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INTERVIEW MAJOR DUFF-COOPER.

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S/V. The trouble at the present time is that we have not got enough men in either of our armies. + This, I believe, is due to two causes, both of which I want to put right. The first is that our young men don't know that they are wanted. And the second is that they don't know what a good time they have if they will join up. + 2

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X S/CU. The Regular Army is short of recruits - dangerously short - and the Territorials are about half what they were at the beginning of the last war. And it is such a good life, the army. The young able-bodied men who like an open-air life, fresh air, games, exercise, good food, foreign travel. All these the army gives you free of charge, and a good education as well ... camera stop ... The Regular Army is short of recruits, dangerously short, and the Territorials are about half of what they were at the beginning of the last war. And the army is such a good life. The young able-bodied men who like the open air (stumble) [The Regular Army is short of recruits, dangerously short, and the numbers of the Territorials are about half of what they were before the war. And it is such a good life, the army. + The young able-bodied men who like fresh air and exercise, + games, good food, + foreign travel, and you learn a trade, + and all this the army provides you with free of charge. When your term of service is done you stand a better chance than other men do of getting one of the many jobs suitable for old soldiers.]

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L/V. The Army gives you a good time and promises you a hopeful future, and in addition you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your duty and served your country]

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