

Gangewere, Russell

GUADALCANAL MARINE LAUDS RED CROSS WORK

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Corporal Gangewere Writes
Relatives He'll Always Think
Well of Organization.

"Hereafter my attitude toward the American Red Cross will be entirely different," writes Corporal Robert R. Gangewere, U. S. Marine, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Braxmeier, 817 Vernon st., an aunt and uncle.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gangewere, 603 Sioux Street, the young man was a member of the gallant force of U. S. Marines that captured and held Guadalcanal. Recently the "Leathernecks" were relieved by another unit of Uncle Sam's fighters, and at present they are resting on an island, "somewhere in the Pacific."

"The Red Cross gave us pipes, tobacco, soap and toilet articles, in fact everything that was needed and appreciated by the Marines," Corp. Gangewere said, "and in the future I will always remember that organization."

Cigarettes, according to Corporal Gangewere, are known to the "fightingest" of the country's armed forces, are known as "bundles from Heaven," and without them a fellow is lost. Corporal Gangewere in his letter stated that he also does justice to his corn cob pipe, the gift of the Red Cross.

A graduate of Bethlehem Technical High School, he enlisted in 1940, received his basic training at Parris Island, and had been assigned to a number of U. S. Marine bases in this country prior to embarking for the combat zone.

Prior to his enlistment he was employed as an electrician by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

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