Y.M.C.A. Huts on all the battle fronts. Ask the men who KNOW, who are fighting for our freedom and you will agree with General Smuts and Mr. Hofmeyr that we must continue and EXTEND Y.M.C.A.—Toc H activities.

PRESENT ACTIVITIES in the Union

The work of the Y.M.C.A. started in December, 1939, with a temporary "Hut" in the Potchefstroom Camp. At the end of November, 1940, after only one year's operation, Y.M.C.A. activities had been tremendously expanded. This expansion has been greatly assisted by the generous and enthusiastic response of many women voluntary workers throughout the Union.

Dining-room in one of the Talbot Houses



Huts were in operation at camps as follows:

ONE each at POTCHEFSTROOM,
PREMIER MINE, LADYSMITH, OUDTSHOORN,
ZONDERWATER, ROBERTS HEIGHTS, BLOEMFONTEIN, EAST LONDON, GERMISTON, BARBERTON, PIET RETIEF and YOUNG'S FIELD,
CAPE TOWN; TWO at PIETERMARITZBURG,
THREE at PORT ELIZABETH; a Town Rest-room in
PRETORIA offering meals and sleeping accommodation, and for Native and Indian units SIX "Huts" along the WITWATERSRAND.

Since then steps have been taken for an extension of the ZONDERWATER camp and an increase of the accommodation facilities of the BLOEMFONTEIN "Hut." In addition, the possibility of expanding Y.M.C.A. facilities to the various R.A.F. training camps in the Union is under consideration.

Toc H has Talbot Houses or other establishments for the use of soldiers, operating in the following towns: LADYSMITH, POTCHEFSTROOM, GERMISTON, KIMBERLEY, OUDTSHOORN, BLOEMFONTEIN, GRAHAMSTOWN, and BARBERTON. Additional Talbot Houses are contemplated for PRETORIA and QUEENSTOWN.



Y.M.C.A. Mobile Canteen "Up North"

"UP NORTH"

As a result of the large number of troops going North and at the special request of the Defence Authorities, the scope of the joint Y.M.C.A.—Toc H work has had to be extended to East Africa. By arrangements with the Union and Imperial Military Authorities "Huts" and Recreational and Recuperative Rest establishments are now in course of construction at various places in Kenya. The Defence Authorities are providing certain funds for the capital expenditure on these buildings but this still leaves operating expenses to be met from the resources of the Fund in the Union. The nucleus of the staff to operate in Kenya is already on the spot under Major T. R. Ponsford. The scope of the work to be undertaken cannot, at this stage, be clearly decided but it is assuming much larger proportions than was originally contemplated. In East Africa as in the Union the attitude of the Defence Authorities has been one of great encouragement, clearly demonstrating the importance they attach to the work being done by the Fund.

MOBILE UNITS in Advance War Areas

Further, in order to serve troops in advance positions "up North," where it may be impossible to provide "Huts" or other buildings, Mobile Units, some 20 in number, have been donated or promised and are in operation or course of construction to serve as travelling canteens and to provide Bioscope and other entertainments. The Joint Fund desires here gratefully to acknowledge the donation of a number of these Units fully equipped by friends and supporters, but the cost of operating these Units, which will be considerable, has to be found by the Fund.

FINANCIAL POSITION

It will be clear from the foregoing that the work and services to be performed in the future by the Joint Fund have assumed very large proportions.

Up to the end of October, 1940, the National Council had received £49,573 in donations, of which £22,979 had been given by the Mayors' National Fund toward capital expenditure. The Council had disbursed £32,914 on capital and operating expenses, and had commitments in connection with further capital expenditure estimated at £11,600. This leaves a sum of slightly over £5,000 available for future expenditure, including East Africa.

The above amount expended includes the cost of free entertainment and services in the form of concerts, bioscope films and plant, indoor games, writing materials, etc. As new "Huts" open the cost of these free services and entertainments increases rapidly. Approximately 150 free entertain-

ments are now given each month in the various camps in the Union alone.

In view of the great expansion of the work in the Union and especially in East Africa, it will be appreciated that future expenditure will be very considerable. The cost of operating the various "Huts" and Talbot Houses, including the free provision of Concert Parties, Bioscope Shows, Indoor Games, Letter Writing Material and other amenities, together with any shortcomings in equipment and replacements, has to be sought by donations from the public. The course of the War and the requirements due to military exigencies cannot at this stage be visualised with any certainty but it is anticipated that a figure approaching £5,000 per month or £60,000 per annum will need to be raised by private subscriptions.

One factor which makes the Fund's future needs difficult to estimate is that it would appear certain that cigarettes, refreshments, etc., will have to be provided free by the Mobile Canteens in East Africa in the forward areas and scattered outposts.

A concert audience in a Y.M.C.A. "Hut"



HELP IS NEEDED

if we are to continue giving our soldiers the comforts and recreational facilities they deserve

Based on the estimate of future expenditure the £5,000 available will not last long. Therefore an appeal is now made for funds. The work the Y.M.C.A. and Toc H are doing is important. It helps to make life bearable for the men who are doing the hard, dangerous job of protecting US. It helps to maintain their morale. It serves as a connecting link with the life they left behind.

There may be many generous members of the public who, while wishing to assist in this very desirable work, are not in a position to put down large sums, but who would be willing to support the Fund by monthly or other periodical donations. The Y.M.C.A. and Toc H War Council will welcome this form of donation and forms are inserted in this pamphlet by which any donor may undertake to give monthly or periodical donations or a stop order on his bank. These forms, when they are filled in, should be sent to one of the addresses given at the end of this booklet. Any direct donations may be sent to the Y.M.C.A. and Toc H War Work Fund also, at either of the addresses mentioned. Gifts in kind in the form of Books. Games, Furniture suitable for "Huts" etc., will be gratefully accepted.

This statement of the work and purpose of the fund is very short but it is felt that, with the knowledge the people of the Union already have, enough has been said to secure the real sympathy and practical support of all who have the comfort and well-being of the fighting man at heart.

Cheques should be made payable to:

Y.M.C.A. & TOCH WAR WORK FL

Donations may be sent to any of the following addresses :-

Y.M.C.A. HEADQUARTERS, TOC H HEADQUARTERS, P.O. Box 1001, Johannesburg.

> P.O. Box 691, Cape Town.

Y.M.C.A., Esplanade, Durban. P.O. Box 3624, Johannesburg.

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Toc H Area Registrar, P.O. Box 181, Grahamstown.

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