Thirty-two Camps Have Newspaper in Common

Four Pages of Each Issue Printed Here for All, Four More Pages of Local Interest Printed at Nearby Cities for Each Cantonment

When the national army began to pour into its camps all over the United States scheme for the amusement of the soldiers grew thick and fast, and it wasn’t long before our intrepid editor beheld him that it would be well for the "kaffies" to have a newspaper combining the devices of writing and pictures by the soldiers themselves, with the professional touch of a newspaper. The upheaval of the idea was Trench and Camp, published in the thirty-two cantonments of the United States under the auspices of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. This publication, issued once every three months since its inception in September, 1917, is the result of the effort of the soldiers, and the "kaffies" are its quickening breath.

Many other soldier-artists came in for honorable mention and received the congratulatory news that their productions submitted in the contest would appear some time in the future in Trench and Camp. Most of the humor in the paper, as is only natural, is inspired by incidents of the novel military life into which the thousands of young Americans in our national army have suddenly been projected from their everyday civilian pursuits. One contributor to the camp newspaper suggests the following advice for the commanding officers of the new army:

"To keep the men at the camps not merely learning military lore is foreseen by a tale concerning one drafted fellow who marched around quite put off with pride because he had just written home the first letter he ever had written in his life. Whatever else the war may do for him it has added the accomplishment of letter-writing to his equipment.

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For the benefit of the American Army.

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"Canning Time," a Cartoon by a Soldier-Contributor to "Trench and Camp."

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