

# BATTALIONS OF WOMAN ARE HELPING TO WIN THE WAR

Are Now Part and Parcel of the Great Army, Says Lord Derby--Shouldering Burdens of Which They Were Hitherto Considered Incapable---Splendid Work Being Accomplished by W. A. A. C.

Never in the history of the human race have such unprecedented conditions been recorded as now exist. Never before has so great a social upheaval convulsed the world, as that which today is making our young men familiar with death before they have lived, and hurling our young women of all grades and classes from their sheltered lives into a vortex of dangers from which hitherto they were guarded.

"Women are now part and parcel of our great army," said Lord Derby in March, 1917. How many of us realize to what extent they are sharing the risks or discomforts of our fighting men?

In hundreds of camps all over England and France battalions of women have come into being. They are culled from all corners of the kingdom, and are shouldering burdens of which

hitherto they were considered incapable, mentally and physically. They are not leaving their comfortable homes for the spirit of adventure as many suppose. Many of them are middle-aged married women who have relinquished their lares et penates to help on their men at the front. They are acting as clerks and drivers, as cooks and waitresses and there is no glamor or war or glory for them. Nothing but the burden of a daily routine of hard work under rough conditions.

In countless factories, battalions of women are laboring day and night to produce munitions of war. They heard the call of those dying men during the shell shortage of 1915: "Tell them at home, for every shell they don't send ten of us have got to die," and they came forward. They are not working for money, as is so often suggested. Money cannot buy back the youth and good looks, the health and vitality which they are expending. Money cannot avert the dangers to which they are subjected. The money moreover, which they earn, is seldom more than a living wage.

These women are one and all living under new and strange conditions. Many had never before been away

from home. Many are friendless in the district in which they find themselves some are new to work; others unaccustomed to long hours. From their protected lives they are thrown into a world of new things peopled by workers, men and women, of every class.

Employers and government alike are straining every effort to make the conditions under which they live endurable. But a factory accustomed to employing 50 women can hardly readjust itself to the employment of 5,000 without much effort; in many cases the accommodation, both housing and canteen, is utterly inadequate. In camps and factories alike there come those short off-duty hours of freedom for which there is no provision.

"I have nowhere to go but my billet or the street," is a tale one hears over and over again from the girls' mouths.

## Special Need of W.A.A.C.

The first need which the association was called upon to fulfill concerned the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, formed to release every available fighting man, by substituting women workers. All over England and France these women are taking up their activities. They are not women blinded by the glamor of war and a desire for kudos, but women workers

who, knowing the monotony of long hours and strict discipline, yet desire to "finish the war." They are patriots and heroines in the true sense. Their need is great.

Only those who have lived in cities where the old regime has been overthrown and war standards reign; only those who know the dangers and temptations of camp life where women are at a premium; only those who have learned the psychology of men living face to face with red death—can fathom the perils which beset girls, uprooted from their homes, bereft of their natural protection, lonely, weary in a strange land which offers no other recreation ground than these streets or the cafes. They need a home to which to go when off duty; a place to rest and play in; a club where their men friends may be entertained in seemingly surroundings and not in the lanes. They need spiritual leaders to remind them of the ordinary standards of life which war conditions are apt to obliterate. They need the refining influence of regulated and legitimate amusements. In many cases they need motherly advice regarding the pitfalls of which many of them are ignorant.

## Among Munition Workers.

The second demand for help was occasioned by the importation of women's labor into munition factories. It is erroneously supposed that these workers are making fabulous incomes and rejoicing in the war. Nothing could be more fallacious. In few cases is the pay high and where it is the cost of living is often, owing to increased demands for accommodation, excessive. Moreover, pay in munition works is extremely uncertain. A hundred unforeseen circumstances may hinder the earning of large bonuses. Overtime is undertaken at the risk of health. Full time may be held up by the breakdown of a machine, or a stopout of the men upon whose particular branch of work the girls are dependent.

Is it pay which attracts those valor-

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Is it pay that attracts the girls who, two hours after having had a finger blown off are, ready to go on duty again? Or those who, having been granted sick leave, come staggering back as soon as they can stand?

What of the weariness of those who are up at 3 or 4 in the morning and do not get home before 9 and 19 at

night and then have their household duties to cope with?

What of the mental strain on those who labor knowing that the slightest or hardly detectable flaw in their work must mean inevitable death to our own men?

All these things are not spoken of because they are part of the day's work but they nevertheless disprove the theory that motives of personal gain are animating our women. There is easier work, equally well paid if they chose to "slack".

Are they doing it for "romance"—carried away by the "adventure" of war," they who know what it is to work till they are weary beyond pain?

It may have been Romance that attracted them in the beginning. Assuredly it is not romance that keeps these women warriors at their work, robbing them of their girlhood and good looks.

"We don't mind doing it. It is for the boys!" comes their reply.

## The W.A.A.C.

At home and abroad the W.A.A.C. has undertaken the recreation for the W.A.A.C. Everywhere the greatest economy is exercised. No huts are erected there some local building may be satisfactorily converted to club purposes. It must be realized, however, that many of the camps are ten miles from the nearest town and neither buildings nor local help are available.

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New Brunswick is expected to bread herself for the duration of the war. Every farmer should grow some wheat.

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