

December 5, 1942

REPORT OF WAKEFIELD CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS

Participation of Disaster Committee in Cocoanut Grove fire.

Saturday, November 28, 1942.

At approximately 12:10 A.M., Nov. 29, 1942, received notice from Wakefield Police Dept. that Red Cross ambulances were needed at Cocoanut Grove Disaster.

Three Red Cross Beach Wagons with two Red Cross Motor Corps drivers on each were immediately assembled.

At approximately 12:35 A.M. called Boston Red Cross headquarters to be sure that ambulances were still needed. Was informed by Mr. Gates that the situation as to ambulances was pretty well in hand and that he thought they probably had enough.

Immediately notified our Red Cross Medical Chairman to that effect. He decided, however, to send the ambulances in. The three ambulances (beach wagons) with medical supplies and two doctors left Wakefield about 12:45 - arriving at Boston shortly before 1:30.

While there was no work for the ambulances our two doctors rendered considerable aid, bandaging, etc., to the disaster victims. One of our ambulances took an exhausted young man to his home in Brookline.

The ambulances returned to Wakefield arriving about 3 A.M.

Subsequently, the Secretary of our Chapter visited the home of the only disaster victim from Wakefield, extended the sympathy of the Red Cross and learned that no financial assistance was needed. No expense in connection with this disaster will be charged by Wakefield Chapter.

S-Harry Reed

Disaster Chairman.