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BECAUSE WE ARE GIRLS.

(Thoughts of an M. C. Girl)

Because we are girls does not necessarily mean that we have been left outside of the battle and can not enter our helpfulness into this great struggle for democracy. Perhaps never before was a war so universally America's. In other wars the women of this country were not so fully co-sharers with men in their pursuits and dangers. Today many of the women of America have placed the welfare of this most splendid and beautiful country beyond their own well being and the happiness of their homes; they have been superb in that they were glad and proud to do it.

Our war! Ours! This is not a dim impersonal spectacle, but strangely and intimately our own. We must learn to count ourselves as sharers in this desperate world tragedy. The pang and passion and pain, the power and the glory and the honor are ours. There is anguish. There is splendor. It is your anguish, your splendor—mine! We have trembled with joy while we sang "The Star Spangled Banner"; we have baptized the poor patient, brave story of many a soldier in the holy water of our tears, but all these emotions are born illegitimately in the time of war unless they have been legalized by some fulfillment of a desire to better conditions. Yes, we have championed knitting and the making of surgical dressings, but these beautiful busy habits must be augmented by another,—busier, more beautiful and of a nobler significance—the habit of giving till it becomes a sacrifice. Sacrifice is the war angel whose wings are more glorious than they are heart-breaking; it is she, who tests the quality of our hearts, purging them of old selfishness, old fears and old desires; she reaches into the sorriest pits of suffering and gives us a glimpse of paradise in our darkest moments.

The greatest test of humanity is suffering. War is a hell of suffering, yet out of this accursed thing comes a divine chance, a purifying chance; it is for the humblest and the highest—it is for us! This has cost us nothing is worth mentioning, and the time has come again that our young girl hearts

grow brave, our efforts strong and our ways sacrificial. We are called upon to give; what wouldn't we give for Victory—Peace—God? Standing now in the last thin shadow of the blackened night of war, we wait for the fresh clean dawn of democracy, and while we await this new morning of "Peace on Earth" and "good will toward men" let us give—give—give.

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

Northwestern has voted a goal of \$20,000, as compared with \$15,000 last year.

Fargo College, N. D. last year gave \$600; Goal 1918 is between \$1000 and \$1,500.

University of Illinois paid last year \$27,000. Goal now \$60,000. 5000 students enrolled. Telegram received Oct. 31st: "University of Illinois goal \$60,000. Will co-operate heartily. Lieutenant detailed to give full time for promotion of organization for drive in S. A. T. C. Publicity campaign launched tomorrow."

Ann Arbor goal \$35,000 (not including faculty.)

Kalamazoo College gave \$2,149 last year; goal now \$2500.

We want more news from Kansas like the following: Mt. Morris College, Ill—35 boys and 95 girls SUBSCRIBED on October 31st \$1300 and their college president has set aside two days in which the students can earn their pledges. Most of them expect to help the farmers husk corn.

Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va. last year gave \$2700 to the Student's Friendship War Fund. This year they started to raise \$5000 and in a recent campaign secured subscriptions for \$6000. This is mighty encouraging."

LET'S GO!

DID YOU KNOW—

That two-and-a-half million letters are written home by the boys every day on Red Triangle stationery?

That there is a "Y" secretary on the train that carries the boys to the cantonments; and another on the train that go to the embarkation ports; and one or two on every transport?

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THE UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF THE "Y"

(Dr. Culler.)

There are so many phases of the work of the Y. M. C. A. that one cannot treat them in a single review. I wish however to write a few things with reference to the Y. M. C. A. in its work among the boys of other lands.

We must not forge our allies—those who for three years before we saw our duty saw theirs and acted upon it—who for our sakes as well as their own and humanity's were bled almost white. There is a great need for the expansion of the work in the French Army. The French army needs the American touch, the games, the strong virile Christianity, the temperate life, the preservation of the proper balance to life, the "four-square" man, all of which the "Y" emphasizes so much. The universal testimony of all who know the situation is that few things are more needed than just what the "Y" can give to the French men. There is a French army of four million men which must be reached. The "Y" is now reaching part of them thru 1000 Foyers du Soldat. We are asked to assist in planting another thousand such centers. These will be more than needed during the long and trying period of reconstruction.

Likewise we must enlarge our co-operation with the Case del Soldato of the Italian army. There are 3,000,000 Italian soldiers scattered thru the Alps, Albania, Dalmatia, as well as other fronts. The work of the Y. M. C. A. among the Italians has been noted for its effect on their morale. At the time of the successful Austrian drive of over a year ago it is likely that the Italian army, tried as it was to the limit, might have gone to pieces had it not been for these agencies of morale. What is true of the French is even more true of the Italians as to their need of contact with American ideals as expressed by the "Y."

We have the Belgian army, the Portuguese, and the armies of the Allies operating in the Balkans, Egypt, Palestine, and Turkey. These armies will necessarily remain on these frontiers for a long period of time and it is absolutely necessary to care for them. In some of these far distant fields of

reconstruction the lonesomeness will be terrible. The need spells the opportunity.

We have just begun in the work with the labor battalions of the Chinese, Indians, Africans, and West Indies, as well as other races behind the fighting lines in France and other fronts.

The world is ripe for a great unselfish example of brotherhood. We need the full development of the "Four-square" man. No better field for religion and morals was ever offered. It is foreign and home missionary work combined. It is tragic and crucial. If we fail in this great will be our failure. "Let us forget the goal of \$170,500,000.00 and let us give these societies enough money to do their work properly."

FACTS FROM THE FRONT

Says General Pershing Referring to One of the War Work Organizations

A sense of obligation for the varied and useful service rendered to the army in France . . . prompts me to join in the appeal for its further financial support. I have opportunity to observe its operations, measure the quality of its personnel and mark its beneficial influence upon our troops, and I wish unreservedly to commend its work for the army."

General Pershing.

"The support and comfort of your Foyers' (Huts) has been, and will continue to be, a tremendous physical comfort and moral support, and has given the soldiers that feeling of home which was so much lacking. I take this opportunity of repeating to you, the paramount good, both physical and moral, that your organization has brought about in our midst."

General Mangin,
of the French Armies.

They have not only assured to our soldiers as much of the physical comfort as possible, under the present circumstances, but they have also been a tremendous moral comfort and support."

General Petain,
of the French Armies.

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COMMUNION IN FRONT LINE

A Story by A Protestant Minister
About the Co-operation Among
Catholics, Jews and Gentiles in
the Battle Zone in France

There is no lack of co-operation be-
tween the different organizations doing
welfare work among the soldiers, sail-
ors and marines in the service of the
United States. The seven organiza-
tions are united in the War Work Drive
November 11 to 18. The Rev. Burriss
A. Jenkins, who went to France as a
special correspondent of the Kansas
City Star, in a letter home about the
co-operation of the Y. M. C. A. and the
Catholic secretaries in the war zone
said:

The good Catholic father who is
ch. plain to the regiment co-operated
most cordially with the Y. M. "doc".
There was a little church some miles
back and the chaplain had a hard time
getting the boys to service. One Sun-
day "Doc" marched a company or two
up there almost entire and packed the
house for the padre. The priest was
beside himself with delight, and said:

"I am very grateful to 'Doc' Clifford
for bringing you boys up here where I
can get hold of you; now tonight I
want to tell you to go to the Y, so the
Doc can get hold of you."

One Sunday, before some stiff fight-
ing that they knew was awaiting them,
the boys came to "Doc" and told him
they wanted communion. They had
arranged everything themselves, the
bread and the wine, and simply asked
him to conduct the service. He went
into the place and found it full of near-
ly a hundred men. Looking about, he
saw eight Catholics and two or three
Jews. He explained to all of them
the nature of the service, when one of
the Catholic boys interrupted him by

saying:

"Doc, can't we stay too?"

"Certainly you can stay. I only
want you to understand, that's all"

Said one of the Hebrew boys:

"Doc, I'd like to stay, if I may."

"Sura," said Doc. "Do just as you
please."

When all was done, "Doc" was a bit
uneasy, and sought out the Roman
chaplain to tell him about it.

"What!" cried the padre. "And did
the Catholics stay?"

"Yes," said Doc trembling.

"And did they partake?"

"Some of them," answered Doc.

"See here Doc," said the priest, "will
you take some rosaries for me and give
one to each Catholic boy who was
there?"

"I will gladly," said Doc, breathing a
sigh of relief.

The father gave him ten rosaries,
and as there were only nine boys to
whom to award them, Doc kept one,
and it is today among his treasured
possessions. Ah, when this weary,
bloody war is done, will not the church-
es cease this age-long warfare, too,
and enter a league of nations and de-
nominations? They will if the men
who have had the baptism of fire and
blood, the padres and the "Docs" the
secretaries, and the "boys" God bless
them have their way.

At last the day came when old Doc
was ordered home to take part in the
campaign in America. "His boys" took
leave of him with deep regret, and ex-
pect him later to come back to them
as he fully intends to do. After he
had said good-bye to the lads whom
for nine months he had fathered, and
had started with mixed feelings of
joy and sorrow, on his way, a courier
overtook him and brought him farwell
letters.

Why You Should Give Twice as Much as You Ever Gave Before

The need is for a sum 70 per cent
greater than any gift ever asked for
since the world began. The Govern-
ment has fixed this sum at \$170,500,
000.00.

By giving to these seven organiza-
tions all at once, the cost and effort
of six additional campaigns is saved.

Unless Americans do give twice as
much as ever before, our soldiers and
sailors may not enjoy during 1919
their:

- 3,600 Recreation Buildings.
- 1000 Miles of Movie Film.
- 100 Lending Stage Stars.
- 2000 Athletic Directors.
- 2,500 Libraries supplying 5,000,000
books.
- 85 Hostess Houses.
- 15,000 Big-brother "secretaries"
- Millions of dollars of home comforts.

When you give double you make
sure that every fighter has the cheer
and comforts of these seven organi-
zations every step of the way from
home to the front and back again. You

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ply their physical needs.

Now give to maintain the morale
that has won the war!

THE HOSTESS HOUSE

At first there was no place in the
American cantonment where a mother
could visit her boy. In the dusty road
women stood, or clustered under the
occasional trees.

Then came the hostess House con-
ducted by the Y. W. C. A., a house
where the "chairs had cushions" and
where the "china would break"; and
immediately the boys wrote home that
there was a place now for mother, and
please hurry and come.

Eighty-six hostess houses have been
built or authorized and requests from
the army for more of them are arriv-
ing at the rate of one a day. The Hos-
tess House is a hit.

But it is only a part of the war work
of the Y. W. C. A. which is co-opera-
ting with the Y. M. C. A. in this cam-
paign for funds. The Y. W. C. A. fol-
lows the American girls who go to
France in war work; and the girls in
the munition factories on this side.
"For the boys over there; and the girls
over here"—this is the slogan of the
Y. M. and Y. W. campaign.

These boys and girls will be the
general managers of America after this
war. If you want to make sure that
America is to be a better, freer country,
do your part to help them now.

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**His Mother Needed Money
—and She Got It!**

An American soldier hurries along the street of a shell-torn village, keeping close to the shelter of the crumbling walls, and runs up the steps of a shattered chateau.

He climbs to a room where sandbags are piled high to the ceiling. Behind a rough counter stands a man of middle age—a man with an emblem on his arm and a smile on his face.

"In a hurry this morning, buddie" he asks.

"You bet I am," pants the soldier. "We're going into the trenches at noon." "Can I help you?"

The boy thrusts one hand into his pocket and with the other points to a sign on the wall. It reads:—"SEND YOUR MONEY HOME—ASK THE SECRETARY HOW."

"Can I send this to my mother?" he asks, and draws out a roll of French bills. "She needs it."

"Of course you can," says the secretary. He counts the money carefully—twice—and then does a little figuring.

"That makes \$84.60 in American money."

"And will you see that mother gets it?"

"We will," is the answer. "I'll give you this receipt and I'll send your money to the nearest headquarters. They will forward it to Paris and will tell New York to mail your mother a check for your \$84.60."

"How much will it cost me to have you do that?"

The answer is it won't cost him one cent. His mother will get the whole \$84.60. Every week the War Work organizations are transmitting more than half a million dollars from the boys over there to the home folks over here.

HOW MUCH?

During the recent conference of certain men reputed to know something about student life—mostly young men not many years removed from college—somebody said: "Two millions." It should be at least that.

If the students of America gave one million five hundred thousand last year, to a fund representing but two of the causes included in the United War Work Campaign, is it too much to hope that they will be even more generous in their offering to this fund which involves seven causes?

The Student Division of the United War Work Campaign has full confidence that the college men and college women of America will fully measure up to their obligations.

GIVE TO THE BOYS OVER THERE

WHY WE NEED MUCH MORE THAN \$170,500,000

Dr. John R. Mott

Even though the War is ended we stand in great need of a fund of more than \$170,500,000, because this work, unlike that of many other agencies, will have to be continued throughout the entire period of demobilization. While in Europe, I was told by military authorities that it will require a period of fifteen months from the time that the conflict ceases to transport the Canadian Army to their homes, and that it will call for not less than eighteen to convey the armies of Australia and New Zealand homeward. Without doubt it will take not less than twelve months to bring our American Army home. During that long period they will have virtually all their time on their hands. They will not have the excitement and the incitement of the war period to stimulate their spirits or its intense activities to absorb their attention and utilize their time. Their temptations will be more numerous and persistent. There will be a tendency to let down standards and relax discipline. It is of the utmost importance that plans be made for the wise use of their leisure hours. The practical and significant question is, Shall our men and boys come back to us weaker or stronger? The period of demobilization should not be allowed to become a period of demoralization but rather should be made one of growth in knowledge and working efficiency and of strengthening of character and life purposes. The Young Men's Christian Association and the other organizations are planning not only to enlarge their recreational program during this period, but to launch a great educational campaign. In popular language it may be described as "The University in Khaki." An Army Educational Commission composed of a group of the leading educators of America has been sent overseas. They have asked for two thousand professors and teachers of American colleges and schools to help in launching educational work for the coming winter, and also to be on hand for the period of demobilization, whenever it comes. We have entered into negotiations with the British and French universities to help us in this vast educational undertaking. One may judge of the great dimensions of the enterprise from the fact that it will require at least \$8,000,000 for textbooks and books of reference for the coming winter alone. It ought to be added that no provision is made for this educational program in the budget of \$170,500,000 and therefore in itself this plan affords a further reason why we must have a large oversubscription.

THE DRIVE IS ON! GIVE TO THE LIMIT

GENERAL PERSHING SAYS:

"900 Men Plus Y equals 1000"

Lieut.-Colonel E. S. Wheeler in a report to Gen. Pershing in May, 1918, said:

"There is no one factor contributing more to the morale of the American army in France than the Y. M. C. A. The value of this organization cannot be overestimated. Give nine hundred men who have a Y. M. C. A. rather than one thousand who have none, and I will have better fighters every time."

General Pershing directed that Colonel Wheeler's letter be sent to the Y. M. C. A. officials, and himself added this comment:

"The conclusions and opinions of Lieut.-Colonel Wheeler are concurred in by these headquarters."

Nine men who are happy and entertained can outfight ten who are homesick and lonesome. It is the business of the "Y" to add this extra, ten per cent to the fighting efficiency of our armies; to maintain that indefinable quality which wins war—morale.

"Y"

When he wants to write a letter,
And you know that he had better:
To his mother, or his father, or
The Girl,

Or he's feeling sort of lonely
And the thing he craves is only
An oasis in the racket and the whirl,
Or he yearns for conversation
Or the glad exhilaration
Of a movie with a comic custard pie,
He will hurry helter-skelter
To the Y. M. C. A. shelter,
Hereinafter to be spoken of as "Y".

It's a cozy little cot
When it's chilly or it's hot;
For a fellow needs a spot
Where it is dry.
'Tis a happy little hut
Where they do not pose or strut,
And the door is never shut
At the "Y".
So, that nothing need be lacking,
Lend the Hut your earnest backing—
Let the boy who bears the battle have
his club;
Give more often than you care to;
For the entry will look well upon the stub.

Help to cheer the youthful fighter;
Help to make his lot the brighter;
You can spare a little extra if you try,
That the lonely, sad or weary
Shall have comfort, warm and cheery,
In the winsome little wigwam known
as "Y".

It's a heavenly retreat
For the lad on weary feet
Where we possibly shall meet
By and by;
'Tis a happy little hut
Where we do not pose or strut,
And the door is never shut
At the "Y".

—Arthur Galterman.

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Will You Hold Your Head Up Proudly When They Come HOME?

By Bruce Barton

I lifted the receiver of the telephone and almost dropped it again in surprise. For the voice was that of my good old friend, and I supposed him far away in France.

"What, back so soon?" I exclaimed. "Detailed for special duty?"

"Yes, back," he answered; and it struck me that his voice was slow and older, as though the weeks of his absence had been years. "Back—but not for special duty. There—there is another reason."

And then I knew that he must be wounded. Wounded—while here at home, I still pursued my ordinary course. Wounded—to protect my home. Wounded—to keep my children safe.

It came over me of a sudden, as it never had before, that I am debtor to him to an amount that I never can repay.

They will all be coming back before long. Some wounded; some grown strangely old. But most of them well and normal enough, thank God.

We will stand along the sidewalks to see them pass. How shall we feel that day, I wonder.

Will their eyes say to us, "We were hungry for a bit of sweet, and you did not think to send it."

"We were cold and you let the hut fires die; we were lonesome, and the movies stopped because there were no funds to carry on."

Will that be the message of their eyes to us?

Or shall we stand confidently in their presence, greeting them as men who have nothing to repent.

—as men who in their absence gave freely of wealth and time, that there might be warmth and cheer and comfort over there?

They are coming back some day—perhaps before we think.

And what will be the message of their eyes to you?

DO YOU KNOW—

(Continued from Page 1)

That the "Y" ships to France fifteen miles of motion picture films every week?

That the Testaments provided for our boys would make a pile 17½ miles high?

That 100 of the best actors and actresses, including such stars as Elsie Janis and E. H. Sothern, travel the "Y" circuit in France, giving performance in the Huts?

That the "Y" has built 538 huts in this country and over 2,000 overseas, including huts in England and France, and for our allies—the French and Italian armies?

That the "Y" is sending men and women to France at the rate of 1,000 a month to be big brothers and sisters to our boys?

GET BEHIND THE "Y" CAMPAIGN

THREE soldiers who had been cut off from canteen supplies for many days left the trenches for a brief respite.

"Oh, for a smoke!" said one.

"And something sweet—some chocolate or cookies!" said another.

"I need a tooth brush and some soap worse than anything," said the third.

They came into a desolated village. Not a soul was in sight.

"We're out o' luck!" they said. And then they turned a corner.

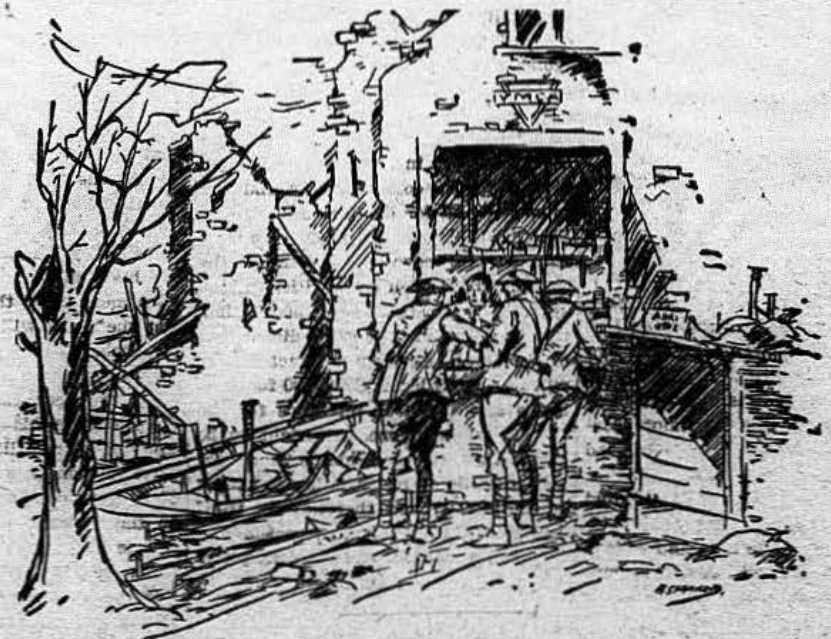
"There it is!" they cried. It was a sign on the only building left standing in the place. It was the canteen run by one of these seven recognized organizations.

"Who said we're out o' luck?" they shouted. "We're in again!"

More than 500 tons of supplies leave our ports every week under the direction of these seven agencies—just so that wherever the American soldier happens to be, he will find good cheer and comfort waiting for him. A splendid army of uniformed workers are now engaged in this work and General Pershing asks that at least a thousand more be sent each month.

Nothing is too much to do for those who are bearing the brunt of this war. What will you give for those who are giving everything?

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN



Out o' Luck—and In Again!