

B (Health and Sanitation)
4 (Preventive Medicine and Therapeutic Field Work)

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Ponape Dist.

During the report period anthelmintic therapy was given as follows:

On 2 July, 921 persons in U district; on 7 August, 986 persons in Kitti district; on 19 August, 232 persons on Ngatik island; on 3 September, an additional 226 persons in Kitti; on 16 September, 891 persons in Nett district and on 17 September 563 persons on the island of Pingelap. This brings the anthelmintic campaign close to conclusion with only the district of Metalanim on Ponape and the islands of Kusaie and Mokil remaining to be treated.

The program of tuberculin testing and physical examination of school children planned for the first week of school in September could not be accomplished because of the field trip and the heavy work load at the dispensary. It will be accomplished when and if the time permits.

The Health Aide on Mokil reports an outbreak of diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, fever, stomatitis and pharyngitis following the ingestion of meat of a "Hawksbill" turtle. All who ate the turtle became ill and a 12 month nursing infant, whose mother ate the meat and was ill, developed identical illness and died. The turtle was eaten the same day that it was captured. There was a similar occurrence in the Mokil village on Ponape about eight years ago with 10 fatalities.

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