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Dear Friend of NBC:

For those who lived through it, World War II was probably the most memorable historic event of their lives. For those who did not, it is something studied in school or read about or seen depicted in movies, but which is not as meaningful due to absence of a personal connection. Whichever category you fall in, you have reason to be proud of NBC alumni who served during the War because you have been affiliated with the Neighborhood Boys Club (now Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club) in some way and have helped support the Club during its long history

NBC alumni did themselves proud during World War II and fully lived up to the Club's motto of "For Better Men." This booklet has been compiled in tribute to them, and also to acquaint younger readers with what these men went through, and what they did for our nation at its hour of greatest peril. Korea and Vietnam were minor conflicts by comparison.

This booklet is my gift to you. I undertook this task to memorialize NBC servicemen and also to serve as an expression of gratitude to Robert Buehler and Dick Valentin who created NBC out of nothing and who have been such good friends and mentors to thousands of kids.

The full story of NBC deserves to be told more comprehensively, however, and, if you would like to contribute to telling that story, you can send a check to the Club made out to the NBC Book Project; but that is up to you, there is no obligation. The booklet is yours as a reminder of NBC's rich heritage and of how so many of its former members gave their all for their country. I hope you will find this story to be as touching and inspiring as I did.

Sincerely,

Ray Donner

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