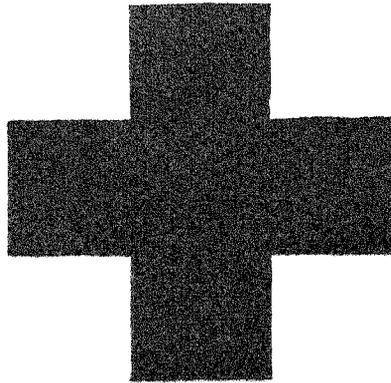


32nd
Annual Meeting
HOBOKEN CHAPTER



AMERICAN
RED CROSS

With Reports of Activities

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Thirty-Second Annual
Meeting and Dinner

HOBOKEN CHAPTER
AMERICAN RED CROSS

Union Club
600 Hudson St.

Monday Evening May 1, 1950

COMMITTEE

Chairman

Renee M. Byrnes

Mr. Roger Sciorsci
Miss Catherine Quilter
Mrs. Louis F. Blendermann
Mrs. Frank Crisp
Mrs. Ward Riani
Mrs. Edward J. Kelly

PROGRAM

Presiding Officer	Mrs. Edward J. Kelly
National Anthem Accompanied by	Miss Mary Hildeman Miss Sadie Hurday
Invocation	Msgr. William Masterson
Dinner	
Introduction of Guests	
Remarks	Mrs. Edward J. Kelly
Minutes of Annual Meeting 1949	
Report of Nominating Committee	Mr. Vincent Kerr, Chairman Mrs. Louis Blenderman Mr. Theodore Furman
Songs - 1. Francis Mannion 2. Marie Picazio 3. Peter Catania 4. Eileen Heehan Accompanied by	Miss Isabelle Sciorsci
Address	Mr. William J. Duffy
Benediction	Rabbi Abraham Cassel

To the Members of Red Cross--

We, in the Hoboken Chapter, have worked hard during the past year and have earned the right to be proud of our efforts. Aware of the needs of our community, we have continued to develop and adjust our program in order that we may more fully benefit those whom we serve.

In its definition "serve" means to be of use, to answer a purpose, to do that which is required. In all areas of our Chapter activity, we have carried on our role of service in its strictest definition. Our record of accomplishments during this period will stand as a challenge and an inspiration for the future.

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Directors for the time and effort they generously gave during the year in providing sound counsel on the administration and chapter maintenance problems that confronted us. I thank, too, the members of the Fund Planning Committee, the Fund Chairman and the workers for their generous and untiring efforts to raise funds to make the continued maintenance of our program possible. To those volunteers who served during this period, my heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. Edward J. Kelly
Chairman

SECRETARY'S REPORT

From January 1, 1949 to April 1, 1950, the Hoboken Chapter, American Red Cross held ten Board of Directors' Meetings, thirteen Executive Committee Meetings and an Annual Meeting. The records of all these meetings are duly recorded in the archives of the Chapter.

Mrs. Ward Riani
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 1949 ANNUAL MEETING

February 7, 1949

The Thirty-First Annual Meeting of the Hoboken Chapter, American Red Cross, was held on Monday, February 7, 1949 at Meyers Hotel, Hoboken, New Jersey at 6:30 P.M. One Hundred and Twenty-three persons attended.

Mrs. Frank B. Crisp was Chairman of the Dinner Committee.

The program opened with Mr. Millard F. Jackson, Chapter Chairman, presiding. The National Anthem was sung by Miss May Hildemann accompanied by Miss Sadie Ruddy at the piano, and the Monsignor William B. Masterson of Our Lady of Grace Church giving the Invocation.

During the business meeting, Mr. Vincent E. Kerr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the names of members to serve for a three year term on the Board of Directors expiring in 1952:

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MINUTES OF THE 1949 ANNUAL MEETING---continued

Fred Appelbohm
Frank J. Bartletta
Mrs. Alphonse Berardi
Mrs. Louis F. Blendermann
Miss Virginia Dooley
Arthur L. Dickson

William J. Duffy
Mrs. Jacob Kaufman
Mrs. Edward J. Kelly
George Millar
Mrs. J. Wilbur Spiro
Mrs. John G. Stasse

It was regularly moved and seconded that nominations be closed and one ballot cast by the Secretary to elect these nominees.

The Chapter Chairman introduced the guests: Mr. John Stuart, Assistant Manager, North Atlantic Area, American Red Cross, Mr. J. Harry O'Brien, Chairman of the 1949 Red Cross Fund, Deputy Mayor Harold Grouls, representing Mayor Fred DeSapio, Mrs. Marion B. Hoppes, Field Director, American Red Cross, Halloran Veterans Hospital.

Following the business meeting, Miss Dorothy Hoth, local vocalist, entertained with several songs accompanied at the piano by Mr. Andrew H. Scherer.

There were interesting addresses by Deputy Mayor Harold Grouls, Mr. George Millar, Chairman of the 1948 Fund Drive, Mr. J. Harry O'Brien, Chairman of the 1947 Fund Drive. The guest speaker, Mr. John Stuart, gave a brief summary of chapter activities and told the members they should familiarize themselves with the needs of the community so that the Red Cross can do its part in meeting those needs. In closing, Mr. Stuart told of the constant need for volunteers in order that Red Cross can continue to be active.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Jackson, Chapter Chairman, in tribute to Arthur C. Stout, deceased member of the officers' staff. Mr. Stout served as treasurer of the Chapter for many years.

Benediction was given by Rabbi Cassel of the United Synagogue.

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MINUTES OF THE 1949 ANNUAL MEETING--continued

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

(The minutes, in full, are recorded in the Secretary's book at the Chapter House.)

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Ward Riani
Secretary

HOME SERVICE

Of all the Red Cross services within a chapter the most difficult to describe exactly is Home Service. Home Service, through communication with the Red Cross field director, links the serviceman in camp or hospital, within the United States or overseas, with his family at home. It provides the social data requested by the military to aid them in making a hospital diagnosis or a decision on the request for emergency leave, or the like. It offer servicemen, veterans and their families, and the dependents of deceased servicemen practical help with personal and family problems - giving information, counsel and guidance, assisting with the family's filing for benefits and providing financial assistance. Such a description, however, makes no mention of the human dramas that are played out day after day in the Home Service office. It infers, but does not definitely state, the fact that the job in Home Service is a twenty-four hour assignment, since the Home Service worker must make herself available for immediate help at any hour of the day or night at which she may be called. It is through her experiences in Home Service that the worker, whether professional or volunteer, learns most thoroughly the true meaning of Red Cross - the meaning of charity, of understanding the other fellow's problem, of tolerance and of service.

The job during the past year has been varied and interesting, demanding of our best ability. In the beginning of this period the major portion of our work centered around veterans, their personal and family problems, and their claims for government benefits. It was a challenge to us to find how little the average veteran understood the possibilities open to him in the development of his claim before the Veterans Administration and how loathe some of them were to make the effort to protect their own interests. It was gratifying, that,

stimulated to activity, the majority of these veterans were awarded benefits they would not have received except for our interest.

The end of this period has seen a decided increase in our service to men in the Armed Forces and to their families here in the community. Illness and death have taken their toll among the families of Hoboken so that verifications of need for emergency furloughs have been required in 237 instances - approximately twice as many as were handled in the preceding year. Hoboken boys are still stationed in the far corners of the world and the unsettled conditions of many of these countries have created tensions and anxieties on the home front. As a result of this we have also seen an increase in the number of requests for health welfare reports. In every one of these instances we were more than happy to return to the families with the news that the boy was well but just too busy to write home regularly. How gratifying it is to be able to wipe fear out of the eyes of a mother and see it replaced with a smile of peace and contentment in the knowledge that though her son may be thousands of miles from her in space he is really no farther away from her than the Home Service office. The trend in unemployment locally over the past year and the passage of the Military Career Act of 1949 both have created hardship among the families of servicemen so that we have also, in recent months, seen a rapid increase in the number of requests for assistance in preparing the information required to secure dependency discharges.

The peculiar location of our community - the fact of its being a seaport town as well as adjacent to a large metropolis - has also brought particular problems to us. We welcomed brides of servicemen from overseas and saw them safely enroute to their final destinations in America. We have helped other servicemen search frantically for wives whom

mischance has caused to be misdirected and temporarily lost. Still vivid in our memory is the afternoon we entertained an escapee from a mental hospital of a midwestern state while an official from Bellevue proudly assured us said escapee was being held in custody there awaiting transfer to the other state.

The fact that we are the only agency in the community equipped to offer case work services has resulted in our extending these services to a limited number of civilians. Several of these cases were referred to us by the Department of Public Welfare, the worker recognizing the existence of emotional problems, for which the individual would require other than financial help. Others, aware of their own need, were self-referred.

The international character of the Red Cross has also been present in the work of the Home Service Department. We still have requests from people in foreign lands to locate relatives in this country. We have also had requests from people in this community to try to locate relatives and friends abroad.

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the cooperation we have received from the staff members and Director of the Department of Public Welfare. The discussions of mutual problems and particular cases has led to a better understanding of our respective responsibilities and have been to the advantage of those whom we both serve. It gives me great pleasure, too, to welcome Mrs. John Nankivell and Mrs. Robert Astheimer as social welfare aides. Their training, their industry and their willingness to adapt themselves to any situation have made them an asset to the Chapter.

Charles DeFazio, Jr.
Chairman.

Activities of the Hoboken Junior Red Cross
September 1948 -- June 1949

All schools in the City of Hoboken, private, parochial, and public were enrolled in the membership campaign of the Junior Red Cross during the year September 1948 to June 1949.

578 articles were produced in the field of arts and crafts
215 " " knitted and sewn
158 gift boxes were prepared
354 articles were collected
104 " " purchased

225 Holiday favors including napkins, nut cups, and candy were sent to the hospitalized veterans at Lyons, New Jersey and Halloran, Staten Island. 25 handkerchiefs, 10 pairs of bedroom slippers, and 9 card table covers were sent to Veteran Administration Hospitals.

50 menu covers, 70 wash cloths, 50 glass ash trays, 18 cribbage boards, 10 card table covers, 6 afghans, 4 unbreakable ash trays were sent to military installations including Camp Kilmer, Brooklyn Navy Yard, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and Fort Dix, New Jersey.

89 gift boxes and 50 soft toys were sent overseas to help the war-torn people of Europe. In addition to this, \$65.00 was contributed to the National Children's Fund. A correspondence album was exchanged between the pupils of the Daniel S. Kealey School in Hoboken and the pupils in schools in Hoboken, Belgium.

In cooperation with the State of New Jersey Department of Labor, 69 gift boxes, 15 books, games and blank books were sent to migrant children in migrant labor camps in South Jersey.

187 reconditioned toys, 121 books and magazines, 13 games, 25 soft toys, 25 pounds of candy, 500 used Christmas cards, 1 set of trains, a kiddie car, 2 pairs of skates and 2 large trucks were distributed

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Hoboken Junior Red Cross--continued

to local institutions including the Hammond Memorial Home, Salvation Army, Our Lady of Grace Orphanage, the Memorial Day Nursery, and St. Mary's Hospital.

The Juniors gave 100 hours of service during the Fund Drive, distributing posters, typing letters, filing and counting buttons. They prepared an exhibit of their work and displayed it at the annual Chapter meeting.

In cooperation with the nutrition corps, a survey of the breakfast habits of children in the home economics classes was made. Posters and literature on the requirements of a good breakfast and necessary food essentials were distributed.

Material regarding forest fire prevention was distributed in all of the schools through the cooperation of the Forest Fire Service

In cooperation with the First Aid and Safety Chairman a program of accident prevention and safety was carried on in the local schools. Over 150 sets of safety lesson plans were distributed throughout the schools.

V. Virginia Dooley
Chairman--June 1949

Hoboken Junior Red Cross

Although the Junior Red Cross is primarily a service organization, every school in the City of Hoboken was enrolled in the membership campaign conducted in the month of November.

Many services were rendered to veterans hospitals and to institutions in our own community.

450 Holiday favors including napkins, place mats and candy were sent to both Lyons Hospital in New Jersey and to Halloran Hospital in New York.

50 wash cloths, 50 handkerchiefs, 50 ash trays and 4 afghans were sent to the Veterans.

140 gift boxes, 75 soft toys were sent overseas. \$50.00 was contributed to National Childrens Fund.

209 reconditioned toys, 100 magazines, 24 scrap books, 35 lbs. of candy were distributed to Hammond Home, Our Lady of Grace Orphanage, Memorial Day Nursery, Salvation Army, St. Mary's Hospital.

The following Juniors gave 119½ hours of service during the Junior Membership Drive:--Helen Mercurio, Dolores Ciuro; Frances Pullano, Mary Ann Villanella, Priscilla Servano, Ethel Prutz, Rochelle Kaplan, Rita Schonhant, Pauline Turek, Catherine Turcio, Helen Burkhardt and Edward Sciorsci.

The work of the Junior Red Cross could not be accomplished were it not for the wholehearted co-operation of all school personnel, and, in particular, the interest of the following School Sponsors:

Administration Bldg.	Miss Olga Gosch
David E. Rue	Mrs. H. Boyce
Joseph F. Brandt	Miss M. Livingston
Daniel S. Kealey	Miss G. Pope
Sadie F. Leinkauf	Mrs. R. Spadavecchia
P. S. #9	Miss M. Falconer
Wallace	Mrs. F. Gallagher
Stevens Academy	Miss M. Fowler
Industrial	Miss B. Dorsey

Hoboken Junior Red Cross--continued

Thomas F. McFeely
Honorary Chairman

Renee M. Byrnes
Chairman

Miss E. Maude Burnette
Treasurer

Executive Board

Mr. Joseph J. Toohy
Mr. Harry S. Keefe
Miss Margaret E. Malone
Mr. Clarence B. Coane

Mr. Philip J. Marnell
Mr. Solomon Gottlieb
Mr. Lucyan J. Taistra
Mr. Douglas G. Cole

THE CHAPTER HOUSE

The Chapter House, for the most part, is in good condition. Certain repairs are indicated, but these have been delayed in order that all existing funds be used for more urgent Chapter purposes. Only the hot water boiler and hot water pipes were repaired during this period at a total cost of \$100.94.

Mrs. Frank Crisp--Chairman

J. Harry O'Brien
James J. Cullen : =Committee

NUTRITION

The Nutrition Committee has endeavored to bring to the attention of the Community the value and necessity of careful planning, buying, preparation and serving of Food.

In so doing, special interest was created with Girl Scouts as the program enabled the Scout to obtain her Nutrition Merit Badge.

The Sacred Heart Academy includes a Nutrition Program in the school Health Program as do the Public Schools in the City.

A Better Breakfast Program was conducted and a Survey for Better Breakfasts made.

Literature and Posters from leading food manufacturers were obtained and distributed, also pamphlets from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A Price Survey of Foods was taken in Hoboken in conjunction with Jersey City Red Cross for the purpose of developing a Budget and Menu Guide to be used by the Hudson County Council of Social Agencies.

The American Home Department of the Woman's Club of Hoboken had an interesting Lecture and Film demonstration by Miss Grace Hemmer of Public Service. Attractive menus and recipes were given out

Nutrition is a never ending Project as the success of a Community depends largely on the Good Health of its citizens-- A Key to which is the Practice of Eating a Well Balanced Diet.

The Nutrition Committee is appreciative for the fine spirit of co-operation extended to us in our Project and sincerely thanks each participant for his consideration and efforts.

Mrs. Louis F. Blendermann
Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1948 to April 1, 1950

Cash on hand October 1, 1948 \$11,244.69

RECEIPTS

Fund Campaign 1949	\$16,136.97	
Fund Campaign 1950	8,804.37	
Home Service Refunds	548.58	
Interest	9.85	
Public Health Nursing	2,282.06	
Withholding Tax	1,315.55	
Sale of Chapter supplies	51.40	
Junior Red Cross	472.00	
General Administration Refunds	256.88	
Canteen	43.71	
Annual Dinner	175.00	
Transloans	142.40	
Sale of Motor Equipment	660.00	
Grant from National	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>31,898.77</u>

Total Receipts

\$43,143.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Home Service	\$11,064.24
Public Health Nursing	4,850.21
Disaster Preparedness & Relief	53.94
Home Nursing	278.20
First Aid	37.03
Withholding Tax	1,284.80
Junior Red Cross	924.52
Fund Campaign Expenses	673.37
Purchase of Textbooks	20.52
Nurses Aides	2.00
Canteen	110.93
Motor Service	1,442.80
Camp & Hospital Service	25.05
General Administration	8932.98
Maintenance of Chapter House	1,721.97
Annual Dinner--February 1949	301.89
Remittance to National 1949 Fund	2,820.15
Remittance to National 1950 Fund	2,482.83
Nutrition	4.90
Transloans	<u>112.10</u>

Total Disbursements

\$37,174.73

Balance on Hand--April 1, 1950

\$ 5,968.73

Fred H. Appelbohm
Treasurer

The Safety Services

No other killer strikes more indiscriminately than accidents. To combat this killer--to protect you and your family--the Red Cross offers free training in Accident Prevention, Life Saving and Water Safety and First Aid. The months covered by this report have been busy ones and our efforts have been directed toward making Hoboken a safer place in which to live, to work and to play.

On October 20, 1948 at the request of Commissioner Michael M. Borelli, Director of Public Safety, City of Hoboken, an advanced course in First Aid was given to members of the Hoboken Fire Department who had successfully completed the Standard First Aid Course. 112 Advanced First Aid Certificates were given to those who successfully completed this course.

On October 13, 1948 thru the interest and courtesy of Mr. John Yacullo, Director of Physical Education of the Hoboken Y.M.C.A., a seniors life saving course was conducted at the Y.M.C.A. Residents of North Hudson area and Mr. Nathan Devine, Chairman of Water Safety, North Hudson Chapter, participated in this class.

On September 14, 1948, we started a Standard First Aid Course for members of the Ski Club of Stevens Institute of Technology. Mr. Peter Cooper was First Aid instructor for this class.

On June 17, 1949 at the request of Commissioner John J. Crogan, the Standard First Aid Course was conducted for the employees of the Recreation Center and playgrounds. Standard First Aid Certificates were awarded to 15 who successfully completed this course

During July, instruction in swimming was given at Berkshire Hill Camp, Canaan, Connecticut, by Instructor Wilbur Fried. Red Cross certificates were awarded to 8 who successfully met the requirements of this course.

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The Safety Services—continued

A swimming class for beginners and a Senior Life Saving and Water Safety Course was conducted by Instructor Louis Weissert at Gordon Pool, Stevens Institute of Technology. These classes are still in course of completion at the writing of this report.

In January of 1950 at the request of officials of Robert Reiner Embroidery Works, Weehawken, we conducted a course in First Aid for several of their key employees.

During this period, too, periodic inspection has been made of the Police and Fire Departments' First Aid Kits and refills have been made by the Hoboken Chapter.

John L. Reilly
Chairman

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Because the Red Cross renders its services in the community in a quiet and unassuming way most of the public is not aware of the good that organization does.

It is, therefore, the function of public information to bring to the public's attention through the newspapers, radio, bulletins, posters and other media of information the various activities of the Red Cross. This we have endeavored to do throughout the year. Stories of the various services of the Chapter have been used in the newspapers whenever these were presented to us by the several Chairmen.

The Hudson County newspapers have been very cooperative and generous throughout the year in giving coverage to the work of the Red Cross. The merchants and industrialists and banks in the City of Hoboken, particularly during the fund campaign have given us space in their stores and buildings to exhibit our displays.

To all of them go our grateful thanks.

We wish, also, to express our appreciation to Mrs. Edward J. Kelly, Mrs. Agnes O'Connor, Miss Filena Kelly, Mrs. Ward Riani, Miss Catherine Quilter, Mrs. Louis Blonderman, Judge Charles DeFazio, and Mr. J. Harry O'Brien for their kind and valuable assistance.

Roger Sciorsci
Chairman.

BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

In anticipation, in the near future, of the proposed National Blood Program in this area, this chapter's Blood Donor program has not been expanded to its fullest, but has met every emergency and need in the past two years when called upon for this life giving substance.

Practically every patient requiring surgery needs additional blood, and usually required it immediately. The family and friends are contacted to supply the proper type and factor and the call comes in to the Chapter House.

When blood of rare type is required and donors cannot be supplied, the chairman contacts local blood banks and blood centers in the Metropolitan area as well as hospitals and local Police and Fire Departments.

There were two outstanding cases during the above period. Both requiring blood over long periods. One case required appeals to be made over radio networks, newspapers and surrounding blood banks and Red Cross Chapters for a period of 15 months. The other case called to our attention in October 1948, for which we are still giving Chapter service is the necessity for blood transfusions to two small children suffering from blood anemia. After consultation with their doctor and a New York Hospital, arrangements were satisfactorily made. The two small patients continue to be transported to the New York Hospital by motor service and returned home after treatment, transfusions and a rest period.

It is with pride that this chairman points out that this extensive service to the people of Hoboken has been carried out with no cost to the Chapter. The many expressions of appreciation from patients and families is testimony of gratitude for the assistance given them by Red Cross in their time of need.

Without the brave and generous men of the Hoboken Police and Fire Departments, their officers who arranged the calls and the many citizens of our city who have responded to our appeals for blood donors, this Service could not have been rendered.

My sincere thanks to Miss Iuguzzi of Motor Corps and the officers and members of Hoboken Chapter Board of Directors for their constant encouragement and approval of Blood Donor Service.

Mrs. Charles A. Lewis
Chairman

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer Special Services of the American Red Cross reorganized and is known and functions as Volunteer Services consisting of four committees:--

Program Survey Committee Training Committee
Recruitment & Referral Committee Recognition Committee

and gives five services in our Chapter:--

Canteen Service Motor Service Staff Aide Service
Production & Supply Service Social Welfare Service

The purpose of Volunteer Services is to enroll and train a large number of volunteers for immediate and experienced service. The trained volunteer stands ready to be called at a moment's notice for any emergency.

Although our services did not expand in personnel, they did in accomplishments. We have been very active in the past year rendering a very fine service to our community considering there was only a small handful of faithful and efficient volunteers to do these numerous tasks. The burden of the job fell on the same group all during the year.

Miss Marie S. Fugazzi, one of our most faithful volunteers and Chairman of Motor Service since 1942, also Vice Chairman of Volunteer Services, again took the responsibility this year, having many demands for transportation. There were times when three assignments had to be covered in one day, and they were all carried out. All during the year this service actually functioned with two regular volunteers with the emergency drivers filling in at such times as their services were required. The motor service report gives, in detail, the types of assignments covered,

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Volunteer Services--continued

Mrs. William Duignan, Chairman of Canteen Service, carried on with the original Canteen group. This same group has been in existence since 1942. The delicious luncheons served to the members of the Board each month were prepared and served by the same six day volunteers each month. During the 1949 Fund Drive, weekly luncheons were prepared for members of the Fund Committee and their workers. The evening group took part in serving Halloran Teas, Volunteer Service groups of the Veterans Administration and many other duties.

Miss Dorothy Bernhardt, Chairman of Staff Aide Service, and her members served the Chapter during the Fund drives completing whatever clerical duties were assigned to them.

Mrs. Hattie Meriam, Chairman of Production and Supply, carried on with her Monday group and completed 100 Red Cross flags during the past year which were used by the Chapter during the drive. This group also prepared materials used in the Home Nursing classes and numerous other tasks.

Home Service gained two new volunteers as Social Welfare Aides and they have been invaluable to our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Agnes O'Connor.

In summing up our activities in the Hoboken Chapter, we had 33 volunteers giving 3,961 hours during the past year.

It has always been the desire of Volunteer Services to have as many trained volunteers as possible and this is our continued goal. Without faithful volunteers and complete cooperation, the Chapter cannot carry on as a Red Cross Organization and feel they are doing their part to humanity.

In addition to these activities, we have had the cooperation of every chairman and volunteer during the 1949 Fund Drive. It is my desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one who has given unselfishly of her time.

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Volunteer Services—continued

At this time, I wish to express my indebtedness to Mr. Joseph Velevis, caretaker of the Chapter House, who is always ready to help and pitch in whenever any of our Volunteer Services Chairman needs him at a moments notice.

In closing, it is the expectation and obligation of the American Red Cross and the Hoboken Chapter that we maintain and increase our service to this community.

Mrs. Ward Riani
Chairman

STAFF AIDE SERVICE

The Staff Aides have served the Hoboken Chapter, American Red Cross, faithfully and well, providing staff trained to do the clerical and secretarial work that is part of the regular Chapter activity. To this end we have taken a very active part in the office work attendant our Fund drives. In the 18 months period just closed, Staff Aides have given a total of 301 volunteer hours. We have been few in number (7), but great in doing our allotted tasks.

We recognize that our Service needs to be developed, that there is still much work to be done and that this can be accomplished only by the complete cooperation and interest of everyone.

To the members of the Staff Aides: My sincere and grateful thanks for your wonderful assistance in any and all calls that have been made upon you.

Dorothy M. Bernhardt
Chairman

MOTOR SERVICE

Motor Service welcomes the opportunity to submit this report on its accomplishments from October 1, 1948 to February 28, 1950. This review of activities is to provide a better understanding of its services.

Motor Service has maintained the policy of "service" to the Veteran and his family, the Serviceman and his family, the handicapped men, women, and children of the community and all who require its aid.

The past year, many trips have been made with Veterans and Servicemen to Kingsbridge V. A. Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, Navy Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., Marine Hospital, Staten Island. Transportation has also been provided for Veterans and Servicemen from Grand Central, N. Y. and Lackawanna R.R. Station, Hoboken, to their various destinations.

Canteen Service members have been taken to their assignments at Halloran for Teas and meetings.

Disaster Committee was transported with Canteen Service to fire at 2nd & Washington Streets on July 6, 1949. Shuttle service was maintained for many hours for replenishing food and other errands.

Community Service covers many services. Handicapped children to Orange Orthopaedic State Clinic, Orange, N.J., Cerebral Palsy patients to Medical Center, Jersey City, N.J., for treatments. Patients to Post Graduate Hospital, N.Y. for blood transfusions and blood counts, patients to and from Greystone, Morris Plains, N. J., to Laurel Hill, Secaucus, N.J., to Heart Clinic, Morristown, N.J. Patients to Pollack Chest Clinic for X-Rays. To St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, N.J., Post Graduate Hospital, N.Y. and Medical Center, Jersey City, N.J. for examinations. Others to

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MOTOR SERVICE--continued

Dental Clinic, Medical Center, J. C., Handicapped for fitting of artificial limbs. Children of broken homes to "Home" in Bayonne. Radio donated by Women's Club of Hoboken was taken to Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J.

Junior Red Cross--cartons were delivered to Trenton, N.J. and Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island.

Volunteers--Transportation to:--Red Cross Convention, Atlantic City; Nursing Service Committee to meeting at Trenton; Fund Committee to Fund Rally, Newark; Rally, Yankee Stadium, N. Y.

Motor Service served 745 hours, covered 6359.3 miles on 745 assignments.

MOTOR SERVICE DRIVERS--Mrs. Anna Carroll, Mrs. Evelyn Hopper, Mrs. Marie Meltner, Mrs. Cora Vos, Mrs. Caroline Prince, Mrs. Ada Masters and Miss Marie S. Fugazzi.

EMERGENCY DRIVERS--Mr. John Reilly, Mr. Joseph Velevia, Mr. John Horner, Mr. Brasch, Mr. John Garbarini, Mrs. Margaret Nankivell, and Mr. Pantaliano.

I wish to thank all drivers for the time and effort given Motor Service. You have created a feeling of appreciation in our community and may I add my personal gratitude for a job "WELL DONE".

Marie S. Fugazzi
Chairman

CANTEEN REPORT

Our correspondence file, accumulated for the past year, contains an assortment of "thank you" letters. I have decided to let you peak into a few of these - not because we have lost our sense of modesty but rather because in revealing their contents we will tell you exactly what our projects for the past year have been. After all, a letter of thanks is an expression of sincere appreciation and acknowledgement of a deed well done. So, here are the contents of a few of these letters.

A reminder of the shoulder to shoulder work shared by the boys in blue (the firefighters) and the girls in blue (Canteeners) during a sizeable fire last July is seen in a letter from Mr. Anthony Vezzetti, Chairman of Disaster, in which he thanks the Canteen Unit for the prompt response and efficient service rendered by the members. Refreshments were prepared and served to the firemen on short order during the entire duration of the fire. Canteeners stood by till the wee hours.

Our pleasant Sunday afternoon parties for the paraplegic veterans in Buildings 25, 27 and 29 at Halloran Hospital are the subject of thanks in several letters received during the year from Mrs. Marion Hoppes, Red Cross Field Director at Halloran. She expresses her gratitude and the boys' appreciation and enjoyment of our refreshments, favors and visits. The many evenings we spend for several weeks before making favors and decorations for these parties are well worth our time because of the enjoyment derived by the boys - and by us. We are quite proud of an incident which occurred at one of these parties. The wife of one of these patients specifically attended one of our parties to tell us how much pleasure it provided for her husband. He had told her how anxiously he looked forward to the parties prepared by Hoboken Canteen. She had come for herself to observe us in action. She was so pleased that, although she was a New Yorker, she preferred to make a donation to our Chapter as an expression of her appreciation and an encouragement to us in continuing our good work.

A new group has been formed at Halloran which meets there the first Monday of each month to plan activities, secure free donations, etc., for the patients. When a specific meeting is assigned to Hoboken Chapter we serve refreshments. We have

made these parties as colorful and enjoyable as possible, too. A letter in our files from Mrs. Marion Hoppes tells us how much these parties are appreciated by the group.

Our participation in the Annual Fund Drive is the subject of letters from Mr. J. Harry O'Brien, the fund chairman. Canteen members collected for the drive at churches each Sunday during the campaign and in house to house solicitations.

Luncheons have been prepared and served in the Chapter House to the members of the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings. For the past few months decorations appropriate to the time of year have been added.

In the performance of the duties mentioned the Hoboken Canteen Unit has served 1, 550 voluntary hours.

Our work was made less arduous for us by the continued and unselfish assistance of our "auxiliary" member, Joseph Velevis, without whom we could not have operated so efficiently.

Members who have given unstintedly of their time the past eighteen months are:

Mrs. William Duignan, Chairman
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Programme and Survey

The chairman of programme and survey visited the several institutions in the jurisdiction of the Chapter and found there is no immediate need of service from our Volunteer Services.

Thru the co-operation of Production and Supply Chairman, Mrs. Hattie Meriam, this service is now sewing Equipment Bags for the newly organized Public Health Service of the City of Hoboken.

Catharine A. Quilter--Chairman

This committee has been successful in adding several new members to their staff of volunteers and in bringing back to the fold a number of workers who were very active during the war years. These volunteers were very helpful during the fund raising campaign and have signified a willingness to assist whenever called upon and contacted through the proper channels.

Mrs. John G. Stasse
Chairman of Recruitment

Training Committee is planning a course for Volunteers for the fall. Inasmuch as volunteers working in Red Cross at this time are thoroughly trained there was no necessity for a reorientation course. At this time, there are not enough new volunteers to form a class, but hope to start in the near future.

Mrs. Anthony Lercari

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Because of the decision of the National Organization to discontinue Public Health Nursing in all Chapters, it was necessary for our Chapter to make plans for the continuance of our Visiting Nurse Service through another source. A committee comprised of civic-minded citizens of Hoboken was organized. Meetings were held and the advisability of setting up a separate agency supported by public subscription was discussed. This was ruled out as we were all aware of the failure of other agencies to raise adequate funds for maximum service. The chairman then contacted Dr. O'Hanlon and was assured of County affiliation if the City of Hoboken was interested. After several meetings with Mayor DeSapio and his fellow Commissioners we were assured that there would be a city nursing service. March first of this year, one of the finest nursing services in the country was initiated right here in Hoboken.

We, in Hoboken Chapter, feel proud of the part we had in demonstrating the need and selling the idea to the city and county. We congratulate and commend Mayor DeSapio for recognizing that the health of the citizens of Hoboken is a community responsibility.

Mrs. Edward J. Kelly
Chairman

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