



# AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dr. F. C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Miss Alice Paden has recently placed an application with us for an overseas assignment as a Recreational Worker. She has given us your name for a reference.

We are seeking for this type of service Workers with cultural background as well as training. Such a person must have poise, a pleasing personality, enthusiasm, and the ability to stimulate individual and group participation. A friendly yet impersonal attitude toward her fellow workers and the ability both to recognize and accept military etiquette and regulations is essential. There must be a willingness to meet general conditions because of the uncertainty of assignments. Naturally such an appointment as we are considering for Miss Paden demands strong physical stamina because of the heavy pressure which will necessarily be placed upon her. There must likewise be unquestioned loyalty to the United States. Since her work will be with the convalescent men in the Station Hospitals, she must be both comfortable and adaptable in such an atmosphere. And lastly, such a person must have resources within herself and be able to utilize those available in the community.

If you feel Miss Paden can qualify for such a position, we will greatly appreciate your giving this inquiry your earliest attention, since we are bending every effort to building up a potential staff to meet the present emergency.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ruth Hand Lewis*

(Mrs.) Ruth Hand Lewis  
Assistant Director  
Personnel