

75. Were you there when attention was called to his feet being cold?—I remember that quite well, on the Friday morning.

76. Who discovered his feet were cold?—A sister of Pollard's.

77. What was done then?—Sister Hannah filled the bottle.

78. It seems to have been suggested that that ought not to have occurred?—He was just dying then. It is impossible to keep them warm.

79. At that stage hot water was of no value?—No.

80. They said that his feet got warmer after the bottle was put there?—It is impossible to keep them warm when they are dying. The sister had been up all night, and she told me that his feet were cold and that she had kept them as warm as possible.

81. But if a patient is dying, then you cannot keep the extremities warm?—No.

82. These patients were suffering from a bronchial affection?—Yes.

83. And did they require to spit?—Yes.

84. Were there any spittoons there?—Dozens of them.

85. There is a suggestion that Pollard had to spit into a sheet of paper?—I had even spare spittoons in the storeroom.

86. There were more than you wanted?—Yes. I had to put a sheet of paper on a chair where the spittoon was because very often a patient will miss the spittoon.

87. The paper was placed under the spittoon to spare the chair?—Yes.

88. It has been stated that there was phlegm on the wall?—There might have been; a delirious patient will often expectorate on the wall.

89. And over the bedclothes and anywhere?—Yes.

90. Then the floor is said to have looked as if it had never been scrubbed?—It is mopped out every morning by the orderlies.

91. From your experience as a nurse, was the floor in a proper state of cleanliness for a ward in which these men were being attended to?—It certainly was. I had the beds pulled out every morning into the centre of the floor and swept all round, and the places mopped all round.

92. It is one of the fundamental principles of nursing to keep everything clean?—Yes.

93. Pollard's brother, who gave evidence yesterday, said that he wanted to get another doctor in because he was not satisfied with the place his brother was in, but Captain Harrison said, "We object to have any civilian interference. If every one could come in it would upset the whole organization." The patient, the Medical Officer added, was in too critical a condition to be removed. Pollard's brother also said that a doctor only visited his brother once a day, which was not enough. On the Thursday what doctors came, and what medical attendance did he have?—I do not remember which doctor came, but I know we had a doctor every night.

94. As well as a visit from one during the day?—Yes, all that week.

95. Major Elliott came one night?—He came more than one night.

96. You cannot say who came on the Thursday night?—No.

97. Do you remember if Dr. Steele was there?—I think I remember him, but some of them were strangers to me, and I do not know their names.

98. The position generally seems to be that from the Tuesday, when Pollard's temperature rose, until the Friday he gradually sank, although his temperature went down?—Yes.

99. And if I understand you aright, during that week the ward was not more than three-parts full?—About three-parts full; we had eight patients, and we could have taken ten in there.

100. There were not too many for the three nurses to deal with?—No.

101. The duties of nursing could be easily undertaken by three nurses?—Yes, by three trained nurses. There were only twenty patients then; the others were all convalescent.

102. Only those two cases required special attention?—Yes, and they got it.

103. Do you remember Fordham?—Yes, very well.

104. These two men were near the door?—Yes.

105. When did Fordham come in?—The same day as Pollard—on the Friday.

106. *Dr. Martin.*] At the same time?—I think they came together.

107. *The Chairman.*] And what was his condition when he came?—He just seemed to have influenza.

108. Then, can you recall anything about his temperature?—He did not have a very high temperature.

109. When he came in?—At any time.

110. When did his condition appear to alter?—On the Tuesday night. Major Elliott looked at him, but his temperature was only 100.

111. That was a slight rise, was it?—Yes; but he seemed to be getting really ill then.

112. And was he seen by the two doctors morning and evening that day?—Yes.

113. Then on the Wednesday do you remember what happened?—On the Wednesday he seemed to be worse, and I wired to his relatives.

114. Did you send the message, or did you ask some one to send it?—I was acting for Captain Harrison, and I sent it.

115. In this connection do you remember any telegram being sent with regard to Pollard?—No.

116. You did not send one in regard to Pollard: that might have been sent by another nurse?—No.

117. You do not recollect any telegram being sent to Pollard's relatives?—I did not send any.

118. However, on the Wednesday Fordham seemed worse and you sent a telegram to his relatives: would that be in the morning or the evening?—I sent them in the morning, because I took them myself.

119. Did you ask him for the addresses of his relatives?—Yes, and he gave me three addresses.