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Red Cross Faces Greatest Task in Fourth War Year

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Facing the greatest task in its history in serving American fighting men on advancing war fronts overseas, their families at home, their buddies returning to the United States after discharge, and the American people in emergencies on the home front, the American Red Cross will launch its third War Fund campaign March 1.

That the American people will respond with overwhelming generosity to the appeal for \$200,000,000 to carry on this world-wide program is already indicated in the nation-wide determination to meet all its war needs and to bring the five-year struggle to an early and successful conclusion.

In every invasion during the past year, Chairman Basil O'Connor of the American Red Cross said, Red Cross workers have either gone with the troops, or have followed within a very short time. Red Cross field directors were with General Eisenhower's men in the great amphibious invasion of France, and with General MacArthur's forces when they returned to the Philippines.

Ten thousand men and women wear the Red Cross uniform overseas, serving in every theatre of war and with every command. They work in leave clubs, clubmobiles, rest houses, hospitals. Red Cross men attached to fighting units are with those outfits even in actual combat. Red Cross girls dispense snacks at air fields, along trucking supply routes, behind front areas and in liberated cities.

Many, both men and women, are on duty at scores of isolated outposts throughout the world, and give aid to wounded men in hospitals and on hospital ships, planes and trains. Away from the battle areas, thousands more serve at military and naval installations within the United States.

Red Cross service on the home front has expanded with the ever-increasing demand upon it, Mr. O'Connor said. In addition to collecting more than ten million pints of blood for plasma since the beginning of the war, the Red Cross has met requests of the Army and Navy for whole blood shipments to European and Pacific battle areas. Ten centers on the East and West coasts already participate in the collection of Type O whole blood, while others stand ready to join in that program as military needs warrant.

At four packaging centers, manned by volunteer workers, more than 20,000,000 food parcels have been turned out in a steady stream for shipment to prisoners of war and civilian internees in Germany and the Far East. Surgical dressings—775,000,000 of them—were prepared in the past year alone for front line and hospital use. Production workers in hundreds of communities have continued the never ceasing program of making warm garments for destitute civilians in war-torn countries overseas, and in those countries the Red Cross has assisted the Army in caring for refugees and homeless people.

Nor has its service to the armed forces on a global scale caused any relaxation on the part of the Red Cross to carry out its traditional service to the American people in time of disaster. More than 200 domestic disasters—floods, high winds and fires—have found Red Cross workers on the job to relieve stricken families and to aid in the rebuilding of communities.

"The need for Red Cross services in the coming year will be greater than ever before," Mr. O'Connor said. "In fulfilling the Red Cross appeal for \$200,000,000, the American people will indicate its wholehearted backing of men in the front lines."

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

Pfc. William J. Correa of Echo, who was reported by the war department missing in action in Belgium January 7, has been located, according to a telegram to Mrs. Correa from the adjutant general dated February 26. The message says: "Reports now received states your son, Pfc. William J. Correa, was returned to military control, date unreported. Report further states hospitalized in European area. Mail address follows direct from hospital with details." A letter from William dated January 28 gives his location as somewhere in France and indicates that he is still in a hospital although he is feeling fine and gaining weight.

Staff Sgt. Edward Liesegang left Sunday for his camp in South Carolina after spending a ten day furlough at home. He and Mrs. Liesegang returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Portland. Mrs. Liesegang will reside in Pendleton while her husband is away.

Mrs. William Helmick, local chairman of the Red Cross war fund drive, states the drive will start here March 1. Mr. Savage, county chairman, has asked that the drive be completed by March 15. Mrs. Helmick has appointed Sloan Thomson to take charge of the drive in the Butter Creek district, and Mrs. Fred Andrews Jr. and Mrs. Frank Correa Jr. in the Meadows district. There will be a booth in the postoffice where contributions will be taken by volunteers from various organizations. Echo's quota has been set at \$600.00.

Mrs. Dan Bowman is enjoying a few weeks vacation during which she will visit her daughter Gertrude at Kelso, her son Kenneth at Pacific Beach, and her daughter Esther at Seattle.

Chas. D. Reese, former Echo mill manager, has sold his farm near Silverton and the Reese family is now residing in Portland.

Echo Garden club held a regular meeting and dinner at the home of Mrs. Marian George Monday evening. The hostesses, Mrs. B. B. Middleton and Miss Marian George, prepared the meal instead of having the customary pot luck dinner. Twenty members attended. Mrs. McElroy, a member of the Echo teaching staff, read a clever poem on gardening written by her.

A cooked food sale will be held by the Garden club Saturday, March 10, starting at 10:00 a. m. Coffee and doughnuts or pie will be served at noon. Mrs. Low

Mrs. Center, Mrs. Coppinger, Mrs. Tolar and Mrs. Weltzin are the committee in charge. Proceeds will be given to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Beardsley of Milton, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ring, at the George apartments, returned to Milton last week end, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ring, who are planning to move to Milton soon.

An even hundred delegates to the district convention of the Odd Fellows held here Saturday were present at the banquet served in the evening by the local Rebekah lodge. Ione has been selected as the meeting place for the 1946 convention. Officers elected are Carl Troedson of Ione, president; D. W. Davis of Pendleton, secretary; and Harold Hill of Heppner, treasurer.

Mrs. Ted Laughlin of Portland returned home Sunday after spending a few days here visiting relatives. Mr. Laughlin is now in Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foley returned Tuesday from Portland where they have been visiting relatives for the past six weeks.

Joseph A. Able, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Able Sr. of Echo, was commissioned a second lieutenant February 12 in the Philippines, where he is now stationed. Able, age 26, was born in Echo and attended school here. He sailed with the 41st division in April, 1942. During his 34 months service overseas he has participated in several of the major battles in the Pacific area. A younger brother, William L. (Boone) Able, is also in the Philippines with the 11th airborne paratroopers. A letter was received from him this week which was written just before his company parachuted into the Manila area.

A letter from Capt. Wm. B. Westfall to the Middletons, says he is now stationed at Long Beach, Calif., as an instructor in flying. Westfall was a teacher in Echo high school when he entered the service. For a while he served as a pilot ferrying planes to Africa across the South Atlantic. Later he was stationed in India and made many trips flying transport planes over the hump to China. When the letter was written Westfall was spending a week end furlough at his home in Ashland.

Mrs. Lee Correa and Mrs. Manuel Cunha were in Walla Walla Wednesday to call on Lieutenant Gossett at the air base in that city. Lt. Gossett was a roommate of Mrs. Correa's son, John Correa, in Washington before the war and John, in a recent letter from Belgium, asked his mother to call on the lieutenant while he is stationed at Walla Walla.

Navy Storekeeper Harold Liesegang left for overseas Tuesday, but no information has been received as to his destination. He has been at an Oakland, Calif., camp for several months awaiting assignment to overseas duty.

(Held from Last Week)

Mr. Benedict, 74-year-old resident of Echo who is ill and confined to his home, was pleasantly surprised Valentine's day by a large angel food cake presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ware of Stanfield. Others present for the occasion were Mary Lou O'Neil and Mrs. Goldie Casey of Walla Walla and Mrs. Benedict.

Odd Fellows of Umatilla and Morrow counties met in a district convention in Echo Saturday. The business session started at 1:30 in the afternoon in the Echo city hall with an address by Rev. Oliver J. Gill of Pendleton on "Odd Fellowship's Part in the Rehabilitation of our Boys and Girls in the Armed Forces." At 6:30 a banquet was served for the delegates at the Odd Fellows hall by Henrietta Rebekah Lodge No. 36. Music was furnished by the Echo high school. At the evening sessions there were speeches by the grand and past grand officers and an exhibition drill by Eureka Lodge No. 32.

Mrs. John J. Jordan has received a letter from her son, T. Sgt. James R. Jordan, saying that while on furlough in Paris he met Steve Spike, Echo postmaster, who is stationed there. Spike was the first Echo man he had seen since entering the service.

The Echo pastime and restaurant, Brick's Place, closed Monday and C. H. Esselstyn announces that it will remain closed until business conditions here improve.

Mrs. Joseph Cunha Jr. entertained 20 guests Thursday honoring the birthdays of Joseph Cunha Jr. and Reta Rose Correa. This is the 17th year that these joint birthdays have been observed. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kenny of Heppner, Roland Wilson and C. B. Greene were called for circuit court jury duty Tuesday morning, but because of illness Mr. Greene was unable to serve.

Florence Roberts, former Echo girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Roberts, has been notified to report at Hunter's college, New York, this week to start her training for the Waves. Miss Roberts has five brothers in various branches of the armed service.

Miss Susie Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Graves of Echo, and Seaman 1/c James Burres, from Tennessee, were married Monday evening, February 19, at

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the Methodist parsonage in Pasco. Miss Mildred Penney acted as bridesmaid and Miss Wilma Brown of Echo accompanied the wedding party. After a brief honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Burres will reside at Pasco.

Echo Masons and their families enjoyed a dinner and 500 party at the lodge hall Monday evening. Mrs. G. H. Frederick and Carl Weltzin had high scores. The committee for the affair consisted of Sloan Thomson, George Vincent and Welland Dorn.

T/5 Johnny Correa writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Correa, from somewhere in Belgium that notwithstanding the excitement on that front his company observed Christmas with a tree and a special feed, including some beer. He was able to attend midnight mass and enjoyed receiving many Christmas packages from home. He says for a while in December his company had a hectic time and didn't get much sleep, but conditions were much better on January 2 when the letter was written.

That the war department's report of Pfc. William J. Correa being missing in action is erroneous is indicated by a letter received Saturday by Miss Shirley Coleman. The letter was written by Correa on January 18 and stated that he was in a hospital in France being treated for frozen feet. As the war department telegram stated Correa was missing in action in Belgium since January 7, it is supposed he was hospitalized without his company officers being notified, thus accounting for being listed as missing. He said in the letter that he was getting along fine and was able to go to a show that day. He said the snow in that

neighborhood was almost gone. Dean U. G. Dubach, head of the political science department at Oregon State college, told a large audience at the community institute in Echo Saturday that the only way to make better communities is to make the people better. Material improvements alone will not make a better community unless accompanied by improvement in the mental and spiritual character of the inhabitants.

Rev. Oliver J. Gill of Pendleton, substituting for Rev. Earl P. Cochran, spoke on "Better Homes". He made a plea for more attention to home life, and deplored present day neglect of that institution. He said that mothers who abandon their role as home makers to engage in war jobs to increase their income may find that they have paid too high a price for a temporary financial benefit.

Educational advantages being offered to returning veterans was explained by Lyle Johnson of the College of Education, LaGrande, and he emphasized the importance of inducing more young people to take up teaching as a profession so as to offset the alarming scarcity of capable teachers resulting from war conditions.

An address on the "American Farm Bureau" by Lowell Steen of Milton was the feature of the forenoon session. At noon ladies of the Farm Bureau served an excellent basket dinner at Odd Fellows hall. Gaylord Madison, head of the local Farm Bureau, presided at the institute sessions. Music by the Echo school band and girls chorus was a part of the program. Continuing the institute program Dr. Silas E. Fairham addressed a large audience at Echo Methodist church Sunday forenoon on "A

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