

ERNIE PYLE SAYS: "This is your Red Cross"

"Something Fine to Behold"

By Ernie Pyle



EVERYWHERE I went there was the American Red Cross giving its services to our fighting men. It is something fine to behold, this touch of home which the men and women Red Cross workers are able to bring to our troops abroad.

When the Red Cross opens up in a new war theater, its growth has to be as fast as the growth of the Army. The way clubs spring up overnight in newly occupied centers, the way restaurants and dances and movies and clubmobiles and doughnut factories mushroom into life all over a new country, is something that still astonishes me.

Right in the field with their regiments are the Red Cross field directors, who act as a link between the soldiers and their homes.

In most of the hospitals, doing the recreational and welfare work for which the nurses can spare so little time, are the Red Cross hospital girls. With every medical unit are countless quantities of the indispensable blood plasma made from the voluntary blood donations of the American people.

Our soldiers and sailors abroad literally worship the Red Cross, and I personally can find nothing but praise to say about its program as I saw it in operation.

The Photo by Milton J. Pike

Your contribution to the Red Cross makes these scenes possible



FIELD SERVICE AT THE FRONT! Wherever your soldier or sailor goes, the Red Cross goes, too. Field Directors distribute toilet articles, writing paper, cigarettes to men in the front lines. They maintain contact between these men and their families. In one month in 1944, Field Directors relayed more than 31,000 emergency messages.

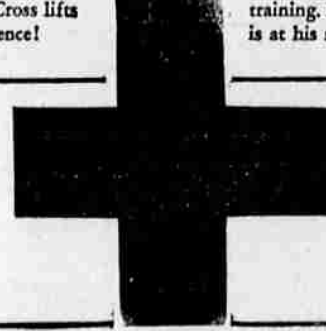


MOVIES IN A HOSPITAL WARD! Mickey Mouse and the latest Hollywood releases do wonders for a fellow with a leg full of shrapnel! And so do books, games, song-fests—stock-in-trade of Red Cross Recreational Workers at home and overseas. Your Red Cross lifts spirits, makes re-adjustments easier, speeds up convalescence!



WELCOME BACK INTO CIVILIAN LIFE. The Red Cross provides special information and help for disabled veterans. The Red Cross answers questions about pensions, claims, vocational rehabilitation training. It is authorized to present veterans' claims. The Red Cross is at his side—*always!*

GIVE NOW—GIVE MORE

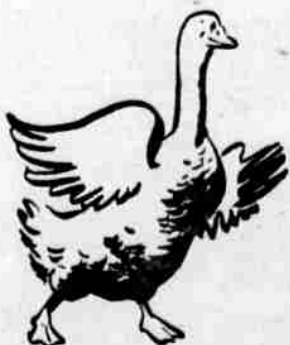


KEEP YOUR RED CROSS AT HIS SIDE

Once again, the Red Cross appeals to you good citizens of Jackson County to respond GENEROUSLY to a call for war funds.

Remember—wherever HE is, the RED CROSS is at his side and the RED CROSS is YOU. So give, won't you, every dollar you possibly can to the Red Cross War Fund—Don't forget, your Red Cross dollar is buying precious lives for those fighting men who are already giving to their country all that anyone can give.

We are glad to publish this appeal for support of the current Red Cross drive as a contribution to the success of that important wartime effort.



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