

Daily Reports of Sick and Wounded Maori Prisoners (Continued.)

DR. SHORTLAND,—

May 16, 1864.

The following arrangements are to be carried out as quickly as possible :—

1. Mr. O'Neill's house to be got ready as a Hospital, and place where some of the more delicate prisoners may reside. To be admitted on a certificate from Dr. Sam, with approval of a Minister.
2. The ship to be fumigated as soon as possible, as proposed by Dr. Sam. The ships' boats and if necessary, hired boats for the day to be employed in taking the prisoners to the North Shore, while the ship is being fumigated.
3. As many as convenient to be taken to the North Shore daily for a run, as arranged with Mr. White. I should think the boat might make two trips, so as to include as many as possible every day.
4. Bedding to be got as suggested. Refer this to the Hon. Mr. Russell.
5. Let the prisoners who go on shore, and particularly those who reside on shore, if their health admits, be employed in cultivating vegetables, gathering oysters, or otherwise. They merely lounge about. This will both be better for them, and make their superintendence easier. Let a few spades, rakes, and hoes, and vegetable seeds be procured.

WILLIAM FOX.

Hulk "Marion,"

Auckland Harbour, May 13, 1864.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon. the Native Minister, that the prisoners are at present suffering from pains resulting from their having to sleep on hard wooden boards. I therefore request that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the authorities to allow them bedding. If I may be allowed to suggest, I beg to state that the most economical plan would be to buy ticking and straw, and have the work done by the prisoners. Mr. White, under whose suggestion I act, strongly recommends the same.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

S. SAM, Surgeon in medical charge Hulk "Marion."

E. SHORTLAND, Esq., Native Secretary.

"Marion" Hulk.]

May 14th, 1864.

[S. SAM.]

No.	Diseases.	Remarks.
4	Dysent. Chron.	Extracted a conical revolver bullet from the right testes of Penetita. The sick generally doing well, and the wounded fast recovering. Decks clean, and daily sprinkled with chloride of lime. Provisions and water good. Prisoners orderly, comfortable, and satisfied.
2	Abscess.	
11	Vulnus Sclop.	
1	Operatio.	
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Hulk "Marion,"

Auckland Harbour, May 14, 1864.

SIR,—Agreeably with instructions, I have the honour to report for the information of the Hon. the Native Minister, that the men named in the margin* have considerably suffered since their confinement on board, inasmuch as they at the present time seem depressed in spirits, emaciated in frames, and inclined to yield to the least predisposing cause to disease. I therefore beg to have the honor to suggest that they may at once be removed on shore, where, with the facilities of exercise and other hygienic measures, they will be allowed a fair chance of renovating their shattered constitutions.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

S. SAM, Surgeon in medical charge Hulk "Marion."

E. SHORTLAND, Esq., Native Secretary.

"Marion" Hulk.]

May 15th, 1864.

[S. SAM.]

4	Dysent. Chron.	Nothing remarkable since last report. The prisoners enjoy themselves very much, and are quite delighted with the idea of being allowed to go on shore. Decks clean. Provisions and water good, and regularly supplied.
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