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WAR DIARY

OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FOR

OCTOBER, 1918.

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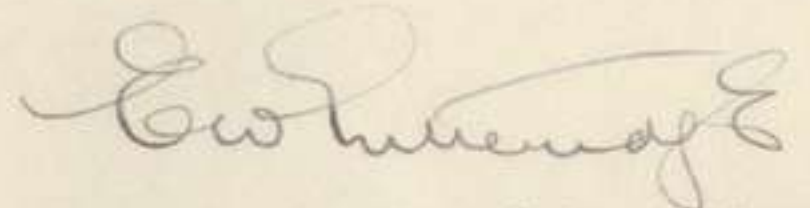
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| Abbeville October | 1918. 1st. | | Convoy - Ambulance Train 108 Cases. Evacuation - 141 Cases. | |
| | 2nd. | | Major W.K.INGLIS proceeded to England. Convoy - Ambulance Train 123 Cases. Evacuation - 181 Cases. | |
| | 3rd. | | Convoy - Ambulance Train 70 Cases. Evacuation - 79 Cases. | |
| | 4th. | | Convoy - Ambulance Train 109 Cases. | |
| | 5th. | | Evacuation - 211 Cases. | |
| | 7th. | | Convoy - Ambulance Train 80 Cases. Evacuation - 159 Cases. | |
| | 9th. | | Convoy - Ambulance Train 90 Cases. | |
| | 10th. | | Captain C.COSGROVE reported for duty from London. Major J.J.McMAHON reported from 2nd Australian C.C.S. for duty with No 1 Surgical Team, 3rd A.G.H. | |
| | 11th. | | Evacuation - 95 Cases. Captain J.H.V.DUHIG reported for duty from United Kingdom. | |
| | 12th. | | Major R.J.WHITEMAN proceeded to 2nd Australian C.C.S. | |
| | 14th. | | Band from 21st Battalion A.I.F. taken on Ration Strength. | |
| | 16th. | | Captain E.H.LOXTON proceeded to United Kingdom for Transport Duty to Australia. Captains B.L.HART, D.AIKEN, U.L.BOURKE, & D.G.ROBERTSON reported for duty from United Kingdom. | |
| | 18th. | | Convoy - Ambulance Train 78 Cases. Evacuation - 150 Cases. | |
| | 20th. | | Evacuation - 163 Cases. | |
| | 21st. | | Convoy - Ambulance Train 75 Cases. | |
| | 22nd. | | Evacuation - 136 Cases. | |
| | 23rd. | | Captain B.L.HART admitted to No 2 Stationary Hospital. Captains U.L.BOURKE & D.AIKEN admitted to No 2 Stationary Hospital. Major L.R.COOK proceeded to 6th Australian Field Ambulance. Convoy - Ambulance Train 55 Cases. | |

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| Abbeville. | 1918 October. | 24th. | Chaplain Rev.J.PLORMEL proceeded to 9th Australian Infantry Brigade. Major B.SMEATON reported from United Kingdom. Evacuation - 153 Cases. | |
| | | 25th. | Convoy - Ambulance Train 40 Cases. Evacuation - 112 Cases. | |
| | | 26th. | 12 Other Ranks, 5th Australian Field Ambulance & 5 Other Ranks, 7th Australian Field Ambulance reported for temporary duty. Convoy - Ambulance Train 17 Cases. | |
| | | 28th. | Captain G.M.BLACK reported from 73rd Field Ambulance. Evacuation - 135 Cases. | |
| | | 30th. | Captains A.R.HUDSON & D.G.ROBERTSON proceeded to 4th Australian Division. | |
| | | 31st. | Major W.F.MATTHEWS proceeded to 2nd Australian C.C.S. Major W.W.CHAPLIN proceeded to 1st Australian C.C.S. Evacuation - 65 Cases. | |
| | | |  Lt-Colonel, A/O.C., Third Australian General Hospital. | |

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WAR DIARY

OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FOR

OCTOBER, 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

REPORT OF NURSING STAFF, OCTOBER 1918.

ESTABLISHMENT. 91.

1 Matron, 4 Head Sisters, 28 Sisters, 58 Staff Nurses.

PRESENT STRENGTH. 91.

1 Matron, 28 Sisters, 62 Staff Nurses.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Personnel.

The following reported for duty during the month:-

Three Sisters and one Staff Nurse from C.C.Ss. One Sister from United Kingdom. One Sister and three Staff Nurses from No 25 General Hospital.

One Staff Nurse proceeded to England for duty. One Sister detained in England on expiration of leave. One Sister proceeded to C.C.S. for duty.

Leave. 12 Sisters have been granted 14 days' ordinary leave to the United Kingdom.

(b) Discipline. Good.

(c) Health. This has not been as good as usual. Many Sisters have suffered from heavy colds and sore throats. Six Sisters have been admitted to Hospital with Influenza. One of these had Pneumonia. Two of them have been evacuated to England, two discharged to duty, and two are still remaining in Hospital.

The Sisters have had to work long hours. Very little off-duty time has been possible.

WORK AND ROUTINE.

The work has been exceptionally heavy during the month. The turn-over of patients has been large, and the majority of cases have been very ill and needed constant nursing day and night. There has been a small proportion of Surgical work.

SISTERS' MESS.

Some of the Stoves promised have been installed, but there are still 28 Sisters whose rooms have no heating appliance. The others have either a stove or the stove pipe from the adjoining room brought through their room.

(Sgd) GRACE M. WILSON, P/Matron,
Third Australian General Hospital.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL APPENDIX 2

6th NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SURGICAL DIVISION.

Sir,

I have the honour to report upon the Surgical Work of the Hospital during the month of October, 1918.

The number of cases remaining in the Surgical Wards on 1-10-18 was 863; there were admitted during the month 1126, while the number discharged was 1682. There were 34 deaths (including 2 dead on admission) and the number remaining on 31-10-18 was 132.

The work has been spasmodic: very strenuous during short periods, with slack intervals, and the fact that convoys regularly arrived late in the day necessitated the operating theatres being kept going fully during the greater part of the night, the rule, as always, being that all cases of any urgency or severity were operated upon as soon as possible after admission and before work for the night ceased.

The wounds were of the usual kinds: but again there was a larger number of Head Wounds (17). Many of these were hopeless on admission. Chest operations still figure prominently, while amputations are agreeably few. Knee Joint cases are again well represented, and as formally it is gratifying to state that the results keep their previous standard of excellence. One can state this definitely as knee cases are retained sufficiently long to enable one to know the result.

Compound Fractures are also largely represented, and it is surprising how frequently only one bone - leg or arm - is involved, especially is this so in leg wounds.

There were several eye cases, and in 2 unfortunately both eyes were destroyed.

Three cases were admitted with well advanced Gas Gangrene, and a larger number than usual developed this fatal infection after admission. This fact is mentioned because of a reference to the subject in a previous report.

The number of deaths is above the average. The total cases were as follows:-

Head Injuries 9. These include the two who had both eyes destroyed, and two others had Multiple Wounds in addition.

Multiple Wounds - all severe 4.

Six developed Broncho Pneumonia after operation and this led to the fatal result.

One had Spinal Injury.

One Chest Operation died.

Eleven developed Gas Gangrene, and of these five were remarkable because of the fact that the wounds were more than seven days old before the onset of any symptoms and previously the wounds had been doing apparently well.

Many changes have taken place on the staff. Major Matthews has gone, also Major Steuart, and their places have been filled by Major Smeaton and Major McMahon respectively. Lieut-Col. Fiaschi (No 2 Surgical Team) has also gone. His place has not yet been filled.

I have again to place on record the fact that all members of the staff did their work willingly and well.

REPORT OF THE SURGICAL DIVISION FOR OCTOBER, 1918.

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Appended is a classification of the Operations :-

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <u>Head Cases</u> | Dura Opened | 12 |
| | Dura not opened | 5 |
| <u>Chest</u> | Penetrating | 1 |
| | Perforating - resection of ribs | 11 |
| <u>Amputations</u> | Thigh 2 - 1 was a reamputation first done elsewhere | |
| | Legs 7.- 2 were disarticulations | |
| | Foot 1. | |
| | Humerus 1. | |
| | Toes 2. | |
| <u>Ligature of Vessels</u> | Posterior Tibial | 4 |
| | Popliteal | 1 |
| | Anterior Tibial | 1 |
| | Profunda | 1 |
| | Femoral Vein | 1 |
| | Brachial | 1 |
| <u>Joint Cases.</u> | Knee (Pattela removed in (2 Cases) | 14 |
| | Ankle | 12 |
| | Wrist | 4 |
| | Elbow | 4 |
| | Shoulder | 3 |
| <u>Abdominal.</u> | G.S.W. | 4 |
| | Appendicitis (only acute) (cases) | 8 |
| <u>Gunto Urinary.</u> | 2 1 Urethral - 1 Urethra and Bladder. | |
| <u>Eyes.</u> | Enucleation 5., F.B. removed from Orbit 1. | |
| <u>Secondary Haemorrhage.</u> | 4. Brachial 1., Profunda 2., 1 not recorded | |
| <u>Compound Fractures.</u> | Femur 4. Tibia & Fibula 9. | |
| | Fibula 5. Tibia 15. | |
| | Humerus 13. Radius & Ulna 3. | |
| | Radius 5. Ulna 1. | |
| | Carpus 1. Metacarpal 1. | |
| | Tarsal 1. Metatarsal 4. | |
| | Sacral 1. Jaw 1. | |
| <u>Miscellaneous.</u> | Excisions, Removal of F.B. &c. | 308. |

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

(Sgd) H.C.TAYLOR-YOUNG, Lieut-Col, A.A.M.C.
Officer i/c Surgical Division.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.REPORT OF MEDICAL DIVISION FOR OCTOBER 1918.

On account of the prevalence of Influenza and its complications, the medical wards have been very busy during the whole month.

Medical cases have come in in increasing numbers and at present all except four wards are occupied by them.

A large proportion of the patients under treatment were admitted with a diagnosis of influenza or broncho pneumonia. Many with the former diagnosis developed broncho pneumonia after admission. There were 1198 patients admitted with a diagnosis of influenza or P.U.O. and nearly all these had influenza. Broncho pneumonia was a very serious complication and there were 76 deaths in 374 cases.

So far there are no signs of the epidemic abating but at present there is a greater proportion of cases likely to recover than there were at any time during the month. This Hospital has been receiving all local cases of influenza and all the sick from the Australian Corps in the area and in consequence, we have not taken many cases from convoys.

On October 1st there were 421 patients in Hospital. Since that date, 3186 were admitted and 2176 were discharged.

Of notifiable diseases there were 42 cases of Trench Fever, 18 of Dysentery, 6 of Malaria, 1 of Mumps and 4 of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

Four Medical Officers who joined the Unit this month developed influenza soon after their arrival. Three were sent to Hospital and two are still there.

Three sisters were sent to Hospital with influenza and one with broncho pneumonia.

Twenty eight orderlies were admitted to Hospital. Most of them had influenza, but five had broncho pneumonia and one died.

The large number of serious cases under treatment throughout the month has given much work to the whole staff, but especially to the sisters and nursing orderlies who have done excellent work.

(Signed) F .B.Lawton, Major
2nd November 1918. Officer i/c Medical Division.

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APPEND X 4

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

FROM : Officer i/c,
X-Ray Department,
TO : Officer Commanding,
3rd A.G. Hospital.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1918.

I beg to report that for the month of October 1918
the cases treated in this department were as follows :-

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| SCREENED | : | : | : | : | : | 480. |
| PHOTOGRAPHED | : | : | : | : | : | 225. |
| (many of which were) | | | | | | |
| (stereoscopic) | | | | | | |

2-11-1918.

Sgd. W.R. Beeston, Capt.
Officer i/c X-Ray Department,
Third Australian General Hospital.

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 THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL **APPENDIX** 5

FROM : Pathologist,
 Third Australian General Hospital.

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

REPORT OF LABORATORY FOR OCTOBER 1918.

Total work for the month has been considerably augmented by work done for the Australian Corps.

The month marked the decline of dysenteric infection with the onset of cold weather, and an increase in the number of Urethral infections examined.

35 Autopsies were carried out and 12 Specimens sent to the War Museum.

The following is a detailed account of the Specimens examined:-

| <u>Specimen.</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Remarks.</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Urines | 101 | 1 Bilhartzia. |
| Faeces | 18 | No Dysentery Bac. isolated in any. |
| Pleural Fluids. | 51 | 4 Positive. |
| Blood Counts | 19 | |
| Blood Cultures | 4 | 1 Positive. |
| Sputa | 48 | 4 Positive T.B. |
| Throat Swabs | 79 | 18 Vincent's Organisms 1 with Vincent's & K.L.B. 1 Hoffman's bacillus. 2 Streps in pure culture. 28 other throats inspected. |
| Blood Films (Malaria) | 11 | 2 Benign Tertian. |
| Vaccines | 22 | Staph. Aureus. |
| Urethral Discharge | 35 | 8 Positive Gonococci. |
| Vaginal Discharge | 1 | Positive Gonococci. |
| Wasserman Reaction | 28 | 6 Positive Syphilis. |
| C.S. Fluids | 10 | 2 Positive Meningitis. |
| Fluids from Knee | 6 | 2 Positive. |
| Smears from Wounds | 7 | 5 Positive. |
| Miscellaneous | 8 | |
| Total . . . | 448 | |

6--11-1918.

(Sgd) J.I. CONNOR, Captain,
 Pathologist.

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. 1918.

During the month of September, the number of routine examinations totalled 509. This is very much in excess of last month's figures (332).

The number of specimens put through on each day during the last two months is represented graphically on the accompanying chart. The great increase in the Laboratory work is largely due to the fact that on August 27th., this Hospital was made the centre for Dysentery cases among British Troops in this area.

As a result of the seven days instruction I received in Colonel MARTIN'S Laboratory at No.25 British Stationary Hospital, considerable experience has been gained, and modifications in technique and methods generally have been put into practice.

Much time has been devoted to Autopsies and the collection of Museum Specimens. 14 Autopsies were carried out, and the number of cases from which Museum Specimens were obtained totalled 18.

Skiagrams were taken by Captt. BRESTON of all specimens of fractures or Gas Infections, and photographic prints, together with typewritten copies of the histories and notes of the various cases have been forwarded to the Curator of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Duplicates of these histories and notes have been forwarded to the Officer i/c War Records Section, A.I.F.

DETAILED LIST OF SPECIMENS EXAMINED DURING SEPTEMBER

| Specimen | No of Exam- inations. | Result. |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Urines | 93 | |
| Faeces | 266..... | Positive 23. |
| Pleural Fluids | 35 | |
| Blood counts. | 20 | |
| Blood Cultures | 17..... | Positive 5. |
| Sputa | 33..... | Positive 2. |
| Throat Swabs | 9..... | (Vincent's Angina) 3. |
| Malaria Films | 19..... | (benign tertian) 6. |
| Vaccines | 2..... | Staph. Aureus |
| Urethral Discharge | 1..... | |
| Wassermann Tests | 4..... | Positive 1. |
| Cerebral Spinal Fluids | 2. | |
| Miscellaneous | 8. | |
| ----- | | |
| Total..... | | 509. |
| ----- | | |

PROCEDURE WITH REGARD TO DYSENTERY CASES.

The routine procedure has been as follows:- The bed-pan containing the specimen is brought to the laboratory immediately the specimen has been passed. Two wet films are at once made, one in normal saline, the other in iodine. These are examined microscopically for cells and Protozoa. Likely pieces of blood and mucus (when present) are then washed in saline, and used for inoculating warm MacConkey plates.

Until recently, two plates were used for each case, but lately one plate only has been employed. The following morning, non-lactose fermenting colonies are picked off and inoculated into tubes containing warm, nutrient broth, and incubated until that evening. The growths are then tested for motility and those consisting of non-motile bacilli are put through the sugars.

In the early stages of the work, Glucose, Mannite, Lactose, Dulcitol, and Saccharose were used, but recently, Dulcitol and Saccharose have been discarded. The sugar media employed consists of 2½% of the appropriate sugar in 1% peptone water, containing ½% salt. Acid fuchsin, decolourised by N/1 Na.OH., is used as an indicator instead of Litmus.

On the morning of the third day, all cultures that give acid without gas in Glucose and Mannite, and no change in the other sugars are tested for Agglutination-ability with standard Flexner Serum. Those that give acid without gas in Glucose and no change in the other sugars are tested for agglutinability with standard Shiga Serum.

At first, agglutination was tested for in five dilutions of Serum, one in 100, one in 200, one in 400, one in 800, and one in 1600. In the later cases, only three dilutions were used - one in 200, one in 400 and one in 800. (The technique adopted was a modification of Freyer's method)

The emulsion of the organisms was obtained by making a suspension of a twenty four hours Agar culture in .85% Sodium Chloride, and the Serum was diluted with sterile distilled water.

Only those organisms which satisfied the above Morphological Biochemical and Serological tests have been returned as positive. Unfortunately in the month of August, the nature of the Stool under examination was not always recorded.

As the examination for protozoa was usually negative, they have not been included in this report. Entamoeba Coli cysts, Lamblia cysts and flagellates were not infrequently seen, but only one case showing Entamoeba Histolytica cysts was met with.

In a few cases, Indol production, acid agglutination, and the effects of injection of broth cultures into rabbits has been observed, but time has not permitted of this being done on a sufficient number of cases to render the results worth recording. Some of the patients were admitted comparatively late in the infection, and in several of these, we obtained negative results, though positive results had previously been obtained elsewhere. Consequently, the percentage of positive findings is probably a little higher than is indicated by our figures.

Though many of the patients were seriously ill, there were no deaths.

Experience in other laboratories goes to show that in the earlier stages of this epidemic, Flexner infection was more common than Shiga infection among British Troops.

In the case of German prisoners, however, Shiga infection was the commoner type, so that as our troops advanced over country recently occupied by the enemy, it is not surprising that the percentage of Shiga infections has become higher in the British Army, than was the case in the early stages of the outbreak.

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Appended in tabulated form is a list of the results obtained from the investigations made on the Dysentery patients:-

AUGUST.

Patients examined.....50.
Number of Specimens.....69.
Number of examinations to each Patient 1 Exam. 2 Exams. 3 Exams. 4 Exams.
Number of Patients:- 38. 7. 3. 2.
Four(4) positives (all Shiga) All obtained at first examination.

SEPTEMBER.

Patients examined.....143.
Number of Specimens.....266.
Number of examinations to each patient. 1 Exam. 2 Exams. 3 Exams. 4 Exams. 5 Exams.
Number of Patients:-64. 43. 33. 2. 1.
Ten (10) positive Shiga, seven at first examination, three at second examination.
Thirteen(13) positive ~~was~~ Flexner, 11 at first examination, one at second examination, and one at fourth examination (relapse).

NATURE OF STOOL AS A GUIDE TO PROBABILITY OF OBTAINING A POSITIVE RESULT.

| Nature of Stool. | Blood & Mucus | Mucus. | No blood or Mucus. | Not recorded. |
|-------------------|---------------|--------|--------------------|---------------|
| No. of Specimens. | 53 | 60 | 77 | 76 |
| Positive Flexner | 7 | 2 | - | 4 |
| Positive Shiga | 6 | 2 | - | 2 |
| Negatives | 40 | 56 | 77 | 70 |

Percentage of total positives for the two months(193 patients) is 14%, about equally divided between Flexner and Shiga.
Percentage of Positives in 60 specimens containing Mucus only is 6.6%
In 77 specimens containing neither blood nor mucus, no positive results were obtained. Percentage of positives in 53 specimens containing blood and mucus is 24.5%.
I have to thank Sgt Dawes and Sgt Domaille for the large part they took in carrying out these investigations.

(Signed) Keith Inglis, Major, A.A.M.C.
THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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APPENDIX 7

MONTHLY RETURN OF DENTAL WORK.Month. OCTOBER,Year. 1918.Station. 3rd. Australian General Hospital. Place. France.Number of Dental Surgeons employed during the month One.Number of Dental Mechanics employed during the month Two.

1. Number of the following performed during the month:-

| Extractions. | Fillings. | Impressions Taken. | Sundries. | Dentures repaired. | New Dentures made. |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>231.</u> | <u>176.</u> | <u>91.</u> | <u>240.</u> | <u>42.</u> | <u>49.</u> |

2. Daily average cases treated 23.

3. Awaiting mechanical treatment on last day of month :-

Waiting list (Mechanical treatment in hand 8
 (Mechanical treatment not in hand nil.

Gum list 14

4. Denture cases previously provided with dentures at the public expense:-

| | Repairs. | New Dentures. | Total |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| a. Numbers dealt with during month ... | <u>16</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>16</u> |
| b. Number awaiting on last day of month | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total .. | <u>16</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>16</u> |

5. Remarks. During the month splints were constructed and affixed for two fracture jaw cases, and a foreign body (piece of shrapnel) removed from the upper jaw of a patient, above the second molar tooth, in the floor of the maxillary sinus.

Place. 3rd Australian General Hospl.Signature. A.D.Coles, Captain.Date. 1-11-1918.

Senior Dental Surgeon.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

APPENDIX

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Third Australian General Hospital,
22nd. November 1918.

The following report for the month of October is submitted:-

Linen Store. Shows a further increase in work, the pressure having been kept up consistently, on account of the Influenza Epidemic, and the arrival of the Australian Corps in the area. Appendix "B" gives figures.

Pack Store
Supply Store
Clothing Store
Post Office
Fumigator

The appendices show that all these departments have shared in the general increase of work.

Workshops Have shown their usual activity.

Engineers Services
A big stride forward was made during the month with assistance from the 1st. Australian Pioneers.

General Remarks None.

E. Shacy

Captain and Quartermaster,
Third Australian General Hospital.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

APPENDIX 9

Third Australian General Hospital,
22nd. November 1918.SUBJECT: APPENDICIES TO OCTOBER WAR DIARY REPORTAPPENDIX "A"Clothing Store:

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total number patients dealt with during October..... | 4464 |
| Total number articles issued during the month..... | 30431 |

APPENDIX "B"Linen Store

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total number soiled articles sent to Laundries..... | 78668 |
| Total number returned from Laundries clean..... | 90640 |
| Average number articles used per patient per week..... | 12 |

APPENDIX "C"Pack Store

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total number patients kits received into store..... | 7250 |
| Total number articles comprising same..... | 72500 |
| Total number articles condemned..... | 26232 |
| Total number articles withdrawn and sent to Laundry.... | 14500 |

APPENDIX "D"Fumigator

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total number of articles fumigated during the month.... | 82676 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|

Third Australian General Hospital
22 November 1918

GRAND SUMMARY OF CLOTHING ISSUED DURING THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Boots. B.E.F..... | 244 |
| Do A.I.F..... | 197 |
| Caps. S.D..... | 482 |
| Do American. O.S..... | 14 |
| Hats. H.Z..... | 8 |
| Do. A.I.F..... | 94 |
| Jackets S.D..... | 676 |
| Do A.I.F..... | 150 |
| Do U.S.A..... | 2220 |
| Trousers S.D..... | 774 |
| Breeches D.M. A.I.F..... | 86 |
| Do do. U.S.A..... | 20 |
| Coats Great D.M..... | 1187 |
| Shirts flannel..... | 2555 |
| Socks pairs..... | 2533 |
| Drawers woollen pairs... | 2546 |
| Puttees pairs..... | 1354 |
| Waistcoats cardigan..... | 1424 |
| Cap comforter..... | 2597 |
| Brush tooth..... | 1368 |
| Do shaving..... | 1071 |
| Combs hair..... | 1181 |
| Razors..... | 1258 |
| Towels hand..... | 1809 |
| Braces pairs..... | 1291 |
| Tins mess D.S..... | 1398 |
| Covers to do..... | 1398 |
| Tins mess H.S..... | 105 |
| Straps to ditto..... | 105 |
| Haversacks..... | 1250 |
| Braces to do. | 1250 |
| Bottleswater..... | 1393 |
| Carriers to ditto..... | 1393 |
| Vests woollen..... | 1318 |
| Pantalions H.S..... | 3 |
| Badges "A" Gallipoli) | |
| service)... | 4 |
| Crosses Geneva..... | 15 |
| Discs identity..... | 2 |
| Dubbin. lbs..... | 4 |

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Third Australian General Hospital,
3rd. November 1918.

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

STATEMENT SHEWING AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION OF FOOD ~~COMMODITIES~~ PER 100 PATIENTS
DIETED IN HOSPITAL FOR OCTOBER 1918.

| Meat. | Bacon. | Bread. | Butter. | Vegetables. | Potatoes. | Cocoa. | Tea Coffee | Cheese. | Eggs. | Jam. | Sugar. | Cereals. | Milk. | Malt | Liquors. | Spirits. |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------|---------------|---------|-------|------|--------|----------|-------|------|----------|----------|
| lbs | lbs | lbs | lbs | lbs | lbs | lbs | lbs | lbs | No. | lbs | lbs | lbs | Pints | | | ozs. |
| 52 | 4 | 76 | 6 | 11 | 38 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 34 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 53 | 2 | | 17 |

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Third Australian General Hospital,
3rd. November 1918.

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

STATEMENT SHEWING COST OF SUBSISTENCE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918.

| AREA AND HOSPITAL | No. DAYS SUBSISTED | COST PER DAY. | TOTAL COST FOR PERIOD | AVERAGE DAILY COST PER PATIENT | TOTAL NUMBER SUBSISTED. |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>ABBEVILLE</u> Third Australian General Hospital | 31 | £10 7-8-9.13 | £3330-11-7 | 1/5.66d. | 45240 |

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INWARD MAILS RECEIVED.

OUTWARD MAILS DESPATCHED TO A.F.O. 2 S.1.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1918.

REMAINING - 1.10.1918.

| | | |
|--------------------|------|-------|
| Medical | 421. | |
| Surgical | 863. | 1284. |

ADMITTED.

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Medical | 3186. | |
| Surgical | 1126. | 4312. |

DISCHARGES.

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Medical | 2176. | |
| Surgical | 1682. | 3858. |

DEATHS.

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| Medical | 77. | |
| Surgical | 34. | 111. |

REMAINING ON 31-10-18.

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Medical | 1495. | |
| Surgical | 132. | 1627. |

DISPOSAL OF CASES.

| | <u>Sick.</u> | <u>Wounded.</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| England | 626 | 1173 |
| Convalescent Camp | 685 | 445 |
| Other Hospitals | 328 329. | 15 |
| Base Depots, Duty and M.B. | 536 | 49 |
| Deaths | <u>77</u> | <u>34</u> |
| | - 2253.- | -1716. |

THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

LIST OF EVACUATIONS AND CONVOYS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 18.

CONVOYS.

| | Date. | Ambulance Train. | No. of Cases. |
|------|-------|---------------------|---------------|
| Oct. | 1st. | 20 | 108. |
| | 2nd. | 26. | 123 |
| | 3rd. | 23 | 70 |
| | 4th. | 26 | 109 |
| | 7th | 37 | 80 |
| | 9th | 3 | 90 |
| | 11th | 20 | 132 |
| | 16th | 21 | 78 |
| | 18th | 27 | 141 |
| | 20th | 5 | 75 |
| | 23rd | 17 | 55 |
| | 25th | 30 | 40 |
| | 26th | 31 | 17 |

EVACUATIONS.

| | Date. | Ambulance Train. | No. of Cases. |
|------|-------|---------------------|---------------|
| Oct. | 1st. | 20 | 141 |
| | 2nd | 26 | 181 |
| | 3rd | 23 | 79 |
| | 5th | 26 | 211 |
| | 7th | 34 | 159 |
| | 10th | 7 | 95 |
| | 16th | 28 | 150 |
| | 18th | 27 | 163 |
| | 21st | 26 | 136 |
| | 24th | 5 | 153 |
| | 26th | 21 | 112 |
| | 28th | 19 | 135 |
| | 31st | 23 | 65 |

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.
-----ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1918.

| | | | | <u>ADMISSIONS.</u> | <u>DISCHARGES.</u> |
|----------------|----|----|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| British | .. | .. | .. | 2123 | 2144 |
| Australians | .. | .. | | 1625 | 1069 |
| Americans | .. | .. | .. | 199 | 324 |
| New Zealanders | .. | .. | | 122 | 110 |
| South Africans | .. | .. | | 59 | 63 |
| Portuguese | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| Chinese | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| Canadians | .. | .. | .. | 226 | 252 |
| Civilians | .. | .. | .. | 3 | - |
| Indians | .. | .. | .. | - | 2 |
| | | | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | | Totals | .. 4312. | 3969. |
| | | | | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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 Not taking in Local cases this week.
if any disease prevalent. 21 cases of Dysentery were notified during the week.

B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. Nothing to add to previous reports.

C. Visitors and object of their visit. Colonel Thorburn, Consulting Surgeon: Advice.
A.D.M.S. Abbeville Area. Inspection.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| D. Total number of sick and wounded. | Sick. | Wounded |
| (1) Admitted from Front. | 311 | 1232 |
| (2) Admitted from L.of C. | 172 | - |
| (3) Evacuated to England. | 217 | 851 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to. | | |
| (1) Base details.) | 41 | 9 |
| (2) Base Depots.) | | |
| (3) Convalescent Depots. | 101 | 135 |
| (4) Transferred to Other Hospitals. | 65 | 6 |
| (5) Deaths. | 4 | 8 |

Disposal of Infectious cases.

Dysentery 27 To England 2 To Con Camp
Trench Fever To England 2
Lobar Pneumonia To England 1.
Tuberculosis To England 1.
Venereal To ~~England~~ Other Hospitals 31.

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

H. State health of Overseas Contingents. Good 3 of Personnel in Hospital.

I. General Remarks. No.2 Surgical Team to 21st C.C.S on 26th Sept 1918
Average number of beds occupied - 1260.
Work has been extremely heavy in this last week, numerous convoys of wounded, many of whom required urgent operations has kept the staff working at high pressure.
322 Operations during the week.

3rd Aust.Gen.Hospital.

Date 4th October 1918.

(Sgd) E.W.Gutteridge 27 Lt-Colonel.
T/C.O.Third Australian General Hospital.

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.

APPENDIX 2

- A. General Health of Troops if any disease prevalent. 5 Cases of Dysentery admitted from local sources.
4 Cases of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, 2 direct admissions, 2 diagnosed in Hospital.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. Nothing to add to previous reports.
- C. Visitors and object of their visit. Consulting Physician, Colonel Elliott. Advice

| D. Total number of sick and wounded. | Sick. | Wounded. |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| (1) Admitted from Front. | 198 | 279 |
| (2) Admitted from L.of C. | 451 | 5 |
| (3) Evacuated to England. | 177 | 193 |

| E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to. | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| (1) Base details. | 59 | 13. |
| (2) Base depots. | | |
| (3) Convalescent Depots | 153 | 203 |
| (4) Transferred to Other Hospitals. | 37 | 8 |
| (5) Deaths. | 3 | 9 |

| F. Disposal of Infectious Cases. | Trench Fever. | 8.To England. |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | Dysentery. | 9.To England. |
| | Meningitis. | 4.To Other Hospitals. |
| | Mumps. | 1.To Other Hospitals. |
| | Broncho Pneumonia. | 1.To England. |
| | Measles. | 1.To Other Hospitals. |
| | Malaria. | 1.To England. |
| | Venereal. | 22.To Other Hospitals. |

- G. Brief Report of accidents involving death or serious injury. Nil.

H. State health of Overseas Contingents. Good, 5 Personnel in Hospital.

I. General Remarks. Number of Patients in Hospital average 1200.
Large increase in proportion of Medical cases
Surgical work slackening off.
Opening of No.5 Convalescent Depot for cases requiring small dressings has been of decided advantage in keeping the Hospital clear.

3rd Aust.Gen.Hosp.

Date 11th October 1918.

(Sgd) E.W.Gutteridge. Lieut-Colonel.
T/O.C.Third Australian General Hospital.

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. 140 Cases of Influenza admitted during the week, 117 remaining in Hospital. 6 Broncho Pneumonia Cases admitted, 58 diagnosed since admission, 11 deaths, 66 remaining in Hospital.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. Nothing to add to previous reports.
- C. Visitors and object of their visit. Dr Burnett on Dietetics and Economy in Hospital Administration. Colonel Thorburn, Consulting Surgeon. Advice.
- D. Total number of sick and wounded.
- | | Sick | Wounded. |
|---------------------------|------|----------|
| (1) Admitted from Front. | 137 | 210 |
| (2) Admitted from L of C. | 505 | 1 |
| (3) Evacuated to England. | 90 | 152 |
- E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to.
- | | Sick | Wounded. |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------|
| (1) Base Details | 184 | 16 |
| (2) Base Depots. | 213 | 69 |
| (3) Convalescent Depots. | 94 | 16 |
| (4) Transferred to Other Hospitals. | 13 | 6 |
| (5) Deaths. | | |
- F. Disposals of Infectious Cases.
- | Trench Fever. | 15 | To England. |
|---------------|----|---------------------|
| Dysentery | 6 | To England. |
| Malaria. | 2 | To England. |
| Venereal. | 78 | To Other Hospitals. |
- G. Brief Report of accidents involving death or serious injury. Nil.
- H. State health of Overseas Contingents. Fair. 8 of personnel in Hospital.
- I. General Remarks. The influenza epidemic has been very severe. A great incidence of broncho-pneumonia with a big percentage of deaths. Surgical work lighter. Evacuations and Convoys at long intervals.

3rd Aust.Gen.Hospl.

18th October 1918.

(sgd) E.W.GUTTERIDGE.

Lt-Colonel,

T/O.C., Third Australian General Hospital.

Dental Report.

Number of Patients in Hospital awaiting:-

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

- A. General Health of Troops if any disease prevalent. 117 Cases of Influenza remaining in Hospital on 17-10-18, 303 admitted during the week, 279 remaining in Hospital.
66 Broncho Pneumonia Cases remaining on 17-10-18, 13 admitted during the week, 97 diagnosed since admission, 15 deaths, 132 remaining in Hospital.
- B. Urgent requirements and suggested improvements. Nothing to add to previous reports.
- C. Visitors and object of their visit. Lt-Col.B.Sutherland,A.A.M.C. - visit.
- D. Total number of sick and wounded.
- | | Sick | Wounded. |
|---------------------------|------|----------|
| (1) Admitted from Front. | 127 | 271 |
| (2) Admitted from L of C. | 510 | - |
| (3) Evacuated to England. | 117 | 344 |
- E. Total number of sick and wounded discharged to -
- | | Sick | Wounded. |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------|
| (1) Base Details | 162 | 7 |
| (2) Base Depots. | 136 | 48 |
| (3) Convalescent Depots. | 75 | 4 |
| (4) Transferred to Other Hospitals. | 15 | 8 |
| (5) Deaths. | | |
- F. Disposals of Infectious Cases.
- | Disease | Disposals |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Trench Fever. | 12 To England. |
| Dysentery | 1 To England. |
| Malaria | 1 To England. |
| Venereal | 69 To Other Hospitals. |
- G. Brief Report of accidents involving death or serious injury. Nil.
- H. State health of Overseas Contingents. Fair. 15 of Staff in Hospital, including 3 Medical Officers and 4 Sisters.
Australians in Hospital on 24-10-18:
- | Disease | Number | Total |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Influenza | 249 | 502. |
| Broncho-Pneumonia | 76 | |
| Other Diseases | 163 | |
| Wounded | 14 | |
- I. General Remarks. Influenza epidemic heavy.
Incidence of Broncho-Pneumonia large proportion.
Mortality serious.

3rd Aust.Gen.Hospl.

25th October 1918.

(Sgd) E.W. GUTTERIDGE.

Lieut-Colonel,
A/O.C., Third Australian General Hospital.

Dental Report.

Number of Patients in Hospital awaiting:-

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

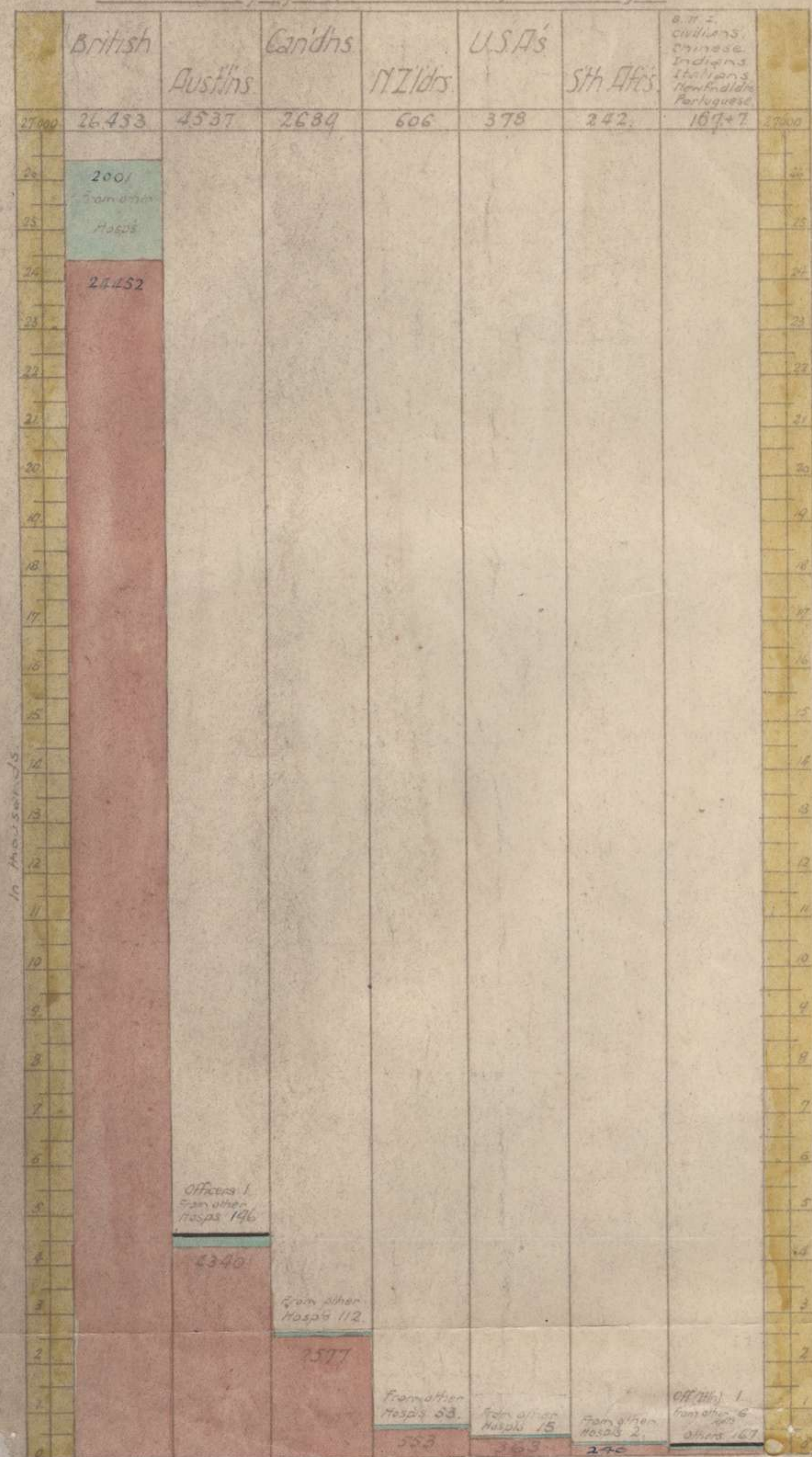
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Graph Showing

Total Admissions and Transfers from other
Hospitals to 3rd A.G. Hosp in France
Period May 1917 (commencement) to Oct 1918



Total 35 079 Patients

from other Hosps : Green
Officers : Black
Admissions : Red

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TO: D.M.S., A.I.F.,
Administrative Headquarters,
130, Horseferry Road,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

MONTHLY REPORTS - OCTOBER, 1918.

Herewith are forwarded reports of work during the past month of the different Departments of the Unit.

The month has been the heaviest in 1918. The Influenza epidemic has compelled expansion of the hospital from 1500 to 1700 beds.

An average of 150 cases of Broncho Pneumonia of a very severe type necessitated much strain on the Nursing Staff.

It was found necessary to provide the increased accommodation to temporarily take over the Y.M.C.A. Hall and a personnel hut as convalescent wards. In addition the capacity of each ward was increased by providing four stretchers and palliasses for the more convalescent patients.

There was great difficulty in staffing the wards on account of the nursing necessary, and the figures of sickness of the nursing staff and orderlies sadly diminished the numbers available.

All possible precautions were taken to limit the spread of the disease -

Meetings were prohibited.

Influenza wards were isolated.

Broncho-pneumonia cases segregated in special wards, with all the precautions of infectious disease - linen sterilised before being sent to the laundry, Medical Officers, Sisters and orderlies wearing masks of gauze moistened with Eucalypti.

The Surgical work was heavy at the beginning of the month, but during the middle and latter end of October the medical work encroached upon the Surgical Wards and we were quite unable to take any large part of convoys.

New Construction.

Under way. Twenty double Nissen Hospital huts.

Extension to Fumigator Chamber.

Drying-room.

Reception-room.

Road to West of Hospital area.

The construction of the Nissen huts was commenced under contract. A model of a completed ward of two Nissens with annexe between has been constructed, and will be forwarded later with models of all types of hatted wards.

By the courtesy of the G.O.C., 1st Australian Division, who provided 1 officer and 40 Other Ranks, 1st Australian Division, we were enabled to fit stoves and doors to all tented wards and to commence the works enumerated above.

Health. The health of the unit was only fair - as is shewn in the report of the Officer i/c Medical Division.

Twenty eight orderlies were admitted to Hospital.

Monthly Reports, October 1918.

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Pathological Department.

A report by Major K. Inglis, A.A.M.C., on the work of this Department for August and September is appended.

Quartermaster's Department.

The great expansion and turn-over of patients of the Hospital necessitated very great work on this Department. It was splendidly borne.

10-11-1918.

(Sgd) E.W.Gutteridge. Lt-Colonel,
A/O.C., Third Australian General Hospital.