

EDITORIAL

THE INFANTRY

In spite of all advances in equipment and techniques for aerial warfare, the infantry continues to be an indispensable force in war. But infantry equipped with flintlock muskets and old fashioned pistols would not now contribute much to victory on the battlefield. Neither would a company of foot soldiers, fully equipped with all modern weapons, be of much account if they had no knowledge of how to use them. Nor could the offices or officers of procurement and supply be considered to be discharging their duties if they did not keep fully abreast of the latest technical developments, so that the troops would be continually armed with the latest in both knowledge and equipment.

In mosquito control the same principles apply. Few will deny that the airplane has come to stay in mosquito control, but it is just as true that the successful anti-mosquito campaign sooner or later falls back on the ground forces, and that often the ground forces alone by winning countless isolated individual battles may put over the campaign all by themselves.

The air-arm often does not even exist or can be brought into operation only in rare emergencies.

It is all the more necessary therefore, for efficient mosquito control, that the

ground forces be thoroughly informed, and be kept strictly up to date in equipment.

Therefore, the American Mosquito Control Association, recognizing its responsibility to the profession and to its constitution as an educational force, has caused to be prepared a new bulletin entitled "Ground Equipment and Insecticides for Mosquito Control."

The importance of this bulletin can hardly be overstressed. It will be a milestone in the progress of mosquito control, and *Mosquito News* confidently predicts that from the moment of its publication it will be held by all mosquito control workers to be as indispensable as the equipment it describes, the formulations it outlines and the information it summarizes. It will also serve to inform the general public, health officers, and community leaders of the advances in modern mosquito control methods and the necessity for keeping the workers supplied with the proper equipment. It will encourage communities to undertake mosquito control, and will help them to know how to go about it.

With the publication of the Ground Spray Bulletin, the Mosquito Control Infantry will again come into its own.