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AMERICAN RED CROSS CANTEEN SERVICE COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION

In the summer of 1918, the national field agent for the American Red Cross came to Lafayette to establish the Red Cross Canteen Service. The local canteen service to troops had previously been performed by the American War Mothers of Lafayette, working under many restrictions and limited funds; they had no information as to troop trains and were not permitted to serve food. In August 1918 the War Mothers voted to undertake this service for the Red Cross, in addition to continuing their other war efforts. Mrs. Charles W. Bone, formerly chairman of the American War Mothers Canteen Committee, became commandant for the Red Cross Canteen Service. The ARC Canteen Service met trains carrying soldiers, offering “fruits, cakes, candies, souvenir post cards of Purdue University and Lafayette, cigarettes, ice cream, coffee, doughnuts, etc.” in addition to words of appreciation.

The collection contains a scrapbook with newsclippings, local postcard scenes, telegrams re troop transports, and also some correspondence, financial records, insignia worn on uniforms of workers, and miscellaneous booklets mostly from the national American Red Cross. Also included in the collection are several ribbons worn at Daughters of the American Revolution state and national conferences, 1919, 1920, probably by Mrs. Charles W. Bone, DAR Lafayette Chapter regent, ca. 1919. The local DAR chapter contributed work toward the Red Cross and other relief agencies during the war. See photo in Photo Archives, WAR folder: “DAR Team of the Canteen Service” serving troops on train.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 document box (5”)

CONTAINER LIST

AMERICAN RED CROSS CANTEEN SERVICE, TIPPECANOE COUNTY [IN] CHAPTER

BOX 1

FOLDER

1 Disbursement records, cancelled checks, October 1918...March 1920.

2 Checking account records, September 1918 to May 1920. Receipt, 3 June 1919.

3 Correspondence, 1918.

4 Semi-monthly reports: American Red Cross, Bureau of Canteen Service, Tippecanoe County Chapter, [1919?].

SCRAPBOOK

Contains newsclippings, mostly 1918, 1919; also postcards from Lafayette Canteen Service with scenes of Purdue University; telegrams, most from Cleveland, Ohio, to Mrs. C. W. Bone, Chairman Canteen Comm., ARC, Lafayette, Indiana, 31 December 1918 to 23 June 1919 re train transports of troops; also a few letters. Two photographs were removed from the scrapbook and placed in Photo Archives, WARS folder.

AMERICAN RED CROSS, NATIONAL

BOX 1 (CONT.)

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5 Insignia: ARC Canteen workers. Photograph: uniform of ARC Canteen worker. Booklet: "Manual of Regulations and Specifications for Chapter Workers' Uniforms & Insignia," revised 1918.

6 Booklet: "Railroad Canteen," n.d. (2 copies)

7 Instructions for making bandages; paper patterns for 3 kinds of bandages. Booklet: "Surgical Dressings, War Manual," 1917.

8 Miscellaneous booklets, 1917-19, including "American Red Cross, Canteen Bulletin," No. 2, 15 May 1918.

AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS OF LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

9 Checking account record booklet, 1918. Receipt on account, June 1919.

AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS, INDIANA CHAPTER

BOX 1 (CONT.)

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10 Pamphlet: "List of Committees and County War Mothers," 1919. (2 copies)

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

11 State and national conference ribbons, 1919, 1920. (3 items) Probably used by Mrs. Charles W. Bone, DAR Lafayette Chapter regent, ca. 1919.

SEPARATION LIST

2 photos to Photo Archives, WARS folder.

PEOPLE

Bone, Mrs. Charles W.

CLASSIFICATION

Organizations/Patriotic
Wars/ World War I

SUBJECTS

Wars – World War I
Organizations - Patriotic
Uniform – non-military

SEARCH TERMS

American Red Cross
Red Cross Canteen Service
American War Mothers of Lafayette
Daughters of the American Revolution
Bone, Mrs. Charles W.
Lafayette American War Mothers