CASE: Li 786-58

History:

The 16 year old colored female complained of muscle cramps and blurred vision two days prior to death. The visual disorder was relieved when the patient was lying down. On the day of her death, the patient was awakened by her mother at 6:00 A.M. and came down for breakfast. She had no complaints. In the early afternoon, she mentioned that her mouth felt sticky and her eyes appeared to be bloodshot. At 2:15 P.M., the patient passed out and fell on the living room floor. She was immediately taken to a nearby hospital but was dead on arrival.

Autopsy Diagnosis:

Chronic hepatitis with cirrhosis of liver, tracheal bronchitis, pyelitis, markedly congested spleen and pulmonary congestion and edema.

Brain Finding:

In the white matter of the right hippocampal gyrus near the lower ventricular horn, there were a few very small gray areas suggestive of ectopic gray matter. This alteration extended over an area about one centimeter in length. All other parts of the brain showed no abnormalities. There was no pathology of the vascular system.

Tissue slide represents right hippocampal gyrus.