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CURTAILMENT OF WAR ESTABLISHMENT MALARIA CONTROL OPERATIONS

I. General

The appropriation item for the subject activity has just been reduced approximately 50 per cent for fiscal year 1946 as a result of post V-J Day review. No reduction has been made or is anticipated in Extended Program malaria control. States are being apprised of this reduction in War Establishment malaria control funds in order that orderly planning can be initiated which will permit attainment of overall MCWA program objectives within the financial limitations imposed.

II. Scope of Work

A. During the calendar 1946 malaria season, War Establishment anti-malaria protection will be confined to the following classes of establishments of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and other special installations designated below, where significant malaria mosquito hazard exists:

- (1) Separation and Debarkation Centers.
- (2) Permanent Posts and large camps containing substantial troop complements.
- (3) General and Marine Hospitals (Army, Navy, Public Health Service and Veterans Administration), and Armed Force Rehabilitation and Recuperation Centers.
- (4) Active ~~Arsenals~~ and Service of Supply Depots owned and directly operated by the armed forces and containing substantial troop complements.
- (5) International Airports.

B. The following classes of establishments will be deleted from the MCWA program at the end of the current malaria season:

- (1) Prisoner-of-war Branch and Main Camps.
- (2) Civilian Housing Areas.
- (3) War Industries.
- (4) Recreational Areas of all types except Rehabilitation and Recuperation Centers for the Armed Forces.
- (5) Access Roads.
- (6) Army and Navy Arsenals, Ordnance Works, Navy Yards and Service of Supply Depots not containing housed armed force complements of substantial size.
- (7) All Temporary Camps, Posts and Airfields not included within Section II-A. These include training camps and fields, maneuver areas, security positions, etc.

- C. Liaison Officers have been requested to furnish advice to this Headquarters as per attachment. This information will be forwarded to states as received. Additional information will be issued by the Army and Navy through the press.

III. Type of Work

- A. The following types of work shall be brought to immediate termination:

(1) Major Drainage, dredging and filling at all locations, except:

- (a) Class A drainage around permanent establishments which are also included within Section II-A.
- (b) In War Establishment zones also contained within approved Extended Program areas.

(2) Minor drainage, clearing and conditioning at locations within Section II-B except:

- (a) Work essential to accomplish effective control during the current malaria season.
- (b) "Fill-in work" which can be accomplished by the minimum size of force necessary for larviciding.
- (c) In War Establishment zones also contained within approved Extended Program Areas.

- B. Larvicidal zones (and Areas where applicable), shall be brought to a final termination status at the close of the current malaria season at all locations within Section II-B, except:

(1) War Establishment zones which are also contained within approved Extended Program areas.

(2) A limited number of zones the future status of which may be in doubt. In these, curtailment of labor force should be accomplished to the maximum extent feasible.

Emphasis is placed on the necessity for prompt termination of as many zones as possible, principally in October, since the financing of residual operations through the end of the fiscal year is contingent upon major reduction in other zones. More detailed information as to status should be available in September and October from sources indicated in Section II-C.

IV. Personnel

- A. Professional and supervisory personnel needs for combined MCWA programs will continue at approximately the same level. It will be necessary to transfer certain individuals in this category from War Establishment Malaria Control to Typhus Control at an early date. States will be notified further soon.

(1) Temporary continuation of other construction is authorized where essential to prevent destruction of unfinished work or to consume local sponsors' materials which have been delivered to the jobsite.

Personnel (other than supervisory and professional) permanently released from War Establishment malaria control should be permanently transferred to typhus control and Extended malaria control within the state, where vacancies exist. When a surplus of personnel at or above the grade of SP-6 occurs within a state, transfer of the individuals should be requested through the Headquarters professional Division concerned. Personnel below this grade should be released in accordance with reduction in force procedure to be covered in forthcoming Headquarters Administrative Letter. Such releases should be effected not later than the close of the second pay period in October, except for skeleton forces retained temporarily for disposal of supplies and equipment.

In planning typhus control personnel requirements, attention is called to probable slight increases of current manpower quotas for states reaching assigned quotas and having non-operating pre-approved counties. To facilitate reassignment of technical and professional personnel from war establishment malaria control to typhus control, an intensive apprentice training course in typhus control, beginning November 1, will be announced shortly by this Headquarters. In planning extended malaria control personnel requirements, advice is given of the forthcoming issuance of a schedule of financial allocation to states, superseding the 550,000 house quota schedule, which will permit significant further expansion of schedules projected for the spring of 1946.

V. Vehicles and Equipment

Vehicles, other equipment and supplies released as a result of permanent termination of surveillance or control operations in War Establishment zones should be re-disposed within states as rapidly as possible where need exists on other MCWA programs. Advice of items which are clearly surplus to future operational needs should be furnished to this Headquarters, Attention: Equipment Unit.

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