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Only 33 Venereal Cases in Week—Whole A.E.F. Rate Down

Thirty-three venereal cases among 233,000 men.

This report by the Army of Occupation for the week of December 25 marks a new low record in disease incidence in the history of the American Army, according to the Chief Surgeon's office. It represents a yearly rate of 7 cases per thousand men. For the whole A.E.F., the rate has been cut down to 34 cases per 1,000 men a year. The Army's before-the-war rate was 80 to 90 cases per 1,000 men, which, itself, is far below the civilian rate.

Establishment of venereal segregation camps at Le Mans, St. Aignan, St. Nazaire, Nantes and Bordeaux, embarkation centers, mean that no soldier will be returned to the States while capable of spreading infection, the Chief Surgeon says. Men found diseased will be kept in quarantine at the embarkation points until they have been restored to health.

Intensive medical treatment and a program of daily working parties are features of the quarantine system. The quarantine is expected to average more than 40 days a man. All troops marked for embarkation for the States will undergo a series of rigid inspections.

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