

subject to the effects of the solution, and thereby benefited in the same manner as if they had received treatment. Particularly noted was the variation of prevalency of men from incoming ships. The following statistics were computed:

15% Contracted the affliction before entering the service.
23% Doubtful as to when affliction was contracted.
50% Contracted the affliction while in the service.
3% Negative as to having the affliction.

100%

End Results of Test--August 23, 1941 to October 9, 1941

The grand total of four hundred and fourteen men consisting of the three groups presented a 94% prevalency of epidermophytosis. At the conclusion of the final examinations the prevalency had decreased to 12%.

Conclusion

There have been many suggested treatments for athlete's foot, and without doubt many cases would respond to the various medicines used, whether in the form of liquids, ointments, therapy treatments, as ultra-violet lights and x-rays. The problem, though, that should be confronting the medical profession, is, how can we stamp out this infection which has spread by leaps and bounds to such an extent that a large percentage of the boys and girls in high schools and colleges now have become affected? In fact, no age is exempt from this disease which we so simply classify as "athlete's foot".

The seriousness of this simple infection has occurred to me only after treating, examining and taking histories of over two thousand cases.

We of the medical profession have brushed it lightly aside for the reason that few of us see the serious results of this slow gradual