

## CAMP ATTERBURY TO BE HOSPITAL

**Training Troops to Stop  
March 1, Says Sena-  
tor Willis.**

Camp Atterbury will cease to be used for active training of soldiers about March 1 and after that will be used only as a general hospital, according to present plans of the War Department.

United States Senator Raymond E. Willis gave this information to The Star in a telephone conversation from Washington last night.

Senator Willis said the War Department advised him that there are no present plans for increasing the hospital facilities at Atterbury. He also said he had been told that no plans for postwar use of the camp have yet been made.

Col. Welton M. Modisette, commandant of Camp Atterbury, said he had received no definite instructions concerning cessation of training from the War Department.

### 1,960 Beds Available.

Under present plans there will be 1,960 beds available for immediate use of war wounded. Only a skeleton force, known as a caretakers' force, is expected to remain at the camp.

No reference was made to the prisoners of war camp, but it is believed that this will be maintained, at least for awhile.

The 30th Division now is stationed at Atterbury.

Senator Willis said he received word of the proposed change in

status of Atterbury from the War Department yesterday afternoon.

Senator Willis's announcement is in line with word from Washington that a number of army camps vacated by troops sent overseas will be turned over to the Veterans' Administration for use as hospitals.

### Seek to Avoid Delay.

This announcement was made by Lieut. Gen. B. B. Somervell, head of the army service forces, following approval of the idea by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, chief of the Veterans' Administration, and Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, army surgeon general.

Gen. Somervell explained that the reason for the action was to make sure "that there will be no interim between the date a sick or wounded soldier is discharged from the army and the day the Veterans' Administration assumes responsibility."

## Reid Will Direct Red Cross Drive

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accepting a grave responsibility. The people of Indianapolis and Marion county have never failed in more than 25 years to answer every Red Cross appeal and I am depending upon hundreds of interested citizens who will be asked to serve as workers and the generosity of our people to help us make the coming campaign a success."

### Elected Head In 1941.

Mr. Reid, nationally known public utility consultant and operator, was chosen by the directors of the Indianapolis Railways April 24, 1941, president of the company.

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