Camp Crane History

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GUARD AGAINST DISEASE SPREAD

U. S. A. S. Camp Closed to Visitors and Movements of Umati Are Restricted.

Measures to prevent the communication of disease between the military community and the members of the U. S. Ambulance Service Camp at the Fair Grounds, have been taken through the joint action of the U. S. Public Health Service, and the City Pcrorxo, which have been published in the following:

While the presence of mosquitoes appears unknown among members of the Ambulance corps, health officers in the city are confronted with an epidemic of malaria among the civilian populatioin of the city. Peculiar as it may seem, there are cases in three hundred cases of malaria in the city, while in the other cases there are only three cases. On the other hand, typhus fever is quite prevalent, at the camp, while scattered throughout the city, there are only seven cases. Preventing a conference between health officers and the city, it was deemed advisable to issue the following order:

A memorandum to all officers and men of the U. S. A. S. Conventing that Camp:

"In view of the prevalence of malaria among the men in this camp, a conference has been held between the commanding officer and the health officer of the city of Alkistown. The latter points out that it would be most undesirable if the position should be spread to the civilian community, which at present has only 5 cases. On the other hand, the civilian community has almost 360 cases of mumps, while the camp has only 5 cases. In view of the necessity of preventing an outbreak of these diseases between camp and town, it has been decided to take the following as a matter of health and to limit the intercourse between the military and the civilian community for a short time. This is estimated to be about two weeks, and as it is to the interests of the city, it is therefore directed that all regular passes privileges be suspended from the date of the receipt of this order. Special passes will be issued to those in special service, who are required to leave the camp privileges on matters of busineess. Officers and men, who have permission to live in town, will be permitted to go to and from their residence, but will not be allowed to return.

All activities will be conducted through the Post Exchange for buying, renting, selling, and shipping, and delivering of articles required from Alkistown, so that the visits to commercial houses will be limited, as far as possible. Those desiring to leave the city will be given permission to do so, but they will go immediately from the camp to their hotel and return without passing through the city. These restrictions will be in force until further notice. This order will be posted on the bulletin board of each section and will be read at the roll call, before the receipt by the section."

By order of: Colonel Preventor.

Capt. A. A. E.
Adjutant.