

# 'For Christmas, Give Life' Is Red Cross Plea to City

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Speed. This is the driving force behind the Red Cross plea for blood donors. Speed, and plenty of backing from the residents of the Birmingham area.

Mrs. Sheldon Noble, Oakland county blood donor chairman, on a plane leaving Detroit at 6 o'clock that evening. It would be flown directly to San Francisco and then to Honolulu for refrigeration.

"The next stop is Tokyo and from there to Pusan, Korea. Blood is taken directly to the battle area by helicopter and by Friday morning is being used to save the life of some wounded American soldier."

Mrs. Noble and Mrs. John W. Blanchard have announced donor stations at Pontiac and Rochester, also.

MRS. NOBLE has been informed by Dr. Robert W. Kelso, chairman of the Oakland county chapter, that speed does not stop with the formulation of the plan and putting it into action. "Blood taken from the veins of a Birmingham resident on Monday," for example, "would be put

Mrs. Lyman Craig will have charge of the canteen. Mrs. John W. Gillette is recruit chairman. Mrs. Noble said today that the Red Cross was making an appeal to all service organizations and public groups as well as the general public to respond now to the general plea.

"We are desperate for this blood," she said. "With reports constantly coming to this country of our men dying simply because there is not a large enough supply to replace the blood they have lost or help them combat shock."

## BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS

Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

The Department of the Army announced that members of the Organized Reserve Corps who have been ordered to report to continental stations for extended active duty during the Christmas holidays may remain at home until after the holidays.

In a message to army commanders, the Army said that all reservists due to depart from their homes for continental stations during the period December 18, 1950, through January 1, 1951, will be allowed to delay their departures to a date between January 2 and January 5, 1951, as set by army commanders.

THIS WILL INCLUDE reservists who have been granted previous delays which expire during the Christmas holidays, the Army said.

Reservists who do not wish to take advantage of the authorized delay need not do so, the announcement said.

### BOY SCOUTS

TROOP B-5

A Court of Honor was held at the Quarten school Monday evening when the Rev. William Mead presented second class awards to Doug Shaw, Warren Harvey, Edward Gierok and Palmer Hallinger. Bob Podlesak, Paul Garlick, Tom Tabor and Jim Serpenson received first class awards from Samuel Bennett who also presented star awards to Stanley Thompson and Kirk Lewis and the bronze eagle palm to Michael Bird.

Merit badges were presented by Ted Wils to Michael Bird, Ronald Thompson, Stanley Thompson, Alan Carlin, Douglas Lewis, Tom Tabor, Kirk Lewis, Thor Halverson, Fred Roeben and Ed Gierok. The James E. Thomas award for service, citizenship and loyalty was presented to Kenneth Fowler by Scoutmaster Tom Austin.



### PIERCE PACK

A pack party will be held at Pierce school on Tuesday, Dec. 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The committee in charge has announced a visit from Santa Claus with presents for all. An exchange of gifts will also be observed. The evening will be spent with games and special Christmas music.

Den X has named Jimmy Ayyotte as denner for the year. Other officers will be Curtis Ashcraft, assistant denner; Jimmy Whaley, keeper of the bucksin and Henry Bowes, III, Flash reporter.

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