

# They are Fighting-Dying-for YOU! What are You Doing for THEM?

**I**F only you could be in France, close to your boy, think of the comforts you could send him into the lines, how you could hearten him for the supreme ordeal of battle, shield him by your advice, from temptation, comfort him in pain, help him turn his eyes, not always downward into the chaos of war, but upward to the Right we fight for, and to the higher things he learned on your knee

But no—thousands of miles separate you! Not for you are his furloughs, no visits to camps for you, no privilege of visiting your boy in hospital, if need be. Few and far between are the comforts you can send across the wide seas!

Would that you had a friend over there to perform these offices for you! Thank God, **you have that friend.** The Y.M.C.A. is ever at your boy's side, from the day he enlists to the day he dons his uniform—in camps, trains, boats, in the streets of the big city, in hospital, behind the firing lines—and often right into the trenches—everywhere.

"Right on the heels of the dashing Canadian soldiers at Vimy Ridge the Y.M.C.A. men were serving out biscuits and chocolate to the tired men," said the dispatches. The General was enthusiastic and recommended one of the Y.M.C.A. men for the Military Cross!

Said Lord Northcliffe, "I do not think the War could be fought without the Y.M.C.A.!" A general declared, "The benefit to the troops is beyond all calculation." In the words of Ralph Connor, "The Y.M.C.A. is nearer to the boys than anything else."

Think of the tremendous cost of building and maintaining hundreds of huts with all the thousand and one comforts that must be provided. What will you give to show that you care for your boy's welfare? At least \$2,250,000 is needed for 1918. For the sake of your precious boys, be Generous!



## War-Work Summary

There are—  
89 branches of Canadian Y.M.C.A. in France.  
74 branches in England.

More than 60,000 cups of hot tea and coffee distributed daily in France—free. Estimated cost for 8 months, \$48,000.

150,000 magazines distributed free every month. (Estimated cost \$15,000).

\$125,000 used in 1917 to build huts in France.

Thousands of soldiers decide for the better life.

Y.M.C.A. sells many useful things to soldiers for their convenience.

Profits, if any, all spent for benefit of soldiers.

Service to boys in Camp hospitals.

Red Triangle Clubs for soldiers in Toronto, St. John, Montreal and other places. Centres in Paris and London for men on leave.

Out of Red Triangle Fund, \$75,000 is to be contributed to the war work of the Y.W.C.A.

Cost of administration of Y.M.C.A. war work is less than 1%.

## Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Fund

**\$2,250,000, May 7, 8, 9**

*Canada Wide Appeal*

Dozens of Y.M.C.A. dug-outs in forward trenches under fire.

\$100,000 needed for athletic equipment (helps morale of soldiers).

Y.M.C.A. saved hundreds of lives at Vimy Ridge by caring for walking wounded.

Over 100 pianos in England and France, also 300 gramophones and 27 moving picture machines.

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