The so-called "Spanish Flu" began in or around Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas in March of 1918. Soldiers leaving to fight in World War I quickly spread the deadly virus among themselves and took it with them to Europe. By the end of 1918, more Americans had died from the Flu than had perished in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War combined. The 1918 influenza virus was given the name "Spanish Flu' because the first news reports about the pandemic originated out of Spain. Spain was neutral during World War I, so its newspapers and editors were not under strict censorship guidelines as were the news agencies in countries such as France, England, Germany and the United States.

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