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RECRUITING OF U.S. ARMY

The job of swelling the United States Army goes full speed ahead. Recruiting offices are being set up everywhere and there's a fine list of vacancies. The new defence programme is a special appeal for skilled mechanics and their training in army requirements is the last word in thoroughness. The Signal Corps. is housed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. In the classroom the soldier learns the art of copying and transmitting radio messages. And besides sending and receiving he must know how to de-code, even that's not all. The modern signaller must learn how to repair any breaks in telegraph or telephone lines, so a complete system is installed in the classroom. The medical centre is at Fort Mead, Maryland, and here the versatile soldier turns dentist, learning to extract and fill teeth and make artificial ones. That's the only time he looks down in the mouth, and there are courses in first aid and elementary surgery. But it's not all work and no play. The men are encouraged to take up active athletics as a healthy break from their studies. Baseball is only one of the many sports the men can play. The new army is a big educational force and as members of it young Americans can earn as they learn.