

In addition to the above, the following statistics of work carried out by the medical staff during 1948 are of interest :—

Visits by Medical Officer and Samoan medical practitioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,817
Hookworm treatments	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,796
Operations—							
Apia Hospital—							
Major	..	..	..	..	..	..	163
Minor	..	..	..	..	..	..	966
Outstations—							
Major	..	..	..	..	..	..	236
Minor	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,576
N.A.B. injections	..	..	..	..	..	..	106,675
Inductothermy treatments	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
Laboratory examinations	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,508
Electro-cardiograms	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
X-ray examinations	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,886

(c) DEATHS OF SAMOANS AT DIFFERENT AGES, 1944 TO 1948
(CALENDAR YEARS)

	Number of Deaths.					Percentage of Total Deaths.				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Under 1 week ..	23	12	47	26	31	3.56	2.35	7.17	4.24	4.80
1 week to 1 month ..	11	4	23	17	14	1.70	0.77	3.50	2.77	2.17
1 month to 3 months ..	22	17	25	9	14	3.39	3.33	3.81	1.47	2.17
3 months to 6 months ..	22	11	25	20	27	3.39	2.15	3.81	3.26	4.19
6 months to 12 months ..	86	65	56	67	79	13.32	12.72	8.54	10.92	12.25
1 year to 2 years ..	71	70	66	74	93	10.98	13.70	10.06	12.07	14.42
2 years to 3 years ..	18	24	32	24	36	2.78	4.70	4.88	3.92	5.58
3 years to 4 years ..	19	16	18	12	15	2.93	3.13	2.75	1.96	2.33
4 years to 5 years ..	9	5	16	7	8	1.38	0.98	2.44	1.14	1.24
5 years to 10 years ..	48	31	40	33	30	7.42	6.07	6.09	5.39	4.65
Over 10 years ..	318	256	308	324	298	49.15	50.10	46.95	52.86	46.20
Totals ..	647	511	656	613	645	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

The Samoan infant-mortality rate (death under one year) was 58.04 per 1,000 births during 1948. Infant-mortality rates during the preceding twenty years are shown below :—

1927 ..	101	1934 ..	104.8	1941 ..	65.59
1928 ..	58	1935 ..	97.0	1942 ..	72.69
1929 ..	70	1936 ..	291.77*	1943 ..	124.42
1930 ..	61	1937 ..	89.30	1944 ..	75.8
1931 ..	111	1938 ..	73.79	1945 ..	53.8
1932 ..	121	1939 ..	83.56	1946 ..	64.05
1933 ..	114	1940 ..	73.80	1947 ..	56.94

*Due to epidemics of whooping-cough and measles; see report for 1936-37, page 22.