

AMERICAN RED CROSS  
MEDFORD CHAPTER

December 5, 1942

Ralph L. Kendall, Chairman  
American Red Cross Disaster Committee  
Medford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is a report for Medford Volunteer Motor Corps of American Red Cross covering the Cocoanut Grove fire.

Twenty minutes after the Motor Corps was called for disaster service, ten cars and twelve drivers assembled in Medford Square.

At the Police Station instructions were given to report to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

On arrival at hospital it was difficult to report for assignment of work due to the congestion and no place to park. It is suggested that in the future two drivers go in each car, so one may stay in the car while the other be sent for orders.

We loaded blankets and a stretcher into each car and proceeded to the Cocoanut Grove where these supplies were taken out of the cars. Here also a second driver was needed.

When the army and navy took over the situation the loud speaker announced that all passenger cars were to park, to make room for larger ambulances and chapter beach wagons.

We helped in the Motor Mart Garage, but there was little first aid to be given. Everybody was dead.

Two lieutenants and one-half the cars reported back to the Massachusetts General Hospital, but there was nothing for them to do.

I stayed in Park Square with the remainers of the Cars. One of my drivers who was parked in front of the Statler Hotel was asked by a naval officer to take a badly burned Ensign to the Chelsea Naval Hospital, which she did. Again there was no one with her, and the injured man was only semi-conscious.

Drivers were back in Medford at two-fifteen on Sunday morning.

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Following is a list of the participants:

Captain Mrs. Richard W. Logan  
Lieutenant Mrs. John Stevenson  
Lieutenant Miss Elsie Moss  
Mrs. Chalres Barnes  
Mrs. Rugus Bond  
Mrs. Edith Bustin  
Mrs. John Condon  
Mrs. Edward Elder  
Mrs. Reginald Hayes  
Mrs. Fred Jackson  
Mrs. James Jenks  
Mrs. Charles Smith

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Mrs. Richard W. Logan

Captain.