

Cape May's population found they did not have to "swat" as in former years.

I sincerely hope that your past cooperation will continue in the future. I shall look forward with gratitude to your help in 1944.

Very truly yours,

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HATS OFF TO THE BOYS BEHIND THE MICROSCOPE

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P.S. My 19th consecutive year in the field of Control.C.S.

It was my intention to serve the Ordnance Department thru'out this "Show" but Uncle Sam decreed otherwise.

We had added nothing to our knowledge of control but due to our bouncing around over Africa and our observations of things, places and locations of Camp Sites especially, we have come to appreciate a sister organization, "The Malaria Survey Unit."

Before proceeding, I must state that "I'm in the best Malaria Control Unit with the best Commander in the best Army in the world (soldiers like to brag)"

I dedicate the following article to the silent heroes who sit behind the microscope; that little band of scientists upon whose knowledge we are forced to depend for successful Malaria Control and it is the hope of this writer that the information given therein will serve to clarify the purpose and intent of The Malaria Survey Unit and to furnish inspirational stimuli thereto for the redoubling of its efforts in the reduction of work imposed upon Malaria Control Units:—

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It is difficult for the mosquito control worker back home to visualize the movement of whole armies in a few hours (not days) the populations of which exceed that of many American cities. It is more difficult for him to picture the problems of housing and feeding these thousands, which, in themselves are staggering; But,—and added to these problems is that ever present threat of Malaria—that silent threat that has rendered whole armies impotent in a short, few days. Casual mention of these things may impress upon the reader that TIME is a most vital factor over here.

It isn't necessary to make comparisons between Army and Civilian methods of Malaria Control. Consult the best Public Health Service treatise on the subject and you have the Army Method first hand. The single exception is army discipline. This does not mean that the absence of vital control material does not often result in substitutions, it does.

Comment on control measures on the firing line, out "where life and death hang poised in the scales that tip with a breath" must be reserved for future discussion. But, behind these areas, thousands upon thousands of Khaki Clad Youths are either stationed or "moving up." Selection of Camp Sites in these "behind the line areas" predetermines the success or failure of your Army Malaria Control Program. And, IF through expediency or lack of Malaria Information, someone stations troops in or near enough to reservoirs of infection—well—the story is tragic. Too, considering the tolerance (not immunity) developed through generations of infection and reinfection by native populations, it is impossible to blunder into success in the selection of Stations or Camps. In these selections, The Malaria Survey Unit MUST have a free hand lest the Control Unit inherits an impossible job. Remember,

Malaria can be controlled under any set of conditions with the exception of the factor TIME but don't forget, TIME is truly golden over here.

In consideration of the aforementioned and in appreciation for the sterling service rendered by these silent, Khaki Clad Scientists, lets say: Lets off—Boys Behind The Microscope, WE SALUTE YOU!

In conclusion, we quote an excerpt from a paper presented to the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association by this writer: "Mosquito Control is a problem in species, terrain and seasons; its solution is found in the fields of Entomology and Engineering." If plagiarism is suspected in rendering this definition, the writer can only say 'others may have coined it but prior to its publication, he knew nothing of its existence.' This definition is applicable to every land and clime, contentions to the contrary are fallacious and wrong. Mosquito control workers know this and hence, do not get excited over "the different problem." As a finale, we also define Malaria in terms of Control: "Malaria is a problem in species, terrain and seasons, its solution is found in the fields of Parasitology, Entomology and Engineering."

The definitions herein given are as true in Africa as in America. The Parasitologist, Entomologist and Engineer have proven them to be so.

"ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY"

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Permit me to digress from the usual "gab" of a fellow worker and write upon another subject, one that is "the topic of the day" or at least it should be.

Our pathway has crossed and recrossed a few outstanding spots upon the globe; our experiences have enriched our knoweldge of world affairs and peoples. The single, outstanding thing that impresses us most, and is encountered constantly, is the utter lack of even rudimentary sanitation. The second, and perhaps the greatest contribution to the first is POVERTY! Truly, we have seen wretched poverty at its worst where the earthly soil was the richest, yes, where a little science applied to their problems would raise thousands to a better standard of living and a better appreciation of HUMAN VALUES, GODLINESS and BEAUTY.

Preventive Medicine, Sanitation, Reservoirs of Disease—these mean nothing to millions of human beings. Romanticism seems to have drowned the better judgment of songwriters, poets and scribes who, for years, have painted a rosy picture of a grotesque scene. 'The scene is in contrast to the picture,' 'the song does not harmonize with the surroundings,' 'the written story fails to portray actuality!'

Problems of great magnitude will have to be solved when the "show" is over and they MUST BE SOLVED!! The world needs ENGINEERS as well as MISSIONARIES and the majority of its downtrodden people do not expect us to hand them something on a silver platter! To the travel minded engineer, great opportunities will be open to you and your pay will come from the meager earnings of millions for whom you work! The question is: "ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY?"

ACTIVITIES IN MEMBER STATES

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY SURGEONS OF THE UNITED STATES HELD OCTOBER 21-22-23, 1943 AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The 51st Annual Meeting of this Association was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, October 21-22- and 23, 1943, and was attended by about 2,000 members of the Army, Navy, and United States Public Health Service personnel, active and retired, who were members of the Association. There were also present, as guests of the Association, the Surgeon General