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Medical officers of the national guard soon will be required to solve problems of grounding in medicine and surgery, and also in administrative matters, and must be able to show a certain degree of technical ability as well.

This is the substance of a circular issued by Brig. Gen. A. L. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs, for the guidance of medical officers of the mili-

tia.
"The medical organization," says
General Mills, "if called into active service will be confronted with many difficult problems to solve, which will require not only a thorough grounding in medicine and surgery, but administrative and technical ability as well."

He also advises that all medical of-ficers familiarize themselves thoroughly with the contents of the circular. The duties of medical officers of the militia are just as important as those of the medical officers of the regular army. The circular treats especially

on the following subjects:

Careful selection of men who are to compose the fighting troops and the initiation of sanitary measures to protect them. The direction and execution of all measures of public health among the inhabitants of occupied territory. The care of the sick and wounded under varying circumstances. The methodical disposition of sick and wounded so as to insure the retention of lose effecto insure the retention of shore effective and relieve the fighting forces of the non-effective. The transportation of the sick and wounded. The establishment of hospitals and other relief stations necessary. The supply of the sanitary material necessary for the health of the troops and for the care of sick and injured. The preparation and preservation of individual records. and preservation of individual records.

While it has not been officially stated, it is believed that the circular has been issued by the division of militia affairs with a view to having the medical officers of the militia so trained and prepared that should emergency arise they could be depended upon to conduct the physical examinations necessary in the event of the militia being ordered into active service of the United States, as provided in Section 115, of the army re-organization bill, and also that if the militia is ever called to duty that the medical personnel of the militia will be such as to make it unnecessary for the war department to have to detail of-ficers and enlisted men of the medical and hospital corps of the regular army for duty with troops of the militia.

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