

RED CROSS DUTY TO AID VETERANS

Spends Nearly Four Millions in Year to Lessen Burdens of Disabled Soldiers.

SERVES 63,700 IN HOSPITALS

Every Case Is Given Individual Service—Assists Families of These Men Everywhere.

Washington.—The need of individual assistance by ex-service men and their families from the Red Cross is as pressing today as it was immediately after the end of the World War. For six years this work has been foremost of all Red Cross services, and in emphasizing the steady public support of this work the Red Cross National Headquarters urges the largest enrollment this year during the membership campaign opening on Armistice Day, November 11.

Nearly four million dollars of Red Cross funds spent for disabled veterans and their dependents during the year ended June 30 last presents some idea of the magnitude of this work. The current year, it is estimated, will call for still further disbursements of funds for the reason that the Red Cross, through more than 3,500 Chapters in as many communities in the United States, has been called upon to help the ex-service men in making out their applications for the adjusted compensation granted in the so-called bonus law.

66,767 Soldier Cases a Month

The Red Cross work for the disabled soldier is designated "home service," for it gives individual attention to the man and his family approximating the interest and loving care of the home. Such service in the hospitals, camps, soldiers' homes and sanatoria, averaged 33,951 cases a month during the year. Assistance to ex-service men and their dependents averaged 55,757 cases a month. In addition, the Red Cross in the last twelve months provided 33,000 recreation and entertainment events in the hospitals and camps.

Thus the Red Cross, symbolized as the "Greatest Mother," still watches over these many thousands of men, comforts them, helps to lighten the tedium of their physical reconstruction, and in their homes lifts some of the burdens from their "own people."

Work in Communities Increases

The home service of the Red Cross was the most pressing duty of 2,609 Chapters, an increase of 182 communities where problems affected by the war veteran's condition required solution through immediate and intelligent assistance. The Chapters alone expended some \$2,000,000 in this work.

The transient disabled soldier, usually suffering from disability of tuberculosis, is almost everywhere a grave problem. From national funds the past year \$17,076.36 was expended in helping the Chapters to care for these wandering men.

According to government report there are 4,800 veterans in civilian institutions, and in the national homes for soldiers the complications are increasing. The large groups of patients whose claims have been disallowed, of veterans of foreign wars, and the great number of men permanently resident in these institutions call for Red Cross work which cannot be avoided nor denied.

Definite Service to 73,700

Of a total of \$4,500 ex-service men in hospitals and other institutions 73,700 were rendered a definite and specialized service by the Red Cross. In a single month 4,185 new cases were presented and a total of 20,125 was acted upon—figures which serve to illustrate the magnitude of the information and claims service engaging the attention of Red Cross workers. New veteran legislation amending the War Risk act which extends many additional rights to disabled ex-service men will reopen thousands of cases and require still greater Red Cross service.

When Congress granted a charter to the American Red Cross it charged the organization with the duty to act as "the medium of communication between the American people and their Army and Navy." This responsibility to the enlisted men and their families is met every year without restriction.

Serves Men on Active Service

The extent of this Red Cross activity during the last year embraced a total of 185,246 cases. There were 39,595 separate soldiers' and sailors' claims; 29,216 investigations of home conditions; 11,421 cases related to discharges, furloughs, etc. Assistance was given in 39,635 instances for personal, business or family problems; 744,220 visits were made to the sick or disabled, and nearly 40,000 letters and telegrams dispatched to the homes of enlisted men.

From June to September at the numerous military training camps the Red Cross provided information and home service to the trainees, also instruction in First Aid and Life-Saving. The entertainment and recreation events at the various Army and Navy hospitals reached nearly 9,500 during the year, and occupational therapy in nine Naval hospitals gave constructive and beneficial results and occupied the time of patients in the making of useful and educational things.

RED CROSS IS URGING BETTER-HEALTH BATTLE

Tireless in Services Advancing Cause of Freedom from Human Suffering.

Not alone in preparedness for emergencies, but in a tireless offensive battle for better health is the American Red Cross nurse maintaining in peace time the high tradition of her war service. As in war, the same self-effacing service for humanity goes on its quiet, effective way content in its accomplishments, seeking no public acclaim. Enrolled in the Red Cross Nursing Service are 47,636 of these missionaries of health, nearly 1,000 carrying the message of a finer public health to as many communities and 1,100 teaching large classes in home hygiene and care of the sick. Exactly 100 Red Cross nurses are still on duty overseas, helping the struggle forward toward the high standard of American nurse efficiency in many countries.

In the Government services 3,117 enrolled Red Cross nurses are on duty with the Army, Navy, Public Health Service and the Veterans Bureau, while the entire active enrollment is maintained as a reserve for the Army Nurse Corps and available to the Navy in a national defense emergency. Nine hundred nurses were added to the roll the last year.

Red Cross nursing, however, has perhaps its finest expression out in the places laid waste by fire, flood and storm, and in the back reaches far from the centers of population. In every disaster the Red Cross nurse is first called for, first to respond, and the last to leave her post of duty among the suffering victims. In the isolated sections of Alaska, North Carolina, Virginia, Idaho, and among the bleak islands of Penobscott Bay, Me., her ministrations are making hard lives easier and working for a brighter future for the children. Her part in the human drama of the time is increasingly important, although it is subdued by the very nature of her work.

The policy of the American Red Cross to establish under Chapter control public health nursing services in communities lacking such facilities has been justified and this pioneering work is everywhere endorsed by authorities who are quick to take it over as a proper municipal function and a duty of taxpayers. The Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick program has further penetrated into the schools as a definite part of curriculums. During the year 29,000 school pupils took this Red Cross course. Three telephone corporations adopted it and graduated 960 employe students.

As good health depends upon right eating the Red Cross Nutrition Service continued to promote individual and community health, particularly the health of mothers and children. This service reached nearly 150,000 persons during the year and found work to do for several thousand Red Cross volunteer workers.

Red Cross Invites All Into Neutral Army of Service

There are 3,089 counties in the United States and more than 3,500 Chapters of the American Red Cross. The Chapter is the local unit of the national organization, formed to carry out the program, services and policies of the Red Cross. The industry of these 3,500 local units is a voluntary and steady outpouring of well-doing and sympathy which softens human suffering and distress wherever it arises. This work is absolutely neutral, for the Red Cross knows no race, no creed, no color.

The strength of the American Red Cross being in its Chapters, the organization annually invites the people to join or renew their membership during a Roll Call which always begins on Armistice Day, November 11.

"It is this annual enlistment of millions of Americans under the banner of the American Red Cross which makes possible the continued work of this great and democratic legion of mercy," says Judge John Barton Payne, head of the national organization. "Membership in the Red Cross is a privilege within the reach of everyone. The need for service grows more insistent each year. To keep pace with the demands which come from every section of our country, we must have the people's loyal support. Our capacity for service in the year to come will be limited only by the extent to which we receive support for our work in the coming Roll Call."

The invitation of the American Red Cross is unlimited. The enrollment period, Armistice Day to Thanksgiving, is everyone's opportunity to join.

Annual Summons to Service

The annual nation-wide Roll Call of the American Red Cross to enroll members for 1925 will open on Nov. 11, the anniversary of that tense and never-to-be-forgotten Armistice Day six years ago, which silenced the crashing arms of the World War. The enrollment will continue for 17 days, through Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Preliminary to the Roll Call period will come Red Cross Sunday, Nov. 9. During the 17 days set aside for the enrollment more than 3,500 Chapters of the Red Cross and their thousands of branches will invite the people to join the Red Cross or renew their membership.

RED CROSS YEAR'S COST \$21,366,255

Nearly \$12,000,000 Devoted to Helping Victims of Great Japanese Earthquake.

OVER 3,000 BUSY CHAPTERS

Aid to Disabled War Veterans Paramount and Reaches Nearly \$4,000,000.

Washington.—More than \$21,000,000 was the total of funds expended in all activities of the American Red Cross during the last fiscal year, ended June 30, says a statement issued by the National organization. This expenditure was almost one-sixth of the amount of money disbursed by the Red Cross in the war year, July, 1917, to June, 1918. Of this extraordinary sum \$11,631,303 was America's contribution to the Red Cross for relief of the Japanese earthquake victims. This was increased to \$11,765,803 by appropriations from general funds of the Red Cross, and it represented probably the largest spontaneous outpouring of beneficence of a single nation in the history of the world.

Over 3,000 active Chapters expended during the year \$4,569,000. The National organization disbursed \$16,497,255.35, making the total \$21,366,255.35—all for humanitarian work which reached practically around the world.

In announcing the year's record of American Red Cross industry the executive officials at Washington emphasize the fact that the extensive and never-halting work of the Red Cross depends almost wholly upon the nation-wide support of the organization from the memberships enrolled during the annual roll call which this year will be in progress from Nov. 11 to 27, when everyone is asked to join or renew their membership in the American Red Cross.

Soldier Service Paramount

Service in behalf of the disabled veterans of the World War and their families is a paramount obligation of the Red Cross. The organization, through its Chapters, is constantly in touch with this duty in 2,609 communities throughout the United States—the Chapters alone during the year expending in service for veterans about \$2,900,000. The National organization expended \$1,735,825—a total of \$3,735,825 applied to assisting war sufferers toward recovery from disability and distress.

This work is constant in hospitals, sanitariums, camps, soldiers' homes, in the community. For example, in helping disabled men and women in places where they were transient residents \$173,076 from national funds alone was required to help solve their problems. Every Red Cross service is ever at hand ready to meet the individual need of these men and women.

The enlisted men in the Regular Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps, with their home ties, mean a never-ending Red Cross service which figures cannot fully interpret. In this work a total of \$635,285 was applied in meeting an obligation under the Red Cross charter which has been fulfilled for over 20 years.

Domestic Operations Extensive

In the past year Red Cross operations were almost wholly confined to continental United States and the insular possessions. Relief work following disasters called for immediate activities in 193 places and a total of \$777,603.87 was spent in this service alone. In 33 major disasters trained workers were kept at the work of rehabilitation for many months.

In carrying on the health activities a total of \$444,886.66 from Red Cross national funds, and \$808,000 from Chapter treasuries—approximately \$1,252,886 in all—was applied, giving some idea of the extent of Red Cross service in the fields of public health nursing, nutrition instruction, and spreading knowledge of personal hygiene and care of the sick in the home.

For advancing the cause of human safety, the First Aid instruction, locally by Chapters and over extensive national territory by the Red Cross instruction car covering trunk line railroads, and in teaching water-safety and increasing the membership of the Red Cross Life-Saving Corps, the total cost was \$123,234.71, of which \$116,234.71 came out of national funds.

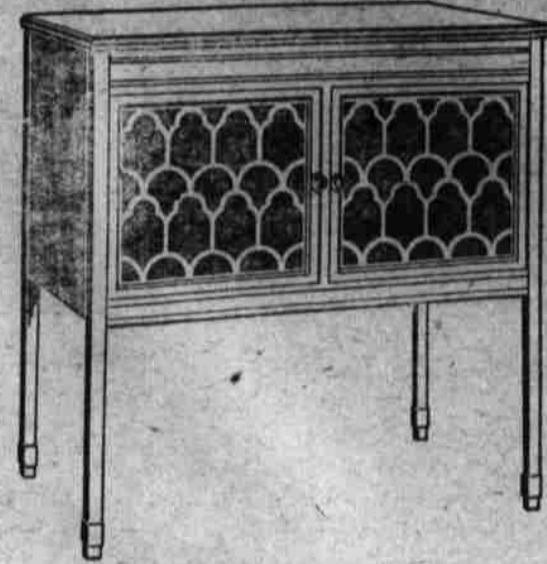
Army of Over 5,500,000

The Junior Red Cross in the schools—with over 5,500,000 in its "I Serve" ranks—was aided with \$233,510.78 to which it is estimated the Chapters added some \$277,000—a total of \$510,510.78. In various other domestic activities the Red Cross spent \$258,473.19, and the Chapters in their numerous voluntary services expended an additional \$1,048,000 during the year.

Foreign obligations, aside from Japan, were met with national funds as follows: Relief of refugees in Greece, \$200,887.18; Junior Red Cross projects, \$99,579.75; League of Red Cross Societies, \$165,000; other insular and foreign work, \$221,855.31. The American Red Cross budget for 1924-25 is \$4,647,790.85, or \$388,386.96 less than the budget for the year ended last June 30.

In good deeds for all peoples in time of distress the American Red Cross never rests. Help this work with your membership dollar—Join on Armistice Day.

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HONOR ROLL FOR BULL CREEK SCHOOL FOR THIRD MONTH

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 - Howard Green, Oberis Hunter, James Sprinkle, Eva Mashburn, Thomas Tillery, Geneva Mashburn, Pauline Corn and Mabel Green.
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- Fourth Grade
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- Fifth Grade
 - Ola Hunter, Glenn Hunter, Eugene Edwards and Zura Edwards.
- Sixth Grade
 - Bessie Kent
- Seventh Grade
 - Laura Silver, Tharsie Green and Zennie Stines.

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