

72. *The Chairman.*] The kiosk was opened a few days later?—Yes.
73. What had you to do with the kiosk?—Nothing whatever, sir.
74. At no time?—No.
75. *Mr. Skerrett.*] How many men were in hospital when you took charge?—That I do not know.
76. You can give no idea?—No.
77. *The Chairman.*] Then you had to provide the food, had you, for the men who were lying in the hospital?—That was done from the cookhouse. I used to write out the requisition and send it down to the Army Service Corps, and they would send the food up.
78. When you say you had to look after the men, you mean the men who were there sick?—The orderlies.
79. Had you to see that they were provided with lamps and thermometers—whatever might be necessary?—I used to get the requisition signed by the officer and send it into town.
80. *Mr. Skerrett.*] What had you to do with the provision of hospital equipment?—I had nothing to do with that. The officer used to make the requisition out and send it in.
81. *The Chairman.*] And then you had to see that the equipment was got?—Yes.
82. *Mr. Skerrett.*] You had no initiative, then, in the provision of lamps or thermometers or anything of that kind? No.
83. You simply acted as administrative officer upon the requisition of the Medical Officer?—Yes. I used to get the requisition and see that it was carried out.
84. Who drew up the requisition?—As a rule, the officer.
85. Are you able to give the Commission any useful information about the administration or management of the hospital in the trainers', or trainers' and jockeys', quarters, as the case may be?—No. I used to take my orders from the Medical Officer.
86. You were not concerned in the treatment of the men or their nursing?—I was doing some nursing till the sisters came out.
87. *The Chairman.*] Where were you nursing?—All through. I used to go round with the Medical Officer.
88. When he went his rounds?—Yes.
89. *Dr. Martin.*] Round the kiosk?—No. I went round the kiosk once. I had been doing some work outside, and I went round with the Captain. I did not go round, though, to see the patients.
90. *Mr. Skerrett.*] You really can give very little information as to the actual working of the racecourse hospital?—No.
91. *Mr. Ferguson.*] With regard to the question about these men being quartered in the horse-boxes and the horses being adjacent: where were you yourself quartered?—In one of the rooms there.
92. Some of the orderlies were quartered in the horse-boxes?—For a while.
93. And some of the horses were also quartered there?—None were quartered there while I was there.
94. Were those quarters quite suitable for the orderlies?—Yes.
95. Comfortable?—Yes.
96. You have no cause for complaint?—No, I have no cause from the orderlies themselves.
97. *Mr. Gray.*] Did any officer use a horse?—No, sir. Dr. Valentine was the only officer who had a horse.
98. Do you know of any case when an officer would ride up on a horse and leave it for a short time in a loose-box?—No.
99. Have you done nursing at the military hospital?—Yes.
100. What was the equipment of the hospital like?—There were plenty of blankets; we had sheets, pillow-slips, pillows.
101. *The Chairman.*] At what date?—It would be just about Christmas-time.
102. *Mr. Gray.*] Did that continue?—Yes, only we went to the racecourse.
103. You did not go to the racecourse until June?—No.
104. Up to the time you went to the racecourse was there any shortage of sheets, blankets, pillow-slips, mattresses, or other bed equipment?—No, not for the marquees.
105. *Mr. Ferguson.*] Were there any sheets at all before Major Holmes got them out?—
106. *Mr. Gray.*] Do you remember Major Holmes getting some sheets out?—Yes.
107. When?—As soon as he came back from Samoa.
108. That was in December, was it not?—Somewhere about then.
109. Were those sheets there before he came?—No.
110. They were procured when he came in December?—Yes.
111. And there was no shortage after that?—No.
112. Apart from bed equipment, was there anything required at the hospital which it ought to have had?—No, not for the kind of patient we were treating there.
113. The serious cases—the measles cases—were sent away?—The serious cases were sent to Wellington Hospital.
114. Do you remember a supply of kitchen utensils and some other things being got in the month of March?—There was £10 made out to Major Fyffe.
115. You remember that?—Yes.
116. Who made out the list of things that were bought with that £10?—Sergeant Edwards. He went away with No. 1 Stationary Hospital.
117. In that list were comprised some kitchen utensils?—That is so.
118. Could they not be got in the camp?—I do not know.
119. Or from the store?—I have not the slightest idea.
120. Did you ever hear any complaints made in the hospital, or in connection with the hospital, that these things could not be got?—No.