

241. You went there every other day as before?—Not every other day. I think I paid six visits in June.

242. How many after you returned?—Six altogether.

243. And there was no other Medical Officer in charge during that time?—No; we were on the telephone.

244. Was Mr. Yallop in charge?—Yes, and an excellent charge he gave too.

245. Have you a record of the names of patients who went from Berhampore?—Yes.

246. Does the record give the state in which they were discharged or what became of them?—Yes.

247. They were all either discharged or sent to the Wellington Hospital?—Yes.

248. So up to the 20th June no one died there?—No; no one died in Berhampore as long as I had any connection with it; and, what is more, not only no one died in Berhampore Hospital, but no one died in Wellington Hospital who went from Berhampore Hospital until the 11th June.

249. That will be some one who went from Berhampore during your time?—Yes; he was sent to Wellington Hospital on the 5th June from Berhampore, as it was suspected he was developing pneumonia. That was the Saturday. The man Kennedy was admitted to Berhampore on the 29th May, and sent to Wellington Hospital on the 5th June. Then the next man was admitted to Berhampore Hospital on the 2nd June, and he was transferred to Wellington Hospital on the 10th June.

250. *Mr. Salmond.*] When did he die?—On the night of the 11th. I think the first man died on the night of the 10th June. There was another man who was admitted to Berhampore Hospital on the 30th May, and he was sent to the Wellington Hospital on the 2nd June. His name was Archibald McFarlane. He died there of acute phthisis on the 6th June.

251. *Dr. Martin.*] Who diagnosed it as that?—The doctors at the hospital. Those were the only three men.

252. This was a man who had been examined by the military authorities and died, and he had been admitted to the Army with phthisis?—Yes. We have had several cases admitted with incipient tuberculosis.

253. *Mr. Ferguson.*] Do you know what district he came from?—No, I do not. That is the report that was sent to me. The case was certified as acute phthisis. In any case, those three cases were the only cases near or remote that have any connection with the Berhampore Hospital.

254. *Mr. Salmond.*] Did not one of the orderlies, a man named Olliver, die?—Not that I know of. There is a special report about Olliver somewhere. He was never in Berhampore at all. The report says that Private Olliver was admitted to the General Hospital on the 12th June with measles and bronchial pneumonia. He continued well for a week, and despite the best of attention he died on the 21st. This man did not report sick to the Medical Officers when he became sick, as he thought it would prevent his going away with the Fifth Reinforcements. Had he reported at once his chances of recovery would have been good. He was found on the boat going away. As a matter of fact, he collapsed on the boat. His mates helped him to get away, and he was discovered in a state of collapse and taken to the hospital.

255. Did you not know that was one of the Berhampore orderlies?—I did not.

256. *The Chairman.*] Then he must have been at Berhampore and gone back to camp again?—He must have done so if he was an orderly at Berhampore.

257. *Mr. Gray.*] He was admitted from the camp?—No; he was taken off the ship. Captain Harrison told me. Sergeant Yallop would know whether he was orderly at Berhampore.

*The Chairman.* Was this man Olliver one of the orderlies, Sergeant Yallop?

*Mr. Yallop.* Not during the time I was there.

*The Chairman.* How long were you there?

*Mr. Yallop.* From the 1st to the 12th June.

*Witness.* He could not have been there in my time.

258. *The Chairman* (to witness).] Did you hear of any charge connected with Berhampore and Olliver?—No. The Minister asked me about sending a report of all of those as they occurred, and that was sent on to him by the doctor attending.

259. You say that the only charge to your knowledge that was brought against Berhampore was on the 6th June—that it was overcrowded?—Yes.

260. And that that was on the 6th June, or when you got back from South, and by that time it was reduced?—Yes.

261. Your answer as to the overcrowding is contained in the memorandum to the Commandant which you have read?—Yes; that was my report, dated the 8th June. There was a further report I sent in partly in connection with Berhampore. It was sent in on the 6th July in regard to the whole military camp at Trentham. [Report referred to.] I may say also that the three men who were sent to Wellington Hospital from Berhampore were not in the marquees at all, and never had been. They were in the main ward of the building, which was never overcrowded.

262. *Dr. Martin.*] You say, Colonel Purdy, that if anything went wrong with the patients at Berhampore you would be communicated with at once?—Yes.

263. Was there a telephone in the building?—No, not at first, but there was one not very far away—about 200 or 300 yards away, in another house—and the orderly used to go and telephone if I was wanted.

264. He had to walk from the hospital to this house, 200 or 300 yards away, and telephone you?—Yes.

265. Supposing you had to be rung up, where were you living?—It was arranged in the event of anything happening—first of all, if a man took ill in the hospital he was at once removed