

4 (Preventive and Therapeutic Field Work)

A field trip was made to Rota Island, on 8 September, 1948. Sick call was held in the dispensary and no one was found to be seriously ill. The practitioner is doing an excellent job in treating the people and in keeping his dispensary looking good.

There are many flies, mosquitoes, and rats in the village. There are a few hand sprays around but they are not used. With the abundance of dead snails, pig shelters, lack of screens, lack of garbage buckets, and lackadaisical attitude of the people these pests are going to be difficult to eradicate.

One patient, a 57 year old male, was returned to the Saipan Dispensary for the treatment of anemia and diarrhea.

The health in general of the Rota people seems to be fairly good in spite of very poor living conditions.

The field trip to ChiChi Jima on 14 September 1948 is as follows:

The improvement of island sanitation has continued. Mosquitoes are well controlled and the number of flies was not considered excessive. However facilities for sewage disposal are completely lacking. This fact, coupled with inadequately protected wells represents a hazardous situation. Recommendations were made to the medical practitioner that the water to be used by all infants and children be boiled. A great deal could be done to eliminate this hazard if the people of this community would repair the small amount of damage done to the pipelines reaching from the mountain reservoirs.

The availability of food on this island is constantly increasing and the people have at their disposal tropical fruits, fowl, fish, wild goat and hogs supplemented by imported evaporated milk, flour and rice.

In conclusion, the public health of this island is on a par with that of many small United States communities.

At the Chalan Kanoa Dispensary, Saipan the following inoculations were recorded during the quarter:

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| Typhoid..... | 373 | Small Pox..... | 373 | TOTAL: | 746 |
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