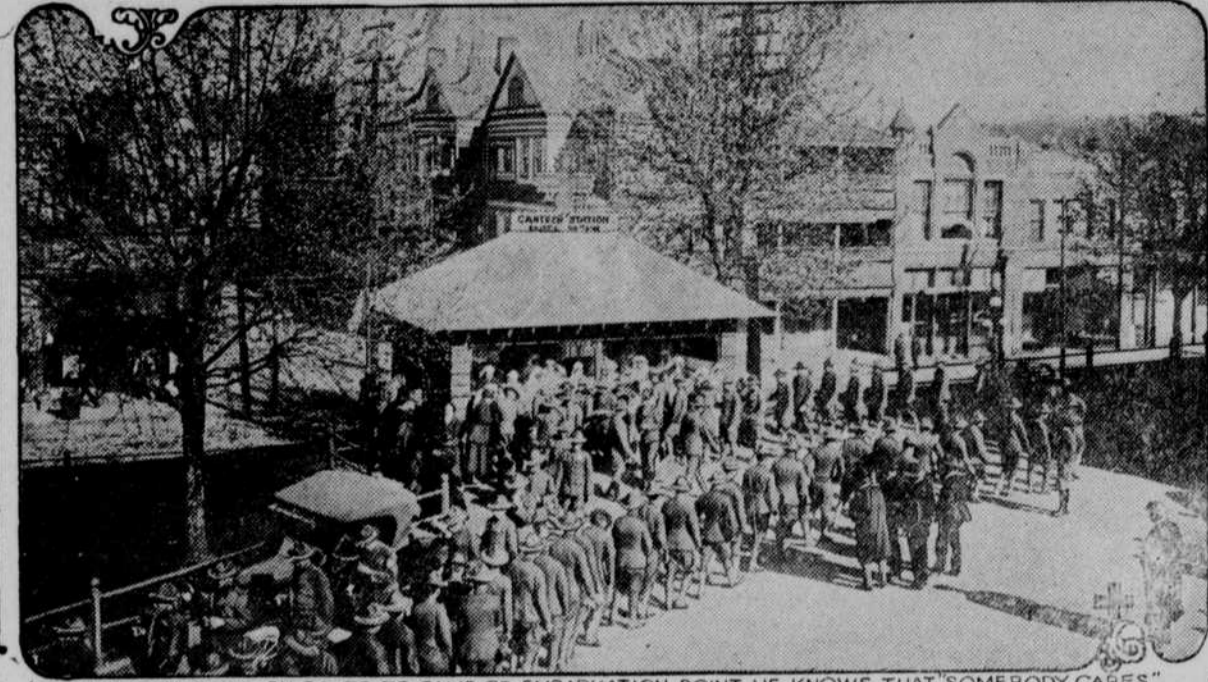


AMERICAN RED CROSS CANTEEN SERVICE FOR NEGRO TROOPS



WHEN THIS HAPPENS EN ROUTE TO CAMP OR EMBARKATION POINT HE KNOWS THAT "SOMEBODY CARES."

OVER 65,000 women are now actively enrolled as workers in the 700 American Red Cross canteens extending from the most northern point in Canada to the most southern in the United States and from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Together with the canteen kitchens, medical supplies and small transfer hospitals, they comprise the equipment of the Canteen service, primarily organized to stimulate the morale of the soldiers and to let them know that the country is with them and appreciates the sacrifice they are making. It was also organized for the purpose of meeting emergencies which may arise with troops in transit—unavoidable delays, accidents, supplies exhausted, sudden illness or accidents to the men en route.

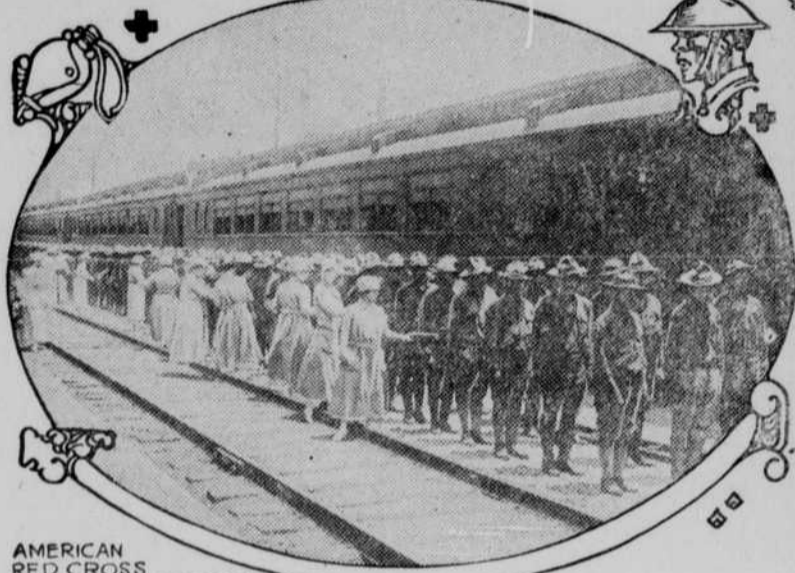
The American Red Cross Canteen Service is one branch of the service which, owing to its nature, requires a certain amount of secrecy. The United States is a tremendous country, with miles of track, and its troops are spread over tremendous areas. Men are sent from their home towns to camps, troops are moved from one camp to another, and they are shipped from camps to embarkation points and sent overseas, but wherever they are they find the American Red Cross has already blazed the trail and is there "on the job." This service, like all efforts in behalf of the soldiers, sailors and marines on duty in the armed service of the United States, both of this country and in Europe, is rendered to white and colored officers and enlisted men alike, without distinction.

Six hundred negro soldiers were served recently by an American Red Cross canteen at a point in Arkansas. In a press report of the work it was stated: "It will be a long time before the activities of that great organization, the American Red Cross, will perform a better service, or one that gives the good women, both white and colored, more pleasure. They were enlisted colored men coming direct from their farms and homes in Louisiana, going to a strange city and surroundings. They were a timid set when they stepped off the train here like a dove of lost sheep, but there was a far different feeling when they left. The interest shown in them here made new and fighting men out of them. They will take their places in the trenches just like the white soldier, and every time one of them does it he takes the place of your boy or my boy. He's an American soldier, and all honor is due the splendid work of our Canteen women and their colored women helpers."

Negro Auxiliaries.

Many cities of the South are organizing colored auxiliary canteen committees. The colored canteen in New Orleans is in charge of a very fine colored woman of education and a graduate nurse. The canteen has headquarters on the ground floor of the Pythian Temple, owned entirely by negro capital. It has five large rooms, well equipped for rest and recreation, and to date has entertained every batch of negro soldiers leaving for front-line duty. It is maintained by New Orleans Chapter funds.

At some points, notably in Texas, Canteen service is maintained to give refreshments to the aviators at their landing fields. In some of the large road yards model canteen buildings



AMERICAN RED CROSS CANTEEN WORKERS GIVE THE SAME SERVICE TO NEGRO TROOPS AS TO WHITE MEN.

have been erected, and all troop trains are switched on either side of them that the men may be served quickly and efficiently.

Upon the return recently of the national field secretary to the national headquarters of the American Red Cross, after a three months' transcontinental tour of the canteen stations, she presented a list of delightfully varied cooling refreshments served the troops—lists registering ingenuity and thrift in utilizing local resources to make an appetizing and attractive menu for the boys. The prime requisite, of course, in the summer months was something cool, refreshing and perfectly harmless—inexpensive and easy to prepare and serve in large quantities on short notice. Soap and water and towels, while not on the menu exactly, were immensely appreciated, and flowers were a real refreshment. All were enthusiastically received by the men after a hot and dirty trip.

Interesting "stidelights" on the Canteen activities the length and breadth of the country find their way into the national headquarters of the American Red Cross and give one a very human insight into the work.

In one city where it was known that nineteen nurses were to pass through on the train, en route overseas, twelve canteen workers in uniform boarded the train on its arrival and presented each nurse with a beautiful red rose. They were quite overcome and declared the courtesy was one of the nicest things that had ever happened to them.

He Got Ninety!

At another canteen station a lone negro was served. He had been in France, had been wounded and was sent home on a furlough to get well. "Yessum," he said, "I was hit in the arm and the knee. And I got so mad when I was hit I grabbed my gun and I sure let her go. Yessum, I'm satisfied—got ninety of them Germans!"

En route to Waynesville hospital, a sergeant with six invalid soldiers applied to the American Red Cross Canteen at a station for a more suitable lunch for the men than could be found in the regular lunch room. Service was given immediately and eggs, fruit, milk, etc., supplied to the men. This is but one of many instances that demonstrate the efficiency of the Canteen service in emergencies.

A soldier who had not seen his mother

for years found he was to pass through his "home town" and wrote her to that effect, asking that she meet him at the train. The message did not reach her. Naturally, very much disappointed not to find her at the station, the boy's woe-begone expression attracted the attention of a canteen worker. When she heard his story she immediately started out in her car, found the mother, motored her to the station and had the pleasure of witnessing a very happy reunion of mother and son before duty called him overseas.

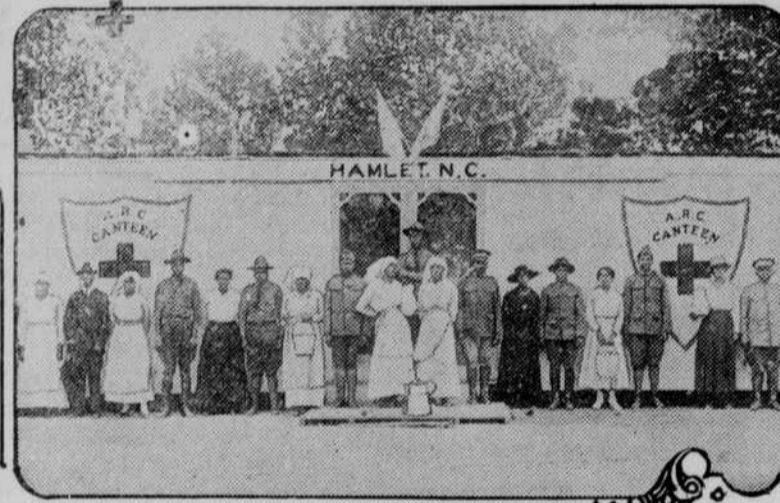
Canteen workers often supply the messages for the "folks back home" that are written on the post cards distributed by the American Red Cross throughout its Canteen service. This is done in cases where the men are unable to write themselves. Recently a distribution of the cards was made to a number of colored troops, and many of the Canteen workers were called upon to do the writing. In commenting upon the incident one of the workers said: "The giving was not all on our part, for when they returned from their exercises through the city the colored men were formed in a hollow square by their Commandant and the 'talent' of the regiment ordered out. The singing was beautiful and the clog dancing entertaining." The colored men were so pleased with their treatment that several of them made speeches, and one spokesman stated that he was going to have the American Red Cross Canteen "writ up" when he got to where he was going.

"It was the supper hour, but my committee was at the station at work on ham sandwiches and preparing coffee within twenty minutes after notification of the time of arrival of the troops," says a Canteen captain in a recent report. "When the train arrived my five ladies served nice fresh country ham sandwiches from large trays garnished with lettuce. I had to call in the husbands, as we had only twenty minutes to serve eleven coaches. After serving the sandwiches and coffee we made the second trip around, and each boy aboard received a Red Cross chocolate bar and cigarettes. Every single boy was courteous and orderly, and their appreciation was the sweetest thing I ever saw."

"This is swell and helps a fellow a lot," said a big olive-draped boy after partaking of canteen refreshments at



A SMILE IS THE PRICE HE PAYS FOR THESE BANANAS



MANY OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTERS HAVE WELL-ORGANIZED NEGRO CANTEEN AUXILIARIES.

a point in the west. "And if it weren't for one thing I and my chum could come mighty near being happy now."

"Tell us about that one thing that makes you unhappy. Maybe we can fix it," smilingly encouraged a charming Canteen worker.

"Well, we're broke, and no one can fix that but our dads, and they are 'way up in Washington. We haven't time to wire for extra money—and there you are," said the lad with a wistful smile.

"That's easy," said the Canteen girl. "We'll send the wires for you and have the money sent to your next stop."

"Hurrah for you!" cried the boys. And as they boarded the out-going train they wore quite a different looking expression from that which they registered just a few minutes before.

From the foregoing, which is in reality but a "flash" of the great Canteen service in operation, one receives but the barest outline of the far-reaching effect of this branch of the American Red Cross activities in this country.

Workers Take Oath.

The American Red Cross furnishes all commanders of troop trains, conductors and railway officials with a Canteen directory, embracing the names of the chapters which have organized Canteen units. Upon being given the briefest possible telegraphic notice these chapters are prepared to render assistance of all kinds to troops en route. Troop train commanders, having government funds for the purpose, pay the government rate for rations ordered. In cases of accident or sickness occurring en route medical assistance and ambulance service are arranged for if requested in advance. Some of the Canteens, designated as "transfer stations," have immediate ambulance service for transferring sick and wounded service men to hospitals, as well as specially prepared food for sick soldiers in transit.

All official American Red Cross Canteen Workers are carefully investigated and enrolled under oath of allegiance, and the woven shield of the

Canteen worker, bearing the Red Cross insignia, is worn conspicuously when on active duty. The officers of a Canteen unit includes a captain, first and second lieutenants, a supply clerk and a mail clerk. The size of the Canteen unit depends largely on the frequency of the troop movements through its location. It is estimated that a unit of fifteen women can serve five hundred men.

At first both Army officers and railway men felt that the Canteen service was not a necessity, in that it duplicated the provisions of the Government and the railroads. But observers in both Army and railroad service have come to acknowledge that the Canteen is a unique addition to troop transportation. At a time when the whole machinery of travel is geared to an unheard-of speed, it is inevitable that accident and weather should result in unforeseeable delay and discomfort—the prolongation of journeys far beyond their expected time often depletes the troop stores, and the enormous travel on the railroads often limits the available railway supplies. The American Red Cross canteen service assists the officer conducting transportation by giving him an immediate depot of supplies and helps the railroad by feeding the troops in the railroad yard, thus preventing congestion at the station.

In one city the president of the railroad ordered a freight car given the American Red Cross. It was equipped with light and gas and placed on a side-track near the railway station. The canteen unit is thus able to keep the coffee hot and have refreshments on hand for the incoming troop trains, and it also serves as a protection to the workers against cold while waiting for the trains.

The equipment of an American Red Cross canteen is just exactly what a community decides to make it. Some canteens in the larger centers are highly developed, while others embrace the minimum equipment. All are doing a wonderful work in which it is a pleasure to have a share.

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Harry Pearce, register of deeds, gave employment to two competent colored clerks, Guy Singleton, who resigned to resume his position with

the government, and Rufus Long, who was called to the colors in August and is now on the way overseas. Pearce deserves re-election. Vote for him. We want positions and jobs, no paltry denations and men who give our people employment should receive our support.

Don't forget Julius S. Cooley, candidate for municipal judge. In season and out of season, he has done whatever he could to find employment and help our people in any way he could. Now stand by him.

Edwin Huntley, editor of the Mediator, is a candidate for the legislature on the democratic ticket. He frankly states that he wants votes. He's going to get our vote, because

we like him. We hope some of our friends who value our opinion will also vote for him.

Those who think that Albert W. Jeffers is going to have a walk-away with Charles O. Lobeck have got another think coming. Congressman Lobeck has made many staunch and fast friends by his cheerful willingness to serve his constituents, irrespective of party, race, religion or color. This is a strong political asset for any man. The probability is that Jeffers will be elected, but it is going to take work to do it. He will need every vote he can get.

Mullen, common, woolly weed of a dull green color. Found in meadows and pastures and in out of the way

places. Absorbs a good deal of moisture, but neither pigs nor cows will eat it.

WHITES OBJECT TO NATIVES HAVING ALL UNSKILLED LABOR

Transvaal, S. A., Oct. 16.—The Transvaal is now discussing whether unskilled labor shall be the exclusive property of Kaffir natives or whether white men shall be employed for such work. There is considerable difference of opinion in the matter, and although certain interests oppose the employment of white men at comparatively high wages, several newspapers and organizations are strongly in favor of educating white men to perform all important work of the

country.

One objection to the employment of white men for unskilled work is that it may bar blacks from employment of any kind. White labor now has a monopoly of the skilled trades and there is a possibility that the high wages for white unskilled labor may cause employers to hire white men exclusively, as they refuse to pay the same money to blacks.

NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND SOLDIERS

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—Conservative estimates place the number of Colored soldiers now in the United States army establishment on both sides of the ocean at little less than 400,000.