

RED CROSS HONORS FIGHTERS, CIVILIANS

Wives, Parents of Commended
Men Receive Tributes at
'War Heroes' Luncheon

FUND REQUIRES \$1,175,000

No Delay in Care of Wounded
at Pearl Harbor, Gen. McCoy
of Inquiry Board Says

Wives and parents of four of the nation's war heroes stood grimly in spotlights in a darkened ballroom of the Hotel Commodore yesterday and listened to citations of their men by the American Red Cross.

One thousand leaders of the Red Cross War Fund of Greater New York heard the tributes at a "War Heroes" luncheon to honor those men of the armed forces who have been commended officially for valor and civilians who have achieved significance on the home front.

Leon Fraser, chairman of the local campaign, announced that the total collected or pledged to date was \$6,155,000, leaving \$1,175,000 to be raised. Next week will be "General Douglas MacArthur Week" in the city-wide Red Cross appeal, he said, urging continued response in the drive.

Among those who accepted tributes on behalf of the war heroes were Mrs. James P. S. Devereux, wife of Major Devereux, commander of the marine garrison on Wake Island. Before the luncheon she said she had not heard where her husband was, but knew he was a prisoner.

Another was Mrs. John D. Bulkeley, wife of Lieutenant Bulkeley, who commanded a motor torpedo boat in the face of heavy fire and sank a 5,000-ton Japanese freighter in Subic Bay, P. I.

Naval Officers Honored

The others were Mrs. Martin E. Jermann, sister-in-law of Lieutenant Theodore L. Jermann, engineer officer of the U. S. S. Salinas, and Mrs. Eugene S. Sarsfield and Lieutenant (retired) and Mrs. Patrick J. Sarsfield, wife and parents, respectively, of Lieutenant Sarsfield, executive officer of the U. S. S. Kearney. Lieutenants Jermann and Sarsfield were cited for bravery in aiding the safe return to port of their ships after attacks.

Others accepting citations were Miss Maria Osmena, daughter of Vice President Sergio Osmena of the Philippines, on behalf of Philippine heroes in the war, and Mrs. John L. Homer, wife of Brig. Gen. Homer, Chief of Staff of the Iceland base forces, as a tribute to our expeditionary forces.

There were four other citations, one for merchant seamen, accepted by Edward Leurin, survivor of the China Arrow, which was sunk last Thursday; a second for war production, accepted by Clarence L. Hoyt of the General Bronze Corporation; a third in memory of five Red Cross nurses who lost their lives in the sinking of the U. S. S. Vigrid, accepted by Mrs. Alice Beaudry of the Red Cross, and finally a citation for "the workers behind the heroes."

The presence of war was dramatized as the ballroom was darkened while motion pictures of the Pearl Harbor disaster and soldiers elsewhere in the thick of battle were shown. Then a London air raid was simulated over a sound track by sirens and falling bombs and shouted instructions from "wardens" in the room. The spotlight then was focused on each recipient as the citations were read. The luncheon menu was Army stew in mess kits.

McCoy Recalls Aid to Japan

The principal speaker was Major Gen. Frank R. McCoy, retired, a member of the Pearl Harbor Board of Inquiry. Thomas W. Lamont, national advisory committee chairman of the American Red Cross War Fund Appeal, presided.

General McCoy recalled the aid this country gave Japan after the 1923 earthquake. He said three hospitals in Japan were equipped with medical supplies from our war reserves on Corregidor Island, adding ironically, "I hope they have been replaced by this time."

He said the Red Cross was "ready" when the Pearl Harbor attack came, with blood banks that saved the lives of many soldiers and sailors, and other medical supplies. General McCoy said there was no testimony at the inquiry of any delay or negligence in the care of the wounded.

Mr. Lamont observed that "it was a sorry day for Japan when she repaid our kindness during the Tokyo earthquake by bombing Pearl Harbor."

125 Groups Aid Drive

Alfred H. Hunt Jr., chairman of the foundations committee of the war fund campaign, reported yesterday that all except three of 128 philanthropic foundations solicited for contributions to the Red Cross had promptly sent in a donation by return mail.

Foundation gifts included:

\$45,000—Rockefeller Brothers Fund.
\$10,000—Milibank Memorial Fund.
\$5,000—Joshua Macy Jr. Foundation and the Cornelius N. Bliss Memorial Fund, Inc.
\$2,000—Granthale Foundation, Inc.
\$1,000—Felix M. and Frieda Schiff Warburg Foundation, Douglas Dillon Fund and Knapp Fund.
\$500—New York Foundation.
Other gifts included:
\$10,000—Cerro de Pasco Copper Company.
\$9,500—R. H. Macy & Co.
\$4,000—Moore-McCormack Lines, Inc.
\$2,500—Seatrains Lines, Inc.; Todd Shipyards Corporation and the United States Lines Company.
\$2,000—Vanadium Corporation of America.
\$1,750—Avon Products, Inc. (cosmetics division).
\$1,500—Mill Factors Corporation.
\$1,375—The Manhattan Shirt Company.
\$1,000—American Foreign Steamship Corporation, American South Atlantic Line, Inc.; A. S. Beck Shops Corporation, Best & Co. and F. Jacobson & Sons.

RELATIVES OF WAR HEROES AT RED CROSS LUNCHEON



Left to right at the Hotel Commodore yesterday: Mrs. John D. Bulkeley, wife of the lieutenant who commanded a torpedo boat that sank a Japanese ship in Subic Bay; Mrs. Lewis Harden of the Red Cross Motor Corps; Mrs. James P. S. Devereux, wife of the commander of the Wake Island garrison, and Miss Marie Osmena, daughter of Vice President Osmena of the Philippine Islands, who received honors in behalf of all Filipino women.