

Report of Medical Field Trip:

Ngerehelong a village on Babelthuap is spread over a large area and numbers approximately five hundred and fifty (550) people in total population. There are about one hundred and twenty-seven (127) school children attending a newly built school which is located apart from the village. The school has a large playground adequate for multiple sports. There is a spring near the school and two (2) large benjoes are placed fifty (50) yards behind the school.

Every home has a benjo of American or Japanese type. Because of the lack of screening the houses are completely closed, the pits are from nine (9) to ten (10) feet deep.

Most of the houses have garbage pits for the disposal of rubbish. Flies are much in evidence and mosquitoes are frequently seen in the evening. No oil, sprays, or lime are available for sanitation purposes.

Sick call wash held and nineteen (19) patients were seen.

Diagnostic classifications they were:

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| Rheumatism | 4 | Acute Gastro-Enteritis | 1 |
| Otomycosis | 4 | Cervical Adenopathy | 1 |
| Arthritis | 2 | Ovarian Tumor | 1 |
| Acute Synovitis | 1 | Umbilical Hernia | 1 |
| Skim Ulcers | 2 | Post-Operative Caesostomy | 1 |
| | | Conjunctivitis | 1 |

Simple medications were given. Patients hospitalizations were sent to USN MGU Dispensary, Koror.

The diet of the village appeared adequate with citrus fruits, coconuts, taro, tapioca, fish, crabs, pandanus, chickens and eggs as the fundamental foods.

Kayangel village is situated on the largest of the three islands in this atoll. They have approximately one hundred and fifty (150) people and twenty-one (21) houses. There are twenty-one (21) school children attending a small school manned by one school teacher. A quonset has just been transferred from a neighboring island where American occupation troops were stationed. It will serve as the new school.

Every house is served with a garbage pit, but there are only nine (9) benjoes for the twenty-one (21) houses and the school. Flies and mosquitoes are abundant. No DDT, sprays, oil or lime were available for use in the benjoes and garbage pits.

Sick call was held at which seventeen (17) patients were seen. For those seen simple remedies were given and initial injections of Marpharsen for all yaws patients. Diagnostically classified they were:

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| Yaws | 5 | Von Recklinghauser disease | 1 |
| Epedermophytosis | 2 | Head cold | 2 |
| Otomycosis | 1 | Sebaceous Cyst | 1 |
| Helminthiasis | 2 | Pelvic Inflammatory disease | 1 |
| Impetigo | 1 | | |

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Diet was adequate and consisted of essentially those foods found in Ngerehelong.

Comments:

(1) The health and sanitation programs are well organized and are functioning efficiently.

(2) Requisitions for equipment and supplies not available at Base Hospital #20 are being prepared and will be forwarded to Naval Medical Supply Depot, Guam, early in February.

(3) Requisitions previously submitted (both by mail and by dispatch) have been promptly filled, shipped and received at this activity.

(4) Personnel: One (1) PHML was rotated to continental U. S. this month. Total on board-~~six~~ (6).

Recommendations: None.