

## **The action of collecting memorabilia from the Polish Red Cross: "Help to Restore Our History."**

The action of collecting historical memorable souvenirs under the slogan "Help us to restore our history", organized by the Malopolska regional branch of the Polish Red Cross continues. The purpose of the action is to obtain museum exhibits for the future permanent exhibition dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the organization in 2019.

„We expect to receive items of historical value, as well as souvenirs, which are connected with the personal fate of donors and their families. The particular importance to us are memories associated with the history of the Polish Red Cross. Also we are very interested in collecting photographs, postcards, documents, letters and diaries, the press, clothing and medical equipment items, antiques, handicrafts and artistic products confirming the history of the Polish Red Cross”, - says Mechislav Kurek, President of the Malopolska Red Cross Branch.

At present, the museum inventory holds a significant part of donations - these are various types of archival documents: manuscripts, official letters, diplomas, identity cards, brochures or certificates, as well as books and press. Among the received memorable souvenirs are badges of the founder of the Polish Red Cross - Pavel Sapieha, as well as an album of drawings with the illustration "Siberia on March 19, 1943" signed manually by children who were taken to the "camps". Of particular importance are the archival records from 1916 to 1918, reflecting the activities of the organization prior to its official establishment.

Permanent historical exhibition will be located at Studencka 19 street. This is where for the last eight decades the Cracow branch of the Polish Red Cross and its headquarters are located, which supported the activities of the Red Cross intelligence during the war, and it is possible that it is the place where a chest with Katyn memorabilia from the „archive in Roble” may be found. „The history of the apartment building at the street Studencka 19, demonstrates the nobility of people, high architectural style, and also hides a secret that may one day be revealed. For this reason, we believe that this is the best place to open a permanent historical exhibition. If you want your collections, family souvenirs not to be destroyed or lost, donate them to our branch”, - says Malgoshata Pyka, Director of the Malopolska Red Cross Branch.

Received souvenirs will be part of the permanent historical exhibition, and will also be registered in order to ensure safety and their possible future use.

Those who are interested in the delivery process of souvenirs can contact us by phone: 0048 572-341-845 or 0048 12 422 91 15, or e-mail: 100lat@pck.org.pl.

Each proposal will be considered individually by the friendly staff of the Cracow office of the Malopolska Red Cross Branch.

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