

# MAJ. DAY HIT BY EPIDEMIC HE IS FIGHTING

New Influenza Cases  
Among Soldiers Include  
Medical Officers.

NURSES HAVE IT, TOO

Maj. E. W. Day, of Pittsburgh, United States Army Medical Corps, who is in charge of the Spanish influenza epidemic among members of the Students' Army Training Corps at the University of Pittsburgh and the Carnegie Institute of Technology and other soldiers in this city, is a victim of the malady. Maj. Day became ill Tuesday evening and yesterday was confined to his bed in his home at 50 Winebiddle avenue. Maj. Day said his attack is mild and he expects to be able to return to active duty within a few days. Reports of the progress of the disease among the soldiers here were received at his bedside, and despite his illness he directed the work of the medical corps to combat it.

Maj. Day was the third medical officer to fall victim to the disease they are fighting, the others being Lieuts. Monaghan and Sohn. Because of the great need of medical officers at military camps in various parts of the country where influenza is raging only six officers were assigned here, but the latter have been aided by civilian physicians in looking after sick soldiers.

Since Maj. Day arrived here from Camp Lee, Va., last Thursday he has been working day and night to get the epidemic under control, and the arduous work here and at Camp Lee is thought to have made him susceptible to the disease.

### Greatest Need for Nurses.

Medical officers said that the greatest need now in conquering the disease is volunteer nurses. Not only professional nurses are wanted, they stated, but women who have completed courses as nurses' aides. At the Elizabeth Steel Magee Hospital, where about 250 soldiers are confined, six nurses have become afflicted with the disease. At the entrance of the hospital a notice was placed yesterday forbidding visitors to the building, except relatives of patients who are dangerously ill.

Maj. Day completed arrangements for 50 beds in the West Penn Hospital and new cases of influenza will probably be placed there today as the capacity at the Magee Hospital is limited to 275 beds. Including the 250 soldiers in the Magee hospital there are about 150 additional soldiers in the infirmatories at Pitt and Tech, the St. Francis Hospital and in the United States Military Hospital.

### Tents Expected Today.

A number of large tents are expected at the military hospital today from Harrisburg to be used by convalescent soldiers. About 60 new cases were reported yesterday among the soldiers and two deaths occurred Tuesday, one in the Magee Hospital and the other in St. Francis Hospital.

The School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, will be closed during the epidemic, so that members of the senior and junior classes may serve as internes in emergency hospitals made necessary for the care of influenza cases. Dr. Ogden M. Edwards, Jr., dean of the school, announced last night. The upper classmen were assigned to interne work at the request of Dr. F. Franklin Royer, state commissioner of health. The school has 36 juniors and 27 seniors.