

209. And would it have done him any good to have removed him from the hospital?—No.

210. Do you remember any talk about communicating with his relatives?—No; I had nothing to do with that.

211. You communicated with Fordham's relatives?—Yes, on behalf of Captain Harrison.

212. How did that happen when you did not communicate with Pollard's relatives?—Captain Harrison was leaving us and going to the post-office, and he said he would wire to Pollard's relatives.

213. What day was that?—I think that was the Monday.

214. That telegram was sent on a Tuesday. Captain Harrison spoke to you about communicating with Pollard's relatives, and said he would send the wire?—Yes.

215. And that was the first day there were any dangerous or serious symptoms in Pollard's case?—Yes.

216. In what condition were these patients when they came into your hospital in respect to cleanliness?—They were quite clean, and they had a change of clean underclothing with them.

217. Not as to their clothes as much as regards their bodies: they had been washed and attended to?—Yes.

218. As to Fordham, what was he supposed to be suffering from when he came to you?—He was sent as a measles case.

219. You said he seemed to have influenza?—Yes; many of them had the both at once.

220. And when did you first think that Fordham was seriously ill?—On Wednesday, I think—I am not sure.

221. You sent a message to his relatives the very day you first thought he was seriously ill?—Yes.

222. And no complaint was every made to you regarding the reporting of Fordham's case?—No.

223. He began to be ill on the Tuesday night, and you sent a telegram to his relatives on the Wednesday?—Yes.

224. And his relatives arrived in time to see him alive?—Yes.

WILLIAM LANGSTON NEWNHAM sworn and examined. (No. 42.)

1. *The Chairman.*] What are you, Mr. Newnham?—An Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department.

2. You have some plans to provide us with?—Yes; I have a large plan showing the whole of the Trentham Military Camp, also several small plans. [Plans put in.] The large plan shows generally the position of the buildings and tents in the camp as the camp appears to-day. The small plans show the position of the tents at different periods.

3. Can you tell us the total area of the camp, apart from the racecourse? How much ground has the Government available as a camp there?—I have no information on that point.

4. *Mr. Ferguson.*] Of the area of flat land?—No; but I can get you that information.

5. *The Chairman.*] Sheet No. 1 is a tracing showing the position in October, 1914, of the latrines and sanitary buildings relating to the Rifle Association?—Yes.

6. These were pulled down in October, and the ground was then used as an artillery parade-ground till about the end of December?—Yes.

7. Then how was it occupied?—Tents were pitched about that position.

8. In December?—Yes.

9. As per plan shown on sheet 3?—Yes; the position of these tents is as near as I can get.

10. This is on the basis of information supplied by the Defence authorities?—Yes.

11. By whom actually?—Captain McCristell.

12. Since December these tents have been cleared away for the huts?—Yes.

13. The first row of hutments after the same hut was put on the site which has been previously spoken of as being occupied by the tents of the Rifle Association sanitary arrangements?—Yes.

14. There were no huts put up on the part marked "Latrines and privies and urinals" on sheet No. 1, but only on the part facing the main road?—Yes, that is so.

15. These privies and urinals were only used once or twice in the year by the Rifle Association?—That is so.

16. There was no pit: buckets were used?—That is so.

17. *Mr. Gray.*] I understand this is the site of the latrines used by the Rifle Association?—That is so.

18. *The Chairman.*] You are only showing us plans which indicate information which you have received?—Yes, sir.

19. Sheet No. 2 shows the position of the tents during October, November, and December?—Yes.

20. That area on which the tents were pitched was quite clear of the latrine spot?—Yes, sir.

21. *Mr. Ferguson.*] I assume we may take it that there was no hesitation or doubt in the mind of Captain McCristell as to this information: you are fairly certain that his information is correct?—Yes.

22. He gave the information as to who occupied those tents?—Yes. The position of the tents was pretty well defined, except where the hutments are now. Of course, there are no traces of them there now.

23. *The Chairman.*] Sheet No. 4 shows the position of the tents during February, March, and part of April; sheet No. 5 shows the position of the tents from April to the date on which the camp broke up in July?—Yes.