

A field trip to the outlying atolls started on January 29th and extended into the 3rd week of February. The sanitation officer and one practitioner represented the Medical Department. This arrangement is not considered ideal but was fairly satisfactory. There is only one medical officer attached to Military Government at present. Instructions were given to bring all serious or problem cases back to the dispensary. The Sanitation Officer held sick call, but very few people attended. The ordinary ailments are apparently well taken care of by the local practitioners. Only five patients were brought back to the Dispensary, 3 for elective hemorrhoidectomy, 1 for asthma, and one for an old injury to his hand from a dynamite cap explosion while fishing. All known cases of yaws (115) are under treatment, using Mapharse and Bismuth. All known cases of Gonorrhoea (21) are treated using sulfathiazole. All known cases of Tuberculosis (6) are isolated locally to some extent and are given supplementary Multi-vitamin. A total of 30 dental extractions were done.

There were 7 births, all uncomplicated and 6 deaths, three of which were attributed to tuberculosis, one to cerebral hemorrhage, one to coronary thrombosis, and one to a fractured skull sustained in a fall from a tree. There had been 12 minor surgical treatments by practitioners and a total of 3119 medical treatments. Accurate records were not being kept in all dispensaries but all practitioners were again instructed in this. Two hundred and fourteen cowpox immunization were given. There had been twelve injuries, all minor except two, the fractured skull and the dynamite cap explosion. The most common minor ailments treated at sick call

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were respiratory infection (31); skin disease (61) and such miscellaneous ills as backache, colds and small cuts. Weekly trips were made to Laura village in Majuro Atoll. The dispensary there is under the supervision of a well trained practitioner and is well under control. A field trip was made to Rongurou Island, Majuro Atoll which has a population of 80 and on which a Coast Guard Loran Station is located. The medical needs of this island have been taken care of by the practitioners at Laura and they also have access to the Military Government Dispensary on Uliga. It is planned to send a trained practitioner to this island for duty.