

# URGENT CALL FOR NURSES AT CAMP FREMONT

## Base Hospital Filled With Soldiers Suffering From Influenza

George Filmer, head of the Pacific Division for Military Relief, issued the following statement yesterday in an appeal for more nurses, especially at Camp Fremont, to care for influenza patients:

"With a very earnest hope that the appeal will be met by those in position to do so, we call the attention of the public to the extraordinary need for trained nurses to meet the distressing situation at the base hospitals, at Camp Fremont particularly.

"There are today so many cases in the wards there, a large part of them pneumonia cases, that, although the best care possible is being given them, they cannot have all the care needed unless help comes from other sources.

"The people in the neighborhood of camps, understanding the urgent need, are doing what they can in the way of volunteer service, but it is trained nursing that it needed to save the lives of perhaps hundreds of these boys. The nurses at the hospital are so overworked that they are in danger of that run-down condition which makes them susceptible to disease themselves.

"The Red Cross, advised of this situation, is making a great effort to meet it. It has appealed to physicians to release, wherever possible, the nurses at their call for the convenience of patients—even the nurses in their offices—and to advise, wherever it is proper to do so, that nurses on private cases be released for this greater need.

"Here is a chance for civilians to show something of the heroism which has carried our boys into battle. If you have in your home a case of illness which is not a matter of life and death, your family can do something to match the spirit of our fighting forces by relinquishing the trained nurse, however necessary the ministrations may seem to the one who is ill. That one nurse can care for a large group of stricken boys at Fremont.

The patriotic family of the civilian who is ill can take upon itself the care of the patient under the advice of his physician and to make a sacrifice, both on the patient's account and on its own, which will be an example of a deeper patriotism than any form of war work that is being done outside of actual enlistment.

"Who will be the first to understand and answer this appeal? Communicate with Miss Lillian L. White, who is at the head of the Red Cross Nursing Bureau in the Flood building. Telephone Douglas 2172.

"Weigh your own emergency against the aggregate need of these boys at Fremont and do your duty."