

MUST WASH ARMY DISHES IN BOILING WATER

One of the Precautions Against the Spread of Influenza

Washington, Nov. 1.—While health conditions in army camps and in the navy are improving with the lessening of the influenza and pneumonia epidemic, General March, chief of staff, has issued an order requiring that special care be taken in washing all dishes and eating utensils.

This precaution was recommended by the sanitary inspectors of the medical department. Observations made by them indicate that improperly washed dishes and utensils are a big factor in spreading influenza. Boiling water must be used in washing all mess kits hereafter. Increase in influenza was shown to be much greater among the men who washed their dishes in lukewarm water. The ratio between these men and those who used boiling water was four to one.

The office of the surgeon-general of the army announced to-day that vaccination against pneumonia is now available to every officer, enlisted man and employe of the army in the United States.

Not a single case of pneumonia occurred among 12,000 men who volunteered to be vaccinated at one camp. There were many cases in this camp among the unvaccinated.

Surgeon-General Braisted, of the navy announced to-day that reports from all naval districts for the week ending October 28 show a marked decline in the number of cases of influenza.