A Study in Leadership: Clara Barton – Before the American Red Cross

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Teacher, Copyist, “Nurse”

- Teacher from New England & NJ
- Copyist at U.S. Patent Office, Washington, DC
- With Civil War
  - Helped as volunteer nurse on the top floor of her office building
  - Collected supplies thru Massachusetts Aid Society
The National Portrait Gallery
Washington, DC
Room 9 (3rd floor)
437 7th St. NW
Washington, DC
Volunteer Battlefield Nurse
“Angel of the Battlefield”

- Wanted to nurse on the battlefield
- Finally on the battlefield at:
  - Cedar Mountain
  - Antietam
  - Fredericksburg
  - Charleston
  - Wilderness
  - Petersburg
Clara at Antietam

CLARA BARTON

DURING THE BATTLE OF ANTIETAM
SEPTEMBER 17, 1862
CLARA BARTON BROUGHT SUPPLIES AND NURSING AID TO THE WOUNDED ON THIS BATTLEFIELD.
THIS ACT OF LOVE AND MERCY LED TO THE BIRTH OF THE PRESENT AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
Missing Soldiers Office

- “Missing in Action” (MIA)
- By authority of President Lincoln
- 63,000 requests
- A 4 year search
- At Camp Parole
- Then relocated to her boarding house #9 (plus #’s 7 & 11)
- Produced 5 lists
MISSING SOLDIERS.
OFFICE. 3RD STORY. ROOM 9.
MISS. CLARA BARTON.

ROLL OF MISSING MEN. NO. 5.

22,000 MIA’s located
Andersonville POW Cemetery

- Andersonville POW Camp in Georgia
- 13,000+ died of disease and malnutrition
- Buried in unmarked graves
- Gravedigger Atwater
- Est. National Cemetery
- Clara raised the flag
13,000 graves identified and marked
Trip to Europe 1869-73

• For rest and relaxation
• International Red Cross (IRC)
• Volunteer with IRC in France
• Lobbied Congress & the President
• USA joins Treaty of Geneva
• Founded ARC 1881
• Elected 1st President of ARC, 1881-1904
• National First Aid Assoc., 1905-1910
Conclusion

Teacher & Copyist
Hospital Nurse
Battlefield Nurse

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References

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