

MEDICAL OFFICER IN COMMAND U.S. NAVAL BASE HOSPITAL
#21 MARSHALL AREA MEDICAL REPORT OF:

ENCLOSURE (c)

1. Medical services to Marshallese natives continued as described in last months report. The following events are considered worthy of special mention.

(a) On 3 August 390 natives of Likiep were vaccinated. All adults were given the first inoculation of tetanus toxoid and all children 10 and under, diphtheria toxoid.

(b) The immunologic work on the natives at Ennylebegan has been completed. All who were found to harbor *Endamoeba histolytica* in their stools were treated with a 10 day course of carbarsone with excellent results.

(c) Medical officers accompanied Military Government trips to Likiep, Lae, Ujae, Jaluit and other islands. General inspection and sick calls were made and the more seriously ill were transported to the hospital for treatment.

(d) Requests for medical supplies by various native practitioners have been filled and shipped to them.

2. SANITATION.

General measures of education and instruction in sanitary practices to the natives were continued, as outlines in last months report. A very noticeable diminution in the mosquito population of Likiep was noted in the August visit for they had covered their rain barrels and other water collection areas as recommended to them in July. DDT was sprayed by

planes on several islands.

3. MEDICAL EDUCATION OF THE MARSHALLESE.

(a) The class of native nurses is continuing, but more emphasis has been placed on the didactic instruction of English for they cannot be taught or entrusted to give medications, take pulse and respiration, or more than the rudiments of nursing without better knowledge of English.

(b) One of the student nurses was transferred to the Native Nurses School at Guam.

4. INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

There were 3 deliveries at Base Hospital #21 during August. Impetigo and occasional cases of yaws are treated with success. There are the usual intestinal parasite patients as described in last month's report.

Medical Officers on Military Government trips have reported a high incidence of gonococcus infections. At the present these have been treated on the islands with sulfonmides. However, the Supply Catalogue has just added penicillin in oil and wax and this preparation is relatively stable at ordinary temperatures. This product has been ordered and when obtained will be used and should afford a more satisfactory solution to this problem.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) The eleven recommendations made in last month's report are here-with repeated.

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(b) With the availability of a thermo-stabile preparation of penicillin studies and efforts should be made in the future to eliminate gonococcus infections in the Marshallese.

(c) With the establishment of the Military Government Dispensary about 1 October progress in matters outlined in these last two reports should be materially increased.

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HOSPITAL # 201 MARSHALL AREA MEDICAL REPORT OF:

ENCLOSURE (D)

1. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION:

(a) General: The activities of this department are divided into three main groups, Military Government Hospital #201, Native Practitioner's Program, and the Outlying Island Dispensaries.

(1) Personnel Data: During the period covered by this report one (1) medical officer was detached and two (2) reported aboard for duty. Two (2) chief Pharmacists Mates and nine (9) other enlisted men reported for duty. No enlisted men were detached.

Medical officers.....	2
Warrant Officers (PHAR).....	1
Hospital Corpsmen.....	10
Other Enlisted Personnel.....	8

(2) Native Personnel on Duty:

Native Practitioners.....	14
(Hospital)	
Native Practitioners.....	24
(Island Dispensaries)	
Native Nurses.....	5
(Hospital)	
Native Medical Aids.....	4
Native Interpreters.....	2
Native Maintenance.....	11

(b) Hospital Activities:(1) Statistics:

Medical Treatments.....	2667
Dental Treatments.....	0
Major Surgical Operations.....	1
Minor Surgical Operations.....	1
Obstetrics - Normal Deliveries.....	5
Admissions.....	42
Discharges.....	28
Deaths in Hospital.....	10
Hospital Patients at end of period.....	37

(c) Public Health Program. The fifty (50) ft. native schooner, MERA, returned from its trip throughout the Radak Chain (Northern Atolls). Supplies were distributed as per schedule. Routine trip. The above mentioned schooner departed on a trip through the Southern Atolls on 6 August 1946. No Medical Officer accompanied the trip but one of the best practitioners and one other went along to distribute medical supplies to the various islands.

During the past month there were eight (8) DU (Smallpox) cases turned in on the Sick List. The first case being admitted on 7-31-46. Two cases followed on 8-2-46. The total population of both Rita and Laura atolls were vaccinated (1275) vaccinations). A positive diagnosis was never established. Commander MOUNT (MC) USN was sent to Majuro to make an epidemiological study and report of the suspected cases. He returned to Guam on 8-14-46.