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From: Medical Officer.
To: Bureau of Medicine & Surgery, Navy Department.
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Subject: Epidemiological reports on cases of pneumonia following influenza.

1. In many of the epidemiological reports on the pneumonia cases resulting from the influenza epidemic at this camp, it has been impossible to give the data asked for concerning laboratory examinations of sputum, blood, etc., for the reasons that there are no laboratory facilities at the camp and until recently no medical officer who could be spared to do the work. Toward the close of the epidemic, P.A. Surgeon J.E. Henry, USNRP, was detailed for this work and the loan of the State Laboratory on the University of Washington campus was obtained where such examinations are now being conducted.

2. In this connection the attention of the Bureau is called to the exceedingly meager hospital facilities at this camp. The little Sick Bay of eighteen beds was originally built for a camp of six hundred men and is entirely inadequate for one of five thousand. A very modest extension to the Dispensary Building was asked for some months past and plans submitted for same, but no action has been obtained. The Naval Hospital at Puget Sound is too far away to permit patients seriously ill to be sent there and the crowded condition of the hospitals in the city of Seattle makes it often impossible for them to take patients from the camp. In my opinion it is extremely urgent that additional facilities be provided at once if it is intended to either increase the personnel of the camp or maintain it at its present size.

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