

# Delivery Despite the Cost

During the American Revolutionary War, a military message of great importance had to be sent through territory infested with the enemy.

A daring corporal was chosen to accompany the messenger. They had not gone far when they drew fire from the enemy. The messenger was killed and the corporal severely wounded in the side.

Careless of his wounds, he focused on the mission assigned to him. He snatched the dispatch from the dead messenger and rode on until he grew faint from loss of blood.

Fearing the message he carried would fall into enemy hands, he squeezed the dispatch into the wound in his side until it closed upon it.

The next day, he was able to reach his fellow soldiers – the ones to whom the message was sent. He had a smile on his lips, but he was so weak he could not speak. Instead, he pointed to the wound in his side. A surgeon opened the wound and found the message.

The surgeon reported to his comrades that the wound itself was not fatal, but putting the paper into it brought on the corporal's death.

We marvel at such bravery and sense of duty. It was a sacrifice that helped lead to victory on the battlefield.



While the peril of bullets and swords don't face the associates of Life Care as they go about the duty of care and service to which they are pledged, they nevertheless demonstrate daily sacrifice of time, talents and energy to those entrusted to them.

And they carry with them messages of hope, comfort and assurance delivered with the touch of a hand, a warm and encouraging smile, soft words and a tender hug.

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:16 ESV).*

– Beecher Hunter