

Department of Health - New York Responds to Call For Help

Serums for the "Sammies" in France, will be supplied by New York State in response to a request from Surgeon General W. C. Gorgas, U.S.A., whose letter to Health Commissioner Hermann M. Biggs, Chief of the Division of Health and Hospitals, was laid before Governor Whitman today. The Surgeon General states it is uncertain whether commercial serums can be depended upon and that the Medical Department of the Army will greatly need thoroughly reliable serums for pneumonia, cerebro spinal meningitis, and dysentery. Obtaining these materials "will result in the saving of many lives and prevent much suffering", the Surgeon General states in his letter which is as follows: --

A note stating that New York State would indeed supply the U.S. Army with serums, a decision made by Governor Whitman after reading the U.S. Surgeon General's letter to the Health Commissioner that detailed the dangers of army reliance on commercial serums.

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