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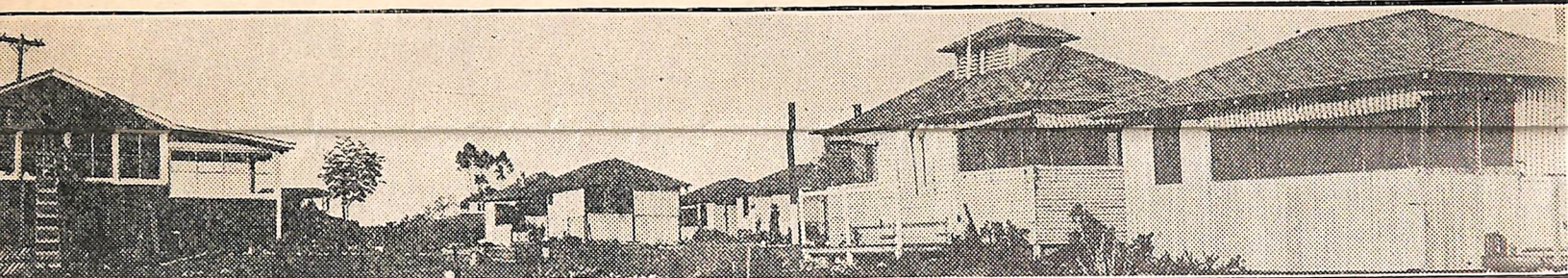
Open Air Camp of eleven acres, at East San Diego furnished and equipt, occupied by consumptives for the past three years.

Kitchen and boarding department for feeding all the patients at the Camp.

A graduate trained nurse at the Camp, to take local charge and care for the patients.

Free Dispensary at the northeast corner of Sixth and B streets, San Diego, with free clinic and nurse; maintained for the past six years.

A municipal visiting tuberculosis nurse was maintained in the Society's service for April, May and June, 1915, and her salary paid by this Society while in the service of the City Board of Health from September 1st to December 31st, 1915. Her salary is now paid by the City of San Diego.



SAN DIEGO, CAL., January 8, 1918

To the Mayor and Members of the
Common Council, City of San Diego.

Gentlemen:

Three weeks ago according to statistics received by the State Board of Tuberculosis 600 soldiers suffering from this disease in some form were to be discharged from Camp Kearny. These men will in a few days as heretofore be given transportation money and allowed to either return home or remain here as they choose.

Once their money spent these ~~men~~ ^{men} under prevailing conditions are liable at some future time to become both a menace and a burden to the tax payers of this community. Some action should be taken with the War Department asking that they issue these sufferers from tuberculosis transportation tickets back to place of enlistment there to be cared for and helped to recovery.

We inform you of this matter deeming it of sufficient importance for immediate action.

In an abbreviated form an extract of the following resolution adopted by our directors' board on Dec. 19th, 1917, was sent to Surgeon General Gorgas at Washington, D.C., at the request of Mrs. Tate-Thompson, State director of Tuberculosis.

Very respectfully yours,

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*Mina B. Brust
Sec'y.*

Copy of resolution adopted December 19, 1917, at a meeting of the directors board of the San Diego Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis:

"Be it resolved by the San Diego Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis that after full consideration of the situation presented by the presence of many tubercular persons among the soldiers who are discharged from service at Camp Kearny, San Diego, Cal., this Society is convinced that the payment of money to these discharged soldiers to take them back to the place of enlistment is working to the injury of these soldiers and to the serious detriment of this and kindred societies that are working for the relief of this class of sufferers; that it results quite generally in their remaining in this state instead of returning home, and becoming a public charge through the expenditure of their money; that this Society is firmly convinced that the issuance of transportation to these discharged soldiers instead of money will result quite generally in sending them back to place of enlistment to be cared for in their own state."

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ALLEN H. WRIGHT

By W. E. BARTLETT City Clerk

Deputy

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FROM

Society for Prevention of Tuberculosis in re case of soldiers afflicted with tuberculosis

Presented to Common Council and ordered Filed JAN 16 1918 Health Officer Maj. Decker

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