

RHODE ISLAND:

Work in Rhode Island has been hampered by shortage of W.P.A. manpower. The project areas include Quonsett Point, Naval Air Base, Fort Greene, Fort Kearney, Fort Adams, Fort Getty, Fort Church, Fort Wetherill and Jamestown Island.

Mr. Milton Price is in charge of the statewide work Rhode Island which will cost more than \$150,000.

CONNECTICUT:

No project has yet been prepared for Connecticut.

Status of National-Defense, Mosquito-Control
Projects in Delaware

by L. A. Stearns

Work under the W.P.A. mosquito and malaria-control project (\$62,693) for the Fort duPont area (see Mosquito News, Vol. 1, No. 3, pp. 2-4 and No. 4, pp. 7-9) has been in progress since June, 1941. Accomplishments for the first six months (to December 27, 1941) were briefly as follows: For survey or layout work, clearing brush, cutting ditch sides, excavating ditch, cleaning ditch, filling holes, tidegate installation and miscellaneous activities - a total of 40,438 man hours for an average of 47 men employed; new ditching, 55,681 lin. ft. 10" x 20" (all widths expressed as such); approximately 80 per cent of area within 2 miles of this Post completed; supervision on part of representatives of the sponsoring agencies (State Highway Department, State Board of Health and State Agricultural Experiment Station) amounting to 1912 man hours.

Operations were commenced recently (January, 1942) about Fort Saulsbury and about Fort Miles (an extensive new army development at Cape Henlopen) under a state-wide mosquito and malaria-control project carrying an allotment of \$36,095. Although some new strictures will be installed, most of the work will be of a maintenance character, since

these sections of the State were ditched or otherwise brought under control by Civilian Conservation Corps labor some years ago (1933-1938).

In view of the expressed interest of the U. S. Public Health Service in the early establishment of a mosquito-control project covering the entire Philadelphia - Camden - Wilmington area, a program for the portion thereof within the State of Delaware has just been prepared (February 3, 1942), the cost of which would approximate \$90,000. From the standpoint of the current, national defense effort, the City of Wilmington and adjoining suburban areas constitute one of the most important centers of the Atlantic Seaboard. Naturally, the discomfort experienced in this district is much less than further south where the cities and towns are but a short distance from large river and bayside marshes. Nevertheless, the population concerned (more than one-half that of the State as a whole) and expanding defense industries warrant the early consideration of anti-mosquito work.

Suffolk County Long Island National Defense
and Mosquito Control

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The contribution of the Suffolk County Mosquito Elimination Commission toward National Defense is aimed at two main objectives. First is the construction of thirty-eight miles of ditches and the placing of 782 feet of 24" culvert under roads in and around Camp Upton which is a 3700 acre lay-out almost in the center of the county. This work is being carried out mainly to control malaria carrying mosquitoes but at the same time remove all other troublesome species as well. This project was taken on with the assistance of W.P.A. in addition to our regular schedule which is going on as usual.