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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

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SIR,

IN accordance with instructions laid down for the conduct of business by the Director-General and Heads of Branches of the Army Medical Department, I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report on the Health of the Army in 1877, and on various matters connected with the duties of the Officers of the Department.

The Statistical, Sanitary, and Medical Reports have been drawn up by the Officers in charge of the respective Branches.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

W. M. MUIR,

*Director-General.*

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,  
1879.

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# ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1877.

## STATISTICAL REPORT.

THE average annual strength of the troops serving at home and abroad in 1877, as computed from the returns received by the Army Medical Department, was 174,884 non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Royal Malta Fencible Artillery, the 1st and 2nd West India Regiments, and the Gun Lascars at Ceylon, and at Hong Kong, Corps which are not recruited at home); the admissions into hospital in this force were 165,371, and the deaths 1,723. The rates represented by these numbers are for admissions into hospital 946, and for deaths 9.55 per 1,000 of the average annual strength, the latter being calculated on a strength of 180,351, which includes detached men.

The statistics of some of the most important of the results of sickness, in every Command in which the troops were stationed, are exhibited in the following Table:—

1877.

White Troops.	Average Annual Strength.	Admitted into Hospital.	Died.	Sent Home as Invalids.	Discharged as Invalids.	Constantly non-effective from Sickness, exclusive of those on board Ship.
<b>Troops at Home and Abroad</b>	<b>174,884</b>	<b>165,371</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>7,746.68</b>
United Kingdom	92,143	74,804	703	—	2,906	3,694.00
Gibraltar	4,677	3,102	38	97	59	185.00
Malta	5,556	4,988	46	105	79	255.00
Dominion of Canada	1,705	951	10	25	17	52.74
Bermuda	1,874	1,179	9	37	27	62.19
West Indies	1,133	1,108	18	42	19	57.00
Cape of Good Hope and St. Helena	3,788	3,116	32	69	45	175.00
Mauritius	429	998	10	12	3	30.08
Ceylon	1,077	1,055	19	16	10	55.23
China and Straits Settlements	2,068	2,037	29	78	37	88.81
Fiji	48	29	0	8	0	1.68
India	57,821	71,285	795	2,425	893	3,090.00
On board Ship	2,616	1,224	14	—	—	—

*White Troops at Home and Abroad.*