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Col. A. J. Lanza Gets Legion of Merit Award

Industry Disease Authority

Associate Medical Director of Metropolitan Life Aided in Army's Health Program; His Career

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Col. Anthony J. Lanza, associate medical director of the Metropolitan Life, who was director of the occupational health division of the preventive medicine service of the Surgeon General's office, Washington, D.C., from August, 1942, to January, 1945, has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the War Department announced a few days ago. Award was for his share in the development of the Army's health program for civilian workers in Army-owned and operated industrial plants.

Born in New York City, Col. Lanza is a graduate of George Washington University. From 1907 to 1920 he was in the United States public health service, including several years as chief surgeon of the United States Bureau of Mines. He then became medical director of the Hydraulic Steel Co., Cleveland, Ohio. In 1921 he went with the International Health Board, Rockefeller Foundation, as advisor in industrial hygiene to the Commonwealth Health Department of Australia, staying there until 1924. He was an executive officer of the National Health Council, New York City, for a year, then became assistant medical director of Metropolitan Life in 1926.

Other Activities

Among other activities he has been a medical consultant of General Motors Corp. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Compensation for Occupational Diseases, member of the board of directors of New York Tuberculosis and Health Association, has conducted investigations of diseases of miners and other industrial workers

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Colonel Lanza is author of "Silicosis and Asbestosis" and with Dr. Goldberg, of "Industrial Hygiene."

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LEGION OF MERIT AWARD GOES TO DR (COLONEL) LANZA



Dr. Anthony J. Lanza, whom many of you know, returned to the Company on January 1st of this year, after three years of service with the War Department. Dr. Lanza's work as head of the Division of Occupational Health in the Preventive Medicine Service of the Surgeon General's Office was of such value that he has been awarded the prized Legion of Merit! Surgeon General Kirk made the presentation in Washington, D. C. on April 2nd, with the following citation:

"Colonel Anthony J. Lanza, 0439418, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from March 1942 to December 1944. Colonel Lanza contributed in a high degree to the development of the Army's present industrial health program for civilian workers in Army owned and operated industrial plants. He organized for the Surgeon General a special health service which protects the health of almost a million civilian workers in Army industrial plants, thus contributing to the uninterrupted flow of munitions. To this task he brought a rich background of special knowledge and experience which was applied with energy, intelligence and wisdom. Largely due to his efforts, the present effective and well organized program of industrial medicine has been developed and he thus contributed in a high degree to the success of the Army's program of Preventive Medicine."

Since many of you have at some time met and worked with Dr. Lanza, I am sure you will be much interested to learn of the award which he has received as a result of his accomplishing a tremendously important job. Certainly some of you will again have an opportunity of working with him in the future. He will of course again head the Industrial Health Service and carry on much important work in cooperation with the Medical, Group, and Statistical Divisions, at the same time giving the Nursing and other Welfare Bureaus the benefit of his invaluable experience. I need hardly say that we are most happy to welcome Dr. Lanza home once more.

Second Vice-President