

6 Scientists Win Lasker Health Award

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (INS.). Six scientists and an Armed Forces group, distinguished for medical research and public health achievement, were named tonight as recipients of the annual Albert Lasker Awards of the American Public Health Association.

The awards, considered among the highest medical honors, are made through the public health association by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation.

The 1954 awards went to: Dr. Leona Baumgartner, New York City Health Commissioner, the first woman to attain this position, for "distinguished achievements in public health administration, strengthening personal and community health, our greatest resource."

Dr. Edwin B. Astwood, research professor of medicine, Tufts Medical College, Boston, for "basic contributions to our knowledge of endocrine function," leading to the control of hyperthyroidism. In studying glandular secretions, Dr. Astwood was the first in his field to apply chemicals to slow body metabolism.

Dr. John F. Enders, associate professor of bacteriology and

immunology, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Mass., "for distinguished achievements in the cultivation of viruses" of poliomyelitis, mumps and measles. Dr. Enders, in developing the technique of tissue cultures, has revolutionized the study of virus infections.

A joint award was conferred on: Dr. Alfred Blalock, professor of surgery, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Helen B. Taussig, associate professor of pediatrics, Johns Hopkins, and Dr. Robert E. Groc, professor of children's surgery, Harvard Medical School, for "distinguished contributions to cardiovascular surgery and knowledge, whereby thousands previously doomed have been restored to health, and hope revived for thousands more."

The group award went to the Streptococcal Disease Laboratory, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyo., for "outstanding contributions to our knowledge and control of streptococcal diseases." Dr. Charles H. Rammeikamp, Jr., associate professor of preventive medicine, Western Reserve, Cleveland, will receive this award as the laboratory's director.

Individual winners will receive monetary prizes of \$1000,