

## Over There: Civilian Service in WWI

Book available on Google Books (%), Archive.org (+), ACPL (\*)

1. American Field Service
  - a. 2500 Men
  - b. Ambulance Drivers at American Hospital in Paris
  - c. Ceased as independent org. when U.S. entered war
  - d. <http://afs.org/archives/#afs-nav-about>
2. Women's Motor Corps of America
  - a. Female equivalent of American Field Service
  - b. First time women allowed outside of nursing
3. Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB)
  - a. Headed by Hoover
  - b. Famine Relief after German occupation seized stockpiles for itself
  - c. Before war – Belgium imported 78% of food
  - d. <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/tf6z09n8fc/> - Hoover Institution @ Stanford
  - e. <http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1989/spring/hoover-belgium.html>
  - f. [http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/commission\\_for\\_relief\\_in\\_belgium\\_crb](http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/commission_for_relief_in_belgium_crb)
  - g. [http://michiganintheworld.history.lsa.umich.edu/greatwar/exhibits/show/homefront/aid\\_and\\_relief/international-relief](http://michiganintheworld.history.lsa.umich.edu/greatwar/exhibits/show/homefront/aid_and_relief/international-relief)
4. United War Work Campaign
  - a. Coalition of 6 non-profit organizations (following bullets 5-10)
5. Y.M.C.A.
  - a. 2d Largest organization (largest in UWWC)
  - b. Operated canteens, lecture halls, sporting events
  - c. Provided banking and letter-writing services
  - d. YMCA Numbers
    - i. 13k overseas volunteers, 13k State-side, 20% women
    - ii. 218 died in service overseas
    - iii. % YMCA (1920) *Summary of World War Work of the American YMCA*
  - e. Official Archive is at Univ. of Minnesota - <https://www.lib.umn.edu/ymca>
  - f. Personnel service record images
    - i. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2513098>
  - g. <http://www.ymca.net/history/1900-1950s.html>
  - h. \*+Sherwood Eddy (1917) *With Our Soldiers in France*
  - i. +YMCA Legal Dept (1918) *Hand Book on American Y.M.C.A., A.E.F*
    - i. Summarizes interactions with ALA and Red Cross
6. National Catholic War Council
  - a. Participation helped end anti-Catholic sentiment due to large immigration numbers
  - b. <http://archives.lib.cua.edu/findingaid/NCWarCouncil.cfm>
  - c. American Catholic History Research Center & University Archives
    - i. <http://archives.lib.cua.edu/default.cfm>
    - ii. <http://archives.lib.cua.edu/findingaid/NCWarCouncil.cfm>
  - d. <http://catholicphilly.com/2014/08/news/national-news/great-war-brought-catholics-bishops-into-mainstream-of-u-s-society/>
  - e. +Michael Williams (1921) *American Catholics in the War: American Catholic War Council 1917-1921* <https://archive.org/details/americancatholic017570mbp>
7. Jewish Welfare Board
  - a. Promote social & religious welfare of Jewish servicemen
  - b. 5 canteens, 3 dorms

- c. +Chester Jacob Teller (1918) *The Jewish Welfare Board*
- d. <http://collections.americanjewisharchives.org/ms/ms0316/ms0316.html>
- 8. Salvation Army
  - a. Money Transfer Program
  - b. Doughnuts
  - c. Small American presence
    - i. 250 volunteers “of the highest quality”
  - d. The Salvation Army National Archives and Research Center
    - i. <https://www.loc.gov/rr/main/religion/sa.html>
  - e. <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/about-us/international-heritage-centre>
  - f. <http://www.heilsarmeeuseum-basel.ch/E/worldwar1.php>
  - g. <http://www.worldwar1.com/dbc/salvhist.htm>
  - h. <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/metro/donut-day-history/>
  - i. [http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/salvationarmy/firstwar\\_e.shtml](http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/salvationarmy/firstwar_e.shtml)
- 9. War Camp Community Service
  - a. Stateside organization
  - b. Locations near troop training camps
  - c. Information and entertainment
    - i. Sports leagues
    - ii. Supervised social gatherings
  - d. +Robert Bertrand Brown (1918) *War Camp Community Service Calls*
  - e. +WCCS (1919) *What New York did for fighting men through New York War camp community service in the world-war of 1917-1919*
  - f. Joseph Lee. (1918). “War Camp Community Service.” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 79:189-194. from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1013978>
  - g. <https://unitedwarwork.com/groups/war-camp-community-service/>
- 10. American Library Association
  - a. Nearly 1200 served sponsored libraries (not all overseas)
  - b. 36 camp libraries
  - c. 7-10M books and magazines distributed
    - i. Post-War created the American Library in Paris
      - 1. Largest English-language lending library in Europe
      - 2. <https://americanlibraryinparis.org/history>
  - d. (all from a membership of 3300)
  - e. [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php?title=Library\\_War\\_Service](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php?title=Library_War_Service)
  - f. <http://archives.library.illinois.edu/ala/tag/world-war-i>
    - i. ALA archive is at Univ. of Illinois
  - g. <https://www.wdl.org/en/item/4536>
- 11. Y.W.C.A.
  - a. Operated over 70 Hostess Houses in France & U.S.
  - b. At U.S. training centers
    - i. Designed to serve visiting military wives & mothers
  - c. Also served women in war factory work
  - d. Smith College Archives / Sophia Smith Collection of Women’s History
    - i. <https://findingaids.smith.edu>
  - e. <https://unitedwarwork.com/groups/young-womens-christian-association>
  - f. YWCA War Work Bulletin
    - i. <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p15012coll10/id/1873>
  - g. Cynthia Brandimarte. Winter 2008. “Women on the Home Front: Hostess Houses during World War I.” *Winterthur Portfolio* 42(4):201-222. [Available on JSTOR - <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/592789>]

12. American Red Cross
  - a. 20M adult & 11M youth volunteers in U.S.
  - b. 54 overseas hospitals
  - c. 24k nurses in 25 countries
  - d. 400 workers died in service (330 female)
  - e. <http://www.redcross.org/about-us/history/red-cross-american-history/WWI>
  - f. <https://www.icrc.org/en/document/international-committee-red-cross-first-world-war-0>
  - g. Inventory of the American National Red Cross Records  
<https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/4086464>
  - h. Foster Rhea Dulles (1950) *The American Red Cross: A History*
  - i. *The work of the American Red Cross. Report by the War council of appropriations and activities from outbreak of war to November 1, 1917*
  - j. NARA Records
    - i. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/783>
  - k. *Ancestry.com U.S., American Red Cross Nurse Files, 1916-1959* [database on-line]
13. Other War Relief Boards
  - a. Many others, including
  - b. Near East (Armenia, Greece, Syria, Persia)
  - c. Serbia
14. And Some Refused to Serve: Conscientious Objectors
  - a. Required to serve in non-arms bearing roles by Selective Service Act of 1917
  - b. 65k claimed CO status at first
    - i. Whittled down eventually to about 4k
  - c. 1.2k furloughed to agriculture
  - d. 1.4k served in medical corps or with Friends Reconstruction Unit
  - e. 450 court-martialed and sent to military prison
  - f. <https://wwionline.org/articles/conscientious-objection-during-world-war-i>
  - g. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conscientious\\_objector](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conscientious_objector)
  - h. [http://nationalpeacemuseum.org/history.html#United\\_States](http://nationalpeacemuseum.org/history.html#United_States)
15. General References
  - a. “For the Boys Over There: The 1918 United War Work Campaign”
    - i. <http://unitedwarwork.com>
    - ii. Good summaries, artwork, bibliography
  - b. National Women’s History Museum - <http://nwhm.org>
    - i. Still raising money for building, but has an online presence
  - c. <http://users.humboldt.edu/ogayle/hist111/WWI.html>
  - d. <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/WomenofWWI.pdf>
  - e. Nancy Gentile Ford (2008) *The Great War and America: Civil-Military Relations during World War I*
  - f. WWI in Photos: Soldiers and Civilians
    - i. <http://www.theatlantic.com/static/infocus/wwi/wwisoldiers/>
  - g. International Encyclopedia of the First World War
    - i. <http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net>
  - h. National WWI Museum and Memorial - <https://www.theworldwar.org>
16. WWI Military References
  - a. NARA Links page - <http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/military/ww1.html>
  - b. Frank M McMurry (1919) *Geography of the Great War* - <http://freepages.military.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~worldwarone/WWI/TheGeographyOfTheGreatWar>