

~~B~~ (Health and Sanitation)
1 (Hospitals and Dispensaries)

1 April 1947

Truk Dist.

(a) Name: U.S.N. Military Government Dispensary Truk.

Location: Moen Island, Truk Atoll

(b) Total number of beds:	81
Total number of beds devoted to native care	75
Native men's ward #1	15
Native men's ward #2	14
Nursery	* 16
Native women's ward #1	12
Native women's ward #2	18

* This number includes eleven cribs.

(c) Number of patients treated by racial groups: (Micronesian)
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(1) Medical by diseases (admissions for period).

314 Cirrhosis liver	1
332 Gastroenteritis, acute	1
520 Otitis media	1
540 Tonsillitis, chronic	1
652 Papillitis	1
700 Abscess, perinephritic	1
709 Cystitis, acute, nonvenereal	1
731 Pyelitis, acute	4
801 Catarrhal fever, acute	6
1101 Tuberculosis, pulmonary	1
1146 Tuberculosis, extrapulmonary	4
1215 Gonococcus infection	10

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1305 Cellulitis	6
1329 Yaws	57
1602 Arthritis, right shoulder	1
1801 Asthma	2
2003 Hernia, inguinal, bilat.	2
2004 Hernia, direct	4
2010 Hernia, umbilical	1
2114 Atrophy, testicle	1
2126 Hydrocele	3
2154 Sinus	1
2239 Parasite infestation (worm)	1
2302 Carcinoma, basal cell, lt. cheek	1
2305 Cyst, ovarian	2
2320 Myoma of uterus	2
2435 Pregnancy	4
2531 Fracture, rt. tibia	1
2531 Fracture, rt. femur	1
2601 Poisoning, acute (fish)	2

The following laboratory examinations were completed on natives during the month:

Smears for G.C.	32	Differentials	13
Darkfield examinations	12	Urinalysis	21
White blood counts	17	Stool examinations	31
Red blood counts	5		

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There were a total of 71 X-ray examinations made on natives during the reporting period.

(2) Surgical operations performed in the dispensary:

Excision, ganglion, rt. ankle	1	Operation, Conization cervix	1
Eye, evisceration of	1	Oophorectomy	1
Hernia, repair of	8	Pregnancy (stillbirth)	2
Hydrocele, repair of	6	Pregnancy	2
Hysterectomy, partial	2		

(3) Dental treatments performed in the dispensary by native dentist:

Cement fillings	24	Operations	2
Amalgam fillings	2	Treatments	112
Extractions	13		

(a) Number of hospital days furnished native patients: 1105

Number of native patients on last day of month: 25

Natives treated (out-patient) at USN MGU Dispensary:

(1) Yaws (old cases) 54
Yaws (new cases) 50

(2) Out-patient treatments for other conditions:

<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Number of patients</u>
Parasite infestation	50
Strain, muscular	31
Catarrhal fever, acute	90
Fungus infection, skin	56
Otitis media	64
Scabies	17

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<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Number of patients</u>
Conjunctivitis	31
Wound, incises	22
Wound, lacerated	56
Pregnancy	35
Tuberculosis	10
Burns	13
Abrasions	23
Diarrhea	3
No disease (headache, bache, etc.)	428

(e) Native hospital training program:

(1) Nurses and Aides	<u>No.</u>	<u>Rate of pay</u>	<u>Earn. per mo.</u>
Student nurses	3	.70 per diem	50.40
Student nurses (probation)	4	.40	41.60
(2) Native Orderlies.	15	*	
Hospital orderlies	15	.85	242.35
Hospital orderlies	2	.60	32.40
Hospital orderlies (proba)	1	.40	9.60
Hospital orderlies (out-lying islands)	7	15.00 per mo.	105.00
Student orderlies (out-lying islands)	3	.60 per diem	46.80
Student orderlies (out-lying islands)	6	.40	65.50

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	<u>No.</u>	<u>Rate of pay</u>	<u>Earn. per mo.</u>
(3) Others employed.			
Interpreter and foreman	1	60.00 per mo.	60.00
Student-dental clinic	1	.70 per diem	16.80
Cooks	2	.75	40.50
Cooks helper	1	.75	21.00
Storekeeper	2	.85	41.65
Foreman, laborers	1	.85	24.65
Laborers	5	.70	91.00
Hospital orderlies and sanitation inspectors	10	1.00	270.00
Sanitary Inspectors	4	.85	60.85
Sanitary Inspector	1	.90	24.30
Rodent and insect control students	12	.60	163.80
Rodent and insect control students	10	.40	108.00

The training program for native hospital orderlies and nurses continued during this month. Seven native hospital orderlies in training have been attending English classes in the MG school in preparation for their course at the dispensary. Five finished one month of English March 31 and will begin their hospital training April 1. This amount of training in English is far from adequate but the necessity for staffing the islands outside the Truk atoll with native hospital orderlies

precludes a longer course at this time. With the help of the nurse who is voluntarily assisting this program, work has been started on a course in midwifery for the nurses. The greatest single obstacle in this program has been the difficulty in getting women into the dispensary when she goes into labor. To overcome this, the dispensary is admitting pregnant women as close to their expected date of delivery as can be estimated and keeping them until they deliver. The importance of training good midwives for each island seems to justify such a plan. Seven of the native hospital orderlies graduated at the end of February and have been transported to their home islands and sub-dispensaries have been set up and equipped for them. The remainder will be set up during April. Orderlies were brought in from Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi for training and the initial phase of the program for the islands south and east of the Truk Atoll is now nearing completion.