

- III. Newfoundland and Labrador: The Y.M.C.A. is doing important work in servicing Canadian airmen and soldiers, and American servicemen at airports. At the new Goose Bay airport in Labrador the "Y" operates R.C.A.F. canteens, equipping them and providing supervisors.
- IV. Equipment and other facilities and supervisors are provided in India and Ceylon, and for men in action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.
- V. United States: The first Canadian "Y" centre to be established in the United States in this war is at Fort Benning, Ga., for the Canadian Parachute Battalion training there.
- VI. Hong Kong: A Y.M.C.A. supervisor on duty in Hong Kong is now a prisoner of war, and carries on Y.M.C.A. activities with his fellow prisoners.

War work of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. has been financed by the Canadian government since January, 1942. During 1942, the Y.M.C.A. had a sum of \$2,527,154. approved by the National War Services Funds Advisory Board. This sum is 38.6% of the total amount authorized for the organizations coming under the Board's jurisdiction.

The Y.M.C.A. is the distributing agent overseas for cigarettes sent overseas to Canadians in the armed services by the Overseas Tobacco League.

**YOUNG
WOMEN'S
CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION**

At the outbreak of war the Young Women's Christian Association offered to the Canadian government the services it had developed over a period of 70 years. Some of these services have been increased to meet special wartime needs.

There are now 119 Y.W.C.A. war service centres operating under the supervision of the National Y.W.C.A. War Services Committee. During the three month period, April-June, 1943, a total of 1,128,990 servicemen and women, and their relatives, used these facilities.

In 1939 there were only three persons on the payroll of the National Council of the Y.W.C.A., and by December, 1942, there were 246. This figure included staff for hostess houses, rooms registry and Farm Service Force camps, as well as 28 persons on the headquarters staff.

Most of the 44 Y.W.C.A.'s in Canada have provided dances, teas, and varied programs for members of the armed services. The Y.W.C.A.'s have adapted their programs to the particular needs of communities. In areas where new industries have been set up and where many girls moved into the area, informal programs have provided recreation facilities, craft classes, discussion groups, music appreciation, courses in cooking, and other courses on budgeting and buying. Personal counsel has also been of increasing scope and importance.

Specific war services have been assigned to the Y.W.C.A., by the Dominion and provincial governments. Since December, 1939, 38 hostess houses have been established at camp barriers, as meeting places for visitors to the camps.

Twenty-seven recreation centres have been established in barracks for women in the armed services, with "Y" supervisors in charge to help plan recreation and give personal services, and 14 barrack lounges have also been opened.

Three leave centres for women in uniform have been opened in St. John's, Newfoundland, and on both coasts in Canada, and five others are ready for opening during the Autumn of 1943. Clinics for children of servicemen are operated in several hostess houses through the co-operation of camp medical officers.