

Mystery Fever at Fort Bragg

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Civilian volunteers will be called as guinea pigs to help determine the origin of a mysterious, although just now dormant, disease in an American Army camp, the Southern Medical Association was told today.

Lieut. Col. Worth P. Daniels of Fort Bragg, N. C., said that forty soldiers there had been stricken by a strange rash-accompanied fever. There were no deaths.

He said a mosquito known as *Aedes aegypti* was among suspects listed as transmitters of the disease. Some of these were fed on two men during the early phase of their illness and an attempt is to be made to transmit the disease by these mosquitoes for observation.

Lieut. Col. Daniels said since September there had been no cases of the disease, which had been called pre-tibial fever because the rash occurs on the front of the legs.

He said the fever lasted about five days and was accompanied by low respiratory manifestations, pain in the forehead and behind the eyes, backache, reduction in white blood cells, enlargement of the spleen and the rash.

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PERSONAL NOTES

The latest word from John W. Scott, formerly of Union County, N. J. is that he received a promotion and is now a captain. Captain Scott is at Fort Custer, Mich.

Fred W. Rush, Superintendent of the Solano County, California, Mosquito Abatement District since its organization in 1930, died in February, 1942. His practical development of the idea of controlled re-flooding and re-draining was a substantial contribution to mosquito control technique.

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Mr. Harry B. Demas, Foreman and Machine Operator on the Four County Committee, Passaic River Channel Reclamation for mosquito control, was drafted into the U. S. Army on November 6. Mr. Demas is now stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

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EDITORS NOTE:

The shortage of personal notes is due to lack of contributions, rather than news, because there must be many changes in location and positions of our friends and co-workers which other readers would like to be informed about. The Committee will welcome any news as to the positions and whereabouts of mosquito control workers.