

NORMAN DAVIS

1937 - 1944

January 8, 1945

Dear Mr. Davis:

I saw Mr. Alexander Scollcott yesterday and he told me of a book which will be ready in February. It is an anthology, pocket size, of American writers, all the best things from our very beginnings, 670 pages on fine paper, and a soldier could carry it in his pocket. At the post exchanges it would be sold for fifty cents to the men, and Mr. Scollcott hopes to have it sold on all of our various war fronts. Civilians will have to pay \$2.50 for it.

Mr. Scollcott wonders if the Red Cross would like to order ahead in any numbers and, if so, if you would communicate with the Viking Press.

It is going to be a really delightful book and I thought it might be something you would like to include in your soldiers' kits. The Viking Press would be glad to give you any information you want.

In addition to the above, Mrs. Crystal Bird Fauset, who came into the OGD early last year to help with the colored people, finds that there really is no work there for her. She asked me if I did not think there was a chance for her to go to Liberia to visit troops and be of some use there. The Chief of Staff, to whom I talked at the President's suggestion, told me that transportation to Liberia is tied up for months to come, and he suggested that you might find it a good idea to send her to visit the various colored troops and the Red Cross, etc., in England. He said that he could provide transportation for her over and back, probably on a ship convoy.

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If you think well of this, I will appreciate it if you will have Mrs. Fauset come to talk with you. I think she has been to see you in the interests of OCD in the past.

This, of course, is only a suggestion.

Very sincerely yours,

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Hon. Norman Davis
The American Red Cross

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January 11, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt read an article written by Mr. G. H. Archanbault and published in the New York Times on December 5th, stating that Francois de Tesson, Foreign Office Under Secretary, with a number of other persons, are believed to have been arrested and interned at Evaux-les-Bains where they are being treated as "political prisoners".

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if you could find out anything about Mr. de Tesson as she will be deeply appreciative of any information concerning him.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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*Done
1/22/43*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1943

MISS THOMPSON:

Miss Newman, secretary to Mr. Norman Davis called.

The Red Cross is putting on a large drive for funds - starting in March.

Mr. Chester in charge of the New York Chapter asks if Mrs. Roosevelt will invite Madame Chiang Kai-Shek to speak at the rally in Madison Square Garden on March 15 - and if she accepts will Mrs. Roosevelt introduce her?

I told Miss Newman that I doubted Mrs. Roosevelt would ask Madame Chiang, but that I would let her know definitely.

MR

*I've been thinking about
agreeing to the proposal
Mrs. D. has mentioned
Some Chiang will do*

January 28, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mrs. Sherman H. Sullivan, Jr. whose address is E. 2001 Atlantic Street, Spokane, Washington. She wonders if something can be done.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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January 29, 1943

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's
check for \$100, which is her usual monthly
contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.



WAR FUND
American Red Cross



Date Feb. 3, 1943.

The District of Columbia Chapter, AMERICAN RED CROSS, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00) from

Name Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Address The White House

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By Helena Hutchinson
War Fund Auditor

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February 2, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Private Harry H. Crockett. She feels the Red Cross could take this family on and supplement their allotment.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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HARRY CROCKETT
ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES



Copy of this letter
sent to Field Cross and Co.

79. 1st. Bn. 1937th A.
Fort Bragg, N.C.

1st Lt. H. C. Crockett
79. 1st. Bn. 1937th A.
Fort Bragg, N.C.
Jan. 27, 1943

Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt:
Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

1st Lt. H. C. Crockett
79. 1st. Bn. 1937th A.
Fort Bragg, N.C.
Jan. 27, 1943

Please read this letter all the way through, as it is very important. Please Mrs Roosevelt, if you can help me, I wish you would answer this letter and let me know just how I stand in getting a discharge from this United States Army. I am married and have two little babies. My wife is unable to go to work on account of her health. My wife is 18 yrs old and I am 20; My Daughter is 15 months old and my son is 5 months old. I've went to all most everybody to help me solve my problems, but I make no progress no matter who I go to. Mrs Roosevelt I enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guards on Jun. 20, 1941. and was inducted into Federal Service on Feb. 17, 1941. I was in business with my father in wholesaling & Retailing of Fruit & Produce. I had about 500 Dollars when I got married and we went to live with her Grandparents in a 5 Room apartment. Her Grandparents helped us out and we helped them, but I wasn't married when I enlisted in service. I was married in July of 1941 and had to get married because of my stupidity, but we loved each other and was going

together 2 1/2 yrs before we were married. We were doing fine until her Grand mother passed away on Oct. 4th 1941. Then things began to go hay wire. Her Grandfather left us and went with his Daughter-in-law where he is now staying. I tried my best to be a good soldier, but I am just a bad penny that is always turned up on its wrong side. I was getting 30 Dollars a month until this new order came out, until we started to get this 50 Dollars a month and our thrasless draw allotments. I sent 15 Dollars a month out of my 30 Dollars home to my wife but she always had to use some of our money we had before we got married for rent and food. My wife is continuously getting sick now, and is unable to go to work to help meet our expenses. Mrs Roosevelt I am a man who worries over my family when I get word that they are sick. I have had emergency furloughs to go home and see my wife & two children on those kind of furloughs, and I went home A. N. O. L. on different occasions because I was worrying over there health. I all most lost my son but God was with me and answered my prayer to let him live. He was under Hospital care for 27 days and a merical saved him. I owe the hospital 111.40 for his treatment. My wife is getting 62 Dollars a month now and will be getting 72 in the near future. Now here is my problem.

We pay 17. Dollars a month for Rent.

Total	47.28 cents	"	"	"	Insurance.
	5.00 Dollars	"	"	"	Electric.
116.28	15.00	"	"	"	Milk for children.
Per month	50.00	"	"	"	Food which is very small amount of food for a month.
Budget	7.00	"	"	"	coal for a kitchen Range.
	10.00	"	"	"	Gas for washing.
	<u>5.00</u>	"	"	"	Traps for washing.



FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs Rossett, how can my family live on 62 Dollars a month, with our savings we had all used up? It was last month that I went home a. r. o. l. for my wife and two children. I received a letter from my wife that she hadn't eaten for 6 days and my daughter & son were drinking nothing but milk. I tried to see my Battery Commander to get a leave, but my First Sergeant said I couldn't see him, so I went home. When I reached home there wasn't a bit of food in the house, and only a cupful of lard in the ice box. When I walked in she fainted because she was weak of lacking of food. I left camp on the 22nd and reached home on the 23rd. that was 8 days without food in her stomach all together. My parents put me out of the house when I enlisted into service. I stayed at her relations until she went to her Grandparents place, to live. Her Mother died 2 days after my wife was born, and she hasn't had a mother in her whole life, and has had it very tough. The day I reached home, I went to my parents for help and was put out of my parents home. I went to a person and borrowed 15 Dollars for food which I purchased at once. That same day I went out and got a job in a Wooley mill and worked for 45 cents and hour, I worked 10 hrs a day for 4 days and was picked up by the police and turned over to the Military Police who brought me back to camp. I was put in the Guard House immediately where I am now staying. I am waiting for my Court Martial to come up which I hope is very soon.

Mrs Roosevelt, I like the Army and all its work but when my family is going hungry I just cant let them die of starvation. I am only a private and will always be one I guess as I just cant be like the rest of the fellows. They are single and some are married whose wives are working to meet expenses, but my wife cant. I spoke to my Chaplain to see if he could help me get a discharge but he says there isnt anything being given out anymore on account of this War. I even wrote a letter to my commanding officer telling him my troubles and received no answer to my letter. The Chaplain told me that the Red Cross was giving my wife assistance, but it wont last for ever. Mrs Roosevelt, when the Police officer picked me up to turn me over to the Military Police, he said "Go home" Harry I knew you were Home A. W. O. and I know how things are over at your house, I left you go as long as I could to get things fixed up, but I have to do it and it hurts me to take you back. If I was your Commanding Officer I would send you home as you are needed more at home than you are in the Army. Mrs Roosevelt, the Cpt. had tears in his eyes and so did my wife & myself when he said it hurts me Harry, as if I was taking my boy away to fight.

Mrs Roosevelt, I live in Pennsylvania the Town of North Wales, Home address is 124 So. 2nd St. Perry, Pa. My wifes name is Mrs Harry H. C. Cook who lives in the apartment with my two babies. It shud be any way that you can help me please answer this letter either to me, Colonel Wayman or Chaplain Frudenberg of 193rd Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, N.C., but please answer this letter for me and let me know just what I can do to help my family.

-i- Cpt. Harry H. C. Cook.

February 6, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Private Orson H. Jacobsen, Post Stockade, Camp Kilmer, Stelton, New Jersey. She feels perhaps the Red Cross might be able to help this man's family.

Very sincerely yours;

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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February 12, 1943

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has received a letter from Mrs. Haven D. Yates, of Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia, about her son T/Sgt. Roland B. Dignan. She states the War Department advised her on January 6, that he was missing since December 30. Sergeant Dignan, 15071088, was with the 366th Bombardment Squadron, 305th Bombardment Group (H) AAF.

Mrs. Yates is most anxious about her son, having had no further information about him. Would you please try to find out if Sergeant Dignan is a German prisoner and let Mrs. Roosevelt know?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 17, 1943

Miss Malvina Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

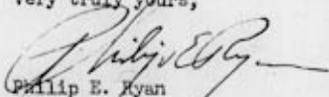
My dear Miss Thompson:

Mr. Davis has handed me for reply your letter of February 12, requesting further information regarding T/Sgt. Roland E. Dignan, reported as missing in action since December 30.

We are deeply sympathetic with Mrs. Yates' anxiety for more information about her son and regret all the more our inability to obtain details for her. Our experience has been that the Germans and Italians have reported fairly promptly the names of prisoners, as well as of persons killed behind enemy lines, through the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva. The International Red Cross Committee cables such information immediately to the Office of the Provost Marshal General of the War Department, by whom the next of kin are notified through official channels at once.

Nothing that we could do from this end has yet been discovered to expedite the reporting of particular cases. There is no doubt but that Mrs. Yates will be informed by the War Department just as soon as any additional word is received. In the meanwhile, if any information should reach Red Cross Headquarters, we will see to it that it reaches Mrs. Yates immediately.

Very truly yours,


Philip E. Ryan
Assistant Director
Insular and Foreign Operations



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 20, 1943

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Re: CROCKETT, Harry H. Pvt.
Fort Bragg, N. Carolina
Wife: Mrs. Harry H. Crockett
North Wales, Pa.

My dear Miss Thompson:

Mr. Norman H. Davis has requested that we acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 2, 1943, enclosing a copy of a letter from Private Crockett.

We are offering both the soldier and his wife the services of the American Red Cross through our local Chapter and the Field Director covering Private Crockett's post, in solving their problem.

We thank you for your interest in bringing this situation to our attention.

Very truly yours,

Charlotte Johnson
(Miss) Charlotte Johnson
Director
Home Service

February 17, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mrs. Celia Martinez Rumsey, 502 S. Alamo Street, San Antonio, Texas. She wonders if any information other than that already in the possession of Mrs. Rumsey, might be obtained.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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February 19, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. John H. Snyder, 1538 N. Macon Street, Decatur, Illinois.

Mrs. Roosevelt wonders if additional information may be obtained concerning this man's son.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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J. H. SNYDER
1531 W. MACON ST.
DECATUR, ILL.
PHONE 2-3092

St. Louis, Mo.

3/11/43

Done
2/17/43

2/11/43

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I hope that you will forgive me for taking a part of your valuable time, but after these several months, I feel that I must appeal to you for some information.

About two or one half years ago my son, Robert Charles Snyder, enlisted in the Marines and was in Shanghai for thirteen months before the outbreak of our war with Japan.

He was the last contingent to leave for the

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1501 WASHINGTON AVE.

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DECATUR, GA.
PHONE 7-1072

Philippines and on May 12th
we were notified that
he was reported as missing.
We have made several
attempts thru the Red Cross
at U. S. Marine headquarters
in Washington, to learn
if he is a prisoner of war,
but without success.

It is a blessing to know
that God is his protection
and we would be from them
grateful for any effort which
you may be able to make, as to giving
us information regarding the
whereabouts of our son.

P. L. Pfc. Robert Elias. Sincerely yours,
Snyder John N. Snyder.
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AMERICAN RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Open to Mrs. Roosevelt
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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

February 13, 1943

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

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I very much hope it will be possible for you to accept our invitation to broadcast over Station KPO while you are in San Francisco, sometime after March 10th.

The National Broadcasting Company and the American Red Cross are presenting a weekly series of Red Cross Nursing Service programs over the NBC network and the San Francisco station has requested your help in speaking on behalf of this radio series for the recruitment of Army and Navy nurses, volunteer nurse's aides and students in home nursing.

If you will be available we shall ask Mr. John W. Elwood, General Manager of Station KPO, to get in touch with you upon your arrival in San Francisco.

Your usual fine cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Norman H. ...

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

RED CROSS BROADCAST, APRIL 7th, 1943

The Red Cross functions at all times.

At present - recreation foreign countries

Washington Club, London

Glasgow Club

Rest canteens - Helen Hall - Australia

Services in hospitals at the front

Story of Guadalcanal field director

Chewing gum and cigarettes

Blood donor centers

Boy I saw in hospital yesterday - back from overseas. Horribly

burned - life saved by number of blood transfusions - now in

final stages skin grafting on legs - probably then pick up.

Medical supplies and surgical dressing go to all Allies

Prisoners and their families

From Sept. 1939 to Oct. 1941, Red Cross aided an estimated

20 million people in Europe Asia and Africa with supplies

valued at 65 million.

Nurses aides now being requested in the Service hospitals -

though at first only served in civilian hospitals

Gray ladies - canteen and motor corps

Home service volunteers

Disaster relief.

Money needed - bond issue at present does not mean less money
to Red Cross.

February 25, 1945

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's
usual monthly contribution of \$100.00.

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Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Mr. Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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January 25, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if anything is being done along the line of the suggestions made in the enclosed copy of letter from Mr. H. H. Davis, of the Tuskegee Sub-Depot, Air Service Command.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

The Honorable Norman H. Davis
American National Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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Subject of letter sent concerns post-war rehabilitation of service men. Raises question of provision for those young men who, before entering Armed Forces, were in school or were unemployed - asks that a program be made to function in conjunction with Dept. of Commerce and Labor in behalf of our young men who went to fight - will submit such a plan.

AIR SERVICE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SUPPLY OFFICER
TUSKEGEE SUB-DEPOT
TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

January 16, 1943

SUBJECT: Post War Rehabilitation of Service Men

TO : Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
c/o Presidential Mansion
Washington, D. C.

1. Has any provision been made for the rehabilitation of young men, who before being called into the armed services, were in school or were unemployed?

2. Will a program be worked out to care for their rehabilitation or will they be driven to vice, crime and general disorder because we have forgotten that they will be back?

3. I propose a Federal Bureau to function in conjunction with the Department of Commerce and Labor Department to prepare a program for their welfare after the Armed Services have released these thousands of young men who have given up their normal way of living to fight for Democracy.

4. I shall be glad to submit such a plan for your review at a time designated by you.

M. M. Davis
M. M. DAVIS
Purchasing Agent
Tuskegee Sub-Depot

MMD/vomb

W. H. W. W. W.

~~XXXXXX~~ Original letter from Mrs. Pinkelton in files)

March 1, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to bring to your attention the enclosed copy of a letter from Mrs. Charles L. Pinkelton, c/o Bledsue Watson, Colara, Maryland.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 12, 1943

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Thompson:

Mr. Norman H. Davis referred to us your letter of March first, concerning Mrs. Chas. L. Pinkelton of Colora, Maryland. We are requesting her local Red Cross Chapter to assist her.

Thank you for bringing this case to our attention.

Very truly yours,

Charlotte Johnson

(Miss) Charlotte Johnson
Director
Home Service

*Letter from Mrs. Susan A. H. Lambert
141 West Doxey Street
Ogden, Utah.

*Son taken prisoner on Wake Island. Has been
unable to communicate with him as letters
returned by censor.

March 1, 1943.

Dear Mr. Davis:

No letter accompanied the
envelope sent me by Mrs. Lambert.
Could it be that delivery of letter
to her son was impossible or could
it have been returned due to contents
of her letter to her son?

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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March 2, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has been asked if it is possible to get information concerning a young man who was working with the construction company on Wake Island when the Japanese attacked, and whose family has not heard from him since.

X The young man, an engineer, is William L. Fairey and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Fairey, Care Morris and Knudsen, 86 Juarez Avenue, Mexico, D.F., Mexico. Word was had from the men who were taken prisoners, kept in Shanghai and returned on the Gripsholm, that the men left on Wake were to work for the Japanese in rebuilding the airport.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairey would like to find out if this story is true and whether there is any hope of their son's being on Wake at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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Hotel Fairfax
2100 Mass Ave.
Feb. 26, 1943.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

Just before leaving Mexico, a fortnight ago, where I have been with my husband on a road survey etc. since Oct. I met casually in a hotel lobby, a woman whose story interested me and who asked if I would try to help her on our return to Washington.

As it seems just possible that you, with your wide contacts and never lagging kindness to others, might be able to help, I am sending you the story.

The woman is a Mrs Wm. Fairey,
89 San Pablo Ave, San Francisco.

Her husband is a Supt. in the contracting firm of Morris and Knudsen, a large company now building airports in Tampico and Vera Cruz.

In 1941, Mr. Fairey and his 25 year old son, Wm. L. Fairey, an engineer also employed in the firm, went to Midway where they worked on the airport. The father then returned to this country and the boy went, as a supt. to Wake, in Nov. 1941, and of course was there, working on the construction when the Japanese attacked Wake Dec 7th.

Mrs Fairey has never heard of, or from, him since. When the Gripsholm returned a while ago, they brought several hundred boys who had been working at Wake Island that day, on the airport, and who had of course,

and condescends to let me be "telephone and errand girl" etc-
Consequently, I have not seen much of the activity in Washington
outside the office, but it is good to be back in the trouble with
everyone, rather than in a country where the general public does
not seem primarily concerned about the war!

It is such a very interesting land, though, that I kept
wishing I could know it under other circumstances and with a
lighter mind!

Our boy at Princeton, fortunately, has been allowed
to "accelerate" and get his degree in the School of Public and
International Affairs this spring, before joining the Marine
Reserves, in which he enlisted a year ago.

I was thankful to get back to this country before they called
him!

With warmest regards from us both,

Sincerely,

Walter Stott Phillips

Mrs Van Ness Philip
Hotel Fairfax
2100 Mass Ave

fought and been taken prisoner and kept in Shanghai, and these returned prisoners told that 350 of the young men working on that airport on Dec 7th, had been kept at Wake to work for the Japs in rebuilding the port.

What she hopes to find out is, is this true? Is there any hope that her son is still on Wake?

She tells me there were 1,000 young men working for Morris and Knudsen there that day, and that most were from Idaho, where the firm had headquarters, and that the Idaho Senators have been trying to get information about them. About 40 mothers of the boys are in San Francisco, and in touch with her, and hoping for news. They saw your son's picture in the news reel and have a faint hope that you might be able to help trace the boys' fate.

She gave me, as a permanent address to reach her, as she is in Mexico with her husband now, the address of the firm

Mrs Wm. Bairey,
Care of Morris and Knudsen,
86 Juarez Ave.
Mexico D.F.
Mexico.

I ran up to the country this week, to see about our farm etc, and spent a night with Margaret Fayerweather, in order to check on our youngest boy, who is at school there, and been indulging in ~~xxxxl~~ novels. She has weathered the winter well, but is quite right, I think in her decision to rest alone in the country a while, as she does not mind that kind of loneliness, and is not yet rested enough, mentally, to stand a lot of people and going and coming. I hope she will come here later, however.

I am working in my husband's office at present, as he is in an annex of the State Dept, and can not get a stenographer,



AMERICAN RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

March 4, 1943

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As a result of your note of March 1st, transmitting to me the letter which you received from Mrs. Jacob P. Lambert of Ogden, Utah, whose son John William Lambert, seaman first class, has not been heard from since the occupation of Wake, I have arranged for a letter to be written directly to Mrs. Lambert, in an effort to explain to her the restrictions which are necessarily imposed upon mail for prisoners of war.

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of our letter to Mrs. Lambert, with which were returned to her the various documents which were enclosed in her letter to you.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1943

Mr. Jacob P. Lambert
141 West Dosey Street
Ogden, Utah

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Mrs. Roosevelt has called to our attention your letter of February 19th, and I have been asked to give you the latest information about the possibility of sending mail to members of our forces presumably captured by the Japanese.

Unfortunately, the information given to you last summer by the Red Cross and the Navy Department is no longer exact. Mail intended for prisoners of war in the Far East passes through a special Censorship Office, now located in New York City, and that office is not allowed to pass any mail except that addressed to persons whose names have been listed by the Office of the Provost Marshal General of the War Department as prisoners of war or civilian internees. The Office of the Provost Marshal General does not list persons as prisoners of war or civilian internees until official information has been received from the enemy. I have just this morning checked again with the Office of the Provost Marshal General, to see whether your son John had been reported; I am sorry to tell you that up to this time no report has been received about him. For many months the Japanese failed to report any of our prisoners in the Far East, but recently a number of lists have been coming in from the Japanese Government through the International Red Cross Committee. These lists, however, are not complete, and it is possible that your son will be reported on a future list. If so, you will be immediately notified by the Office of the Provost Marshal, or by the Navy Department, and that notification will include complete information on the proper way of addressing mail to him.

We realize how difficult it is for you to bear this uncertainty and not be able to send letters at this time; but unfortunately, in this situation we must depend upon the enemy to provide the necessary information, and to cooperate in the sending of communications to prisoners of war. You may be sure that the American Red Cross and the United States Government are using everything possible to secure the necessary information and to arrange for assistance to be extended to our men who are held by the Japanese.

I am returning to you the various enclosures which were attached to your letter to Mrs. Roosevelt. She has told us that the letter which you wished to have sent to your son was not enclosed when it reached her. Our chairman, Mr. Norman H. Davis, is sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, so that he may know what has been done in response to your request.

Sincerely,

Philip H. Fran
Assistant Director
Insular and Foreign Operations

*Copy of letter from ¹Miss Dorothy Goodstein, 3445 Perry Avenue,
Bronx, New York. (Letter in files)

March 17, 1943.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing a copy of a
letter from which the signature has
been omitted. I do not think solici-
tations should be made so that it is
hard to refuse, but it might on the
other hand be easy. Could the desk
be in a recreation hall and no tabu-
lation made?

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 18, 1943

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

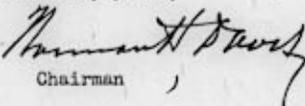
I very much appreciate your letter of March 17th regarding the solicitation in behalf of the Red Cross war fund of men at Camp Upton, Long Island.

It has been the stated policy of the Red Cross to the Secretaries of War and Navy that enlisted men are not to be solicited for contributions in the Red Cross War Fund Campaign. We believe that they are more than doing their share.

There may be some instances, however, in which solicitations have been made contrary to our policy, and Camp Upton may be such an instance. I am having an immediate inquiry made into the situation and shall urge that there be no pressure to give and no direct solicitation.

Your thoughtfulness in sending me the copy of the letter from your correspondent makes it possible to deal directly with the situation.

Sincerely yours,


Chairman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has a letter from Miss Beatrice Morgan, 22 Haring Street, Bergenfield, New Jersey, who is in possession of a painting executed by her father, the late Matt Morgan, many years ago. This work is entitled "Christ Entering Jerusalem", and measures 14 by 28 feet.

Miss Morgan would like to exhibit this painting for the benefit of the Red Cross and Mrs. Roosevelt asks if you have any suggestions as to how this might be done.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

March 19, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed excerpt from a letter she received from Miss Helen Hall, American Red Cross, A.P.O. 501, American Base Forces, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. She feels you will be interested to see it.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

"Ask Red Cross and then
I will answer" ER

March 22, 1945

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt would appreciate any information you may be able to furnish her, which she might send to the mother of James Harrington Mussion, who has appealed to her. I quote from Mrs. Mussion's letter:

"My son, James Harrington Mussion, Jr., who was reported missing on May 8, 1942, was a quartermaster, 5d class, on board the ATIK. We have since learned he sailed from New Hampshire on March 25, 1942, and their SOS was received on March 27 from about five hundred miles off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia. No trace was found of the ship or crew and no report has been received indicating the fate of the crew. We are clinging to the hope that he has been taken prisoner by the Italians or Germans..."

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.



AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

March 23, 1943

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

*Copy to
Miss Morgan*

5-943

It seems to me that Miss Beatrice Morgan might best exhibit the painting in question in cooperation with our New York Chapter. I would suggest that she contact Mr. K. K. Van Meter, General Manager of the Greater New York War Fund, who can be reached at 30 West 43rd Street, New York.

I am confident the New York group will appreciate Miss Morgan's offer, and hope that some arrangements may be made with them.

Sincerely yours,

Norman T. Davis

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.



AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

MAR 27 1943

March 25, 1943.

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of March 19th enclosing an extract from a letter Mrs. Roosevelt received from Miss Helen Hall, American Red Cross, A.P.O. 501, American Base Forces, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, which we have all found very interesting.

I appreciate Mrs. Roosevelt's thoughtfulness in having this sent to us.

Sincerely yours,

April 1, 1943

My dear Mr. Davis:

Before Mrs. Roosevelt left for the west she asked that her usual monthly contribution of \$100. be sent to you today.

Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Officer
Social Correspondence

Mr. Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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*John
Roosevelt*

WAR FUND

American Red Cross



Date April 5, 1943

The District of Columbia Chapter, AMERICAN RED CROSS, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of One Hundred Dollars Dollars (\$ 100.00) from

Name Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

Address The White House

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By E. J. [Signature]

April 17, 1943

Mr. Norman Davis:

I think what she says
deserves consideration. Will you
write her?

(Eleanor Roosevelt)

O

Mrs. Neill S. McLeod
Mountain Lakes, N.J.

about recruiting all nurses
who have had a years train-
ing and those who were not
required to register before
1925

April 5, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt and her personal secretary are away and in their absence I have been asked to acknowledge the receipt of their mail.

Your letter of March 26th has been received and will be given to Mrs. Roosevelt upon her return to Washington.

I know Mrs. Roosevelt will be interested to know of the manner in which contributions to the Red Cross War Fund were obtained at Camp Upton and would want me to express appreciation of your kindness in giving her this information.

Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Officer
Social Correspondence.

Mr. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

April 15, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to thank you for investigating the allegation that soldiers at Camp Upton were forced to contribute to the Red Cross War Fund. She is glad to have the report you sent her and is passing the information along to her correspondent.

I would like to state that Mrs. Roosevelt's correspondent is not a soldier, but a woman living in New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 26, 1943

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

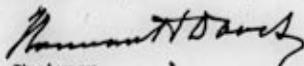
I have just received a report from our North Atlantic Area office regarding the allegation that soldiers at Camp Upton were forced to contribute to the Red Cross War Fund. I thought you would be interested in having further information regarding the entire matter.

The Post Commandant is the chairman of the War Fund Campaign at Camp Upton and our Red Cross Field Director had no responsibility for directing the solicitations at the camp. On one payday, March 1, several Volunteer Staff Assistants from the local Red Cross Chapter assisted the Post Commandant with the clerical work. Captain Leo Dufort, the Personnel Adjutant on the post, was quite concerned that any such accusation should have been made. He stated that no man had been compelled or forced to give; that no amount was entered on the Army pay sheet ahead of time but only, and if, the soldier contributed. In other words he explained the means for contributing was made available but no force was put upon any man to do so. It is also our understanding that collection boxes were placed about the camp in case a soldier did not wish to make his contribution at the pay table, he could do so if he wanted to by putting any amount he wished in a collection box. No figure for contributions by enlisted men was made, suggested, or proposed; and no quota was established by the camp.

I think you will be interested also to know that our field director made a number of inquiries among enlisted men to determine whether or not they had felt that they had been forced to contribute. In every instance the enlisted man was very frank in saying that there had been no pressure brought to bear upon them to give to the Red Cross War Fund.

Just what made the soldier who wrote to you think that he was being forced to give is difficult to know. It is the only criticism, however that we have had and I am glad that our report indicates that apparently the majority of the men felt in no way that they had to give.

Sincerely yours,


Chairman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. ROOSEVELT

Why can't the Red Cross use
him? If they cannot, you might
speak to Herbert Lehman about
him for future use.

F. D. R.

*Send him to Leavenworth & his wife
of the old to be able to*

*Done
5/15/43*

C
O
P
Y

(Incident in Paris 1917
L.H. F.B.R.)

Re: William H. Poland
1675 31st Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

*copy of the
to S. Howe
5/2/17*

"Colonial engineer" employed at present in Board of Economic Warfare
but came to Washington in 1934 on Eastman R.R. Con.

Long experience in Europe and China and East on R.R. and transportation.

Assistant to Hoover in Belgium on Food Relief in last war and took
management of same after Hoover came to U.S. as Food Adm.

Very well acquainted with people, the problems and the work and was
much loved in Europe. While working in Europe then, on the relief,
he found the refugees were pouring back to the ruined country which
was still full of unexploded shells etc, and there was loss of life
among the children who picked up the explosives, in the ruined homes
they were camping out in. Mr. Poland asked the U. S. Bombing squads
who had tents and equipment they were not using, to set up shelters
for the refugees, to protect them, till the land could be cleaned up
for them to occupy safely. The Officers were glad to do this, and
Billy moved the people in. Then an Admiral, with a love of Red Tape,
came along and said it was "irregular" and ordered the people out. Billy
was in despair and he was told that the young Assistant Secretary of
the Navy F.B.R. was in Paris and to go to him for permission to keep
the tents etc for the refugees. He went to Paris and found the
Roosevelts in a crowded room at the hotel - trunks packed, just leaving.
While waiting in a vain last hope of talking to the Secretary, Billy got
hold of Mrs. R. and told her the story. She ran across the room, he
says, and handed on the tale to F.B.R., who was beset with many people
with the result Billy got his order to continue the rescue work with the
Navy's help, and he has never forgotten the incident and feels that
Mrs. Roosevelt would remember helping him that hectic day. It is quite
probable, and if so, she would realize that his request for a chance to
help again should be listened to, and at least replied to.

I thought you would tell her the story.

No name.

100
May 3, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed memorandum about Mr. William B. Poland, 1675 31st Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. She wonders if you would look into this as he might be helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

May 4, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you the enclosed letter from Mrs. Edgar M. Shuck, 510 New Road, Elsmere, Delaware.

Mrs. Roosevelt would appreciate information as to what the situation is as concerns the sending of cigarettes to soldiers in distant places.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

Noted

May 1, 1943

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check for \$100.00, which is her usual monthly contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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*100
No 100*



WAR FUND

American Red Cross

MAY 4 1943



Date May 3, 1943.

The District of Columbia Chapter, AMERICAN RED CROSS, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of One Hundred & No/100 Dollars (\$ 100.00) from
Name Mrs. A. E. Roosevelt
Address The White House

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By Helma Hutchison

re: Tolstoy Foundation, Inc. 287 Fourth Avenue, N. Y. C.

100
May 10, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate it very much if you would let her know whether or not help can be sent to Russian prisoners in Finland and Germany.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

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MEMORANDUM FOR PRESENTATION BY THE TOLSTOY FOUNDATION INC.
TO THE NATIONAL WAR FUND.

The Tolstoy Foundation Inc. was chartered by the State of New York, April 26, 1939 and registered with The Presidents War Relief Control Board, July 28, 1942.

The aims of the Tolstoy Foundation Inc. are described in the terms of the Charter and other documents here submitted as Exhibit A. In pursuance of these aims, the Tolstoy Foundation Inc. has raised since it was chartered and until March 1, 1943, \$167,236.48. Of these funds:

I - \$44,302.19 were designated and spent for relief abroad.

The foreign allocations were transmitted to Russian organizations or well known individual cases abroad. The areas where such organizations or cases were contacted comprise: France, South America, England, Switzerland, Finland, Manchukuo, China, Bohemia, Moravia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Roumania, Manaco.

II - \$32,845.30 were given and used for direct relief to needy Russians in the United States.

III - \$62,801.69 comprise total receipts (capital investment and operating) for the period from May 1941 to March 1, 1943, for Reed Farm, Valley Cottage, Rockland County, N.Y.

IV - \$14,442.46 total receipts for Relief to Russia Committee raised

and spent for Russian prisoners of war in Finland, during the period from December 1941 to March 1943.

V - \$14,302.48 or 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ % in respect to total funds raised, were spent for administration.

✓ The Tolstoy Foundation Inc. submits to the National War Fund this memorandum as a basis for its admission to membership and participation in the comprehensive national appeal for 1943/44.

While full recognizing that the measure of work accomplished is small compared with that of stronger national organizations, still the Tolstoy Foundation is earnestly convinced that its services are essential and should be continued and expanded in two areas of human need and justice:

I - In connection with future relief and the rehabilitation in Europe and in the Far East an area of desperate need marked for neglect is to be found with the emigre Russian population, resettled in those countries.

The major Russian War Relief Agency will not include, for logical reasons of its own, assistance of any kind for the survivors of the Russian emigration from Soviet rule - the so-called "White Russians" and their families. Whatever their political or military errors in the past may have been, however changed may be the policies of government, who have given them political asylum have become, the Russian emigration now going through the compounded terrors of a second war and a second exile, may not be disregarded, as this nation engages in a non-political humanitarian effort to

alleviate human suffering. Many in this pool of suffering are of an age when they cannot any more fight for their rights as human beings. The worldwide known writer, Marejkovsky died of starvation and deprivation of all kinds, with little notice by the world that lost his genius. A Nobel Prize winner, Bunin, suffers silently from cold, want and hunger. Thousands unknown to fame deserve to be remembered and led to the grave with consideration from those whose vanguard for freedom they were in the days of their strength. At the present there is no international agency to provide them juridical support, passports or other documents. The Tolstoy Foundation asks for consideration and continuation of its efforts to sustain these Russians often sick and disabled, living in institutions or under unspeakable poverty stricken conditions. The support of most of them, built on contributions chiefly from England, from America and from their own local charities, has crumbled. The uninformed may say that these Russians do not constitute any more a legal unit, that they will share in such measures of relief as will be granted to the nationals for the countries of their life in exile. This means scant security or, too often, none at all. While the indigenous nationals will be helped through their local channels and agencies, these Russians generally will appear as strangers, "undesirables", as in France. In a state of prevailing famine, they will be seen in the role of taking bread or garments away from the national of the country where they are only being

put up with out of charity extended to them in days of past and plenty.

In this great humanitarian task that America undertakes towards alleviation of the forces of destruction on other continents, may the appealing voice of these Russians be heard and let it be answered in the one way left, through an agency here in America that can speak their language, knows their needs, can establish sound contacts for fair distribution amongst them, serve as a link between them and their American benefactors and establish them in better permanent relations with the people among whom they remain to be domiciled.

The need for relief will be greatest for this emigre population in France, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Germany and China.

REED FARM is an estate of seventy-five acres with twenty-one buildings and was donated to the Foundation in May 1941. The Reed Farm project was conceived as a self-sustaining development for the rehabilitation of Russian refugees from foreign countries and as a Russian cultural center in the United States. Reed Farm provides a home for persons who for age limits or other limitations have not been able to find themselves in America, but who nevertheless can be useful members of a working community. It also runs a summer camp for 50 children where children of Russian parentage gain a knowledge of their mother tongue and participate in regular activities of their Mother Church. During the remaining 10 months of the year

Reed Farm supports a home for 10 to 12 dependent children visiting local schools and still gaining a knowledge of Russian culture and religion. Practically the major effort of the first two years has centered around the building up of the financial basis of "the farm" itself, it being the foundation on which the entire success of the future of Reed Farm depends. A poultry plant for 5000 laying hens, with cows, hogs, vegetable and fruit gardens for table and canning, and sundry other features of a complicated household, is shown to be well advanced. All residents of the farm, whether as paid help or unpaid volunteers, or aged people paying in part for their maintenance, or children, share in the common program. The funds of investment in buildings, equipment, adaptation and upkeep, etc. have been largely contributed by a few prominent Russians in this country. With \$10,000 additional to be raised this year, the management looks forward to Reed Farm being wholly on its own feet by the end of 1945. Reed Farm is to serve purposes of resettlement after the end of the war for all those to whom the possibility of reaching these shores will be given.

II - A RELIEF TO RUSSIA COMMITTEE was originally planned to unify the war efforts of people of Russian origin in the United States, wishing to contribute their modest amount to the tremendous task of medical assistance and relief to the armed forces and people of the Soviet Union at war with Germany. That field soon came

to be measurably and successfully covered by Russian War Relief. There remained however another group of Russian victims of the war, namely, the Russian prisoners of war, to whom practically no help or hardly any, is being extended until now.

The situation of the Russian prisoners of war, briefly stated, is desperate. According to data of the American Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian Association, there are probably in excess of one million Russian war prisoners in Germany proper to whom practically no help is being extended, the Soviet government not having signed the International Convention of 1929 in Geneva. For that reason the German authorities, although willing to accept food and clothing for distribution amongst Russian war prisoners in their camps, do not permit this distribution under International Red Cross control. However, according to information of March 1943, received by the Tolstoy Foundation from the International Red Cross, it seems that negotiations for permitting agents of the International Red Cross to intervene in behalf of Russian war prisoners, are continuing and channels may open in the future to bring relief to these Russian victims of the war. Limited help was extended in 1942 to Russian war prisoners held by Finland. Their numbers were first known as 50,000. About 12,000 of them died in the camps of disease, wounds, malnutrition and general exhaustion.

The net amount of \$12,042.50 was turned over to the American Red Cross and used to furnish 4941 standard Red Cross food packages to Russian prisoners of war in Finland. Of this number 4383 were distributed in 1942 and 558 will soon go forward. The total amount of

food packages delivered by the American Red Cross in 1942, including the above mentioned, donated through the Tolstoy Foundation, amounted to 10,251. The American Red Cross is in possession of hundreds of letters acknowledging in the most touching terms, receipt of these packages. The necessity of continuing in our efforts to bring succor to these otherwise forgotten victims of the war, is urgent if they are to live.

At the present the Tolstoy Foundation stands alone in behalf of Russian prisoners of war, engaging specifically in efforts for physical relief in the form of food, clothing, medical and dental assistance, religious and recreational needs. Neither Lend-lease nor Russian War Relief includes Russian prisoners of war in the scope of their services. The American Red Cross accords Russian war prisoners a minor part of its general program of assistance but does not appeal to the American public at large for specific funds for physical assistance to prisoners of war as such, other than American.

The Young Mens Christian Association in its national appeal for funds does not include the physical wants of prisoners of war, such as food and clothing, but takes care only of the recreational, intellectual and spiritual needs of the prisoners.

In order to establish the work in behalf of Russian prisoners of war on a better organized basis, the "Relief to Russia Committee" was changed to the "Help the Russian Prisoners of War Committee" under the honorary chairmanship of Mr. Allen Wardwell and the chairmanship of Dr. Ethan T. Colton.

The attached exhibits C & D present a budget for the work to be

done in behalf of the Russian prisoners of war in Finland in 1943-1944. Were the situation in respect to Russian war prisoners in Germany to clear up and international controlled distribution become possible, the budget would correspondingly have to be raised.

Alexandra L. Tolstoy
President of Tolstoy Foundation Inc.

Ethan T. Colton
Chairman of Help the Russian Prisoners of
War Committee

EXHIBIT C:

BUDGET FOR "HELP THE RUSSIAN PRISONERS OF WAR COMMITTEE"

from May through December, 1943.

1943

1 - STANDARD RED CROSS FOOD PACKAGES: For 50,000 Russian prisoners in Finland, counting one package for two prisoners, per month, or a total of 10,000 packages @ \$3.50 per package.....	\$ 552,000.
2 - CLOTHING: (Socks, scarfs, blankets, as per request from camps) Parcels to contain: Socks .50 Scarf .70 Blanket 5.00 Underwear 4.00	
Total price per unit \$10.00	380,000.
3 - MEDICAL AND DENTAL NEEDS: \$1.00 per person - counting an average of \$5.00 in 8 months.....	76,000.
4 - MISCELLANEOUS (Books, religious articles) @ 50¢ per person	<u>11,400.</u>
	\$ 999,400.
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES: (See Exhibit D)	<u>24,400.</u>
TOTAL	\$1,023,800.

EXHIBIT D:

Administrative Expenses:	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>May/Dec. 1943</u>
Executive Director	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Executive Secretary	500.00	2,400.00
2 Stenographers	300.00	2,400.00
1 Filing Clerk	100.00	800.00
1 Bookkeeper	150.00	1,200.00
Office Rent	100.00	800.00
Telephone & Telegraph	100.00	800.00
Promotion Publicity	2,000.00	6,000.00
Postage	1,500.00	4,500.00
Travel	500.00	1,500.00
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	\$5,550.00	\$24,400.00



TOLSTOY FOUNDATION

**TOLSTOY FOUNDATION^{*}
FOR
RUSSIAN WELFARE AND CULTURE**

Incorporated April 26, 1939

The Tolstoy Foundation was incorporated by prominent Russians and Americans in April, 1939, with Count Tolstoy's youngest daughter Alexandra Lvovna Tolstoy as president.

**AID TO RUSSIAN EXILES IN COUNTRIES
OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA**

During the past three and a half years, the Foundation has raised \$85,000 for Russian organizations in fifteen foreign countries, and has relieved many persons known to be in distress and misery. Hundreds of aged, sick, and unemployed Russians have been provided with the necessities of life. And in all this humanitarian service, the administrative expenses have been only ten to twelve per cent of the donations received.

WAR AND DEVASTATION, wherever these exiles have tried to gain a foothold, has uprooted them time and time again. With the loss of domicile, possessions, and livelihood, the Russian refugee is overwhelmed by intense suffering.

GREAT POVERTY has been his lot from the beginning of the war, and Russian refugee relief organizations, pathetically poor in normal times, are unable to cope with the present emergency.

RUSSIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Because of war conditions, it has been impossible to aid thousands of Russians in Central Europe during the past year. But it has been possible, through special licenses, to make transfers to the Russian Coordinating Committee, operating in Pau, France, and thus relieve some 10,000 Russians who fled from Paris a few days before the Nazis occupied the French capital. However small the sums of money sent in comparison to the need, they came as a light out of a dark world and kindled the hopes of the hungry, cold, and shelterless, that they might once more survive the horrors of a second exile. Many were aided and among these are Ivan Bunin, the late Dmitri Merejkovsky, Nicholas Berdiaev, and other prominent writers and philosophers.

RUSSIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

Nor must we forget the Russian prisoner of war.

The American Red Cross, through the cooperation of the International Red Cross, has delivered to Russian prisoners in Finland more than 8,000 of its standard parcels.

A total of more than 4,000 of these parcels has been contributed by the Relief to Russia Committee of the Tolstoy Foundation, Inc., the work having been stimulated by a sympathizing group of writers and journalists.

Only \$2.75 provides a standard American Red Cross parcel according to specifications by the Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Its contents are as follows:

- 1) Evaporated milk, irradiated . . . 1 14½ oz. can
- 2) Lunch biscuit (hard-tack) . . . 1 8 oz. package
- 3) Kraft Cheddar cheese . . . 1 7½ oz. tin
- 4) Instant cocoa . . . 1 8 oz. tin
- 5) Sardines . . . 1 15 oz. tin
- 6) Pork meat . . . 1 12 oz. tin
- 7) Corned beef . . . 1 12 oz. tin
- 8) Sweet chocolate . . . 2 12 oz. bars
- 9) Lump sugar . . . 1 4 oz. package
- 10) Powdered orange concentrate (Vitamin G) . . . 1 7 oz. jar
- 11) Prunes . . . 1 16 oz. package
- 12) Instant coffee . . . 1 4 oz. can
- 13) Cigarettes . . . 1 2 packages (20s)
- 14) Smoking tobacco . . . 1 2½ oz. package

Only a prisoner of war can know the comfort of such a gift. It represents little sacrifice upon the part of the giver, but to the recipient, lonely, mentally depressed, and far from friends and relatives, it is a God-send. It is a welcome reminder that there is still human sympathy in a turbulent world and gives him hope for the future.

The Relief to Russia Committee of the Tolstoy Foundation, Inc. must continue sending parcels to Russian prisoners of war through the American Red Cross. In order that this humanitarian part of its work may be kept up without interruption, those who are proud of the magnificent fight Russia is waging are asked to aid by making contributions.

One parcel will bring to several soldiers a silent message of sympathy from the outside world—a ray of sunshine, transient though it may be, which will strengthen him in his hour of trial.

REED FARM, VALLEY COTTAGE, N. Y.

Reed Farm is a definite project to preserve Russian culture and its traditions among Russian refugee children and the children of Russian descent in the United States.

Reed Farm also provides a healthful place of rest and work for adults. An attractive home designed to give residence to at least 40 adults, many of whom have fled from France and other European countries, is located at Valley Cottage, N. Y., in Rockland County, only thirty miles from New York City.

On this seventy-acre estate and only a short distance from the main house is a two-story bungalow, which, in the summer-time, accommodates twenty-four campers, children between the ages of seven and fifteen. Other cabins can house more groups of children, bringing the total figure of summer campers up to more than 50.

The Childrens Camp is one of the main features of the summer activities of Reed Farm. The physical and mental health of the children, as well as their spiritual development based on religious guidance in the traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church, is of first consideration. Every effort is made, through classes, sports, and social life, to give the children a profitable and happy vacation.

To make Reed Farm self-sustaining so that it can more effectively play its part in the war effort, it is planned to build a poultry plant for 5000 laying hens. One-third of this plant has already been erected and \$15,000 is needed to complete it.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN IN ENVELOPE

National Headquarters
289 Fourth Avenue
New York City

TOLSTOY FOUNDATION

Incorporated under the laws of the State of New York

Membership

Life

Contributing

Sustaining

Regular

in the Tolstoy Foundation

I herewith enclose my gift of \$

AND/OR

to be used as follows:

- For the General Fund
 For Relief of Russian Refugees abroad
 For Parcels to be Sent to Prisoners of War at \$2.75 each
 For Maintenance and Improvement of Reed Farm

NAME

ADDRESS

Checks should be made payable to Mr. J. C. Traplaga, Treasurer, Reed Farm, 289 4th St., New York City

Gifts are deductible for Income Tax Purposes

**ALEXANDRA TOLSTOY
APPEALS TO YOU!**

1. **TO COME TO THE AID OF** thousands of Russians who are still suffering the ill fortunes of exile abroad and who for a second time are being uprooted through wars and social upheavals.

2. **TO EXTEND HELP** to Russian Prisoners of War, wherever they may be, through direct cooperation with the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross and the International Red Cross in Geneva. These organizations control delivery of parcels to the Prisoners of War.

You can help with only \$2.75 to alleviate a man's suffering, deep loneliness, and acute hunger.

You also revive in this forgotten wreck of the war a hope for a better future.

3. **TO KEEP ALIVE** Russian Culture, Art, Music and Science, together with a knowledge of Russian language, literature, religion, and traditions in the young generation, and foster love for America, the country adopted by their refugee parents.

4. **TO BECOME A MEMBER** of the Foundation:

Regular Membership \$3.00

Sustaining Membership \$10.00

Contributing Membership \$25.00

Life Membership \$100.00

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[2]

TO ASSIST THE RUSSIANS wherever in
distress, by providing material aid for their
support, medical care, and other needs.

[3]

TO COORDINATE as far as possible the
activities of any organizations serving these
same purposes.



Reed Farm



REED FARM
TOLSTOY FOUNDATION, Inc.
VALLEY COTTAGE, N. Y.



Photos Taken by Courtesy of H. I. H. Grand Duchess Marie of Russia.

Reed Farm, Tolstoy Foundation, Inc.

Valley Cottage, New York

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charge of sanitation and daily medical check-up
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THE TOLSTOY FOUNDATION, INC. has been given, by a benefactor whose name is to remain unknown to the public at large, a marvelous plot of land of seventy acres in Rockland County, New York. The estate is situated only thirty miles from New York City, and can be reached by car, bus or train. A brick, three story house with large spacious rooms, steam heated in winter, running hot and cold water, an ample kitchen, pantry, laundry, and other accommodations is to serve as a temporary or permanent home for rest, play and work to all those to whom city life is too heavy a burden, both mentally and financially, and who can here find the pleasures and the quiet of complete country life, combined with work and inspiration in building up a true centre of Russian culture.

Although some prominent Russians are contributing to the initial running expenses of the project as a whole, the ultimate goal is to make it self-supporting through promotion of various activities, through direct exploitation of the land, and the establishment of a poultry plant.

A two-story bungalow with a large screened porch, separated from the main building by lawns and flower beds, is intended to house 24 campers—children from seven to fifteen years of age—and the camp supervising staff of two expert educators, camp counsellors and their junior assistants. A log cabin, back of the truck garden, facing a lawn for games, can house another group of twelve campers—boys of ten to fifteen years of age.

Separate buildings such as: garages, tool barns, a children's workshop, bungalows for farm management and personnel, and for canning vegetables and fruits, a hay barn, cow stalls and stables are all in perfect order, and are equipped with running water and electricity, as are the main buildings.

The water supply comes from two artesian wells, 350 feet deep, which are run by a Westinghouse Electric pump.

One of the main features of the summer activities at Reed Farm is the Children's Camp. Physical and mental health, the spiritual development of children based on religious guidance in the traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church, combined with morning and evening prayer, with the raising and lowering of the flag of the United States, regular classes in Russian and French, games, sports, swimming, hiking, choir singing, et cetera, are all planned without rigid regimenta-

tion, but should serve to bring true refreshment, change and interest to the children after their long and often tedious winter studies. A Russian physician in charge, Dr. V. P. Wasson, and Dr. Nina V. Toll-Vernadsky, Public Health Supervisor, will provide for daily medical supervision and thus guarantee careful attention to weaker children and to their daily schedule of rest and play.

The group supervisors—Miss M. A. Knudsen and Mrs. M. A. Doubassoff—will be in charge of the general program of the camp, and will have regular classes in Russian and French, as well as coaching in English when desired. Special attention will be given to the Russian language, literature, folk-lore, and handicraft.

Gymnastics and physical education will be under the direct leadership of a Russian expert Sokol. (For further particulars of the Children's Camp see Application Blank).

The purpose of the Reed Farm Home in the main building is to provide a pleasant and healthy place for adults to stay, and rest, and live, either temporarily or permanently. Each resident contributes towards his board and room in accordance with his circumstances and makes his own personal arrangements with the management of the Farm. All live, and work, and enjoy all the privileges of the Farm alike and contribute their help in keeping with their individual tastes and abilities.

The more prosperous the Farm—the better and the more interesting the life of each one individually. Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess Marie not only has given her consent to be Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the whole project, but is also at the head of a special project—that of building a nucleus for a collection of Russian objects of art, Byzantine and Church treasures such as ikons, embroideries, ancient books, and handicrafts.

This project includes a Home Chapel, where these holy objects of the Greek Orthodox Church, often unused or undisclosed to the public eye, would be restored to a place of worship and thereby regain their everlasting sense of beauty and service to the Church.

The Sponsoring Committee and the Committee of Management of Reed Farm hereby appeal to all the friends of Russian life and culture to support this project and to help build this centre, making it not only a home for the Russians, but an asset to the American community which has so bountifully opened its hospitable gates.

We need your help and the interest of one and all!



Courtesy of H. I. H. Grand Duchess Marie of Russia

CHILDREN'S CAMP
REED FARM, TOLSTOY FOUNDATION, Inc.
Valley Cottage, N. Y.



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Valley Cottage, New York

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GROUP LEADERS

MARIE A. DOUBASSOFF
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TRANSPORTATION

Reed Farm can be reached by Rockland Coach buses leaving Midtown Bus Terminal, 145 West 43rd Street, New York City, every hour—twenty minutes after the hour—and stopping at 167th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue at ten minutes before the hour and a quarter after the hour. Tickets should be purchased to Valley Cottage and the conductor notified to stop at Reed Farm. Bus fare one way \$3.89, round trip \$1.31. Return bus reservations may be made weekdays with the Nyack Bus Terminal — Telephone Nyack 1030. Friday afternoons return buses leave every hour — ten minutes after hour — from 4:10 to 9:10 P.M.; Saturdays and Sundays every hour — ten minutes after hour — from 10:10 A.M. until 9:10 P.M.

There is also frequent train service on the West Shore River Division of the New York Central. From New York City take ferry at foot of West 42nd Street to Weehawken, N. J. and then take train for Valley Cottage, N. Y. Fare \$3.61 each way plus five per cent government tax.

Persons going by automobile should take Route 9W, on arriving on the Jersey side. At Lake Road (about four miles beyond Nyack) turn left and drive for a quarter of mile. Reed Farm is on the right side of the road.

This year, as during the summer of 1941, Reed Farm opens its facilities to the organization of a children's camp from July 1st to September 12th.

Reed Farm is situated thirty miles from New York City, at Valley Cottage, (Rockland County), New York and can be reached by automobile, bus, or train. (See page four for details regarding transportation.)

A two-story house with a large screened porch, separated from the main building of Reed Farm by lawns and flower beds, can accommodate 24 campers—children from six to fifteen years of age—under careful and constant supervision of educators, counsellors and their assistants. Two cabins, at the back of the truck garden facing a lawn for games, can house an older group of 16 children.

The water supply comes from an artesian well, 350 feet deep, worked by a Westinghouse Electric pump.

Physical and mental health, as well as the spiritual development and religious guidance of the children, is based on the traditions of Russian culture and the Greek Orthodox Church. Morning and evening prayer, the raising and lowering of the flag of the United States of America, regular classes in Russian and French (if desired), games, music, choir singing, swimming, hiking and other sports are all planned in the interest of the children to give them real relaxation after their long winter studies.

The program includes practical work on the poultry farm, in the vegetable, fruit and flower gardens as well as serving meals in small groups under expert guidance and the performance of household duties.

Mr. N. A. Kounovsky, professor of gymnastics and physical education, has given his kind consent to act as Director of the Children's Camp. His Sokol training and experience assures the best leadership in outdoor activities combined with firm discipline and sound moral guidance.

Health supervision will be provided by Dr. Emile J. Buscicchi by regular weekly inspection and on call whenever needed.

Routine administration, meals, daily health reports, et cetera will be in charge of Mrs. M. A. Doubasoff, acting in all matters as direct assistant to Mr. Kounovsky.

Choir singing, music, clubwork and other cultural activities will be directed by Mrs. I. D. Vincent.

CAMP REGULATIONS

1. Children are expected to perform such household duties as making their own beds, sweeping and tidying up their living quarters as well as serving at table by turns.
2. All clothes must be marked with a number given to each child upon admission. Without this marking no clothes will be accepted.
3. Parents are especially requested not to bring any food to the children. All candy or fruit must be turned over to the supervisors for distribution at regular hours.
4. Parents are permitted to visit their children on the camp grounds on Sunday afternoons from two to five.
5. Those children, who do not sleep at Reed Farm but participate in the daily camp program, must conform strictly to the general rules and regulations.
6. In order to achieve satisfactory results with the children, it is desirable that they register for not less than three weeks.
7. Each child must have one set of uniform clothes, consisting of navy blue shorts and white sport shirt for boys and navy blue skirt and white sport shirt for girls.

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CONTENTS OF PARCEL

Evaporated Milk 1 Can 14½ oz.
Lunch Biscuit 1 Package 8 oz.
Kraft Cheddar Cheese 1 Tin 7¾ oz.
Instant Cocoa 1 Tin 8 oz.
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Pork Meat 1 Tin 12 oz.
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MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!

Give generously that your gift be an Easter message of hope and support to these men who have given and sacrificed their All to our common cause. Give this message to your friends so that they join us in our effort and may Easter bring you peace and happiness.

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May 24, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt would appreciate any information the Red Cross may be able to obtain about Sergeant Joseph J. Donahue. A letter she has received from the boy's mother is enclosed.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

One son in Africa - Sgt. J. Donahue was in Philippines, had served his time, and was to be discharged Nov. 1941. Now a prisoner - has not heard since notification was rec. Dec. 1942.



AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 26, 1943.

Miss Malvina C. Thompson,
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

The Chairman has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your note of May 24th, which brought to our attention a letter, dated May 13th, which had been addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt by Mrs. Ralph S. Munson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to obtain, if possible, some information regarding her son, Sgt. Joseph J. Donahue, a prisoner of the Japanese government.

We have discussed this matter with Miss Martha Ellesor, who is in charge of our Prisoner of War Unit in Home Service. She will obtain all information possible and write to you within the next few days.

Very sincerely,

Archie W. Johnston,
Relief to Prisoners of War.

May 28, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

There is enclosed a letter from Mrs. Catherine Wagner, 102 Main Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania. If it becomes possible at any time to furnish Mrs. Wagner news of her son, Mrs. Roosevelt will be grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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Francis L. Wagner
322 Bombing Group
452d Bomb Squadron - missing in action in N. Africa since April 4.

May 31, 1943

100

My dear Mr. Davis:

The enclosed check for \$100 is
Mrs. Roosevelt's usual monthly contribution
to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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WAR FUND

American Red Cross



Date June 7, 1943.

The District of Columbia Chapter, AMERICAN RED CROSS, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of One Hundred & no/100 Dollars (\$ 100.00) from

Name Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Address The White House

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By [Signature]

June 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

The enclosed letter has been given to me by Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt. I wonder if you have any suggestions as to the remedy for the problems described therein.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis
Chairman, The American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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See also Gen. Osborn

*Husband in Army. Allotment not enough for self and children. Takes care of vital current needs but nothing for doctor, dental work, cleaning clothing, furnishings, repairs, etc. Consulted Red Cross Home Service Department and is informed they cannot help financially as long as she is receiving allotment. Wonders what she can do.

100
June 1, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letter from Mrs. Lucy W. Nevels, 343 South 20th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. She wonders if the Red Cross does not help in such cases.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

June 12, 1943

The following is an excerpt from letter addressed
to Mrs. Roosevelt:

June the 9th, 1943
Devon, Pa. Post Office

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have a son that left home last Sept. 19th
which I haven't seen since he left home. He went
overseas the first days in March. Now that I haven't
heard from him in 7 weeks I am heart-broken. The
second boy is not away five months and is going
overseas

Your Friend,

/s/ Mrs. D. T. Green
Devon, Pa.
Post Office

100
June 25, 1945

Dear Mr. Davis:

X I have been asked to speak for Miss Marcella Gump, of San Francisco, who is in Washington for the purpose of trying to get a place as Overseas Hostess for the Red Cross.

I am sorry that I do not know Miss Gump, but she is apparently well prepared for such a job, having studied in Europe and traveled to many parts of the world. She has a knowledge of several languages.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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June 25, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

X Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you this copy of a letter she has received from Captain William M. V. Hoffman, Jr., of the Signal Service, because it speaks so highly of the Red Cross services in Australia.

Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Officer
Social Correspondence

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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June 30, 1943

100

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's
check for \$100, which is her usual monthly
contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

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Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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No 55836

Washington, D. C., July 3, 1943

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From Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

By *D. G. Swain*
ASSISTANT TREASURER

July 6, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have been asked to write to you about Mr. Kay Kayser, the band leader. He has been rejected for military service and is very anxious to make some contribution through his music to the war effort. He thought it might be possible for the Red Cross to use his band at rallies or meetings, and for benefits, all the proceeds to go to the Red Cross. He does not want to earn any money. Will you pass this on to the proper person and ask him to see Mr. Kayser.

I have a young second cousin, Miss Mara di Zoppola who is very anxious to go abroad in some capacity. She is only nineteen, but seems to me very mature and she has lived a great deal in Europe so is familiar with it and the people. Do you pay the people you send over? At the moment she is going to Bennington College and is particularly interested in child care, and I think she is capable. If there would be any chance for her, would you let me know?

Very cordially yours,

*Her nephew, ~~Cpl.~~ Cpl. Taylor C. Broome, is prisoner of war in Stalag, Germany. Wants information as to whether or not he is still living and says Red Cross at Charlotte stated there was nothing they could do and refused to request the information, etc.

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July 12, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

The enclosed letter from ~~Mrs.~~
Luke Wolfe, 1516 North Davidson Street,
Charlotte, North Carolina, has been re-
ceived during Mrs. Roosevelt's absence
and I am sure she would want me to bring
it to your attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

*Husband died and she wants to notify his family in France. Red Cross said it would take six months and she writes to ask if Mrs. Roosevelt has any way to get word to her husband's brother of his death.

July 19, 1943. / 0.6

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letter from Mrs. D. O. Boudouy, 21 King Street, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate it very much if you will let her know about this and have the enclosed letter returned with your reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

VDS

100

July 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

There is enclosed a letter from
X Miss Helena A. Wheeler, 9 Shadow Lane, Larchmont,
New York, who fears that a defect in hearing
may prevent her getting an assignment with the
Red Cross. Mrs. Roosevelt would appreciate your
letting her know whether there is a chance for
Miss Wheeler.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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July 24, 1945

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you the enclosed letter from Miss Lillian Kahn, 1538 Jesup Avenue, Bronx, New York, and to ask if the Red Cross can render any assistance to this family.

Mrs. Roosevelt is interested in this case and she would appreciate a report on what the Red Cross can do.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

mother has chronic skin disease which requires constant care and hospitalization
- brother in the Army and girl is left with care of mother and two young
brothers



AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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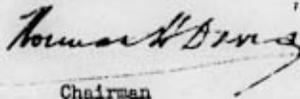
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

July 26, 1943

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for sending me the letter addressed to you from ~~Miss~~ Lillian Kahn, 1538 Jesup Avenue, Bronx, New York. I am asking that immediate attention be given to this matter and you will be hearing from me in the near future as to what plan can be worked out for Miss Kahn.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JUL 27 1943

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

July 26, 1943.

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

In re: Helena A. Wheeler
Larchmont, N. Y.

Thank you for your letter of July 22nd enclosing a letter from Miss Helena A. Wheeler, 9 Shadow Lane, Larchmont, New York to Mrs. Roosevelt concerning her desire for foreign service with the Red Cross.

I am having this matter referred to Mrs. E. Swift Newton, National Headquarters, who is in charge of recruiting women for overseas service. Mrs. Newton's office informs me that Miss Wheeler's papers have been forwarded to our North Atlantic Area office, 300 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and that on her return to the office in a day or two Mrs. Newton will check with New York and ascertain what progress has been made with the application. A hearing defect would, of course, show up in the rather searching physical examination all applicants have to pass but I am not in a position to say whether or not this would bar Miss Wheeler from foreign duty, since I do not know to what extent this impairment exists.

I am asking Mrs. Newton to communicate with you direct about this case when she has more information.

Sincerely yours,

Thurmond H. Dawley

July 31, 1943

100

My dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed is Mrs. Roosevelt's check
for \$100, which is her contribution for August
to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

to
Robert



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Date August 3, 1943

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Name Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Address The White House, Washington, D. C.

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By V. J. Zaccaro

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August 12, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for sending me the letter of credentials and for all that you have done in arranging the trip for me. I am looking forward with the greatest interest to my visit to the Red Cross facilities.

I hope that your trip will be successful and send you every good wish.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

August 31, 1943

100

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check for \$100, which is her usual monthly contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

H. H. H.



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American Red Cross

SEP 2 1943



Date Sept. 1, 1943

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District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By G. J. Anderson

*Is Registered Nurse. Colored. Filed application with Red Cross 4/16/43. Several weeks passed. Made inquiry and was told was rejected on account weight. Wrote 4/19/43 pointing out this fact and requesting application be given further consideration as this decision had been reached before being given physical examination. Given examination and on July 19th received official notification that she had passed and was eligible for military service. As others have been called and she has not she feels she is being discriminated against due to race.

September 9, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

In Mrs. Roosevelt's absence, I am taking the liberty of sending you the enclosed letter from Miss Carolyn E. Dillon, 240 West 64th Street, New York (23), New York.

I am sure Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate it very much if you would let her know how she should reply to Miss Dillon.

The return of the enclosed letter will also be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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September 14, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

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In the absence of Mrs. Roosevelt,
I am sending you the enclosed copy of a letter from ~~Mrs.~~ Hans Stock, Route #1 - Box 147-A, Concord, California.

I am bringing it to your attention in case you feel some assistance should be given Mrs. Stock.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 13, D.C.

September 17, 1943.

Miss Malvina Thompson,
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

In Chairman Davis' absence from the country, I have been asked to acknowledge receipt of your note of September 16th, bringing to our attention the desire of the family of Major Robert W. Canfield, who has been missing in action since August 12th, to obtain information about him.

I have discussed this matter with Miss Edna Mattox, Assistant Director of our Home Service, who is responsible for the Prisoner of War Correspondence Unit. She has asked that your letter be referred to her in order that all available helpful information may be sent on to you.

Information which can be obtained in such circumstances is usually most limited. I am sure, however, that Miss Mattox will be of all possible assistance.

Very sincerely,

Archie W. Johnston

Archie W. Johnston,
Relief to Prisoners of War.

ENROLLMENT FOR SERVICE
AMERICAN JUNIOR RED CROSS ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN, NOVEMBER 1-15, 1943

September 15, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has received a letter from a friend of hers concerning Major Robert W. Canfield, reported missing in action over Oelsenkirchen, Germany, August 12, 1943. Major Canfield's family hopes that he may be a prisoner or in a hospital and asks if there is any possible way of obtaining information about him.

I know that if the Red Cross is able to secure information at any time about Major Canfield, Mrs. Roosevelt will be appreciative.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

14 SEP 1943

Miss Malvina C. Thompson,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

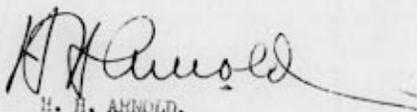
My dear Miss Thompson:

This will acknowledge your note of 4 September 1943, requesting further information regarding Major Robert W. Canfield, who was reported missing in action on 12 August 1943.

A careful check has been made of War Department casualty records and I am very sorry to advise that no further information regarding Major Canfield is available at the present time. I am sure you appreciate that the details regarding casualties are of necessity meager as the circumstances and pressure under which forces operate during warfare do not permit the collection and reporting of full details of a casualty.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated and it is regretted a more favorable reply cannot be made at this time.

Sincerely yours,



H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.



Aug 24 1943.

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See [unclear]
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Dear Eleanor:

Here is another trouble. Our son-in-law Major Robert W. Canfield has been reported by the A.G.O. as missing in action over Gilsenbirehen, Germany, Aug 12. He was commissioned a Captain in March 1942 in the Flying Training Command, as second in command of Flexible Gunnery at Fort Worth, Texas; then asst Director of Training, Central Instructors School, Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, Florida; then overseas July 12 of this year.

I am entirely out of touch with things in this war. Could you tell me who runs that part of the Red Cross which gets lists of prisoners or prisoners in hospitals, in case he should be such? Perhaps this information clears through London.

I wish I knew our Ambassador
there.

Could you tell me what I
should do to lift the cloud of anxiety
now hanging over us, if I can be
lifted? Camilla and the children are
with us here.

Our love to you both, and to
your youngsters.

Affectionately
Catharine Brown

*Wants to know why she does not hear from her son who is interned in the Philippines. Hasn't heard direct since October 1941. Wants to know positively if the Government is making any effort to feed, clothe and furnish medical care or are they neglected and dying of starvation.

September 22, 1943. 100

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am sure Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate it very much if you will be good enough to let her have a suggested reply to the enclosed letter from Mrs. Etta Merrick, Den Dorn, Bremerton, Washington.

The return of the enclosed letter with your reply will also be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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(Original letter referred to Colonel McCarthy)

D. B.

September 25, 1943.

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My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mrs. Raymond J. Brodeur, 67 Brook Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Inasmuch as this girl seems quite desperate, Mrs. Roosevelt thought perhaps you might want to have this case investigated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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October 1, 1943

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My dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed is Mrs. Roosevelt's
check for \$100, which is her usual monthly
contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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October 4, 1943

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Dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter Mrs. Roosevelt has received from Warrant Officer William D. Carney, Stewart Field, West Point, New York, concerning a musical show written by the men at Stewart Field.

Before promising to see Mr. Carney, Mrs. Roosevelt would like to know whether the Red Cross wishes to accept the funds which might be realized from the production of this show.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE BASIC-ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

SEP 28 Rec'd
In Reply Refer To:

Stewart Field, West Point, N. Y.
24 September 1943

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park,
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

Please accept my thanks for the thoughtfulness of your letter of June 23rd. I cannot adequately express the feeling of pride this gave me for the small part the Stewart Field Band played in the production, "Army Play by Play" at New York and Hyde Park.

This past summer, Stewart Field produced an original musical show, "Stars Without Stripes". Both the music and lyrics were written by our own enlisted men. Colonel Hall of Headquarters, Special Service Office who saw the show, said it was by far the best Service Men's show he had yet seen. The musical score, in my opinion, is better than any recent Broadway success.

I am confident that this production with the proper sponsorship, such as only you could provide, would make a very substantial contribution to some deserving war charity. The Red Cross was suggested because it usually has a membership drive in November. I would deem it an honor if I could discuss this with you at your convenience either at Washington, New York or Hyde Park.

This letter is being written with the consent of the Commandant, Colonel George W. Schlatter.

Most respectfully yours,

William D. Curney

WILLIAM D. CURNAY, Warrant Officer
Commanding Officer,
369th Army Air Force Band

DC/cc

Her son 1st Lt. Chase Jay Nielsen, was one of the Tokyo raiders with Doolittle. Heorted as one of 8 prisoners taken by Japs. Japs announcing execution of some of these prisoners has made it hard for her to take. Would like to learn if he is alive or not.

October 7, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letter from Mrs.

X Floyd Nielsen, Box 169, Hyrum, Utah.

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate any information you may be able to give her which she can transmit to Mrs. Nielsen.

The return of the enclosed letter with your reply will be further appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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*Maj. Kerr is his wife's first cousin. Kerr's wife committed suicide
over worry about him. Wants to know if he is dead or alive. Settlement
of estate is held in abeyance pending end of war.
Kerr missing in Philippines since 1/2/43. DA 114

October 7, 1943. 100

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to
send you the enclosed letter from Mr.
X Newell Keith Woods, CSp(G), USNR., Box
45, Yukon, Florida.

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate
any information you may be able to give
her concerning Major Charles R. Kerr.

The return of the enclosed
letter with our reply will be further
appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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October 10, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you the enclosed letter from Mrs. Estelle Bakewell-Green, 609 Collingdale Avenue, Collingdale, Pennsylvania, for what it is worth.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

609 Collingdale Ave.,
Collingdale, Pa.
Oct. 1, '43.

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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Enclosed is more pressing than the question of my Titian picture. I will write you in re yours of last August, later on. Thank you for writing.

You may want to pass on the information in the following letter, so I confine myself to the subject in hand.. Am doing my own typing.

Loyally,

Estelle Bakewell-Green.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 12, 1943

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I acknowledge your referral of inquiries concerning Major Charles Roy Kerr, requested by Newell Keith Woods, and concerning Lt. Chase Jay Nielsen, requested by his mother, Mrs. Floyd Nielsen.

Immediate action has been initiated on these inquiries. You may expect a report on them as soon as our Inquiry Service has had an opportunity of going over the latest International Red Cross and War Department reports concerning casualties and prisoners of war.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

October 14, 1945

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Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you very much for your letter about my report on the trip to the Southwest Pacific. I am glad you found the report informative.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ZONE 13

October 8, 1943

Handwritten notes:
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have read your report on your visit to Australia and the Southwest Pacific, and I want to express my great appreciation to you for your constructive observations. There is no question but that the major obstacle which we have had to overcome was that of the proper movement of personnel and supplies. There were long periods of time when neither personnel nor supplies could move from America, and we feel that it is only because of the devoted service and the unusual initiative shown by the personnel which we have in the Southwest Pacific that our program has been as satisfactory as it is.

As you know, we are prepared to send all of the personnel which Australia could possibly use, and we have filled all of their requests for personnel with the exception of certain professional hospital workers, such as psychiatric case workers and medical case workers, which just do not exist. In the case of these professional personnel which cannot be found, we have reached agreements with their professional organization which permit us to substitute workers who are unusually well fitted for this work but who are without the usual professional background.

With reference to the difficulties surrounding our work with the Navy, this is a difficulty of long standing. The Naval authorities have not given the authority to their commanding officers in the field to work out plans with the American Red Cross personnel in the field. The Navy regulations require that their officers in the field submit to Naval Headquarters here, their requests, and as a consequence, our service, where the Navy is concerned, is less prompt and less satisfactory than the service to the Army. I expect to have some conversations with the Navy here again concerning this matter, but experience in the past would lead me to doubt that the Navy would give us the same wide latitude which the Army so willingly gives.

You will be interested to know that the art exhibit which you saw in New Guinea is now being packed and probably will be sent almost at once to us by plane. When it arrives, we will arrange an exhibit, and I hope you will find it possible to see it.

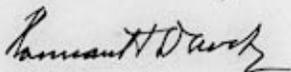
With reference to the Gray Ladies in New Zealand, we will look into this matter. We agree with you that we must not permit technicalities to interfere with our giving of service. The hospital authorities usually require that women going into the hospitals should be especially trained, but I am sure the authorities on the ground will be practical about it.

I am now sending to Australia one of our most experienced executives who will stay there until such time as we are completely satisfied with the whole organization and supply situation. It is also possible that Mr. Allen, Vice Chairman in charge of Insular and Foreign Operations, will go out there for a short visit.

I cannot emphasize too strongly to you my appreciation for the fine service which you have rendered the Red Cross. One thing alone would have justified your trip and that is the cheer which you brought to the American men in the hospitals. In addition, you have given us this fine report on your observations which will be exceedingly helpful to us.

With best wishes to you, I am

Faithfully yours,



Chairman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

October 15, 1943

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Mrs. Roosevelt

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check for \$500 which represents her contribution to the American Red Cross from an article written for the Ladies Home Journal on the Red Cross in the South Pacific. Mrs. Roosevelt has deducted a percentage for income tax and for expenses on the trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Oct. 19, 1943

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Miss Thompson has sent me your personal check for \$500, representing a contribution to the American Red Cross from an article written for the Ladies Home Journal on the Red Cross in the South Pacific.

We acknowledge this contribution with real gratitude and as a token of your never ceasing interest in our work. I may say that reports of your recent mission to the Southwest Pacific pay great tribute to your understanding and patience and there is no doubt but that your visit meant a great deal to our men and that it was a real morale builder.

Faithfully yours,

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

October 26, 1945

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Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of October 19. I do know about the agreements with the War Department as to entertainment for the men overseas, but the need is there and not fulfilled.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 10, 1943

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

We have received the check for \$100 which Mr. Fritz sent, 1301
Fort Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, sent to you for the Red Cross. This check
undoubtedly comes to us because of your recent visit to the Southwest
Pacific, and we are grateful to you for sending it along to us.

You will be interested to know that I received many authori-
tative reports concerning your talk Tuesday evening, September 15, to the
members of our National Volunteer Service Committee. These men who came
from all over the United States will return to their homes and will un-
doubtedly pass on to their fellow workers and friends the information
which you gave them concerning our program.

I understand you refer to the need for more entertainers and
more movies. I am sure you are familiar with the fact that under agree-
ments with the War Department, the Red Cross is not permitted to send any
entertainment talent from the United States to our units abroad. This
matter of sending entertainers is very closely controlled by Cune Shows,
Inc. which is affiliated with the U.S.G. It has been the subject of many
conferences and some differences of opinion in the past.

Cune Shows, Inc. have a very sizable talent, and even though we
have discussed this problem with them, they have told us that they were
sending large numbers of entertainers abroad. Because the American Red
Cross is conducting club and recreation facilities in all of these stations
abroad, it is quite natural that the men in the Armed Forces should blame
us for the shortage of entertainment talent which arrives from the United
States. The Red Cross does organize entertainments from among the men in
the Armed Services and from among talent which may be available in the
country in which the entertainment is given, but we have adhered rigidly to
the agreements reached that we would not send any entertainment talent from
America.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 19, 1943

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We have received the check for \$105 which Mr. Fritz Gritz, 1201 Fort Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, sent to you for the Red Cross. This check undoubtedly comes to us because of your recent visit to the Southwest Pacific, and we are grateful to you for sending it along to us.

You will be interested to know that I received many enthusiastic reports concerning your talk Tuesday evening, October 12, to the members of our National Volunteer Service Committee. These women who came from all over the United States will return to their homes and will undoubtedly pass on to their fellow workers and friends the information which you gave them concerning our program.

I understand you refer to the need for more entertainers and more movies. I am sure you are familiar with the fact that under agreements with the War Department, the Red Cross is not permitted to send any entertainment talent from the United States to our units abroad. This matter of sending entertainers is very closely controlled by Camp Shows, Inc. which is affiliated with the U.S.G. It has been the subject of many conferences and some differences of opinion in the past.

Camp Shows, Inc. have a very sizeable budget, and each time we have discussed this problem with them, they have told us that they were sending large numbers of entertainers abroad. Because the American Red Cross is conducting club and recreation facilities in all of these stations abroad, it is quite natural that the men in the Armed Forces should blame us for the shortage of entertainment talent which arises from the United States. The Red Cross does organize entertainments from among the men in the Armed Services and from among talent which may be available in the country in which the entertainment is given, but we have adhered rigidly to the agreements reached that we would not send any entertainment talent from America.

*I have seen that letter and it has not followed.
S.P.*

If you are interested in exploring this matter further, I will be pleased to send you copies of the agreements which have been reached. Assuring you of our appreciation of the reports which you have sent on the activities of the American Red Cross in Australia and the Southwest Pacific, I am

Sincerely yours,

Norman Davis
Chairman

Signed By
R. H. Hill

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

November 5, 1943

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My dear Mr. Davis:

This is part of the net earnings from my column and includes my monthly contribution. I think this is all I will be able to send as a result of the Southwest Pacific trip as the next check will have to go to the American Friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis
The Amer. Red Cross



AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

November 9, 1943

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your check for \$1,000 which is a part of the net earnings from your column and which includes in addition your monthly contribution to the Red Cross has been received.

We are most grateful to you for this important contribution and are especially appreciative of the confidence in our program which is implied.

Your interest in the Red Cross and your understanding of our problems has been demonstrated again and again, and is of real assistance to us. Please accept my thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

Norman Thayer
Chairman

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.



AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

November 10, 1923

My dear Miss Thompson:

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 6th, and I would be pleased to have you tell Mrs. Roosevelt that we are communicating with our headquarters in Australia concerning the need for a radio in the Anti-Tank Company, 164th Infantry.

We will be glad to write you further as soon as we receive a reply.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Davis

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

November 20, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Davis:

I have had several protests
lately that due to the shortage of nurses,
that colored nurses be allowed to serve
where there is no serious objection to it.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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November 27, 1943

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My dear Mr. Davis:

X Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed correspondence about Mrs. Lounsberry. Is there any way that your organization could help her secure the type of bed she needs?

When you are finished with this file would you please return it to me for my files?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Mr. Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Lund is holding this.
Letters from Mrs. Jan Lindsay
F. F. Fauri
Evelyn Roosevelt
re. Mrs. Lounsberry.

November 30, 1943

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My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's
check for \$100, which is her usual monthly
contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Hon. Norman Davis
The American Red Cross

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American Red Cross



Date December 2, 1943

The District of Columbia Chapter, AMERICAN RED CROSS, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of ONE HUNDRED & NO/100----- Dollars (\$ 100.00) from Name Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Address The White House

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By Violet T. Giacarin

December 3, 1943

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Dear Mr. Davis:

I want to tell you that I believe
personnel is needed badly in the Southwest
in
Pacific, ~~not~~ New Caledonia, not in Australia.

Very sincerely yours,

~~Hon. Norman Davis~~

They need personnel in Australia too but this plea came
to me because I helped Miss Ryan get permission to open a
club on Esperitu Santo and she hoped to open it by ~~new~~ Christmas.
It is much needed and I know her club personnel was inadequate
and the hospital personnel was very short.

Hon. Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross

(See ~~Marie C. Ryan~~)

December 4, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has a letter concerning the area day rooms in Army camps, and before replying, she would like to know if it is the responsibility of the Red Cross to furnish the day rooms in this country.

Mrs. Roosevelt would appreciate your letting her have this information.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
Chairman, American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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Mrs. Walter R. Agard

2024 Chamberlain Ave.,
Madison 5, Wisconsin,
November 28, 1943.

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As national head of the American Red Cross I think you may be interested in a situation which I have stumbled on in connection with the area day rooms of our army camps.

A year ago when our Trux Aviation Camp near Madison was finished, the local Red Cross was supposed to see that the area day rooms were furnished for the men, so that they could have a comfortable place to write home in and to lounge, close to their barracks. They delayed and hedged so much that it became a local issue, and finally they were forced to let women's organizations in Madison and all over southern Wisconsin share in the privilege and joy of getting substantial used furniture into those rooms. It was accomplished in a few months. The men have been deeply grateful.

As I had a hand in this work, when I visited at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, recently, I inquired about day rooms there, since that camp is two years old. The results showed only a handful had been furnished, at least one at the soldiers' expense! For several weeks I have worked on arousing groups and individuals in Boston to this situation -- the neglect of our men by the Red Cross. As a result, the Boston office is replacing the Camp Edwards Red Cross director, and the new man is directed to work on the day rooms immediately.

While working on this, I find that in Camp Phillips, near Salina, Kansas, the rooms are neglected. I also learned from a negro leader that in one district where a camp is located, negroes and white people in the community worked hard, together, to get furniture and money to equip the rooms, and when all was finished -- the negro day rooms were still empty.

The rooms are urgently needed because the Service Clubs are often far from barracks -- a mile or more -- and the men are too weary after a heavy day's work to go there except on week-ends. So they write cramped in their bunks until lights out at 9 P.M. and then must write in the latrines. The lights in day rooms are left on until 11 P.M. How little to do for our men, to ease and comfort them before they go out to war! Communities are longing to help if they know the need. It is the job of the Red Cross to tell them.

My request is that you might get the National Red Cross to make a survey of the day room situation in every camp in the country. Don't let them use a few furnished rooms as a blind for the countless empty ones. A piano and a ping pong table with no balls do not fill the bill.

The indifference and laziness of the local directors can not be laid only on them -- what is wrong with the district heads? The soldiers are helpless, but you can have this wrong righted, dear Mrs. Roosevelt.

Please do not use my name, as my young son is in the army and I do not wish to have any connection made between us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Marshall Agard

(Mrs. Walter R. Agard)

December 8, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter about the Lounsberry Family of Rogers City, Michigan, You are right about the hospital bed, and I will ask Miss Hoey as you suggest.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis

December 8, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from ~~Mrs.~~ Mrs. Mary Monick, 225 Banker Street, Gallitzin, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if the Red Cross can not help in this case.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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December 11, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Davis:

We missed you very much at the luncheon the other day and everyone was sorry to hear that you were ill.

It was a pleasure to see Mr. Bliss and Mr. Pope with whom I had a chance to talk.

Thank you very much for your note. I am particularly concerned that all the people going out to the Southwest Pacific should not go to New Zealand and Australia but that some of the personnel might go direct to New Caledonia as I knew they were hoping to open up a new club in Espiritu Santo, by Christmas.

With very good wish for your quick recovery, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington 13, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C. 13

December 6, 1943

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President of the National Geographic Society, has sent us a check for \$750.00 which he states you have suggested as a contribution to the Red Cross as a part of the proceeds from your Pacific trip. We appreciate this generous action on your part, and we will apply this check to our work in the Pacific, which area you recently visited.

I have received your letter with reference to the need for personnel in the Pacific and have asked that a statement be prepared showing the number of personnel who have been sent to the Pacific during the last few months. Large numbers of personnel, mostly women, have been sent there within the last three months. It is my impression that the urgent need for personnel has now been met. However, I am sure you will be interested in seeing the exact figures.

Mr. Allen tells me he sent you a copy of a report from Mr. Christensen concerning his recent inspection trip in New Guinea. I know what a heavy volume of mail comes to you each day, and we have refrained from sending you anything but the most important information. Your visit to the Pacific was a real service to us and is greatly appreciated by us. If you wish to have information currently concerning the changes in our activities there, I would be very pleased to see that it is sent to you.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Davis
Chairman

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Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

GIVE INFORMATION TO MISS THOMPSON WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

December 13, 1943. 700

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt will be appreciative of any information you might be able to furnish her concerning:

X Sergeant Perry Damsky,
ASN - 35423426,
32nd Bomber Squadron,
301st Bomber Group,
A. P. O. 520,
c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

This soldier was reported missing in Austria on November 2, 1943.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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Rec. Center
12/13/47
your no.

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12/13/47

Sgt. Perry Ramsey DAWSON
~~3242526~~ 32423426
32nd Bomb. Squadron
3rd Bomb. Group
APO 520
40 Post. New York
Missing in Austria
Nov. 2, 1943.

*Is American long absent from homeland. Re policy of American Government regarding her eligibility as a Director of one of the American Red Cross Clubs in England.

December 18, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letters from Miss Alta Lauriat Piper, #4 St. Catherine's, Vicarage Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, England.

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if anything should be done.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

(Hon. Norman H. Davis)
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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December 20, 1943

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Dear Mr. Davis:

The President thinks these people should not be commissioned, but that in combat zones they should have the benefits of Army pensions and insurance.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis

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X Frank E. Barnum, Asst. Field Director, 12th Armored Div., APO 262
Camp Barkeley, Texas - letter without name or identification

December 13, 1943

We also would like to know that at the end of our services to the armed forces, we would receive some form of recognition for duties performed comparable to an Honorable Discharge. Possibly it might be arranged for us to receive honorary appointments as lieutenants or captains, providing of course we are deserving of same at time of discharge.

The subject of commissions for Red Cross Personnel serving with the Armed Forces has been discussed by us many times, and of course we would be most happy to accept one if offered as it would be the answer to this problem which is the reason for this letter to you.

A commission would at once give us the benefit of government insurance, furlough rates on railroads while on leave, relief to some extent from taxes, especially the Withholding Tax, free franking privilege and would also give us an opportunity to share in any benefits which might be given to the officers and men after this war is over.

I believe we are qualified for a commission as most of us are college graduates, and have passed the physical requirements laid down by Red Cross and the War Department.

We joined Red Cross knowing full well that these benefits were not available to us, but I do believe a great many of us did feel that possibly one day some of them might be offered to us through a commission or legislation in some form or another.

But regardless of what happens in this matter, we are all determined to remain with Red Cross and the Armed Forces as long as we can be of service to them.

Trusting that this letter will receive your consideration and assuring you of our appreciation of a reply, I am,

Sincerely

Frank E. Barnum

Frank E. Barnum
Ass't. Field Director
12th Armored Division
APO 262, c/o Postmaster
Camp Berkeley, Texas

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P. S. I would like to add that if commissions were given to us it would assure Red Cross that their men in the field would not be drafted by the army, which is now the case. It seems ironical that men trained by Red Cross for specialized work and serving in the armed forces should be subject to draft.

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804 PRINCE STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

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Re. 10-43.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

It was very sweet and thoughtful
of you to send me those beautiful roses,
which I appreciated very much. I was
disappointed to miss our annual meeting
and luncheon but the Doctor insisted that
I rest at home a few days longer. I
expect to be out again Monday -
With gratitude and esteem

Sincerely yours

Marion Davis

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December 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you this copy of a paragraph from a letter she has received from Miss Christine Knowles, of the British Prisoners of War Fund, and to ask if it would be possible to do as Miss Knowles suggests.

Mrs. Roosevelt is also writing to the Postmaster General on this subject.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dec. 23, 1943.

Miss Malvina Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

X Sir Kerr Fraser-Tytler, who is here representing the British Red Cross Society on prisoners of war matters, has asked Mr. Davis to arrange an appointment for him with Mrs. Roosevelt, and he presents the enclosed letter from a mutual friend.

Sir Kerr would very much appreciate seeing Mrs. Roosevelt some time after the holidays. He wishes us to explain that while the enclosed letter refers to his wife she did not in fact accompany him to Washington.

At your convenience Mr. Davis would appreciate your letting us know what time would be convenient for this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Bessie R. Newman
Secretary to the Chairman

7/11/44

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Just a line to say
that Sir Kerr Fraser after
my old friend is coming
shortly to Washington, I
think accompanied by his
wife, on Red X business,
and if there is a moment
I would so like you to
compare notes, for old
times sake. Sincerely

not bother you by writing
further at the moment
but we will see

Yours truly
H. K. [Signature]

Ask him to see you at home
policy of - all [unclear] [unclear]

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December 30, 1943

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check for \$100, which is her usual monthly contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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WAR FUND

American Red Cross



Date January 3, 1945

The District of Columbia Chapter, AMERICAN RED CROSS, acknowledges with
thanks the receipt of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from

Name Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

Address The White House, Washington, D. C.

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By

E. J. Anderson

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December 29, 1943.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to thank you so much for your letter of December 20th.

Mrs. Roosevelt appreciates your kindness in letting her know how the \$100 gift from the North Carolina Society was used and is pleased with the way it was handled.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 13

December 20, 1943

*add
12/29/43*

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In order that the gift of \$100 which the North Carolina Society gave you on the occasion of their Christmas party for the use of the American Red Cross in hospitals in the Southwest Pacific may be promptly utilized for some special Christmas use, we have cabled our Headquarters concerning this gift and have asked them to notify Coletta Ryan. I am sure that this fund will be used in some way which would please you and the North Carolina Society, and we hope to have a prompt report on the exact way in which it was used.

We now have large quantities of all types of hospital supplies available in the Southwest Pacific, and in order that this \$100 fund may be used at Christmas time, we have cabled rather than sent the \$100 worth of supplies on returning hospital ships as you suggested. We hope this is satisfactory to you. Assuring you of our appreciation of your generous action and that of the North Carolina Society, I am

12/29/43

Sincerely,

Wm. H. Dancy
Chairman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

*See letter in files from Mrs. Winslow E. Dobson, 6 Buckingham Road,
Herrick, New York.

January 1, 1944.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate
it if you will let her know whether or not
the Red Cross has any information about Lt.
Edward L. Dobson, #0-668216, who was re-
ported missing after a raid over Norway.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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January 4, 1944.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. George T. Bye.

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate any information you may be able to give her about Lieutenant Lapolla.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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GEORGE T. BYE

AND COMPANY

535 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

Copy sent Major Davenport Trinity Pass,
and New Canaan, Conn.,
Mr. Norman Davis, Red Cross. December 29, 1943.
1/4/44

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You must have received letters like this one many, many sad times.

We have just been visited by an Italian American family living in the neighborhood. A daughter whom you met at one of the picnics is engaged to a boy in the Signal Corps, 2nd Lt. Louis R. Lapolla (also of Italian descent).

This daughter, a mighty nice girl, has written the boy every day and has sent many little gifts. The boy's frequent letters say he has not received any word from the girl or his folks since he went away.

Today the boy's mother received a wire from the Adjutant General reporting the boy missing in action since November 26.

We tried to comfort the girl's family by saying the indications are Lt. Lapolla is a prisoner.

Is there a department of the Red Cross, or any other organization, to which we might apply for further word. Just to go through these motions has brought great hope to these people. Thanks ever so much.

Yours faithfully,
G. T. Bye

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

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535 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

*ask
Mary
Mrs. Roosevelt*

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Yours faithfully,

G. T. Bye

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

January 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing a check for \$1,575.00 and an excerpt from the letter which accompanied it. Perhaps Miss Coletta Ryan might tell the boys at Espiritu and Guadalcanal where this money came from and some of the boys from Connecticut might write home.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Norman H. Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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See: Mrs. Jarvis E. Brooks

January 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Davis:

Can you tell me what the Red Cross is doing
in the Brooklyn Naval Hospital for the boys there?
I have been led to believe that more could be done
there.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am sending you a copy of a
letter Mrs. Roosevelt received from Mr.
Will W. Alexander of the War Manpower Com-
mission.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

The Honorable Norman H. Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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Copy sent to Norman Davis Jan. 22, 1944

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

Washington 25, D. C.

Chairman
PAUL V. McNUTT
FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR

January 17, 1944

Handwritten notes:
The above is a copy of a letter from Mrs. Roosevelt to Mr. McNutt dated Jan. 17, 1944. It is being referred to the War Manpower Commission for their consideration.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

A considerable number of Negro service men are coming back to the hospitals from the overseas areas. The Army is to be commended on the fact that these service men are not being segregated, as far as I know, in their hospitalization. There is, however, a problem in connection with the recreational work for these young men that needs attention. The recreation for them is largely furnished by the Red Cross. So far as I can find out, the Red Cross does not have any personnel especially qualified to render this special recreation service to these Negro soldiers and sailors.

I have been very close to the Red Cross operations as they have affected Negroes over the last twenty-five years. Their policy has been timid, vacillating and usually disappointing. I am afraid the same timidity may cause the Red Cross to lose an opportunity of extending the fullest service to these men in the Army and Navy hospitals.

The specific thing which I think should be done is to appoint, on the Red Cross staff, a few competent workers who know these boys and can work intelligently and sympathetically with them. (My own experience with the Red Cross in this general field has been very discouraging over the years. I will still do whatever I can but I thought you might be in a position to speak a helpful word.) The Walter Reed Hospital and the Navy Medical Center here are two good places where the need exists and where there is an opportunity for experimentation. I am sure that competent personnel could be found for such an experiment.

A group of young women here in Washington have demonstrated the success of this needed service by some voluntary work which they have been doing. This has been done, however, under difficulties and can only prove the need for a permanent personnel to carry on.

Sincerely,

Will W. Alexander
Will W. Alexander
Special Assistant





AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 13

January 25, 1944

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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the check for \$1,575.00 which represents funds collected by contribution in the towns of Madison, Killingworth, Clinton, Westbrook, Essex, Deep River, Chester, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, and Lyme as a direct result of your visit to Saybrook on January 4th at which time you talked regarding your trip to the Southwest Pacific and showed pictures of the trip.

This sum of \$1,575.00 is being sent to the Southwest Pacific for the benefit of the U. S. service men at Espiritu and Guadalcanal as per your suggestion, and our workers there will undoubtedly find some way of using it to provide extra benefits to the service men. They will encourage the boys from Connecticut to write home concerning the additional benefits in Red Cross Clubs as per Mrs. Jarvis Brooks' suggestion. I am writing Mrs. Brooks thanking her for this generous action on the part of the contributors in Connecticut. A copy of my letter is attached.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your fine support,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Acting Chairman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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January 27, 1946
W. H. Davis to Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
The White House
Washington

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have your letter in which you ask about American Red Cross activities at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital. I believe that the best way to give you a picture of the work at this hospital is to attach a statement which has just been prepared by a member of my staff. I think that after you have read this statement you will agree that our work at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital is pretty complete. I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

If there is anything further that I can do, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Norman H. Davis

Chairman

Attachment



YOUR RED CROSS IS AT HIS SIDE

United States Naval Hospital
Brooklyn, New York

The Red Cross Program was established during the last war and has continued ever since that time. During peace time it was one of the important hospitals in which Red Cross Hospital Service was given. We have a Red Cross staff of employed workers totaling thirteen; of volunteers totaling 56. Professional staff includes the Field Director, Assistant Field Director, three case workers and three recreation workers.

The report for the month of December shows a total of 461 men receiving some form of case work service. Included in this report are 70 patients who were assisted with loans to the amount of approximately six to seven hundred dollars. There were 475 letters in regard to patients and 134 telegrams. The recreation aspect of the program included music in the wards and recreation hall, special liberty parties, parties for English and French sailors; 2100 tickets were distributed for theatres, attendance at broadcasts, and other forms of entertainment.

At Brooklyn Naval the Gray Ladies and Arts and Skills Unit are rendering most important services. The Gray Ladies gave a total of 664 hours of service during the month. The Arts and Skills Unit gave 324 hours.

The December report can be referred to as a recent report and considered typical except in regard to Christmas plans which were extensive and in which the patients participated as well as the medical officers and nurses. The following excerpt is characteristic:

"Three boys made special requests to learn to play some musical instrument. With the help of a gray lady and a volunteer one boy learned to play the piano, the other two boys the violin. Before joining the Navy one of the boys had bought a violin but had never learned to play. When he came into the hospital he sent for his violin and one of the music volunteers who comes to the hospital every week, spent several hours with him, even making an extra trip one Saturday afternoon in order to give the boy a good start before he went back to duty. The boy spent hours each day by his bunk practicing. When he finally was granted liberty he came in asking about special violin concerts in town."

A case story submitted is also typical, and refers to a patient 30 years of age who was in the Navy but a very short period when he was diagnosed as having a spinal tumor. He was operated on and over a period of a year slowly regained the use of his legs. He knew at the time of the operation that the Doctors thought he might not recover, and that if he did it would be likely that he might never walk again. Naturally he went through many changes of mood before the operation, and during the following months.

Prior to enlistment he had been active and earned his living through electrical contracting work, and the prospect of being physically dependent and handicapped frightened and discouraged him. Through a series of interviews with a social worker over a period of a few months he was helped to accept his physical limitations, and although no longer able to climb ladders, make electrical installations, etc., he was determined that he was not going to be dependent on his family or any agency.

A series of interviews and conferences were arranged for the patient with the representative of the State Bureau of Rehabilitation because his condition existed prior to his entering the service, and therefore, he was not eligible for retraining by the Veteran's Administration. Through joint conferences with the patient the Rehabilitation representative and the Red Cross worker, the patient, who was intelligent, had mechanical aptitudes and a determination to be independent, was able to select a course of training in harmony with his experience and capabilities. With enthusiasm he chose radio engineering at which he can sit at a bench, and gradually, if he shows initiative, may have the opportunity to do research. Before he was discharged from the hospital he was a stable individual, encouraging patients to recognize that they could make a go in life, take training for other work if necessary, and he left ready to take his place in the community.

January 31, 1944

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My dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed is Mrs. Roosevelt's
check for \$100, which is her usual monthly
contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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WAR FUND

American Red Cross



Date February 3, 1944

The District of Columbia Chapter, AMERICAN RED CROSS, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of ONE HUNDRED & NO/100----- Dollars (\$100.00) from

Name MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Address THE WHITE HOUSE

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By D. J. Gacarin



AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

February 1, 1944

My dear Miss Thompson:

In accordance with your letter of November 6, 1943, in which Mrs. Roosevelt asked if the Red Cross could send a radio for the use of Anti Tank Company, 164th Infantry Regiment, we communicated with our headquarters in Australia, and we are pleased to report that a reply has been received from our Director of Operations in that area.

The 164th Infantry Regiment, formerly located at APO 913, recently moved into a forward area. Prior to its leaving 913, the Red Cross equipped these men with an adequate quantity of essential supplies necessary in the forward areas including stationery, magazines, books, comfort articles, and phonographs. Although radios are extremely scarce in that part of the world, it was possible to provide one radio for each regiment going into the forward area including the 164th.

We would appreciate your conveying this information to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Sincerely,

Cornelius N. Bliss
Acting Chairman

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Miss Malvina C. Thompson

Asks help in securing renewed interest of Red Cross in Bulgarian war prisoners. Interested in Staff Sgt. Stanley H. Horine who was shot down while on raid over Romanian Oil Fields. Printed material and maps came from Red Cross and word that location of prison camp would be sent so they could send letters, packages, etc.

February 2, 1944.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letter from Miss Beulah B. Woods, 430 Elvina Drive, Glendale (6), California.

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate it if you will have this looked up and get her the information.

The return of the enclosed letter with your reply will be further appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 7, 1944

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The attached letter from a mother in Italy has reached us through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

You will be interested to know that a similar inquiry about Mario di Luigi Stucchi is being transmitted to Caporale Coccoli Ferruccio through the Office of the Provost Marshal General at the request of the International Committee. Any information obtained from Caporale Coccoli Ferruccio will be promptly forwarded to the International Committee in Geneva, Switzerland.

If we can be of any assistance to you in returning any reply through the International Committee, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Norman H. Davis
Chairman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

From Mr. Davis' letter, the request made
to Mrs. Roosevelt is being taken care of
through Red Cross.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The writer of this letter is an Italian mother who for more than eight months is without news of her only son listed as missing by the Italian Government. My son, Mario Stucchi, Cpl. R.I.Navy, on the submarine Avorio, No.56385, born Aug.15, 1923, was lost in action in the Mediterranean. The crew was rescued and some of them wrote from England, others from America. From your country Cpl. Coccolli Ferruccio wrote, No.77317, Ogden Internment Camp, Ogden, Utah, U.S.A. He was on board with my son. Would it not be possible to obtain directly from this sailor news concerning the fate of my son? I heard that the New York radio on a certain day announced that Mario di Luigi Stucchi was a prisoner in America. I did not hear any more and have not received word from my son. Is he a prisoner? I am sure that you as a mother will try to obtain the information for me.

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Ed. Signora Presidentessa e Bossert.
(Chi si permette di rivolgersi a Voi: e una
madre italiana che più di 8 mesi, mira di nutrire
del proprio unico figlio, dato come disperso dal
Governo Italiano. Mio figlio Staccini Mario
sotto Capro P. C. Schaf. imbarcato sul sommergi-
bile Urovis - n. di matric. 56385 nato il 5 agosto
1923 - morto, perduto per azioni di guerra nel
Mediterraneo - l'equipaggio fu sterato e parte
di esso più sentite dall'Inghilterra, altre dall'Alma-
ce. Dal grande Nostro paese chi sente e il ma-
riano Escobal Ferruccio - C. 77317 - Ogden Company
Internment Camp. - Ogden Utah - U.S.A.
Imbarcato con mio figlio? Non sarebbe possibile
sapere per bocca di questo marinaio la sorte di mio
figlio? La persona a me riconosciuta e l'
comunicazione che in un giorno imparato la vostra
Praxis di Urovis per comunico che il marinaio
Staccini Mario di Taren. era prigioniero in Almania
ma io non so più nulla. e a Taren non lo rivisto
lettore di mio figlio. È vero che il figlio mio?
Sono certa che Voi madre come mio vorrete sapere

Il mi' levo per meza unio donna del 'orolo e
imbarri a voi Gentile Signora, in qualità di
Presidentessa della Croce Rossa questa mi's lettera;
ma questo l'ho fatto, perche' penso che solo una
madre puo' capire l'ansiosa ed il trimento
di un'altra madre. E' che voi saule quanto
vi' sara' proibita. Lei onde poter dar mi
notizie che i miei ho curato da 9 mesi
da ogni parte.

Il mi's cuore ingraziameto s'è spinto da ora
vi' i miei. e quanto vi' puo' offrire sinceramen-
te il mi's cuore in piena. per l'intensamen-
to di certamente arde per me. con tutta
l'istima

Emilia Bianchi Stucchi
pelle -
Dadi Fenuccis
Capo Gestore Istituto Statale
Chiasso Stazzera

7 Ottobre 1943

Enc. copy of letter from ~~Harold J. Fishbein~~, APD-ARE, 20th Station
Hospital, APO 709, San Francisco, Calif.

February 16, 1944.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to
send you the enclosed copy of a letter
from which the name of the writer has
been omitted.

Mrs. Roosevelt suggests that
some WACs might go or some regulations
might exist allowing some time for nurses
and Red Cross workers to attend G.I. dances.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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MR. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

HAROLD J. FINKNER, JR.
(Sender's name)
2018 SEATTLE BOULEVARD
APO WASHINGTON
SAN FRANCISCO CAL.

Jan. 20, 1944

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

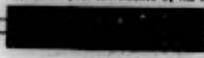
I was particularly interested in your article in the Washington Journal after your return to the States, and with some of your observations on the necessities of this area. There are rumors that in this month or about ten to three hundred nurses will be brought and possibly some Red Cross personnel.

My duties are to make daily rounds in the hospitals and this gives me an opportunity to talk to the boys and obtain their reactions. Naturally after 18 months away from home and not being able to see a woman of their own kind, the opportunity to see one is coveted. But after this has been accomplished, a more sober reaction and one of serious concern sets in. The nurses and Red Cross personnel must confine their social activities to the officer personnel and as a result a greater sense of frustration occurs. The boys see the officers having weekly dances with the nurses and Red Cross girls attending and while the officer morale improves that of the S.I. deteriorates. The intense attention paid to the women also makes them more interested in their social movements than the work accomplished. Of course it would be desirable if a few staff nurses were here to relieve the situation.

I cannot help but believe the move to bring in the nurses comes as a result of your recommendation and I hope on reconsideration you will exert your influence to maintain the status quo with exception of occasional USO or Red Cross female entertainers and then under strict supervision. The male nurses are doing an excellent job, and they are not suited for combat delivery. The patients state they prefer them to the nurses.

This Stationery is supplied for your convenience by the American Red Cross
Sincerely yours

Harold J. Finkner, Jr.



February 19, 1944

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Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you the enclosed telegram from Mrs. Jeanette Neuhaus, 222 West 83d Street, New York, on the subject of the closing of Army Emergency Relief.

Mrs. Roosevelt would appreciate information as to why this was done and a statement on which she can base an answer to other similar inquiries.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

February 23, 1944

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My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check for \$100, which is her usual monthly contribution to the American Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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Date March 1, 1944

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Address THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

District of Columbia Chapter, American Red Cross

By A. T. Gagnier

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February 26, 1944.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send
you the enclosed excerpts from a letter
from Lady Reading as she feels you will
be interested to see them.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 4, 1944

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

Thank you for sending Mr. Davis the excerpt from a letter from Lady Reading. Mr. Davis is still away from the office but is expected to return next week and I am sure he will be pleased to have Lady Reading's comments.

Lady Reading is a most extraordinary person and has done admirably fine work in Great Britain. The relationship between her organization and the American Red Cross has been a most pleasant one and all of us who know her personally are very fond of her.

Sincerely yours,

Richard F. Allen
Vice Chairman

March 17, 1944

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My dear Mr. Davis:

Before Mrs. Roosevelt left on her trip she asked that this contribution be sent to you. It is money which she received for a radio broadcast.

Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Officer
Social Correspondence

Mr. Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

March 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Magee:

The American Red Cross deeply appreciates the generous contribution of \$690. from Mrs. Roosevelt which was transmitted with your letter of March 17, 1944.

Chairman Davis has asked me to acknowledge this contribution and convey through you the thanks of the Red Cross for this gift.

Sincerely,

James K. McClintock

James K. McClintock
Vice Chairman

Mr. Ralph W. Magee
Administrative Officer
Social Correspondence
The White House
Washington, D. C.



YOUR RED CROSS IS AT HIS SIDE

X Rita M. Cowan, Supervisor, Youth Council Services, Dept. of the State of N.Y.
Library - enclosed script "The Life Saver".

March 17, 1944

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My dear Mr. Davis:

The enclosed letter has been received in the absence of Mrs. Roosevelt and her secretary. I am forwarding it to you so that you can put it into the hands of some one in the Red Cross who might be interested in the attached script. If the Red Cross cannot use it, perhaps some suggestions could be made that Mrs. Roosevelt could pass on to Miss Cowan.

Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Officer
Social Correspondence

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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March 31, 1944

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check for \$200. This is her usual contribution to the Red Cross for two months, April and May, 1944.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Honorable Norman Davis
The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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Re: sending books and reading matter to men stationed in Australia.

April 6, 1955.

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My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letter, with attachments, from ~~Mrs. P. St. George~~ Cooke, 2615 Grove Avenue, Richmond (21), Virginia.

Mrs. Roosevelt wonders if a limited number of books could be sent to the Service Clubs.

The return of the enclosed letter with your reply will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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See letter in files from Miss Marion H. Hamilton,
American Red Cross, A.P.O. 875, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

April 7, 1944.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me
to send you the enclosed excerpts and
will appreciate it very much if you
could let her know the answers to the
questions asked.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Norman H. Davis
American Red Cross
Washington, D. C.

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