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Colonial Surgeon

(SUBJECT).

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14th September

Sick leave for Signaller, S. Summers,
recommending -

Previous Papers.

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(MINUTES).

H.S. / Submitted.

I understand that the presence of Mr.
Royle at the operation was required to ad-
minister the anaesthetic.

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Surgeon's Quarters.

Stanley.

F. J.

Sir,

14/9/17.

I have the honour to forward for H.E.'s information a report on Signaller S. Summers F.J.V. From his previous history he was "ruptured" as a child & wore a truss for some years. The rupture was temporarily cured but recurred after the outbreak of war whilst the patient was on ~~an~~ military duty. (This was before my arrival in the Colony.) I treated the patient some months ago & promised that, if I could obtain the necessary assistance, I would perform an operation.

On the arrival of H.M.S. Glasgow last week I arranged with the Surgeon on board & the consent of the Commadore, to perform the operation ~~for~~ at 2 p.m. (or as soon after as possible) on Monday last. The P.M.O. was unable to come on shore in the morning as the ship was coaling. Owing to the alteration in the time at which the parade was to take place (from 2.15 - 3 p.m.) Mr. Royle the Col. Dentist, was unable to keep his appointment at the time arranged. Neither the P.M.O. or myself thought there would be time to complete the operation if it was commenced after ~~4~~ 4 p.m. as the Surgeon had to return to his ship. At 4 p.m. I informed S. Summers that I should be unable to perform the operation.

Mr J Summers (the father) was naturally very upset that his son should have suffered the discomfort & nervous strain which are unavoidable before an operation. I suggested that to



Mr Summers that he should, under the circumstance
ask H.E.'s permission, for his son to leave the Colony
for the purpose of an operation, by the s/s Cardiff Hall
which I understood was leaving on Wednesday.

Mr Summers naturally said that 48 hours notice
was not fair either to himself or the patient.

I should suggest that Signaller S. Summers
be given sick leave until such time as he can
have the operation performed

I am

Sir.

Yr obedt servant

John Caddock
Rt Col Surge.