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Lieut. Col. Richard Slee, M.C.,
Swiftwater,
Pennsylvania.

My dear Colonel Slee:

I am directed by the Surgeon General to state that in going over the reports of the influenza epidemic on file in this office, it is noted that you report a low rate from Camp Crane. The rate there, as reported by you, was 35 cases per 1000 troops, while for the Army as a whole this was 252 per 1000 troops.

Since an attempt is being made to gather information as to the reasons for the different rates at different camps, this communication is sent with the view of requesting an explanatory statement from you in regard to the very favorable low rate at your post.

In the information now being gathered together, particular stress is being laid on the subject of mess kit sanitation and air space, and it is recalled that you adopted a particular method of washing mess kits which was offered as an explanation of the low rate at your post. May we ask that you kindly favor this office with a statement as to the method of mess kit washing in particular and any other explanatory information which you may have in mind?

With kind regard, I am

Very truly yours,

ORIGINAL MAILED

Charles Lynch,
Colonel, Medical Corps, USA.

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