

A field trip to outlying atolls started on January 30 and will be reported next month. As there is only one medical officer on duty at this unit, he was unable to make the trip. The Sanitation Officer and one practitioner are in the party. One practitioner 3c is being returned to his home village of Dodo in Arno Atoll. This will fill a vacancy at that village and supplies are also being taken to the other village dispensaries.

At Laura village, Majuro Atoll, the former site of MG Hospital #201, three of the best practitioners were left in attendance, utilizing part of the former hospital buildings. Sufficient equipment and supplies were left with the practitioners. It is planned for the Medical Officer to make frequent trips to this large center of population to give medical assistance and to bring any serious cases to the hospital now located on Uliga Island. It is also planned to make the village dispensary at Laura a model where practitioners from other atolls may observe the best practical methods of dealing with their medical problems.

Ten patients were brought with the hospital to its new location on Uliga, three of whom are to be returned to their home islands as soon as transportation is available. There are now 8 practitioners on duty at the hospital, three of whom are to be sent to Kwajalein for return to their homes as soon as transportation can be arranged. It is expected that new recruits will be brought in from the field trip now in progress.

The Consolidation of MG Hospital #201 with the NAB Dispensary is resulting in some crowding and inconvenience to both activities, but this will be resolved as quickly as possible.