

5. *Progress of Notified Cases*—continued

(c) Number returned as disease “ quiescent ” or “ arrested ”	1945.	1944.
.. .. .	3,654	2,374
(d) Number returned as disease “ apparently cured ” (252 have been deregistered)	488	381
Total (c) and (d) regarded as “ inactive ”	4,142	2,755
(e) Number of cases whose accurate classification has yet to be determined	2,614*	2,201

6. “ *Infectious* ” or *Bacteriological Status of Notified Cases at 31st December, 1945* :—

	1945.	1944.
(a) With discharge <i>Tubercle bacilli</i> positive	1,045	708
(b) With discharge <i>Tubercle bacilli</i> negative	1,504	1,323
(c) With no discharge or sputum available	3,099	} 4,729
(d) Cases not investigated	3,429†	

7. *Service Personnel returned at 31st March, 1946, from World War II, with tuberculosis and receiving pensions (as submitted by the Medical Officer in Charge of Treatment, Pensions Department) :—*

	Overseas Service.	New Zealand Service.	Total.
Tuberculosis, all forms	593	346	939‡

HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM ACCOMMODATION

Activities of the Division have also been directed towards the provision of adequate institutional accommodation for tuberculous patients. As a result—

- (1) Hospital Boards in the Western Area, North Island, are searching for a site where a modern sanatorium to accommodate 120 patients can be built :
- (2) The Auckland and South Auckland Hospital Boards have agreed to combine to erect a sanatorium of 150 beds at Hamilton :
- (3) The Auckland Hospital Board has submitted to the Department sketch-plans of a 276 bed Chest Hospital to be built at Green Lane :
- (4) The Waikato Hospital Board has purchased a site of 102 acres at Hillcrest, Hamilton, where a new sanatorium will be built, and also a chest hospital of 200 beds for the Waikato Hospital District :
- (5) The Western Districts Sanatorium Committee is finalizing plans for the improvement of the Otaki Sanatorium :
- (6) It is regretted that a fire at the Waipiata Sanatorium last year destroyed 8 beds. Plans to replace these with other improvements are being prepared :
- (7) The Wellington Hospital Board is planning to improve the facilities at Ewart and Victoria Wards and contemplates building sanatorium accommodation for 120 patients.

HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF

The incidence of minimal tuberculosis in nurses in hospitals has been carefully watched during the year, and representations have been made to all Hospital Boards during the year to reduce to an absolute minimum the disease in nurses by improving facilities and nursing technique. The general shortage of female nursing staff in tuberculosis institutions is acute, and in many instances the shortage has had to be remedied by the employment of male nurses.

* This figure is too high, and efforts will be intensified to have these cases classified during the year.

† This figure is too high, and efforts will be intensified to have these cases investigated during the year.

‡ This is very much lower than what was quoted at end of World War I.