

# Forestry Regiment Needs Recruits

THE SOUTHERN LUMBERMAN is in receipt of a communication from Major Geo. H. Kelly of the Engineers' Corps of the United States Army, requesting that we give publicity to the fact that more recruits are needed for the Second Forestry Regiment, officially designated as the Twentieth Engineers (Forest). Major Kelly emphasizes the fact that the prompt and efficient organization of this regiment is of vital importance to the army; and we heartily concur in the following statement made by him:

"The lumber operators of the United States have an opportunity of assisting materially in the success of the war. This can be done by aiding in recruiting for the Twentieth Engineers, which is a unit now being organized for the purpose of cutting lumber of all sorts in the forests of France. From the reports received on all sides it appears that the lack of transportation gives the War Department authorities more trouble than any other single thing, consequently in order to save the space on transports now being used to transport abroad, there are being organized forestry battalions for the purpose of cutting this lumber on the other side.

"At first thought, it would seem to the selfish man that any assistance given by him to this project would result in decrease of his sales; but when it is remembered that the amount used abroad is so little that it is not even considered by any lumber manufacturer, even the most selfish would not hold back on that account.

"All lumber operators can assist. To do this, they should write to any man who has been drafted from their works and urge him to ask that he be transferred or assigned to the Twentieth Engineers, Washington, D. C.

"A copy of this request should be sent to the commanding officer, Twentieth Engineers, American University, District of Columbia, as no recruits are accepted in the Twentieth Engineers unless they have had actual experience in lumber or logging operations.

"The Twentieth Engineers will consist of ten battalions and nine service battalions, and when completed, will be the largest regiment in the world, amounting to seventeen thousand men."

In supplying lumber, in subscribing heavily to the Liberty Loan, and in other ways the lumbermen have already signally demonstrated their patriotism. Here is another opportunity for them to do a little more towards helping win the war.