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LONG-RANGE DISPERSAL OF ANOPHELES QUADRIMACULATUS¹

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During the summer of 1944 the attention of the writers was directed to an unusual and perhaps unique situation in which the dispersal of Anopheles quadrimaculatus to exceptional distances appeared to be taking place. This was at the Santee Reservoir in South Carolina where mosquito densities in the territory surrounding the impoundment were being studied in relation to location of breeding in the impoundment itself. Because of the importance of the flight habits of mosquitoes in connection with control activities, an attempt was made to determine experimentally whether or not the mosquitoes found at these exceptional distances actually could have come from the reservoir. Flights greater than 1 mile, of course, have previously been demonstrated or suspected and a recent review of the literature on this subject has been published by the senior author (5). Since that summary gives the historical background of anopheline flight and dispersal it will not be repeated here. However, for comparative purposes, table 1 presents pertinent data from the literature on A. quadrimaculatus, including data from this experiment.

In relation to the significance of the findings reported herein it should be pointed out that for the past twenty-five or more years the control of A. quadrimaculatus has been based upon the premise that 1 mile is usually the maximum effective flight range of this malaria vector. That such procedure is, in the main, sound is not open to question. In reviewing the work of the Office of Malaria Control in War Areas of the United States Public Health Service, which, in

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 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{T}_{\textbf{ABLE}} & 1. - Review & of & experiments & on & the & flight & range & of & \textbf{A.} & \textbf{quadrimaculatus} \\ & & & & (adapted & from & Eyles & and & Bishop & (6)) \end{array}$

Year	Investigators	Number of marked mosqui- toes released	Number of marked mosqui- toes re- captured	Per- cent recap- tured	Num- ber exam- ined for mark- ings	Distance of recovery (mfles)				
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1917		1 270	3	1. 11	?	0.58.				
1919		4, 000	10	. 25	19, 000	0.75-1.0 (1 at 1.0; 9 at 0.75).				
1939		3, 000	8	. 27	?	0.67 (5 over 0.5).				
1941		3, 800	6	. 16	415	0.07-0.5.				
1943		16. 500	32	. 19	15, 000	2.0-2.5 (1 at 2.5; 2 at 2.25).				
(²)		3, 500	21	. 60	40, 863	2.05-3.63 (1 at 3.63; 2 at 2.7).				

¹ Experiment undertaken to determine ability of A. quadrimaculatus to cross a body of water.
2 Present experiment.

cooperation with State health departments, has successfully controlled malaria-carrying mosquitoes in the extracantonment zones of several hundred war establishments, Bradley and Hanson (1) report that, in all but a small percentage of instances, satisfactory low densities were maintained without controlling breeding beyond the 1-mile zone around the protected area. They state that in most cases, when trouble developed, a resurvey of the mile-wide protective zone disclosed previously undetected breeding places and only under very unusual conditions was it necessary to expand the control zone.

The Santee Reservoir, located in the old Santee River swamp in Coastal Plain South Carolina about halfway between Columbia and Charleston, extends 37 miles southeast from the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers. The surrounding country was originally mostly a sandy pineland but a great part is now used in cotton cultivation. Population is scattered but reported malaria rates have been very high.

Preimpoundment treatment (maximum pool level was first reached in September 1942) consisted in part of the clearing of a zone 1 mile wide at the edge of the reservoir in the lower portion (downstream from U.S. Highway 15) and a zone one-half mile wide at the edge of the reservoir in the upper portion (fig. 1). Thus the center of the reservoir over most of its length is filled with a dense stand of dead trees, together with considerable floatage, in water from a few inches to many feet deep (fig. 2). This growth, which will henceforth be referred to as the flooded swamp, constitutes about 47,000 acres of the total of 97,000 acres in the Santee Reservoir.

Investigation proved that in the upper portion of this flooded swamp there was widespread breeding of A. quadrimaculatus. tensive dipping for larvae showed that breeding was intense even in situations two or more miles from the nearest good source of blood. Adult densities around this upper portion were very high even at distances up to a mile or more from the 75-foot contour, which is

FIGURE 1.- Panorama showing the flooded swamp, the half-mile cleared zone, and, on the extreme right, the beginning of the highland (Santee Reservoir, S. C.).



FIGURE 2.—A concentration of floatage in the flooded swamp, Santee Reservoir, S. C.

normal maximum water level. Counts at the few stables within one-quarter mile of the water ranged up to 5,300 female quadrimaculatus, and index stations that were over 1 mile from the 75-foot contour still had recorded counts as high as 275.

Because the flooded swamp appeared to be the major source of mosquitoes the question arose as to the extent of flight of A. quadrimaculatus to resting places well over a mile away.

METHOD OF STUDY

For the experimental study an area was chosen in which the following conditions existed:

- 1. Heavy breeding in the central flooded swamp.
- 2. In general no appreciable breeding in the marginal cleared half-mile zone. The situation finally selected was almost dry on the northeast side except for a slough along the bluff (henceforth to be known as the Clarendon side), and consisted of open water on the southwest (henceforth to be designated the Calhoun side). The dry Clarendon side was largely filled by an island (fig. 3).
- 3. No local breeding above the normal high-water level from which adults could invade the study area.
- 4. An ample number of easily accessible catching stations with high adult counts.
- 5. Most of the nearest available blood meals are some distance from the major breeding areas. The distribution of these can be noted from the map (fig. 3). All the Calhoun-side stations were located over a mile from the 75-foot contour or more than 1.5 miles from the nearest point of the heavy central breeding. The Clarendon stations were situated somewhat closer but still mostly at a great distance from the principal breeding. All but one of the Calhoun stations were over 3.0 miles from the center line of the flooded swamp; all on the Clarendon side were over 2.0 miles.
- 6. Easy access to the center of the flooded swamp, via the old channel of the Santee River.
- 7. Although not strictly a necessary factor in a study of dispersal as such, malaria has long been a problem in the area of the flight experiment. On the Clarendon side, a house-to-house blood-smear survey in October 1944, in connection with the Santee-Cooper survey, demonstrated a malaria prevalence of 7.5 percent out of 253 people examined in that vicinity.

The technique and the mechanical catching equipment used in the experiment were those described by Eyles (4). The supply of mosquitoes for release was caught from resting places in the experimental area. These mosquitoes were almost wholly freshly engorged or gravid, the percentage of males and unfed females being negligible. Approximately 4,000 females, the number being based on estimates made before catching each station, were caught from stations 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 during the morning of September 4. These were immediately dusted with aluminum powder and placed in a large cage. The cage was carried by motorboat to the predetermined release point in the center of the submerged swamp (R on map), and the mosquitoes were released at about 3 p. m. on a shady island near some hollow trees in which they were observed to take shelter. With

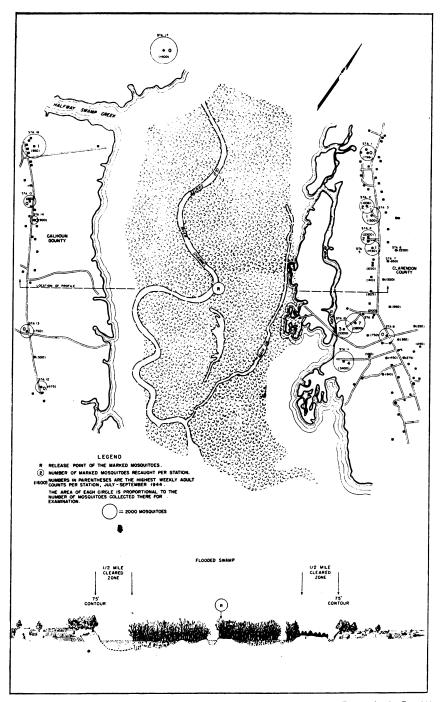


FIGURE 3.—Map and diagrammatic profile of the flight-experiment area, Santee Reservoir, S. C., 1944

allowance for dead and crippled individuals it was estimated that about 3,500 were actually liberated. One hundred of the dead mosquitoes were checked for thoroughness of marking, and all were found to be well dusted.

Recovery of marked mosquitoes was attempted on the 4 days subsequent to release and on the sixth and eighth days after release, an average of nearly 7,000 being examined each recatch day. Samples were taken on both sides of the reservoir (fig. 3).

DISCUSSION

Table 2 shows the number of females of A. quadrimaculatus examined from each station and the number of recoveries on the days subsequent to release. Also given in the table are the distances of the stations from the release point (R) of the marked mosquitoes. On the map (fig. 3) a circle is drawn around each of the stations, this circle being proportional in area to the number of females examined from the station. Within each circle is given the number of recoveries from that station.

Table 2.—Summary of collections and recoveries (totals of female A. quadrimaculatus collected and examined, with the number of marked recoveries in parentheses)

		Dis- tance				19-	44				
Station num- ber	House num- ber	from release point (R) (direct line) (miles)	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Totals
1	S-184 8-171 S-161 S-160 S-158 S-167 S-145 S-149 S-150 S-141 S-38 S-53 S-53 S-74	3. 12 2. 70 2. 67 2. 47 2. 48 2. 75 2. 25 3. 03 2. 94 3. 00 3. 25 3. 63 3. 95	Used for 709(0) 308(1) 660(0) 524(0) 478(0) 272(0)	333(1) 310(0) or origina 570(0) 236(0) 941(0) 400(0) 390(0) 234(0) 822(0)	910 (1) 798 1 catch on 1 catch on 424 (0) 1,040 (6) 1,463 (3) 1,644 (2)	1y 351(0) 944(0) 1,212(2) 431(0) 423(0) 792(0) 1,054(0)		675(0) 1, 754(1) 4, 363(0) 6, 792(1)		796(0) 776(0) 1, 134(0) 499(0) 876(0) 201(0) 1, 060(0) 2, 436(0) 7, 778(0)	1, 979 (0) 1, 812 (2) 2, 959 (1) 1, 864 (2) 2, 056 (1) 2, 054 (0) 3, 662 (7) 3, 064 (3) 4, 279 (4) 1, 307 (0) 1, 492 (0) 1, 467 (0) 5, 441 (1) 6, 799 (0) 40, 863 (21)

A total of 40,863 female A. quadrimaculatus ² was caught and examined. In all, 21 (0.6 percent) of the estimated 3,500 marked mosquitoes were recovered, individuals being found in 8 of the 15 stations in which they were sought. All of the 21 were from 2.05 to 3.63 miles, measured in a straight line, from the point of release

² So few individuals of Anopheles crucians and male A. quadrimaculatus were found that these have been omitted in order to simplify the tables.

(R). The percentage recovered compares unusually favorably with the results of other investigators in situations where much shorter flights were involved (table 1).

During the first 2 days after release only 2 marked individuals of nearly 8,700 examined were found, but on the third day 15 of 9,899 examined were marked. Three marked mosquitoes out of 7,698 examined were recovered on the fourth day, and the final recovery was made on the sixth day after release. The last effort at recapture, on the eighth day, was fruitless.

With respect to the distance from the point of release (table 3), the greatest number of recoveries was secured between 2.00 and 2.50 miles. Three individuals were recovered between 2.50 and 3.00 miles and only a single specimen beyond 3.00 miles. In no case was there any intervening habitation and accompanying blood sources in direct line between the release point and the stations from which marked mosquitoes were recovered.

TABLE 3.—Relation of number of recoveries to distance from the release point (R)

Distance from release point (miles)	Number examined	Number of marked mos- quitoes re- covered	Percentage of number ex- amined
2.00—2.49	14, 925	17	0. 114
2.50—2.99	8, 317	3	. 036
3.00—3.49	5, 381	0	. 000
3.50—3.99	12, 240	1	. 008

It was observed that 20 of the 21 mosquitoes recovered were freshly engorged. Fifteen of these, tested by the Carter Memorial Laboratory, Savannah, Ga., showed that 6 had fed on bovine blood, 5 on equine blood, and 1 on both bovine and equine blood, whereas 3 gave no reaction (possibly either a feeding on wild animals, or on some domestic animal such as a dog, not covered by the precipitin tests in use). The last individual recaught, at the far point of 3.63 miles, was one of those showing no reaction.

It seems possible that the discrepancy in number of recoveries (20 to 1) on the two sides of the reservoir is some evidence of a preponderant dispersion toward the Clarendon side at the time of the experiment. For example it was noted that the day of the greatest number of recoveries (15 on the third day, all on the Clarendon side) coincided with a rise in 7 Clarendon stations from 3,103 mosquitoes on the second day to 7,448 on the third day, despite sterilization of the stations each day. This may indicate a sudden influx of mosquitoes to the Clarendon side which would have increased the chances of recovering marked individuals (no increase in station counts occurred on the Calhoun side).

It might be considered odd that only the single marked individual was recovered from the Calhoun side of the reservoir, and that one with the longest recorded flight. Consideration of this must be weighted by the greater distances involved, for only one of the Calhoun stations was located within 3 miles of the release point (station 13 at 2.94 miles), and about 12,000 of the 17,000 Calhoun females examined were from over 3.6 miles from the point of liberation. Even though there were no intervening habitations, it is still of unusual interest that a recovery was made at so distant a point as 3.63 miles.

This recovery may perhaps be likened to the capture by Clarke (3) of a single marked female A. quadrimaculatus at a distance of 8 miles, for in each case the flight involved was far in excess of that usually attributed to the species. However, in the case of Clarke's study, which was primarily concerned with culicine mosquitoes, no other specimens of quadrimaculatus were captured at shorter distances, and there is nothing to contravert the suspicion that it was an unusually aberrant flight and not representative of the usual dispersal habits of the quadrimaculatus population.

In the present experiment, on the other hand, even granting that the lone recovery at 3.63 miles may be an extreme instance, it still seems from the comparatively large number of other recoveries that dispersion in significantly dangerous numbers must be taking place up to 2.7 miles. The conclusion is substantiated by a consideration of the detailed population studies conducted in the same area (table 4, and the Report of the Santee-Cooper Survey (7)), including weekly records of adult index stations, availability of breeding places, intensity of breeding, and the distribution of available blood-meal locations (dwellings, stables, etc.).

CONCLUSIONS

Data presented in the preceding pages demonstrate that under the circumstances described A. quadrimaculatus females are capable of long flight, as 20 marked individuals of 3,500 released were recaptured 2.0 to 2.7 miles from the point of liberation and a single individual was recovered at 3.63 miles.

Comparisons with previous similar studies are difficult because of several factors affecting the number of recoveries, such as the number of marked mosquitoes released, the number examined in search for marked individuals, size of population into which the marked mosquitoes are diluted, mortality as time elapses, and differences in technique. However, the authors believe that the proportion recovered in this experiment compares unusually favorably with the proportions recovered by other investigators (see table 1) because in this experiment a small number of marked mosquitoes was diluted

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1 Highest count one or two weeks prior to the week ending July 29, in a few file stations.

Average based on same period, 7/29-9/30, but the division based on only 8 or 9 weeks, in the absence of 1 or 2 early counts.

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into what adult station counts indicated was a very large quadrimaculatus population. At the Santee Reservoir the central flooded swamp of thousands of acres is a source of large numbers of quadrimaculatus mosquitoes, and under these conditions it appears that flight in significant numbers occurs to distances well beyond those considered usual for the species.

Two factors probably contribute principally to this long flight. In the first place production of adults from the central flooded swamp is necessarily prolific because breeding is heavy over vast areas. More important perhaps is the fact that no domestic blood sources were present between the flooded swamp and the stations of recapture. It would thus appear that, within reasonable limits, A. quadrimaculatus will fly as far as is necessary to find these domestic sources, a conclusion foreshadowed by the report of Eyles and Bishop (6). It should be pointed out that the flights here reported are of course not comparable with the long hibernation flights described for Anopheles freeborni and several foreign Anopheles.

The above conclusions do not mean that quadrimaculatus mosquitoes will necessarily fly in dangerous numbers beyond the commonly applied 1-mile limit of control. However, the data do point to the desirability of individually evaluating each area for which mosquito control is proposed. In many areas, indeed, the evidence indicates that control might result from the elimination of breeding for a radius of as little as one-half mile. On the other hand, in areas such as the locale of the study reported here, it is evident that the mile limit should not be rigidly adhered to when significant modifying factors are present.

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DDT RESIDUAL HOUSE SPRAY—A METHOD OF MALARIA CONTROL IN RURAL AREAS ¹

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Malaria control in rural areas is an unsolved problem in the Southern States. Methods of control, such as larviciding and drainage, are usually not applicable because of the high per capita cost. In addition, the problem is more involved because of the low standards of living and poor housing of the rural population.

Russell and Knipe (1) and others have shown that periodic insecticidal spraying of places of human habitation is a comparatively inexpensive and effective means of controlling malaria in southern India. The unique residual toxicity (2) of DDT (2,2 bis-parachlorophenyl-1,1,1 trichloroethane) when used as a spray should render this method of controlling malaria still less expensive by reducing the number of sprayings necessary for effective control and, consequently, might be expected to become a practical method of controlling malaria in rural areas.

Because cost and man-hours as well as effectiveness are the criteria of a successful method of rural malaria control, a study of these factors was made during the summer of 1944 while carrying out a pilot house-spraying program using DDT residual spray.

The area selected, approximately 36 square miles in extent, was located in Lake Township, Phillips County, Ark., near the town of Helena. This is a part of the Delta country, and the chief occupation of the people is growing cotton. The area for the most part is divided into plantations, and 95 percent of the houses are the tenant or share-cropper type of "shotgun" construction, in such condition that adequate screening without additional repairs is impossible. The interiors are roughly finished and mostly lined with wrapping paper or newspapers. The houses are widely scattered and located on ungraded dirt roads and in fields.

The population consists of plantation Negroes, with little education and low nutritional standards, who maintain a marginal living. A total of 545 houses was counted in this area. Of these, 27 were adequately screened, 286 inadequately screened, and 232 had no screening. Interviews indicated past histories of malaria in 66 persons from 41 families. No difficulties were experienced in obtaining permission from plantation owners and foremen in advance of spraying operations.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The spraying equipment consisted of a 50-gallon Hardie orchard sprayer powered with a 1-horsepower gasoline engine and mounted

¹ From the Office of Malaria Investigations, National Institute of Health.

on a %-ton Army weapons carrier. The sprayer was fitted with 100 feet of hose, to which was attached a shut-off valve from a Hudson Knapsack Sprayer and a 40-inch length of %-inch pipe. A special nozzle was used which delivered a flat, fan-type, 85° spray with a rated delivery of 0.16 gallon per minute at 100 pounds' pressure.

The spray material consisted of a stock solution to which was added sufficient water to produce a final spray of desired DDT concentration. The stock solution was prepared according to the following formula:

	Percent
DDT	23
Xylol	
Triton X-100	

Sprays containing 5, 2%, and 1 percent DDT in the final mixture were used.

Two operators were employed to carry on the spraying operations—one man to drive the truck and operate the sprayer motor, the other to carry the hose into the house and do the actual spraying. Both of these operators had had no previous experience, were of high school age, and were employed for the summer only.

Ordinary operations consisted of parking the truck near the front entrance of the house, unwinding the hose, and carrying it to the farthest room in the house. Actual spraying consisted of quickly moving the fan-type spray up and down the walls and across the ceiling. While no particular effort was made to obtain an even or complete coverage of the walls and ceilings, nearly complete coverage was obtained. The extent of coverage could be plainly seen while spraying was being done. In some houses, in order to render walls accessible to the spray, furniture and clothes were removed from the walls.

The operator, while spraying, always wore a respirator, and articles of food in the houses were covered to avoid accidental contamination.

Along with the two operators went one man who timed the operations, checked the concentration and the amount of spray used, obtained necessary data concerning the houses (approximate area sprayed, number of rooms, number of inhabitants), and designated each house by a number on both his data sheet and the house itself. The same observer was later employed to make daily inspections of the houses for resting adult mosquitoes.

Because of the deleterious effect of the solvent (xylol) on rubber gaskets and hose, much time was lost, due to the blocking of strainers and nozzles. A shortage of labor on the plantations compelled every able-bodied worker to be in the fields every day. For this reason, the occupants of houses to be sprayed were in fields and not at home, and time was lost because adjacent houses could not be sprayed in consecutive order, making return trips necessary.

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Twenty houses in the study area were left untreated in order to determine the mosquito population in unsprayed houses, for comparison with that in the sprayed houses. Houses to be left untreated were selected by skipping every twenty-fifth house during spraying operations.

To determine the residual effectiveness of the spray and to obtain a measure of the efficiency of the spraying operations, mosquito populations in sprayed houses were to be observed and compared with the same data obtained in a number of unsprayed houses. Sprayed houses chosen for inspection were in the immediate vicinity of the unsprayed houses, and choice was determined by similarity of size, outbuildings, and number of inhabitants and livestock.

Spraying operations were begun on July 4 and were completed on August 14.

Daily inspections of the walls and ceilings were begun on August 15 for resting female A. quadrimaculatus adults (in the unsprayed houses and in the chosen sprayed houses). Previous personal observations have shown that once the mosquitoes have made sufficient contact with DDT to become affected they immediately attempt to leave through any available opening. For this reason we expected to find fewer mosquitoes in the sprayed houses than in the unsprayed houses.

Also, mosquitoes a'ready in the house in the early morning would seek a daytime resting place in the house, and possibly mosquitoes outside would come in for the same reason. If the DDT residual spray was effective, the mosquitoes resting on the ceiling and walls in the early morning should be dead later in the day. For this reason, inspections of the sprayed houses were made early in the morning—during the first and second hours immediately following daybreak. These houses were inspected again later in the day, at which time an equal number of unsprayed houses were inspected.

A careful inspection of all walls and ceilings was made with a flashlight. The same inspector did all of the inspections; checking by one of the authors was done weekly. Personal bias, if present, is in the data for both the sprayed and unsprayed houses.

To determine further the toxicity of the sprayed walls and ceilings, open-topped cages were attached to the ceiling, 100 Aedes aegypti mosquitoes released into the cage, and mortality noted after 24 hours. Cages were placed on ceilings with 5 percent, 2½ percent, and 1 percent spray and on unsprayed ceilings. Difficulties in keeping the A. aegypti alive were experienced while transporting them from Memphis, and in keeping them alive in the cage for the period of testing; cages on unsprayed ceilings showed a large mortality. For this reason, mortality comparisons of cages on sprayed and unsprayed ceilings did not reflect the true toxicity of the ceilings and are not given.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A summary of the data obtained during spraying operations relative to time and material required for spraying rural houses with a DDT residual spray is given below:

Total number of houses sprayed	513
Total amount of spray usedgallons_	417
Total number of operators	2
Total spraying time (86.4 hours)minutes_	_ 5, 185
Total traveling time (99.8 hours)do	_ 5, 987
Total area sprayedsquare feet.	1, 236, 690
Total population of houses sprayed	_ 2,090
Average number of houses sprayed per 8-hour day	_ 20
Average sprayed area per housesquare feet_	
Average number of rooms per house	3. 6
Average amount of spray used per housegallons_	82
Average spraying time per houseminutes_	_ 10. 1
Average traveling time per housedo	
Total time per housedo	21. 8
Total man-hours per house	73

The times given in the above summary do not include traveling between headquarters and the field of operations, because such a factor would vary among communities and could be easily obtained with any particular situation.

Time, which is not included in the summary, was devoted to mixing sprays of various concentrations and preparation of the stock solution. Ordinarily, in routine operation but one concentration of spray would be used, and the ready-mixed stock solution furnished the operators.

Several types of nozzles, shut-off valves, and spray rods were tried, and the time devoted to this is not included in the summary.

On days that routine spraying only was done approximately 20 houses were sprayed per day.

The amount of spray used per 1,000 square feet was 0.337 gallon, and the calculated deposit of DDT in milligrams per square foot was 64, when using a 5-percent DDT spray.

Approximate costs per house are as follows:

	Cenus
0.82 gallon of 5-percent DDT at 47 cents per gallon	39
0.73 man-hours at 48 cents per hour	35
Total material and labor costs per house	74

This cost of 74 cents per house does not include any overhead, or expenses relative to the truck and sprayer equipment. Estimates of allowances for truck and sprayer equipment, which include depreciation and operation, are about 25 cents a house, so that the direct cost per house should be less than \$1.

There were on the average 4 people to a house, so that at \$1 per house the per capita cost was about 25 cents. The total cost for 513 houses at \$1 a house scattered over 36 square miles was \$513, or a cost of \$14.25 per square mile in an area averaging 14 houses per square mile.

While a %-ton weapons carrier was used, a %-ton pick-up truck has been employed satisfactorily with this equipment on other work and could be used in routine spraying.

With improvements in equipment, and the routine of spraying and cheaper spray material, a reduction could be made in the cost figure given.

The daily inspections have been divided into two periods, the first from August 14, when spraying was completed, to September 15; the second from September 15 to October 15, to indicate the decrease in toxicity, if any, of the residual spray with time. Inspections of unsprayed houses were made at the time of the second inspection of sprayed houses, so that the second inspections of sprayed houses are comparable in time with inspections of unsprayed houses.

Weekly inspections were continued after October 15, but the mosquito population was reduced to such an extent that data sufficient for comparisons were not obtainable. With the advent of cooler weather, there seemed to be a marked increase in the number of dead flies. A summary of the information obtained from these inspections is shown in table 1.

Table 1.—Average number of resting female A. quadrimaculatus adults per house for two consecutive monthly inspection periods, in houses sprayed with sprays of various DDT concentrations and in unsprayed houses

Inspection period (1944)	Unsp	rayed	5-p	5-percent DDT spray				percent	DDT	spray	1-pe	1-percent DDT spray			
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	Number of houses	Inspection (p. 1		No. 1 (a. m.)	No. 2 (p. m.)	Percent reduction No. 2-No. 1	Number of houses	No. 1 (a. m.)	No. 2 (p. m.)	Percent reduction No. 2-No. 1	Number of houses	No. 1 (a. m.)	No. 2 (p. m.)	Percent reduction No. 2-No. 1	
Aug. 15 to Sept. 14.	78	6.2	62	1.34	0. 17	87	11	1.7	0.92	46	13	4.0	2, 32	42	
Sept. 15 to Oct. 14	88	3.6	61	1.86	.43	77	12	2.6	.93	64	15	2.5	1, 2	52	

The immediate insecticidal effect of the spray was very pronounced because of the prevalence of large numbers of flies. In some houses, after spraying was completed the floors were literally covered with flies. Moribund mosquitoes were also found.

A larger mosquito population would have given more reliable data. The data given for the houses sprayed with 5-percent DDT are the most reliable, because they are based on a larger number of sprayed and inspected houses.

The percentage reductions of resting adults for the three concentrations of DDT as given in table 2 were calculated from the data in table 1. A decrease in toxicity with time occurred for both the 5- and

TABLE 2.—Percent reduction in resting female A. quadrimaculatus adults in houses sprayed with 5-percent, 24-percent, and 1-percent DDT as compared with un-sprayed houses for two consecutive monthly inspection periods—computed from data in table 1

Period	5-percent DDT spray	2½-percent DDT spray	1-percent DDT spray
Aug. 15 to Sept. 15	97	. 85	63
Sept. 15 to Oct. 14	88	. 74	66
Aug. 15 to Oct. 14	94	81	66

2½-percent DDT sprays, while the toxicity of the 1-percent DDT spray remained about the same, although this fact is not significant.

SUMMARY

Material, methods, and equipment employed for the spraying of 513 rural houses are described. Analysis of the data indicates that for each house sprayed an average of 0.82 gallons of spray was used and 0.73 man-hours employed for a combined cost of 74 cents per house.

The number of resting mosquitoes in unsprayed houses as compared with the sprayed houses was reduced 94, 81, and 66 percent for the 5-, 2½-, and 1-percent DDT concentration sprays, respectively, for the 2-month period following spraying.

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PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

No health department, State or local, can effectively prevent or control disease without knowledge of when, where, and under what conditions cases are occurring

UNITED STATES

REPORTS FROM STATES FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 6, 1945 Summary

The seasonal downward trend in the incidence of poliomyelitis, begun with the week ended September 22, following the highest weekly reported incidence of the year (week ended September 15, 962 cases), continued for the third consecutive week. For the current week a total of 595 cases was reported, as compared with 774 last week, 877 for the corresponding week last year, and a 5-year median (1940-44) of 515. Decreases occurred in all areas except the East South Central and Mountain, where slight increases were reported. Seventeen States reported 10 or more cases each, 6 of which reported slight increases. They are as follows (last week's figures in parentheses): Massachusetts 44 (39), Iowa 24 (23); Nebraska 10 (6), Virginia 14 (11), Tennessee 18 (12), Montana 13 (10).

The Middle Atlantic and East North Central areas have reported the largest numbers of cases to date this year (approximately 46 percent), and these same areas reported the largest numbers for the same period in 1944 (approximately 61 percent). New York State reported the largest number of cases for this period in both years (1,568 in 1945 and 5,097 in 1944), with Texas second in 1945 (883 cases) and Pennsylvania second in 1944 (1,206 cases).

Of the total of 89 cases of meningococcus meningitis, as compared with 101 last week, 142 for the same week last year, and 62 for the 5-year median, 13 occurred in Illinois, 10 in California, 8 each in New York and Texas, and 4 each in Indiana and West Virginia. The total to date is 6,768, as compared with 13,998 and 14,714 for the corresponding periods of 1944 and 1943, respectively, and a 5-year median of 2,733.

Of a total of 28 cases of infectious encephalitis reported for the week, 19 occurred in California, where 238 cases have been reported this year, as compared with 53 for the same period last year.

For the current week, 8,313 deaths have been recorded in 93 large cities of the United States, as compared with 8,378 last week, 8,290 for the corresponding week last year, and a 3-year (1942-44) average of 8,508. The total for the year to date is 358,239, as compared with 359,809 for the corresponding period last year.

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Telegraphic morbidity reports from State health officers for the week ended October 6, 1945, and comparison with corresponding week of 1944 and 5-year median

In these tables a zero indicates a definite report, while leaders imply that, although none was reported, cases may have occurred.

	D	iphthe	ria	:	Influenza			Measles	M men	Meningitis, meningococci		
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MOUNTAIN Montana. Idaho. Wyoming. Colorado. New Mexico. Arisona. Utah Newada.	4 2 1 11 3 1 0 0	2 0 4 8 5 1 0	2 0 0 5 1 1 0	13 9 12 23	7 9 5 36	2 3 2 15 39	45 73 0 4 1 0 4 0	2 2 1 7 0 0 4	6 2 2 8 2 6 5 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 1 1 1 0 2 1 1	0 0 0 0 0 0
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¹ New York City only.
2 Period ended earlier than Saturday.

Telegraphic morbidity reports from State health officers for the week ended October 6, 1945, and comparison with corresponding week of 1944, and 5-year median—Con.

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² Period ended earlier than Saturday.
³ Including paratyphoid fever reported separately as follows: Massachusetts 1; New York 1; Ohio 2; Virginia 2; Georgia 1; Oklahoma 1; Montana 1; California 2.

Telegraphic morbidity reports from State health officers for the week ended October 6, 1945, and comparison with corresponding week of 1944 and 5-year median—Con.

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² Period ended earlier than Saturday. Leprosy: California 1 case.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

City reports for week ended September 29, 1945

This table lists the reports from 89 cities of more than 10,000 population distributed throughout the United States, and represents a cross section of the current urban incidence of the diseases included in the table.

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NEW ENGLAND												
Maine: Portland	0	0		0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	5
New Hampshire: Concord	0	0		0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Vermont: Barre	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts: Boston	2	0		0	3	1	3	17	111	0	0	40
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Providence	0	0		0	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
Connecticut: Bridgeport	0	0		o l	0	0	Q	Q	Q	o	0	0
Hartford New Haven	0	0		0	0	1 0	1	1 0	2	0	0	1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC												
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Fort WayneIndianapolis	0	0		0	0	0 2	1 3	0	0	0	0	0 5 0
South Bend Terre Haute	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0 3	0	0	0
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Wisconsin:	- 1	0		- 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kenosha Milwaukee	0	0 .		0	1	1	1	15	6	0	0	11
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WEST NORTH CENTRAL												
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See footnotes at end of table.

City reports for week ended September 29, 1945-Continued

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	Diphtheria cases	Encephalitis, in fections, cases	Cases	Deaths	Measles cases	Meningitis, meningococous	Pneumonia deaths	Poliomyelitis cases	Scarlet fever cases	Smallpox cases	Typhoid and paratyphoid fever cases	Whooping cough
west north central— continued												
North Dakota Fargo Nebraska: Omaha	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kansas: Topeka Wichita	0	0	<u>1</u>	0 1	1 1	0	0 1	0	1 3	0	0	0
SOUTH ATLANTIC Delaware:				•	0	0	1		0		0	
Wilmington Maryland: Beltimore Cumberland	0 8 0	0		0	0	0	12 0	1 2 0	7	0	0	37 0
Frederick District of Columbia: Washington Virginia:	0	0		0	0	0	0 3	0 8	9	0	0	0 13
Lynchburg Richmond Roanoke West Virginia:	0	0		0	0 1 0	0 0 0	1 1 0	0 14 0	6 4 0	0 0 0	0	0 2 0
Wheeling	0 1 2	0		0	0	0	2 0 1	0	1 0 1	0	0	0 2 4 5
Winston-Salem South Carolina: Charleston	0 0	ŏ	2	ŏ	ŏ	0	i 3	ŏ o	7 2	ŏ	ŏ	5 0
Georgia: Atlanta Brunswick Savannah	1 0 0	0 0 0	, 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 3 0	0 0 0	3 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 0 0
Florida: Tampa	1	0		0	0	1	7	1	1	0	0	. 0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL Tennessee:		-										
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Arkansas: Little Rock Louisiana:	0	0		0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
New Orleans	3	0		0	0	0	6	1 2 2	10 0 5	0	0 1 0	4 0 2
Dallas	1 0 2 0	0		0	1 0 0 1	0 1 0	2 4 3	0 2 1	6 0	0	0 0 1	0 0 2
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Montana; Billings Great Falls Helena Missoula	0 0 0	0		0	3 1 0 1	0	0 0	3 0 0	0 1 0 0	. 0	0	0 1 0 0
Idaho: BoiseColorado:	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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City reports for week ended September 29, 1945—Continued

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	Diphtheria	Encephalitie, fections, or	Chase	Deaths	Monstee case	Meningitis, ningococcus,	Pneumonia d	Poliomye.	Scarlet fever	Smallpox os	Typhoid paratyph fever cases	Whooping o
PACIFIC Washington: Seattle	1 1 0	0	2	0	30 0 11	0	2 2 0	4 0 1	6 1 2	0	0	. 2
California: Los Angeles Sacramento San Francisco	3 0 0	0 2 0		1 0 0	8 2 35	1 0 0	1 1 3	9 1 2	25 0 10	000	000	22 3 17
Total Corresponding week, 1944 Average, 1940-44	63 63	9	38 42	8 8 1 13	181 100 167	36	226 255 1259	232	320 330 357	0	20 29 32	734 506 919

¹ 3-year average 1942-44. ² 5-year median 1940-44.

Rates (annual basis) per 100,000 population, by geographic groups, for the 89 cities in the preceding table (estimated population, 1943, 34,318,100)

	9889	-i 588	Influ	jenza	rates	men-	death	litis	9889	CB.Se	and id fo-	qgp.
	Diphtheria rates	Encephalitis fectious, rates	Case rates	Death rates	Measles case rates	Meningitis. m ingococcus, rates	Pneumonia c rates	Poliom yeli case rates	Scarlet fever rates	Smallpox	Typhoid and paratyphoid fever case rates	Whooping cough case rates
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	10. 5 4. 2 10. 3 2. 0 21. 8 0. 0 20. 1 7. 9 7. 9	0. 0 2. 3 0. 0 4. 0 0. 0 0. 0 0. 0 0. 0 3. 2	2.6 0.9 0.6 2.0 5.0 17.7 2.9 7.9 3.2	2.6 1.9 0.6 2.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	26 11 27 12 2 0 14 40 136	5. 2 3. 2 6. 7 15. 9 1. 7 5. 9 14. 3 0. 0 1. 6	54. 9 31. 5 21. 3 31. 8 60. 3 70. 8 63. 1 55. 6 14. 2	60. 1 27. 8 32. 8 53. 7 43. 5 35. 4 23. 0 87. 4 26. 9	63 33 44 66 69 24 66 56 70	0. 0 0. 0 0. 0 0. 0 0. 0 0. 0 0. 0	2.6 6.0 1.2 0.0 0.0 11.8 5.7 0.0	199 132 122 42 116 18 23 207 70
Total	8.7	1.4	2.3	1. 2	28	5. 5	34. 4	35. 3	49	0.0	3.0	112

PLAGUE INFECTION IN MERCED COUNTY. CALIF.

Under date of October 1, plague infection was reported proved, on September 28, in a pool of 200 fleas from 54 ground squirrels, C. beecheyi, shot 12 miles west and 1 mile north of Los Banos, Merced County, Calif.

Anthrax.—Cases: Boston 1.

Dysentery, amebic.—Cases: New York 6; Philadelphia 1; Chicago 2.

Dysentery, bacillary.—Cases: New Haven 3; New York 20; Syracuse 1; Detroit 5; Charleston, S. C. 14; Atlanta 1; Los Angeles 2.

Dyentery, unspecified.—Cases: Baltimore 2; Richmond 3; San Antonio 12.

Leprosy.—Cases: Chicago 1.

Tularemia.—Cases: St. Louis 1.

Typhus feer, endemic.—Cases: Philadelphia 1; Wilmington, N. C. 1; Charleston, S. C. 1; Atlanta 8; Savannah 4: Birmingham 4; Mobile 1; New Orleans 12: Shreveport 3; Dallas 1; Houston 1; San Antonio'3;

TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS

Hawaii Territory

Plague (rodent).—A rat found on September 6, 1945, in District 1A, Kukuihaele area, Honokaa, Hamakua District, Island of Hawaii, T. H., was proved positive for plague on September 12, 1945.

Panama Canal Zone

Notifiable diseases-August 1945.-During the month of August 1945, certain notifiable diseases were reported in the Panama Canal Zone and terminal cities as follows:

Disease	Pa	nama	C	olon	Cana	l Zone	Zone	ide the and ter- l cities	т	otal
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chickenpox Diphtheria Dysentery: Amebic Bacillary Malaria Measles Meningitis, meningococcus Mumps Paratyphoid fever Pneumonia (all forms) Relapsing fever Tuberculosis Whooping cough	1 3 2 7 1	1 14 14	1 6 2	1 4	55 3 2 4 57 3 1 44 1 2	1	2 5 3 54 2 1	3 4	9 11 6 6 6 124 8 1 5 3 3 244 1 21 21 22	1 4

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 29, 1945

[From the Weekly Mortality Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce]

		Correspond- ing week, 1944
Data for 33 large cities of the United States: Total deaths. Average for 3 prior years. Total deaths, first 39 weeks of year. Deaths under 1 year of age. Average for 3 prior years. Deaths under 1 year of age, first 39 weeks of year. Data from industrial insurance companies: Policies in force. Number of death claims. Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate. Death claims per 1,000 policies, first 39 weeks of year, annual rate.	8, 380 8, 280 349, 928 649 634 23, 700 67, 305, 751 12, 488 9, 7 10, 2	7, 993 351, 519 608 24, 084 66, 743, 450 13, 221 10. 4 10. 1

¹ 28 recurrent cases. ² In the Canal Zone only.

FOREIGN REPORTS

CANADA

Provinces—Communicable diseases—Week ended September 15, 1945.—During the week ended September 15, 1945, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics of Canada as follows:

Disease	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Bruns- wick	Que- bec	On- tario	Mani- toba	Sas- katch- ewan	Al- berta	British Colum- bia	
Chickenpox	l	ŀ	3	19 24	37 1	11 2	6	24	18	115 40
Amebic Bacillary German measles Influenza					7 11	1 2	1	1	1 3	1 13 23
Measles Meningitis, meningococcus Mumps	l		2	34 1 25	34 21	1 1 11	2 9	20	18	95 2 94
Poliomyelitis		2 24	28 5	3 40 81	14 27 53	8 11	5 46	9 30	10 49	23 129 299
phoid fever Undulant fever Venereal diseases: Gonorrhea		1 26	1 44	8 2 106	3 1 233	58	36	3 28	1 1 75	18 4 607
Syphilis W hooping cough		6	12	87 124	74 19	4 5	12 1	9 20	34	238 169

CUBA

Habana—Communicable diseases—4 weeks ended September 15, 1945.—During the 4 weeks ended September 15, 1945, certain communicable diseases were reported in Habana, Cuba, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths	Disease	Cases	Deaths
DiphtheriaTuberculosis	11 10	1	Typhoid fever	57	4

Provinces—Notifiable diseases—4 weeks ended September 8, 1945.— During the 4 weeks ended September 8, 1945, cases of certain notifiable diseases were reported in the Provinces of Cuba as follows:

Disease	Pinar del Rio	Habana 1	Matan- zas	Santa Clara	Cama- guey	Oriente	Total
Cancer Diphtheria Hookworm disease	1	2 10 20	6 1	8		20 5	37 16 20
Leprosy	1	1	1 3	2	4 1	3 221	5 231 1
Tuberculosis Typhoid fever	20 35	23 84	18 40	31 128	16 59	39 108	147 454

¹ Includes the city of Habana.

WORLD DISTRIBUTION OF CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER

From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, International Office of Public Health, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, health section of the League of Nations and other sources. The reports contained in the following tables must not be considered as complete or final as regards either the list of countries included or the figures for the particular countries for which reports are given.

CHOLERA

[C indicates cases; P, present]

Note.—Since many of the figures in the following tables are from weekly reports, the accumulated totals are for approximate dates.

The co	January—	August	Se	eptember	1945we	eek ende	i
Place	July 1945		1	8	15	22	29
ASIA							
China:				i			1
Hupeh Province	14	P	1				
Kweichow Province—Kweijang C	12	P P					
Szechwan Province—		_					
ChengtuC	9			1		l	l
Chungking C	8,000				i -		l
Hsin Chiaco C	1 1						
Hsin Kai Shih C	1				i		İ
Kiang Pei C	1						
Kweyang C	26						
Nei Kiang C	200			<u></u>			
Pi Shan C	40						
Yunnan Province C	P	P	l			 -	
ndia C	168, 577						
Bombay C	62	14	3	4			
Calcutta	4,663	196	38	17			
Cawnpore C	149	38	1	2			
Chittagong	17	. 2					
DelhiC	i62	87		16			
Madras	49	3					
Vizagapatam	_ 23	6	2				
Indochina Cochinchina C	P						

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PLAGUE

[C indicates cases; D, deaths]

	[C mulcases cases; D, deaths]											
Place	January-	August	8	eptember	1945—w	eek ende	d—					
	July 1944	1945	1	8	15	22	29					
AFRICA						ĺ						
Algeria C	1 12	1		.		.	.					
Basutoland			·	-		·						
Belgian Congo	ıí	6		-								
British East Africa:	"	1		-								
KenyaC	2 36	12	11			<u> </u>	.					
Uganda			.									
Egypt C	200 82	13		·	2							
Port Said C	68	12			2							
Suez	19	l										
French West Africa (5											
Dakar C	1 .1			.								
Madagascar	113	112										
Morocco (French) C Senegal C	675 54	112				* 10						
Tunisia C	3											
Tunisia C Union of South Africa C	22											
	1	:		ł								
ASIA	i	l .	l			1						
China:	30	i		1	ŀ	ŀ						
Foochow C Yunnan Province 4 C	25											
India C	18, 623											
Iraq C	34											
Palestine C	10	4		1								
Plague-infected rats	. 17											
EUROPE	1	ł	Ì									
France: Corsica—Ajaccio C	' 8											
Great Britain: Malta C	* 18	7	4	13	5 12	2						
[taly 6 C Portugal: Azores C				i-	12	2						
Portugal: Azores C Spain: Canary Islands C	8	4		1 1								
•	1											
NORTH AMERICA												
Canada: Alberta Province:		}										
Plague-infected squirrels	. 2											
SOUTH AMERICA				1 1	i							
Argentina: Buenos Aires Province—Plague-in-	1											
fected rats	2											
Santiago del Estero Province C	ĺ											
Bolivia: Santa Cruz Department C	8 75											
Brazil: Pernambuco State C	26											
Ceuador:		ا ا		1	1	ı						
Canar Province C Chimborazo Province C	6	2										
Lois Province C	13	5										
Peru:		١										
Ancash Department C	1 1						-					
Ica Department	9.4											
Lambayeque Department C Libertad Department C	13 11											
Lima Department	13											
Otuzco Department	13											
Piura Department C	4											
OCEANIA 4				7	T							
	10 1	ı]	į	l	ı						
Hawaii Territory D Plague-infected rats 11	10 1			-	····i							
T wilde-interior 1919	12				<u> </u>							

¹ Includes 4 cases of pneumonic plague.

¹ Includes 4 cases of pneumonic prague.
2 Includes 5 suspected cases.
3 For the period Sept. 1-20, 1945.
4 Information dated July 5, 1945, stated that from April 1944 to May 1945, 85 deaths from plague had occurred in the mountainous region south of Kunming, China.

occurred in the mountainous region south of Kunming, China.

§ Includes 4 suspected cases.

§ The report of plague in Palermo, Italy, which appeared on p. 1231 of the Public Health Reports of Oct. 12, 1945, is in error. These cases occurred in Malta and had been reported previously.

† During the month of June 1945, plague infection in fleas was reported in Alberta Province. For the week ended July 28, 1945, plague infection was also reported in 6 pools of fleas in Alberta Province. For the week ended Aug. 11, 1945, 2 pools of plague-infected fleas were reported in Alberta Province, Canada.

§ Includes 6 suspected cases.

Includes 1 suspected case.

Previously reported as a case, death occurring on June 2, 1945.
 Plague infection was also proved positive in a pool of 5 mice on Jan. 4, in a pool of fleas on Feb. 14, and in a pool of 40 fleas on Mar. 14, 1945.

SMALLPOX

[C indicates cases]

	1	1	Contombo 1047					
Place	January July 1945	August 1945	September 1945—week ended—					
			1	8	15	22	29	
AFRICA C	165	25						
Algeria	101				-			
Resutoland C	344	1						
Belgian Congo C	5, 255	332	159				-	
British East Africa:	170	ء ا	18	ļ				
Kenya C Nyasaland C	178	6	10		- 91 - 51	91		
Tanganyika C	3, 234	161	330	-				
Tigenda C	865	14		. 15				
Cameroon (French)	383	383		- 8				
Dahomey C Egypt C	117 1, 049	34	6	- 15			-	
Egypt	1, 536	5					-	
French Guinea C	1,476	39	1	7				
French Guinea C French West Africa: Dakar District C	390	2		_ 2				
GainbiaC	82				-		-	
Gold Coast C Ivory Coast C	54 468	88 24	21				_ 114	
Lihva	. 6	2		- 4				
Mauritania	83							
Marcocco (French) ()	1, 107	158				1 75		
Nigeria	3, 402	6	.	-				
Nigeria	472 1, 440	641	1, 529	. 21				
Senegal C	487	4	1, 020					
Sierra Leone C	31							
Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian)	2 3		.		.			
Sudan (French) C Togo (British) C	1, 926 25	129		. 19				
Togo (British) C Togo (French) C	482	14					11	
Tunisia	2						1	
Union of South Africa 3 C	1, 270	14		18	9			
AIBA .			Ì				1	
Arabia	29		ł		ł		İ	
Ceylon C	4 416	111	14				27	
ChinaC	1, 136							
IndiaC	217, 968							
Iran C Iraq C	390 36	2	i					
Syria and Lebanon C	8	ĩ	l					
Turkey (see Turkey in Europe.)								
EUROPE			j					
Belgium	1							
France	54							
Great Britain: Scotland C	6 2							
Italy C	1, 582	11	2					
Sicily C Portugal C	9	2						
Spain C	23 30	_ _		1				
Canary Islands C	1							
Turkey C	291		1				2	
NORTH AMERICA	1							
Canada	6							
Guatemala C	4							
Honduras C	8							
Mexico	1, 066 7 136							
VILORI OS LIGA U	. 190							
SOUTH AMERICA								
Bolivia C	493	235						
Brazil	7 153 258	7 17 21					-	
EcuadorC	200	14						
Paraguay C	1							
PeruC	39 .				.			
Uruguay C Venezuela C	67 7 509	7 51			7 23	7 18	7 10	
· duozudia U	. 202	. 91			. 20	. 19	, 10	

¹ For the period Sept. 1-20, 1945,
2 Imported.
2 For the week ended June 30, 1945, cases of virulent smallpox were reported in the Union of South Africa.
4 Includes some cases of chickenpox.
5 Corrected figure.
5 Includes 1 imported case.
7 Includes cases of alastrim.

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TYPHUS FEVER

[C indicates cases]

Place	January— July 1945	August 1945	September 1945—week ended—					
			1	8	15	22	29	
AFRICA								
AlgeriaC	954	59			.			
Basutoland C Belgian Congo 1 C	51 166	43	9					
British East Africa: Kenya C	27	3						
Egypt	15,008	263	8	48	3	10		
French West Africa: Dakar 1 C	18							
Gold Coast C Libva: Tripolitania C	17	1						
Morocco (French) C	6, 336	556				2 220		
Morocco (Spanish)	5	l						
	26							
Rhodesia, Northern	31 3							
Tunisia	379	1						
Union of South Africa C	517	- -		4	3			
ASIA		İ	i			l		
China C	41, 332		Ì	l				
India C	23							
Iran C Iraq C	824 212	16						
Palestine 1 C	84	10		*				
Syria and Lebanon C	12	-						
Trans-Jordan C	42	1					 	
Turkey (see Turkey in Europe).						l		
EUROPE				ĺ		l	!	
Albania C Austria C	100 46							
Belgium	157							
Bulgaria	928							
Czechoslovakia C	282	7						
Denmark C Finland C	145 26	1					-	
France C	263	4					l	
GermanyC	7,872							
Gibraltar C	4							
Great Britain C Malta and Gozo 1 C	3 21							
Greece	15 85	69						
ItalyC	179							
Netherlands C	158							
Portugal C Rumania C	47,831	2						
SpainC	13	11						
Sweden	223	2	1					
Switzerland C	2							
Turkey C Yugoslavia C	2, 305 1, 194	86	19	14	12	3	y	
	1, 154							
NORTH AMERICA Canada 1	1	,						
Costa Rica 1	6	1						
Cuba 1 C	8	2						
GuatemalaC	1,396	432						
Jamaica ¹ C Martinique ¹ C	24	11 1						
Mexico	1,058							
Panama (Republic) C	1 3 1							
Puerto Rico ¹ C	112	32	. 1	4	3			
	8							
SOUTH AMERICA	ا ما	•						
Argentina C Bolivia C	6 318	93						
Brazil C	3	<i>~</i> 0						
Chile 1 C	332	46						
Colombia	20							
Curacao	310	95						
PeruC	361							
Venezuela 1	75	6						
OCEANIA								
Australia 1	80	5						
Hawaii Territory 1	64	6		• 4	2			

 $^{{}^{\}bullet}$ Reports from some areas are probably murine type, while others probably include both murine and louse-borne types.

<sup>Reports cases as murine type.
For the period Sept. 1-20, 1945.</sup>

Includes imported cases.
 For the period Jan. 1-20, 1945.

YELLOW PEVER

[C indicates cases; D, deaths]

Place	January— July 1945		September 1945—week ended—					
			1	8	15	22	29	
AFRICA								
Gold Coast:	l	İ						
Nsawam C	13							
Takoradi	1							
Tamale					*1			
Wirneba	1	13						
Ivory coast:	١.					l	l	
GaouaC	1 !							
Guiglo C	2							
Sierra Leone: Moyamba C	2							
SOUTH AMERICA	1			٠.	i		1	
Bolivia:	l	ļ	İ	1	l	İ	1	
Beni Department	1		l	1		l	l	
La Paz Department C	Ī							
Brazil:	_							
Goiaz State	76							
Minas Geraes State D	25		l		l	l		
Para State D	1							
Colombia:			ł			1		
Magdalena Department D	2						 -	
Santander de Norte Department D	16							
Peru:	_		i	1	l	ł	i	
Cuzco Department	3				 			
Loreto DepartmentC	1							
Venezuela:			l	l	l	1	l	
Bolivar State C	1 2							
Merida State C	20							
Tachira State D Zulia State C	20				1			
Zuna state C	0							

¹ Includes 1 suspected case.
² Suspected.

