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Healthcare in Salisbury during  
the First World War

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Salisbury Infirmary during World War 2

Odstock's beginnings as an American Field Hospital

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Salisbury Infirmary during the Great War



CLOCK TOWER & INFIRMARY, FISHERTON STREET, SALISBURY.

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# SOUTH WILTS GAZETTE

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### Salisbury Infirmary.

DEAR S.R.—May I ask you to kindly insert the following:

Owing to the shortage of doctors and the fact that the military authorities desire increased accommodation in the Infirmary for wounded soldiers, the Committee of Management much regret that they find it necessary to curtail the treatment of certain cases, and inform the governors, subscribers, medical practitioners and the public that:

(1) The dental department is to be closed temporarily.

(2) There are no facilities for the treatment of school cases.

(3) Only urgent ophthalmic cases will be admitted.

(4) The treatment of casual patients will be strictly limited, and such cases after the first treatment must obtain a governor's recommendation.

The Committee wish to point out that patients insured under the National Health Insurance Act are not eligible for treatment as casuals, but should go to their own panel doctor.

Cases having a governor's recommendation (either in or out patients) will be admitted as usual on Saturdays.

Apologizing for troubling you,  
Yours faithfully,

LOUIS G. GREVILLE (Chairman).  
Heale House, Woodford, Salisbury,  
March 22nd, 1916.

**Salisbury (General) Infirmary (120 beds).**—Wanted at once, HOUSE SURGEON and ASSISTANT HOUSE SURGEON. Salary £100 and £75 respectively, with apartments, board, lodging, and washing. Candidates must be unmarried, fully qualified, and registered.

Applications from women candidates will be considered.

All applications, with testimonials, to be sent to the undersigned, of whom the rules relative to the duties may be had on application.

The duties will commence from the date of appointment.

Canvassing by or on behalf of the candidates will disqualify.

Dated 1st February, 1916. S. BUCHANAN SMITH, Secretary.

### Salisbury (General) Infirmary (120 beds).

—Wanted, HOUSE SURGEON and ASSISTANT HOUSE SURGEON. Salary £150 and £100 respectively, with apartments, board, lodging, and washing. Candidates must be unmarried, fully qualified, and registered.

Applications from Women candidates will be considered.

Candidates must be ineligible for Military Service.

All applications, with testimonials, to be sent to the undersigned, of whom the rules relative to the duties may be had on application.

The duties will commence from the date of appointment.

Canvassing by or on behalf of the candidates will disqualify.

Dated 14th March, 1916. S. B. SMITH, Secretary.

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**SALISBURY INFIRMARY. — SECOND PORTER**  
WANTED. Strong, good character. Wages to commence £25 a year, board, lodging, uniform, washing.—  
Applications, with testimonials, to be sent at once to  
S. B. SMITH, Secretary.

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Mr. S. R. ATKINS reminded the Court that it had been usual to obtain a very large quantity of drugs from Germany. These markets were now very properly closed, and our attention had been directed at home to finding out the process of making such drugs as were previously obtained from the enemy. That entirely explained the increase in cost.

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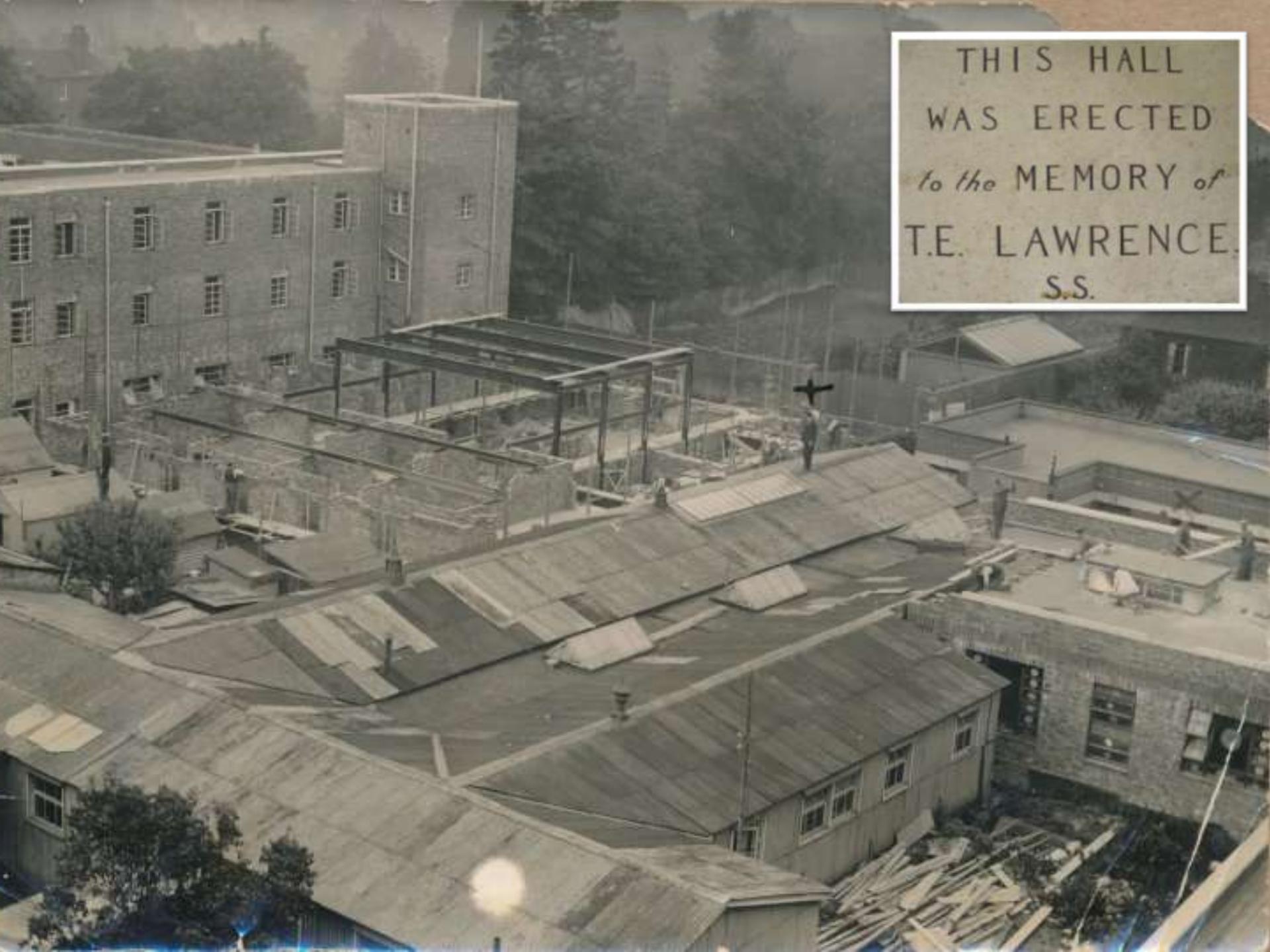
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inpatient average daily	n/a	94	95	109	126	n/a	169	160
outpatients	1149	1819	1890	1559	1013	n/a	644	550
casualty	2680	3056	2043	3268	2840	2626	3728	4683
dental	503	621	579	428	347	n/a	n/a	n/a
major ops	600	702	741	941	622	n/a	763	763
minor ops	n/a	212	290	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
ophthalmic		341	452	384	72	n/a	n/a	n/a
xray		248	352	432	416	662	943	1073

n/a not available



The Herbert Convalescent Home, Westbourne.





THIS HALL  
WAS ERECTED  
*To the MEMORY of*  
T.E. LAWRENCE.  
S.S.









Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine

TABLE I.—MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF CEREBROSPINAL FEVER  
IN SALISBURY.

Month	Number of cases					
December, 1914	...	...	...	...	...	2
January, 1915	...	...	...	...	...	9
February, "	...	...	...	...	...	18
March, "	...	...	...	...	...	4
April, "	...	...	...	...	...	8
May, "	...	...	...	...	...	—
June, "	...	...	...	...	...	1
July, "	...	...	...	...	...	2
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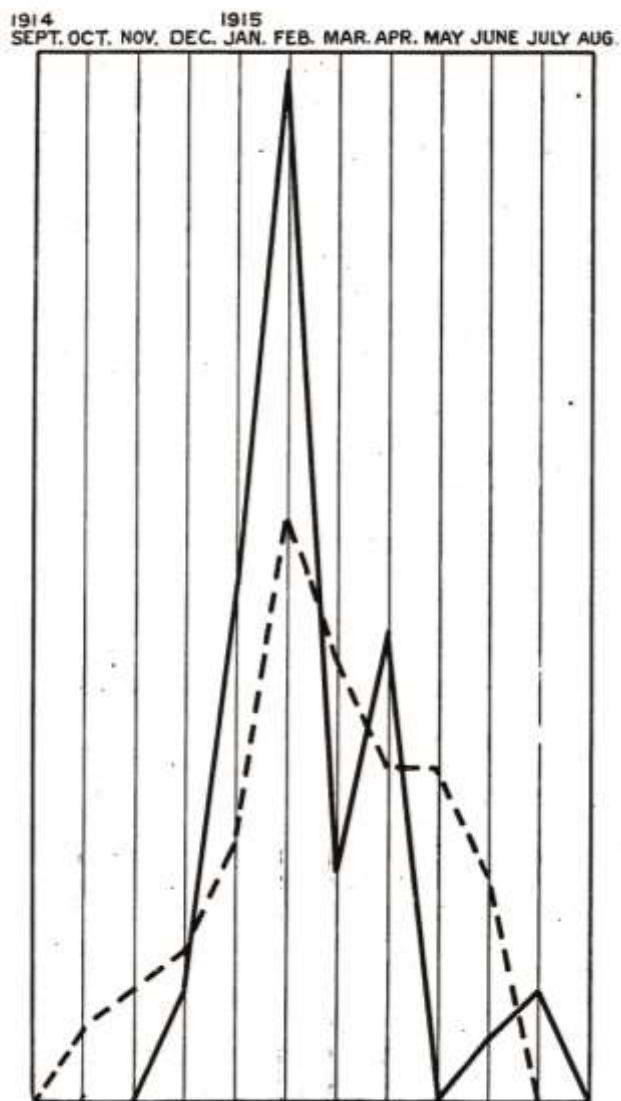
TABLE II.—MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION OF CASES AMONG THE TROOPS IN  
SALISBURY PLAIN DISTRICT.

Month	Number of cases					
October, 1914	...	...	...	...	...	2
November, "	...	...	...	...	...	3
December, "	...	...	...	...	...	4
January, 1915	...	...	...	...	...	7
February, "	...	...	...	...	...	16
March, "	...	...	...	...	...	12
April, "	...	...	...	...	...	9
May, "	...	...	...	...	...	9
June, "	...	...	...	...	...	6
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TABLE III.—WEEKLY INOCULATIONS IN SALISBURY.\*

Period	Inoculations performed				Totals
February 15-21	...	...	22 (22)	...	22 (22)
.. 22-28	...	...	800 (846)	...	822 (868)
March 1-7	...	...	1,691 (1,755)	...	2,513 (2,623)
.. 8-14	...	...	706 (729)	...	3,219 (3,352)
.. 15-21	...	...	140 (142)	...	3,359 (3,494)
.. 22-28	...	...	43 (44)	...	3,402 (3,588)
March 29—April 4	...	...	22 (22)	...	3,424 (3,560)
April 5-11	...	...	16 (16)	...	3,440 (3,576)
.. 12-18	...	...	46 (46)	...	3,486 (3,622)
.. 19-25	...	...	101 (101)	...	3,587 (3,723)
April 26—May 2	...	...	86 (87)	...	3,673 (3,810)
.. 3-9	...	...	26 (26)	...	3,699 (3,836)
.. 10-16	...	...	4 (4)	...	3,703 (3,840)

\* The figures in parentheses include additions received after the analysis had been completed. To the total of 3,840 can be added 334, the number of inoculations known to have been performed, the records of which do not give dates. This grand total of 4,174 is still incomplete.



Proportional incidence of cerebrospinal fever in different months. Full line gives civilian cases, broken line military cases.





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1914

Elizabeth K. Clark  
Christmas 1914

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