

the disease was obscure and in certain cases the symptoms were definite and quite unusual. That is many of these cases had very tender shins and a periodic fever. One of our consultants suggested the name periodic pyrexia with periosteal pains for the condition, but in spite of its alliterative value it didn't become popular. The term P.U.O. was a perfect Godsend, it was so convenient. Later P. U. O. (A) was introduced for a certain set of symptoms leaving P.U.O. to take care of any unexplained rise of temperature. June showed about the same number of cases as May, but it almost vanished about the end of July, other diseases demanded more attention. In the last few days of May and June dysentery became extremely common and compelled attention and a great deal of care. Since then it has been constantly present though it lessened very considerably during the months of July and August, but increased again reaching its highest mark in September and October. It was a rather incapacitating disease as only about 20 per cent were able to return to duty; fortunately the mortality in our experience was quite low. Generally speaking although the disease was undoubtedly unduly prevalent, yet the number of cases admitted is only a fraction of the number of cases of Malaria and they could be reasonably well segregated. In July malaria made its debüt and did it with a vengeance.

Malaria is not usually a fatal disease, but with the large number admitted it was inevitable that there should be fatalities though comparatively speaking they were few. Towards the

end of September the numbers diminished but the disease was still obviously unduly prevalent.

On July 11th. the hospital increased its capacity from 1040 to 1240 beds. Early in August another 100 beds were added and later in the month the capacity was increased to 1500. Eventually on the 15 of September our total beds were still further increased to 1700 where it has remained. The largest number of patients in the hospital on any one occasion has been 1661.

From May till the end of October the Hospital has been constantly full and the bulk of the work medical. Lately a certain amount of military activity has resulted in a number of wounded being brought in.

For some time we were monarchs of all we surveyed, but soon hutments were commenced on adjoining land for two other hospitals. For some particular reason we had to stand our ground until the other hospitals were finished and then the process of building huts on the same ground occupied by the tents commenced. Not until well on in the summer was the first hut occupied as a ward, and it was the latter end of October before all huts were finished. Even now a few tents are still used for isolation purposes and all the male personnel of the hospital is under canvas. The hutting of the hospital has not interfered in the slightest degree with its work, though it has entailed additional labour and the appearance of the place was positively chaotic. Roads are still being built and drains being dug and no doubt some day every thing will be ship-shape. Anyhow such