

**How the Germans Burrow in Hollow Trees**

AT first glance the post shown in the accompanying illustration looks like an Alaskan totem. But do not let its exterior appearance mislead you. Look carefully at the second story window and peering through it you will see a soldier. He gives the secret away. The post is an observation station constructed within the hollow of a shell-broken tree. After it was captured from the Germans by the Canadians, it was left standing on the spot as a relic.

In reality, the post is a hollow structure camouflaged with foliage and bark. Iron sheeting has been placed around the trunk and over it foliage and bark have been draped to give the tree a life-like appearance. Above the second story window is a slit in the bark which would enable a third man to keep watch. Each aperture in the trunk is covered with wire netting to afford protection to the observers from flying shell splinters. An iron ladder, faintly visible in the photograph, enabled the men to climb up or down as they wished. The fact that a trench lies at the foot of the post, made it possible for the observers to take up their positions without exposing themselves to the vigilant enemy. One well-placed shell could have obliterated the tree.



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Resembling an inverted ice-cream cone, the war photographer's helmet affords his head and neck full protection from shell splinters, bombs and rifle bullets

**A New Conical Steel Helmet for the War Photographer**

A NEW style in steel helmets has been introduced into the military market to meet the demands of war photographers who are making the pictorial history of the world combat. Resembling, to all appearance, an inverted ice-cream cone, the new helmets completely cover the face, whereas the helmets now in use by the fighters of all the warring countries, merely offer protection to the upper part of the head. With his conical helmet, the photographer can feel sure that his head and eyes will be protected from flying shell splinters and stray bullets. Note that the helmets have carrying handles.



A three-storied German observation post constructed within the hollow of a tree