

REPORT OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY, FEATHERSTON MILITARY HOSPITAL, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1917.

Swabs—	
Reinforcements	8,634
Miscellaneous	1,097
Diphtheria	167
Isolation	301
Sputums	147
Urines	214
Pus	42
Cerebro-spinal fluids	18
Blood counts	13
Blood, for typhoid	1
Fæces	3
Test meals	2
Hair (ringworm)	1
	10,640
Autogenous vaccines prepared	13
Cerebro-spinal meningitis vaccine prepared	500 c.c.

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TABLES.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE HEALTH OF THE TROOPS FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Average annual strength	9,991
Admissions to hospitals	4,104
Average number constantly sick	124.79
Average sick-time to each soldier (days)	4.56
Average duration of each case of sickness (days)	11.10

Deaths.

In camp: From sickness, 15; accident, 2; suicide, 6: total, 23.
Out of camp: From sickness, 15; accident, 5; suicide, 2: total, 22.
Total deaths, 45.

Diseases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Died.	Average Number constantly Sick.
<i>General Diseases.</i>			
Group A—			
Cerebro-spinal fever	9	9	0.57
Chicken-pox	5	..	0.26
Cow-pox	19	..	0.33
Diphtheria	13	..	1.26
Enteric fever	1	..	0.29
Enteritis, infective	2	..	0.01
German measles	15	..	0.54
Measles	39	..	1.46
Influenza	883	..	18.49
Mumps	9	..	0.42
Paratyphoid A	..	1	0.25
Scarlet fever	4	..	0.16
Group B—			
Dysentery	3	..	0.02
Dengue fever	1	..	0.02
Group C—			
Malaria	2	..	0.03
Group D—			
Pyrexia of uncertain origin	19	..	0.60
Group E—			
Major septic diseases	1	..	0.02
Minor septic diseases	134	..	4.80