

REPORT ON VISIT
TO
RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
GROUP NO.: 8577-GLH
PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY
MARCH 24, 1944

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Bernardine Striegel, Group Nursing Assistant
Accompanied By
Miss G. M. Dimon, Supervisor, V.N.A. of Passaic, Inc.
and
Mr. A. L. Fink, Group Supervisor

Purpose of Visit: To meet representatives of this firm and to review the present procedure for using the Metropolitan Visiting Nurse Service.

Persons Present: Mr. Charles T. Young, Factory Manager; and Miss Alma Buecker, Senior Plant Nurse.

This firm does not refer many cases, the few which have had care seemed to be selected as there was an average of about 6 visits per case during 1943. During our visit with Miss Buecker, we learned that whenever a Group-insured employee is sent home on account of illness or when she secures a leave of absence for maternity, the employee is referred to the Service and the nurse offers to refer the case if the employee has not already done so. At the present time, employees are not being encouraged to use the nursing service if they need it when they return from the hospital. It was suggested that each Group-insured employee who secures a leave of absence should be given a Group nursing leaflet and should be reminded to use the Service if and when it is needed. Miss Buecker said that she felt this would be a good use of the Service which has not been in effect in the past. I offered to send Miss Buecker 300 copies of N.S.2-G and 50 copies of "Answering The Call" for distribution on an individual basis.

This plant has a new up-to-date plant hospital which is completely equipped except for an X-Ray Department. It is impossible to secure X-Ray equipment at the present time. Miss Buecker has been with this firm for many years and evidently is well-known and well-liked. She has two First Aid Assistants during the day; there is a graduate nurse on the afternoon shift and a practical nurse on the night shift. Plant medical care is on a part-time basis.

Mr. Young seemed pleased when we told him that the cases which are being referred at the present time are well-selected. He, too, felt that further use could be made of the Service through the referral of hospital dismissed cases.

Recommendations to Home Office:

1. Send Miss Buecker a letter, 300 N.S.2-G's and 50 "Answering The Call."
2. Review the nursing experience of this firm at quarterly intervals.

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