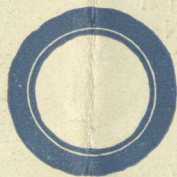


BULLETIN OF CIRCLE FOR NEGRO WAR RELIEF

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The Loyalty
of the Negro



Status of
the Circle

"We have a record to defend, but no treason, thank God, to atone or explain. No Negro has ever insulted the flag. No Negro has ever struck down a President of the United States. No Negro ever sold a military map or secret to a foreign government. No Negro ever ran under fire or lost an opportunity to serve, to fight, to bleed or to die in the Republic's cause. We have but one country and one flag—the flag that set us free."

R. C. SIMMONS.

The Circle for Negro War Relief, whose books are inspected by certified registered accountants, is one of approximately one hundred relief organizations approved by the Charity Organization Society of New York City. It has a working agreement with the American Red Cross which provides that the Circle is to maintain its independent status to collect funds in its own name and manufacture supplies, and that in relief work for the families of soldiers the two organizations shall act in co-operation under the Home Service Section of the Red Cross.

A Letter From a Soldier

The following letter, written by Private Eugene Adams of the 92nd Division, National Army, is a sample of many similar communications received by the Circle, showing the excellent work being done by race women in various sections of the country:

14th Co. 152d Depot Brigade,
Camp Upton, Long Island,
Circle for Negro War Relief,

I am well at the present time and hope when these few lines reach you all

will find you the same and enjoying the very best health. I received your most surprising and accommodating package and I hardly know how to thank you.

It is more than a pleasure to know that someone is thinking of me, and I am thankful and must congratulate the Circle for its support in helping to win the war. I am pushing forward in every respect, and I am,

Yours as ever,

(Signed) EUGENE ADAMS.

PAY YOUR DOLLAR and JOIN TODAY! Make Checks Payable To
CIRCLE FOR NEGRO WAR RELIEF, Inc. 489 Fifth Avenue, New York.

THE CIRCLE FOR NEGRO WAR RELIEF

Officers of the Circle

Mrs. Emilie Bigelow Hapgood of 12 West 12th Street, New York, is the originator of the movement to put war relief for Negro troops on a legal basis and it was through her efforts that the Circle for Negro War Relief, Inc., was organized.

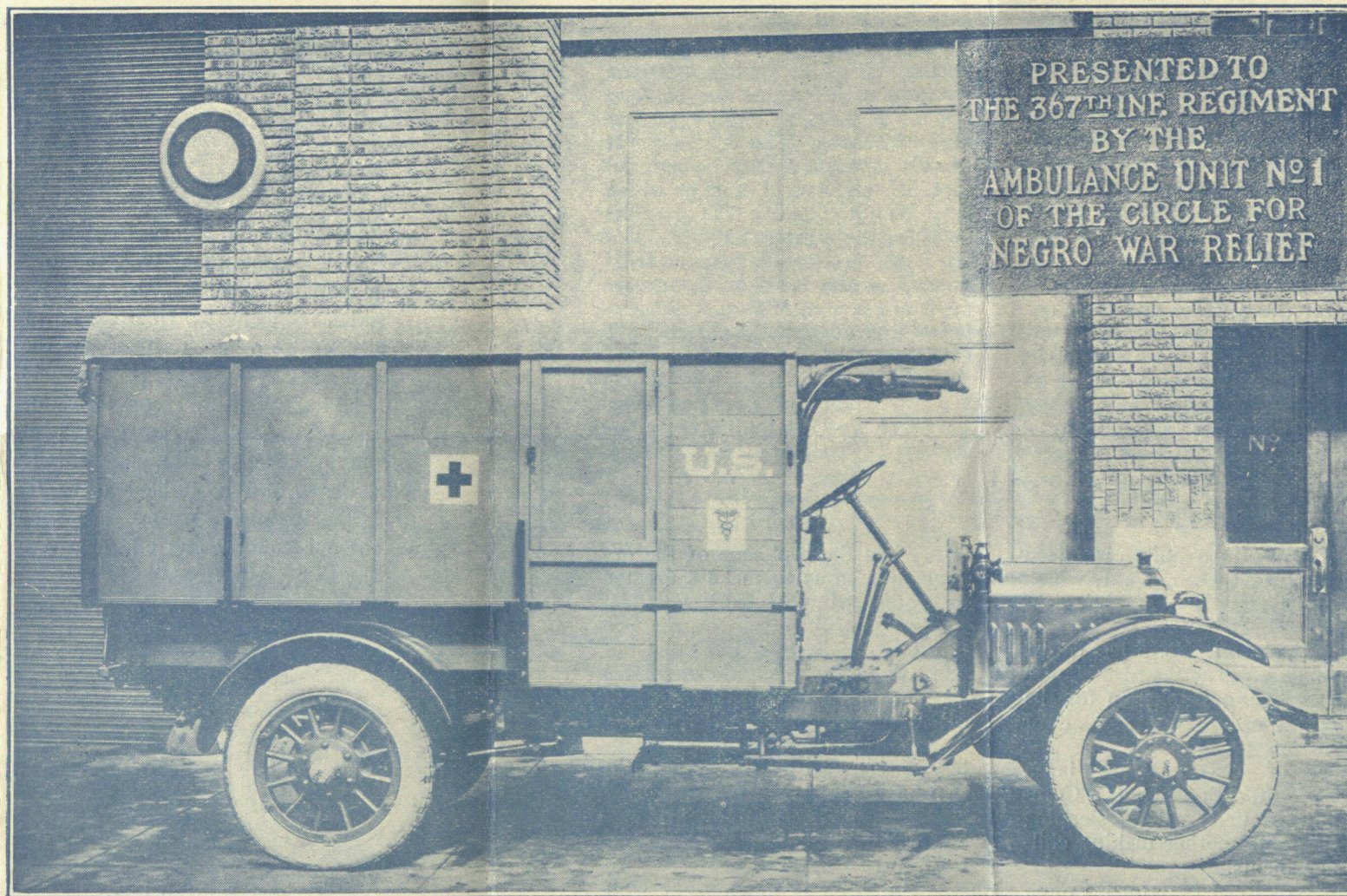
Mrs. Hapgood has shown more than a passing interest in the Negro in many ways. It was she who engaged a theatre in the spring of 1917 and presented the Negro Players in dramatic offerings, an epoch-making event in theatricals.

The officers of the Circle for Negro War Relief are: Mrs. Emilie Bigelow Hapgood, president; Harrison Rhodes, treasurer; Miss Caroline Stewart Bond, executive secretary; Gov. Charles S. Whitman, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Dr. Robert R. Moton, Col. Charles Young, Ray Stannard Baker and George Foster Peabody, vice-presidents.

Directors—Charles S. Whitman, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Col. Charles Young, Mrs. Amos R. E. Pinchot, Mrs. James W. Johnson, Ray Stannard Baker, Mrs. Emilie Bigelow Hapgood, Charles A. Peabody, Russell Janney, Dr. Robert R. Moton, Edward Sheldon, Robert J. Coady, J. Rosamond Johnson and Charles W. Anderson.

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Ambulance Donated to the Government by New York Colored Women



The untiring efforts of a small group of colored women, many of whom are nurses, have resulted in this tangible evidence of a desire to show appreciation to their own boys in the service. The chairman of this unit is Mrs. Dora Cole Norman, of N. Y. C.

THE CIRCLE FOR NEGRO WAR RELIEF

Work for War Relief.

"The work of the Negro Circle for War Relief has received such impetus during the bare six months of its existence that entitles it to recognition as a phase of race endeavor worthy of the widest support. The fact that the movement has its inception under the auspices of men and women representing the highest type of both races, ensured a proper direction of its efforts and an intelligent and systematic scheme of operation.

"Besides providing material comforts for the soldiers and their dependents, the Circle has taken up as a part of its work the spreading of the past and present record of the Negro soldiers before the world. Pamphlets specially prepared to give the facts of this rec-

ord have been placed in libraries and sent to public offices where such data will be of use.

"The advantages of cooperation on the part of all the organizations working in behalf of the soldiers are too obvious to require further argument here. Those who assist in this movement may be assured that their efforts will be given where they will accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number. The character and standing of the individuals at the head of the movement are a guarantee that the expressed purposes will be carried out efficiently and in the spirit of the friends of the soldiers. Let all help the work along by becoming members and workers in the cause."—*Editorial from The New York Age.*

What the Units are Doing

The first of the units organized was Ambulance Unit No. 1, which has contributed an ambulance to the 367th Regiment.

The Wool Unit No. 5 has raised over \$300, which it has turned over to the national organization for the specific purpose of buying wool for knitting purposes.

Then, of course, there is a Smokes Unit, a Book Unit, a Comfort Unit, a unit making sleeping garments and another making children's garments.

Unit No. 16 of Hartford, Conn., is cooperating with the Government by selling Thrift Stamps. Unit No. 19 in Trenton, N. J., has been formed in the Trenton State Prison with over two hundred members. They are one of the several ways and means which are helping to

strengthen the backbone of the organization so as to make a greater promotion of the work possible. Similarly, Units No. 17 of New York City and No. 26 of Staten Island, are helping with definite phases of the organization work and doing other splendid work.

Meantime other units are working in interest of special camps in their localities, as Unit No. 2 of Paterson, N. J. Unit No. 3 of Hoboken is furnishing money for music for the band and additional instruments of one camp, while Unit No. 27 has adopted a soldier's family in the State of Kansas, at the request of the headquarters office, and already has sent several substantial checks after having thoroughly investigated the case through competent local agencies.