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Instructions in treatment of Venereal Disease

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Reconsider the question of discontinuing present arrangements at Rochester Row, & obtaining better instruction elsewhere

Last previous Paper.  
21016 by  
2301PEA  
(Anderson)

in Hudson

See minutes vol. 7 in file 301 EA

we had better begin by asking W.D. for a definite statement as to how our office spends the four weeks, what the authorities at the Natl Hosp. can arrange in the way of restriction

W.D.

Mr. Reed

I think perhaps it would be better to consult Genl. Leshman first - the first instance shall be Mr. Anderson. It will be best to discuss the

next subsequent Paper.

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Medical Reports of New Zealand for 1910-11 and 1911-12 show a great increase of syphilis etc. P.A.P. strongly supports the proposal for a compulsory course for M.O.'s (see G.O. 14310/12)

A course of some kind is clearly desirable and better than relying ourselves off from the P.M. Hosp. and trying alternatives (2) we may consider what a reorganisation of the present system at the H.M.H. is not possible:

(3) (a) The course is short, only one month.

In a W.O. letter in File of Owen 4316 (see N-8) containing a report on certain officers who attended the course it is stated that the one month period did not give time for instruction on (i) The Wasserman Test

(ii) Intravenous administration of Salvarsan

(b) I gather from Sir H. Litchman's letter that it is really impossible to arrange a course as a strict rule; since they are not continuously dropping in and are not sent in groups at fixed times.

(c) The men are slack, and inclined to look down on the course.

The remedy appears to be

(a) To extend the course to six weeks or two months. The course to include intravenous injection of Salvarsan and Wasserman Test

(b) To arrange for say 3 definite courses to be held yearly at definite times.

In the course of a few years, all M.O.'s would be able to attend one of these sessions during their leave.

(c) To substitute an examination test at

the end of each session, and make the  
payment of allowances depend on the  
Officers obtaining a certain percentage  
of marks, as well as a satisfactory  
report.

We might write specially to N.O.  
and say that P.R.H. has received complaints  
from certain Officers that the one month  
course at the R. G. S. is <sup>of little</sup> value, and  
that he has been informed that it is

impossible for the authorities of the Staff  
to arrange a systematic course, owing  
to the irregularity of the times at which  
Officers are instructed to attend,  
and for the reasons of the A.C. on the  
proposal to institute 3<sup>rd</sup> sessions  
of 6 weeks each every year  
at definite dates, and to arrange  
for an exam.

Would it not be preferable to put this suggestion  
immediately to Sir W. Lushington first, & ask him  
to pass it on - hinting that we are quite ready  
to discuss it direct with Major Harrison or his  
Chief of Staff (Sir W. Lushington) if he  
considers it better to do so?

H.P.D. 4/2/13

H.F.

at once  
H. J. R.  
5/21/13

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It might be well to write officially to W.O.  
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that he has been informed that it is  
impossible for the authorities of the Staff  
to arrange a systematic course, owing  
to the irregularity of the times at which  
Officers are instructed to attend.  
and join the views of the A.C. on the  
proposal to institute 3<sup>rd</sup> sessions  
of 6 weeks each every year  
at definite dates, and to arrange  
for an exam.

Would it not be preferable to put this suggestion  
immediately to Sir W. Leitchman first, and then  
to pass it on - thinking that we are quite ready  
to discuss it direct with Major Harrison or his  
chief of Staff (Sir W. Leitchman) before that  
course.

W.F.  
I have added in proposal  
W.S. 1/13

Yes  
at once  
H. J. R.  
5/11/13

November 21st 1918.

PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY,  
ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE,  
(University of London)  
GROSVENOR ROAD, LONDON, S.W.

Dear Fiddian,

I have not seen the officer in charge at Rochester Row Hospital - Lieut Col Gibbard - since you spoke to me but had a talk a week or two ago with his second-in-command, Major Harrison. I gathered from that, from their point of view, the present system was unsatisfactory in some respects. As your men attend at odd times it is not possible apparently for a separate and systematic course of instruction to be started and <sup>car</sup>ried through for each individual, as could be done if several came together for a definite time. Much is, of necessity, left to the keenness of the individual and, from what I know of the place and the staff, I have not the slightest doubt that a man who wished to learn all he could would do so and receive every help and instruction.



Mr. Fiddian  
Mr. Bottomley

Dr. Henderson explained matters yesterday verbally to Mr. Read's satisfaction.

? Inform Governor East Africa Protectorate that although he did not attend the usual course in V.D. at the Military Hospital, Rochester Row, he obtained instruction at the Middlesex Hospital and will not be required to attend a further course of instruction.

From what Dr. Henderson told me the "course" at the Military Hospital is almost useless. The Commandant ridicules it - a man may go and look about as he likes there, but there is really no instruction.

+ It would be worth while to consider whether a man can obtain instruction better elsewhere.

A.C.T.P.  
7/10/13.

at once. A.F.  
9/10/13.

To Governor 862. 10 October.

(Instruction in treatment of Venereal Disease).

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The Middlesex Hospital,  
London, W.

October 3rd, 1913.

Sir,

In reply to your letters No. 3018 E.A. of 7.6.13. and 3018 E.A. of 21.6.13., I have the honour to inform you that I have already explained verbally to Mr. Parkinson of the Colonial Office, on receipt of your second letter, that I did not take the "course of instruction" at the P.A.R.C. Hospital, Rochester Row for two reasons, firstly owing to the ill-health of my Father who wired for me at the beginning of August and secondly because I discovered after two visits to Rochester Row that there was no proper "course of instruction". This may have possibly been due to the fact that I was the one and only student.

I beg to inform you that I have however undergone instruction in Venereal diseases at the Middlesex Hospital where I went into residence from the 22nd to 29th September inclusive, and I have made myself acquainted with the treatment of Venereal disease with 606 and other drugs.

I have also been attending the surgical practice at that Hospital during and since those dates.

I very much regret the delay in replying to your last letter.

Should



Should you require any further information  
as to the practical instruction I have received,  
I have the honour to refer you to Dr. Campbell  
Thompson, Dean of the Middlesex Hospital School.

I have, etc.

(Sd.) F. L. HENDERSON.

B.A. Cantab. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
Medical Officer, B.A.P.  
Late House Surgeon, House  
Physician, Casualty Medical  
Officer and Resident Medical  
Officer at the Middlesex Hospital.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

DOWNING STREET,

10th October, 1913

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Dr. F.L.Henderson has been unable to attend a course of instruction in the treatment of Venereal disease at the Royal Military Hospital, for reasons which he has explained to my satisfaction.

2. He obtained instruction however at the Middlesex Hospital, and will not be required to take a further course of instructions.

I have, etc.

(Sd.) L.HARCOURT.

HONOR

CONWAY BELFIELD, ESQ., C.M.G.,

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

Royal Army Medical College

(University of London)

Grosvenor Road,

London, S.W.

December 10th 1913.

Mr Parkinson,

I took the opportunity last night of talking to Lieutenant Gibbard, the Officer in charge at Rochester Pow Hospital, the question of the instruction of the men of the Colonial Medical Services in venereal diseases. I found that he was quite in agreement with me on the rather unsatisfactory conditions prevailing at present and that he thought the suggestions I made to Fildian would greatly improve matters if the instruction could be re-organised on some such lines. He said he would very willingly discuss the matter with you, so if you write to him -

Lieut. Col. T. V. Gibbard, R.A.M.C.  
 Officer in Charge, Military Hospital  
 Rochester Pow, S.W.

I have little doubt that you will be able to arrange matters satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,



COY 36527 Ea.

DRAFT.

LT Col. T. W. Gibbard, R.A.M.C.  
 Officer in Charge, Military Hospital,  
 Rochester Row, S.W.

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W. B. Bantley 29

Mr G. Fiddes.

Mr H. Just.

Mr Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr Harcourt for caution

W. B. Bantley

for signature

by W. B. Bantley

or myself.

Dear Sir,

Mr William Leislerman

informs me that he has

spoken to you about the

course of "visti" in Venereal

disease which some

of the Colonial Medical

Officers have been

attending at the Military

Hospital in Rochester

Row that you appear

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from it as they should;  
partly ~~undoubtedly~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~belonging~~  
to their own fault. 188

It has been suggested  
that matters might be  
placed on a more satisfactory  
factory footing if ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup>  
courses were arranged every  
year - lasting for six  
weeks each - if  
an exam. were held at  
the end of <sup>the</sup> ~~each~~ course  
on the result of which  
would depend the payment  
to Officers of the allowance  
now <sup>to them</sup> given by the Govt  
while they are at the  
Hospital. The course  
should certainly ~~include~~ <sup>cover</sup>  
practical work, <sup>including</sup> ~~especially~~  
intravenous injection of Salvarsan



the W. Freeman list.

Spencer, The C.O. could  
not guarantee that a given  
number of Men would attend  
a course, as the men only  
come home on leave, at  
any rate from S.A. where  
the treatment of Venereal  
disease is regarded as most  
important, once in three  
years, but we will do our  
best to fit the men in.

If you think that  
these suggestions are practicable,  
the matter will be taken  
up directly through the  
W.O.

Yours very truly

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