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## NEWS AND VIEWS

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### Letter to the Editor

Recently we encountered a case of "Q" fever in a 32 year old white male unaccompanied by pneumonitis, and manifested only by prostration and a Charcot type fever. A diagnostic rise and fall in the "Q" fever complement fixation titer was observed with a maximum titer of 1 to 128. Because of the possibility of a disseminated granuloma, a bone marrow aspiration biopsy was done. Marrow sections demonstrated an angiitis consisting of perivascular infiltrations of lymphocytes, monocytes, and some neutrophilic granulocytes. Similar inflammatory cells infiltrated the walls and in some places piled up in the lumens of the vessels.

A late complication was an inflammatory arthritis limited entirely to the left knee. The patient made an uneventful recovery without antibiotics and was seen again asymptomatic six months later when another marrow aspiration was done; sections of this last specimen showed no vascular lesions.

In perusal of the literature on "Q" fever we were unable to find descriptions of similar vascular changes, although a vasculitis is frequently described as accompanying the closely related rickettsial diseases. Studies of bone marrow may be indicated in cases of "Q" fever as a possible adjunct in diagnosis, and for additional knowledge concerning the pathological changes in this disease in man.—*Norman Ende, M.D., and Armand P. Gelpi, M.D., Veterans Administration Hospital, Fresno, California.*

### Announcement of Fourth Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine

The fourth annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine will be held June 20-23, 1957 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City. An outstanding program of papers, speakers and exhibits is planned; the Oklahoma Centennial Exposition is also in session and makes this a good time to bring the family along. The Skirvin is completely air conditioned.—*Robert W. Lackey, M.D., 452 Metropolitan Bldg., Denver, Colorado.*

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