

96th Red Cross Team "All-American"

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Typical of the thousands of Red Cross workers who daily endeavor to solve the personal problems and exigencies of countless numbers of soldiers, both in this country and abroad, are the four men who comprise the Red Cross field team of the 96th Infantry Division. They are John G. Terry, Nat S. Russell, Fred Alwaise and Leon S. Davis.

Since the declaration of war they had stewed uneasily in their swivel-chair jobs until they reached the point where they knew that their place was in uniform. To accept their present positions with the Red Cross, all four deserted high salaried civilian jobs.

A great asset in the work they are doing, and probably their best qualification for dealing with the enlisted men, is the clear viewpoint and understanding of soldier problems acquired in World War I when all four of them went to France with the AEF. One of them wears the Purple Heart.

Working hand in hand with the special service officers and the chaplains, the Red Cross has representatives with every combat unit overseas, and when the 96th goes across, Messrs. Terry, Russell, Alwaise and Davis, as Red Cross Field Directors, will go right along. They are equally familiar with military procedure and know the proper channels, as well as the short cuts by which they can get help to the man who needs it and in the least possible time.

Varied Duties

While in the continental United States, the major part of their work consists in verifying emergencies for the military and assisting men to procure funds for emergency furloughs necessitated by the serious illness or the death of relatives. Scores of cases are on file in the Field Office at Camp Adair showing how Red Cross assistance is given in solving personal, financial, health and welfare for the soldiers and for their families at home.

In battle areas and in zones of active operations, their work is of a different nature and must therefore undergo a definite change.

Pictures that came back from the last war showing soldiers drinking coffee in canteens a few miles behind the lines were examples of Red Cross activities. Things are much the same today. Additionally, the Field Directors serve as a continuation of communication between soldiers and their families. They see to it that Johnny keeps his Mom informed that he is well and safe.

By the very nature of his work, the Red Cross man must become a part of the unit to which he is assigned, even living and eating with the staff officers. He is the only man in the army who is welcomed with open arms in the hallowed sanctum of officers' clubs as well as the cliché of enlisted men, without any embarrassment to the officers, the soldiers, or to himself. It is this close connection with both groups that make him invaluable to the service as a whole.

Nat Russell

Eldest man of the quartet is Nat Russell who was born in the District of Columbia. During the first World War he joined the 13th Field Artillery of the 4th Division at Fort Bliss, Texas, and saw active service in the last phase of Chateau Thierry, and at St. Mihiel and the Argonne. He was with the Army of Occupation in Germany until May, 1919, when he returned to the United States and went into railroad work. In 1931 he took a position with the Los Angeles County Welfare Department, and for five years prior to his entry into Red Cross work last September, he was engaged in social work in the city of Pasadena.

Fred Alwaise

Fred Alwaise, who was decorated with the Military Order of the

Salem Doesn't Want, But to Nick a Nickle

Due to the growingly stringent rationing of food, the Salem USO—which has been doing a grand job of feeding us hungry EM and all for free—regretfully announced yesterday that effective henceforth, it will be necessary to charge 5 cents for serving of cake, coffee or sandwiches.

"We're sorry and would continue the past policy if it were possible," said Ray Kunz, associate director.

Purple Heart for being wounded in action, was a member of the New York National Guard which went overseas in 1917. He saw action in two battle on the Hindenberg Line and in the Ypres-Lys sector in Belgium; was twice wounded, and gassed once when the Germans used a combination attack of mustard, phosgene and chlorine. The cannister filter of his mask was over-age and failed to hold back the deadly fumes. Alwaise began to cough and his eyes ran water from the gas that came through the mask and he was forced to remove it from his face. He doesn't remember putting it back on, and woke up in a field hospital behind the lines. His next 18 months were spent recuperating from the severe effects that followed. Prior to his incapacitation, his work in the army was similar to that performed by the special service section. After the war, he entered advertising and worked with the publicity departments of 20th Century-Fox in San Diego until he came to Camp Adair in October. He has a 20-year-old son in the Navy.

Leon Davis

Leon S. Davis is the second member of his family to join the colors in this present war. His son is a 2nd Lieutenant and flies a Marine Corps fighter plane. The boy will have to come a long way to equal his dad's record in the last war. The elder Davis wears three chevrons on his left sleeve symbolic of 18 months overseas duty in a theater of operations. He served with the 147th Field Artillery of the 32nd Division, participating in the battle of the Marne, the Aisne-Marne and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was in a reserve sector at St. Mihiel and in a defensive position from St. Mihiel to Alsace. Mr. Davis is a native of South Dakota, but has lived at Hillsboro, Oregon, for many years.

John Terry

John G. Terry is the former assistant superintendent of schools for Tulare County, and lives at Visalia, California. He was on detached service most of the time during the World War serving in England, France, Belgium, and went to Coblenz, Germany, with the Army of Occupation. Terry

Meet the Four Musketeers of Red Cross



Few who know (l to r) Leon Davis, Fred Alwaise, Nat Russell and John Terry, those indefatigable Red Cross workers attached to the 96th Division, know that each and every one did his stint in World War I and that each—trying to find the spot in which they might do the most to help US and our allies to win this one—decided on Red Cross work. In the last war Alwaise was awarded the Order of The Purple Heart. —Signal Corps Photo

Brother, Prisoner In Japanese Camp

Red Cross Informs Soldier at Adair

"I never thought that a guy could be happy upon hearing that his brother is a prisoner in a Tokyo concentration camp, but I am," said Pfc. Nels Ernsness of the 332nd Quartermaster Depot Co.

His brother had been reported missing in action. Through the Red Cross, Pfc. Ernsness was informed that his brother, Cpl. Calmer Ernsness, is still alive.

Cpl. Calmer Ernsness enlisted in the regular army about two years ago before the war and was stationed in the Philippines when the war came. He participated in the battle of Manila and Bataan and was among the soldiers who battled to the last at the isolated and besieged rock of Corregidor—the last stronghold to fall when the Japs attacked the islands.

Tens of Thousands Closer to Service

Tens of thousands have been brought closer to military service under a seven-point, semi-compulsory manpower action designed primarily to relieve a shortage of 50,000 dairy workers but capable of being extended to all agriculture and essential industry.

The program, announced by President Roosevelt late Tuesday, hinted broadly at the possible drafting of farm-experienced men now deferred because of age or minor physical disabilities if they

went overseas with the 91st Division. Upon his return to the United States, he continued his education securing an A. B. degree from Nebraska and his M. A. from the University of Southern California, and subsequently served as Commandant of Cadets in several military academies before entering public school work. Terry has travelled extensively in Europe since World War I. He is a Past District Governor of Lions International for the state of California. And as are the other three men, he is a graduate of the Red Cross Indoctrination School at Washington, D.C., and has been at Camp Adair since last November.

12 'Wolf' Non-Coms Now Warrant Officers

That Last Sentence Just Clears Us

Are you bankrupt or not? The question revolves around the income tax situation and military personnel were really puzzled this week. Congress popped up with new legislation again. The proposed plan is to free all soldiers with incomes of less than \$3500 from paying an income tax on money earned in 1942. That would include all servicemen up to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

refuse dairying jobs.

It also changed the system of releasing soldiers 38 years or older so that in the future they can be channeled into and kept at jobs in essential industry and agriculture, subject to recall by the army upon request of the war manpower commission.

If You Have the Girl; If You Have a Furlough; Then Go Ahead; Read

Click magazine reports in its April issue that servicemen who marry can get a free honeymoon at Old Forge, New York.

The free honeymoon offer was prompted by a spirit of patriotism, travel-rationing, and a desire for publicity by the town of Old Forge.

This little upstate New York resort has one main industry; that is winter sports. Since it has become harder to travel, Old Forge found itself with lots of snow and beautiful winter weather but few vacationists on its hands. Since they only have one thing to offer for the war effort, the residents of Old Forge passed out an invitation to marrying servicemen to come up and enjoy a grand honeymoon on the cuff.

There are however three "musts" in this enticing proposition. The newly weds must arrive at Old Forge within 24 hours after their wedding ceremony, they must pay their own fares to and from the town and, alas, they must have a furlough.

Cotton fabrics for women's work clothing have been cut from 14 types to five.

Major General Cook, commanding general of the Timber Wolf division has announced the appointment of 12 new junior warrant officers among whom are two Oregon residents.

Master Sergeant Carl H. Timmerman, Jr., of Corvallis and Technical Sergeant Ollie L. Chastain of Albany are the native Oregonians who donned the warrant officer's bars. Both soldiers are members of the regular army and have had many years of service.

Those sergeants, not including the two Oregon residents, who were promoted to officer rank were: M/S William C. McIntyre, Jr., S/S Willard N. Hyde, S/S Edward C. Randall, S/S Richard E. Brooks, T/S Charles R. Crank, T/S John E. Jennings, M/S William Geisendorfer, S/S Joseph J. Itule, T/S Samuel L. Harrison, M/S Shirley H. Whitmore.

The rank of junior warrant officer in the Army is the rating between that of a master sergeant and second lieutenant and carries the same privileges as a commissioned officer.

Flying Fortresses Ideal For Making G.I. Ice Cream

Yank airmen blasting at occupied Europe from bases in England report that Flying Fortresses are as good at making ice cream as unmaking German Fighters. Here's a G.I. recipe to make enough Fortress sundaes for a whole squadron. You tie down a can of ice-cream mixture in the rear gunner's compartment.

Then you take off on a bombing mission over Europe being careful to drop bombs not the ice cream and also to shoot off German planes. By the time you get back the ice cream has been well shaken up and perfectly frozen by the high altitude.

Take out and serve . . . first removing any stray bullets.

The happy mother, flitting here and there,
Chirping and calling you another way,
Four hungry mouths are filling her with care,
And Papa Titmouse hurries all the day.

—Ida B. Wait