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SUBJECT: Malaria Control.

To : Commanding General, North African Wing, ATC,
Commanding Officer, Central African Wing, ATC,
Commanding Officer, U. S. Army Forces in Liberia,
Commanding Officer, Middle East Service Command,
Commanding Officer, West African Service Command,
Commanding Officer, Cairo Military District.

1. The Secretary of War has directed that immediate and forceful action be taken to prevent further unnecessary losses in manpower from malaria. In order to facilitate the execution of this directive, the duties and responsibilities of malaria control personnel in this theater are outlined below for the information and guidance of all concerned.

a. Responsibilities of commanding officers:

- (1) Securing priority of movement for antimalaria personnel and supplies.
- (2) Selection of camp sites sufficiently removed from mosquito breeding-places and infected native villages.
- (3) Protection of personnel from insects by the provision of suitable shelter and clothing.
- (4) Organization of unit antimalaria details.
- (5) Development of malaria discipline, including instruction of personnel in the prevention of malaria.
- (6) Enforcement of sanitary regulations and correction of sanitary defects.
- (7) Destruction of the mosquito, including elimination of mosquito breeding- and resting-places.
- (8) Detailed monthly reports on progress of any malaria control projects undertaken within area of command responsibility.
- (9) Securing approval of competent authority for adequate control program and prosecuting work thereon with all possible means.

- b. Responsibilities of engineers:
 - (1) Execution of mosquito control projects on real property in accordance with recommendations of the Medical Department.
- c. Responsibilities of malaria discipline officers:
 - (1) Enforcement of antimalaria regulations.
 - (2) Supervision of company antimalaria details.
 - (3) Inspection of buildings and bednets.
- d. Responsibilities of surgeons:
 - (1) Investigation of the prevalence, distribution and habits of malaria mosquitoes.
 - (2) Recommendation of measures for mosquito control.
 - (3) General supervision of mosquito control activities.
 - (4) Reports on the efficiency of control measures.
- e. Responsibilities of malariologists:
 - (1) Coordination and supervision of malaria control activities.
 - (2) Advising the chief surgeon in matters pertaining to malaria control.
- f. Responsibilities of malaria engineers:
 - (1) Command of Malaria Control Units.
 - (2) Planning and directing environmental malaria control work,
 - (3) Destruction of the adult mosquito and the larvae.
 - (4) Technical supervision of mosquito control work done by engineers on real property.
- g. Responsibilities of entomologists:
 - (1) Command of Malaria Survey Units.
 - (2) Identification of malaria mosquitoes.
 - (3) Designation of mosquito breeding-places.

(4) Checking control measures.

h. Responsibilities of parasitologists:

(1) Designation of human reservoirs of malaria infection.

(2) Study of malaria in military personnel.

(3) Checking control measures.

2. The objective of the malaria control program is to interrupt the transmission of the disease by the mosquito from man to man. Continuous command support, expressed through the following channels, can accomplish this objective:

a. Maintenance of malaria discipline by sound directives strongly enforced, based on the training program outlined in War Department Training Circular No. 108, dated 21 September 1943.

b. Facilitation of malaria survey and control work by the Medical Department, particularly by providing organizational equipment such as transportation.

c. New construction in malarious areas so as to eliminate surface collection of water and to mosquito-proof buildings inhabited by military personnel.

3. Efficient organization of antimalaria personnel and supply is essential to the success of malaria control which depends upon teamwork based on a clear understanding of their respective duties by all concerned. Well directed and united effort will attain the goal of a low malaria rate. It must be met.

By command of Major General GILES:

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