

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES REPORTED

	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Meningitis, meningococcal .. .. .	..	11	273	105
Meningitis, pneumococcal .. .. .	..	12	7	1
Tuberculosis .. .. .	142	94	91	98
Typhoid fever .. .. .	178	134	178	57
Paratyphoid fever .. .. .	..	..	6	3
Malignant jaundice .. .. .	45	38	30	39
Catarrhal jaundice .. .. .	18	19	30	51
Lobar pneumonia .. .. .	1	..	..	..
Pneumonia .. .. .	210	624	1,472	425
Broncho-pneumonia .. .. .	13	..	..	..
Chicken-pox .. .. .	37	10	18	4
Gonorrhœa .. .. .	4	23	41	17
Dengue fever .. .. .	..	2	1	120
Tetanus .. .. .	4	7	5	2
Puerperal fever .. .. .	18	17	33	19
Puerperal sepsis .. .. .	2	..	..	..
Gas gangrene .. .. .	..	1	..	1
Leprosy .. .. .	2	8	6	5
Tubercular disease of bone .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Tubercular glands .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Measles .. .. .	..	..	3	..
Dysentery (Flexner Y) .. .. .	..	2	10	..
Whooping-cough .. .. .	..	6	42	..
Conjunctivitis .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Erysipelas .. .. .	..	4	..	..
Septicæmia .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Rubella .. .. .	..	40	..	..
Gastro-enteritis .. .. .	..	2	..	..
Enteric fever .. .. .	5	3	..	..
Morbili .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Infantile paralysis .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Influenza .. .. .	72	..	..	..
Bronchitis .. .. .	3	..	..	..
Tonsilitis .. .. .	1	..	..	..
Pleurisy .. .. .	2	..	..	..

The main diseases now are—

- (1) Filaria and its complications :
- (2) Parasitic :
- (3) Typhoid fever :
- (4) Pneumonia :
- (5) Septic sores :
- (6) Pulmonary tuberculosis.

Meningitis was very prevalent during 1943, but declined towards the end of the year. Cases responded very well to M. and B. 693.

The position of the malignant type of jaundice has improved, but, though reduced in numbers of cases, has been persistent.

The Apia Hospital is being completely re-equipped with up-to-date surgical equipment, including requirements for gastric, gall bladder, genito-urinary, lung and brain, spinal, bone, and orthopædic surgery.

The Territory continues to benefit from its participation in health services centred in Fiji—notably the Central Medical School for the training of Native medical practitioners and the Makogai Leper Hospital. An accentuation of these benefits is anticipated from an extension of this happy co-operation by the addition of an Inspectorate General of South Pacific Health Services.

## DENTAL CLINIC

The staff consists of 1 European dental officer, 4 Native dental officers, and 3 Native dental cadets, 2 of whom are from Niue Island.

The European dental officer is concerned with the teaching and training of the cadets and the general supervision and direction of the Native dental officers. He undertakes operative and surgical work of all types, having the right of private practice among the European community, but the Native community receive free treatment.

Besides undertaking preventive treatment, the Native dental officers undertake extractions and scalings and surgical for Samoan children and adults, and for all Native in-patients at the hospital. The Native dental officers also undertook visits round Upolu and Savai'i, and reports received indicate the good work done and the credit due to them.