

36. Have you known of a patient being diagnosed or treated by three doctors?—No. I have on two or three occasions stopped a man from going to speak to another doctor.

37. *Mr. Ferguson.*] A man who wanted to get a double dose?—I do not know whether the man wanted it. Perhaps the Medical Officer who was disengaged came up and spoke to the man. But as to a man getting three separate prescriptions from three different doctors—it is absurd.

38. *Mr. Skerrett.*] Who were the doctors that were usually present at the sick-parade?—The Medical Officers of the corps. There were six, and they used to take it in turns.

39. Colonel Purdy would not be present?—No.

40. *The Chairman.*] Do you remember Dr. Yeates?—Yes.

41. Was he there in your time?—Yes.

42. Did he take his turn with the others?—Yes.

43. *Mr. Skerrett.*] It has been suggested that although Captain Yeates attended the morning sick-parades he rarely attended the afternoon sick-parades, and was rarely in camp during the afternoon?—That is so, sir.

44. You believe that to be true?—Yes.

45. Did Captain Yeates give any lectures?—No, not as far as I know. The other Medical Officers used to give lectures in the afternoon. In the morning they had drill.

46. You will understand that I am not inviting you to express any opinion unless you choose to do so. Have you anything to say as to the adequacy of the hospital arrangements at the camp?—

*The Chairman.* : This will be on the camp side: it has nothing to do with the racecourse.

47. *Mr. Skerrett.*] No; the hospital arrangements for the Trentham camp during the time you had any actual knowledge of it?—I consider they were quite adequate. I never found anything wrong at all.

48. How many beds were provided up to February?—When I first went there we had three beds at the end of the marquee. Then we got another marquee, and we had seven beds—all for mild cases. Other cases went in to the Wellington Hospital.

49. We have had it that there was only accommodation in the hospital for some ten or eleven patients in February. How about mattresses and sheets in February?—Major Holmes, when he came, arranged with Mrs. Luke—so he told me—and I know that bales of sheets, pillow-slips, pyjamas, and suchlike came out. I opened them in his presence.

50. When would that be?—At the end of January.

51. *The Chairman.*] Would this be an accurate picture at the 19th February: "There is no equipment for the beds—no sheets, no pillow-cases—nothing but mattresses and blankets"?—No, sir.

52. Not correct?—No, sir.

53. *Mr. Skerrett.*] That is written, I understand, by one of the Medical Officers?—Yes, I heard that this morning when I was here. I do not know how he came to write it.

54. You think he must have been mistaken?—Undoubtedly. I left on the 1st February, and before I left Major Holmes had brought those things out. On the particular day when Dr. Fyffe wrote that it may have been so: they may have been in the wash: but they were in existence.

55. *Mr. Ferguson.*] Were not enough sent out to provide for the wash: you spoke of bales?—Yes.

56. There were ample to enable you to send to the wash—provided the things came back?—Yes.

57. *Mr. Skerrett.*] Is there anything you would like to add at all as to the camp or its arrangement or the treatment of the soldiers?—

58. *The Chairman.*] Do you know anything of the dispensary?—Yes, sir.

59. Was that under your charge in any way?—Yes, sir; I was responsible for everything excepting supplies.

60. You had to see that the dispensers did their duty?—Yes.

61. How were things kept in the dispensary-tent?—They were kept fairly clean.

62. It has been said they were constantly covered with dust?—I do not believe that—not covered with dust to an extent that would attract any one's attention.

63. During your time were the supplies to the dispensary adequate?—Yes, quite. We got everything we wanted. We had only to ask and it was granted.

64. With regard to the men who came to the sick-parades, where would they shelter if it were raining?—There was nowhere for them to shelter.

65. What did they do—remain in the rain?—I suppose so. As far as I remember we did not have any rain. It was beautiful weather then—November, December, and January.

66. During that period you had not to contend with wet and mud?—No.

67. *Mr. Gray.*] Was there much sickness during your time?—No, I do not think you could say there was much.

68. Having regard to your former experience in camps, would you say that the sickness was not of the ordinary or not?—No, I should say not.

69. *Mr. Skerrett.*] There were measles?—Yes, but only a few cases. I remember the first case of measles. I do not think there were more than twenty altogether during January, December, or November.

70. *Mr. Gray.*] The total was not large?—No.

71. The amount of sickness was not abnormal?—I do not think it was.

72. Can you remember whether there were many cases of sore throat reported?—No, I do not think there were.

73. Would it be correct to say that as many as eighty and a hundred reported in a day?—No; it is absurd.

74. Before the 1st February?—We never had as many men as that on sick-parade even.