

107. When going round the wards?—Yes. Captain Ferguson would be going round, and he would ask me if I had anything to do. It was not very often, but I saw him two or three times.

108. Was that after he had got bad?—Yes.

109. *Dr. Martin.*] Can you tell me who was in charge of Trentham on the 11th June—the day before you went?—I do not know. My first interest in measles was on the 12th June.

110. Who had charge the day before you took over?—Captain Simpson was looking after the measles generally in the camp.

111. Where is he?—Gone on the hospital ship.

112. Sister Keith was at Berhampore on the 12th: do you think she would know about these men?—She was there on the 12th, and I think she was there before. There were three nurses when I arrived.

*The Chairman.* Do you know, Colonel Purdy, who was at the Berhampore Hospital on the 11th June?

*Colonel Purdy.* I was in charge up to the 12th June.

*The Chairman.* Were you visiting?

*Colonel Purdy.* Yes.

*The Chairman.* What about Captain Simpson?

*Colonel Purdy.* He was out in the camp.

*The Chairman.* You saw all the patients in Berhampore up to the 12th June?

*Colonel Purdy.* Yes; I can tell you about Colley.

113. *Mr. Gray* (to witness).] You went on to the camp on the 1st June?—Yes.

114. And you had to do with the general hospital prior to this outbreak?—Yes.

115. Have you anything to say about the general conditions?—On the 1st June there were five patients in the general hospital in camp, with various complaints. I was not in charge: they were in the marquees. The number of patients up till the 8th June was small, and increased in a most rapid manner and overtaxed our accommodation. It was an unprecedented epidemic.

116. Until you took charge of the measles cases alone you were concerned with the general hospital, were you not?—I was concerned with the general ambulance lines.

117. What do you say about the equipment?—The equipment of the hospital out there was of the best that could be got in a camp hospital, as far as I know.

118. *The Chairman.*] You are speaking of the hospital, apart from the Jockey Club buildings?—The camp hospital—the marquees.

119. *Dr. Martin.*] How many marquees had you?—Two.

120. With beds and mattresses and pillows and blankets?—Yes.

121. *The Chairman.*] You had to attend those who came on sick-parade?—From the 1st to the 12th.

122. Did every one who was sick come to you, or did you go to them: what was the practice?—They paraded at a quarter past 8 in the morning and a quarter past 4 in the afternoon, and sometimes at 7 if we thought they were sufficiently bad. If they were so bad that we did not want them to go back to the tents we sent them to the hospital.

123. It is suggested the men were not attended to, but left lying in the tents, because the medical men would not go and see them?—Absolutely wrong.

124. Did you ever go and see a man who was lying in a tent because he could not get up?—I did.

125. If a case was reported like that, would you go to him?—Yes.

126. And would the other medical men go in the same way?—Every one of them.

127. You heard that suggestion made before?—No. The orderly-officer of the day has all those things to attend to. There is a different one each day, and if he was not fit to go and was in bed—say, at 11 o'clock or midnight—another man was put on, and would take his place willingly. There was no hesitation on any one's part in going to see the sick men in the tents.

128. *Mr. Ferguson.*] You say that the camp hospital was excellent?—As far as I know.

129. We understand that you came after Major Fyffe?—I was not there when Major Fyffe was there, but subsequently.

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EDWARD YEATES sworn and examined. (No. 34.)

1. *Mr. Skerrett.*] What medical degrees do you hold?—Licentiate and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland; Licentiate of the College of Physicians, Ireland; and L.M. of the Rotunda of Dublin.

2. What military service or experience have you had?—In 1900 I went in charge of a troopship to Cape Town. I was then in camp at Cape Town, and then transferred to No. 2 Stationary Hospital, and went to Orange River Colony in the same hospital, and then to Johannesburg, Transvaal, with the No. 2 Stationary Hospital. Afterwards I was sent on duty down to Cape Town, and I volunteered to take charge of the smallpox camp which broke out in the quarantine-station. I remained in charge of that until I stamped out the smallpox—for about four months. I was then appointed Captain of the Medical Staff Corps, and I was Chief Medical Officer examining recruits for oversea colonies, and Imperials and local men. From 1901 to 1902 I was also on special plague duty. In 1902 I was appointed Captain in the British South African Police, and had charge practically of the whole of the Forces of the Matabeleland, and P.M.O. for a time. From then until now I had no military experience until I went to Samoa.

3. Will you state generally what medical position you occupied in the military services during your sojourn in South Africa?—I had charge of the camps in East London during my time in the stationary hospital.