

cific during World War II, remembered that it had taken six pints of blood to start him on the road to recovery. He knew that Richard would need blood and that thousands of other men like him would need it. The Kimbrough drive was on. Gordon, a GI pre-med student at USC, his wife Margaret, his sister Joanne, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kimbrough, called on every family in the Los Angeles block where they live, asking for volunteer blood donors. Each family was also asked to solicit another block for more donors.

On September 16, a Red Cross Mobile Unit called at the Montobello Park Grammar School. There, in six hours the Kimbroughs and their neighbors gave 400 pints of blood for Korea wounded.

A Williamsburgh (Va.) soldier, veteran—and casualty—of the war in Korea has offered himself as living proof of the value of the American Red Cross blood collection campaign.

He is Pvt. Douglas Dewing, into whose veins were poured one and one-half gallons of Red Cross-collected blood and plasma after he was seriously wounded in the fighting in Korea.

Dewing, who received so much blood that his attending physician joked that he was "no longer kin to my parents," was struck by two 50-caliber machine gun bullets and one 25-caliber rifle bullet as he and his buddies of the 29th Infantry attempted to half the North Korean Reds' drive toward Pusan.

One pint of blood plasma was administered on the spot by an army medical corpsman. Then, because litter-bearing teams had been wiped out by the same heavy enemy fire which wounded him, the Williamsburgh soldier was forced to crawl 400 yards to the nearest road, where he was picked up by ambulance and taken to an aid station.

At the station he received another pint of plasma and, on the same day, was put aboard a train and taken to Pusan. While on the train, he received two additional pints. At Pusan, before being sent to an army hospital in Japan, he received eight pints of whole blood.

"The simple fact is," he said, "if that blood hadn't been there, I wouldn't be here."

Dewing, who was stationed at Okinawa when the fighting in Korea broke out, was sent to the front on July 22. He was wounded on July 27. Because of the speed of treatment of the war-wounded, he was back in this country on August 11.

Among the members of the 11th Marine Corps Reserve Training Center who recently donated blood through the Red Cross regional center at Los Angeles was Staff Sgt. Harry W. Webber, a survivor of the Bataan Death March. The Marines in Los Angeles sent a few men every day to the Red Cross center to donate to the shipments going to the GIs in Korea.



*Wounded Marine being carried from the front lines to a forward aid station. Photo, U. S. Marine Corps, Department of Defense.*

Sergeant Webber, following his Bataan experience, was interned for 42 months in a Japanese prisoner of war camp where, he said, Red Cross food parcels helped him through.

When the Red Cross bloodmobile from the Louisville (Ky.) regional center visited Lebanon recently, a mule was used to help the recruitment campaign. Led through the streets of Lebanon by G. B. Malone, the mule had big signs suspended like blankets from its sides. The signs read: "Everyone is going to the Methodist Church to give a pint of blood but me, and you know what I am."

Seven-year-old Kenneth Plowman of Route 3 Coffeyville, Kansas, probably owes his life to a pint of Red Cross blood plasma. Suffering from shock, the young farm boy was rushed to a hospital after hemorrhages developed following a tonsil operation which had been performed several days earlier.

Had not the Red Cross plasma been immediately available, hospital attendants believe Kenneth might have died. He has Rh negative blood, and a delay for cross-matching whole blood might have proved critical. Attendants worked for several hours over the boy, administering plasma and oxygen, and otherwise treating him. A phone call to the Red Cross regional blood center at Springfield, Mo., brought the rare Rh type of whole blood needed for subsequent transfusions the following morning.