

Deaths From Flu Exceed America's Losses in Battle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The recent epidemic of influenza in the United States caused more deaths than occurred among the American expeditionary forces from all causes from the time the first unit landed in France until hostilities ceased.

This announcement today by the census bureau was based on unofficial estimates of the total casualties among the overseas forces and reports from 46 cities having a combined population of 23,000,000 which showed 82,306 deaths from influenza and pneumonia from September 9 to November 9.

Normally these cities would have had four thousand deaths, from these causes during this period, it was said, leaving approximately 78,000 as the number properly chargeable to the epidemic.

"The total casualties in the American expeditionary forces," said the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported, it may be assumed that the deaths from all causes, including disease and accidents, are probably less than 45 percent and may not be more

than 40 per cent of the total casualties. On this assumption the loss of life in the American expeditionary forces to date is about 40,000 or 50,000.

ERADICATED IN FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Spanish influenza has been eradicated from San Francisco and the wearing of gauze masks will be discontinued next Thursday, Dr. William C. Hassler, city health officer, announced tonight.

For the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock tonight only eight new cases and four deaths were reported.

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