

millions of kit bags. Quick hands of the Junior Red Cross fabricated comfort articles for camps and hospitals.

Through Red Cross Camp and Hospital Councils, many citizens channeled comfort and recreation aids to our men.

Other hands, after courses of training in 3,756 Red Cross chapters, served tirelessly in the nine corps of Volunteer Special Services. They drove cars, ambulances, and trucks. They served many thousand mass emergency meals to troops and civilians. Home Service workers helped care for the families of the men and women of our armed forces when in financial or other trouble. They worked as utility helpers in Red Cross and other war aid centers.

Other hands reached across the sea through a Red Cross communication system to check the well-being of friends and relatives in enemy-occupied countries.

Millions of Americans were taught first aid and water safety—including army and navy instructors and essential war workers. By hundreds of thousands, women and girls were taught Red Cross Home Nursing, lessening the threat of epidemic, while an expanding nutrition program helped strengthen the home front.

There was readiness to feed and house millions of our people in case of natural disaster. There was the giving of immediate relief when disaster struck, followed by assistance to help restore health, homes, and livelihood.

Clothing and medicines and food by shiploads were distributed to United Nations civilians in distress.

So marched the Red Cross—a people's partnership.

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