

Reactivation of VA Hospital at Camp White Being Urged

Reactivation of the Veterans Administration hospital at Camp White, on a basis which would at least make the surgery and the wards available to domiciliary residents, has been urged by Congressman Robert B. Duncan in a letter to Dr. William S. Middleton, chief medical director, Administration of Veterans Affairs.

The letter, a follow-up to a briefing session by the Veterans Administration on all activities, points up the medical advantages offered in the Medford area and requests a review of the local facility at the administration's "earliest convenience."

Duncan, the new representative from Oregon's fourth district, describes the Veterans Administration briefing as the best received since he became a member of Congress.

Understand Reasons
"I can understand fully the reasons why you prefer to locate your hospitals close to medical schools," the congressman's letter reads in part.

"But I understand that you have a facility encompassing a few beds at the Roseburg Psychiatric Institution. I find it difficult to understand why in view of the number of doctors which are stationed at Camp White, the number of residents at the domiciliary and the exceptionally high quality of the medical profession in the city of Medford, you do not reactivate the surgery and the wards so as to

take care of at least the ailments of the residents of the domiciliary at White City.

"I think the only specialty not represented in the practice of medicine in Medford is neurology," Duncan's letter continues.

Two Neurologists

"I know that they have at least two neurologists there and am advised that there is only a minimal need for a neurologist if neurosurgeons are in practice. I also know that there is at Camp White a ward and a surgery or possibly two which, perhaps, would require some modernization to bring it up to 1963 standards, but which furnish the nucleus at least for a well equipped unit which might very well eliminate the need for constantly forwarding patients to Portland by air and ambulance."

The Oregon congressman makes it clear that he is not "pressing the administration to inaugurate a veterans hospital in Medford if there is no need for one," but that he "does hope that the administration will examine the need carefully since there are no facilities between San Fran-

cisco and Portland to care for veterans who need hospitalization."

"If there is a need, however, be it for a general hospital or for facilities such as I have mentioned, then I think that the facilities at Camp White offer a splendid opportunity for the Veterans Administration at minimum cost to the federal government," Duncan noted.

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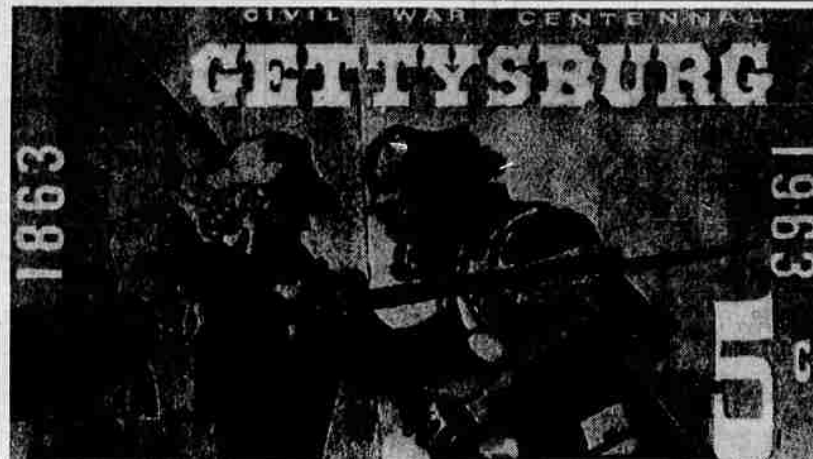
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