



Rededicate Yourself NOW to Service In the American RED CROSS

Here's What YOU Can Do—

- Join An AA Corps ● Join An AA Class
- Make Surgical Dressings ● Take Out Knitting and Sewing

READ THIS WARTIME OPERATIONAL RECORD OF YOUR JACKSON COUNTY RED CROSS CHAPTER SINCE PEARL HARBOR-DECEMBER 7, 1941

HOME SERVICE

The American Red Cross has 3,750 county chapters and 5,625 branches, as well as representatives in Army posts and Navy stations. This vast network of communication makes the Red Cross particularly well equipped to fulfill, through the home service departments, the obligations of its Congressional charter—to extend aid and counsel to servicemen and their families.

Since Pearl Harbor, Jackson County Chapter has trained fourteen Home Service Aides, all volunteers who in cooperation with the two professional workers, have extended aid and counsel to hundreds of men and women in the armed forces and to service men's families. Red Cross home service includes handling inquiries, messages, information requests, furlough investigations, reports, foreign inquiries, assistance on claims and benefits, family counseling, vocational rehabilitation and arranging for medical care.

Two new services instituted in this chapter are the organization of the Prisoner of War Families and a committee on community aid to veterans.

CAMP AND HOSPITAL COUNCIL SERVICE

This is a civilian agency, organized at the request of the Army and Navy to take care of recreation needs of men on military reservations and in military and naval hospitals, army camps and navy ships that cannot be met through official sources. Curtains, cushion, furniture, phonographs, books, games, musical instruments, radios are some of the items supplied. Approximately two hundred day rooms and many sunrooms have been furnished at Camp White by organizations and individuals through the good offices of this Council.

HOSPITAL AND RECREATION

These famous "Gray Ladies" visit wards in the hospital at Camp White where they write letters, do errands and shopping for the patients. They also teach crafts to the bed and ambulatory patients and play games and entertain the men in the recreation hall. Upon request from the Assistant Field Director they plan parties and bring in girls to assist. At Christmas they assist with the Director's plans, helping with the trees and decorations and supplying pop-corn balls. Forty-two volunteers have been trained and certified as Gray Ladies.

MOTOR CORPS

These volunteers are on call 24 hours a day for transporting maternity cases to and from the Station Hospital. Every day of the week they take the Gray Ladies to the hospital besides which they help with the other chapter services. They have taken two long trips when railroad transportation was unavailable for polio cases and "Time was of the Essence." Fifty-four women received certificates for this Corps.

NURSE'S AIDE

Anyone who has been inside a hospital has seen these volunteer Nurse's Aides in their trim blue uniforms. With graduate nurses answering the call of the Army and Navy, these Nurse's Aides have rendered extremely valuable service in both the Community and Sacred Heart Hospitals, the Army Clinic, the Public Health Clinic in Medford, and in the Community Hospital in Ashland. Sixty-five volunteers have been trained for this service in Jackson County.

STAFF ASSISTANTS

These are the volunteers who do the most diversified work of any of the volunteer services. They are proficient in typing, shorthand, filing, bookkeeping, and receptionist duties. The Staff Assistance Corps keeps up-to-date a master file of all the active volunteer personnel cards, mimeographs hundreds of letters, bulletins and reports. They have worked at the O.P.A., at the Junior Red Cross rooms, and at the Auxiliary Recruiting Center at the Outpost; and helped during the collection of the War Fund at the Chamber of Commerce. In their work the 65 Corps members have been assisted by 94 volunteers in the main office and these other civic duties.

SEWING, KNITTING AND SURGICAL DRESSINGS

The bulk of the sewing and knitting is done by seventeen units throughout the county. The surgical dressings are made in the Court House and in seven communities. Knitted garments include helmets, mufflers, sweaters, gloves, stump socks, all for the service men; there are also kit bags which are presented to the men on board the transports about two

or three days out and these are considered great morale builders. Great numbers of hospital garments have been sewed and a staggering number of dressings have been completed by conscientious volunteers, both men and women; the rooms were opened twice a week during the summer for the benefit of business women and men. A large quota is to be finished by Dec. 31st, 1944, and it will take the splendid cooperation of the many volunteers to make this possible.

NUTRITION

Nation-wide interest in conservation of food, its preparation and preservation has been promoted in the Jackson County Chapter. Twenty-six women have received certificates since Pearl Harbor and a group of eight girls in the Prospect District have been trained as Canteen Aides, but have not been certified.

HOME NURSING

To help maintain health on the civilian front, the home nursing department provides training in nursing skills through its standard 12-lesson course and the new, stream-lined "Six Lessons in Care of the Sick." Long before Pearl Harbor there had been classes in Home Nursing and 42 certificates were awarded in 1941. Since that time 30 classes with 447 certified pupils have been instructed by 28 qualified teachers.

NURSE RECRUITMENT

At the request of the War and Navy departments, the American Red Cross is the official recruiting agency for the Army and Navy nurses. Last year 167 nurses from Oregon were assigned to the Army and 36 to the Navy. In Jackson County there were 11 Recruits for Army and Navy and 5 First Reserves and 25 Second Reserves.

FIRST AID, WATER SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

In 1942, 2776 standard and advanced first aid certificates were issued to students and adults. The water safety program has been curtailed for some time due to the lack of an adequate pool for instruction. It is hoped that this necessary activity of Red Cross will be again instituted in 1945. An Accident Prevention Committee has started to function within the past month.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

There are 45 Grade and 12 High Schools in Jackson County and these have 100% enrollment in Junior Red Cross. When school is in session they make hundreds of articles for service men in hospitals, camps and ships. During the past two summers the Junior Red Cross has maintained three workshops in addition to their own headquarters where they have produced and shipped 18,816 articles, including toys, writing-boards, scrapbooks, games, writing portfolios, greeting cards, etc., in addition to their Prisoner of War Kits which have received national recognition.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGNS

The people of Jackson County have generously gone "Over the Top" in wartime drives for essential funds. Your money is needed, of course, but you can do MORE by serving YOURSELF in various vital activities of YOUR Red Cross right here at home!

BRANCHES

The Jackson County Chapter has two branches, one in Ashland and the other the Camp White Auxiliary established in August, 1943. The activities of these branches are counted in with those of the Chapter as far as volunteer hours and production numbers are concerned, but the story of their accomplishments should be listed separately. The Executive Secretary at Ashland has been active as a volunteer for more than twenty years and is known as "Mrs. Red Cross." That in itself is a story. Ashland has its own Motor Corps. The Camp White Auxiliary is represented in all Volunteer Special Services and since its inception 202 women have been in classes with 23 having been certified for work in the Corps. 1168 women from the S.C.U., 91st and 96th Divisions in addition to the many other units who have trained at Camp White have been members of the Auxiliary and have given 9606 hours as volunteers in the various Red Cross services, including Nurse's Aides, Gray Ladies, Staff Assistants, Motor Corps and Home Service. The Production Corps have made 2893 garments, kit bags, and afghans during their weekly sessions at the Outpost.

Bring Christmas--

... to some American fighting man on the high seas! Bring a gift to the Red Cross Open House on Pearl Harbor Day ... arrangements have been made to have it presented to a man on the high seas Christmas day. The Camp and Hospital Committee will see that it is wrapped and shipped!



You Are Cordially Invited
To Attend An
OPEN HOUSE
Showing the Achievements of
YOUR Jackson County Red Cross
Chapter Since Pearl Harbor
**COURTHOUSE
AUDITORIUM**
Thursday, Dec. 7
PEARL HARBOR DAY

Come and see what YOUR Red Cross Chapter has accomplished since Pearl Harbor ... View with pride this exhibit prepared for YOU ... then rededicate yourself to greater service to those who are fighting and dying so that Victory may be won—YOU can serve best through the Red Cross activities which so sorely need YOUR help!

This appeal for public cooperation with the essential Red Cross program in Jackson County published by ...

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Active workers in ALL branches of Red Cross service have fallen off in recent months (with the exception of the Junior Red Cross). This is no time—with Victory in sight—to neglect this vitally necessary service. Rededicate YOURSELF right NOW to your country—through the American Red Cross! Enlist NOW for patriotic service at the Jackson County Chapter, American Red Cross, Courthouse Building, Medford—or at your neighborhood unit!

Be Tolerant, Understanding, Friendly to Ex-Service Men Back Home—Give Them a Break!