

To the Volunteers:

A volunteer is "one who enters service of his own free will," with no thought of fee or financial reward.

Two years ago you entered into service with great good will. Now the time has come when you are to receive your honorable discharge from that service.

No words of mine can adequately evaluate your contribution—a contribution to the spirit of our fighting men, a contribution to our community, a service to our nation in time of war.

It has been our lot to play our part in this war here at home. A small part, when you weigh our little sacrifices of time and energy against the sacrifice of job and home and friends, yes, even life itself, our loved ones make. Yet yours is not an insignificant service. Around the world today men find the hardship and horror of battle easier to bear because of you. And around the world there is carried a spark of kindly warmth which you have placed in a soldier's heart. It is a link between fireside and foxhole, between the Shenango Valley and the battle line.

Your reward is in the heartfelt thanks of a million GI Joes. You have given of your time and talent. In return you have received satisfaction of conscience, a sense of important work well done and the undying gratitude of those whom you served.

Yes, this is the day of your discharge. Yet you cannot quit. Not even when the war is won, the peace assured and our boys are again happily settled in our midst. You have fought the good fight but it is a fight that never ends. It is a fight for decency and human kindness and peace in the world. As long as the world exists it will have need for the talents of men and women such as you.

Let this then be our valedictory:

"Carry On! Carry On! Carry On!"

G. A. Harshman,
Chairman

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Shenango Valley



Sharon, Pa.

In Recognition of

Meritorious Service

IN THE SHENANGO VALLEY USO PROGRAM

this certificate is presented to

G. A. Harshman
Chairman, USO Council

Chester J. Barnard
Pres., United Service Organizations, Inc.

April 8, 1945

Program

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Louis J. Wiesen, Chairman

Invocation	Rev. W. L. Wishart	For the Travelers' Aid	Miss Myrtle Allen
Introductory Remarks	Mr. Wiesen	For the GI's	Rush Young, Veteran
For Women's Activities	Mrs. O. B. Rosenblum	Memories of Sharon	Miss Gertrude McGee
For the Junior Hostesses	Miss Jean Cross	The Star-Spangled Banner	Audience
For the "Hello Soldiers"	Howard Boose	Benediction	Rev. J. F. Murphy

Music, Benny Jones' Orchestra

Here's Where We Came In —

Valley USO Council Formed — October 2, 1942
Local Leaders Meet Director Brennan — November 24, 1942
Women Prepare for USO Work — December 18, 1942
First USO Dance — February 3, 1943
Hello Soldier Club in Action — March 13, 1943
DEDICATION OF USO CLUB — March 26, 1943
USO Travelers Aid Opens Formally — June 3, 1943
Edward Tuescher and Donald Ernst Succeed
Ward Brennan and F. A. Jackson — August 23, 1943
Award Meeting for 750 Women — September 23, 1943
Gold Pins Given 57 Hello Soldiers — October 13, 1943
Course for Junior Hostess Activities — November 15, 1943
George Carlson to Represent Y.M.C.A. — December 16, 1943
USO ANNIVERSARY — February 2, 1944
John Clark Named Director — May 12, 1944
Camp Reynolds Closes — December 11, 1944
USO Closes Officially — March 31, 1945
USO Thank You Party — April 8, 1945

Here's What We Did!

2,500 volunteers spent 242,000 hours
ENTERTAINING 470,000 servicemen
SERVING refreshments to 250,000
SEWING 24,000 items
MAKING 2,514 portraits in 11 months
PRODUCING 10,000 match book souvenirs, with personal
photographs on them, in 10 months
KEEPING UP an Operating Committee, an Advisory Committee,
and a Women's Activities Committee (no record of time
spent)
MAKING 1,000 silhouettes in 6 months
"BUSSING" to camp dances
WORKING at camp hospital
PLAYING games—bowling, pool ping-pong, bingo, billiards,
bridge, chess, jig-saws, and others
OFFERING these extras:
Dancing, motion pictures, recording, reading, writing,
sprucing-up, skating, and others.
FINDING housing for servicemen and their families (Travelers'
Aid-time not included above)
PLANNING a varied program
KEEPING the club attractive with flowers and seasonal decor-
ations
TAKING courses to improve our techniques
WRAPPING and mailing packages.
CHECKING valuables
And many, many other things!

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