

**Dunford, Florence**

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Name Florence Dunford. Ward. West Villa Date of Exam<sup>n</sup> Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

General Bodily Condition. Poor.

Height 5 feet 6 inches. Weight (without clothes) 60. 1380.

Nutrition Poor, badly nourished.

Injuries (if any) none

Deformities none

Head & Neck

Teeth 1 False Tooth.

Hair Good Condition

Trunk

Arms & Legs.

Skin Greasy.

Complexion Pallor.

Colour Fair

Tongue Clean

Respiration 20

Pulse 62

Temperature 98

Mental Condition.

General Appearance At present unable to judge.

Constitution Sensible at times

Clearness Impaired at times

Orientation Good.

Memory Good

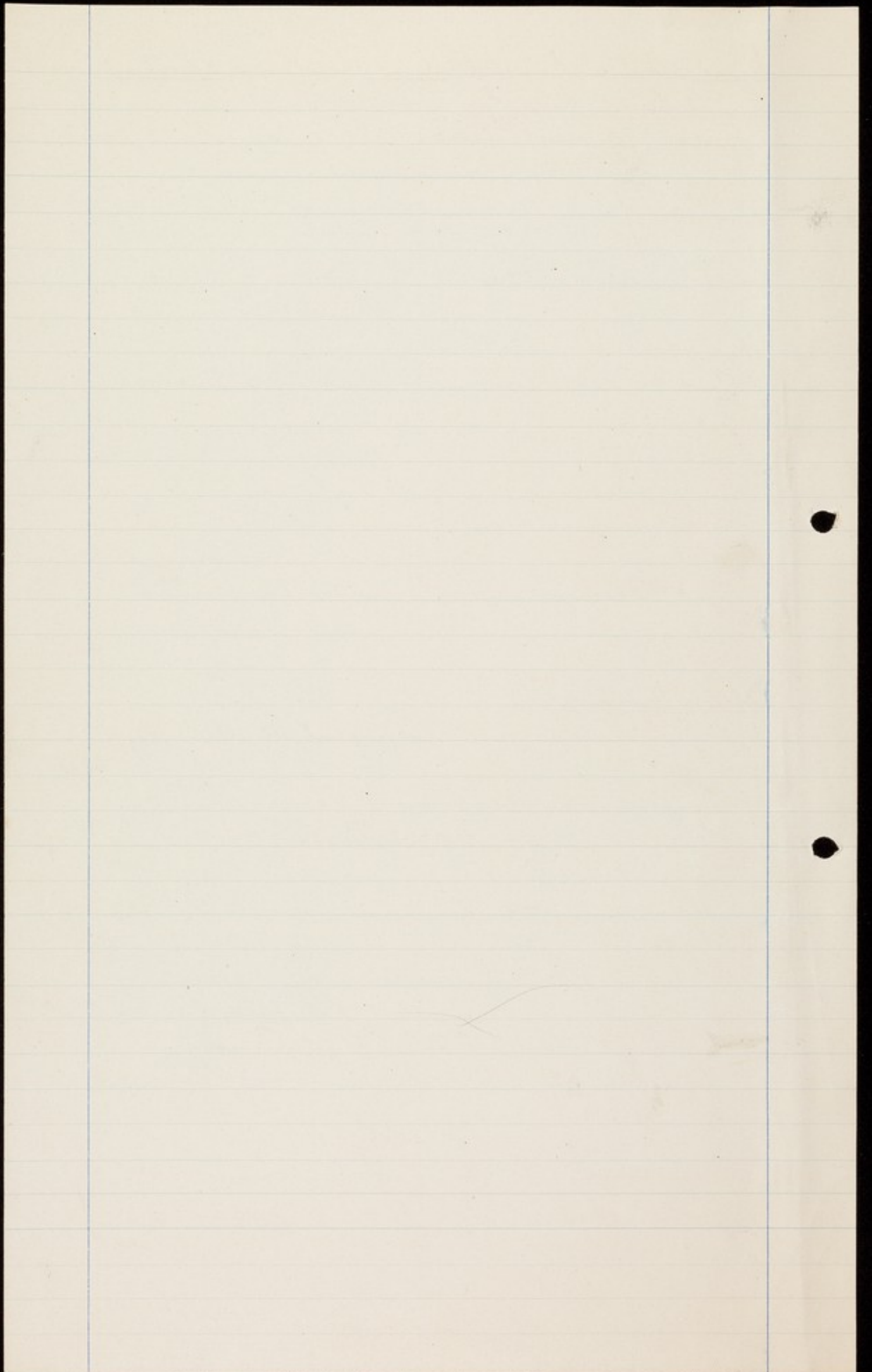
Coherence Good.

Delusions & Halls. Delusions and Hallucinations  
of sight and hearing.

Emotional State. Excitable at times.

Complaints. Numerous

Conduct & Behaviour. Well behaved and orderly.



Name. Florence Dunford. Age. 33. Date of adm. Aug. 13, 1915.  
Address. 4 Moorfield, High West Jesmond, Newcastle.  
Description. Single. No occupation.  
Religious Persuasion. Nonconformist

H. P. C.

Attack began about six weeks ago. Fell in love with a flying man staying at same hotel in the Lake District. Became restless, excited & sleepless. Called the man the Devil & said he continually went to her room. Always very nervous and excitable.

P. H.

Childhood & youth healthy. Suffers great pain at her periods. Believer. well educated. good amateur actress. of a bright & cheerful disposition. No previous attacks.

F. H.

Father died aet. 60

Mother died aet 59 of pernicious anaemia.

No history of mental disease.

Abstract of certifications.

Patient is depressed. Says she is to be put to death for having betrayed her country to the Germans, and also says people have put ideas into her head, such as that she has murdered someone. Feels something dreadful is going to happen to her. Thinks people, especially one man, have the power to make her think these things.

- Aug: 13<sup>th</sup> Patient admitted at night was quiet the early part of the night but from 6:00 m. until 11. a.m. was screaming and shouting, tore her night dress & tried to scratch the nurse.
- Aug: 14<sup>th</sup> Patient Confused but quiet in her behavior and has taken her food well. Is very deluded and thinks she has murdered someone.  
No sleep, restless talkative and Confused.
- Aug: 15<sup>th</sup> Very troublesome in the morning, constantly out of bed and agitated, also hearing voices.  
Slept 2 1/2 hours; Confused and miserable wished she could end her life. Oct: 12/60
- Aug: 16<sup>th</sup> Confused and deluded. S. E. Remo given with good result. Quieter towards evening.  
Slept 3 1/2 hours quiet when awake.
- Aug: 17<sup>th</sup> Restless in the morning and hearing voices bright in the afternoon & did a little needlework. Taken food fairly well.  
Slept 7 hrs: excited and agitated when awake.
- Aug: 19<sup>th</sup> Excitable and shouting in the morning. Thinks she has drowned her mother to Hell. Quieter towards evening.  
Slept 1 1/2 hours, excited noisy and miserable continually trying to get out of the door.
- Aug: 20<sup>th</sup> Excitable shouting in the morning. Thought: There was a man in the room ready to spring upon her. Quieter towards evening.  
Slept 7 hrs: looking for poison when awake
- Aug: 21<sup>st</sup> Excitable in the morning, quiet since dinner. Removed to the outside shelter at 2 p.m. & remained there until 6 p.m. S. E. Remo given with poor result.  
No sleep listening to voices all night.
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> A quiet day. Visited by her brother.

- Aug: 23<sup>rd</sup> Slept 5 hrs: noisy when awake.  
 A quiet day. Removed to the shelter from 2 p.m.  
 until 6 p.m. Taken her food fairly well.
- Aug: 24<sup>th</sup> Slept 7 1/2 hrs: Quiet when awake. Weight 60: 12 lbs.  
 A quiet day. In the shelter from 9:30 a.m.  
 until 6 p.m. Troublesome with her food.
- Aug: 25<sup>th</sup> Slept 5 hrs: Talkative when awake.  
 A quiet day. In the shelter since breakfast.  
 Slept 7 hours. Comfortable night but deluded.
- Aug: 26<sup>th</sup> A quiet day. In the shelter since breakfast.  
 Very difficult with her food, thinks she is  
 being fed with human flesh. Inclined to be  
 rude.
- Slept 3 hours. Worrying to go home.  
 Aug: 27<sup>th</sup> A quiet day but troublesome with her  
 food. In the shelter all day.
- Slept 7 hours.  
 Aug: 28<sup>th</sup> A quiet day but very deluded. In the  
 shelter since breakfast.
- Slept 7 hours.  
 Aug: 29<sup>th</sup> Quiet day but rude and abusive. In  
 the shelter since 2 p.m.
- Slept 4 hours. Rude & abusive. deluded.  
 Weight 6st: 13 3/4.  
 Aug: 30<sup>th</sup> A quiet day, very rude in the morning  
 but more agreeable since. In the  
 shelter since breakfast.
- " 31<sup>st</sup> Rather better day. Also taken her  
 food better.
- Sept-1<sup>st</sup> Taken her food fairly well  
 but complains of pains.  
 In the shelter most of the day.
- " 2<sup>nd</sup> Rude & complaining all day.

- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Better day on the whole  
Went out to the shelter at 1.30 pm  
until 5.30 pm.
- " 4<sup>th</sup> Seems brighter. Had tea with her  
Brother, & talked fairly sensibly  
to him.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> More agreeable today.
- " 6<sup>th</sup> Fair day. Doing knitting. Weight 7 1/2 lbs
- " 7<sup>th</sup> Up part of the day. Bad-tempered  
this A.M. walking in the garden.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> Up part of the day. Does not seem so  
well again this evening  
hearing sounds & voices.  
Doing a little knitting.
- " 9<sup>th</sup> Rude & abusive all day.  
Still hearing voices.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> Very miserable, rude & abusive  
most of the day. More agreeable  
this evening. Up since 2.30 pm.
- " 11<sup>th</sup> Up since dinner but very undecided  
in her movements.
- " 12<sup>th</sup> Depressed & crying. Seems  
very miserable indeed.
- " 13<sup>th</sup> Worrying all day. Weight 6. 13 3/4 lbs

- Sept 14<sup>th</sup>: Worrying & deluded as usual.
- " 15<sup>th</sup> In bed all day in the shelter. Depressed in the A.M. but if anything a little brighter this P.M.
- 16<sup>th</sup> In bed in the shelter all day. Full of worry. Taken food very badly.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Fairly bright this A.M. but worse again this P.M.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Very uncertain all day. Screaming at intervals.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Up part of the day. Still full of worry & delusions.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Screaming at intervals & very irritable all day. Picked her toe nail off her left foot. Has to wear stockings. Weight 6. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Most abusive & violent.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> In bed in the shelter all day. Better day in the whole, also taken her food rather better.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Visited by her two Brothers who had tea with her. Very unsatisfactory day did not know if she should see her brothers or not & then worrying when she did. In shelter in the A.M.
- 24<sup>th</sup> If anything a little better day.
- 25<sup>th</sup> A little quieter day, but talk as usual.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Better day.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Better day not so disagreeable with the Nurses. In shelter all morning. Weight: At 6. 13 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs.



Miss J. Dunford.

25<sup>th</sup> Sept. Fair day. Talk as usual. Went for a country walk with N. Williams. Behaved well.

29<sup>th</sup>. Brighter day. Went for a drive in the afternoon & was quite agreeable.

30<sup>th</sup>. Out for a walk to town & round by the country. Did a little shopping.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

In the shelter this a.m. up after dinner. Talk as usual

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

In the shelter this a.m. very upset after being told her sister was also in the shelter was most abusive. Out in the grounds this afternoon

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

Quiet day, but very deluded

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

Most noisy & abusive also troublesome over her food. Up & dressed after 10 a.m. out of doors most of the day (Weight  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lbs)

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Most unpleasant & abusive, went for a country walk with N. Purcell

6<sup>th</sup>

Better day, very deluded

7<sup>th</sup>

Not at all a good day. Troublesome over her food & rude. In shelter all morning. Was begun with Tonic I.S.D. which one has great difficulty in getting her to take.

8<sup>th</sup>

Rather brighter day. Writing letters this afternoon. Not so troublesome over Tonic.

E.A.

9<sup>th</sup>

In bed in the shelter all day until 4.30

10<sup>th</sup>

A better day out three times

11<sup>th</sup>

but in the shelter all a.m. refused good part of her dinner + said she would rather have a tube feed (Weight <sup>of 20</sup> 7 1/2)

12<sup>th</sup>

Very rude + abusive most troublesome over her food + medicine

13<sup>th</sup>

Most troublesome at times, saw her sister for the first time this a.m. she screamed + was most abusive + gave sister a good pinch, later on was visited by her brother whom she seemed to be afraid of, he stayed an hour + had tea in her bedroom + has been quiet since but is very deluded + says it is not her brother

14<sup>th</sup>

Has had a better day on the whole but is still very troublesome with her food

15<sup>th</sup>

but three times today refuses to either do fancy work or play cards

16<sup>th</sup>

Much as usual refuses to do anything

17<sup>th</sup>

If anything a little brighter, out 3 times

18<sup>th</sup>

Done nothing today, very deluded wanting to telephone to the police to see if Newcastle is alright (Weight <sup>of 20</sup> 6.12)

19<sup>th</sup>

Very deluded, out in the grounds twice

20<sup>th</sup>

Has taken her food better today + has been writing letters.

L.S.L.

Miss J. Dunford.

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Has been in bed all day, very deluded & Troublesome with her food. Hasal fed some

25<sup>th</sup>

Simply awful screaming & shouting, very deluded also says she sees things in the vase (such as men, etc) has taken her food today & was partly spoon fed.

26<sup>th</sup>

Very deluded & dreadfully noisy. Had to be brought in from the Terrace this afternoon, has taken her food a little better today, passed quiet this to

27<sup>th</sup>

Weight <sup>at 2</sup> 7.2 Patient most troublesome over her food but has taken it, is beginning to pick her food, has been in bed all day screaming, every now & again

28<sup>th</sup>

In bed all day & very noisy, shouting out at times, wrote one letter has taken all her food but was partly spoon fed. She says she has killed ever so many people, & will we not tell the police when she takes her food.

29<sup>th</sup>

Simply awful especially at meal times shouting & screaming most of the day & is very anxious to have a tube feed

30<sup>th</sup>

Exceedingly noisy & troublesome today. Threw her bread about the room at meal time & had to be spoon fed each meal. She says she is the Kaiser & has killed numbers of people & it was she who started the war & is very anxious to give herself up to the police

31<sup>st</sup>

Unbearably noisy, was in the courtyard this morning, most troublesome with her food had to be fed each meal

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

Very noisy & most troublesome with her food has been in bed in the shelter all day

Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Unbearably noisy & abusive, and in the shelter all day has had to be fed each meal  
 Night slept 7 1/2 hrs comfortable quiet night  
 glass of milk taken

7<sup>th</sup>

Simply awful first thing this a.m. screaming as loud as possible & banging at the door, most troublesome over her food had to be fed each meal, was out in the shelter until 4 P.M. She says she can see faces on the sole of her shoes also the Devil sitting writing  
 Night slept at intervals 4 1/2 hrs noisy  
 at times 2 glasses of milk taken & very troublesome over taking it.

7<sup>th</sup>

Simply awful this a.m. had to go into the padded room (not seclusion) was brought out at 12 o'clock was worse than ever as returned until 4 o'clock most troublesome over her food had to be fed each meal & very difficult at that as she will keep her mouth closed

Night slept 5 1/2 hrs at intervals shouting & screaming, as loud as she could tried to scratch & bite nurse

8<sup>th</sup>

As bad as ever out in the shelter all day screaming as loud as possible, very deluded thinks Miss Bate is her mother as she was dead & has come to life again.

Miss S. Dunford.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> dreadfully noisy this A.M. quieter since going  
in the shelter very troublesome with her food  
Night Slept 4 1/2 hrs at intervals quiet one  
glass of milk taken + troublesome over  
drinking it

10<sup>th</sup>

out in the shelter all day quiet as she is  
afraid of going on another galley mast.  
troublesome over her food, she thinks  
opium is put into her milk

Night slept 7 1/2 hrs comfortable quiet night  
glass of milk taken after a great deal  
of trouble

11<sup>th</sup>

out in the shelter all day screaming a  
little this a.m. & as bad as ever over  
her food

Night slept at intervals 5 1/2 hrs deluded +  
calling out when awake troublesome  
over her milk said it was poison

12<sup>th</sup>

In bed all day in doors troublesome  
over her food visited by her brother who  
had sea with her has been fairly quiet

Night slept 4 1/2 hrs at intervals, does not  
know why she did not commit suicide  
some time ago glass of milk taken

13<sup>th</sup>

out in the shelter all day screaming &  
most abusive + very troublesome over her food

Night slept 6 hrs quiet took one glass of  
milk without any trouble

14<sup>th</sup>

screaming as bad as ever wanted to  
get dressed + go round the grounds but  
would not do so + had to return to the shelter

Night



Nov.

Miss J. Dunford.

16<sup>th</sup>

Very noisy at times & very troublesome with her food had to be fed each meal, up and dressed, in the courtyard this a m  
Night Restless & noisy, early night, slept 6 hrs glass of milk taken

17<sup>th</sup>

Screaming as loud as possible broke a vase in a fit of temper, had to be fed each meal, but in the Court Yard twice. Has an idea she is going to prison & if she is stuck up on a monument she hopes we will not forget to feed her  
Night Comfortable quiet night slept 7 hrs.

18<sup>th</sup>

In doors all day screaming as loud as possible & had to be fed each meal  
Night As usual

19<sup>th</sup>

Dusted her own bedroom today, out in the Court Yard twice screaming at dinner. Night Slept 7 hrs quiet restless night

20<sup>th</sup>

out twice today not quite so troublesome  
Night

21<sup>st</sup>

Restless & noisy early night, slept 6 hrs fairly quiet & was so troublesome with her food, had a talk with her sister & tried to make her believe she was related to her but it was no good. Night 7 hrs sleep

22<sup>nd</sup>

Much brighter today helped to wind some wool, wrote a letter & took most of her meals herself & had her sister down to see, is sleeping in the Centre dormitory tonight





Nov.

Miss J. Dunford.

23<sup>rd</sup>

Fairly good day, helped to darn some stockings  
this a.m. complained of a pain across her  
shoulder. This afternoon her feet felt  
Night

24<sup>th</sup>

Much better today, helped to darn some  
sockings + went out in the grounds with  
her sister, but still has to be fed  
Night Slept about 4 hrs, restless

25<sup>th</sup>

Troublesome at dinner over her food + going  
out, very upset after being out with  
her sister in the grounds. Helped with  
some of the mending (Weight <sup>7.5</sup> in clothes)  
Night Slept about 6 hrs at intervals, restless  
& calling out at dinner, 7. picking her toes

26<sup>th</sup>

Fairly good day had tea with her sister  
still troublesome over her food  
Night Slept about 4 hrs restless at dinner  
jumping up + saying she had murdered  
people

27<sup>th</sup>

Screaming, this afternoon had to go into  
the Court yard, still has to be fed  
had tea with her sister, still very deluded  
Night Slept at intervals 1 1/2 hrs

28<sup>th</sup>

Very deluded also troublesome over her  
food has to be fed, would rather go into  
the Court than Senae.

Night Slept about 2 hrs jumping up in  
bed frequently + calling out

29<sup>th</sup>

Troublesome over her food + also over going  
out had tea on the Centre which she  
quite enjoyed as it was more like home

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Jan.

33<sup>rd</sup>

Miss F. Deuford Still detected about being  
a German spy in the employ

Miss J. Dunford.

Night As usual

30<sup>th</sup>

Very troublesome with her food & noisy  
Night Better night slept about 7 hrs crying  
out once, picking her feet this a.m.

Dec  
1<sup>st</sup>

Very noisy screaming this a.m. & most  
troublesome over her food, has to be fed  
Night Noisy, & irritable with her sister  
early night, slept later & has calling out  
occasionally

2<sup>nd</sup>

As troublesome as ever over her food &  
in going out screaming at intervals  
Night Better night slept 7 hrs

3<sup>rd</sup>

Exceedingly troublesome today over her food  
screaming so loud was obliged to go  
into a room on the 6<sup>th</sup> of visited by her  
brother & sister in law, also her sister &  
all had tea together she was very  
upset at not being allowed to remain  
with him & had to be taken away  
from her sister as she was going to give  
her a blow.

Night

4<sup>th</sup>

Better day inclined to be troublesome over  
her food

Night Slept 6 hrs restless & noisy for about some

5<sup>th</sup>

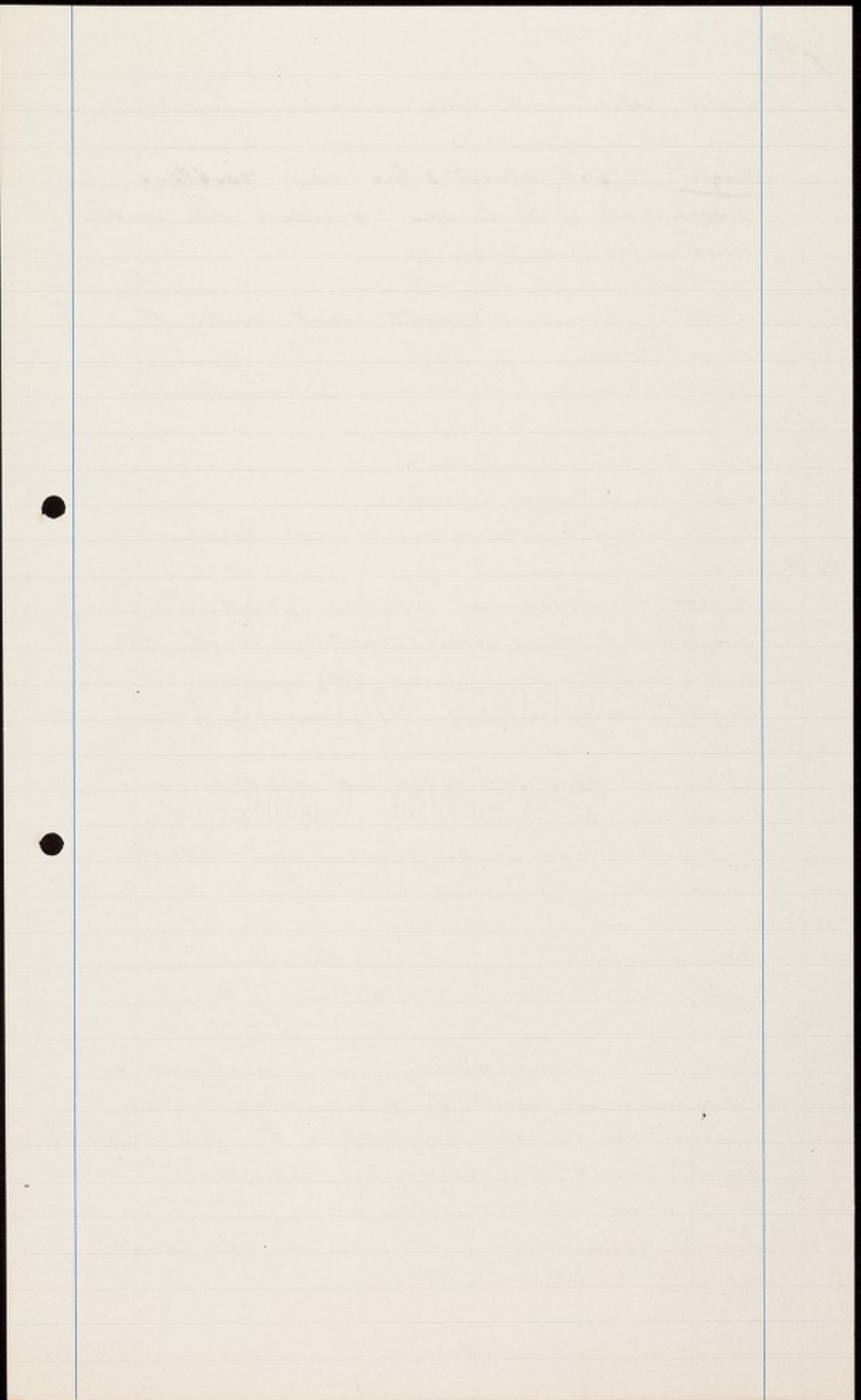
Much quieter, but still troublesome over her food

Night Slept 5 hrs restless & talkative at times

6<sup>th</sup>

Quiet until it comes to meal time

Night Slept about 4 hrs restless



Miss J. Dunford.

7<sup>th</sup>

Quiet helped with the mending, but still has to be spoonfed

Night slept about 3 hrs very restless noisy at 4.30 a.m. pulled her sisters hair, says she will murder her

8<sup>th</sup>

Much as usual will not take her own food

9<sup>th</sup>

Night slept about 3 hrs at intervals

Has taken her food a little better she is always wishing herself dead

Night slept 7 hrs restless at times

10<sup>th</sup>

Most troublesome over her food & in going out, has been helping with the mending also using the sewing machine

Night slept 6 hrs

11<sup>th</sup>

When out this a.m. did not want to come in still has to be fed

Night restless early part of night, slept later 6 hrs.

12<sup>th</sup>

Fairly good day, went to the meeting

Night slept at short intervals 4 hrs

13<sup>th</sup>

Went for a drive today & was inclined to scream, also went to the sewing meeting against her wish, has taken her tea & supper

Night slept 7 hrs restless & deluded

14<sup>th</sup>

Fairly good day had tea on the Centre

Night slept 6 hrs

15<sup>th</sup>

Bright at times, but still a trouble over her food

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Miss J. Dunford.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Night Slept well 7 1/2 hrs

Much as usual

17<sup>th</sup> Night slept 7 hrs deluded jumped up in bed several times, quiet

but for a country walk this a.m. with Mr. Patterson

18<sup>th</sup> Night Slept at intervals 7 hrs.

Fairly good day, went on the Centre for a short time & helped with the mending.

19<sup>th</sup> Night Slept about 6 hrs noisy, & excited

Most troublesome at times, went to the meeting, & was calling the doctor all sorts of names, had tea with her sister at the Villa, & then went on the Centre for supper

20<sup>th</sup> Night Slept 6 1/2 hrs quiet

In the Centre most of the day, out for a country walk with her sister & a nurse she screamed & upset her sister who cried, returned to the Villa for tea

21<sup>st</sup> Night As usual

Transferred to the Centre

L.E.I

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Pt. quiet & fairly reasonable, the first few days, had a screaming attack on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Very troublesome & abominable kept in the sitting room, until quiet. Takes a fair amount of food. & sleeps well. Still very deluded, & depressed. Weighs 7 st 7 3/4.

J. Millar.

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Miss F. Dunford.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

Pt: much the same, deluded, & very agitated at times  
Very troublesome over food, Weight 4 lb 3 1/2 lb.  
Transferred to the 9<sup>th</sup> case.

Jan.

23<sup>rd</sup>

Delusions.

Miss F. Dunford much the same: deluded  
about being a female spy, employed to ruin  
her country. Troublesome about food.

Jan

30<sup>th</sup>

Patient still deluded & agitated at times  
very deluded about her being the  
cause of so much ruination to her  
country. Distressed at being parted  
from her sister who has gone to  
Throesbury for a week.

Food still a trouble to her.

Feb: 5<sup>th</sup>

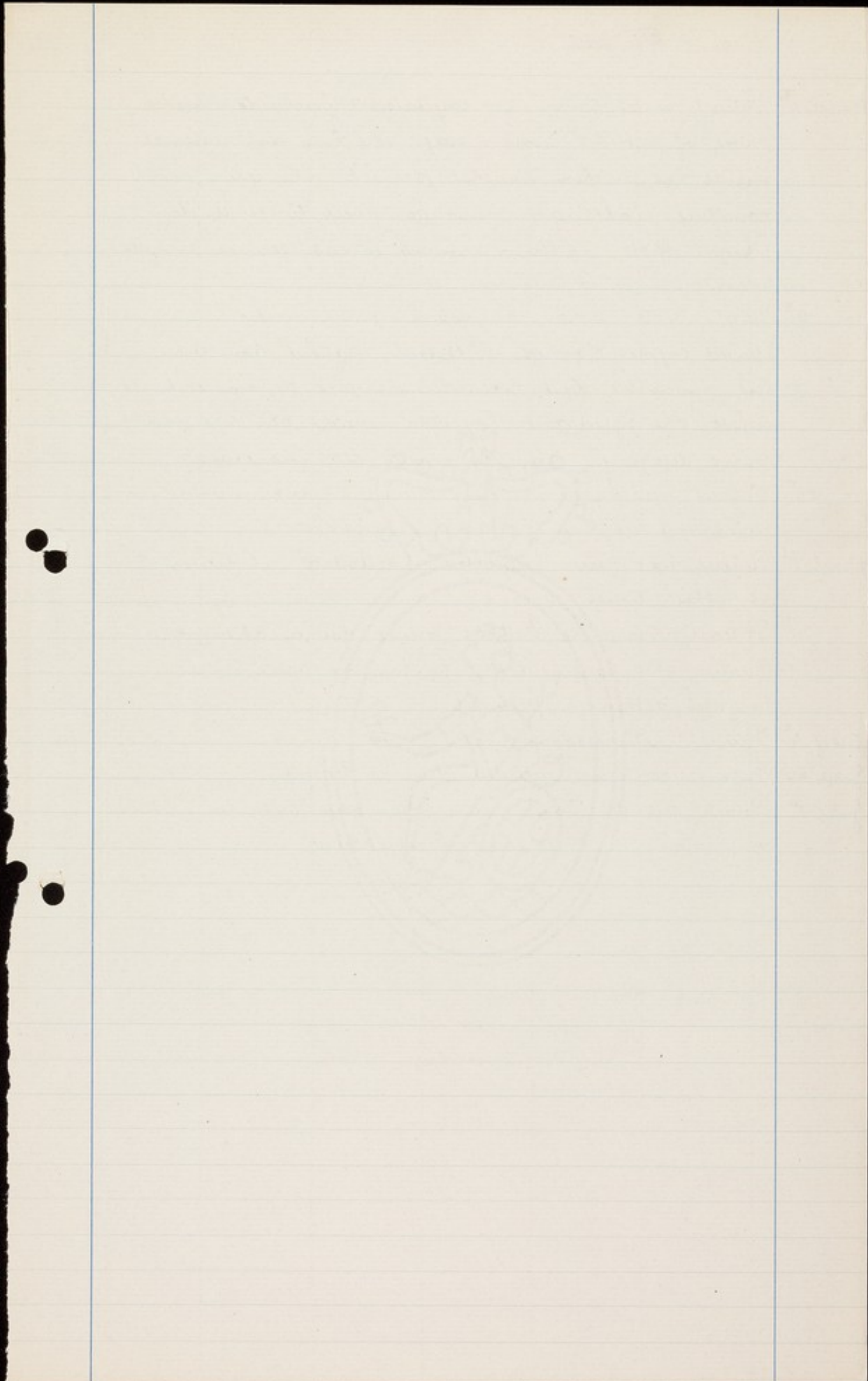
Patient was transferred to the Centre 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: and  
she seems to be a little better since her sister  
left although at times she worries about her.  
She remains in bed until about 10.30 A.M. &  
has massage for 1/2 hr: twice daily. She was visited  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: by a lady friend & her brother & had  
tea with them. She was very amused because  
her sister did not come from Throesbury to see them.  
She spoke to her sister by telephone & was very  
agitated afterwards. She sleeps fairly well.  
Weight 4 st 3 1/2 lbs.

Feb: 13<sup>th</sup>

Patient has not been so well during the last week.  
at times she was very agitated & distressed and  
occasionally screaming. She has talked more frequently  
of her delusions - has gone out walking in the  
country on her good days - has massage twice daily.  
Weight 4 st 3 lbs. - sleeps 5 1/2 hrs - average.

Feb: 20<sup>th</sup>

Patient has been rather better during last week - at  
times she has been agitated & miserable but on the whole  
she has been brighter - talks less frequently of her  
delusions - visited by her brother & sister-in-law on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:  
- Massage given twice daily - muscles improving.



Miss H. Dunford.

- March 4<sup>th</sup> Patient is at times very agitated & miserable - talks more of her delusions - says she has an animal inside her - when weather permits she goes out country walking - massage given twice daily. Weight 4 st. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. - refused to eat certain fruits & jam - says it affects her head.
- " 19<sup>th</sup> Weight 4 st. 8 lbs. Massage given daily. Visited by her brother - 14<sup>th</sup> March - patient has been less miserable but her delusions are as evident as before. She says that the extra weight she has put on is due to the animal inside her increasing.
- " 26<sup>th</sup> Patient has made no improvement - very deluded & miserable at times. Massage given daily.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Patient has been agitated & deluded at times, & at other times bright.
- " 18<sup>th</sup> Patient left The Retreat today for a change. During the past week she has been much brighter, although deluded.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Patient returned today.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Patient continues deluded but is bright.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Patient left The Retreat today, has gone with a companion to Melbourne, Derbyshire