

In congested areas throughout Canada, new Girl Guide companies and packs have been established in wartime housing projects and in localities where community recreation is lacking. Many ex-Guides and leaders have enlisted in the W.R.C.N.S., the C.W.A.C., and the R.C.A.F. (Women's Division), and many others are serving in military hospitals at home and abroad.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

At the outbreak of war in 1939, the Knights of Columbus offered its services to the Dominion government and is now authorized, together with the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, and the Canadian Legion, to carry on auxiliary services work with the Canadian forces in Canada and overseas. These four organizations are charged with the exclusive task of serving in camp and barrack areas.

K. of C. services now include work in Hong Kong, Newfoundland, Labrador, Great Britain, Cairo, Alexandria, the Middle East, and with Canadian fighting forces in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, as well as from coast to coast in Canada.

Under the direction of the Department of National Defence, which co-ordinates the activities of the four organizations, the services of the Knights of Columbus have provided in many ways, in training centres and in active service fields, for the comfort and well-being of the men and women of the armed forces and the Merchant Marine.

In army camps, air force training centres, and naval stations, as well as in downtown recreation centres, facilities have been established in buildings made available by the organization or by the Defence Department to provide entertainment and recreation in the leisure time of those on active service. Development and organization of sports programs and outdoor games, provision of reading rooms and libraries, free motion pictures and indoor entertainment are included in the wide scope of activities.

Canteen service has been operated where required under a special contract with the Department of National Defence, which provides for non-profit operations, part of the profits being paid to the units serviced and the full balance being placed in a Government-operated trust fund to be used at the conclusion of hostilities for the benefit of servicemen and women and their dependents.

In addition to providing recreation facilities and co-operating with the Chaplain Services in looking after the spiritual needs of the servicemen, the personal contacts of the supervisors in the field have done much to maintain the morale of the troops in training and on active service.

In Canada, the Knights of Columbus is present at all of the large camps in conjunction with one or more of the other organizations. Smaller centres are serviced by one organization, and the division of work is the responsibility of the Directorate of Auxiliary Services for the Army and corresponding branches in the Air Force and Navy.

The operation of hostels, particularly in congested coastal cities has been an important feature of the work, and the K. of C. operates projects on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Canada, and in Newfoundland, London, England, Cairo and Alexandria.

In Great Britain supervisors of the four national organizations are attached to each unit of the Canadian forces, with each organization handling one-quarter of the work. One of the functions of the Knights of Columbus is the operation of a Hospitality Service, under which men and women on active service are enabled to spend their leave in hospitable homes of the people in the British Isles. Many thousands have already availed themselves of this service.