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THE STATE OF HYGIENE IN THE GARRISON OF NIS AND TREATMENT OF SICK SOLDIERS 1920–1934

Summary: The health condition of the soldiers in the Niš garrison was determined by the hygiene measures implemented in the barracks. The facilities for the accommodation of personnel met basic conditions, but efforts were made by the military authorities to improve them. In addition, at the garrison level, but also in the barracks, individually, constant lectures were given to the soldiers about personal hygiene, considering the fact that a good part of them did not bring healthy hygiene habits from their homes. Inspections in the troop were performed regularly, so that diseases were recorded on time, the most widespread of which were venereal. In their suppression and prevention, the military authorities engaged, first of all, in the education of recruits. In addition to venereal diseases, the biggest problem in the barracks was mumps, which spread due to insufficient isolation of the infected and had more serious morbidity.

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