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HISTORY SECTION ONE, CEMERAL HOSPITAL NUMBER ONE, July 15-July 31, 1942, incl.

CEMERAL HOSPITAL NUMBER ONE, August 1-November 9, 1942, Inclusive.

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Starting on July 15, 1942, this part of the hospital, was known as Section One, which, according to the plan, helped form General Hospital Number One commanded by Col. James W. Duckworth, M.C., The Officers assigned to Section One were:

Major Wilbur G. Bermy, MG. Surgeon Major Stenley J. Reilly, Chaplain Capt. Ralph G. Berkelhamer, MG Capt. Dan Gelentennet, MG Capt. Alvin G. Poweleit, MG Capt. Alvin G. Poweleit, MG Capt. Alvin G. Poweleit, MG Lat Lt. Charles B. Armatrong, MG Lat Lt. Charles B. Armatrong, MG Lat Lt. Goorge B. Chamberlain, MG

lat Lt. Edwin W. Tucker, MC

The remainder of the medical personnel was drawn from the medical detachment of General Hospital No. 1 and from the hospital previously existing at 0 Domnell. In the latter group were thirty-six non-Medical man used for maintenance work, while fifty of the former group were assigned to ward duties.

The area occupied by Section One was situated on the north side of tresevation, behing headquarters and the building containing the operating room, the X-law, buttal and Laboratory units. The majority of the patients were accommodated in one large building, shaped like a square U the limbs of which enclosed two small buildings that were used as wards. Behind the main heapttal building, was the Mess Hall known as the patients' means, while in front was a building used for sungical patients known as ward nime. On the east side were three small buildings (Hips and small structures) which were called wards 10 a 11, intended to house incontinent dysentery patients. The main heapttal building was divided as follows:

Ward #1-for the Line Officers
Ward #2-Medical Detachment
Ward #3-for the Medical Officers
Wards #1 & 5-for the malerial cases
Wards #6 & 7-for the dysentery patients
Ward #3-for the psychotic patients.

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On the extreme northwest corner of the area and at the entrance of the American Countery was the morque. All the buildings originally designed for barracks were inadequate and in a sad state of repair. Following the native style of construction, the windows were open and the roofs made of strew shingles-the latter bound and tied to the rafters not too securely no that my strong wind could raise them and allow the rain to come through.

In addition the floors were uneven and contained many crucic. The walls of manager structure allowed run through alreadle openings between the boards. In general, one of the Mag proble was a restrict the bridings and made them the state of the following structure and the state of the structure allowed and the state of the structure and the state of the structure and concepts of the structure and concepts of the structure and concepts of the structure to the floor space formarly used for also purposes, the bade, with clean elected and them tenders, added greatly to the appearance of the hospital. The floors and walls were sorubbed and cerbolized. Feel atalias and piles of dirt and accumulated fifth were removed. The old five allow case used for collecting fees and which were frequently seen uncovered, on the wards, were replaced with box letvines. Supplied with seat overs the Latrines were impremented to flies. The urinals built of the offered good drainage. Cosspoils dug at appropriate places kept the excrete confined and unexposed. In the southwest corner of the main hospital building a literary was estab lished which showed an increasingly large smolliment as the petients improved and were oble to read. The beds of many types were symmetrically arranged according to their size, lending an after of uniformity. All were furnished with monguito bare.

While the other weetlens of General Hospital No. 1, were divided into malaris and Agenetary units, the function of Section Gene was to handle all types of cases. Hence, admitted were patients suffering from various medical and surgical diseases other than common tropical gilments. Included in the list were E.H.T. and eye, abdominal conditions, old fractures, quashot wounds, jaundice, etc. Most prevalent as entities or in association with the above were the existentioness particularly B and O. Acute malautrition was evident in all types of illness. An average census of four-hundred and forty sevent you was carried at all times. Of these one-hundred and forty seven were Americans while the remaining malmor were flipince. During the period July 15-July 31 incl. there were thirty-four desths or an exarge of 2.2 deaths dail y. The condition of the patients are terrible and it was obvious the problems requiring attention, Section One took shape and from an a heapthal and before long all departments were operating nicely.

on August 1, following the reorganization of General Hospital No. 1 Section One became designated as General Hospital No. 1. Flaced in Command was Major Hilbur C. Berry, NO. and with him the following officers and their duties:

- 1. Major S. J. Reilly, Chaplain, Librarian, Graves Registration and officer in charge of the American Cemetery.
- 2. Capt. Alfred Weinstein, MC, Chief of the Surgical Service, Ward Surgeon of Ward Nine and Sick Call Officer.
- 3. Capt. Joseph C. Bulfamonte, MC, assistant Chief of the Surgical Service, Ward Surgeon of Wards 1,2,3 and 8.
- 4. Capt. Alvin C. Poweleit, MC, Ward Surgeon of Ward 10, Sanitary Officer and Utility Officer.

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meager. Yeast and synthetic vitemin Blwere given when available and in six cases with paralysis and dropsical collections marked improvement followed. Hamy cases however, ided because of Lake of specific medication, and the strictly rice diet given before our arrival. Several sudden deaths on the wards were stributed to the soute Cardino failure in criteminosis Bl. Sourry was rampant in the hospital. Fatients, especially filipinos showed gingtivities and stomatities. Hamy, had tenderness and soroness of muscles and the uncontrollable bleeding of hemmorhage in the oalf muscles and the uncontrol oldeding following tooth extractions. In three cases, measive hemorrhage coourred in the abdominal cavity presumably on and assorbic begis. Many of the patients had smalling of the legs due to hypoproteinesic.

Because of limited space the list will be appended to this report. It is doubtful whether this condition existed alone or associated with some other deficiency state. Dried blood plasma (Lyovac) given intravenously helped some cases but failed in others probably because other deficiencies. Powdered fish helped all patients immeasureably and in some cases responsible for the disappearance of edema, which definitely showed the part played by the hypoproteinic state. Amazing was the failure of tissues to heal in recently incised wounds, the sides of which gaped after the removal of sutures had been in place ten or twelve days. This, supported what was proved a few years ago by American investigators experimentally, that hypoproteinemia and vitamin C deficiency delayed wound healing. These cases all showed rapid healing with the administration of lime juice and protein in some form. There were several cases of nyctalopia or night blindness. Many sore throats were seen which showed gangrenous lesions, comparable to the diptheritic and kindred conditions of the pharynx. Autopsies were done whenever possible and the usual pathologic findings encountered of mala ria or dysen tery or associated disease.

All the diagnoses mentioned above had as a common denominator acute malnutrition. These patients were in a deplorable physica 1 state when we arrived. There were undoubtedly many deaths of starvat ion. Reports have it that in the early days of the hospital the diet was rice and salt and nothing else. With our limited stores, it was a major problem to feed these patients. Not only was there a shortage of food but there were other contentions such as lack of water and wood. An attempt was made to differentiate between the American and Filipino ration and accordingly t he Americans were placed on wards 2 & 4 while the Filipinos occupied wards 5 & 6. The diet for all, was essentially rice with whatever additions we were able to make. At first very little could be added but later on, when purchases were allowed by the hospital, substantial foods such as corned beef, eggs, meat, fish. and milk supplanted the rice. Remarkable was the change in the patients physically and navchologically. Grief and depression were replaced with joy and a sense of well being. The patients laughed, they talked and they read. Some got well so fast they even complained/the new diet with all it s embellishmentsabout a sign that can always be interperted as indicating recovery. Disability was followed by stability and vitality. Patients formerly using bed pans walked to the latrines. With the establishment of a commi ssarv fruits and eggs were available which further improved the situation. Gradually well patients were discharged from the hospital and either drawn into our Medical Detachment or sent to the other hospital groups. Of all the Americans only nine failed to show any great improvement. These were put on a special and

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died of liver, fish, meats, vegetables and fruits given in smaller and more frequent feedings, in the hope that better assimilation and digestion would take place. Of these, three died despite our efforts while the remaining six showed definite improvement.

The fruits of our efforts were thus realized. The problems as stated above were those of, and station, antirition and medication. All were mot adequatedly. It was difficult to keep the wards clean and the lattimes ordered, and working properly. The yeagined aleast constant surveillance. Surprise inspections made this importive. The meas, handicapped by shortages of food and fuel did a remarkable job in restoring these patents to health. It treatenabously emphasized the value of good food and most important of all, the deficiency states and their part in disease. Much credit therefore, should go to the management of the meas. Our supply of medications though empole at first sufforced many dopletions.

Such drugs as bismuth, coal tars, morphine and its de rivatives, emetine, quinine and the sulfanamide group of drugs became very sca rce. As the patients improved, the demand for drugs fortunately became less. The library because of its large enrollment was moved to Medical Supply. It served a good purpose and offered an admirable way for the patients to occupy themselves during their convalescence. Everything possible was done to enchance the comfort of the nationts. Their spiritual needs were met by a Catholic ch aplain, and a Protestant chaplain. The Catholic chaplain held services in the Catholic chapel in the main hospital building daily and administered Holy Communion to patients on the wards unable to attend mass. Protestant services were held every Sunday on each ward for fifteen minutes. Also included were periods devoted to the singing of hymns. Graves Registration handled all the deaths so that all the deceased were properly identified before burial. Records were kept of the patient and the family which will be available for future use. There was orderliness throughout the entire hospital. Moral was high. The personnel showe devidence of discipline and co-operation under trying conditions. All departments functioned smoothly. There was no selling of medicines-no surreptitious obtaining of foods-or no laws broken. Everyone did his part and it would be unfair to commend one particular individual without mentioning everyone in the organization. Obviously a good organization must have good leadership. This quality was not wanting in our Commanding Officer and to him should go much of the credit for the success of this hospital.

The filiption were being released delly according to their provinces. On rather short notice, ownessions were made that reduced the consume considerably. On Oct 12, a total of twenty-seven Americans were sent to Cabanatuan, 3 being Officers of the the remaining ones enlisted sen. Nost of these were in good physical longuar convolucements before being moved. On Oct 20, 2 kms ricen orficers and like enlisted men were sent to Billidd leaving us only two of the original group of Americans who were too west for removal. At this writing both of these are doing well. The other Americans well or would be the state of the original group of made and the second of the original group o

In reviewing the statistics many interesting facts are revealed. The total admissions from July 15-July 31 incl. were 471 with 34 deaths or a mortality of 7.2 per cent. In the same period there were 147 Americans with 22 deaths or a mortality of 15 per cent. From Aug 1-Nov 9 incl. the total number of admissions

were 918 and the deaths 248 constituting a mortality of 27 per cent. The Americans during this period numbered 125 with 36 deaths or a mortality of 30 per cent. The census to date is Filipinos 311 and Americans 20

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FIT-Fr admitted to CHF 2 with Malaria on 4/8/12. He cause d constarrable difficulty on the ward and had to be punthed on consustant. Toward the last of the month he developed distribes with frequent water ry stocks. FIT-FRe distribe presisted until the perient became bod ridden, designated and severly 111. He was in that condition when he came to GHF 1 on May 11. Stool specimen were run on him daily but showed only the backling type of dysentery and no amoeba. He had severe crasps and almost continues bowel movements and became even more distillated. It was felt best to send him to isolation even though he had no amoeba where arrived on 5/13/12. At this time he was considered as having south electric colliss.

IZ--A very thin distillated white male in nothe distress with pain in the over the entire colonities on the bed pain. The address was extremely tender

Hospital Course: Pt. was given bismuth sulfate and ipecac enemas. The stool specimen was positive for E. Histolytica on 5/16/42. Pt. complained of urinary pain dribbling and pus but urine analysis was negative on 5/25. There were some cyst like E. Hist. on 5/26. By this time the Pt . had begun to get up and about. Next he was put on Pot. jodide and hex enemas. He also received liver extracts and cod liver oil. By 5/30/42 he was up and about nearly all day and on his way to the latrine on 5/31/ at 8:00 while at stool he developed very severe pain in the right lower quadrant. Under an old app. scar. There was marked rebound tenderness but no rigidity over this area. Pt. was in a state of shock with rapid pulse, and nausea. The severe pain continued when seen by the physician. He was ochsnerized. On the 3rd day the pain had gradually disappeared and was less tender. He felt hungry and accordingly was given food. The Colon under the scar continued to feel ropy for some time but gradually got better. Roysing's remained positive for several days. The rectal showed marked tenderness in the right fornix. On 6/5/42 he was bouts of Diarrhea. The stools were negative for amoeba on 6/7/42. On 6/10/42 WBC 8200 and stool showed strongyloides but no amoeba. Trans. to the regular medical service.

DIAGNOSIS: Amoebic dysentery Ruptured amoebic ulcer Beriberi

Was it possible that the perforation was brought about by his straining at stool. In addition he was receiving enemas.

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P.H. ** Admitted to Gen. Hosp. No. 2, 3/29/42 with a dia gnosis of severe avitaminosis. He was treated for this fubt remained emaciated until the last

P.I. At that time he developed a severe diarrhea which p ersisted. On 5/11/h2 he was transferred to CH# 1. He had a positive stool with many RBC. He complained of weakness severe abdominal pain and cramps.

P.E. Patient was a tall emaciated white male in acute distress having frequent stools. Markedly dehydrated. Head and chest negative. Abdomen tender over all.

Br. Bixmuth orally, sulfanilamides, and ipecac. He seemed to be doing O.K. On was palpable and moderately tender -- Its edge was quite firm. He was unable to lie on the right side or back. The next two days the pain continued with slight improvement. On 5/16/42 stool showed E. Histolytica with RBC and Hookworm. 5/18/42 improved-wented to go out in the sun - taken out on a litter - that

evening 5/18/42 he became cold irrational and died short ly after. 3/29/12 -- Admitted to GE# 2 DIAGNOSIS- Avitaminosis sev ere

5/11/42 -- Trans. to GH#1

5/12/42 Positive E. Histolytics many RBC

5/16/42 no Amoeba seen - few RBC - Positive Hookworm

5/18/42 Positive E. Histolytica

5/18/42 Died. DIAGNOSIS -- Dysentery, Entamoebic, Severe (E. Histolytica) cause

AUFORSY -- General peritonitis with involvement of small b owel externally, gangrenous by continuity. Exudate very fine. In cul-de-sac large collection of thick ropy mucoid pus. The external appearance of the large bowel was O.K. There was some plastic exudate-thickening in several three ulcers were found at the above places - with undermining, thickening and some evidence of heeling. One ulcer in the splenic flexure apparently perforated and walled off. Under the disphram there was more thick ropy pus. The right 1 obe near the lower border - an abscess about the size of an egg composed of necrotic and digested tissue - a perforation which communicated with the perit oneal cavity. Diagnosis-

P.H. --- Patient admitted to GH#2 on 4/6/42 for Malaria. He was put to work after several days of quinine medication. While at work he became weaker and weaker and had to go to bed. To GE# 1 5/5/421 While he re he was weak, had chills, fever, cough and chest pains. In addition diarrhea and emaciation. P.I. Patient developed diarrhea about one week before admission to the isolation ward. This was severe consisting of 8 to 10 stools dail y and causing severe abdominal pain and general prostration. Patient also had fever and bronchitis. On 5/14/42 he had a positive stool E. Histolytica.

P.E. A prostrate, emaciated bed-ridden white male. There were two old healed scars on the upper abdomen. The antire colon was tender to palpation, thickened

and ropy. There was severe dehydration.

Hospital course--Patient was given Neo by vein and Bismuth orally together with Sulfanilamide. He improved very rapidly then suddenly on 5/2/h2 he developed

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breath caused pain and he was unable to lie down without severe pain. WBC 5/21/h2, 8800. He was considered to have a perforated ulcer and was Ochsnerized. He improved in three days and in 7 days was up and bout of Malaria on 5/28/42. Stools were negative on 6/1/42. On 6/3/42

In addition to the above treatment he received quinine and Bismuth

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P.H. Pt. was admitted to GH# 2 4/15/42. At that time he had acute dysentery and mental deficiency. He remained there having a chro nic diarrhea until he was trans. to GR#1 on 5/11/42. At that time he still had severe diarrhea with a watery stool every hour. At times he was up and about and on others he remained in bed asserting he was too weak to get up. He received sulfanilamide, paregoric and later quinine because he developed a temperature of 101 to 104. On 5/16 while in the chow line he passed out and was carried to the ward pulseless and in severe shock. He recovered shortly as the subsequent notes will indicate. He had a positive stool on 5/17. PI--On admission he had one stool every hour. Had pain in the stomach and sides. He refused examination. He became uncooperative, emaciated and ja undiced. Rx. Neo, Sulfamilamide, bismuth and ipecac orally. Gra dually became weaker Extremely large gangrenous areas in the cecum ascending transverse and sigmoid and covered with plastic exudate. On section there was gangrene of the cecum. A large ulcer 8 Cm in diameter just above the ileocolic junction, the center of which was necrotic with perforation 1 and 2 cm in diameter. Another large ulcer 4 cm in diameter in the ascending colon - necrotic but no perforation. In the ascending and other the same size with perforation. In the splenic an ulcer 2 cm in dismeter with great thickening in the wall of the colon with adhesions and evidences of healing. At the junction of the sigmoid and descending there was an ulcer 3 cm in diameter the entire floor of which was perf-

Admitted to GH# 2 4/15/42, DIACNOSIS -- Acute dysentery, cause undetermined, Mental deficiency. 5/11/42 Trans. to GH# 1, Hospital Course -- 5/11/42 Severe diarrhea. Rx sulfathiazole and paregoric.

5/12/h2 Quinine grs. 30 daily. Temp. 101-no improvement

5/13/42-Six stools, temp. 104 5/1h/h2-Stool Negative.

5/15/42-Quinine reducedto grs. 20 daily, no improvement 5/16/42-Paregoric and Bismith. passed out after evening chow. Pt. Pulseless and

5/17/h2-Stool positive for E. Histolytica. To Isolation ward. (DeBaker) Laboratory-5/14 occasional RBC and puss cells - no amoe ba seen. Warm specimen

DIACNOSIS: DYSENTENY, entancebic, Histolytica, acute-ca use undetermined. Autopsy finding confirmed the above diagnosis but in addition there was generalized peritonitis due to perforated amoebic ulcers in the colon.

4/4/42 Wounded. 4/20/42 Skin graft.

4/15/42 Malarial smear, Tertian

5/91/42 Positive E. Hist. gross amount REC. 5/31/42 Trans. to isolation ward with a diagnosis of Gunshot Would, rt. leg, mild and supperficial and E. Hist. acute.

6/1 Bismuth and Lugol. Neo

6/2 Bismuth and Lugol. Neo 6/3 Bowel movements very frequent. Bismuth, Pot. Iodid e. During the evening patient sudden taken with abdominal pain localized in the left iliac segment and extending a reverse Roysing. No vomiting. Impression rupture amoebic ulcer sigmoid (Proff) 6/4/42 Tenderness and rigidity ov er L I R with muscle guarding and rather definite localization to this region. There was relative tenderness in the L L Q and Umb. and Epi and including the left hypocondriac region. Peristalsis was active with some borborygmi. Rectal discloses tenderness in the left fornix. Sensation ignarted to t be examining finger of small ulcer on the posterior rectal wall. Patients Impression, rupture emoshic abscess

Rx. continued Oschnerization (JCB)

6/5/42 Much tenderness over all with maximum point over LIR. Peristalsis negative except for occasional click or twinkle. Distention 2 plus. History of increased pain during the night. No effort or strain. Rectal negative. General Peritonitis. Pulse 132 condition does warrant surgery. Pt. died at 12:45 6/7/42.

Autopsy findings: The peritoneal cavity was filled wit h straw colored fluid containing bits of plastic exudate. The large bowel in four places showed obvious sigmoid which showed signs of localization with omentum plastered up against the inflammed area. Then released a very th in coat of Serosa separated the bowel from flexure and in the transverse colon near the splenic flexure which apparently had several loops were abutted the ulcerated areas showed necrosis and inflammation by diameter and the smallest 2 cm with many intervening areas of alternate ulceration and induration. The dages of the ulcers were thickened and redened with much nicrotized tissue. The floors being very thin and flimsy. The cocum seemed clear. Conclusions: Four ulcers of the large bowel visible from the outside with large areas of necrosis and inflammation. Two of which had ruptures. General peritonitis. This is an untreated case of emocitic dysentery i.e. he did not have emochicidal med-testion. nor did he species operative treatment but instead Occhernization.

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CONCLUSIONS

- . 1. Greater the muscle tissue greater the virulance.
 - 2. Those associated with dracture more serious.
- 3. When classical symptoms of odor, swelling, tenderness, drainage, crepitus
- 4. Drainage present in almost cases when absent the odor is decreased. Is
- drainage a late sign?
 5. The odor is characteristic and a good diagnostic sign. The presence of flies.
- is a good diagnostic sign (Adamo).
- 6. Tenderness is the chief diagnostic si
- 7. Crepitus is relatively late and frequently absent. In fact it is absent in
- 8. Ganza racking routine and less frequently rubber dam.
- 9. Deep wounds most virulent that is upper thigh and buttock.
- 10. Crush wounds usually severe when in a muscular are a.
- 11. Penetrating more virulent (Usually perforating type anyhow).
- Of the hand not virulent (Usually perforating type anyhow).
 Skeleton Fraction used in fractures of the long bones with ease and effective
- 14. The smear is positive within 24 hours in one case. Another as early as six
- 15. Definitely penetrating more than perforating develop gas?
- 16. Which most frequent?
- 17. Crepitus rare and when present there is usually drainage and a faul odor.
- 18. Multiplicity of wounds one case had shrappel wou has of left buttockleft lower leg - right ankle - and chest wall. Gas pr esent in all?
- 19. By far most wounds are perforating.
- 20. In penetrating wounds drainage is less marked.
 21. Mortality increased in the later days of walkers layers as malnutrition and
- as well in the latter days of the war. 22. Molds instead of circulars in treating wounds (Com pound fractures) especiall

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	L	M	UPPER	
Thigh	6	5	5	
Leg	4	2	4	
Arm-6				
Forearm	2	2	5	
Hand-6				
Foot-2				
Fingers-				
Shoulder.	-1			
Knew-3				
Hip - 2				
Elbow -2				
Ankle-2				
Chest-2				
Buttocks.	-2			

Skrapmel - 10
Odor-50
Swelling-63
Tenderness-65
Crepitus-2h
Brainage-48
Local Gangerne-2
Fenetrating-19
Crush - 4
Ferforating-41
Debridement-59
Amputation-14
For. Body removed-8
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Peroxide irrigations -64 Azochloramid-64 le

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