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Miss Rosemary Tuttle, a resident of Carlsbad by the Sea for over 16 years, served with the American Red Cross for thirty years. Eight of those years were spent overseas. During World War II she was assigned to the U.S. Army and sent to Europe aboard the Queen Mary. Another name on the passenger list was that of Winston Churchill!

Her assignment as a Field Representative was at Liege, Belgium, to assist in bringing order out of chaos left by the enemy, such as the repair of the hospitals, homes, transportation and relief for the devastated. She also served at Magdeburg, Germany, where she was when the war ended on May 8, 1945. It was here that she spent her time dealing with thousands of displaced persons. At war's end, she returned to Paris Headquarters to assist with distribution of tons of relief supplies sent by the American people. Her assignments included Denmark, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg as well as Germany. She received high decorations from the Red Cross societies of these countries, and came home to further honors.

She was made Hostess Director of the Red Cross in Washington, D.C., receiving many titled emissaries from many countries. She organized a Blood Center in Madison, Wisconsin, the place of her birth, and saw donations soar to 5,000 pints; and as of 1975, Wisconsin now has 84 Blood Centers giving annually 1,650,000 pints for open heart surgery and hospital use.

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During her career with the Red Cross organization, she managed and directed Red Cross Chapter in Arkansas, Nebraska and Texas before her assignment to Europe.

She related to me a poignant story about the last Christmas of the war. Miss Tuttle and her friend were stationed in a small town in Belgium. They attended the Midnight Mass at a lovely little church. There was standing room only at that Mass. The only light in the church was a tiny candle on the altar. As they walked out of the church into a beautiful starlit night, they noticed buses all around. The buses were filled with GIs on their way to another forward. The GIs were so happy to see Americans and to hear English spoken that they embraced each other and wished "Merry Christmas," before they went forward to win another battle for freedom. She was thinking that perhaps many of these young men would never come this way again.

We are happy that her pathway led to retirement at Carlsbad by the Sea! She has enriched our lives immensely and appreciate very much her commitment to make this world a better place.

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