

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

WOMAN'S WORK DIVISION

State of Wisconsin

UNITED WAR WORK TELEPHONE BRIGADE

"Hello. . . Is that Mrs. B—? Oh, I'm so glad to get you, for you are always so busy. . . Yes, we are all working at *top speed* these days in war work of one kind or another. I don't know any slackers, do you? . . . But we always manage to do a little bit more, don't we? And I am just calling up to tell you about the Campaign . . . What? . . . Oh, the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign is all over now, you know. What I wanted to tell you about just now is the

**FOR THE BOYS
OVER THERE
UNITED
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"You remember last year that every few weeks there was a drive for funds by the different organizations doing war work? Well, this year President Wilson has requested all the seven authorized camp agencies to combine their drives, so this one big United War Work Campaign for at least \$170,500,000.00 is to get the money needed for the war work of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, the YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, the AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, the WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE, the NATIONAL CATHOLIC WAR COUNCIL (or KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, as it is better known), the JEWISH WELFARE BOARD and the SALVATION ARMY.

"Isn't this combination the most convincing expression of democracy that one could imagine? Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations all working together in one brotherhood and sisterhood in the greatest cause for which a war has ever been fought! This spirit of co-operation and united effort is really the biggest thing in the whole Campaign.

"Yes, \$170,500,000.00 does seem like a lot of money, but it really means less than \$1 a week for each of our boys in the army and navy, and I don't think any of us will think

**YOUNG
MEN'S
CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION**

\$1 a week too much to spend for the cheer and comfort of our soldier and sailor lads, do you?

"*Even if a victorious peace should come in a year,*" said Mr. Rockefeller, "*it would be another full twelve months before our men can be returned home. During*

NATIONAL CATHOLIC WAR COUNCIL *that time they will need the united efforts of the seven organizations as never before."*

Bishop Patrick Hayes said recently, in New York: "Now that we are nearing the end, the need for the care of the boys in France is greater than ever before. Any relaxation now of our united efforts in their behalf will mean that our men may come home wounded in soul. *These organizations will be vital to the manhood of our men overseas for at least twelve months after peace is declared.*"

**THE
SALVATION
ARMY**

"Oh, don't you know what their war work is? . . . Well, it would take *hours* for me to tell you, for every one of these organizations is doing big things, but perhaps I could give you a 'bird's-eye view'—for I don't think very many people realize that the Y. M.

**JEWISH
WELFARE
BOARD**

C. A., the K. of C., the JEWISH WELFARE BOARD and the SALVATION ARMY all have 'huts,' not only at the training camps in this country, but over there at the front. . . . Yes, they have, and these huts

serve for almost every sort of thing you can think of. The preachers, priests and rabbis hold services in them for soldiers; they are *clubs* when the men want to read, write or rest; *theatres* when they have motion pictures, plays, concerts, lectures, etc.; *gymnasiums* when used for athletics and recreation, and *schools* when classes in French and all the other branches the boys want to study, are conducted. And overseas, where the huts are often built close to the front lines, there is always hot coffee and sandwiches and solid comfort for the soldiers. The secretaries and men who have charge of the huts often carry food right to the trenches. Can't you imagine what it means to the soldier who has been in a front line trench all night, chilled to the bone, when he sees by the early morning light a sturdy figure coming down the trench with steaming hot coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts? I suspect they look like angels to our boys.

"Speaking of angels, reminds me of the Hostess Houses which have been built by the **YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION** at the training camps. They are hospitality centers for women visitors at the camps, the only place which offers shelter or food to the women friends and relatives of the soldiers. The big living room of the Hostess House is so cheery and homelike, the food is so comforting, and the hostess director so kindly, that some of the big, appreciative, homesick boys have called it 'Heaven.'

"When our boys do have a few minutes leisure, they drop into the camp libraries provided by the **AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION** with books, magazines and current literature of all kinds. Many of them have left their colleges or their profession to join the colors, and naturally they wish to keep posted about the business they are coming back to after the war, so up-to-date scientific and technical books are what they ask for, and the War Library Service gets the books to them. The books they want—when they want them! The training camps, cantonments, naval and marine stations, troop trains and transports have been supplied, and more than one million books have already been sent overseas to the Library stations in the huts, barracks, mess halls and hospitals.

"Of course, they must have a good social time when they need it, and that is where the **WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE** comes in. Its chief concern is the welfare of the enlisted man when he is out of camp visiting nearby cities or communities. This Community Service enlists and organizes the efforts of local men and women in establishing clubs for our soldiers and sailors, in planning parties and wholesale entertainment for them, and it also encourages people to open their homes to the lonely lads who are subject to all sorts of discouragement and homesickness. The Community Service provides for the social life of the soldier, a *hospitality* service which undoubtedly stiffens his morale and braces his courage while he is undergoing the strain of military training.

"And let me tell you that there is another great factor in the strengthening of the soldiers' morale, and that is the knowledge that his women folk are being cared for and

helped while he is at the front. Have you heard that in this country right now there are nearly two million women either engaged in war industries or taking the places of men, and that the YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION has been asked to *back up these women who are backing up the men?* It has established rest and recreation clubs for women workers in munition plants and is caring for the recreation and health of the thousands of business women and girls all over this country and in France. Overseas it is maintaining huts, or clubs, for American nurses and for French women munition workers. It is looking after American women war workers in France, providing proper housing for the American girl telephone and telegraph operators who are in the Signal Service Corps in France. There is a Paris Hostess House, the Hotel Petrograd, which has become the center for American women war workers in France.

"Then there is the brave work of the SALVATION ARMY Lassies who are toiling, sewing, mending and cooking for the soldiers, their huts and stations being very close indeed to the front line trenches. These women go out through the night to the trenches, serving piping hot coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts, so that the exhausted men may receive nourishing food at the time when they need it.

"The men and women of all seven of these organizations are working toward the winning of the war, serving both for the soldiers and for the women who are working behind the soldiers. You read what President Wilson said the other day in his speech to the Senate: 'This war could not have been fought either by the other Nations engaged or by America if it had not been for the services of the women—services rendered in every sphere—not merely in the fields of effort in which we have been accustomed to see them work, but wherever men have worked and upon the very skirts and edges of the battle itself.'

"Surely everybody in America will welcome this opportunity for loyal service and will get behind the United War Work Campaign and help it go 'over the top.' One way in which we can help just now is to see that everybody knows about the Campaign and what it is for. I am beginning by 'phoning seven women and telling them what I have told you. I am asking them, just as I am asking you, to tell seven others—and so on until everybody everywhere knows all about it and is ready to help us get the money Over Here for our brave boys and girls who are working and fighting to win the war Over There."