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AUXILIARY MILITARY PIONEER CORPS

The Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps is the rather swanky name for that part of the army which calls itself just thr Amps. Men between thirty and fifty join it, ~~and they do a variety of jobs~~ ~~which is not like~~. They're going to do the heavy work in the war --- clearing the roads and building the pill-boxes --- work that calls for more than the usual amount of brawn. Large numbers of them are veterans of the last war --- they fit into uniform like ~~water~~ into a jug.

This is a new batch of recruits ~~settling down to work in~~ ~~the~~. After the change from civvies, ~~and a bit of~~ they get a meal----- don't think they'll starve, do you? How's the grub, chum?

Next they work it off with a bit of exercise. And although they're a little bit rusty on drill, ~~it~~ it obviously won't take them long. to get back into shape. And as you see, ~~Pioneer~~ Pioneers don't just do the pick and shovel work --- they're a fighting corps too --- and a tough one.

Tough is the word; in the Amps they're ready for anything, and though they may not be ^{all} beautiful, they ^{aren't meant to be} ~~have a rugged charm.~~