

HOW EACH AMERICAN MAY DO HIS BIT

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(Written Especially for Day Book.)

"What can the ordinary man or woman in civil life do now to help?"

Modern war has demonstrated thoroughly that the entire national life must be mobilized for service to assure success. Other wars have been waged by uniformed armies, but this one is being fought by populations. No longer are conflicts won and lost merely by soldiers and sailors.

The struggle has been extended to the machine shop, the factory, the arsenal, the powder plant, the mill, the handle of the plow. In modern war every unit of the nation must be utilized for the nation.

The efficiency of the system will depend upon the co-ordination of all elements with the general purpose of transforming the mighty potentialities of peace into the irresistible power of war. It is the duty of the government at such a time to co-ordinate the man to his place. It is no longer safe to follow the haphazard volunteer methods of the past. A selective process is essential to victory.

The girding of the nation for war will proceed along three main lines—MILITARY, INDUSTRY and RELIEF. In the general plan and along one or the other of these three outlets there is a place for every loyal heart.

For some the opportunity is open today and should be seized. Many will find it through recruiting stations, many through the doors of offices or factories or hospitals, or on farms or back yards; others through the work of their hands or brains or money in the line of their daily tasks.

A suburban dweller may increase his garden plot; a city man cultivate a corner lot; a young man enlist; an older man organize a home guard; a college boy stay and work in the laboratory; an engineer join the engi-

neers' reserve; a woman knit or sew or learn first aid.

But whatever the task, there should be the realization that service for the republic carries with it honor and distinction, and that under certain conditions even death itself may become a precious boon when a man dies that a nation may live to fulfill its destiny.

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How can I best serve my country? This sentiment, repeated in nearly every one of the letters and telegrams reaching me hourly, makes it plain that the desire to serve in the most effective way is uppermost in the mind of every American man or woman.

There is work for all. Men of military age who are physically fit can best serve the navy by enlisting in the active service. Let them help recruit the navy to war strength by enlisting themselves.

Let those who cannot enlist tell those who can that their navy needs them. Tell them to enlist now, because before they can serve efficiently they must be trained. That takes months, and by the time they are ready new ships will be in need of crews.

Mechanics who have had any experience in modern shipbuilding should get in touch with the navy department. Men are needed by hundreds to push to completion ships under construction. Tell any shipbuilding mechanic not now employed on ships that he owes it to his country to help build and repair its fleet.

All cannot serve in the first line. It is essential to the success of our fighting forces that there shall be no interruption in the food supply nor in the products of certain industries. Those thus exempted, as well as those unable to serve, can aid in