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A 52 year-old Mexican woman had been ill with fever, weakness, and generalized body aches for 7 weeks. She was admitted to the General Hospital in Mexico D. F. on Sept. 16, 1948 and noted to have daily fever spikes to 101-102°. Blood cultures were positive for <u>Brucella melitensis</u> and treatment was started with a new drug, aureomycin. She was given 0.5 gm aureomycin orally, and the dose repeated in 6 hours. Nine hours after the start of treatment she developed hyperpyrexia to 104, and a shock-like picture with the blood pressure falling to 60/0. The drug was stopped and she recovered from the hypotensive episode in 18 hours. Treatment was resumed with 250 mg aureomycin every 6 hours and she recovered. Blood cultures remained sterile.

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