

# THE SALVATION ARMY

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## New Salvation Army Book Looks at the 1906 Earthquake and Fire From San Francisco and Oakland

“The Bells of San Francisco: The Salvation Army With Its Sleeves Rolled Up” is now available at Borders Books, Barnes & Noble, Cody’s, Books, Inc and through The Salvation Army’s Divisional Headquarters in San Francisco - 1(800) 944-9677.

The newly published anecdotal history and reference book includes a description of the organization’s role in relief work following the 1906 earthquake and fire, much of which was centered in a relief camp for evacuees at Beulah Park in Oakland.

Fearing the City couldn’t be saved, an estimated 225,000 people rushed to the ferries following the earthquake. Salvation Army soldiers met the boats and fed refugees as they arrived in Oakland. The Beulah Park camp became a refuge for families and lost children who had been separated from their parents. Oakland became a staging area for supplies brought in from throughout the state. Horse drawn carts used for the Army’s early recycling efforts were appropriated for moving supplies.

Before the fire, the Army operated from 11 buildings in San Francisco. All but two were lost. National Commander Evangeline Booth rallied Salvation Army troops and funds from all over the country to help Army relief efforts. On Memorial Day, just two months after the quake, she arrived in San Francisco with \$15,000 and spoke in Golden Gate Park to a mass meeting of refugees who had lost their homes.

The book’s section on Disaster Relief describes the Army’s role in emergencies and also includes information on its famous doughnut girls during World War I, relief efforts following the 1985 and 1986 Mexico City and El Salvador earthquakes, Loma Prieta in 1989, the Oakland Hills Fire of 1990, plus months of clean-up following Mississippi and North Dakota floods and extensive assistance at Ground Zero after September 11, 2001.

Cost of the soft back book is \$17.95. Hard backs are \$25.95.

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