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# WAR DIARY

OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FOR

J U L Y, 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

*[Signature]*  
Colonel,  
O.C., No. 5 General Hospital, A.I.F.

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Colonel,  
O.C., No. 5 General Hospital, A.I.F.



# WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abbeville	1918.			
	July, 1st.	10 pm.	Acting on instructions from A.D.M.S. Abbeville & Amiens Areas Captain HARRISON is being recalled from MAUTORT to proceed to THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  Owing to sudden inrush of patients (Chiefly Influenza) G.Block is being opened up, although the engineers have not completed it yet. Convoy of 132 cases arrived today. Board of Survey appointed to report on Medical Stores. A fire drill was held and fire orders read. Captain G.T.DONOVAN, Dental Officer, proceeded to A.I.F. Headquarters.	
"	2nd.	10 pm.	To prevent the spread of INFLUENZA in the unit it has been decided that 2/3 of personnel shall sleep out in the open. No.2 STATIONARY HOSPITAL receives local sick during the week ending 6th. July.	
"	3rd.	10 pm.	Road Convoy arrived today 128 cases.	
"	4th.	10 pm.	A.D.M.S. ABBEVILLE AREA visited and inspected the Hospital. Ninety (90) patients evacuated to other bases.	
"	5th.	10 pm.	Major R.J.WHITEMAN detailed to replace Captain MAHER, Anaesthetist to No.2 Surgical Team and evacuated sick.	
"	6th.	10 pm.	Fire Drill 3 p.m. Attention of Medical Officers drawn to the necessity of economy on the use of certain drugs especially Phenagone and Sodi Sal. This was pointed out by the board of survey. Redistribution of fire appliances being carried out. The N.C.O. i/c Picquet is made responsible for upkeep of fire appliances and will report to C.O. weekly as to deficiencies. Convoy today bringing 161 cases. 1101 cases in hospital.	
"	7th.	10 pm.	Convoy of 81 cases.	
"	8th.	10 pm.	Major C.J.TOZER, DSO. and Major E.W.FERGUSON left this afternoon for England to report to D.M.S., A.I.F.	
"	9th.	10 pm.	Captain ELLIS detailed for duty with First Australian Division. Chaplain Rev.H.C.FOREMAN reported back from leave to United Kingdom. Fire occurred in Ward B.5 at 12.20 a.m. Board of enquiry assembled. Also a board to revise Fire Orders, to inspect and report on the efficiency of all fire apparatus and to report on any scheme that will make the present scheme more efficient.	
"	11th.	10 pm.	Major H.R.MACLEAN proceeded to London to report to D.M.S., A.I.F.	
"	12th.	10 pm.	Colonel THORBURN, Consulting Surgeon visited in consultation. Attention of all ranks drawn to the need of economy in clothing, especially boots.	



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Abbeville	1918.			
July,	12th.	10 pm.	Evacuation of 61 patients by 38th. Ambulance Train. 838 patients in Hospital.	
"	13th.	10 pm.	A.D.M.S., ABBEVILLE AREA inspected. Pay day for personnel. Captain W.J. CONNOLLY promoted to Major.	
"	14th.	10 pm.	During an enemy Air Raid (12 to 1.30 a.m.) a bomb was dropped about 50 yards from A. Block causing slight damage to glass.	
"	15th.	10 pm.	This Hospital takes in local sick during week ending 20.7.1918. Captains D. CHRISTIE, H.R. HYETT, T.O. CHENOWETH and A.R. HUDSON reported for duty from 51st. Division.	
"	16th.	10 pm.	15456 Pte. BOLTON, L.T. and 4447 Pte. OLIFFE, A.E. commended for bringing fire under control on 28.6.18 and 29.6.18 respectively. Captain CAIRNS, H.W.B. reported for duty from 47th. Division. Captain BIRCH, J.B., MC. proceeded on 14 days leave to United Kingdom. In future tent ropes are not to be whitewashed as they perish more easily.	
"	17th.	10 pm.	Fire drill 3 pm. Rents Officer called 2 p.m. to estimate the amount of damage done to surrounding crops by patients and personnel. The total damage was estimated at 50 francs. The most damage was in the neighbourhood of the Cricket Ground? It was pointed out that this ground was too small being only 60 yards by 90 yards, and that damage to crops was inevitable. More ground is being acquired. Orders were again promulgated prohibiting all ranks from walking through crops and nine more notice boards are to be posted. Major J.W. FARRAR proceeded to U.K. on 14 days leave.	
"	18th.	10 pm.	Captain C.H. LEEDMAN, MC. reported for duty.	
"	19th.	10 pm.	Captain B.M. HOLT of the American Red Cross visited. General ROSENTHAL, G.O.C., 2nd Australian Division, wounded this morning, was admitted to this Hospital, after permission was obtained from D.D.M.S. as we do not possess an Officers Ward. He was operated on by Major MATTHEWS at 7 p.m. Major J.P. KENNY proceeded to London to report to D.M.S., A.I.F.	
"	21st.	10 pm.	President of Abbeville Fire Board visited re necessities put forth in Our Board held on 9.7.1918. He was strongly in favour of the suggested scheme.	
"	22nd.	10 pm.	No.2 Stationary Hospital receives local sick during week ending Saturday 27.7.18. Attention of all ranks drawn to the necessity of economy in Electric Light.	

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Abbeville 1918.	July, 23rd?	10 pm.	Captain C.F.ROBINSON, MC. proceeded on 14 days leave to the U.K. Evacuation by No.12 Ambulance Train of 51 patients .	
"	24th.	10 pm.	Lt-Colonel E.W.GUTTERIDGE reported for duty from 2nd.Australian Field Ambulance. Captain T.O.CHENOWETH proceeded to 1st.Australian Division for duty.	
"	27th.	10 pm.	Colonel A.G.BUTLER, DSO. assumes command of Third Australian General Hospital.	
"	28th		50 Coolies of the Chinese Labour Corps were employed in completing the protection of the premises against Air Raids and in providing trench protection. The scheme and details of the Work will be shewn as an appendix to the diary for next month. The work is under the control of the 2nd in Command, together with the Quartermaster, whose duty it is to supervise and arrange for labour. The Commanding Officer is held responsible in this Area for the deciding of the scheme and protection which is to be adopted.	
"	29th		Nothing to report.	
"	30th		D.M.S., A.I.F., and Mr. Manifold (who is inspecting Medical Units for the Australian Government) visited the Hospital. The latter made a fairly complete inspection and expressed general approval. They stayed <del>at</del> the night at the Unit.	
"	31st		The cases admitted to the Hospital comprise troops from the British, including Australians, Canadians, & South Africans, also French and American forces. The proportion of Australians is small. No selection whatever is made whereby Australians are specially sent to Australian Hospitals. There are two General Hospitals in Abbeville, No.1 South African General Hospital and No.2 British (Stationary) Hospital. The latter takes in Gas cases, all Officers. (This Hospital takes no Officers). The South African Hospital takes in N.Y.D. and Femur Cases. The Third A.G.H. takes in general surgery and general medical cases. Each of the three Hospitals take in, under normal circumstances, the local sick of the Area for a week at a time; under exceptional circumstances Convoys may be directed indiscriminately to each Hospital, though the differentiated and special cases mentioned above are adhered to faithfully strictly. It is proposed in future diaries to give each month an account of some aspect of the working of the General Hospital and on its functions in the scheme of evacuation and on medical treatment of the sick and wounded. This Hospital practically acts as a line of communication Unit since the Front line	

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Abbeville,	1918.		<p>is only some 30 miles away and cases not infrequently arrive during offensives direct from the front.</p> <p>The August and subsequent diaries will contain as an appendix a statement shewing the sick and wounded both admitted and discharged by nationalities.</p> <p>The coordination of work of the General Hospitals in Abbeville is under the control of the A.D.M.S., Abbeville Area. The D.M.S., L. of C., with his D.D.M.S., are stationed in Abbeville.</p> <p>At present instructions hold that as few serious lying cases as possible are held in Hospitals here. They go direct to Hospitals at Base Ports. This is due to strategic conditions. Most cases are brought here in Ambulance Convoys since the Hospital trains run no further forward than Pont Remy. The conditions which necessitate patients being brought such very great distances from the Front line in Motor Ambulances are difficult to understand. Apparently they are a heritage of the amazing conditions which existed at the time of the German offensive in March.</p>	

*Curzon*  
Colonel  
C.O. No. 3 General Hospital, 1st F.

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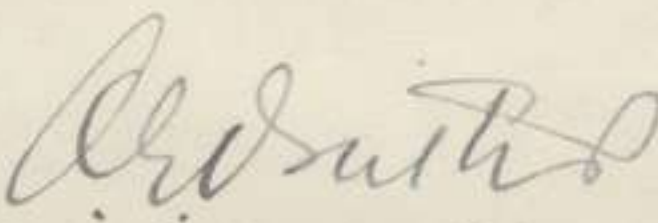
THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FOR

J U L Y 191 8.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Report of Matron.
2.	" " Officer i/c Surgical Division.
3.	" " Officer i/c Medical Division.
4.	" " Pathologist.
5.	" " X RAY Department.
6.	" " Dental Department.
7.	" " Quartermaster.
8.	Statistics for month.
9.	List of Evacuations and Convoys.
10.	Protection against Bombing.
11.	Weekly Progress Report (July).
12.	Board Proceedings re Fire Precautions and Orders.
13.	Comments of the Officer Commanding on the events of the month.

  
O.C., Third Australian General Hospital.

Colonel.



REPORT OF NURSING STAFF, JULY, 1918.

ESTABLISHMENT. 91.

1 Matron, 4 Hd. Sisters, 28 Sisters, 58 S/Nurses.

PRESENT STRENGTH. 70.

1 P/Matron, 1 Hd. Sister, 20 Sisters, 48 S/Nurses, 1 V.A.D.

The three Imperial Sisters who were attached here for a course of Anaesthetics proceeded to No.3 Australian C.C.S. on 30th.inst., to complete their course of instruction in that unit.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) PERSONNEL.

The Nursing Staff has been increased during the month by 12.

A request for more Nurses was sent in on 1st.July. On 5th.inst. 9 reported for duty, the other three reporting before 20th.inst.

The rush of work caused by Influenza which began last month was practically over by the 12th.inst. Since then the work has been light.

Four Sisters have reported from C.C.S's., having completed their term of duty. One has been sent to a C.C.S. One Sister proceeded to No.38 Stationary Hospital for duty.

Ten Sisters have been granted 14 days' ordinary leave.

(b) DISCIPLINE.- Good.

WORK AND ROUTINE.

Work has been mostly medical during the month.

We have had one Officer patient (surgical). He was accommodated in a corner of the Acute Surgical Ward and screened off from the other patients. No extra nurses were detailed for duty.

HEALTH. Good.

1 Sister admitted to Hospital and evacuated to England-Influenza and Rheumatism.

SOCIAL LIFE.

An American Tennis Tournament was held on 29th.inst., between the Sisters of No.1 South African Hospital and the Sisters of this Unit. The afternoon proved of great interest, and a large number of spectators turned up.

Result: South African.  
Australian.

games. 12 6  
games. 11 4

(Signed) GRACE M. WILSON,  
P/MATRON.



3rd. AUGUST, 1918.

FROM: Lt-Colonel H.C.TAYLOR-YOUNG,

TO : O.C.,  
Third Australian General Hospital.  
-----MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SURGICAL DIVISION.

I have the honour to report upon the Surgical Work done in this Hospital during the month of July, 1918.

The number of Surgical cases remaining on 1.7.1918 was 265; there were 38 admitted; 192 discharged, and on 31.7.18 there were 110 remaining.

There was one death, following amputation for G.S.W. R.Knee. The patient was extremely ill on admission and had multiple wounds.

There were 37 general Anaesthetics administered. A record is now being preserved of the Anaesthetic used, and a study being made as to the effect of the previous administration of (a) Morphia and Atropine, (b) Omnopon, (c) Omnopon and Scopolamine. This is to be the subject of a report by the Anaesthetist, Major Cook.

A request was received from the Records Office for a report upon Primary and Delayed Primary Suture of wounds. The numbers are yet too few, but the results are such as to enable one to emphasize the great advance promised, (1) In diminishing the waste of man power to the Army from prolonged invalidism and (2) the undoubted prospect of fewer permanent cripples, thus leading to a distinct financial and economic saving after the War. This opinion is based on a study of a series of about 20 cases in which the following types of wounds were represented :- Gutter lodging, through and through wounds involving the pleural cavity, wounds involving the knee joint, and wounds involving nerve trunks.

A report on these cases will be submitted in due course.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Sd. H.C.TAYLOR-YOUNG, Lt-Colonel, AAMC.  
Surgeon-in-Charge, Surgical Section.



To:-

O.C.,

Third Australian General Hospital.  
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REPORT OF MEDICAL DIVISION FOR JULY, 1918.

On July 1st. there were 801 patients in Hospital and 983 were admitted during the month. There were 1460 discharged or evacuated and 6 died.

Most of the patients who were in Hospital on July, 1st. and 704 of those admitted during the month had Influenza. As a rule this was not very severe clearing up in most cases within one week. Some Bronchial Catarrh was found in a number of cases. Others had Acute Bronchitis and in a third class there was broncho pneumonia. This was a serious complication and though it caused only two deaths many of the patients were very sick for periods varying from a fortnight to three or four weeks. Delirium was a feature of several cases.

Two deaths were due to broncho pneumonia and three to Lobar pneumonia. In one of the latter there was double pneumonia and double empyema. The sixth death was due to chronic interstitial nephritis and hypostatic pneumonia.

All the wards were busy in the first half of the month and in the acute hut the work was heavy for the greater part of the month and there the Sisters had to work hard and did particularly good work.

Of notifiable diseases there were 34 cases of Trench Fever, 7 of Tuberculosis, 6 of Malaria (Benign Tertian) and two of Lobar Pneumonia.

The health of the Unit was good. Several of the Officers and Sisters were off duty for 2 or 3 days with mild attacks of Influenza. One Sister was evacuated.

Thirteen Orderlies were admitted to Hospital. One was evacuated to England, four were discharged to duty and eight remained in Hospital at the end of the month.

31.7.1918.

Sgd. F.H.LAWTON, Major.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ADDENDUM . to Report of Officer in charge Medical Division  
for month of JULY, 1918.

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TO: O.C.,  
Third Australian General Hospital.

The number of Malaria cases given to me for my report  
was not correct. Only 6 (six) cases were notified in July.

The disease was in no case acquired in France.

The place of origin was :-	India	2
	U.S.A.	1
	Palestine.	1
	Egypt.	1
	Salonika.	1

(Sgd) F.B.LAWTON, Major.

9/8/1918.

Officer i/c Medical Division.



From: Pathologist,  
Third Australian General Hospital.

To: C.O.,  
Third Australian General Hospital.

REPORT OF LABORATORY FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1918.

Major Ferguson left the Department on 6th. July, and I commenced duty on 21st. July.

During the earlier part of the month many specimens of blood serum were tested for haemagglutinin and large quantities of serum from patients in the various groups are now kept in stock.

Some samples of serum have been provided to the 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance and No. 2 A.G.H.

The results of routine examinations of pathological specimens are recorded in the attached list.

Autopsies were carried out on the following cases:-

Broncho-pneumonia	1
Broncho-pneumonia and Empyema.	2
Chronic Interstitial Nephritis	
& Cystitis	1
Burns	2

A large number of specimens, X ray plates, cultures, etc. have been transferred to this Laboratory from No. 2 A.G.H. The Officer Commanding No. 2 A.G.H. is anxious that, when these specimens are forwarded to the Royal College of Surgeons, they should be recorded as having been collected at that Hospital.

(Signed) Keith Inglis,

31st. July 1918.

Major, A.A.M.C.



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SUMMARY OF EXAMINATIONS.

<u>Nature of Specimen.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Sputa	61	T.B. found in 5.
Urines	70	
Faeces	11	
Throat Swabs	7	Vincent's angina found in 5. <i>All negative for R2B</i>
Vaccines	5	4 staphylococci, 1 pneumococci.
Malaria	12	1 Benign Tertian.
Blood Counts	7	
Blood Cultures	5	Streptococci isolated from 2.
Pleural Fluids	7	
Wasserman Reactions	6	2 positives.
Urethral Smears	3	1 Gonococci.
Agglutination T.A.B.	1	
Sections	9	
Miscellaneous	7	
Total.	204	

(Signed) Keith Inglis,

Major, A.A.M.C.



FROM: Officer i/c  
367 X Ray Section,  
3rd A.G.Hospital.

TO: Officer Commanding,  
3rd A.G.Hospital.

Report for Month of July, 1918.

I beg to report the following:-

From 1/7/1918 to 30/7/1918	- Cases screened	60
" " "	- Cases plated.	75

Including stereoscopic plates.

(Sgd) W.B.BEESTON, Captain.  
Officer i/c X-Ray Section.  
3rd A.G.Hospital.  
per J.Chugg Sgt.



## ITEM No.24 ROUTINE REPORTS AND RETURNS.

## MONTHLY RETURN OF DENTAL WORK.

APPENDIX

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Number of Dental Surgeons employed during the month.....1

Number of Dental Mechanics employed during the month...2

## 1. NUMBER OF THE FOLLOWING PERFORMED DURING THE MONTH:-

EXTRACTIONS	FILLINGS	IMPRESSIONS	SUNDRIES	DENTURES REPAIRED.	NEW DENTURES MADE.
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396	220	80	52	50	69
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2. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CASES TREATED DAILY.....20

3. AWAITING MECHANICAL TREATMENT ON LAST DAY OF MONTH.....7

4. DENTURE CASES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED WITH DENTURES AT THE  
PUBLIC EXPENSE.....(a) Numbers dealt with during  
month.(b) Numbers awaiting on last  
day of month.

TOTAL.

Repairs.	New Dentures.	Total.
48	50	98
—	7	7
48	57	106

Remarks:-

To:- A.D.M.S.  
Abbeville Area.

C. O. Barker

Lieut-Colonel.  
C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

A. W. G. Lint

Dental Officer



THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.MONTH ENDING 1918.

NUMBER OF MEN OTHERWISE FIT WHO ARE WAITING TO BE MADE DENTALLY FIT BEFORE  
BEING DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.

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*Ar. Butler* Lieut-Colonel.  
C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.

*A. D. Goss Lieut.*

*Dental Officer*



Quartermaster's Office,  
Third Australian General Hospital  
4th August 1918.

The following report for the month of July 1918 is submitted:-

LINEN STORE.

With the exception of the first few days of this month during which a large number of cases of Influenza were admitted the Stores have been very quiet.

Arrangements were made by the authorities concerned for the better supply of clean articles and with the small number of patients now in Hospital no difficulty is experienced in keeping up the supply.

Appendix "B" gives figures for comparative purposes.

The low number of articles washed for each patient is very noticeable and is probably due to the exercise of the strictest economy.

PACK STORE.

With the exception of an increase in number of admissions over last month Appendix "C" there is nothing to add to the report for June 1918.

CLOTHING STORE.

July ranks as the second highest month of the year in this Store, March being first. Appendices "A" and "E" shows figures and I think the increase can be put down to the Influenza admissions.

HARDWARE STORES.

Worked satisfactory for the month and calls for no comment.

SUPPLIES.

The supply situation for the month has been normal.

Appendices "F" to "J" are self explanatory.

Appendices "I" and "J" marks a new but perhaps temporary feature, the admission of Officers to this Hospital.

The Officer in this case was an Australian Divisional Commander (wounded) who paid us the compliment of insisting on being admitted here for treatment.

COOKING.

The Cooking has been well carried out for the month.

WORKSHOPS.

Have shown their usual activity.

POST OFFICE.

Appendix "L" gives figures of work performed for month.

FUMIGATOR.

Appendix "D" gives figures which show a slight decrease under June, 1918.



GENERAL REMARKS.

Orders issued at request of Quartermaster are shown in Appendix "K".

Progress has been made with constructional work on huts for Patients and towards the end of the month Chinese Labour became available and made a start to complete the trench system required for protection of patients during Air Raids.

There are no further remarks to make.

*R. S. Hacy*

Captain and Quartermaster  
Third Australian General Hospital.



Third Australian General Hospital  
3rd August 1918 .

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX "A"

CLOTHING STORE.

Total No. of patients dealt with for the month of July..... 2155.  
Total No. of articles issued to patients during month..... 14799.

LINEN STORE.

APPENDIX "B"

Total number of soiled articles sent to Laundry during month. 41,580  
Total No. articles returned clean from Laundry during month. 41,580  
Average number of articles used per patient per week..... 6

PACKSTORE.

APPENDIX "C".

Total number of patients kits received into Store..... 1341  
Total number of articles of clothing condemned..... 75  
Linen withdrawn from patients and sent to Laundry..... 1876  
Total No. of articles examined and entered during month..... 6671.

FUMIGATOR.

APPENDIX "D"

Total number of articles fumigated during the month of July 9,800.



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GRAND SUMMARY OF CLOTHING ISSUED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY '18.

Boots pairs	176
Caps S.D.	92
Caps American	2
Jackets S.D.	62
Jackets Australian	71
Trousers S.D.	126
Trousers American	1
Greatcoats	326
Shirts	1676
Socks	1489
Drawers	1485
Puttees	531
Cardigans	793
Brushes Tooth	562
Brushes Shaving	524
Cap comforters	691
Combs	578
Razors	562
Towels	901
Braces	391
Mess Tins D.S.	639
do Covers	639
Mess Tins M.S.	331
do Straps	331
Haversacks	602
do Brace	602
Pantaloons	11
Hats N.Z.	2
Chevrons 3 bar	13
do 2 bar	1
Discs Red	12
Discs Green	12
Ward Shoes	5
Hats A.I.F.	98
Breeches D.S.	40
Dubbing lbs tins	86
Bags Kit	1
Colours Arm Dist	62
Titles Australia	12
Letters "A" brass	54
Fields Dressings	6
Brassards	1.

*E.W. Hacy*

Captain and Quartermaster  
Third Australian General Hospital.



Third Australian General Hospital  
3rd August 1918.

STATEMENT SHEWING FOOD CONSUMED BY PATIENTS, PERIOD JULY 1918.  
ARTICLE Qty. lbs.

Sausages	82
Meat	11180
Essence of Chicken	1
Powl	859
Sardines	380
Rabbit	196
Herrings	1168
Fish	136
Essence of Meat	4
TOTAL	14006

Bacon	824
Bread	21600
Flour	50
TOTAL	21650

Cheese	131
Margarine	2285
Eggs	10253
Jam	2068
Syrup	112
TOTAL	2180
Tea	697
Coffee	49
Cocoa	468
TOTAL	1214

Milk Fresh Pts	13982
Milk Cond Pts	8061
TOTAL	22043

Potatoes	10304
Vegetables	1230

Barley	3
Oatmeal	2352
Sago	154
Rice	241
Cornflour	203
Tapioca	228
Custard	666
TOTAL	3847

Sugar	2841
Malt Liquors Pts	509
Spirits Pts	63

To, A.D.M.S.  
Abbeville.

STATEMENT SHEWING CONSUMPTION OF FOOD PER 100 PATIENTS, AND CALORIE VALUE DERIVED THEREFROM PER PATIENT.

Meat	Bacon	Margarine	Eggs	Jam	Tea.	Potatoes	Vegets	Cereals	Sugar	Milk	Cheese	Calor	No.	Substd.
lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	pts	pts
57	3	9	42	8	5	42	5	10	11	88	4	3725	24816	
Flour & Bread	lbs													
88														

Lt. Colonel  
C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.



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Third Australian General Hospital  
3rd August 1918.

STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF SUBSISTENCE FOR MONTH OF JULY 1918.

Area and Hospital	No. of days Subsisted	Cost per day	Total for period	Average Daily Cost per patient	Total No. Subsisted.
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Abbeville. Third Australian Gen Hosp	31	£57-4-8 .7	£1773-8-7	1/5.36	24516
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To,  
A.D.M.S.  
Abbeville.

Lt. Colonel  
C.O. Third Australian General Hospital

APPENDIX



As per A.B. 55.

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UNIT

STATION

## RETURN OF RATIONS NOT REQUIRED

for the Month of

July

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8.

Bread	Biscuits	Cheese	Butter	Jam	Tea	Sugar	Rice	Salt	Mustard	Pepper	Dried Fruit	Dried Vegetables
lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
	4463.13						3440					
Totals												

Fresh Meat	Preserved Meat	M. & V.	Pork & Beans	Milk	Pickles	Bacon				Complete Rations	Gross No. complete rations entitled to be drawn
lbs.	Tins	Tins	Tins	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.				No.	No.
										38	10684
Totals											

This return is intended for complete rations and component parts of rations **not required** and must not include **under issues**.

NOTE.—Underdrawals of Preserved Meat, M. & V. and Pork and Beans, to be shown in **Tins**, not lbs.

“COMPLETE RATIONS” are those in respect of which no portion whatever is drawn. This item must be kept distinct, and the component parts are not to be included in their individual columns.

“GROSS NO. COMPLETE RATIONS” will represent the total throughout the month of the daily No. of men in Mess for whom rations could have been drawn. This column must invariably be filled in whether there are underdrawals or not.

Where a Detachment is rationed on the strength of another Unit, this should be stated in the remarks column.

REMARKS.—To be recorded on the back of this form.

Certified Correct

O.C.



Third Australian General Hospital  
3rd August 1918.

COST OF SUBSISTENCE FOR OFFICERS, THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
FOR MONTH OF JULY 1918.

AREA. HOSPITAL.	TOTAL SUBSISTED	TOTAL COST	COST PER DAY	No. DAYS SUBSISTED	No. of DIETS.
Abbeville. (b) Third Aust Gen Hosp <sup>t</sup>	12	£ 4-9-0.	7/5d	12	12.

To, A.D.M.S.  
Abbeville and A. Area.

C.O. Third Australian General Hospital  
Lt. Colonel

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Third Australian General Hospital.  
22nd July 1918.

M E N U ( S I C K O F F I C E R S M E S S . )

MONDAY.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Porridge Bacon & Eggs. Toast Coffee.	Porridge Steak Toast Coffee.	<u>BREAKFAST</u> ----- 8-15am. Bacon & Eggs. Toast Coffee.	Porridge. Rissoles Toast Coffee.	Porridge. Steak. Toast Coffee.	Porridge Bacon. Omelette. Toast Coffee.	Porridge. Fried Fish Toast Coffee.
Roast Joint Potatoes. Vegetables in Season. Rice Custard pudding.	Roast Joint Potatoes. Vegetables in season. Bread & Custard pudding.	<u>D I N N E R</u> ----- 1pm. Roast Joint Vegetables in season. Baked Custard. pudding Potatoes.	Roast Joint Potatoes. Vegetables in season. Jam Tart.	Roast Joint. Potatoes. Vegetables in Season Sago custard.	Roast Joint Potatoes Vegets in Season Bread & Butter Pudding.	Roast Joint Potatoes Vegets in Season. Suet Pding with Syrup
Cold Chicken and Salad. Fruit.	Poached Eggs. Toast. Tea. Fruit.	<u>T E A</u> .----- 6pm. Cold Joint Pickles Tea. Fruit.	Curry & Rice. Tea. Fruit	Fish. Tea. Fruit.	Cold Chicken Salad. Tea. Fruit.	Omelette. Scones. Cake. Tea. Fruit.

(Signed) E.A.H. Russell. Lt. Colonel.  
T/C.O. Third Australian General Hospital.



Third Australian General Hospital.  
3rd August 1918.

COPY OF ROUTINE ORDERS PUBLISHED BY REQUEST OF QUARTERMASTER  
FOR MONTH OF JULY 1918.

1. Routine Order No. 185 dated 4th July 1918.

HOSPITAL KITCHEN. Routine Order No. 243/17, para 3 republished in R.O. 284/17 para 1 is read herewith:-  
Any complaints re foodstuffs or cooking will be made to the Medical Officer-in-Charge of the Ward.

2. ROUTINE ORDER 187 DATED 6th JULY 1918.

(1) A redistribution of Fire Appliances has been effected and on no account, except in case of fire, are these appliances to be removed from their positions or used for any other purpose.

(2) The N.C.O.-in-Charge Police will inspect all appliances and report to the Commanding Officer weekly in writing the condition of the appliances and any disobedience of Para 1 of this order.

3. ROUTINE ORDER 193 DATED 12th JULY 1918.

CLOTHING -PERSONNEL-

Instances are constantly being brought to notice of the want of care shown by N.C.O's and men in the use of clothing issued to them. This particularly applies to boots. In future, unless proper care is exercised the full price of the article in question will be charged against the individual.

The black boots issued to N.C.O's and men will invariably be worn on duty in the Hospital except where Ward Shoes are authorised.

4. ROUTINE ORDER No. 209 DATED 28th July 1918.

UNDERCLOTHING UNAUTHORISED ALTERATIONS.. Reference General Routine Order 1850 and 2855 it is found that many Units are cutting the sleeves off shirts. This unauthorised and wasteful practice must cease.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

POST OFFICE.

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INWARD MAILS RECEIVED.

MONTH.	Parcels	Packets	Regist Letters	Letters	Papers	Sealed Bags	Open Bags.
JULY.	386	379	393	140,000	1260	119	93

OUTWARD MAILS DESPATCHED TO A.P.O. "S"1.

Parcels prepaid.....	155	Packets redirected.....	147	Letters outward.....	25,914	Telegrams outward....	4
Parcels Registered....	80	Regstd articles despatched	217	Letters redirected..	15,000	Cables Outward.....	40
Packets prepaid.....	186	Regstd artels re-directed..	99	Papers outward	180		

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CARD SYSTEM, record of patients remaining from June.....	1066.
do do do do admitted for July.....	1021.
do do do do discharged for do.....	1659.
do do do do remaining for July.....	428.
Total number of entries.....	4174
Letters returned from wards for record of Ward transfer.....	90,980
Grand total of articles dealt with for month.....	280,294.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.STATISTICS FOR JULY, 1918.Remaining - 1-7-1918.

Medical \_\_\_\_\_ 801

Surgical \_\_\_\_\_ 265

\_\_\_\_\_  
1066Admitted.

Medical \_\_\_\_\_ 983

Surgical \_\_\_\_\_ 38

\_\_\_\_\_  
1021Discharged.

Medical \_\_\_\_\_ 1460

Surgical \_\_\_\_\_ 192

\_\_\_\_\_  
1652Deaths.

Medical \_\_\_\_\_ 6

Surgical \_\_\_\_\_ 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
7Remaining on 31-7-1918.

Medical \_\_\_\_\_ 318

Surgical \_\_\_\_\_ 110

\_\_\_\_\_  
428Disposal of Cases.

England \_\_\_\_\_ 170

Convalescent Camp \_\_\_\_\_ 432

Other Hospitals \_\_\_\_\_ 117

Base Depots \_\_\_\_\_ 933  
(Duty & M.B.)



EVACUATIONS AND CONVOYS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1918.

EVACUATIONS.

26th. Ambulance Train	4th. July.	58 lying.	
26th. " "	4th. July.	15 lying.	17 sitting. (to other Bases)
38th. " "	12th. July.	50 lying.	11 sitting.
12th. " "	23rd. July.	42 lying.	9 sitting.
		<u>165.</u>	<u>37.</u>

CONVOYS.

15th. Ambulance Train	1st. July.	131 Cases.
23rd. " "	5th. July.	126 "
Road Convoys.	1st. July.	98 "
	3rd. July.	128 "
	6th. July.	161 "
	7th. July.	81 "
	30th. July.	15 "
		<u>740.</u>



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

PROTECTION AGAINST BOMBING.

BLOCK.	Accommodation.	Completed Trenches.	Uncompleted Trenches.	Proposed Trenches.	Revetted.	Total Protected.	Unprotected.	Remarks.
A.	170	40 (8 men)	-	-	No	320	-	
B.	272	29 do	-	3	No	232	40	
C.	272	15 do	16 (8 men)	-	No	120	152	
D.	238	4 do	-	28 (8men)	No	32	206	
E.	200	11 (10 men)	-	-	All revett- ed huts.	all	-	
F.	204	11 ( 8 men)	-	4 traverses	Revetment useless.	120	84	
G.	140	20 do	-	Traverses across huts proposed.	All revett- ed huts.	160	-	
H.	120	5 (8 men)	-	do	do	40	80	
Sisters Quarters.	Sleeping huts revetted with exception of one end - 4 dugouts.					all (64)		
Officers.		1 Trench.	-	-	-	10	24	
Sergeants.		1 Zig-zag.	-	-	-	40	-	
Men		Trenches 4 Dugouts 6	-	-	-	120	130	
Operating Theatre.	Suggestion that 8 tents should be dug in 1' 6". Suggestion of revetting to 5 feet in case of operating at the time.							

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## WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

RETURN IN ACCORDANCE WITH D.M.S., L.of C., C.351/15.

- A. General Health of troops- if any disease prevalent. Unsatisfactory 412 Cases of Influenza in Isolation 71 P.U.O.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. Completion of Trench System and repairs to buildings. These are being submitted to Engineers direct.
- C. Visitors and object of their visit. A.D.M.S. visited 4-7-18.  
Colonel Thorburn Consulting Surgeon in consultation 6-7-18.

## D. Total number of sick and wounded.

	Sick.	Wounded.
(1) Admitted from Front.	555	35
(2) Admitted from L.of C.	81	-
(3) Evacuated to England.	48	10.

## E. Total number of Sick and Wounded discharged to :-

(1) Base Details.	144	-
(2) Base Depots	-	-
(3) Convalescent Depots	235	12
(4) Transferred to Other Hospitals.	119	8
(5) Deaths.	2	-

## F. Disposal of Infectious Cases. Nil.

## G. Brief report of accidents involving death, or serious injury. Nil.

## H. Health of overseas contingents. Faie, 7 at present in Hospital.

## I. General Remarks.

A.D. & G% Blocks have been opened up to receive sick. Construction of G. Block is not finished but having the floors between each pair of Nissen Huts down the block is workable. Influenzas are isolated having separate dining tent latrines, washhouses etc. 107 are at present awaiting permission to return to duty.

Ssgd) E.A.H. RUSSELL, Lt-Colonel

C.O., THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Third Australian General Hospital.

Date. 6th. July, 1918.

## Dental Report.

Number of patients in Hospital awaiting:-

- (a) Hardening of gums . . . . . Nil.
- (b) Fitting of dentures under (4) . . . Nil.



## WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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- A. General health of Troops.  
if any disease prevalent. Fair 270 cases of Influenza in Isolation.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. Completion of Trench System and sandbagging of Huts and Tents.
- C. Visitors and object of their visit. Colonel Thorburn (Consulting Surgeon) visited in consultation 11-7-1918.  
A.D.M.S. inspected 13-7-18.
- D. Total number of Sick and Wounded.
- |                           | Sick. | Wounded. |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| (1) Admitted from Front.  | 242   | -        |
| (2) Admitted from L.of C. | 4     | -        |
| (3) Evacuated to England. | 54    | 7        |
- E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to:-
- |                                     |     |   |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|
| (1) Base Details.                   | 387 | 2 |
| (2) Base Depots.                    | -   | - |
| (3) Convalescent Depots.            | 161 | 5 |
| (4) Transferred to Other Hospitals. | 12  | - |
| (5) Deaths.                         | 1   | 1 |
- F. Disposal of Infectious Cases. Nil.
- G. Brief report of accidents involving death, or serious injury. Nil.
- H. State Health of overseas contingents. Good - 4 patients in Hospital.
- I. General Remarks. A fire occurred in Ward B.5 on the 9-7-18 amount of damage 18/7½. -  
Fire Orders revised for posting 9-7-18 measures recommended by this board being carried out as far as possible.

(Sd) E.A.H.RUSSELL, Lt-Colonel.  
C.O., Third Australian General Hospital.

Third Australian General Hospital.  
Date. 13th. July, 1918.

## Dental Report :-

Number of Patients in Hospital awaiting :-

- (a) Hardening of gums :- . . . . Nil.  
(b) Fitting of dentures under (4) . . . . Nil.



## WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

RENDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH D.M.S., L.of C. C.351/15.

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- A. General Health of Troops-  
if any prevalent disease. Improving. Influenza lessening 136 cases under observation at present.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. An acceleration of the many constructional works in hand.
- C. Visitors and object of their visit. Rents Officer 17.7.18 re damage to crops.  
Captain B.M.Holt American Red Cross Representative called 19-7-18 re supplies to U.S.men.
- D. Total number of Sick and Wounded.
- |                           | Sick. | Wounded. |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| (1) Admitted from Front.  | 23    | 2        |
| (2) Admitted from L.of C. | 206   | -        |
| (3) Evacuated to England. | -     | -        |
- E. Total number of Sick and Wounded discharges to :-
- |                                     |     |   |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|
| (1) Base Details.                   | 220 | 1 |
| (2) Base Depots.                    | 355 | - |
| (3) Convalescent Camp.              | 15  | - |
| (4) Transferred to Other Hospitals. | 1   | - |
| (5) Deaths.                         | 2   | - |
- F. Disposal of Infectious Cases. Nil.
- G. Brief report of Accidents involving death, or serious injury. Nil.
- H. State Health of Overseas Contingents. Good. 4 of Personnel in Hospital.
- I. General Remarks. Local Week has proved very quiet. Our discharges have exceeded our admissions. Owing to damage to crops (estimated value 50 francs) in vicinity of Sports Ground the Rents Officer is acquiring more land for us. At present our sports ground measures approximately 90 yards X 60 yards which is insufficient.

(Sgd.) E.A.H.RUSSELL, Lt-COLONEL.

C.O., Third Australian General Hospital.

Third Australian General Hospital.

Date. 20th. July, 1918.

## Dental Report.

Number of patients in Hospital awaiting:-

- (a) "ardening of gums . . . . . Nil.
- (b) Fitting of Dentures. under (4) . . . Nil.



## WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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RETURN IN ACCORDANCE WITH D.M.S., L.of C., C.351/15.

- A. General Health of troops<sup>3</sup> if any disease prevalent. Influenza lessening 78 cases in Isolation.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. Outstanding works as per my previous reports 20/4/18 and 25/5/18.
- C. Visitors and the object of their visit. President of Fire Committee 21-7-18 re improvement of fire scheme.  
Major Lloyd George inspected roads 24-7-18.  
A.D.M.S. inspected 25-7-18.
- D. Total number of sick and wounded.
- |                           | Sick. | Wounded. |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| (1) Admitted from Front   | 3     | -        |
| (2) Admitted from L.of C. | 28    | -        |
| (3) Evacuated to England. | 48    | 3        |
- E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to :-
- |                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| (1) Base Details                    | 152 |
| (2) Base Depots                     | -   |
| (3) Convalescent Depots.            | 22  |
| (4) Transferred to other Hospitals. | 7   |
| (5) Deaths.                         | 1.  |
- F. Disposal of Infectious cases. Nil.
- G. Brief report of accidents involving death or serious injury. Nil.
- H. State of health of oversease contingents. Very good - 3 of Personnel in Hospit
- I. General Remarks. Colonel A.G.Butler took over Command from Lieut-Colonel E.A.H.Russell on 26-7-18 and reported to A.D.M.S.

Sgd. A.G.BUTLER, Colonel.

C.O., Third Australian General Hospital.

Third Australian General Hospital.

Date. 27th. July, 1918.

## Dental Report:-

Number of Patients in Hospital awaiting :-

- (a) Hardening of gums . . . . . Nil.
- (b) Fitting of Dentures under (4) . . . Nil.



WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

RETURN IN ACCORDANCE WITH D.M.S., L.of C. c.351/15.

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- A. General Health of Troops if any disease prevalent. No cases admitted since last report.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. No remarks.
- C. Visitors and object of their visit. A.D.M.S. Abbeville Area - Inspection.  
D.M.S., A.I.F. Questions regarding personnel.  
General Sir Rose Bradford - Consulting Physician - Consultation.
- |                                      |       |          |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| D. Total number of sick and wounded. | Sick. | Wounded. |
| (1) Admitted from Front.             | 14    | 1        |
| (2) Admitted from L.of C.            | 6     | -        |
| (3) Evacuated to England.            | -     | -        |
- |   |    |   |
|---|----|---|
| E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to:- |    |   |
| (1) Base Details.)                                  | 97 | 2 |
| (2) Base Depots. )                                  |    |   |
| (3) Convalescent Depots.                            | 24 | 2 |
| (4) Transferred to Other Hospitals.                 | 4  | - |
| (5) Deaths.   | 1  | - |
- F. Disposal of Infectious Cases. Nil.
- G. Brief report of accidents involving death or serious injury. Nil.
- H. State health of Overseas Contingents. Good+ 7 Personnel O.Ranks in Hospital.
- I. General Remarks. No remarks.

A.G. Butler. Lieut-Colonel.  
O.C. Third Australian General Hospital.

Third Australian General Hospital.

Date.....3rd. August. 1918.....

Dental Report:-

Number of Patients in Hospital awaiting:-

- (a) Hardening of gums.....Nil.  
(b) Fitting of Dentures under(4).....Nil.



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Army Form A. 2.

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

on the 11th July 1918.

by order of The Commanding Officer

for the purpose of (1) Revising fire orders for posting.

(2) Inspect and report on the efficiency  
of all fire apparatus.

(3) Report on any scheme that will make  
the present system more efficient.  
 PRESIDENT.

Major W.F. Matthews

#### MEMBERS.

Major W.W. Chaplin

Captain E.W. Lacey.

#### IN ATTENDANCE.

all the members.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to

- (1) Revise fire orders
- (2) Inspect fire appliances
- (3) Report on any scheme that will make the present system more efficient.



APPENDIX 12.

The Board finds that with regard to the revision of fire Orders, that the Orders drawn up by the previous fire Board, five months ago are efficient and would recommend only that the important parts of the Orders be underlined in red as per revised copy attached.

Re inspection of appliances - These are in good order but there are still 326 fire buckets short, and they have been indented for by the Quarter Master.

The Board recommends:-

- (1) That the revised copy of fire Orders and a copy of Fire precautions be posted on a prominent place in all Wards, Stores, Offices, Cook-houses, Mess-rooms, and Sleeping huts and Marquees.
- (2) That to increase the efficiency of the first aid installation five stand-pipes be provided on the water supply of the camp, one in the centre, and one each in the Northern, Western, Southern, and Eastern parts of the camp, and with this either (a) a small manual fire-engine be provided or (b) a fire hydrant with sufficient hose. We would point out that this recommendation is made in view of the fact of the close proximity of huts and tents in this camp.
- (3) That an N.C.O. be put in charge of all fire appliances, and that it be his entire duty to see that these are kept in good order, that all fire notices are properly posted, to be permanently in charge of the fire party and to report on any non-observance of fire orders and precautions.
- (4) That a box containing eight to twelve pounds of dry sand be kept in each Ward handy to the stove.
- (5) That a card be placed on each fire extinguisher showing the date it was last tested.

Signed W.F. Matthews (Major) PRESIDENT

W.W. Chaplin (major)

E.W. Lacey (Capt.)

MEMBERS.

*I concur*

*E.A. Russell*  
*Lt. Col.*

*14/7/18*



**1. FIRE PICQUET.**

The Fire Picquet will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 10 Men from each duty Section.

**2. SENIOR OFFICER, N.C.O. OR MAN PRESENT.**

On the outbreak of fire the Senior Officer, N.C.O. or Man present will:-

- (a) Take steps by means of the nearest extinguisher or buckets of water to extinguish it and arrange to remove helpless patients until further help arrives.
- (b) Send word at once to the Orderly Room.
- (c) Cause the fire alarm to be sounded.

**3. ORDERLY ROOM N.C.O.**

The Orderly Room N.C.O. will at once telephone exchange stating the position of Fire at Third Australian General Hospital.

**4. ORDERLY OFFICER.**

The Orderly Officer will take command of operations at the scene of Fire till arrival of the Commanding Officer.

**5. ORDERLY BUGLER.**

The Orderly Bugler will promptly blow the Fire Call.

**6. THE FIRE PARTY OF THE DUTY SECTION.**

The Fire party of the duty section will at once proceed to the scene of the fire and report for duty to the officer in charge of fire operations.

**7. THE REMAINDER OF THE DUTY SECTION.**

The remainder of the duty section with exceptions as stated below will immediately fall in on the nearest open space to the scene of the fire.

**8. THE FIRE PARTIES OF OTHER SECTIONS.**

The fire parties of other sections will fall in on the nearest avenue or road handy to the scene of the fire.

**9. THE REMAINDER OF THE UNIT.**

The remainder of the unit will fall in on the nearest open space to the fire behind the duty section for further instructions.

**10. N.C.Os. IN CHARGE OF DEPARTMENTS.**

N.C.Os. in charge of departments will remain at their posts.

**11. WARD ORDERLIES.**

Ward orderlies will remain at their posts.

**12. PATIENTS.**

Patients will not leave their wards without permission.

**13. MEDICAL OFFICERS.**

Medical Officers will immediately proceed to wards under their charge, where, with sisters and orderlies on duty, they will get patients ready for immediate evacuation.

**14. DETAILS OF FIRE DUTIES.**

- (a) Those of First fire party as above.
- (b) Second fire party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 Men will supply water and assist to extinguish the fire.
- (c) Third fire party (from two sections) 2 N.C.Os and 20 Men will be ready:-
  - (1) To remove patients to a place of safety.
  - (2) To strike the tents on fire after removal of patients.
  - (3) To strike tent on leeward side first and other tents as ordered, and take any other necessary steps to prevent the fire spreading.



1. Fires, stoves, braziers, naked lights and smoking, are forbidden in any room or barn which contains hay, straw or other inflammable material.
2. Where stoves and braziers are allowed in billets or huts, they must be placed on sheet iron or an earth or brick floor, and definite precautions must be taken to prevent ashes or bits of burning coal from falling out of the stove or brazier.
3. No open lighted brazier or naked light is to be left unattended in any hut or billet.
4. Cookhouses, Field Cookers, Forges and Incinerators, will not be placed against the walls of any buildings, or in the vicinity of ricks or stacks of inflammable material. Their precise position will be fixed by an officer.
5. Tent lanterns, when available, will always be used in billows, huts or tents; when these are not available and candles are used, they must be fixed in an empty tin to protect them on three sides and top and bottom, and placed as far as possible from any canvas or other tarred material in the billet.
6. Petrol must not be used in any heating or cooking stove. Petrol, paraffin, oil, and candles, must not be stored near any stove, brazier, fireplace or lamp.
7. Buckets or tins containing water, sand or dry earth, will be kept ready to hand in every billet or hut or tent for use in case of fire.
8. The greatest care must be used in throwing away matches or cigarette ends, knocking out pipes or handling lighted candles. It is the duty of every man to realize the danger to life and property caused by carelessness in such matters.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

17/1/1918.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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TO: D.M.S., A.I.F.,  
Administrative Headquarters,  
LONDON.S.W.I.

APPENDIX

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Comments of the Officer Commanding on the events  
of the month of July, 1918.  
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The reports of the various special Departments appended show that the work of the Unit during the past month has been light. This is due purely to the light character of the fighting in the Sector which would normally evacuate to this Area (though this has totalled at least 30 casualties per day from the Australian Sector of the line) and chiefly to the fact that all cases which would necessitate any extensive operative treatment are sent further down the line.

The short and somewhat heavy Influenza epidemic led to special arrangements necessitated for isolation. The epidemic lasted a short time only, whether on account of the precautions taken of rapid evacuation and isolation, or whether from the naturally epidemiological characters of the outbreak, it is difficult to say. I regret that I am unable to furnish detailed account of the features of the cases nor to do more than record its occurrence. The report of the Officer in charge of the Medical Division gives some account of the complications which occurred.

PERSONNEL.

Two Surgical Teams have been working at Casualty Clearing Stations - one under Lt-Colonel P.Fiaschi with the XI Corps, the other under Major R.St.C.Steuart with the 3rd B.C.C.S.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of the Unit on the whole has been good. There was for a time an abnormal proportion of Absent without leave. This appears to have been an incidental feature, and a warning has been sufficient to put the matter right.

LEAVE.

For two weeks this was practically cancelled but has now, however, been reopened. Preference is given to those who have been longest without leave. In the case of Officers five months, and in the case of Other Ranks, twelve months, must have elapsed since the date of return from last ordinary leave, or since date of last leaving the United Kingdom. There are no men in the Unit who have not had leave within at least 15 months except for which special financial reasons exist- these number 3.

PREMISES AND WORK.

The new "G" Block consisting of 7 Nissen Huts has been partly ~~promptly~~ completed, and when finished will constitute as fine a block of field hospital premises as could be desired. The internal arrangements are exceptionally good, and I wish to put on record the exceptional value of the administrative work done by Lt-Colonel E.A.H.Russell, who acted as Commanding Officer for some three weeks up till my arrival, and to whose personal initiative is due to a large extent the fact that the Engineers have been able to suit the requirements of the Hospital so excellently.

The Hospital is to a considerable extent protected from bombs by revetting and accommodation under ground in trenches exist for 70% of the patients and personnel.

(Sgd) A.G.BUTLER.

Colonel.

Officer Commanding.

8/8/1918.