INFLUENZA IN THE ARMY IS WANING

Decrease in Number of New Cases Reported from Various Camps

CIVILIANS SUFFERING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2. (AP) — While reports today to the office of the Surgeon General of the Army showed a decrease in the number of new cases of Spanish influenza at Army camps, information coming to the Public Health Service was that the disease was rapidly spreading among the civilian population over the country.

The epidemic has appeared in 55 districts of the United States, with New England it is epidemic in Tidewater, Va.; South Carolina, and other places. It was reported particularly prevalent along the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf.

The number of new cases in Army camps during the 24 hours ending at noon today was slightly more than 1,000 from the total reported the day before. Influenza cases at all camps now number more than 100,000. Sixteen camps today reported new cases of influenza, with new numbers reported at Camp Meade, Md.; Camp Chester, Mich.; Camp Pick, Ark., and Camp Taylor, Ky.; more than 1,000 each. Camps Lee, Va., and Camp Lee, Ind., had more than 560 new cases.

8,000 Cases at Camp Lee.

CAMP LEE, PETERSBURG, VA. Oct. 2. Approximately 1,000 cases of influenza have been developed among officers and enlisted men here since the first case was reported Friday, Oct. 1. The number of new cases reported today is the highest since the epidemic was made known today of the number of deaths due to complications which developed after the disease was contracted.

17 Die at Camp Sherman.

CAMP SHERMAN, CHILTON, O. Oct. 2. — Three nurses and a public health officer died today of complications due to influenza at Camp Sherman, Ohio, raising the total deaths to 46. The camp surgeon's office this afternoon reported 230 cases in camp, about one-sixth of the population.

EPIDEMIC NOT TO CLOSE SCHOOL

A resolution to close the Swissvale High School because of an epidemic of grippe which has already attacked all students was rejected at a meeting of the Swissvale Board of Health held in the borough hall last night, and all students will today be warned to remain home if they are at all ill.