

148. Was he seen by a doctor before he was removed?—I am not sure. He had been playing cards that day.

149. Was he up and dressed?—Yes. He had no temperature—in the afternoon, I mean.

150. Where was he treated, in the ward or in the marquee?—He was sleeping in a marquee, and was up during the day.

151. He was put to bed in the ward, was he not?—Yes. When he complained to Sister Keith that he was not feeling well she told him he was to go to bed in the ward. She took his temperature, and I think it was subnormal. I remember she told me when I came on duty about Colley, and I took his temperature soon afterwards and found it was 103°6.

152. He was treated in the ward, after he became ill, until he was sent to the Wellington Hospital?—Yes.

153. *Mr. Skerrett.*] With regard to Colley, his father states that the son was taken seriously ill on the 10th June: is that right?—I do not remember the day.

154. That was a Thursday?—I remember quite well his getting ill suddenly, and being very surprised.

155. The father says that he became seriously ill at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 10th June?—Yes. It must have been that time I was off duty.

156. And he was admitted to the Wellington Hospital about 9 o'clock on the evening of the same day?—Yes. I took his temperature at about 6 o'clock, and it was then 103°6, and Sister Keith at once rang up.

157. Was Colley seen by any medical man between 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 10th June and his removal to the Wellington Hospital?—I do not remember.

158. It is rather an important question?—Sister Keith, being on duty then, would know. I was much surprised when I came on duty and took his temperature and found it so high.

159. You cannot say?—I am almost sure Sister Keith rang up the Wellington Hospital and asked for him to be removed there. I do not think he was seen by a doctor.

160. The father says that the nurse at the Wellington Hospital told him that the only things Colley had on when removed to the hospital were his pyjamas and his top coat. Is that correct?—I do not think so.

161. How would he be attired?—Sister Keith arranged for his removal.

162. You do not know?—No.

163. The father suggests that directly it was ascertained that his son's temperature was high—namely, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon—it was the duty of the sisters to call in a medical man: what do you say to that?—As I said before, I was not on duty in the afternoon.

164. But could you answer me generally? Do you know what his temperature was at 2 o'clock?—I understood from Sister Keith that he had no temperature. I think she said it was subnormal. I know she said he had no temperature.

165. Assuming that his temperature was subnormal at 2 o'clock, generally speaking—I do not want to blame anybody—would it not be the duty of the sister in charge to see that he was seen at once by a medical man?—Yes; but I am not sure whether he was seen or not. Being off duty I do not remember.

166. *Mr. Ferguson.*] At what time in the day did the Wellington doctors come to the hospital? You told us that Dr. Harrison, or Dr. Ferguson, or some one from the camp came generally in the daytime?—Usually between 1 and 2 o'clock—sometimes earlier.

167. The camp doctors generally came in between 1 and 2 o'clock?—Yes.

168. You also told us that Dr. Elliott, Dr. Herbert, and Dr. Steele came in to see these men, Fordham and Pollard?—Yes.

169. At what time of the day did they come in?—Always at night, except Dr. Herbert. He came at 4 o'clock one afternoon, with Captain Harrison.

170. With the exception of Dr. Herbert coming at 4 o'clock, do you ever remember a Wellington doctor—not a camp doctor—coming to the hospital except in the evening?—No; they always came between 1 and 2.

171. I am not speaking of the camp doctors, but of the Wellington doctors?—Dr. Elliott came one morning, and Sister Keith escorted him round the wards, at about 9 o'clock. It may have been earlier.

172. *The Chairman.*] Do you know where Sister Keith is now?—At Heretaunga golf-house.

173. *Mr. Ferguson.*] On that occasion, when Dr. Elliott came at about 9 o'clock, was he taking anybody else's place? Did the camp doctors come the same day?—I believe it was arranged that a doctor should call every night—one of the doctors from Wellington—to see those men.

174. That was done?—Yes.

175. *The Chairman.*] Who gave instructions that the Berhampore Hospital was to be closed: who would give those instructions?—The doctor visiting the hospital.

176. Do you know when he gave the instructions that it was to be closed?—The last patients were due to go out on the Wednesday.

177. The day before you destroyed the papers?—Oh, no. There were no patients there. It was when we were clearing up afterwards.

178. I want to know when the last patient went out. Wednesday would be the 14th: that would be three days before?—Yes; we stayed afterwards.

179. Two or three days or longer?—We stayed there until the 17th. It would be the Saturday.

180. All patients, then, left on the 14th?—Yes.

181. Were you then told the hospital was to be closed?—Yes.

182. Who told you that?—I believe Captain Farris was attending them. He brought the message from Captain Harrison, I believe.