

The Penrose Inquiry – Topic C1

Collection of Blood from US military

The SNBTS response

In an E-Mail to Susan Murray on 22 March 2011, Gregor Mair indicated that the Senior Council to the Penrose Inquiry would really like to have answers to practical questions in relation to the collection of blood from US military personnel, viz.:

- 1. where SNBTS collected such blood from;*
- 2. how much blood was involved;*
- 3. whether there is a particular period in question i.e. when did these collections start and stop?*

1. The SNBTS collected blood from RAF Edzell and from the US navy base at the Holy Loch.

2. Collections at RAF Edzell by the East of Scotland Regional Transfusion Centre:

The SNBTS started collections on 09.04.1963 and visited the unit on average twice each year, up to and including 27.02.1996.

The number of units collected at each session is detailed in Table 1.

3. Collections at US Navy Base at the Holy Loch and at USS Huntley by the West of Scotland Regional Transfusion Centre:

Identifying the dates of each donor session held at a US military base and the number of donations collected has proved more problematic in the West of Scotland Regional Transfusion Centre (WRTC). The data collected to date is included in Table 2. The first session held at the US navy base on the Holy Loch has not been identified but it is apparent that the WRTC visited one or other of these units on average twice each year and collected around 300 donations per annum. Collections ceased on 22.02.1990.

If the Penrose Inquiry requires more details of the collection of blood from the US military bases prior to 1982, the SNBTS will endeavour to obtain this information, but it will take some time to extract the necessary information from archive microfiche files.

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Table 1: Collection of Blood at RAF Edzell by the East of Scotland Regional Transfusion Centre (Dundee)

Date	No of donations	Date	No of donations	Date	No of donations
09.04.1963	73	13.05.1975	214	26.02.1987	320
14.11.1963	92	10.11.1975	201	14.09.1987	237
07.05.1964	67	17.06.1976	217	01.02.1988	233
10.12.1964	105	03.12.1976	197	07.06.1988	207
20.05.1965	79	07.06.1977	214	28.02.1989	201
07.04.1966	93	08.11.1977	243	22.06.1989	240
27.10.1966	137	13.06.1978	221	27.02.1990	164
04.05.1967	120	14.11.1978	179	14.06.1990	312
12.10.1967	108	17.05.1979	160	06.11.1990	241
14.05.1968	124	30.10.1979	119	18.04.1991	212
10.10.1968	164	17.06.1980	157	15.10.1991	159
01.05.1969	178	28.10.1980	198	03.03.1992	162
17.11.1969	146	19.05.1981	185	23.07.1992	120
21.05.1970	219	22.10.1981	174	02.02.1993	190
24.11.1970	228	06.05.1982	172	28.09.1993	110
25.05.1971	234	15.11.1982	162	07.04.1994	150
09.11.1971	194	26.05.1983	198	17.10.1994	254
30.05.1972	129	31.10.1983	266	06.06.1995	183
14.11.1972	231	28.06.1984	183	05.10.1995	135
26.04.1973	139	20.11.1984	175	27.02.1996	117
13.11.1973	191	11.07.1985	143		
14.05.1974	132	13.03.1986	280		
12.11.1974	206	02.09.1986	262	Total	11856

Table 2: Collection of Blood at US Navy base by the West of Scotland Regional Transfusion Centre (Glasgow) 1982-86; 1989-1990

Date of Session	Number of Donations
21.10.82	179
10.03.83	119
07.10.83	166
08.03.84	165
04.04.85	102
02.10.85	61
19.05.86	16
13.02.89	142
14.02.89	245
21.02.90	71
22.02.90	131