

Camp Crane History

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GUARD AGAINST DISEASE SPREAD

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

Measures to prevent the communication of disease between the civilian community and the members of the U. S. Ambulance Service Camp at the Fair Grounds, have been taken through an order issued by Col. Persons, the camp commandant, to-day.

While an epidemic of measles appears prevalent among members of the Ambulance corps, Health Officer Butz is confronted with an epidemic of mumps among the civilian population of the city. Peculiar as it may seem, there are close to three hundred cases of mumps in the city, while at the camp there are only three cases. On the other hand, measles are quite prevalent at the camp, while scattered throughout the city there are only eleven cases. Following a conference between Health Officer Butz and Col. Persons, it was deemed advisable to issue the following order:

Memorandum to all officers and men of the U. S. A. A. S. Concentration Camp:

In view of the prevalence of measles among the men in this camp, a consultation has been held between the commanding officer and the health officer of the City of Allentown. The latter points out that it would be most unfortunate if the measles should be spread to the civilian community, which at present has only ill cases. On the other hand, the civilian community has almost 300 cases of mumps, while this command has only 3 cases. In view of the desirability of preventing an exchange of these diseases between camp and town, it has been decided to take such precautions as are deemed practicable to limit the intercourse between the military and the civil community for a short time. This is evidently in the best interests of the camp as it is in the interests of the city. It is therefore directed that all regular pass privileges be suspended from the date of the receipt of this memorandum. Special passes will be issued to those who are required to leave the camp grounds on matters of business. Officers and men who have permission to live in town, will be permitted to go to and from their residences, but will not attend gatherings of any kind without special permission from the adjutant, and will not ride on street cars. No civilians will be permitted within the grounds, except those handling goods necessary for the camp, without special permits. Arrangements will be made through the Post Exchange for taking orders for, and purchasing, and delivering of articles required from Allentown, so that the visits to commercial houses will be limited, so 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 trains and on return will proceed immediately from the train to the camp. These restrictions will be in force until further orders. This notice will be posted on the bulletin board of each section and will be read at the first section formation, after the receipt by the section.

By order of Colonel Persons,
Nels Easmussen,
Captain A. A. S.
Adjutant.