

## The Doctor always asks . . .



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## JOIN THE ARMY NOW!

WHEN I was first shown into the presence of Mrs. V. Jowett, commandant of the recently-formed Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, she sat me down firmly and asked me which section I was specially interested in, signals or artillery. Somewhat sheepishly I admitted that I hadn't come to join up, but merely to get a story.

"I'm chiefly concerned with the administrative side," explained Mrs. Jowett. "Later on, when the W.A.A.C. has begun to function in earnest, I'll have to act as general supervisor, visiting all the camps where our W.A.A.C.'s are stationed and seeing the work they are doing and the conditions under which they are living. But at the moment we're only just getting started, and my chief concern is to get recruits. We need hundreds of girls, and we've got a job for everyone."

Shop window displays, processions and broadcast appeals were making known the need for women in the army. "And so far the response has been very satisfactory," said Mrs. Jowett. "I imagine that most women want to do something to help their country to win the war, and this is one of the most direct ways of doing it. Every five women who enrol in the W.A.A.C. release four men for active service."

### A Place for Everyone

"What qualifications does a W.A.A.C. require?"

"We welcome any women from 18 to 45 with a reasonable standard of physical fitness. No matter what sort of work she has done before we'll be able to find a place for her. At present we're recruiting women for the two main branches of Signalling and Artillery. For the New Zealand Corps of Signallers we need especially telegraph and wireless operators with a knowledge of Morse code, switchboard operators, despatch riders, touch typists, and clerical workers.

"Then there are the artillery units. In addition to clerical workers, shorthand typists, cooks, librarians, and truck drivers for battery headquarters, we need women capable of being trained for instrument work, intelligent and adaptable women with neat fingers and good eyesight. There is a lot of scope in this branch too for women with mathematical qualifications, and these women will be trained to work searchlights and anti-aircraft guns, to work predictors and direction finders. Some too will receive training in radio-location."

"Will the girls have to live in camp?"

"For the first month of intensive training, yes. And we'll get them into camp as soon as suitable accommodation can be provided. That is one of my



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worries at the moment. But after the month of training most of the girls may, if they want to, be stationed in their home town and live at home. This doesn't apply however to the girls in anti-aircraft batteries, who will have to live in barracks near their guns."

### Full-time Job

"What pay will the girls get?"

"The same as the W.A.A.F. and W.R.N.S.—4/6 and 5/- a day for a private, rising to 7/- for a sergeant. Rather more for the commissioned ranks. Then if they live out they'll get an extra 17/6 a week. It's equivalent to £3 a week civilian pay because there's no tax off. And above that they get a number of concessions on entertainments and travelling, and all their uniform provided."

"And it's an attractive uniform," I remarked, remembering the girls I had seen marching down the main street at lunch-time.

"Yes, it's the same as the one issued to the girls overseas, except that the W.A.A.C.'s wear glengarries instead of the brown felts. One of the jobs I'm busy on now is equipping all our existing W.A.A.C.'s with uniforms and equipment, and it's quite a big job. But the sooner we get started the better.

"Joining the W.A.A.C.'s isn't the same as joining the War Service Auxiliary. You're a full-timer, not a part-timer. You're actually in the army. You're subject to Army discipline. If you don't like your job you can't give a week's notice. But there are certain satisfactions. In the first place we try to put you in a job you like, a job that's suited to you, and in the second place you probably get a certain amount of pleasure from the life itself, from living and working with people who have the same interests and the same job as you. But of course your chief satisfaction will come from knowing that you are taking a man's place and that your own skill and energy are being used to the best possible advantage in the war machine."