

Charles O. Sweetwood

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Korean Conflict 9-29-50 American Red Cross Photo;
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(American Red Cross Photo)

Korean Conflict 9-8-50 American Red Cross Alexander C Boase;
9-8-50 (1) A September 18, 1950 -- Whole blood collected by the American Red Cross and cooperating agencies to save the lives of men wounded in Korean fighting is being flown to the battlefronts by Military Air Transport Service.

Commenting on these flights, General Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff, said in Washington that the need for whole blood is growing greater every day. "Volunteer blood donors, contributing through Red Cross Centers and other community blood banks, are needed more now than at any time since the end of World War II. It is up to all of us to help assure that the supply of whole blood needed to save lives on the battlefield of Korea shall never be curtailed", the General added.

When the first shipment of whole blood was made from Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base in California, General MacArthur called it "a medical milestone in our care of personnel wounded in Korea."

Throughout the nation, Red Cross centers with their chapters which participate through mobile unit visits, have stepped up operations to provide a continuing flow of whole blood and plasma for use of the military. Plasma also plays a vital part in treatment of casualties. The Department of Defense has named the American Red Cross the official procurement agency for blood. for our armed forces, with the additional

responsibility for coordinating all the blood resources of the nation for that purpose. Facilities of other blood collecting agencies have been enlisted meeting future needs.

THIS PHOTO SHOWS: 1st Lt. Jean Thompson, Flight Nurse, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Red Cross Field Director John Brady, checking a shipment of blood to be flown to Korea from Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base. (ARC Photo by Alexander C. Boase)

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Sweetwood Dedication1b 1-10-51 OaklandCA Cal-Pictures 7146-002 Crop;
Arrival of the Military Blood Procurement Car during the Oakland Dedication Program.

Sweetwood Dedication 1-10-51 OaklandCA Cal-Pictures 7146-006;
The mother of Charles O. Sweetwood was the first to give a pint of blood in the Military Blood Procurement car named in honor of her son.

Sweetwood Dedication 1-10-51 OaklandCA-007;
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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: The Sixth Army band and a composite military color guard furnished color for the occasion.

Sweetwood Dedication 1-10-51 OaklandCA Cal-Pictures 7146-011;

The mother of Charles O. Sweetwood reads the bronze plaque dedicating the Military Blood Procurement car to her son while his brothers and President F. B. Whitman of Western Pacific listen.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Attending ceremony were military officials, medical representatives and officials of Western Pacific and American Red Cross.

Sweetwood Dedication 1-10-51 Oakland CA Cal-Pictures 7146-016;

Speakers and honored guests at the "Charles O. Sweetwood" dedication program stand during the invocation by Army Chaplain Colonel P. J. Ryan.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Mrs. Ann Watson (center) and Mrs. Shirley MacAninch, Oakland, Red Cross volunteers, sign donor to give blood aboard railroad car.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: (from left) Bud Sweetwood, Mrs. Claude Barnes (sister), James Sweetwood and Mrs. Bonnie Grover, Charles Sweetwood's family inspect blood procurement car.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Charles O. Sweetwood's family registers with Red Cross staff aide, Mrs. Florence Patton, Oakland. From left are James Sweetwood, Bud Sweetwood, Mrs. Claude Barnes (sister), Mrs. Bonnie Grover (mother) is seated.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Robert F. Shea, Deputy Director Pacific Area American Red Cross, speaks from platform of car to Group assembled to honor Charles O. Sweetwood.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Friends of Charles O. Sweetwood who attended ceremony in his honor included Pfc. Charles Morse and George Atwood. Pfc. Morse served with Sweetwood in Korea.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Owyhee Indians were among guests of honor Who attended ceremony and donated blood.

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Salt Lake City, Utah -- The arrival of the "Charles O. Sweetwood" Military Blood Procurement Car in Salt Lake City January 29 - February 2 gave people of Utah their first opportunity to donate blood for the Armed Forces. The converted official's car, provided by the Western Pacific Railroad for the use of the Red Cross, continues its tour in cities and towns in Utah, Nevada and California to collect blood for the Armed Forces in communities which have no other facilities for this purpose. The "Charles O. Sweetwood" is named for the first Nevadan and first Western Pacific employee to be killed in the Korean conflict. The car is staffed with four nurses and a porter. Red Cross volunteers and local doctors augment the staff in each community.

THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Prior to first days collection of blood in Salt Lake City, military representatives, Western Pacific Railroad representatives, civic and State officials, and Red Cross officials attended a brief ceremony.

Sweetwood introduction 1-29-51 SaltLakeCityUT002 American Red Cross 1-29-51 4;
Nurses left to right: Vivian Rott, Julia Rigutta

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: J. Francis Fowles, President of Utah State Senate, was first donor aboard car in Salt Lake City. He is attended by nurse Julia Rigutto.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Clarence Bamberger, member of the Red Cross National Board of Governors, addresses group assembled for ceremony prior to the first day's blood collections.

Sweetwood introduction 2-19-51 RenoNV2 American Red Cross 2-19-51 8;
RENO, NEVADA --- First opportunity to give blood for the Armed Forces in Reno came February 19-21 with the arrival of the "Charles O. Sweetwood" Military Blood Procurement Car. The converted official's business car, provided by the Western Pacific Railroad for the use of the Red Cross, continues its tour of cities and towns in Utah, Nevada and California to collect blood for use of the military in communities which have no other facilities for this purpose. The permanent staff of four nurses and a porter are augmented at each stop with Red Cross volunteers and local doctors provided through state and county medical societies.

THIS PHOTO SHOWS: Governor Charles H Russell addresses crowd gathering on opening day for blood donations. Shown with him on rear platform of "Charles O. Sweetwood" are Louis Griffin, porter; Nurses Vivian Rott, Rosemary Bukich, Virginia Vance and Ann Zoll, and Ray Bohannon, master of ceremonies.

Sweetwood Model American Red Cross 9520;
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24, 1952 A seven foot model of the first railroad blood procurement car was presented to the American Red Cross today by the Western Pacific Railroad, Staff Nurse Frances Beebe of the Red Cross Blood Program admires the model, which was presented by Frederic B. Whitman, Western Pacific president. Named after the first WP employee to be killed in Korea, the "Charles O. Sweetwood" car collected 21,000 pints of blood from sparsely populated communities in California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado, starting its service in January, 1951.

Sweetwood Window Display1 8-9-51 American Red Cross 8-9-51 1;
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. --- Western Pacific's downtown ticket office devoted its display space to the blood procurement car and the story in the Saturday Evening Post during the week of August 3rd. The railroad makes the car available to Red Cross to collect, blood in areas adjacent to Western Pacific lines where residents otherwise would not have an opportunity to contribute to the military blood procurement

program. The article in The Saturday Evening Post, August 4 issue, told the story of the "Charles O. Sweetwood" from the idea stage through the operation which collected 10,000 pints of blood in 6 months.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 1952---Frederc B. Whitman, left, President of the Western Pacific Railroad, receives a certificate of appreciation from E. Roland Harriman, President of the American Red Cross. The presentation was in recognition of the 21,000 pints of blood collected by the railroads blood procurement car, the first in the nation. Named after the railroads first employee to be killed in Korea, the "Charles O. Sweetwood" went into service in January, 1951, collecting blood for the American Red Cross from sparsely populated communities in California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado.

(ARC Photo)

ARC Sweetwood Model5 11-24-52 American Red Cross

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 24, 1952--Mr. Roland Harriman, President of the American Red Cross, presents a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Frederic B. Whitman of Oakland, California, President of the Western Pacific Railroad. The citation recognizes the "outstanding cooperation and public service" of the railroad "in making available and operating the 'Charles O. Sweetwood' blood donor car to collect blood

for national defense." The presentation was made during a meeting of the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross at Red Cross national headquarters in Washington, D. C.

In turn, Mr. Whitman presented the Red Cross with a seven-foot scale model of the "Charles O. Sweetwood." He credited Mr. Gilbert N. Kneiss, Assistant to the President in charge of Public Relations for the railroad, with originating the idea of turning the company business car into a railroad blood collection center.

Accompanying Mr. Whitman to the ceremony were M. and Mrs. Kneiss, Mr. P. E. White, Eastern Traffic Manager, and Mr. J. R. Conger, General Agent and Washington Representative.

Mr. Harriman showed great interest in the model of the car since he, himself, is also in the railroad business. He is Chairman of the Board of the Union Pacific Railroad.

ARC Sweetwood Model6 11-24-52 American Red Cross;

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 24, 1952-- Members of the Western Pacific Railroad group attending the dedication of the railroad's model of the famous blood Procurement car, the "Charles O. Sweetwood," at the Red Cross in Washington, are here shown discussing the model which was unveiled during a meeting of the American Red Cross Board of Governors at national headquarters in Washington D. C.

From left to right, they are Mrs. Gilbert H. Kneiss, President Frederic B. Whitman, Mr. J. R. Conger, Mr. P. E. White and Mr. Gilbert H. Kneiss.

AMERICAN RED CROSS PHOTO

ARC Sweetwood Model7 11-24-52 American Red Cross;

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 24, 1952-- Mrs. Gilbert H. Kneiss, wife of the Assistant to the President of the Western Pacific Railroad, is here shown unveiling the seven-foot scale model of the "Charles O. Sweetwood" blood procurement car presented to the American Red Cross by Frederic B. Whitman, the railroad's President, during a meeting of the Red Cross Board of Governors at national headquarters in Washington, D. C. The model, enclosed in a molded lucite case, has a value of more than \$4000, and was made by the Hartwig Display Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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10,000th BLOOD DONOR ON MILITARY BLOOD PROCUREMENT CAR -- Don R. Murphy, Brigham Young University student from Long Beach, California, was the 10,000th person to donate blood in the Red Cross-Western Pacific military blood procurement car, the "Charles O. Sweetwood", in Provo, Utah. Maxine Paepier, staff nurse on the car, prepares to take the blood.

The "Charles O. Sweetwood", named for the first Western Pacific employee killed in Korea, has been on tour along Western Pacific Railroad's right-of-way in California, Nevada and Utah since January 10th

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10,000TH MDR ON MILITARY BLOOD PROCUREMENT CAR -- Don R. Murphy, college student at Brigham Young University, becomes 10,000th person to donate blood aboard the "Charles O. Sweetwood", Red Cross-Western Pacific blood procurement car. Maxine Paepier, staff nurse on the car, prepares to take the blood. The car, named for the first Western Pacific employee killed in the Korean action has toured cities and towns in California, Nevada and Utah since January 10th collecting blood for military use.
(Photo by Deseret News - Salt Lake City, Utah)

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10,000th BLOOD DONOR ON MILITARY BLOOD PROCUREMENT CAR -- Don R. Murphy (center) college student from Long Beach, California, receives a miniature railroad car from Ray Colum (right) Western Pacific Railroad general agent as the 10,000th donor aboard the "Charles O. Sweetwood" military blood procurement car sponsored jointly by the American Red Cross and Western Pacific Railroad. Presentation was made in Provo, Utah. Samuel Blackham, Blood Program chairman, is on left.
(Photo by Deseret News – Salt Lake City, Utah)

Department of Defense

Korean Conflict 10-2-50 Department of Defense Photo;
10-3-50 (1)
KOREA, August, 1950 -- A seriously wounded American soldier receives blood plasma, provided through the American Red Cross. The G.I., who was flown from the front in an L-5 observation plane, converted to use as a one-patient air ambulance, is being rushed from a 2nd Infantry Division Airstrip to a nearby
(DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PHOTO)

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Nurses left to right: Vivian Rott, Julia Rigutta, Rosemarie Bulich.

Sweetwood RenoBranchNV;
The "Charles O. Sweetwood" moving on a local freight through the Nevada Desert.

Sweetwood Donating Blood-003;
Donor: Mrs. Frederika Peterson, Nurse: Julia Rigutto