

Camp Crane History

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212 USAACS SICK IN LOCAL CAMP

Camp Commander Believes
Pro-German Propagandists
at Work Here.

January 15, 1918.

Memorandum to Allentown News-
paper:

Sensational reports emanating from supposed pro-German sources in Allentown concerning excessive sickness in this camp appear in the Philadelphia morning papers. I have every reason to believe the sending out of such reports is a part of the systematic propaganda which our enemies are instituting in this country to cause unrest and unnecessary anxiety among the relatives and friends of soldiers.

Exact facts in these cases are always obtainable at the camp, if desired, but the men who disseminate these stories do not desire the truth. The facts are as follows: There are in camp today 3223 officers and men. Of these, 212 are excused from duty by the surgeon on account of greater or less indisposition. These are divided as follows.

Officers sick in Allentown hospital,	7
Officers sick in quarters,	1
Enlisted men sick in Allentown hospital,	68
Enlisted men sick in quarters,	136
Total sick	212

The camp is not quarantined inside or outside. The following cases of infectious diseases are isolated in the Allentown hospital:

Measles,	9 cases
Mumps,	2 cases
Chicken pox,	3 cases
Scarlet fever	1 case
Pneumonia,	5 cases

A large number of men in the camp have been suffering from the prevailing hard cold, which is epidemic in Allentown as well as at the camp. Otherwise the health of the camp is as good as it has always been.

E. K. Persons, Colonel,
Army Ambulance Service.

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