

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS
SELECTIVE SERVICE DIVISION

December 10, 1918.

St. Anthony's Hospital,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

The Governor and Adjutant General of Indiana, the State Draft Executive and the Medical Aide to the Governor, desire to express to the officials of the St. Anthony's Hospital on behalf of all the citizens of the state, heartfelt appreciation of the patriotic service rendered by your institution in giving free hospital facilities and the services of members of your staff for the correction of physical defects of registrants in remedial group "B" under the Selective Draft.

The generous response to the call of the Provost Marshal General for offers of such free service from hospitals in Indiana is a memorable commentary upon the enthusiastic loyalty of Indiana hospitals. Your hospital responded promptly to this request for Samaritan service and substantial sacrifice, has fulfilled its duty nobly and is deserving of the finest tribute of gratitude and praise.

Very truly yours,

Harry B. Smith

Brig. Gen. I. M. G.
The Adjutant General.

J. P. Goodrich

Governor.

Robert F. Bell

Major Inf. U. S. A.
Executive Officer.

Joseph Rufus Eastman

Major, M. R. C., U. S. A.
Medical Aide to Governor.

The testimony of the war department and the services of St. Anthony's Hospital during the war.

A Few Important Facts

Peoria, Ill., South Bend, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind., cities of approximately our size and population, each have three well equipped hospitals. Terre Haute has two unfinished hospitals, St. Anthony's and the Union, the combined service being inadequate for the needs of this community, and both meriting and needing additional sums for building, while plans for a magnificent Methodist hospital have been outlined.

St. Anthony's Hospital of Terre Haute, Ind., has during the last thirty-eight years, served approximately 75,000 patients, about half being charity patients, which established this institution, through its record, as an essential factor for the welfare of this community.

St. Anthony's Hospital, being so near to completion, with a present day appraisement value of approximately \$350,000, should have our immediate support in its present effort to meet the constantly growing demand of this community for enlarged hospital service.

St. Anthony's Hospital awaits with open arms and sympathetic heart all human being of any nationality, creed or color, whether rich or poor, who may be in distress and administers to all in the name of humanity. It is a true Institution of Mercy.

Thus at the time of the tornado in 1913 forty-seven patients were received in one night, while at the time of the Fontanet disaster sixty-three patients were received between ten A. M. and five P. M.

While St. Anthony's Hospital does not claim any special credit for this, it is worthy of note that this institution has at no time failed this community and has performed its duties conscientiously and as thoroughly as its facilities would permit.

Also no one knows how soon we ourselves may be in need of the very hospital service we are now planning for others who are in position to pay for service according to their custom and desires.

Approximately \$100,000 is needed in addition to the \$90,000 now on hand to cover the cost of construction, which under present economic conditions, is roughly estimated at \$200,000.

Although it has not been the practice of St. Anthony's Hospital to make a public appeal for funds with which to pay for additions, the present institution having been largely provided for by private gifts from a very few persons, it is believed that the public, which is served without discrimination and with every facility the hospital affords, would welcome an opportunity to assist in this latest improvement which the growing needs of this community make imperative.

We aim to avoid placing a burden on any one.

Our plan of organization is so broad that some ten to fifteen thousand citizens of this community shall be given an opportunity to share in this effort.

The plan of payment of pledges covers five consecutive monthly payments beginning June 1st (twenty percent for five months.)

Payments may be made at any bank or trust company in this community.

NOTE—The Banks and Trust Companies listed below have agreed to accept payments for credit of account of St. Anthony's Hospital Building Fund. In order to keep our records straight, please specify on your pledge card name of bank most convenient to you. (N. F.)

TERRE HAUTE TRUST CO.
U. S. TRUST CO.
CITIZENS TRUST CO.
McKEEN NATIONAL BANK
FIRST NATIONAL BANK

T. H. NATIONAL BANK
T. H. SAVINGS BANK
INDIANA STATE BANK
TWELVE POINTS STATE BANK
W. T. H. STATE BANK