

The Motor Corps gave invaluable service in driving fire department, hospital and Red Cross ambulances, trucks, jeeps, and their own cars, to break transportation bottlenecks.

The Canteen Corps, well trained, hard-working, and on call 24 hours a day, reached the point where it could serve daily meals to more than 12,000,000 of our people in an emergency. It served troops in transit and members of the armed forces at the request of commanding officers, as well as fire fighters and disaster victims, school children and war workers.

At Red Cross and other war activity centers, staff assistants manned information desks, acted as receptionists, clerical workers, and switchboard operators in increasing numbers. They were trained and certificated at the rate of almost 3,000 a month.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

First Aid, Water Safety and Accident Prevention

First aid certificates issued*	1,500,000
Water safety certificates issued*	300,000
Highway First Aid Stations in operation †.....	2,400
Mobile First Aid Units operating on highways †.....	12,500
Volunteer First Aid Detachments in operation †.....	1,100

*Mar. 1, 1943—Feb. 29, 1944

†As of February 29, 1944

LENGTHENING LIFE LINES

AS a part of its chartered obligation to carry on measures for preventing suffering, the Red Cross added 1,500,000 to the number of trained first aiders and 300,000 trained in water safety during the past 12 months. Statistically, one home in three, at the period's end, had first aid protection. In factories, stores, offices, and schools, many hundreds of First Aid Detachments were organized. On the highways, thousands of Emergency First Aid Stations and Mobile First Aid Units provided materials and volunteer services for the injured.

Water safety activity grew apace, both as a recreational and an occupational safeguard. Summer aquatic schools qualified several thousand instructors in water safety, first aid, and accident prevention.