

EDITORIAL SECTION

One of the contributions of mosquito control organizations to the war effort had been the provision of trained workers to the Army and Navy and Public Health Service. Many Mosquito Commissions have released their key men so that the armed services may benefit by their experience. It is a source of pride to the Mosquito Control workers left in civilian life to know that their former associates are combating malaria in the South Pacific, constructing ditches in Africa or driving the Anopheles out of the areas around the camp sites in the various infected areas in this country.

Malaria is the fifth column in our midst. The Germans and the Japanese are more or less in the open where they can be shot at but the Anopheles mosquito is a small elusive thing that must be fought by the experience of many years. The greatest load of course falls on the doctors who prescribe repellants and medicines and care for the patients. But the work of the doctor is made immeasurably easier by the work of the field operator who ferrets out the breeding places, destroys the larvae and generally reduces the mosquito populations.

A limited supply of trained operators in the mosquito control field was readily available on account of the training received in the different civilian organizations in many parts of the country. When war broke out essential men in these organizations hastened to volunteer to help their country. That their work has been well done is attested to by the fact that malaria has been under such good control.

To all of these men this magazine wishes the best of luck. We appreciate the hardship some of them have endured and also their unflinching perseverance in their job.