

129. You have spoken of the number of blankets that were got for the men in the marquees at Berhampore: were there not other buildings where the patients were kept?—Yes, two out-buildings.

130. Were the patients kept in the stables?—Yes.

131. How many?—In the harness-room, and the trap-sheds, and the chaff-room.

132. Not actually in the stables?—No.

133. Were there beds in these rooms?—Not at first; but beds were put in afterwards when I got the stretchers.

134. Was there proper sanitary accommodation in these buildings?—There were no latrines at all, except three water-closets down below.

135. Were bed-pans supplied to the patients?—Bed-pans were in the main wards.

136. What about the other buildings?—The convalescents were in the outbuildings. No man was allowed to be out of bed until his temperature was normal for three days.

137. And do I understand that as long as the patients were in bed proper bed-pans were available?—Yes, sir.

138. *The Chairman.* Had the harness-room and stable been occupied for any time?—I could not say.

139. It was perfectly clean: had it been occupied by horses recently?—Not as far as I knew.

140. *Mr. Ferguson.* You went there some time after the hospital was first used?—That is so.

141. It was a good building?—Yes, it was quite sound.

142. Had the caretaker any horse running about the grounds?—There was no caretaker there.

143. *Mr. Gray.* As far as you could see, was there any objectionable feature about these buildings?—No.

144. They were clean and quite suitable for the purpose for which they were used?—Yes.

145. Were there any complaints which reached your ears, while at Berhampore or since, of any patients being neglected there?—There was the case of Kennedy. His brother came and saw Sister Hannah. He seemed to have the impression that the men were not treated properly, but after Sister Hannah and myself had showed him everything he was quite satisfied.

146. Is that the only occasion when there was a suggestion of complaint?—Yes.

147. Where was Kennedy removed to?—The Wellington Hospital.

148. *The Chairman.* And after he was dead his brother came to interview you at Berhampore?—Yes.

149. *Mr. Gray.* Was Kennedy a patient there when you went to Berhampore on the 1st June?—I could not say.

150. Do you remember his case?—Yes.

151. Was there anything exceptional in his treatment at Berhampore?—No; the man was quite well as far as I know. He was shifted with the five cases on the Saturday afternoon.

152. Why?—His temperature was a little over 100—101, I think. The nurse said he would probably do a little better in the Wellington Hospital.

153. He was one of the five selected to fill vacancies in the Wellington Hospital?—Yes.

154. *The Chairman.* He went by the ambulance, I suppose?—I really forget.

155. He was not walked there?—No. His brother said that he had written to him saying that he had pains. Well, he used to be asked at least half a dozen times a day if there was anything wrong with him.

156. Who was the nurse?—There were three nurses—Sisters Keith, Hannah, and Farrom.

157. *Mr. Gray.* During your time at Berhampore was there any lack of requirements?—No.

158. And you had no difficulty in getting anything required?—Not at all. I used to get everything straight away.

159. Had you ever any difficulty in getting into touch with Colonel Purdy?—No.

160. Had you ever occasion to ring him up at headquarters—Mount Cook—in the daytime?—No, not that I remember.

161. And he made frequent visits?—Yes. About a week before I left Captain Harrison paid daily visits.

162. Are you not under some misapprehension about the case of Colley? Dr. Purdy tells me that he gave you some instructions about Colley about the 9th June, before he was removed: can you recollect that?—I cannot recollect it at the moment.

163. Can you recollect that Colonel Purdy saw Colley on the 9th, and directed you or the sister in charge to remove the man to the Wellington Hospital if he were doing no better in the morning: can you recollect that?—He may have told the sister, but I do not remember his telling me.

164. You are under the impression that it was done while Dr. Purdy was away?—Yes.

165. What is your civilian occupation?—I am a chemist by profession.

166. You have said that there was no guard kept on the hospital or at the gate?—None at all.

167. It has been suggested that if the patients chose they could get out at night and roam about?—It is quite possible, and it would be impossible to guard against that.

168. Do you know of any actual case of a man going out in that way?—I never saw any man, but it was mentioned amongst the men themselves. I did the best I could to find out, but nobody would tell.

169. And you never actually ascertained the name of any man who had got out—in fact, that a man had got out at all?—No.

170. *The Chairman.* Was that rumour reported to the doctor by you?—Yes, I did report it.

171. Reported to which doctor?—I think it was Captain Harrison, but I could not be certain.

172. Did you ask for more orderlies in consequence?—Yes.