

Y. M. C. Fund Drive

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be maintained. In short, the break between the old normal life and the strange new soldier's life must be tactfully, securely bridged.

The Y. M. C. A. program is designed to do just this thing for our boys from the time they enlist right up to the firing line—for they must die clean or come back straight, if the yearnings of hundreds of thousands of homes are to be realized.

In the 500 Association quarters, whether there be the commodious buildings erected in permanent encampments or the temporary accommodations set up in tents, cellars, shacks, or trench dugouts, the men find that "somebody cares."

At the sign of the Red Triangle our boys enjoy refined entertainments, clever motion pictures, writing letters to loved ones, reading, lounging, playing games, using the talking machine and piano, attending religious meetings, educational groups, and the spirit of friendliness that always prevails.

To provide these few touches of home, whatever be the money cost of doing so, is in reality an insignificant service compared to the sacrifice these men are making for us.

Secretary of State Lansing says: "It (the war) has been an opportunity for the Y. M. C. A. which was seized and turned to the best account."

Ex-President Taft says: "We should feel proud of the Y. M. C. A. work so ably directed. Are we going to be backward in giving our men the nearest thing they can get to a Christian home on the firing line?"

Major-General John F. O'Ryan says: "Money can be turned over to the Y. M. C. A. with every confidence that it will be expended scientifically and along lines most acceptable to the soldiers."

Major-General J. Franklin Bell says: "I regard the Y. M. C. A. as being as necessary as the Red Cross."

Dr. Henry van Dyke says: "It is because America is convinced that the cause of the Allies represents ideals that she has soberly and firmly entered the war at their side. Call her a dreamer if you will. At least her dreams belong to the spirit of Christianity. And the humane and democratic work of the Y. M. C. A. has helped, and will help

to make those dreams a reality." Gipsy Smith says: "The criticism of those who say that while the Y. M. C. A. is doing a great social work it is doing very little spiritual, is not fair. The workers are constantly engaged in spiritual work as everything they are doing is a means to that end. Indeed, the Association has accomplished a far bigger spiritual work than we dreamed."

Ex-President Roosevelt says: "What the Y. M. C. A. has been doing in Europe has been really remarkable; and now our citizens should aid them to do work of the same type for our own troops."

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILSON

To John R. Mott: "May I not, in view of the approaching meeting of the War Work Council, express to you the very high value I have attached to the work which has been accomplished by the Young Men's Christian Association in behalf of our own Army and Navy as well as in behalf of the prisoners-of-war and the men in the training camps of Europe, and may I not express also my sincere personal interest in the large plans of the War Work Council for the work which is still ahead of the Association?"

President Wilson's Executive Order: "The Young Men's Christian Association has, in the present emergency, as under similar circumstances in the past, tendered its services for the benefit of enlisted men in both arms of the service. This organization is prepared by experience, approved methods and assured resources, to serve especially the troops in camp and field. It seems best for the interest of the Service that it shall continue as a voluntary civilian organization; however, the results obtained are so beneficial and bear such a direct relation to efficiency, inasmuch as the Association provision contributes to the happiness, content, and morale of the personnel, that in order to unify the civilian betterment activities in the Army, and to further the work of the organization that has demonstrated its ability to render a service desired by both officers and men, official recognition is hereby given the Young Men's Christian Association as a valuable adjunct and asset to the service. Officers are enjoined to render the fullest practicable assistance and co-operation in the maintenance and extension of the Association, both at

permanent posts and stations and in camp and field. To this end attention of officers is called to the precedent and policy already established."

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War: "For many years the Y. M. C. A. has been established as a prominent feature of army life in times of peace. The war, however, has developed for it a degree of prominence far larger and a field of usefulness far wider than even its friends could have hoped. Its capacity for mobilization on a large scale and the readiness with which it has fitted itself to the needs of the troops in training-camps and trenches in this great world war make it an indispensable factor in any future military plans. It provides for the social side—the home side—of the life of the soldier and its influence in rationalizing the strange environment into which this crisis has plunged our young men has been and will be most beneficial."

Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy: "From every standpoint, military, political, moral, it is our duty to protect these youths so we can say to the mothers when the war is over, 'We return your sons as worthy your family circle as when they left it.'"

Major-General John J. Pershing (recent cable from France): "The work now being done by the Y. M. C. A. for the comfort and entertainment of our soldiers in France is very important. As an organization, its moral influence is highly beneficial. It performs a real service that makes for contentment. The Y. M. C. A. has won its place by unselfish personal devotion to the soldiers' welfare and deserves staunch support by our people at home."

Dr. John R. Mott, recently returned from Russia, says of the Association work here and overseas: "What we do for these our brothers who constitute our first line of defense, we must do quickly. Anything our trusted military and Association leaders in Europe ask us to do, we must do without hesitation or grudging. May something of the spirit which leads these soldiers to offer their lives even unto death, prompt us to place with prodigal hand every facility and comfort at their disposal."

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ties, the warmest acknowledgment of the excellent work done by the Y. M. C. A. during these terrible years of war, for the British and Canadian and Australian soldiers both in the camps here and at home and among the troops on the various fighting fronts. I believe that the American Associations, which will have the advantage of our experience, will work with true American energy, and render the greatest possible services in France to those American soldiers whom Britain and France rejoice to welcome as their Allies in this fight for Right and Freedom."

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