced 400 francs to start the farm, a promise having been made by the Red Cross Commissioner to provide the funds to start the concern. Captains Douglas, Bush & Williams visited the Hospital en route to No.1 A.G.H., where they are to act in Surgical Teams. Captain Douglas whilst at No.1 C.C.S. had a map of the C.C.S. reproduced on the top of a table with flags to indicate the position of each M.O., Sgt. etc. A similar table has been adopted at the Third Australian General Hospital to indicate the position of each Sister on and off duty. This is in the charge of Sister Jeffries, Assistant Matron.	
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ABBEVILLE,	1918.			
	20/Mar.	10pm.	<p>Lt-Col. Fiaschi presided at lecture by Mmde. de Valeria in Y.M.C.A. on Belgium. These Lectures in the Y.M.C.A. are well attended by patients and the personnel off duty. Professor Cox' lecture on "Lightning" with demonstrations was especially appreciated. Lt-Col. Fiaschi makes an excellent Chairman when the C.O. is unable to attend at the opening of the lecture. Lt-Col. Taylor-Young &amp; Mr. Chaplain Foreman also have presided at these lectures. The attention of Medical Officers was directed to the necessity for the correct classification of men discharged from Hospital. A notice was published in Orders re breakage of glass. "When charges cannot be brought home to an individual they will be charged against the Unit." The inventory of equipment etc is to be hung on the side of the Medicine cupboard in each Ward.</p>	
	21/Mar.		<p>Fire buckets are to be refilled each Friday morning before 11 a.m. inspection. The attention of the C.R.E. again drawn to the unfinished state of the paths in WHITE &amp; HOWSE Roads. These require boarding &amp; levelling up like those in BIRDWOOD Road. The A.D.M.S., C.R.E., &amp; D.O.R.E., visited Hospital re construction of Huts etc. The C.O. pointed out certain holes which had been dug nine weeks previously allegedly as commencement of surface <del>draining</del> drainage scheme. Satisfaction expressed at the progress made in the erection of the sand bag defences. Col. THORBURN, C.B., visited the Hospital and expressed himself as satisfied with the interest and care shewn by the Surgeons in their work. Capt. MANNING, Inspector of Catering, L.of C., inspected the Cookhouses, messes, and examined Quartermaster's work in connection therewith. He was much interested in Sergt. PORTER'S method of cooking cereals without fire. He expressed himself as very satisfied but agreed that there should be separate dining accommodation for personnel &amp; patients. On receipt of his report the C.O. promised to again bring this matter forward as the A.D.M.S. was emphatic on the same point.</p>	
	21/Mar.	11pm.	<p>Notice received for Surgical teams to proceed to 41 Stationary Hospital Amiens cancelled. There were 994 cases in Hospital at midnight on 20th. Today there have been 138 admissions and 93 discharged. Chaplain the Revd. J. FLORMEL (R.C) reported for duty from A.G.B.D. Le Havre. The A.D.M.S. having pointed out that the room adjoining the Mortuary was a chapel, the Coffin racks were screened off and a small Altar erected under the supervision of the Rev. Chaplain HARRIS. The three Chaplains during the special extra time of stress were asked by the C.O. to take over the franking of the letters and willingly did so, thus saving the time of the ordinary medical &amp; surgical officers.</p>	

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ABBEVILLE, 1918.	22/Mar.	11pm	<p>Surgeon General Sir Anthony BOWLBY visited the Hospital and expressed himself as satisfied. The A.D.M.S. visited the Hospital and informed the C.O. that the Hospital would now be run as a C.C.S.. He also stated that gradually the Sisters might have to be sent away to other centres, that every effort be made to keep the patients and personnel cheerful and any tendency to spread alarmist reports checked.</p> <p>At lunch the C.O. informed the Officers re the Hospital being run as a C.C.S. and asked that any idle rumours be checked as far as possible at their service. No mention was made of any other communication except that everything was going well. At midnight on 21st there were 1037 cases in Hospital.</p> <p>Sister E.C.Nicholls, S/Nurses O.G.Hall, E.M.Redman, M.E.O'Brien, M.W.Moir &amp; M.D.Smith left for 38 C.C.S.</p>	Source
	23/Mar.	11pm.	<p>Captain H.G.B.BRUCE went to FRESSENVILLE for temporary duty.</p> <p>1233 cases at midnight 22nd.</p> <p>C.O. visited the A.D.M.S. at 10.30 a.m. &amp; stated that we could take up to 1700 cases at noon and by 3 p.m. up to 2000 cases.</p> <p>C.O. had interview with Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robson Scott controlling the Y.M.C.A. and with their willing concurrence arranged for taking over the building as a Ward.</p> <p>Major Chaplin detailed for special duty on an Ambulance Train.</p>	
	24/Mar.	11pm.	<p>C.O. telephoned to A.D.L. Capt. Atkinson and received 40 Hun prisoners to work at the Hospital. Being Sunday it was unusual for the prisoners to work, but in view of the emergency of providing accommodation, repitching tents etc, the prisoners were provided on the understanding that they would rest the following morning.</p> <p>D.O.R.E. made inspection of Defences and was satisfied with arrangements made.</p> <p>1284 patients at midnight 23/3/1918.</p> <p>At 1 a.m. a large convoy of wounded arrived by road. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Dixon Scott was at the Reception Tent serving out cigarettes and other comforts at that hour.</p>	
	25/Mar.	11pm.	<p>Sister E.C.Nicholls and five Staff Nurses returned from 38th C.C.S.</p> <p>Col. THORBURN, C.B. Consulting Surgeon, did a LAMINECTOMY here today. Case died on table.</p> <p>Surgeon General Sir Anthony Bowlby had expressed the opinion that the case would die whatever was done. Col. Thorburn agreed with Lt-Col. Fiaschi that there was a very remote chance if the patient could stand the anaesthetic.</p>	
	25/Mar.	11pm.	<p>Lt-Col. GRAHAM BUTLER who arrived yesterday introduced to the A.D.M.S., &amp; D.D.M.S. Col. GALLEY, D.S.O., Col. Butler much interested in various records kept at the Hospital. C.O. told him of arrangements made for Major LAWTON to write the history of the Unit. Staff Sergt. BOWDEN</p>	



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C.O.D. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABBEVILLE,	1918.		Chief Clerk, had collected a large amount of material which has recently been forwarded to War	
	25/Mar.	11pm	Records. Col. Butler interviewed Ptes. BOUTCHER, SHARPEN, WOOLCOTT & LEYMAN, aspirants for Artists appointments A.I.F., also Pte RECORD who is to be sent to SIDCUP JAW HOSPITAL in Middlesex.	as Modeller
			34 extra Hun Prisoners obtained as fatigue party removed R.E.Dump and reerected same on another site to permit of completion of A Block.	
			Major Steuart returned from leave.	
			1575 Cases at midnight 24/3/1918.	
			436 admissions of wounded today.	
			The Surgical Staff are working well.	
			Arranged for hot meal at midnight for M.Os and Orderlies.	
			Capt. A.Clark returned to duty from MAUTORT on 23/3/1918, and is now employed giving Anaesthetics.	
			Major W.F.MATTHEWS returned from 42nd Stationary Hospital at Amiens, the staff having been sent away owing to the bombing.	
	26/Mar.		Col. THORBURN, C.B. visited Hospital and gave advice in certain cases expressing himself as pleased with the surgical work and system.	
			Captain H.O.MAHER, A.A.M.C., reported for duty as Anaesthetist.	
			Capt. ATKINSON, A.D.L. visited Hospital to see the working of the Hun prisoners and expressed himself as satisfied.	
			In the afternoon two Officers in charge of Hun prisoners came round to hasten up the work. .	
			Whilst there were 94 wounded in the Y.M.C.A. used as a Hospital Ward, two patients, Ptes. Andrews & Bastar, professional artists, entertained those inside and a large number sitting on chairs outside by playing the piano & singing. At the same time the Hun prisoners were digging a trench to put the water on to the Y.M.C.A.	
			Mrs. Robson Scott had tried to get the water laid on enight months ago. Although the Central Y.M.C.A. authorities offered to pay all charges the work was not completed until the institution became a temporary Hospital Ward.	
			At 10.30 p.m. last night a message received to evacuate 300 cases at 7.45 a.m. today. Only 68 cases evacuated owing to the difficulties of equipping the patients, getting clothes out of stores, fumigating, entering up cases etc.	
			There were 1674 patients at midnight on 25/3/1918.	
			Sister Watts, E.J., S/Nurses Everard Smith & Darragh left for duty to Calais on No.26 Ambulance Train on 24/3/1918.	



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ABBEVILLE	26/Mar. 1918.		Sister Nicholls, E.C. with the other five Staff Nurses returned from 38th C.C.S. having had fifteen minutes notice to clear owing to the proximity of the enemy. The C.O. met the Sisters and complimented S/Nurse O'Brien, M.E. on her imperturbability. Nurse O'Brien appeared as though she had just returned from a run to town, absolutely placid, unconcerned without a hair ruffled.	
	27/Mar.	11pm.	<p>Col. WILSON, D.D.M.S., 9th Corps, &amp; Capt. RUSSELL, D.A.D.M.S., visited Hospital to get a prescription made up. Interesting to note that C.O. had twice previously met Col. Wilson, first on P. &amp; O. "EGYPT" returning from Egypt to England in 1906 when Lt-Col. Wilson (as he then was) was P.M.O. Alexandria. Again at the 2nd Army Medical Meeting when Col. WILSON was chairman at a <del>similar</del> conference on Sanitation and mentioned after the C.O. had spoken of the introduction of the use of crude Petroleum as a prevention of the fly nuisance at Mex Camp in 1915 that he Col. Wilson, had introduced the same method eight years previously in the same Camp. Reminded later that the Medical Officer of the Egyptian Quarantine Service who had written the articles in the Egyptian Gazette in connection with Dr. E.J. Ross' crusade for the extermination of Mosquitoes &amp; had advocated Crude Petroleum for killing flies was the same Officer who had given him on the P. &amp; O. Egypt the copy of "DIE ZOUTSPANSBERG WACHTER" the only English Edition published before the type was blown up at PIETERSBURG in the BUSHVELT, TRANSVAAL 1901. Col. Wilson acknowledged the source from which he had obtained the idea but stated that it had about the same time been taken up by the I.M.S.</p> <p>C.O. took Col. Wilson by car to the D.D.M.S. of L. of C. and on his advice informed the Intelligence Officer, Capt. DOVE, and the A.P.M. that a Pte DOLAN, 14th Coy. U.S.A. Engineers, came to the Hospital at midnight yesterday in a car with two Privates of the K.O.S.B. who alleged that "they were the two sole survivors of the 51st Division" and that they had seen Hun Cavalry from DOULLENS. The stragglers were arrested.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. visited Hospital and made certain confidential communications to C.O. who spoke to the Officers at Mess informing them that the Hospital was to carry on as a C.C.S.</p> <p>Schedules of times for teams drawn up by the Registrar Major Farrar, and Lt-Col. Taylor-Young, Surgical Specialist.</p> <p>There were 1579 cases at midnight yesterday. 268 admissions of wounded today &amp; 363 discharged.</p>	



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*W. H. Murray*  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABBEVILLE, 1918.	28/Mar.	mid-night.	<p>Fifty (50) R.A.M.C. Orderlies with Lieut. Smith, RAMC(T), attached for duty from 42nd Stationary Hospital, together with Mr. Chaplain BOUCKET (CE).</p> <p>A strong point was made during the present period of carrying on the ordinary routine, inspection daily etc.</p> <p>Lt-Col. Roy CHAMBERS, 11th Australian Field Ambulance, recalled from leave, visited Hospital overnight until transport <del>arrived</del> available.</p> <p>C.O. interviewed D.D.T., D.L.T., A.Q.M.G., &amp; A.D.M.S., to get transport for Col. Chambers.</p> <p>There were 1161 cases at midnight last night.</p> <p>604 discharges today.</p> <p>Cases 1061 at midnight.</p>	
	29/Mar.	11pm.	<p>Lieuts. Langford &amp; Tennant, Intelligence Officers, GHQ, stayed overnight.</p> <p>Major Anthony HORDERN, Aust. Red Cross, with Capt. Connell and others stayed in Red Cross Hut and then went to DOULLENS to establish a forward depot.</p> <p>16 Sisters left for Rouen. Lt-Col. Chambers left at 8.30 a.m. by car to rejoin 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. visited Hospital &amp; expressed himself as satisfied with the accommodation having been expanded to 2000 beds.</p> <p>1061 cases at midnight 28/3/1918.</p> <p>275 admissions &amp; 376 discharges today.</p>	
	30/Mar.	11pm.	<p>W.O. Schofield, A.F., transferred to 15th Aust. Field Ambulance, left yesterday after having a test in gas chamber.</p> <p>450 cases at midnight 29/3/1918.</p> <p>637 discharges today.</p>	
	31/Mar.	mid-night.	<p>Capt. WALTERS with No. 19 Dental Unit arrived.</p> <p>Cpts. Austin, Bennett, Godson &amp; Foster with their dental units from the 3rd &amp; 4th Divisions arrived.</p> <p>Interviewed A.D.M.S. re arrangements for a possible move of the Hospital. Arranged to get data as to time to pack &amp; have a rehearsal of packing dental equipment, bacteriological &amp; X-Ray outfit.</p> <p>Board appointed to report on time required to move Hospital with a 48 hours notice or 7 days notice.</p> <p>377 discharges today.</p> <p>73 cases remaining at midnight.</p>	



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ABBEVILLE,	1918.			
	31/Mar.		<p>Lt-Col.P. Fiaschi, Capt. H.O.Maher with Sister N. Fitzgibbon, 27 L/Cpl. Ferguson, J, 82 L/Cpl. Renfree, W.E. No.2 Surgical Team, left for No.20 General Hospital, Etaples, together with Major R.St.C.Steuart, Capt. A.G.Brydon, Sister K. Smith, 4498 L/Cpl. Filburn,C.R., 5821 Pte Miller, J.H., No.1 Surgical Team.</p> <p>At midnight there were 89 cases in the Hospital.</p> <p>In closing the diary for March I wish to put on record the fact that for any success which has attended the running of this Unit during the exceptional recent stress, Major Farrar, Registrar, is mainly responsible as far as the administration of the Hospital is concerned. Miss Miles Walker as Matron &amp; Miss Jeffries as Assistant Matron have done excellent work. I consider that Miss Jeffries has for a woman exceptional administrative capacity, and is also imbued with energy and enthusiasm for work.</p> <p>ENDS.</p>	

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# WAR DIARY

OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOR

MARCH

1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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*Matron's report*



## APPENDIX

To - Col. J.S. Purdy, D.S.O.  
Commanding Officer.

MONTHLY REPORT ON SURGICAL DIVISION

I have the honor to report upon the Surgical work done in this Hospital during the month of March 1918.

The number of cases	remaining on 28.2.18	was	424
"	"	admitted during March	2042
"	"	discharged " "	2381
"	"	who died " "	21
"	"	remaining on 31.3.18	65

The number of cases admitted and the amount of work done has been greater than during any similar period since the arrival of the Hospital in France. The character of the cases has been more severe, and their condition more desperate, many arriving with only the field dressing applied. The majority were transported entirely by Road, and in several cases the convoy was 36 hours and longer on the journey.

During the earlier days of the rush the work was conducted on the lines of a Base Hospital, but owing to an order received, the whole running of the place was carried out as at a C.C.S. Because of this, complete arrangements, as per plan attached, were made to conduct the place as a C.C.S.

The number of Patients operated upon was 536, but these figures by no means indicate the number of operations performed as many patients have more than one wound necessitating serious operative action being taken. Attached is a rough classification of the work done.

Before the rush of work began, the special work of operating on "clean" cases was in progress, and it is most gratifying to report that in every case the results were excellent. Primary union was obtained in every case of Hernia operated upon; so also with the Varicose Veins, and in the cases operated upon for Haemorrhoids, the results were equally satisfactory.

The abdominal cases account for a large proportion of the deaths. In all of them the task was a very hopeless one. They had all been transported by Road, had a long and very rough journey, and the feeling was one of "doing something" to give a chance more than otherwise. All except one should have been hopeful cases for operation had they been tackled within a reasonable time.

In almost every case instead of having dirty wounds to treat, they were very septic before reaching this Hospital.

One death from Spinal injury must be specially mentioned. Shot through the Cervical Vertebrae, he was operated upon by Col. Thorburn C.B. Consulting Surgeon to this Area. He died just after completion of the operation.

Gas gangrene and multiple wounds were the main factors leading to a fatal result in the other cases.



## MONTHLY REPORT ON SURGICAL DIVISION - continued.

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Considering the nature of the wounds and the condition of the Patients on arrival, it is most gratifying to have such a very small percentage of fatalities.

Several Officers were absent on leave when the rush of work came. They were recalled, and Major Matthews who had been detailed for duty at No.42 Stationary Hospital R.A.M.C. returned while the work was at its height. Lieut. Col. Fiaschi had been attached here and so was available when the rush came.

As it was necessary to keep the operating theatres going day and night, I drew up a time table and it was found to work well. The result was that cases "waiting for operation" were kept well in hand, and in no instance, except those of urgency, were later arrivals sent to the theatre until the previous convoy had been cleared.

Very early in the rush I decided that it would be better to have a general supervision rather than keeping entirely to the operative work. It was thus possible to attend to matters outside as well as inside the theatre. Majors Robinson and Tozer during these times occupied my table. The only exception was that I observed my turn of night work.

Classification for "disposal" was at first a cause of worry, as some failed to understand the change from Base to C.C.S. but very soon this was rectified, and went well. The Hospital was always ready and waiting to have cases evacuated.

The Y.M.C.A. Hut organised by Lt.Col.Russell was equipped to accommodate 100 cases - "walking wounded". This was an excellent arrangement. Many merely required "dressing" before evacuation; others were classified by Lt.Col.Russell and transferred to Wards for operation. I am positive that many patients were thereby observed, operated upon and so saved from serious and even dangerous complications.

I cannot close this report without specially referring to the excellent work done by every member of the Staff - Medical Officers, Sisters, Theatre attendants, and also the Stretcher bearers. The work was arduous, the hours long, but every one responded loyally and well. Apart from this general reference I desire to comment on several individually.

Lt.Col.Fiaschi was equal to all demands made. His work was of a very high standard, and was a great satisfaction to me that he was available. He has an iron constitution, seems not to require rest, and only insistence on my part enabled me to get him to take the rest necessary to ensure good work.

Majors Matthews and Stewart as of old both worked well and willingly. Especially in Major Matthew's case is this worthy of mention, considering the exceptionally trying experiences he had at Amiens before returning here.

Major Robinson M.C. confirmed my previous judgment of him and his work.

Three on leave.  
7 on official duty  
One not gained  
unit.

W. Hardy

5 APR 1918

Major Matthews  
will report for  
wounding a short  
time of his  
return.

W. Hardy

5 APR 1918



MONTHLY REPORT ON SURGICAL DIVISION - continued.

Major Tozer D.S.O. I desire to specially mention. He did as much work as any two men and assisted me in the theatre, in the wards, at the Reception tent, and by day and night he was a tower of strength.

Major Turner's special knowledge of ophthalmic work was of great assistance. I desire to place the fact on record.

Major Lawton was invaluable in the help he gave in chest cases, and because of that fact all chest cases were segregated under his special observation.

The Anaesthetists did their work well. Major Fergusson, in addition to carrying on the work of his own Department assisted me materially in examining cases after admission.

The work of the X Ray Department under Captain Beeston was excellent, and at my request the Staff was arranged for continuous work - a most important and necessary thing in work of the character being done here.

Before closing I desire to refer to the Red Cross Hut conducted by Miss Murdoch. Her never ending labours in providing comforts for the men being evacuated, contributed largely to a feeling of confidence as to how the patients would withstand the journey.

- Appendices - (1) List of operations  
(2) Time Table (Theatre)  
(3) Plan for working as a C.C.S.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
(signed) H.G. Taylor-Young, Lt.Col  
O.C. Surgical Division.

*Lt-Col Taylor-Young's work was beyond praise.  
His example of indefatigable industry & devotion to duty  
animated all ranks with a spirit of emulation.*

Colonel,

5 APR 1918

C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,



# LIST OF OPERATIONS

ABSCESSSES - Axilla.....2	Buttock.....1
Psoas.....1	Neck.....1
Facial.....2	Pectoral.....1
Inguinal.....2	Perinephric.....2







MONTHLY REPORT ON SURGICAL DIVISION - continuedAppendix - 2ROSTER OF DUTY HOURS FOR SURGICAL TEAMSMARCH 29th

Lt.Col Taylor-Young	4 p.m. - 12 p.m.
" Fiaschi	(11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
	(12 mdnt - 8 a.m.)
Major Matthews	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Major Stewart	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MARCH 30th

Lt.Col Taylor-Young	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
" Fiaschi	4 p.m. - 12 p.m.
Major Matthews	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
" Steuart	(11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
	(12 mdnt - 8 a.m.)


MARCH 31st

Lt.Col Taylor-Young	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
" Fiaschi	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Major Matthews	(11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
	(12 mdnt - 8 a.m.)
" Steuart	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

APRIL 1st

Lt.Col Taylor-Young	(11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
	(12 mdnt - 8 a.m.)
" Fiaschi	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Major Matthews	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
" Steuart	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

and thereafter in same rotation until change notified.

 Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL



MONTHLY REPORT ON SURGICAL DIVISION - continued

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IN THE EVENT OF THE HOSPITAL HAVING TO  
BE RUN ON C.C.S. LINES, THE FOLLOWING  
SCHEME WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

LYING CASES -

- Hut 1. To be reception Hut for lying cases  
Enter by side door facing Q.M.Dept.  
8 Pairs tressles for stretchers necessary.  
All wounds will be examined, classified and dressed if  
necessary, and all particulars taken.
- Hut 2. Resuscitation Ward
- Hut 3. Penetrating Chest cases.
- Hut 4. Pre-operation Ward  
No beds required.  
At least 20 pairs tressles for stretchers.  
As cases are prepared for operation, they are placed  
near the door facing the theatre; after preparation  
these cases should be kept separated into two classes  
(i) On one side of ward, those for immediate operation  
(ii) those for X Ray before operation, on the other side
- Huts E.1. E.2. & E.3. For cases which have been operated  
upon, and are likely to remain for 10 days or more.
- "F" Block. For cases which have been operated upon but will  
probably remain a couple of days.
- "C" & "D" Blocks. For cases which have been operated upon  
(minor), but are marked up straight away for  
evacuation.

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WALKING CASES -

- Walking wounded are taken straight to the Y.M.C.A.  
where they have particulars taken, dressed and  
classified.  
From Y.M.C.A., cases needing operation are sent to  
the pre-operation ward, "E" 4.  
Slight cases are dressed, and marched straight away,  
and put into "A" & "B" Blocks.
- "A" 1 & 2 - will take cases marked for evacuation "C" or  
Evacuation "D"
- "A" 3, 4 & 5 - will take cases marked for Convalescent  
Camp.

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 Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,



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APPENDIX

FROM: Lt-Colonel E.A.H. Russell.

TO: C.O.

Third Australian General Hospital.

I beg to submit this my report on the Medical Division for the month of March 1918.

There have been 1043 cases admitted, 1540 discharged, leaving only 24 cases under treatment on 31-3-1918. A comparison with February figures shows that more than double the number of beds have been occupied by Medical cases during March. We were therefore compelled to open up more Wards and also increase the number of beds in each Ward by four bringing the Wards up to their full compliment of 34 beds, and the total number of medical beds to 800. We were also able to utilise one of the Surgical huts (Hut 2, 30 beds) for the treatment of the more severe gas cases.

Of the 1043 admissions 533 were suffering from the effects of poison gas - chiefly mustard gas. It was found advantageous to set aside Special Wards for the segregation of gas cases for the following reasons:-

1. Patients were kept under <sup>better</sup> ~~the~~ observation by closer comparison.
2. A more or less routine treatment throughout the Ward made the Nursing easier.
3. The Ward could be more easily maintained under a subdued light.

The vast majority of gas cases were slight and readily reacted to treatment, this was especially noticeable with ophthalmic & gastric symptoms. There were however some cases who were apparently not affected much on admission but on the 3rd or 4th day commenced a pyrexial course with intense pulmonary complications, three of whom died. It would be advisable therefore to have sufficient hutting accommodation to receive these cases, and also to retain all gas cases for at least a week before classifying them for evacuation.

Eight cases of notifiable diseases were met with (6 Tuberculosis, 1 measles & 1 C.S.M.) and were immediately dealt with.

There were four deaths, Gas poisoning 3, septic meningitis 1.

The health of the Unit has been good. Six Sisters and 17 nursing orderlies were admitted to hospital suffering chiefly from minor complaints.

The bacteriological investigations on the outbreak of Febricula which occurred in the Unit on Feb. 28th, were inconclusive. There has been no further outbreak.

3/4/1918.

(Sgd) E.A.H. Russell, Lt-Colonel.  
A.A.M.C.

*A good report.  
Lt-Col Russell was unsparing in his  
efforts to keep the Medical Side working  
at high pressure & gave valuable assistance  
on the Surgical Side when the Hospital was  
temporarily run as a C.C.S.  
Major Lawton's work in the Medical Division  
as usual was above praise.*

*M. Hardy*  
Colonel,

5 APR 1918

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

From - Pathologist  
3rd A.G.H.

To - The Commanding Officer  
3rd A G H

REPORT OF LABORATORY FOR MARCH 1918

The number of specimens examined during the month shows a marked decrease from last month, nevertheless a total of 276 specimens were submitted. The attached chart shows the daily number of specimens received. It will be noted that fairly high figures were reached on several occasions in the beginning of the month with a decided drop in the middle, which fell to Zero in the last week. During the first portion of the month, many of the Medical Wards were filled with "Gassed" cases which required little pathological examination. The rises in this part of the chart are in part attributable to the discovery of two cases of C.S. Meningitis in the Hospital, and the examination of contacts. The fall to Zero in the last week is connected with the rush of wounded to the Hospital after the start of the offensive, when no pathological work was required. At the end however, the presence of a number of gun-shot wounds of the Chest led to the examination of pleural fluids which is shown in the rise on the 30th. A detailed summary of the examinations made is attached; it calls for no special comment beyond the fact that two cases of meningococcal meningitis, and two cases of streptococcal meningitis were detected. One of the latter was traumatic in origin, and the other followed on Otitis Media. The meningococcal cases were both received from Casualty Clearing Stations; a third was also probably meningococcal in origin, but examination of the Cerebrospinal fluid has proved negative. The number of Urines and Sputa still continued high, but very few specimens of faeces were submitted.

9 Post-mortem examinations were carried out during the month

(sgd) Eustace W Ferguson

MAJOR AAMC



REPORT OF LABORATORY FOR MARCH 1918 - continued

DETAILED SUMMARY OF EXAMINATIONS MADE DURING MARCH -

Nature of Specimen	Number	Remarks
Urines.....	89	-
Sputa.....	78.....	4 Positive for T.B.
Faeces.....	13	
Blood Counts.....	14	
"    Films.....	1	
"    Cultures.....	5	
"    For Wasserman.....	6.....	sent to Etaples
Throat Swabs.....	10.....	All negative for K.b.
Naso-pharyngeal Swabs.....	21.....	For CSM contacts - all neg.
Cerebrospinal fluids.....	9..	Meningococci found in 2 Streptococci found in 2
Vaccines.....	6	
Fluids.....	11..	Mainly pleural fluids
Urethral discharges.....	4..	Gonococci found in 2
Sections.....	1	
Miscellaneous.....	8	
TOTAL..276		=====

POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS

Streptococcal Meningitis (Otitis Media).....	1
Gas Poisoning.....	2
Fractured Skull.....(basal).....	1
Streptococcal septicaemia (crushed foot, amputation).....	1
Subphrenic abscess.....	1
G.S.W. Cervical Vertebrae.....	1
G.S.W. Abdomen.....	1
G.S.W.....Chest.....	1
TOTAL 9	
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(sgd) Eustace W Ferguson

Major. A.A.M.C.

Major Ferguson's record of work speaks for itself. This Officer's constant conscientious/to duty is an example to us all.  
devotion

(sgd) J.S.Purdy, Colonel  
C.O.No.3.Aust.Gen.Hospital.



Quartermaster's Office,  
Third Australian General Hospital.  
2-4-1918.

To,  
Commanding Officer,  
Third Australian General Hospital.

I have to submit for inclusion, if approved, in your report for War Diary the following details of work performed in the various Quartermaster's Departments of this Hospital. It must be taken into consideration the exceptional conditions the departments worked under from the 20th to the end of the month. On the 20th the Hospital establishment was ordered to be increased to its crisis expansion to 2,000 beds. This work necessitated immediate Indents being prepared and submitted for emergency beds, blankets and articles of equipment etc., to meet the demand. Indents were submitted and equipment drawn, with the result that, as buildings and tents became available for equipping the articles required were waiting in readiness for transfer from stores to complete them to receive patients. Throughout the whole rush the various departments were prepared to meet all demands. No demand was made for extra staff in order to cope with the extra work involved, instead staff in the Linen Store, Packstore, Clothing Store and Supply Store worked excessive hours, and when any lull in the departments occurred the men were detailed to assist in loading and unloading convoys and evacuations. The personnel under the Quartermaster in the various minor departments such as Carpenters, Painters, Bootmakers, Barber etc., were withdrawn from their respective duties and handed over to Orderly Sergeant to assist in the more important work. The work performed in individual departments worthy of note is as follows:-

#### LINEN STORE.

The month opened with the general routine of work of the department and continued in its normal state until the 20th instant. From this day, as in other departments, with a suddenness incomparable the working increased a hundred fold. The establishment was increased by 800 beds and orders received for full equipment to be issued immediately. This work necessitated the staff working 24 hours round in order to cope with the order, two days later when the hospital was practically full saw their efforts realised.

The big demand for clean linen required for the Operating Theatre, which was working at high pressure created a problem, but thanks is due to the Abbeville Laundry (18th Divisional) who, when the situation was explained, rose to the occasion and put forward every effort to keep the Hospital fully supplied with clean linen daily. The amount of work carried out in this Department can be better observed from the following figures for the month:-

2,600 blankets were drawn from Ordnance and issued to meet expansion.

3,000 soiled sheets were despatched to Etaples and equivalent returned by same Motor Lorry.

69,000 Soiled articles were sent to 18th Divisional Laundry, Abbeville. (mentioned above) and equivalent received in clean.

From these figures it will be observed that the Clean Linen Store handled twice 74,600 articles, once checking them into the Store and again on their re-issue to Wards etc., Staff employed 1 Sgt 1 L/Cpl 1 Pte.

The soiled Linen Store which is worked in conjunction with the Clean Linen Store (staff 1 L/Cpl 1 Pte) classified, prepared in bundles of 10, and despatched to laundry for the month 72,000 articles.

During this period 9 buildings were equipped and 6 tent wards 4 containing 50 beds and one containing 34 beds were newly equipped. It is necessary to mention that the whole work required careful handling and checking, involving extra clerical work, in order to keep correct accounts as to how equipment was disposed of. This was carried out without any extra assistance.



PACK STORE.

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Staff employed, 1 I/Cpl 2 privates. The work in this department is tedious and monotonous. All articles received into this store are thoroughly fumigated first. Immediately they are received from the fumigator each soldiers kit is opened and examined. Underclothing is withdrawn from his kit and sent to Laundry, unserviceable ~~article~~ articles are also withdrawn, articles remaining that are serviceable ~~remaining~~ are brushed, entered through pack store book and store in rack until ~~prior to that~~ which the owner is to be discharged, when it is issued. The whole store is sprayed with disinfectant daily. In cases where a patient is evacuated overseas all articles of equipment, rifles, steel helmets, ammunition gas masks etc, are withdrawn from him and returned to Ordnance. No patient is evacuated from Hospital until his kit is drawn from packstore. During the period 1st to 31st March the following number of articles were classified, cleaned, entered through books, and disposed of:-

Total No. of articles received into Store.....	16.095
Articles withdrawn for Laundry.....	5.045
Articles condemned, and equipment withdrawn.....	1.901
Articles re-issued to owner prior to evacuation.....	9.149.

These figures explain themselves as to the amount of work executed during the period in this store.

All unserviceable articles are baled in bundles of 10 and despatched to Officer-in-Charge Regulating Station, under instructions from C.O.O.

SUPPLY STORE.

Many difficulties were experienced in this Department during the latter 10 days of the month owing to quick evacuations and numerous convoys. The whole situation was explained to the O.C. No. 9 Detail Issue Store and arrangements arrived at, that this Officer would supply rations at short notice.

Cocoa was made and ready for issue to all patients as they arrived in Convoys. Food was available at all hours of the day and night. The staff employed in the Store are, 1 Q.M.S. 3 privates.

The quality and condition of food received from Supply Depot during the month was excellent. I would bring to your special notice the attached return shewing the average consumption of food per 100 patients for the month. This return is worthy of special note, for the following reason. A special circular was issued by the Food Controller setting out a suggested scale calculated to be sufficient to feed a hundred people. This scale I have shewn on the attached copy of this months return in red figures against the actual quantities used by this Hospital per 100 patients. It will be observed that in only three cases has the suggested scale been exceeded, and in these three cases the excess is more than balanced by the savings. It will probably be imagined that special care has been taken to keep this question of quantities well in hand at the expense of the patients; this is not the case; this Hospital has a reputation throughout the area as being the best catered Hospital in France. Full and plenty is supplied to all, and no food is allowed to go to waste that can be used.

During the period 109155 meals were issued to patients at an average cost of 1/4.0ld per head. This result I think is very creditable to the working of the store in conjunction with the Kitchen. The following authorised issue of food was not drawn thereby effecting a saving:-

1523 lbs biscuits 11.914 rations.

All food is kept under cover and place thoroughly cleaned and scrubbed daily.



FUMIGATOR

Staff employed 1 Private. No. of machines on charge and in use 2 Thresh. It was found necessary during the latter portion of the month to employ an additional man on night duty in order to cope with the amount of work coming in. The following figures shewing the ~~xxxx~~ number of articles fumigated during the month are convincing enough without further explanation that the staff are kept fully occupied:-

Articles in patients kits.....	16,095.
Blankets.....	5,372.
Sundries.....	763.
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TOTAL.....	22,230.
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The machines are in excellent order and have proved absolutely effective where vermin are present. Periodical tests are made to ensure this.

CLOTHING STORE.

During the whole month the staff in the clothing store were kept busy owing to evacuations and convoys. From the 20th to the close of the month an enormous amount of work was executed, brought about by rapid evacuations at short notice. In many cases patients arrived on convoys at 5pm and were evacuated at 10am the following day. Circumstances such as this called for special attention in order to <sup>provide</sup> guide against patients disposing of or destroying serviceable clothing that appeared the worse for wear on account of being covered with dust; to overcome this possibility Blockmasters were instructed to send all patients able to walk to the Packstore, fully dressed, with their index cards or a signed note with an abbreviated entry of their destination on evacuation. This enabled the N.C.O. in-Charge Pack Store to make a quick examination of the patients clothing and classify it, make the necessary book entries and issue slip (pack store) on completion of this patients were sent to Clothing Store (in cases where patients were unable to attend the Ward <sup>Orderlies.</sup> ~~Orderlies~~ acted in their stead) where their deficiencies were issued together with clean underclothing to every man. During the whole period patients were rapidly equipped and during the big rush on the 27th of the month when every patient able to be evacuated was to be clothed 658 were completed in 24 hours many of them requiring as many as 17 to 19 articles on account of them being admitted as stretcher cases and being evacuated to Convalescent Camp. To cope with these big and rapid evacuations extraordinary indents had to be submitted to Ordnance and I am glad to say that that Depot supplied everything asked for at very short notice, thereby enabling us to evacuate and make room for further convoys. Better opinion can be formed of the work executed if the attached graph, which is simple, clear and concise is studied.

During the month 23,433 articles were issued over the counter at an approximate cost of £ 5,409-1-11. Entries were made and signatures obtained for all issues made. Staff employed in the Store 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl and one private.



Cook House.

The work in this Branch of a General Hospital is always strenuous to those employed therein, owing to early and late hours they are called upon to work. Difficulties are experienced such as bad fuel fluctuating numbers to be catered for etc. the latter trouble has to be carefully watched as great ~~much~~ amount of food can be wasted if numbers in Hospital are not carefully studied, more so when evacuations take place at short notice during the night. The main point in a kitchen is system and the system in vogue in the kitchen of this Hospital is briefly. Every man is detailed to perform certain duties and to give these duties his whole attention by these means nothing is left to chance and in case of food being destroyed or burnt by neglect responsibility can be located. The amount of food required to meet demands is cooked from the quantities and numbers supplied from the Ward Diet Return. The whole of the food issued is carved in the kitchen by an experienced butcher therefore the best possible results are obtained in this direction and a great saving is effected. Meals are served in false bottom diet trays which are filled with boiling water in these trays are 10 separate dishes large enough to hold one patients meal ~~these~~ number of meals ordered by the ward are then carved placed into these dishes and covered which means that they are taken to the ward and are kept hot also kept free from dust. The system of serving each meal from the kitchen has proved most economical and beneficial to patients as the saving effected in this way allows sufficient food to be kept on hand to give patients admitted to Hospital a full diet instead of a subsistence diet, without any individual being penalised. Patients arriving on Convoys received a hot cup of cocoa immediately they reach their Ward. As soon as a convoy is advised the kitchen staff are advised and the cocoa is prepared no matter what time of the day or night. Patients also receive a hot breakfast the following morning.

All vegetables are cooked in nets each net holding sufficient for 100 patients. It has been found possible to effect a big saving in potatoes by taking them off the stove when they have reached the boil placing them into a tub and covering them with a clean sack and ~~allow~~ them to cook with their own steam, this prevents them from breaking and also turns them out a nice white colour.

All cereals and oatmeal are boiled over night, they are allowed to just come to the boil when the fire is drawn and the lids tightly fitted on to the boilers and allowed to remain overnight. it is found that the grain absorbs sufficient heat to cook itself if allowed to stand long enough, by this means several savings are effected. 1st fuel which is very important. 2nd. Labour, 3rd Sugar 4th fair wear and tear of the vessels used also possibility of food burning.

On the 27th of the month 1,921 separate meals were served in the form previously stated and served to wards in 55 minutes, 45 minutes were taken to carve and serves the vegetables and sweets into dinner trays and 10 minutes were taken to issue the bulk to Ward Orderlies. This time was checked by the Quartermaster.

Every 6th day bread puddings are made from waste bread collected from Supply Store and various mess rooms.

The amount of dripping despatched to fat depot for the month amounted to 1,825 lbs for which regimental funds (patients) benefited to the extent of 822 frcs 25 ctms. All this dripping was of 1st class quality. No 2nd or 3rd class dripping is sent from the hospital it is re boiled and strained converting it into 1st class quality. Since the Hospital has been in France the Hospital has been credited with nothing but 1st class dripping. The amount of bones saved and despatched to bone depot for the month amounted to 800 lbs for which the amount of 39frcs 60 ctms has been paid into Patients regimental funds. This service is given special attention as it is realised the commercial value of these articles. The whole work for the month has been most satisfactorily carried out to all concerned.



Third Australian General Hospital  
Abbeville Apr 3rd ~~March~~ 1918 .

AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF FOOD PER 100 PATIENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1918.

Meat Lbs	Potatoes Lbs	Vegets Lbs	Bread Lbs	Butter Lbs	Jam Lbs	Cheese Lbs	Tea Lbs	Sugar Lbs	Milk Pts	Cereals Lbs	Eggs No.	Bacon Lbs	Calories derived per man
51 70	33	13 60	80 75	7 9	6 5	1 =	4 3.5	12 10	99 130	19 38	40 50	6 X	

Blue figures represent food actually used to feed 100 patients

Red figures shew suggested scale submitted by Food Controller as being sufficient

X Bacon is included in meat

Z Potatoes included



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Staff employed:-

- 1 Lance Sergeant.
- 1 Lance Corporal.
- 1 Private.

The following are the figures shewing the number of parcels packets and registered articles received:-

Month	Parcels	Packets	Reg Articles	Total
March	540	509	819	1868.

The numbers for this month are the lowest for the past 5 months. Letters the number received has slightly increased. All letters addressed to patients who have been evacuated prior to their arrival are redirected to the Hospital to which they are discharged to if in France, if evacuated to England they are sent to the Base Post Office for redirection.

*C. A. Oxley*

Captain and Quartermaster  
Third Australian General Hospital.

*J. S. Purdy*

Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,

A fine record which demonstrates the fact that in Captain Oxley and his Staff, the Third Australian General Hospital was fortunate in having a Department quite capable of dealing with a rush of patients bringing the number up to 2000.

Great credit is due to Captain Oxley, Lieut. Bailey, Q.M.S. Kirkness Sergeant Meagher and the exceptionally fine work of Sergeant Cook Porter and his staff.

3/4/18.

(sd) J.S. Purdy, Colonel.  
C.O., Third Australian General Hospital



Third Australian General Hospital  
14th June 1918.

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STATEMENT SHEWING CLOTHING ISSUED TO PATIENTS  
EVACUATED FROM HOSPITAL DURING PERIOD  
1st to 31st March 1918.

ARTICLE	No.	ARTICLE	No.
Boots pairs	386	Titles Australia	6
Caps S.D.	494	Belts Waist	3
Jackets S.D.	501	Overalls Suits of	1
Trousers S.D.	781	Dressings Field	3
Greatcoats D.S.	1328	Bags Kit	2
Shirts	3545	Frocks Canvas	1
Socks	2189	Trousers Khaki Drill	1
Drawers	2097	Straps Chin Leather	16.
Pantaloon	8	Crosses Geneva	3
Puttees	574	Brass letters "A"	150
Cardigan Jacket <sup>s</sup>	1490	Buttons and Split Rings	15
Brushes Tooth	662	Gloves Pairs	12
Brushes Shaving	639	Patches Colour prs	428.
Capcomforters	2364	Belts Abdominal	7
Combs, hair.	709	Soles Inner Pairs	9
Razor	301	Sheets Ground	9
Towels	1022	Pack and Straps	1
Braces	582.	Mattresses Cork	5.
Discs. Red	26		
Discs Identity, Green.	31.		
Laces Leather pairs	304		
Chevrons, 1 bar	6		
Chevrons 2 bar	1		
Hosetops, pairs	10		
Hats Newzealand pattern	1		
Vests Woollen	2079.		
Hats Australian Pattern	15		
Shoes Canvas pairs	40		

*E. D. Lacy*

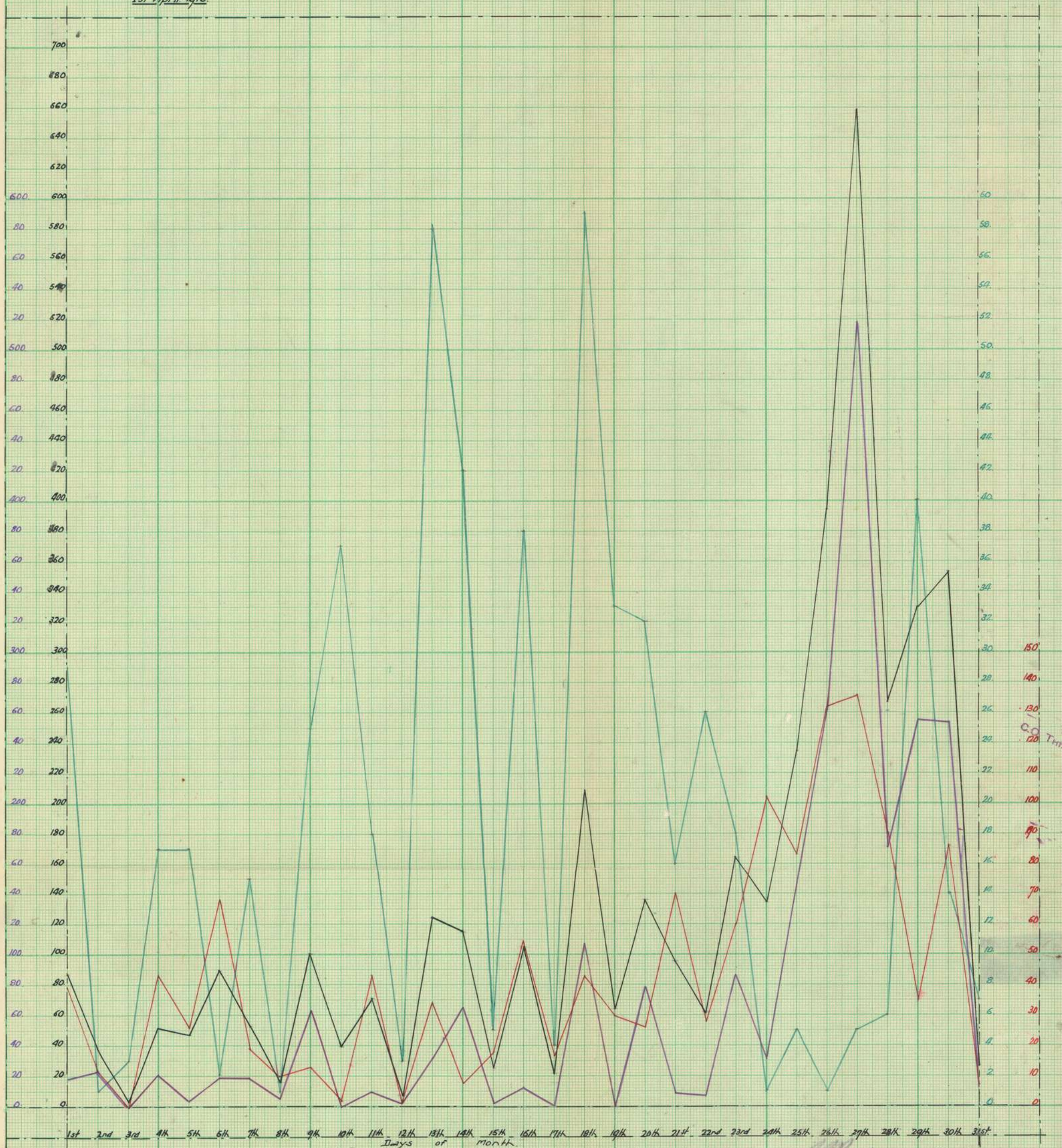
Captain and Quartermaster  
Third Australian General Hospital.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN  
GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
FRANCE.  
1st April 1918.

— CLOTHING STORE. —  
— GRAPHS SHOWING NUMBER OF CLASSIFIED ISSUES —  
DURING MONTH OF MARCH 1918.

Total Daily Issues. Black. thus. —  
Issues for Con Camp. Base etc. Red. thus. —  
Issues for Base to England etc. Purple. thus. —  
Sundry daily Issues. Green. thus. —



Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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From - The Officer in Charge  
X Ray Section,

To - The Officer Commanding  
No.3.A.G.H.

MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH

I beg to report that during the month of March  
1918, the numbers of cases treated in this Department  
are as follows:-

Cases photographed including many stereoscopic.....	216
Cases Screened.....	349

(Signed) W.R.Beeston  
Capt. A.A.M.C.

A good performance by a capable radiographer with an  
efficient Sergeant and Staff.

(sgd) J.S.Purdy, Colonel,  
C.O.No.3.Aust.Gen.Hospital.



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From - The Dental Officer  
3rd A G H

To - The Commanding Officer  
3rd A G H

Herewith report of Dental Services for the  
month ending 31/3/18.

Patients treated.....	492
Fillings.....	185
Gingivitis Cases.....	25
Extractions.....	365
Minor Operations.....	120
Crowns.....	5
Dentures and Repairs.....	112
General Anaesthetic Cases.....	5
Scaling Cases.....	20

(signed) G.T. Donovan, Capt.

Dental Officer, 3rd A.G.H.

The work of Captain Donoval and his Staff  
is efficient and thorough.

(sgd) J.S. Purdy, Colonel,  
C.O. No. 3. Aust. Gen. Hospital.



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DISPENSARY AND MEDICAL STORES

To: O.C. 3rd.A.G.H.

From: Oi/c. Dispensary and Medical Stores

The month of March proved by far the busiest time since the opening of these two departments in France. During the early part of the month, the number of Medical and Gas cases admitted into hospital, kept the Dispensary staff always working at top pressure. The Medical Stores were also called upon to supply Yeo's Respirators, these being unobtainable at the Base Depot Medical Stores, the work of making same was undertaken by my staff. and within a short time sufficient were made to meet the demand, proving very effective.

With the opening of the offensive, the work in both departments increased and far exceeded the earlier stages, so that it was found necessary to have two of my staff on night duty, besides the full staff on day duty.

In surgical dressings two bales of wool, two bales of gauze and two bales of bandages were issued daily, besides numerous other dressings and equipment.

The equipment of extra wards was a great tax on our resources, but the co-operation of the staff helped to meet all requirements with the result that everyone were well catered for, and complaints were nil.

*J.R. Hill*  
Lieut.  
Oi/c. Dispensary & Medical Stores

2-4-18 The arrangement & organisation  
of the Medical Stores & the distribution thereof  
reflect much credit on Lt Hill & his staff.  
*J.R. Hill* Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

5 MAR 1918

5 APR 1918



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From - The C.O.  
3rd A G H

To - Major Robinson,  
President of Board on Movement of the Hospital.

Please make a report from your previous estimate stating the arrangements necessary to move as much as practicable in  
a - 48 hours

b - 6 days

Attached is memo specifying the routine order in which the mobilisation stores, equipment etc, is removed.

I asked for 10 three ton motor lorries.

(sgd) J.S.Purdy, Colonel  
C.O. 3rd Aust.Gen.Hosp.

From - President of Board on Movement of the Hospital,

To - The C.O.  
3rd A.G.H.

TIME AND LABOUR REQUIRED TO MOVE 3RD A.G.H.

(a) - In 48 hours -

This must be necessarily so incomplete that we recommend packing of all equipment and Stores in all wards and Departments NOT IN USE and of all equipment and Stores over and above what are needed for "carrying on" in Wards and Departments "IN USE" be started at once.

If this is done and everything is packed ready for loading, and if sufficient transport is immediately available, the move on to the train can be effected in 48 hours.

(b) - In Six Days -

We have shown in our previous report exactly what can be done in specified times with specified labour viz:- 200 men 7 days -

With labour increased to 250, the same amount of work can be done in six days, provided WHITE labour is supplied:-

(signed) G.S.Robinson, M.C. Major  
J.Bailey Lieut. & Qm  
A Goode, Captain.

ADMS

A.A. Areas.

I concur in the above

have made arrangements in accordance therewith.

*J. Purdy*

Colonel,

5 APR 1918

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From - The O.C.  
3rd A.G.H.

A Board, with Major Robinson as President, Captain Goode and Lieut Bailey as Members will report on the following:-

- (a) - The time and labour required to remove the Tents, mobilisation Stores, and all moveable equipment of the Third Australian General Hospital.
- (b) - The time and labour required to remove the mobilisation Stores and equipment of special departments.
- (c) - The time required to remove special equipment of Operating Theatre, Medical Stores, X Ray Department, Dental and Pathological Departments together with Messing Utensils etc.

The President to arrange time and place for the Board to meet to-day.

April 2nd, 1918.

(sgd) J.S.Purdy, Colonel,  
O.C. No.3.A.G.H.

REPORT ON TIME AND LABOUR REQUIRED TO MOVE THE 3RD A.G.H.

- (1) - Mobilisation and Barrack Stores - 200 men 86 hours
- (2) - Striking & Packing Tents - 200 men 24 hours.
- (3) - Special Departments -
  - (a) - Dental - 6 men 24 hours
  - (b) - X Ray - 8 " 48 "
  - (c) - Path Lab. 6 " 36 "

In the event of a complete evacuation being ordered we recommend :-

- (1) - That five huts be utilised as packing centres, 1 for Blankets and Sheets, 1 for Biscuits and Pillows, 1 for Hardware, and one for Medical Stores etc.
- (2) - That all available men be divided up and apportioned to packing centres, ward blocks, special departments, Barrack stores, Messes and Quarters. Simultaneously all stores and equipment will then be removed to their respective packing centres.
- (3) - That arrangements be made for the quick access to, or acquisition of enough packing cases, hessian or hand trucks.

In this report we have taken the word "move" to mean "packed ready for loading". There are approximately 900 tons of mobilisation and barrack and special department stores and equipment in the Unit. This would take 200 men 48 hours to load here and unload and reload on the train.

Hence dismantling, packing and loading on the train will take 200 men 7 days and nights at least.

(signed) G.S.Robinson M.C. Major  
A.Goode, Captain  
J.Bailey, Lt & Q'Master.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

From - O i/c Medical Stores,  
3rd A G H

To - The Commanding Officer  
3rd A G H

The time required to pack for the Dispensary  
and Medical Stores would be at least 48 hours with the  
assistance of 10 extra men.

(signed) J.R.Hill, Lieut.  
O i/c Medical Stores,  
3rd A.G.H.

2/4/18.



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REPORT from Major W.W.W.Chaplin, A.A.M.C., on Ambulance Train Work.

No.23 Ambulance Train left ABBEVILLE at 2.45 p.m. Saturday, March 23rd. At 8 a.m. next day it reached EDGHILL (Dernancourt) where a T.A.T. and another A.T. were loading. We started loading No.23 at midday and at 2.30 left with a full load of 340 lying & 180 sitting cases, leaving No.48 C.C.S. free to move back. No.48 C.C.S. had the day before sent their Nursing Sisters' back and this Unit had only arrived at Edghill 2 days before. They were thus shorthanded and unsettled so that many cases necessarily arrived in the trains that would under normal conditions remain at a C.C.S. for treatment before sending back. Six cases died on our slow journey back, 2 head cases, 2 chest wounds, 1 abdominal & 1 thigh amputation. We took 25 hours to get to AMIENS, a distance of 15 miles, owing to a block in the traffic, the result of enemy bombs on the railway track. At midnight on Monday we passed with our load Abbeville arriving at Le TREPORT at 4 a.m. on Tuesday 26th March. We thus took 38 hours to do about 60 miles. Many redressings and resplintings were done & hamorrhages controlled by plugging etc. In a few hours after unloading we left and arrived Abbeville again at 10 a.m. leaving at 2.45 for PUCHVILLERS where on arrival at 7 p.m. within 2 hours we loaded (240 lying & 17 sitting) and off again to arrive at DOULLENS at 2.15 a.m. where we picked up 170 walking cases. Here we put off 6 cases for urgent treatment. These were serious haemorrhage & chest cases that were doing badly on our slow & tedious journey in spite of treatment. We were kept here for five hours from traffic troubles leaving at 7.30 a.m. Wednesday & passing MONTREUILL before midday. Arrived at Etaples at 12.15. We unloaded in an hour and reloaded with 400 hospital cases by 3 a.m. when we left for CALAIS. The women motor drivers worked splendidly in connection with the transport of wounded. Arrived at Calais 8 a.m. on Thursday, unloaded and left at 9 p.m. for FREVENT arriving at 6 a.m. Friday. Left here 1 p.m. for GEZAINCOURT arriving at 8 p.m. our train being still empty. Waited here till 6.30 a.m. Saturday when we left with half a load 200 cases nearly all light. Arrived at Etaples at 11 a.m. & unloaded. Left at 9.30 p.m. for LUPUGNOY near Bethune. Arrived 6 a.m. & picked up a few sick cases leaving at 9 a.m. for Melville, where we picked up sick and wounded (some Portuguese) increasing our load, also at St. Venant & Aire, bringing our number up to 350 (including 150 Sitting cases) We left 2.30 p.m. and reached Calais at 5 p.m. where we unloaded.

The Head Sister, 2 Staff Nurses & 38 Other Ranks worked splendidly through our busy week.

2/4/1918.

(Sgd) W.W.Chaplin, Major,  
A.A.M.C.

*A message from the ADMS A & A Area  
was received at 11.30 am on 23/3/18 G  
detail a M.O. for special duty.  
Major Chaplin had just landed over the  
care of the Chinese Camp at Fresnoville &  
Capt Bruce had not been detailed for  
any duty in Hospital. Consequently he  
was sent on this duty - an interesting  
experience. Major Chaplin I understand  
did good work on the Amb. Train.*

5 APR 1918

*J. Murdy* Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.



PROCEEDINGS of a\* board

\*N.B. — The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

assembled at Third Australian General Hospital A 27.

on the \_\_\_\_\_

by order of Col Purdy DSO. CO 3rd A 5 H.

for the purpose of inquiring into the cause and making any suggestion to prevent recurrence of the outbreak of sickness among the personnel of the hospital necessitating the admission of 12 between 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

PRESIDENT.

Majors R D H B (awton)

MEMBERS.

Majors E W Ferguson.  
Capt Daniel

IN ATTENDANCE.

Majors (awton)  
Majors Ferguson.

The board having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to investigate the illness with which members of the personnel were admitted to hospital on Feb 28. 1918. It was found that the patients had certain symptoms in common viz— sudden onset with general pains shivers headache and pyrexia the temperature reaching as high as 103°. Most of the patients had cough and signs of catarrh of the upper air passages, but in many instances there was evidence that the cough had been present for some time before admission to hospital.



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Vomiting occurred in two cases.

It was not severe and was not present for more than twenty four hours.

In all except two the temperature was normal within four days.

In the two exceptions there was a slight daily rise of temperature for seven days but the constitutional disturbance was very slight.

Bacteriological examinations were made but the results were inconclusive.

The sputum was examined in five cases and cultures produced mixed growths of *Streptococci*, *Pneumococci* and *Micrococcus catenulatus*.

The latter organism was not unduly predominant.

The *B. Influenzae* was not isolated.

The outbreak continues.

Such conditions are due to a variety of causes including probably filterable viruses and no definite cause can be assigned.

These cases both from clinical and bacteriological evidence are probably not influenza.

No suggestions can be made to prevent a recurrence.

ADMS  
A & A Area.

I concur in the above finding.

J. Purdy

19.3.18.

Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,

Major  
President.

Constance R. Ferguson

Major A. R. M. C.



Y.M.C.A. On Active Service with the  
BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.  
Third Aust. General Hospital.  
2nd April, 1918.

Y.M.C.A. Work in a Hospital Hut, such as this, is altogether different from the usual routine that prevails in Y.M.C.A. Huts nearer or adjacent to the fighting line.

In a Hospital Hut, where the men, more particularly in their convalescent stage, have so much time at their disposal, the main object is to occupy agreeably, cheerfully and at the same time profitably the leisure hours of the Soldier.

With this object in view we invariably have some form of entertainment each afternoon & evening, Sunday of course excepted.

The Entertainments include Concerts, Orchestra, Dramatic Parties, Cinema, Lectures usually with Lantern slides, Billiard tournaments, Whist Drives & Games of all descriptions.

In addition to the entertainments held in the Hut, Orchestral and Concert Parties are frequently sent round the Wards.

A Piano & Billiard Table are always at the disposal of the men, besides a small portable piano to lend out to the different Wards when they want it.

We have an excellent library, free of charge, besides numerous papers and magazines.

Writing paper and envelopes are also given out free of charge. By the patients who are able to get about, the Hut is used most extensively from the hour of opening 10 a.m. up to closing time 8.30 pm.

The requirements of the bed-patients, who are unable to leave the Wards, are also attended to.

At a very moderate charge the men are supplied with Tea or Cocoa, Biscuits, Cakes, Chocolate, Sweets, Cigarettes, tobacco, pipes, matches and many other things too numerous to mention.

Divine Services are held on Sundays & Wednesdays & are invariably well attended.

The benefits derived by the men can hardly be over-estimated, and I have no hesitation in saying that the efforts to entertain them & add to their comfort are very highly appreciated.

(Sgd) J. Robson-Scott.  
Y.M.C.A.

*This institution instructs, elevates & entertains  
patients & personnel & is well worthy of commendation.*

*J. Parry* Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL



List of Amusements  
for the month  
of Feb & March

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HUT. 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian General Hospital.

# PROGRAMME

Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1918

5316 — Abbeville, Imp. V<sup>e</sup> Lafosse.

S	9-30 A.M. Divine Service - Denominations other than C of E. 10-45 A.M. Divine Service - Church of England 5-45 P.M. United Evening Service.
M	3 P.M. Lecture - Administration of the British Empire by Mr. Worsfold. 6 P.M. Service.
T	3 P.M. Orchestra. 6 P.M. Grand Concert. "O. K. Party"
W	2-30 P.M. Lena Ashwell Concert Party. 6 P.M. Divine Service 6-45 P.M. Bible Class. 7-30 P.M. Serpents Billiard Tournament.
T	3 P.M. Orchestra. 6 P.M. Y. M. C. A. Dramatic Party.
F	2-30 P.M. Billiard Tournament (Open to all) 6 P.M. Staff Concert.
S	2-30 P.M. Billiard Tournament Continued. 6 P.M. Cinema.

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## PROGRAMME

Week Commencing *24<sup>th</sup> Feb:* 1918

5316 — Abbeville, Imp. Vve Lafosse.

S	<i>9-30. A. M. Divine Service - Denominations other than C. of E.  10-45. A. M. Divine Service - Church of England  5-45 P. M. United Evening Service</i>
M	<i>3. P. M. Lecture - South Africa and the War  by Mr. W. B. Worsfold  6-30. P. M. Wilkie Concert Party</i>
T	<i>3. P. M. Orchestra  2-30 P. M. Y. M. C. A. Concert Party in Wards.  6. P. M. Dance</i>
W	<i>3. P. M. Lena Ashwell Concert Party  6. P. M. Divine Service  6-45 P. M. Bible Class  7-45. P. M. Sergeant's Ballads</i>
T	<i>3. P. M. Orchestra  6. P. M. Lomten Lecture - Norway. Rev. H. C. Foreman</i>
F	<i>2-30. P. M. Games in the Hut.  6. P. M. Rough Riders Concert Party</i>
S	<i>2-30. P. M. Whist Drive  6. P. M. Cinema</i>

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3<sup>rd</sup> Australian General Hospital.

## PROGRAMME

Week Commencing

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

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5316 — Abbeville, Imp. V<sup>re</sup> Lafosse.

S

9-30. A.M. Divine Service - Devotions other than Conf. E.  
 10-45. A.M. Divine Service - Church of England.  
 5-45 P.M. United Evening Service.

M

3. P.M. Y. M. C. A. Concert Party.  
 6. P.M. Dance.

T

3. P.M. Orchestra  
 6. P.M. Lantern Lecture - Central Africa  
 by Rev. H. S. Wyatt. C.F.

W

2 P.M. Billiard Tournament.  
 6. P.M. Divine Service  
 6-45 P.M. Bible Class.  
 7-45 P.M. Sergeant's Billiard Tournament.

T

3. P.M. Orchestra.  
 6. P.M. Concert by the Hospital Staff.

F

2.30. P.M. Whist Drive.  
 6. P.M. Lantern Lecture - "Rome" by Mr. Anderson.

S

2 P.M. Football Match - Patients V. Staff  
 6. P.M. Cinema.

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Australian General Hospital*

## PROGRAMME

Week Commencing

*10<sup>th</sup> Feb.*

1918.

5316 — Abbeville, Imp. Vve Lafosse.

S

9-30 A.M. Divine Service - Denominations other than C of E.  
 10-45 A.M. Divine Service - Church of England  
 5-45 P.M. United Evening Service

M

3 P.M. Lecture - "Wilson" by St. Norman M. Leau  
 6 P.M. Wilkie Concert Party

T

3 P.M. French Concert Party  
 6-30 P.M. Dance.

W

2-30 P.M. Whist Drive  
 6 P.M. Divine Service  
 6-45 P.M. Bible Class  
 7-45 P.M. Croquet & Billiards

T

3 P.M. Orchestra  
 6 M.P. Staff Concert Party

F

3 P.M. Lecture on Australia - Lt. Col. Taylor Young  
 6 P.M. Grand Concert Rough Riders

S

2-30 P.M. Games in the Hut.  
 6 P.M. Cinema

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## PROGRAMME

Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1918

5316 — Abbeville, Imp. Vve Lafosse.

S	<p>9-30. a. m. Divine Service - Announcements other than C. of E.  10-45. a. m. Divine Service - Church of England  5-45 P. M. United Evening Service.</p>
M	<p>3. P. M. Lecture - Why Germany Cannot Starve us out  by M<sup>r</sup>. E. F. Wile.  6. P. M. Service.</p>
T	<p>3. P. M. Lina Ashwell Concert Party.  6. P. M. Lenten Lecture - Dan Sabberton's Plea  by M<sup>r</sup>. M. Eden.</p>
W	<p>2. P. M. Whist Drive  6. P. M. Divine Service  6-45. P. M. Bible Class.  4-45 Sergeants Billiards</p>
T	<p>3. P. M. Orchestra  6. P. M. Billiard Tournament.</p>
F	<p>2-30 P. M. Games in the Hut.  6. P. M. Staff Concert.</p>
S	<p>3. P. M. Y. M. C. A. Concert Party.  6. P. M. Cinema.</p>

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## Y. M. C. A.

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## PROGRAMME

Week Commencing

*10th March 1918*

5316 — Abbeville, Imp. Vv Lafosse.

S	<p>9-30 A.M. Divine Service - Announcements after Mass C. of E.  10-45 A.M. Divine Service - Church of England.  5-45 P.M. United Evening Service.</p>
M	<p>3 P.M. Lantern Lecture on Belgium by Mon. Arisch  6 P.M. Billiard Match - Staff v. Patients.</p>
T	<p>3 P.M. Orchestra  6 P.M. Service.</p>
W	<p>3 P.M. Y. M. C. A. Concert Party.  5 P.M. Hat Closed for Medical Conference.  7-45 P.M. Serpents Billiards</p>
T	<p>3 P.M. Orchestra.  6 P.M. <del>Service</del> Divine Service.</p>
F	<p>3 P.M. Lantern Lecture by Professor John Cox M.A., L.D.S.  of the Ministry of Munitions - Great War of Science  6 P.M. Concert Party - "Rough Riders"</p>
S	<p>2-30 P.M. Whist Drive.  6 P.M. Cinema.</p>

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## PROGRAMME

Week Commencing *7<sup>th</sup> March* 1918.5316 — Abbeville, Imp. V<sup>e</sup> Lafosse.

S	<p>9-30. A.M. Divine Service - All Denominations other than C of E.</p> <p>10-45. A.M. Divine Service - Church of England.</p> <p>5-45 P.M. United Evening Service.</p>
M	<p>3 P.M. Lantern Lecture by Prof. J. Cox on "Lightning"</p> <p>6 P.M. Dance.</p>
T	<p>3 P.M. Orchestra.</p> <p>6 P.M. Billiard Match against "Emhurst Hut"</p>
W	<p>3 P.M. Lecture on Belgium under German Occupation by Mlle. D'Almeida</p> <p>6 P.M. Service</p> <p>6-45 P.M. Bible Class</p> <p>7-45 P.M. Serpents Billiard Tournament.</p>
T	<p>3 P.M. Orchestra</p> <p>6 P.M. Grand Concert - "The Sparks"</p>
F	<p>3 P.M. Y. M. C. A. Dramatic Party.</p> <p>6 P.M. Staff Concert.</p>
S	<p>2-30 P.M. Games in the Hut.</p> <p>6 P.M. Cinema.</p>

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## PROGRAMME

Week Commencing *24th March* 191*7*

5316 — Abbeville, Imp. Vve Lafosse.

S

9.30. A.M. Divine Service - Announcements after New CofE.  
 10.45. A.M. Divine Service - Church of England  
 5.45 P.M. United Evening Service

M

3. P.M. Lecture on 'The Rise of Modern Democracy'  
 6. P.M. Grand Concert. "Black Poms" Concert Party

T

3. P.M. Orchestra  
 6. P.M. Concert Party.

W

2.30 P.M. J. M. C. A. Concert Party  
 6.30. P.M. Divine Service

T

2.30. P.M. Orchestra  
 6. P.M. A. F. C. Male Voice Choir

F

3. P.M. Lecture on North Sea Fisheries  
 by Prof. Garston  
 6. P.M. Divine Service

S

2. P.M. Games in the Hut.  
 6. P.M. Cinema.

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

APPENDIX

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## STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1918

	Medical	Surgical
Remaining in Hospital, 28-3-1918.	526	424
Admitted.	1043 (533) Gas.	2042
Discharged.	1541	2380
Died.	4	21
Remaining in Hospital, 31-3-1918.	24	65

*M. J. M. J.* Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

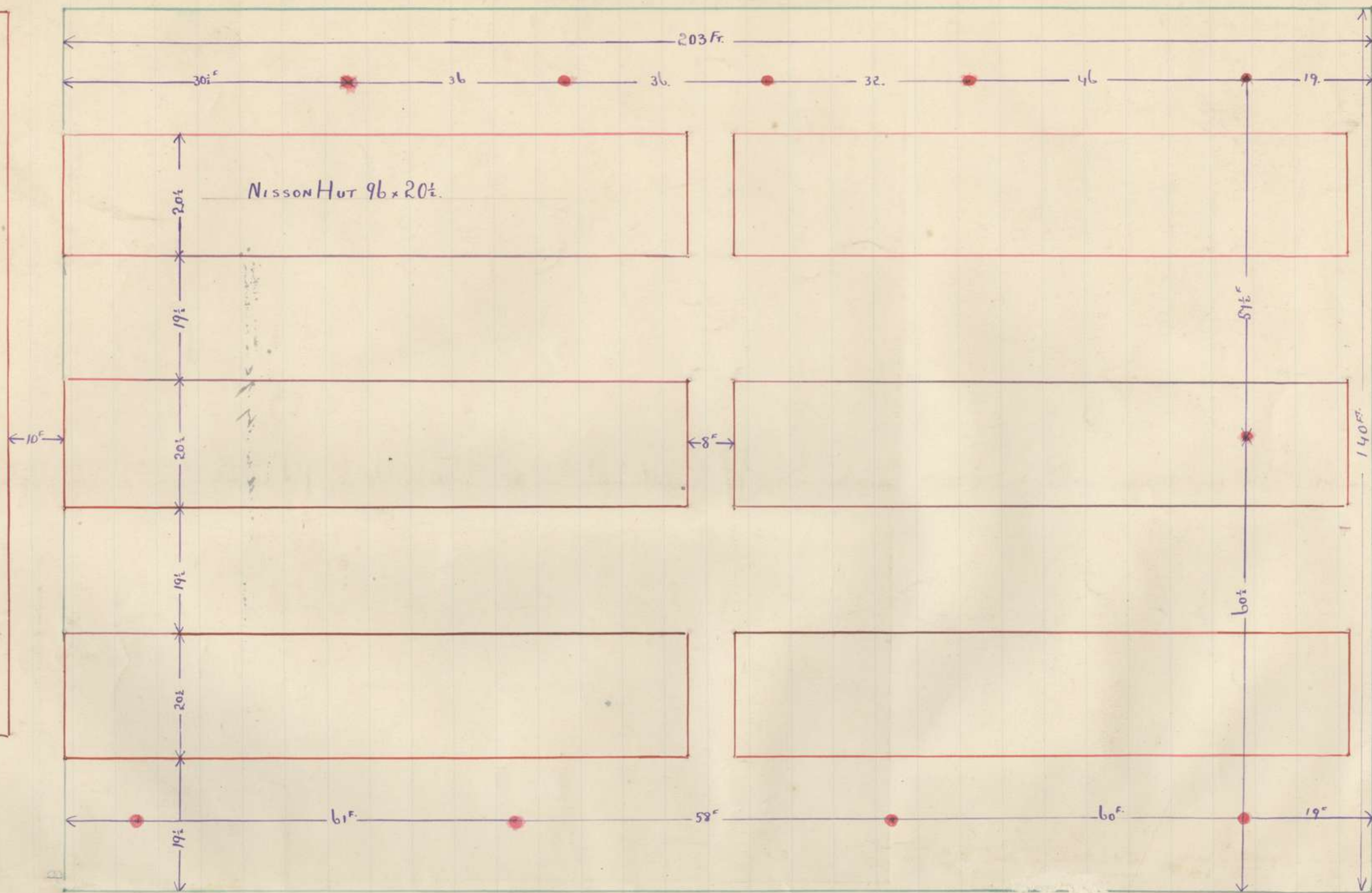








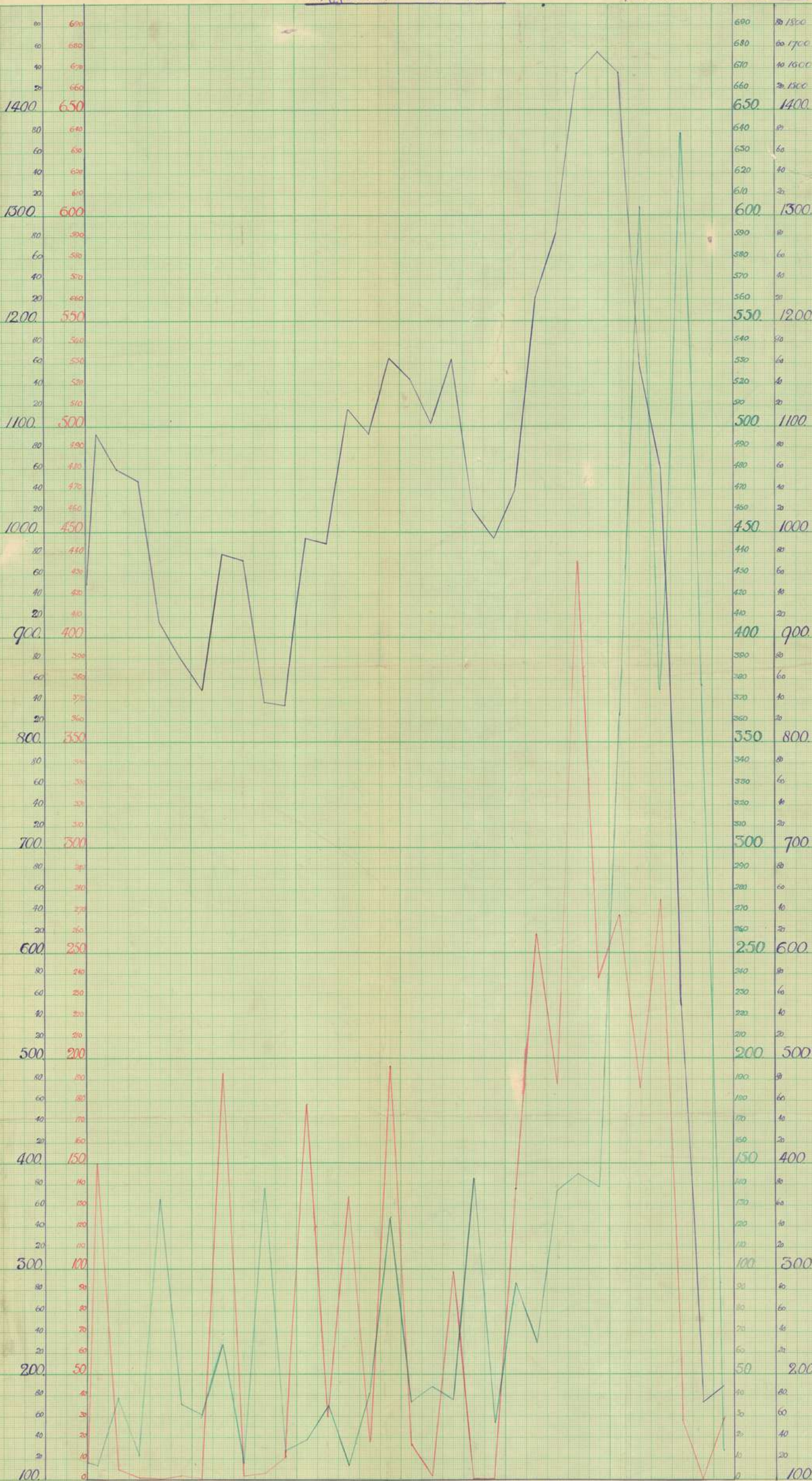
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MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 1918.

ADMISSIONS RED THUS  
DISCHARGES GREEN THUS  
REMAINING PURPLE THUS





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Appendix No 15

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

10th April 1918

The Matron,  
Third Australian General Hospital.  
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An account of the experiences of Sister Nicholls and the five Staff Nurses with the 38th.C.C.S. between the 22nd and 29th March 1918 would be of interest as a contribution to the records of the Australian Nursing Service and would be appreciated by Lt-Colonel Graham Butler D.S.O. who is collecting material for the War Records.  
Could you arrange for one of the Sisters to write an account.  
I should also like some account of the experiences of Sister James-Wallace and Staff Nurses Faulkner and Hardwick at the 61st C.C.S.

FC.

*J. Hardy*  
Colonel, A.A.M.C.  
C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.





THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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From - The Matron,  
3rd A G H

To - The C.O.  
3rd A G H

REPORT ON NURSING STAFF FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MARCH

The routine of the Nursing Staff was as usual until the end of the month, when the influx of patients necessitated the extension of the Hospital to 2,000 beds. 11 English reserve Sisters were sent by the Matron in Chief, B.E.F. for four days temporary duty during the heavy rush of work which lasted for one week. During this week the Y.M.C.A. was opened with 100 beds, and Head Sister Jeffries, A.R.R.C. in charge; she had two Sisters and one V.A.D. to assist; the work and organisation of this Department was excellent.

A great feature in this very strenuous week was the constant coming and going of refugee sisters from different C.C.Ss, English as well as Australian arriving to be accommodated without baggage. On the 22nd, Sister Nicholls and five Staff Nurses departed for the 38th C.C.S. and were sent back two days later, they had had to down tools and evacuate at short notice. They arrived travel-worn and very tired but cheerful after strenuous work, and full of regrets that they had had to obey orders and leave their patients - however, early next day they received orders to return to a new position and they departed feeling greatly refreshed after the enforced rest - two days later, they again returned after more strenuous work and thrilling adventures. They came minus luggage which they received two days later, it having been unmercifully looted, kit bags and trunks being mutilated to such an extent as to be rendered useless.

Three of our other Sisters i.e. Sister James-Wallace and S.Nurses Amy Faulkner and Hardwick, who were on the staff of the 61st C.C.S. had similar experiences, but they had the honor of being chosen to help form a team of six Sisters under an Imperial Matron to do resuscitation work in a Railway siding, with bombs and shells continually bursting around them; we have heard wonderful accounts of their bravery and fortitude from various sources.

The Home - During this week the home was taxed to its utmost, every available space with the exception of the Sisters Mess and Annexe being taken for sleeping accommodation - the constant coming and going of Sisters from C.C.Ss, English as well as Australian, without their baggage, and requiring beds and clothing etc, and the increased number of meals made the home Sister's work very heavy indeed, but S.Nurse Soden coped with every difficulty with complete sang-froid and even slept on the floor, ~~and~~ many of the other members of the Unit did, so that the English Sisters might have beds.

Operating Theatres - were kept going day and night, 8 Sisters being detailed for duty; they relieved one another for day and night work - the management of this Department was rendered simple owing to the Unit possessing so many competent surgical Sisters - on the 30th instant Sister Kathleen Smith and Sister Nora Fitzgibbon departed for duty with the two surgical teams they had been working with.

Social Life - Naturally this side of our existence has been held in abeyance during the rush. At the beginning of the month the Mess had the honor of a visit from Miss McCarthy RRC Matron in Chief, B.E.F. who accepted an invitation to dinner and spent the evening chatting with the Sisters. All were very pleased to welcome Miss Conyers, RRC Matron in Chief A.I.F.



REPORT ON NURSING STAFF FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MARCH

(continued)

who came to visit the various Units in France on her return from Australia. She honored the Mess with her presence several times and attended a whist drive the evening before her departure from the Area. The Mess Room has been very much beautified by the addition of a hand-painted freize, the artists being two members of the Unit who are now acting as Orderlies in the Mess.

HEALTH - Towards the end of the month was very good, but at the beginning quite a number were off color with Influenza and other complaints - 8 were sent to Hospital 4 of whom had to be evacuated to England.

LEAVE - All the staff have had their 14 days leave with the exception of three who had proceeded as far as Boulogne when leave was cancelled.

V.A.D. - Miss Birdwood received permission from A.I.F. Headquarters to work in the Wards as a V.A.D. she has been of great assistance and has the honor of being the first V.A.D. permitted to work in an Australian Hospital.

7th April, 1918.

Phyllis Walker

Matron.

10 APR 1918

W. Hardy Colonel,  
C.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,