

APRIL 28, 1950

HALLORAN TO MOVE 75 MORE PATIENTS

**Tuberculosis Cases
Going by Train to
Batavia Hospital**

Seventy-five tuberculosis patients from Halloran VA Hospital will board a special train tomorrow night in the SIRT's Arlington yards on their way to the veteran facility at Batavia, N. Y.

The transfers are part of the adjustments being made at the Willowbrook institution as officials prepare for a smaller operation.

The "old" Halloran had beds for 416 tuberculosis patients, while the "new" facility will have space for only 80 or 90. Under the terms of the VA's latest lease from the state, to run until the end of 1952, there will be a total of 740 beds, as compared to more than 1,300 under the present setup.

Of the 75 men leaving tomorrow at 6:30 P. M., 60 are classed as ambulatory; the condition of many of them allows them frequent passes. The remaining 15 will have to be transported by ambulance from the hospital to the train yards.

They are scheduled to arrive in Batavia at 11 P. M.

To Transfer Others

Kenneth S. Covey, assistant manager at Halloran, said today that "some" additional tuberculosis cases will be transferred to the veterans facility at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn.

Plans also call for the transfer of neuropsychiatric cases to the new VA hospital now under construction at Peekskill. No patients of this type will be kept at Halloran.

Although patients are once again being admitted to Halloran, the patient census yesterday had dropped to 741, almost the exact number of retained beds. New patients are in the general medical and surgical categories.

Covey indicated that few, if any, kinks are developing in the reduction of the staff.

To Cut Staff by 700

It's estimated that between 868 and 875 employees will be retained at Halloran, a reduction of more than 700 from the original force.

Reassignment of employees is mostly to Fort Hamilton and Peekskill, with a few men being sent to Kingsbridge VA Hospital in Bronx.

The demand for professional workers is greater than the supply. "We could use twice as many as we have," Covey said.

Hardest to place are the kitchen and ward attendants. But since Peekskill is now being staffed, reassignment of the workers to that facility is expected to be carried out. Arrangements are being made that these workers may come back to Halloran whenever there are openings.

MAY 2, 1950

New Status Of Halloran Is Explained

**Doctors Residency
Training Program
Will Be Continued**

An explanation of the new status of Halloran VA Hospital, wherein the number of patients will be reduced from 1,500 to 740, effective July 1, was given last night by Kenneth S. Covey, assistant manager of the hospital, at a meeting of the Halloran VA Voluntary Services Hospital Advisory Committee. The group met in the staff conference room of the hospital.

Covey announced that the doctor's residency training program will continue as before, and that Halloran will continue to be an active teaching hospital.

"There will be a patient turnover of more than 100 per cent each month in the main building which contains 533 beds," stated Covey.

In addition to the main building, which is Building 2, the assistant manager pointed out that Buildings 25, 27 and 29 will be retained by the VA, the others going back to the state.

Memorial Service Set

It was reported that memorial services will be conducted May 28 at 7 P. M. in the hospital auditorium. Congressman James A. Murphy will deliver an address.

Band music will be provided by Local 802, American Federation of Musicians. All Island veteran service organizations and their auxiliaries have been invited to attend by James R. Crugnale, chief of special services.

Preliminary arrangements were started for the fourth annual voluntary service's Fourth of July field day at the hospital.

The VA's sound motion picture, "What's My Score," was shown. This film describes the way paraplegic veterans have learned to overcome their handicaps and once more become useful citizens.

Crugnale announced that at the next meeting, June 5, certificates of appreciation will be awarded to volunteers who have served a minimum of 100 hours for one year's service and that certificates of merit will be given to those who have served at least 100 hours for each of three years of service.

Organization representatives present at the meeting were unanimous in expressing their desire to continue aiding veterans at Halloran in the future as in the past.

Refreshments were served by the Bayonne Chapter, American Red Cross Canteen Service. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M. in the Medical Conference Room of the hospital.