



Red Cross Canteen at Canadian County
Historical Museum (Former Rock Island Station)
El Reno, Okla. June 7, 1975

Moved from station to Legion Park about 1920.
Moved back to station 1974.

Restored by Earle Penwright & Karl Dittmer.
Used by Canadian Co. Historical Society for
display of Red Cross Canteen activities.

This was the first Red Cross Canteen in the U.S.
It was built in 1918 and served thousands of
military men in WWI who were passing through
El Reno on troop trains.

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STATE Oklahoma	
COUNTY Canadian	
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ENTRY NUMBER SEP 5 1975	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Red Cross Canteen (the nation's first)**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rock^N Island Depot

CITY OR TOWN:

El Reno

STATE:

Oklahoma

CODE

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COUNTY:

Canadian

CODE

017

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: **Canadian County Historical Society**

DATE OF PHOTO: **1918**

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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Staff of the first Red Cross Canteen at El Reno posed for a formal portrait in 1918 shortly after the self-help facility was dedicated. View is generally northeasterly.

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