

HEMINGWAY, Ernest

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YALE UNIVERSITY
Department of English
New Haven, Connecticut

January 7, 1952

Charles A. Fenton
630 Berkeley College

Mrs. Charles R. Le Mieux
Regional Director
Eastern Area
American National Red Cross
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. LeMieux:

I am writing to ask your help in a study I am making of the literary apprenticeship of Ernest Hemingway, the American novelist, an important aspect of whose early career was a period of service in Italy in 1918 with an ambulance section of the American Red Cross.

Could you please give me the address of the appropriate Red Cross official to whom I should apply for such information as Hemingway's service record and, if possible, the addresses of some of the other volunteers who may have come in contact with him.

Sincerely yours

s/ Charles A. Fenton

Response

Miss Marguerite Schwarz
Reference Information Officer
National Headquarters

January 16, 1952

Leslie C. Bell

Ernest Hemingway

We are sending you copy of a letter received in Chapter Service from Charles A. Fenton of Yale University requesting information from Red Cross files concerning Ernest Hemingway. Because of the historical aspect of the inquiry, we are referring it to you, even though a contact with Personnel Service at National Headquarters is undoubtedly indicated.

We realize, of course, that it is very possible a record of Mr. Hemingway's service is no longer available, nor are the addresses of the volunteers who may have served with him available.

Any information you send us will be given to Chapter Service for forwarding to Mr. Fenton.

Leslie C. Bell, Director
Office of Statistical and
Reference Information

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January 23, 1952

American Red Cross
New Haven Chapter
27 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven 11, Connecticut

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For: Mrs. Charles W. Fyfe
Executive Director

Dear Mrs. Fyfe:

Attached you will find a copy of a letter received from Mr. Charles A. Fenton of Yale University requesting information from Red Cross files concerning Ernest Hemingway.

Because of the historical aspect of the inquiry, we have referred it to national headquarters. We realize, of course, that it is very possible a record of Mr. Hemingway's service is no longer available, nor are the addresses of the volunteers who may have served with him.

Will you please inform Mr. Fenton that an effort is being made to obtain the information he requested. As soon as we receive any information from national, it will be forwarded to you for transmittal to him. No acknowledgment of his letter has been made from this office.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. LeMieux
Regional Director

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File: Request for Mitchell, Malvern

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

To: Mr. Leslie C. Bell,
Eastern Area
Attn: Mrs. Oare
From: Marguerite M. Schwarz

Date: January 29, 1952
Subject: Ernest Hemingway

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Reference is made to your letter of January 16, 1952, on the subject of Mr. Hemingway's Red Cross service.

As for countless others who have served Red Cross selflessly before and since World War I, national headquarters personnel records and other Red Cross files contain little information about Mr. Hemingway. Individual and personal records seldom occupy a place of any great prominence in the recorded history and literature of Red Cross.

The personnel record for Mr. Hemingway shows a few brief facts only. He was accepted as a Red Cross ambulance driver on May 12, 1918, and served as such in Italy until January 4, 1919, when the job was considered completed. He was wounded in action, date and circumstances not given. The Italian War Cross and citation were awarded to him but a copy of the citation is not in the files. That is as far as the story goes in the personnel records supplied by Personnel Services.

One other resource exists in our library collection which Mr. Fenton may find of some use in his study. During World War I, each of the American Red Cross Commissions in the various European countries regularly issued a bulletin which contained a number of short articles about individuals and the Red Cross work being done. The bulletin published in Italy was called The Red Cross Bulletin of the American Red Cross in Italy and we have the complete series bound in one volume.

As there is no official roster showing names of persons assigned with or near Mr. Hemingway, it seems to me that the paper may offer the best opportunity to compile a list of Mr. Hemingway's probable associates. We believe that Mr. Fenton would be better satisfied with his research if he studied the Bulletin himself for this purpose.

Though we have no confidence that we could provide the current addresses of any individuals that Mr. Fenton would like to contact, we would be willing to review his list for names of those who may still be employed by Red Cross. They in turn may have kept in touch with others through the years. This would be the only way we know to find people who were with Mr. Hemingway during his Red Cross service.

The Bulletin of the American Red Cross in Italy is classed as a rare book in the library. No loans are made to individuals. However, if Mr. Fenton will arrange to have the librarian of the Yale library write to us requesting an interlibrary loan, we will send the volume to the Yale library for Mr. Fenton's use. Time of all concerned will be saved if you will recommend that the Yale library contact the American National Red Cross, National Headquarters Library direct rather than through the usual area channels.

M. Schwarz

Marguerite M. Schwarz
Reference Information Officer

YALE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
New Haven, Conn.

March 3, 1952

Charles A. Fenton
630 Berkeley College

Mrs. Charles W. Fyfe
Executive Director
American Red Cross
New Haven 11, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Fyfe:

This is an ironic way of displaying my gratitude for the help you and Mr. LeMieux have already given me in connection with these problems of Hemingway research, but I have one further - and much more burdensome request to make. Would it be possible for national headquarters to obtain for me the last known addresses of the following men, who were all members in 1918 of Section IV of the American Red Cross ambulance unit in Italy.

Allyn, Philip M.	Lasher, Charles W.
Anthony, E. A.	Meyer, Arthur
Barnett, Lawrence T.	Moore, William S. Jr.
Baum, Richard T.	Nevin, Jack
Blakeley, George B.	Pease, Warren H.
Comegys, Henry J.	Pentz, William R.
Cory, Robert C.	Porritt, Longshaw, K.
Crafts, John G.	Rehm, George E.
Crandall, Charles S.	Rollins, Wm. S., Jr.,
Dickerman, Robert E.	Russell, Scott
Eoff, William T.	Scudder, Clifton R.,
Feder, Walter J.	Shaw, Carleton
Fisher, Lawrence G.	Shaw, Emmett H.
Flaherty, Jerome K.	Shipway, Leslie S.
George, William H.	Simmons, Zalmon G., Jr.
Goodrich, Fred P.	Spiegel, Frederick Wm.
Griffin, Charles B.	Thomason, Arthur E.
Hache, Pierre	Toole, Brice W.,
Hamilton, Henry M.	Waldron, Jonothan G.
Hawes, Richard S., Jr.	Weiss, William L.
Horne, William D., Jr.	Welch, Edward J., Jr.,
Jenkins, Howell G.	William, George W.
Johnson, Herbert S.	Wolfs, Wilfred H.

Could you also ask national headquarters if they have addresses for George Utassy, who was Quartermaster General of the Ambulance Service and Rolling Canteen Service of the American Red Cross in Italy in World War I, and of Robert W. Bates, who was Director of Field Service.

I will be re-indebted for any help or advice which the Red Cross can give me in this problem.

Sincerely yours

Charles A. Fenton

Miss Marguerite Schwarz
Reference Information Officer
National Headquarters

March 12, 1952

Leslie C. Bell

Ernest Hemingway

On January 16, 1952 we wrote you concerning Ernest Hemingway at the request of Charles A. Fenton, Yale University. On January 29 you sent information which was forwarded to Mr. Fenton and was greatly appreciated by him in the study he is making of the literary apprenticeship of the novelist.

Mr. Fenton is again asking Red Cross assistance in connection with his study and this time is requesting addresses of persons who were members of Section IV of the American Red Cross ambulance unit in Italy.

You will recall that in your letter of January 29 you advised that you would be willing to review a list of names which he might submit with the possibility that some of the names might be those of persons who may be currently employed by the Red Cross. With this in mind, we are attaching a copy of Mr. Fenton's letter of March 3 asking for this additional information. Any data you send us will be forwarded to Mr. Fenton.

LESLIE C. BELL, Director
Office of Statistical and
Reference Information

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Miss Marguerite M. Schwarz
Reference Information Officer
National Headquarters

July 24, 1952

From: Leslie C. Bell

Ernest Hemingway

We are referring to previous correspondence concerning Ernest Hemingway, about whom we have written you on two occasions at the request of the New Haven, Conn. Chapter.

You will recall that that chapter was assisting Mr. Charles A. Fenton of Yale University in obtaining information about the writer. We are wondering if it will be possible for you to obtain any of the data requested in Mr. Fenton's most recent letter, a copy of which we sent you March 12, 1952. We would like to have a report which we can forward to the New Haven Chapter, and will be grateful for any help you may send us.

Leslie C. Bell, Director
Office of Statistical and
Reference Information

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Red Cross Personnel serving overseas in World War I

Allyn, Philip M.	50 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Anthony, Edward A.	Atlibora, Mass.
Barnett, Lawrence T.	684 Greenleaf Ave., Glencoe, Ill.
Bates, Robert W.	453 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Baum, Richard T.	993 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Blakeley, George B.	507 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
Comegys, Henry J.	Asbury Park, New Jersey
Cory, Robert C.	Brielle, New Jersey
Crafts, John G.	654 Vernon St., Oakland, California
Crandall, Charles S.	301 No. Third St., Yakima, Washington
Dickerman, R. E.	Somerville, Massachusetts
Eoff, William T.	Christiansburg, Va.
Feder, Walter J.	Court O Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio
Fisher, Lawrence G.	184 Fifth Ave., Freeport, Ill.
Flaherty, Jerome K.	214 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, Ill.
George, William H.	Howard Univ., Cambridge, Mass.
Goodrich, Fred P.	420 Terrace Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc.
Griffin, Charles B.	4627 Sampson St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Hawes, Richard S.	27 Windemere Place, St. Louis, Mo.
Horne, William D.	175 Park Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.
Jenkins, Howell	2637 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Ill.
Johnson, Herbert S.	4457 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Lasher, Charles W.	324 Rialto Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
Meyer, Arthur	5630 Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Moore, William D., Jr.	Peekskill, N. Y.
Nevin, Jack	(No address given)
Pease, Warren H.	2412 Girard Ave., S. Minneapolis, Minn.
Pentz, William R.	Du Bois, Pa.
Porritt, Longshaw	63 Tremont St., Hartford, Conn.
Rollins, William S.	331 W. 11th St., New York, N. Y.
Russell, Scott	1914 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.
Scudder, Clifton R.	4954 Lindelle Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Shaw, Carleton	2271 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio
Shaw, Emmet H.	837 Cowley St., Spokane, Washington
Shipway, Leslie	RFD #2, Santa Cruz, California
Simmons, Zalmon	461 Prairie Ave., Kenosha, Wisc.
Spiegel, Frederic	3344 South Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Thomson, Arthur E.	131 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Toole, Wallace F. (Brice)	Holyoke, Massachusetts
Utassy, George	Cedarhurst, L. I., N. Y.
Waldron, Jonathan	55 Central Park West, N.Y. City
Weiss, William L.	East Gloucester, Mass.
Welch, Edward	(No address given)
Williams, George W.	The Williams Co., 9 High St., Lebanon, Pa.
Wolfs, Wilfred H.	80 W. 40th St., New York City

We have no record on:

Hache, Pierre
Hamilton, Henry M.
Rehm, George E.

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THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

To: Mr. Leslie C. Bell
Statistical & Reference Inf.

Date: September 23, 1952

From: Miss Schwarz
Hemingway, Ernest

Subject: HEMINGWAY, Ernest

Please refer to your request for last known addresses on the list of Red Cross personnel serving overseas in World War I with Mr. Hemingway.

Attached is the list with the last known addresses we have in our personnel records, but we have no way of knowing how many of them are still living or whether the address is a current one.

I trust this will prove helpful to you in writing Yale University.

Marguerite M. Schwarz
Marguerite Schwarz
Reference Information Officer



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THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
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ESLIE C BELL, EASTERN AREA
Attn: Mrs. Oare

Date: November 19, 1952

From: Marguerite M. Schwarz

Subject: Ernest Hemingway

Hemingway, Ernest

The following excerpt from a personal letter written to one of the staff members here at national may be of interest to you and you may wish to send it on to Mr. Charles A. Fenton of Yale University.

"I was one of the Nurses (Charlotte M. Heilman) who cared for him in our American Red Cross hospital, 3 Via Bochetto, Milan, Italy in 1918. It had been a small pensione which was assigned to the ARC for a hospital.

The story which Hemingway tells in his book "A Farewell to Arms", part II, Chapters XIII, XIV and XV gives a fairly accurate picture of the hospital upon his arrival, and some word pictures of a few nurses. I assume you know that he himself was the wounded man. He was serving with the Italian Ambulance Corps. He arrived unannounced.

We had recently taken over the building and it was not ready for patients. Our doctor was assigned to refugee duty. Our troops had not yet reached Italy.

Shortly after the book received public recognition I had a talk with Agnes VonKurowsky, a member of our staff in Milan. We could recognize many of the incidents and could identify most of the personnel. For example, "Miss Van Campen" was Miss Catherine DeLong, a small, dignified, capable Johns Hopkins graduate (who was Supt of Nurses at Bellevue after her return from Italy). We were quite sure that "Miss Gage" was none other than myself, as we recalled the thermometer incident, the making of the bed which he mentions, and my talking to him like a big sister when he was "naughty." Miss Barkeley appears to be fictitious.

Hemingway was young (about twenty, as I recall it); impulsive, very rude, "smarty," and uncooperative. He gave the impression of having been badly spoiled. He always seemed to have plenty of money which he spent freely for Italian wine and tips to the porter who brought it."

Marguerite M. Schwarz

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Reference Information
Officer

Copy of this memo sent Com. Black 11-20-52 MKO