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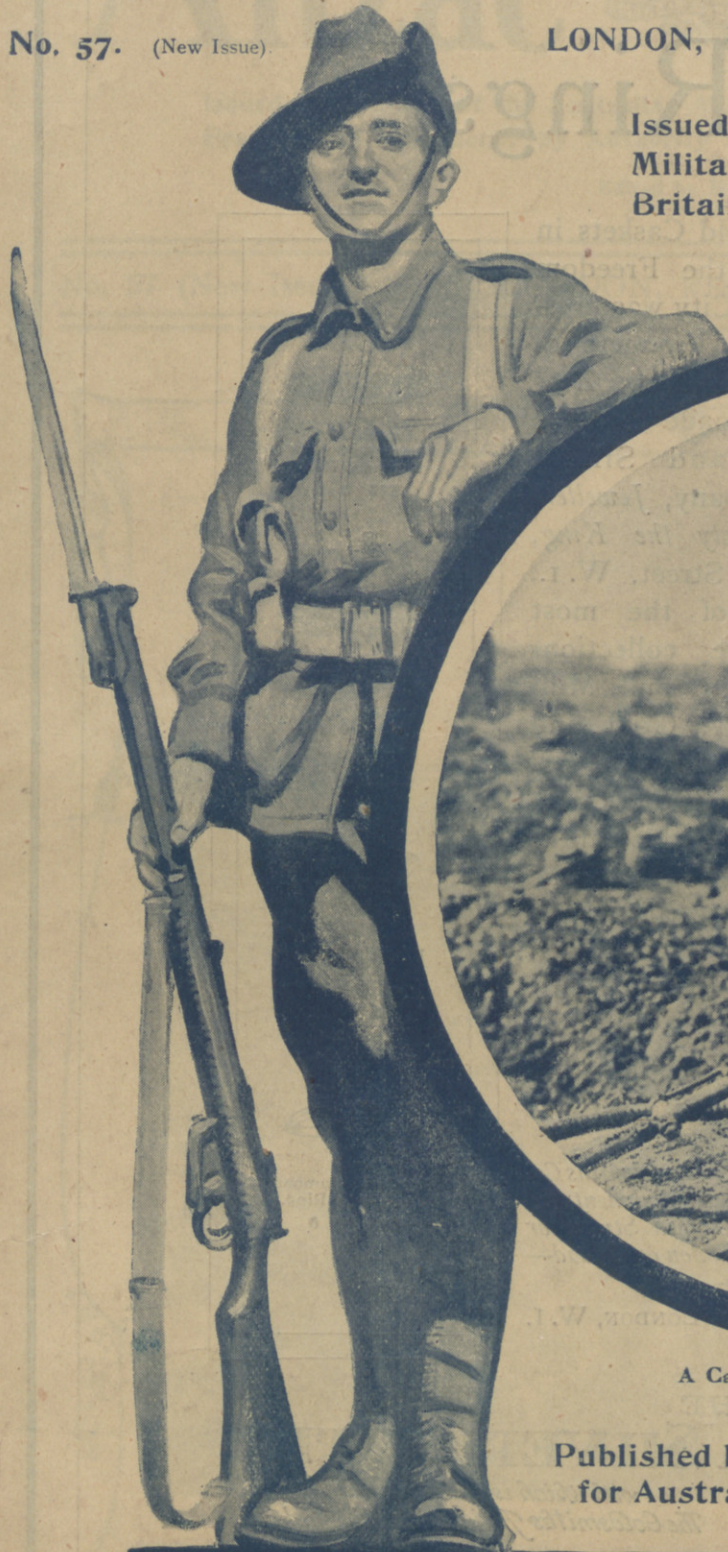


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Tanks going into action.

(Australian Official Photograph.)



## CABLE NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA



### The Gallipoli Star.

Melbourne, 26th January (delayed).

The Defence Department has issued a statement that the award of a Gallipoli Star is the subject of negotiations between Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. It is hoped that the question will soon be settled.—Reuter.

### Australia Day's A.N.A. Celebration. Interesting Speeches.

Melbourne, 29th January.

The Governor-General, Sir R. Munro Ferguson, speaking at the Australian Natives' Association Foundation Day luncheon in Melbourne, devoted the major portion of his speech to advocating Australian shipbuilding. Mr. Millen, responding to the toast of the Ministry, mentioned that the money raised in Australia, or in sight, since the war began totalled £200,000,000. Anyone suggesting in pre-war days that we could find half that sum in Australia for the purpose of developing latent resources would have been considered a fit subject for medical examination. Mr. Tudor, responding for the Federal Opposition, declared that in organising industry there could be no party. All were united in the determination to make Australia self-contained.

At the A.N.A. sports in the Exhibition grounds 12,000 attended.

### Rabbits invading West Australia.

Perth, 29th January.

Rabbits have been caught far inside the wire fence at Wagin, West Australia, also in the Darling Ranges, 43 miles from Perth. The farmers are alarmed and large consignments of poison have been ordered.

### Eradication of Tick Pest.

Brisbane, 29th January.

A conference arranged by the Commonwealth Advisory Science Council has been opened in Brisbane to consider the eradication of the tick pest in cattle. Delegates from New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland attended.

### The Russian Consulate, Melbourne.

Melbourne, 29th January.

Mr. Dabaza, Russian Consul, states that it is impossible to remain in service in view of the absence of responsible Government in Russia, and has closed the Consular office in Melbourne. At the same time he does not recognise his reported dismissal by the Bolsheviks, or the appointment of Mr. Simonoff as his successor.

### Policy of Victorian Government.

Melbourne, 30th January.

The policy of the new Victorian Government is to be outlined at the re-assembling of Parliament on February 5th.

### Wheat Production Advocated.

Sydney, 30th January.

Mr. James Patten, of Chicago, a former wheat king, replying to a cable from Mr. G. W. Walker, Sydney Government wheat shipper, states that he expects that the present values of wheat will be maintained until Russian conditions are normal. He thinks the crops of 1918-19 are insufficient to supply the world's demands, and advises increasing production everywhere.

### South Australian Ministry Opposes Liquor Prohibition.

Adelaide, 30th January.

The State Treasurer of South Australia has stated at Tanunda that the Ministry would oppose liquor prohibition.

### "No Confidence" Motion in New South Wales Parliament.

Sydney, 30th January.

Mr. Storey, Leader of the Opposition in the New South Wales Parliament, has given notice of a motion of no confidence in the Holman Government.

### Shipbuilding in Australia.

Melbourne, 31st January.

Mr. Joseph Cook, Minister for the Navy, states that a dozen ships will probably be building shortly in various parts of the Commonwealth.

### Agriculture in Victoria.

Melbourne, 31st January.

The committee of representatives of Victorian Education and Agricultural Department and the Chamber of Agriculture reporting on agricultural education, has recommended the provision of an agricultural scholarship to pupils in district high schools, the training of specialist teachers for summer schools, the appointment of an inspector of agricultural education, the establishment of a school and agricultural university.

### Victorian Volunteers: Number of Rejections.

Melbourne, 31st January.

General Mackinnon, addressing a meeting of the Rejected Volunteers Association in Melbourne, on Wednesday, said that 27,450 men had been rejected in Victoria.

### Returned Soldiers and Sailors League.

Melbourne, 1st February.

Mr. J. W. McKenzie, at the annual meeting of the Victorian branch of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League, emphasised the determination of the League to oppose in every form the introduction of sectarianism or party politics. The membership now numbers 5,000. The officer bearers elected are:—President, J. W. McKenzie; Vice-Presidents, R. R. Palmer, H. F. Clements, F. Murray, M. Page, A. Kamp; Treasurer, J. Hodgins; Committee, G. Roberts, Wallace E. Turnbull, F. W. Stewart, F. Caldwell, C. J. Mullins, M. C. C. Macindoe, W. B. Pleasants, A. P. K. Morris, W. French, J. D. Seymour, T. White, A. O'Neill, W. Molloy, F. A. Collins.

### Australian Soldiers and English Wives.

Sydney, 1st February.

Sir C. G. Wade, cabling to Mr. Holman, states that 2,000 Australians have married women in the United Kingdom. The marriages averaged 800 monthly recently. Mr. Holman agrees to Sir Charles Wade's proposal as to soldiers nominating their wives for assisted passages to Australia.

### Victoria Closing Gaols.

Melbourne, 1st February.

The Victorian Cabinet has decided to close gaols at Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Beechworth and Sale, concentrating the prisoners at Pentridge. It is estimated the ultimate annual saving will be £13,000.

### N.S.W. Nationalist Party United.

Sydney, 1st February.

The New South Wales National Caucus having considered the censure motion of Mr. Holman, stated subsequently that there was absolutely no sign of disunity in the party.

### Tornado at Melbourne.

Melbourne, 4th February.

A destructive tornado devastated Melbourne's seaside suburbs. Two people have been killed and twelve injured. The damage is estimated at £100,000.—Reuter.

### Federal Financial Returns.

Melbourne, 4th February.

The Customs Revenue for seven months of the year 1917-18 is £7,904,761, a de-

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crease of £1,589,600. The Post Office revenue for the seven months is £2,760,961, an increase of £160,081. The number of war pensions granted is now 92,764, involving an annual liability of £2,760,961.

**"No Confidence" Motion in N.S.W. Lost**  
Sydney, 4th February.

The censure motion on the Holman Ministry has been defeated by 50 to 28 votes.

**Pastoral Letter by the Primate.**

Sydney, 4th February.

The Primate of Australia, Archbishop Wright, of Sydney, has issued a pastoral in which he has said:—"I earnestly hope we, as church people, will throw our weight into the resolve to banish all recriminations until the war is over, and support the Government of the day, whether we agree with it or not, provided it is honestly assisting in the prosecution of the war."

**Sober Australian Soldiers.**

Melbourne, 4th February.

Mr. David, Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Association, in giving evidence before the Senate Select Committee, said that returned soldiers were more sober than the average civilian. Many drinkers became teetotalers after enlistment.

**A Memorial Road in Victoria.**

Melbourne, 4th February.

The County Roads Board estimates the cost of the proposed Soldiers' Memorial Road from Barwon Heads to Warrnambool at £150,000. Municipal councillors of the surrounding districts, after conferring, have proposed that only returned soldiers be employed on it.

**Technical College Open to Soldiers.**

Melbourne, 4th February.

It is officially announced that the State Technical College will take returning soldiers into existing classes and that additional classes will be provided where necessary.

**Shearing Records.**

For the information of "Trafalgar," who asks for records of big shearing tallies. George Myles, 53 years old, has shorn over 400,000 sheep, and is still turning them out. This year, at Yorkshire Downs (N.Q.), he was barbering up to 160 per diem. But for real old-timers "Trafalgar" wants to get down Whitecliffs way. One there, known as "The Jap," has been wool-hawking for over 50 years, and still does his century and a half. Neither of these men are booze enthusiasts.

**GENERAL CABLES.**

According to a recent Reuter message the Labour Party of Victoria suggests sending an Australian representative to Russia in order to gain first-hand information regarding the situation there.

The revenue of Queensland in January amounted to £617,000, against £548,000 in January, 1917, while the expenditure amounted to £576,000, compared with £528,000.—Reuter.

It is reported that the Commonwealth Government intends abandoning the bachelor tax passed last session.—Reuter.

Melbourne, 4th February.

The committee of the Victorian branch of the British Medical Association has decided that the whole Council shall meet Mr. Bowser and Mr. Wynne in conference over the dispute with the Friendly Societies' Lodges.

**Wheat Harvest in N.S.W.**

Wheat harvest returns in New South Wales for the year 1917-18 show that 3,281,000 acres have been harvested, yielding 43,557,000 bushels, as compared with 2,621,000 acres, yielding 36,600,000 bushels, in 1916-17.

**SPORTING CABLES.**

**Weights for V.R.C. Autumn Races.**

Melbourne, 30th January.

The weights for the Victorian Racing Club's autumn meeting have been declared: Colugo, 9 st. 12 lbs.; Desert Gold, 9 st. 13 lbs.; Lanius 9 st. 8 lbs., are the top weights in the Oakleigh Plate, Newmarket Handicap, and the Australian Cup respectively.

**Weekly Boxing Stopped in Sydney.**

Sydney, 4th February.

After February 9th weekly boxing ceases at Sydney Stadium, which will only open for big matches. It is stated that over 700 boxers have enlisted; those left are mostly married or lads under age.

**Racing Results.**

In the Adelaide Racing Club's Foundation Handicap, Dependence and Epistle ran a dead heat; Murillo Bud was third. Dividends £2 10s. and £2 15s. Dependence won in the run off. Dividend £1 15s.

The West Australian Turf Club Handicap result was: Red Banner 1, Azamor 2, Gold Coin 3. Betting 7 to 1 v. the winner. Dividend £4.

Desert Gold, the New Zealand champion racehorse, has arrived in Sydney for the Victorian autumn meetings.



**"The Anzac Coves."**  
The A.I.F. Pierrot Troupe at the Front, consisting entirely of soldiers, who open at the Court Theatre London, next Monday.

## The A. I. F. Pioneers.

### The Handy Men of the Army.

By F. M. CUTLACK, Assistant Australian Official Correspondent.

War Correspondents' Headquarters,  
France, 15th January.

"Pioneers," said the Colonel, as we hit the duckboard track, "well, I was born a Pioneer you might say, and have commanded Pioneers in the field, so you may think me prejudiced. But what I do say is this, if I've got to do a job of work of any sort at all, give me Pioneers. And if I want anything from a pocket souvenir to a motor-bicycle—and especially if I want a stove—I have only to let the fact be known among the Pioneers. Come down and see them digging my strong points. I used to command the battalion that is on this job. I nursed them up from the beginning and made nearly all the officers of it. At least they made themselves; used to come to me and say they knew all about this or that sort of work, and therefore they thought they might be useful officers. And when I tested them, upon my soul I agreed with them."

#### The Turnip Field.

We wandered down the duckboards and branched off into an old turnip field through some tumbled line of once-German wire. The turnip field had been a battlefield on a certain slope made famous in the campaign of 1917, but in spite of that the turnips still grew and flourished; and carrying parties, when the cigarettes have run out or the fancy seizes them for other reasons, will sit down in shell holes and eat them. The vitality of these turnips is quite worth recording in a place where so little that formerly existed has survived. The village at the edge of the field has been clean obliterated, and even its bricks are hard to find, let alone its streets and the sites of its houses. But the turnips still carry on invincibly. Panegyrics have been written on less worthy subjects.

#### Litter of the Battlefield.

The hazy scene stretches out across a plain which, viewed in the broad and large, looks very much as it always did in peace time. Trees and hedges, thinned out and much broken down in places, still dominate the landscape, especially in the distance of the enemy's side of the line. One or two remote spires, standing whole, put on a similitude of undisturbed peace. Here and there, half covered by the trees, you can see the smoke of distant factories or trains or burning houses. Occasionally a shell worries its oily way through the higher air into that smudgy offing. In the foreground, nearer or farther, run irregular strips of canvas screen, which both sides

erect to cover movement. For, though hedges and trees are left, winter robs them of their chief quality. All round, among the turnips and beyond them, lies the litter of the battlefield—old lines of barbed wire more or less trampled down, iron rails, bundles of iron stanchions, fascines, pit props, duckboards, tins, bottles, cart wheels, sand bags, and relics of all imaginable implements of war and peace. Dug-outs and huts, newly built or long fallen in, are dotted here and there. Cart tracks, mule tracks, foot tracks meander about and across the scene. Groups of two or more men appear and disappear along them stolidly carrying loads. One looks occasionally for a five-nine or a four-two to crash into the vicinity with its black roar.

#### The Work Behind the Infantry.

In this scene the Pioneers were digging defences on carefully-planned sites along a line marked out by a neat and new ribbon of barbed wire entanglement. Defence schemes and defence lines are to the soldier what the top hat is to the doctor or the blue apron to the butcher—it is impossible professionally to carry on without them. More-

over, digging keeps men fit and hardy in the cold weather, and is a work of art and pride with all proper Pioneers. It is what they exist for: and each of the Australian Pioneer Battalions believes that it can turn up more cubic yards of earth in a week than any other pioneer battalion can in a month. The Colonel said he regarded nearly all the Australian Pioneers as his own children, and had heard a whisper that he was to receive an illuminated address in tribute to the extensive pattern of trenches which, on one front or another, he had woven in the soil of France. And that was only in the name of defence lines.

Over and above that, his Pioneers, as their nature is, have dug communication trenches and laid tracks behind every Australian assault; and the glory of the Australian infantry, whose proud boast is that they hold what ground they take against all comers, reflects not always very plainly on these sturdy men of the pick and shovel who buttress their positions for the holding. At Pozières the Pioneers bombed and fought back the enemy when our exhausted companies were nearly done and badly wanted help, and then, having thus rallied the line,



The Australian Tunnellers making Dug-outs. Most of these men are miners and are doing magnificent work. They are here seen pumping out the soakage.

they dug it in. At Bullecourt their English comrades alongside them marvelled at the business-like speed with which the Australian Pioneers ran up communication trenches and light tramline to the new front. The Pioneers who followed the attacking waves at Messines dug their trenches through No-man's Land in record time. At Ypres they could not be restrained, and went over the top with the assaulting infantry, saying they knew they would have to go up and dig, and might just as well go on with the infantry as follow them. And dig they did, famously; but before they settled down to that they took a number of prisoners, including a German major, stormed a pill-box, and captured a machine-gun. Later in the day they mounted this prize on the improvised side-car of a motor bicycle, and a selected pair drove it in triumph through Ypres. It was a Pioneer officer who led on an infantry company to the assault beneath the Broodseinde Ridge, when it had lost all its officers.

#### Digging as a Fine Art.

"Do you wonder I go nap on these fellows," said the Colonel. "Look at those men over there." He pointed to two men trudging along bowing under a weight of A-frames, which make the ribs of the modern duck-boarded trench. "I put them to do a job. If they are short of material

at hand they don't knock off work or come moaning about wanting this or wanting that. They go and make it. That stuff those fellows are making now has been taken up forward by some other people, who have simply dropped it there. Look at this defence position they have dug here. Two days ago I selected this site and pointed out to the sergeant the field of fire it would command and the sister strong points it would support, with machine-gun fire enfilading the wire this way and that. I came back to-day, and here it is, dug in exactly as I planned it. I can't fault it. They are the most intelligent fellows in the world: you see they are not just digging up ground—they are digging an artistic line, a line that has been planned for a certain character. And, damn it, here is that character written all over this digging. Do you wonder now, when I say that most of the officers in my battalion made themselves?

"And work—they work with their hearts in it all day. An English officer, watching them with me once, said in astonishment that he had always thought Australians hedged a bit on hard work—too fond of striking. I explained to him as well as I could. He could not understand, too, why they always grinned when they saluted—so they do—awful fellows to grin."

#### The Push Motor Car.

Back on the road behind the dressing-station, as we returned, we heard the furious panting of a motor engine; and a weird contraption of a vehicle darted into the fairway, switched its nose around, and scuttled down the road like an excited cockroach. Every man and beast near by left off walking, eating, talking, to watch it; some Pioneers cheered it, and a team of mules looked as if they would like to. It was a platform on four wheels, surmounted by a small green garden set affair and an oil drum, and around the oil drum was passed a length of hose pipe. "That," said the Colonel, "is Mr. Blank's motor-car. He dislikes walking, so he made that. The engine and the twisted frame he found cast away somewhere by an English unit which had given it up for dead. He probably got the tyres from some transport driver in exchange for a few packets of 'red uzzers.' He badly wants a radiator, but till he finds one the oil drum full of water and hose pipe attachment assist to cool his engine. One of them sits on the oil drum till the water inside gets too hot; then they halt to empty it and refill. It is the pride of the battalion."



Our snipers keep the Huns' heads down while the camera is being used.

(Australian Official Photograph.)

# GENERAL AUSTRALIAN NEWS

## Charge Against Publican's Wife.

As a result of enquiries made in regard to the shooting of Arthur William Whittle, licensee of the Commercial Hotel, Flinders Street, Melbourne, Elsie Whittle, 31 years of age, was arrested and charged with having shot at her husband with intent to commit murder. She was brought before the City Court when a remand for a week was granted. Detective Commons informed the bench that when the husband of the accused arrived home late at night a quarrel occurred between the pair, and the husband alleged that he had been struck and knocked down. The wife ran upstairs, and when Whittle attempted to follow he was shot in the head. The injury is not regarded as serious.

## Career of Love and Crime.

An extraordinary story of a criminal career was related in the Sydney Criminal Court when Christopher Gordon Farquharson was sentenced to five years' penal servitude on each of three charges of larceny, the sentences to be concurrent. It was stated that accused had posed as a single man and a returned soldier. He had never been to the front, and several years ago had deserted his wife and children. For the past six years he had been living with another woman, by whom he had had three children; but had deserted her on the day of the birth of the last child. Later he had posed as a single man and secured jewellery from a number of young women, to one of whom he had proposed marriage. The day of the wedding had been fixed when he was arrested.

## Encounter with a Burglar. Girl's Sensational Story.

A remarkable story concerning a burglary was related to the Melbourne police recently by Jean Madden, 18 years of age, of 53, Davis Avenue, South Yarra.

It is stated that at about 9 p.m. Miss Madden was reading in one of the rooms when she heard a noise in the breakfast-room. She proceeded there, and noticed something moving behind the screen in front of the window. Then she hurried into the bedroom of Mr. Cohen, the tenant of the house, and, securing his revolver, ran back into the breakfast room. She was astonished to observe a man's legs protruding through the window. "Come inside, or I will shoot," she commanded, levelling the revolver at the intruder, who entered the room and sat down.

The girl asserts that when the man,

whom she supposed to be a burglar, was firmly seated, she proceeded to the telephone and communicated with a neighbour, Mr. Goldbloom. Whilst telephoning, she alleges, she had the man covered with her revolver, but he made a sudden rush at her, and picking up a candlestick, struck her several times on the head with it, inflicting injuries.

When Mr. Goldbloom arrived, he found the girl lying in the hall of the house beneath the telephone. A broken candlestick was beside her. She was taken to Alfred Hospital for medical treatment, but her condition is not regarded as serious.

The detectives examined the book which the girl had been reading. Their attention was specially attracted by a picture of a somewhat sensational type which appears on one of the pages.

## Wheat Agents Criticised.

Westralian Farmers, Ltd., have been appointed sole acquiring agents for the coming harvest. The offers of Dreyfus and Co., Bell and Co., John Darling and Son, and Dalgety, Ltd., to do business at 4d. a bushel less than the previous quotation came too late. The Honorary Minister (Mr. Baxter), in notifying these firms of the acceptance of Westralian Farmers, Ltd.'s offer, said if the late quotation had been to do the work for nothing he was told not to recommend Cabinet to accept it. He considered the action of these firms a concerted attempt to drive the farmers' cooperative societies allied with Westralian Farmers, Ltd., out of business.

## Shearing in Victoria.

All the northern sheds in Victoria, by the middle of November, had completed their shearing, and the results are good, the wool being sound, with lengthy staple. Southern flockmasters were then busy. Owing to the wet season there was considerable mortality among calves and lambs from parasitical attacks. A considerable amount of research work is being done by veterinarians to find remedies for these diseases. In the wheat areas wherever possible fallowing operations were being carried on, this work having been delayed by floods. Good yields are anticipated in the Mallee and Wimmera, but light returns are feared in the Goulburn Valley flooded areas.

## Big Blaze in Sydney.

A fire broke out shortly after 11 on the night of November 29th at Commerce Buildings at the corner of Ash Street, Sydney. The three top floors with their contents were destroyed and the roof of the building partly fell in. The damage is thought to be some thousands of pounds.

## Prize Stock Poisoned.

The chief inspector of stock in Queensland has submitted to the Minister for Agriculture and Stock a report on the sudden death of a number of valuable prize stock immediately after the recent Clifton show. He states that the animals died from arsenical poisoning. In his opinion the sole cause of death can be attributed to spraying with a solution seven times the correct strength, and it is considered that the person who mixed the solution was responsible, unless he can adduce proof that the solution was tampered with subsequent to the time the fluid had been mixed by him and before being used for spraying purposes.

## Civil Servant Soldiers' Salaries.

Mr. Price elicited from the South Australian Premier (Hon. A. P. Peake), in the Assembly that in certain conditions the Government makes up the difference between the official salary and military pay of public servants who enlist. Mr. Price said some departments declined to continue the payment to the wife and children of an enlisted officer so soon as he left South Australia. Mr. Peake replied that in the absence of a certificate from the military authorities as to rank and rate of pay, payment was withheld until return from active service in order that the rate at which the difference was to be paid might be correctly ascertained. Payment was made in cases in which the military authority was produced.

## Train held up by Grasshoppers.

The passenger train from Adelaide to Petersburg recently was delayed an hour on account of grasshoppers. The train came to a standstill in the cutting near to the Gumbowie siding, and although sand was used, and repeated efforts were made, the train could not proceed. The driver eventually had to divide the train. After having taken the first half to Gumbowie siding, he returned for the remainder. The train then came on to Petersburg. The grasshoppers were so thick that the passengers thought they had run into a duststorm.



**£1,000 Robbery from Railway Safe.**

The Commissioner for Railways, Brisbane, received information on November 8th from his agent at Chillagoe that the Chillagoe railway office was broken into and that more than £1,000 was extracted from the safe. The large amount in the safe at the time is accounted for by the fact that the money was there to pay the Etheridge and Chillagoe Companies' employees.

**Hope for Tired Soldiers,  
Leave for the Anzacs.**

Melbourne, November 29.

The Minister of Defence said to-day that in the event of the referendum being carried, one of the difficulties in the way of granting leave to the original Anzacs would be removed. Provided that other difficulties were also surmounted, the Government would do their best to obtain leave to visit Australia for the original members of the Australian Imperial Forces. Senator Pearce also indicated that it was hoped shortly to be able to dispense with the services of those British officers who were borrowed from the home and Indian armies at the commencement of the war owing to Australia's inexperience in handling large bodies of troops or performing staff duties. There are now only twelve British officers serving with the Australian divisions, and

these would be replaced by Australians as soon as possible. Many young Australian officers had been or were going through the schools in England for instruction in staff work.

**Military Inspector-General.  
His Functions Defined.**

Melbourne, November 28.

In connection with the appointment of Brigadier-General Ramaciotti as Administrative Inspector-General of the Defence Department, it was stated to-day by the Minister that General Ramaciotti would act as the eyes and ears of the Minister and the Military Board. He would have no executive power, but would hold a travelling brief, visiting the various military districts as might be necessary and reporting to headquarters upon any matters requiring attention. It would also be his business to see the administrative work of the department conducted as effectively and economically as possible.

**Rich Find in Western Australia.**

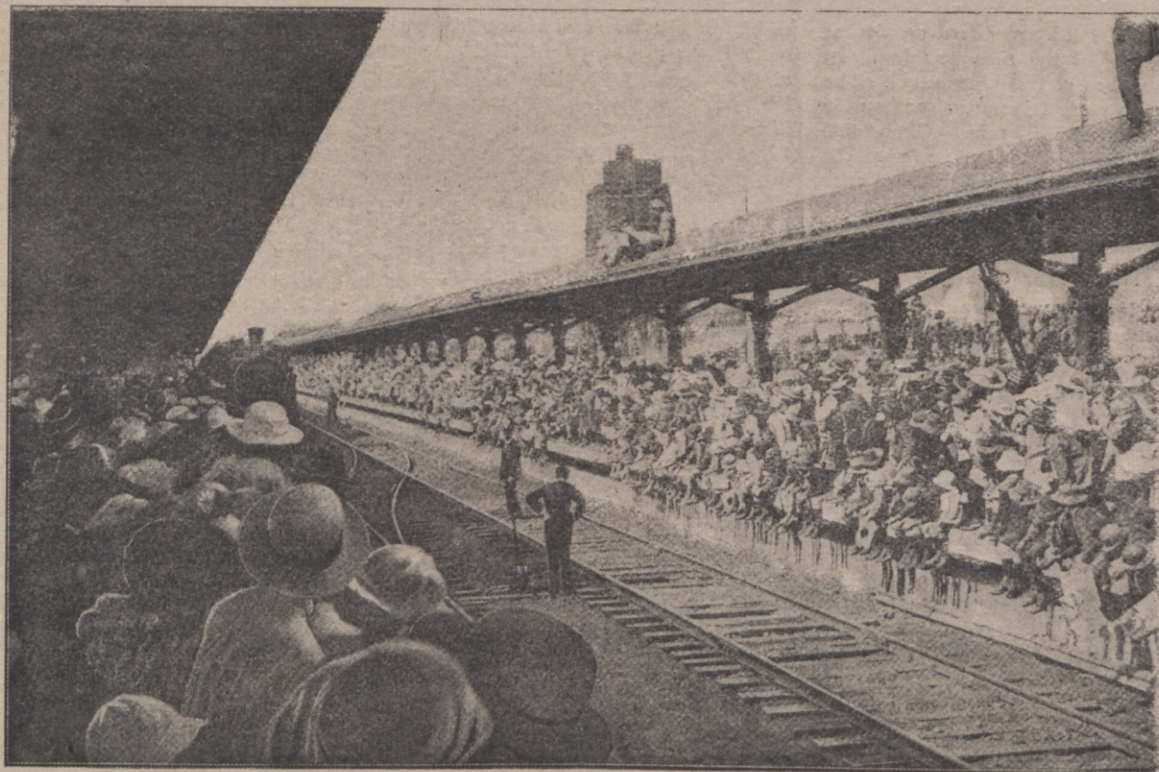
Kalgoorlie, November 27.

Interest in the rich find on the Dark Horse lease in the Broad Arrow district was increased to-day when a further 12 bags of ore were brought into Kalgoorlie. This material appears to be even richer than the first lot, which gave a return of

272oz. from 11 bags, exclusive of the gold in the residues. Some idea of the phenomenal richness of the ore may be gathered from the fact that six dishes panned off this morning yielded about 22oz. of gold. A syndicate share originally sold at £100 changed hands to-day at £500. During the past few days a large number of mining men have visited the lease, and a large area of ground has been pegged out.

**A Prime Cattle Duffer.**

A recent "Bulletin" reference to the long-ago wreck of the steamer "Mimosa" at Bunga Head, South Coast (N.S.W.), recalls the doings of Billy —, a prince among cattle-duffers in the days when cattle-duffing on the Monaro stations was a primary industry. It was to employ counsel for Billy's defence that his parents—the aged couple who were drowned in the wreck—were journeying with a bagful of sovereigns to Sydney. The charge the son had to answer on that occasion was stealing a mob of cattle from Gunningrah and sewing brands into their hides with twine. William's luck stuck to him at the trial and he was acquitted, chiefly on the evidence as to character tendered by James Graham, a squatter and M.L.A., for whom Billy and Billy's old man had been shepherding. William then hastened home, and in gratitude lifted a few cattle off Graham's station before the boss returned.



Scene in the Kalgoorlie Railway Station upon the arrival of the first through train from Port Augusta, on the New East-West Railway.

# The Melbourne Cup.

## Performances of the Winner.

Melbourne, 6th November.

The fifty-seventh Melbourne Cup claimed attention to-day, and an attendance, variously estimated up to 100,000, witnessed the contest. The climatic conditions were ideal for outdoor amusement and enjoyment. A few showers of rain fell during the night, but the sun gained supremacy this morning, and more delightful weather than that experienced could hardly have been imagined. The huge crowd which thronged the lawns and the hill proved beyond measure that the Melbourne Cup has lost none of its magnetism to draw the multitudes, and never since Exhibition year has Melbourne been so full of visitors.

### The Start.

Additional excitement was occasioned before the big event by the appearance of a couple of aeroplanes flying across the course. Lanius led the parade into the straight, and then it was noticed that the big Englishman was quite sore and just a trifle tender. He is said to be always affected that way when at half-pace or at a canter, but his rearward position at the beginning of the race would suggest that it was more serious than usual. The stable companion, Chrome, strode out in grand style, while Broken Glass also pleased. The last to appear was old Cagou, who simply came to the barrier when the ropes were lowered. Lanius was alongside the rails, but there was a little crowding, so he moved out. They appeared to get off to a capital start, and immediately Cagou, with his long strides, dashed to the front.

### The Race.

Lanius jumped off smartly enough, but was at once cut out, and he dropped back. Cagou led down the straight, while Westcourt was well up with Lingle alongside of him, and Lanius next, the last two being Marculfus and Wallace Isinglass. Just as they began to go up the back stretch Almo dashed to the front, pursued by Rael Locin, Cargou, Broken Glass, and King's Bounty, while Westcourt had a nice berth on the rails, about eighth. Lingle was well back, and Lanius had not improved his position. There was very little change at the abattoirs, where backers of the favourite were still dismayed to find that he had not made up the slightest leeway. As they came down the home turn Westcourt ran up to the heels of the leaders, while Cairne was hard at work on Lanius, who apparently could make no headway. The field was well together at the turn for home, and it was here that McLachlan won the race. He rode Westcourt hard, and, quickly gathering up Almo and Rael Locin, he assumed complete control, and, taking no chances, kept riding him right out. It was just as well he did. Although at the two-furlong post he had a useful lead, a little further on Lingle began to run him down. It was a stubborn chase. Lingle reached his quarters at the half-distance, and a great finish resulted. Both riders excelled themselves, and the pair fought out the last 50 yards neck and neck. Westcourt, with great gameness, held on, and scored by a short half-head, while Wallace Isinglass, who finished well, was a good third. Others close up were Chrome

and Almo, with Lanius, running through the beaten horses, next.

### Intermediate Times.

The intermediate times in the Cup were :—

First half-mile, 54½.  
Second half-mile, 51½.  
Third half-mile, 52½.  
Fourth half-mile, 48¾.  
Last six furlongs, 1.15¾.  
Last mile, 1.41.  
Full distance, 3.26¾.

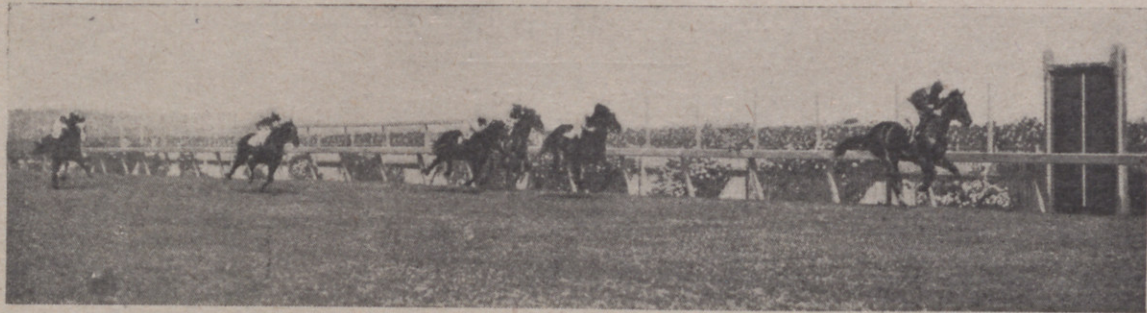
### Honours of the Race.

It was a fitting finish to a grand race, and the honours of the contest were undoubtedly with McLachlan. Knowing full well that he was on a genuine stayer, he did not hesitate, when he found his horse was going so well, to dash out and secure a three-lengths' advantage at the home turn. But for this the chances are Lingle, a more brilliant galloper, would have chopped him for speed at the finish. There is no doubt that McLachlan is a real general in these long-distance events. Lingle is decidedly unlucky in important races. Wallace Isinglass, by ending up third, somewhat retrieved the reputation he lost at Caulfield. He was a long way back at one stage, and did remarkably well to finish third. Chrome was always well up, but Lanius was a great disappointment. At no stage of the race did he flatter his admirers. Broken Glass put up a good fight, and he may make into a four-year-old of some class, but Bronzetti was clearly off colour and trained stale.



Finish of the Melbourne Cup.

Westcourt, the second favourite, defeating Lingle, who was third favourite, by half a head, with Wallace Isinglass two lengths away. Chrome was fourth, and Lanius, the hot favourite, fifth.



Biplane, the equine flying machine, cantering away with the Derby from Prince Viridis and the South Australian colt Broken Glass.

**Pedigree of the Winner.**

WESTCOURT.			
Trinket.		Bright Steel.	
Crown Jewel	Trenton	Glare	St. Simon
Rose of Lancaster	Fitz James	Musket	Galopin
	Prally	Footlight	St. Angela
		Ayrshire	

**Performances of the Winner.**

**At Two Years.**

Won Juvenile Stakes, Canterbury Park.  
 Won Juvenile Stakes, Moorefield.  
 Unplaced, December Stakes, Randwick.  
 Third, Nursery Handicap, Sydney Tattersalls.  
 Unplaced, Nursery Handicap, Randwick.  
 Won Phillip Stakes, Randwick.  
 Second, A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes, Randwick.  
 Unplaced, Champagne Stakes, Randwick.  
 Second, Nursery, Randwick.

**At Three Years,**

Second, Spring Stakes, Rosehill.

Third, A.J.C. Derby,  
 Second, Clibborn Stakes, Randwick.  
 Second, Grantham Stakes, Randwick,  
 Third, V.R.C. Derby.  
 Second, Melbourne Cup.  
 Unplaced, C. B. Fisher Plate.  
 Second V.R.C. St. Leger.  
 Unplaced, Australian Cup.

**At Four Years.**

Unplaced, Rawson Stakes, Rosehill.  
 Unplaced, City Handicap, Randwick.  
 Unplaced, Winter Stakes, Sydney Tattersalls.  
 Unplaced, Winter Stakes, Randwick.

**At Five Years.**

Second, Metropolitan.  
 Third, Melbourne Stakes.  
 Won, Melbourne Cup.

**Westcourt's Owner.**

Mr. D. U. Seaton, the owner of Westcourt, is a well-known Sydney Resident, whose home is at Eastcourt, Waverley.

**A Popular Trainer.**

The popularity of Joe Burton, the trainer of Westcourt, was indicated after the race by the hearty congratulations of many old sporting enthusiasts, including many rival trainers.

**Winning Jockey's Confidence.**

W. H. McLachlan, the rider of Westcourt, was warmly congratulated by all the other jockeys when he returned to the room after weighing in. He was very modest about his victory, although this was the third Melbourne Cup in which he has ridden the winner. In 1900 he rode Prince Foote, and in 1910 he was on Comedy King when that horse won. His last important win was the Brisbane Cup. When asked to tell the story of the Cup, he gave all the credit to the horse. "It ran splendidly," he said, "and we had a good passage right through. Just at the turn, when I made my run, I had to get round a couple of horses, but I just touched him up with the whip, and he came up quickly. From then I thought the race was safe. Lingle was catching me up, but I knew I should hold the lead until we were home. If there had been much further to go, Lingle would have won. Still, I knew we should get there in time."

**Defeat of the Favourite.**

According to H. Cairns, who rode Lanius, the favourite at no time looked like fulfilling expectations. "He never had a chance from the start," said the jockey. "I used the whip hard, but he was never dangerous. He was like a big kid in the race. He never felt like a winner at any time."



Sweet Lady, the smart Sydney filly, winning the rich Maribyrnong Plate from Tragic Star and Outlook.

## The Floods in Queensland.

### The Mackay Disaster.

Brisbane, 29th January.

Mackay reports that nineteen bodies have been recovered. About a hundred buildings in the main centres of the town are damaged. The deaths include Alice Shanks and two children, Robert Morton, Mrs. Walsh and five children, Richard Francis, John Carr and Edward Hehir. The "Mackay Standard" reports that the Post Office barograph showed 2,711,190, the lowest possible point opposite the word "Catastrophe." Houses and churches collapsed like cards; several vessels have sunk. The cyclone lasted 14½ hours and heavy rain continued. The month's record showed over four feet in 28 days. The Commonwealth Government has donated £5,000 for relief purposes, and a further amount if circumstances require. Senator Crawford and Mr. Bamford, M.H.R., are proceeding to Mackay to represent the Commonwealth and ascertain what assistance is needed.

#### Ship Swept in by Floods.

Sydney, 30th January.

It is stated that rescuers at Mackay performed many deeds of heroism.

Townsville is now isolated.

At Rockhampton, a small steamer broke its moorings and drifted inland on the floods, and was discovered yesterday lying across tree-boughs submerged, with the stern in the air.—Exchange.

Brisbane, 30th January.

Communication with North Queensland is still difficult. Little information has been received from Mackay. The Fitzroy River is rising steadily. At Rockhampton many streets are submerged and the shops flooded. The water is sixteen feet over the Dawson River railway bridge, 52 feet above the river bed.

#### Estimated Damage.

Brisbane, 31st January.

The total damage in a 20 mile radius in the Mackay district is estimated at £1,500,000. Casualties number 120, and deaths 20. It is estimated that 12,000 tons of sugar have been lost, and that the damage to the mills amounts to £30,000. Not ten per cent. of the private houses have escaped injury and many are demolished. The Fitzroy River at Rockhampton has

risen 31 feet 2 inches, and is still rising slowly. A great area of country around the town is submerged. The losses to stock are very heavy. The water is 2 feet 6 inches higher than the 1896 record.

#### Cyclone Narrowly Misses Sydney.

Brisbane, 1st February.

Reports from Mackay state that £500,000 worth of sugar has been damaged. The lighting plant has been submerged by the Fitzroy River at Rockhampton, and it is feared that the wharves are destroyed. The Minister for Education, Mr. Hardacre, has advocated the shifting of the buildings from the flooded areas to higher levels, practically rebuilding the town. The weather bureau reports that the cyclone narrowly missed Sydney. High pressure conditions forced it seawards.

Brisbane, 4th February.

The Fitzroy River is stationary at 31ft. 11in. above ordinary level. More rain is falling. There are 700 refugees from the surrounding district now in Rockhampton.

## The Medical Dispute in Australia.

### The Doctors and Friendly Societies.

Melbourne, 29th January.

Mr. Hughes has suggested that Lodge doctors should defer their resignations for a month to allow time for the settlement of differences.

Mr. Devine, Chief President of the A.N.A., speaking at the annual celebration, said that the Association, by honouring its promise to members who had gone to the war to keep their names good on the books, incurred an annual liability of £10,000. A levy had been made on members remaining at home, and it was possible that there would be further calls on them to enable the arrangement to be continued. On the top of this come the medical men's demands, despite an agreement made in October, 1914, that neither side should attempt to alter conditions during the war. All should work together for general welfare in wartime. Any body of men who broke away, whether doctors or wharf-labourers, were deserving of censure. The

doctors' action amounted to a strike against Friendly Societies. Mr. Bowser, Victorian Premier, opposes the suggestion that the medical profession should be nationalised.

#### Doctors Refuse to Postpone Resignation.

Melbourne, 31st January.

The Lodge doctors have rejected Mr. Hughes's suggestion to postpone their resignations for a month. The resignations take effect to-day. The British Medical Association circular advises members against making separate agreements, or attending former Lodge patients not on their list. Lodge patients are to be charged 10s. 6d. minimum. On Wednesday a deputation of 100 representatives of the Friendly Societies asked Premier Bowser to introduce legislation to provide an arbitration tribunal to settle the dispute. Mr. Bowser said the doctors were seeking their notion of justice in an improper and untimely way. It was remarkable that they declined to submit their claims to arbitra-

tion. That showed weakness. He promised sympathetic consideration by the Cabinet.

Melbourne, 1st February.

The Victorian Cabinet has decided that Messrs. Bowser and Wynne shall seek a conference with representatives of the British Medical Association regarding the Friendly Societies Lodges' proposal for an arbitration tribunal. The Australian Natives' Association has served notices on doctors claiming under the State Arbitration Act a submission of the dispute to two arbitrators, and requesting the doctors to nominate their arbitrator. The British Medical Association proposes a new scheme for providing medical attention for people within the £208 income limit, under a contract for weekly payments. The doctors claim that this will be cheaper for members than Lodge payments. The doctors state that the position of members of Lodges joining the A.I.F. were unaltered. These and their dependants would be treated free.

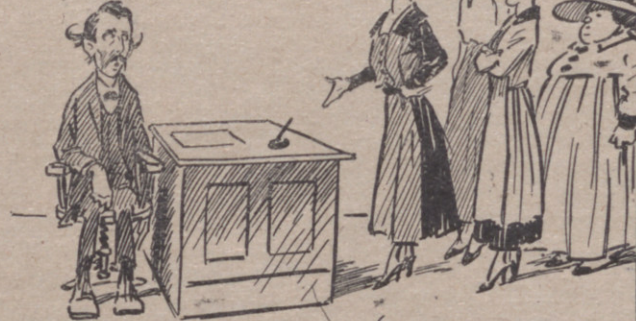
We are told that 6000 of our Australian soldiers have married in England to the total disregard of the good Australian girls who counted on them.



WHEN JOHNNIE COMES MARCHING HOME AGAIN

He will bring his strange wife and his youngsters, and, no doubt, his ma-in-law, and there will be no "Hurrah! hurrah!"

THE TURNING OF THE WORM  
(Australian spinsters wait on the Minister of Defence)  
SPOKESWOMAN.—"What we demand is that before the war is cleared up there shall be an adequate return of marriageable men—one Britisher for every Australian lost to us by marriage. In short, sir, no peace without indemnity and annexation"



THE LOVE GIFT

ENGLISH WIFE (to Jimbill).—"This is lovely. I haven't needed to worry about socks for you, ever since we were married. Here's another bundle from the girl you're engaged to in Australia."



THE BRAND.

Even married Australians are suspected of playing up a bit "somewhere in France." We suggest the branding of all such, as above.



OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND.

AUSTRALIAN GIRL.—"What could you see in her that you couldn't see in me!"  
BILLY KHARK.—"Well, you see, at the time I couldn't see you at all. There was the whole world between us."



THE HERO'S REWARD

KITTY.—"Dick is a regular chocolate soldier. I am sending the poor, dear, old darling these to comfort him in the trenches."



THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER.

This is the "poor, dear, old darling" making the most of sweet Kitty's gift of sweets.

Kuttall

THE LOST LEGION.

(From "Melbourne Punch.")

### The Captured Islands.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce of Wellington have passed a resolution asking the Government to endeavour to see, when peace negotiations are in progress, that as a basis for future security the former German possessions in the Pacific and the Samoa Group are retained as British possessions.

### Barber's Costly Customer.

In the County Court at Wangaratta, Victoria, Sydney E. Iley, motor driver, sued Thomas R. Brown, hairdresser, of Tallangatta, for the recovery of £19 19s. damages. It was claimed that plaintiff had lost six weeks' wages and had to seek medical attendance owing to his having contracted barber's rash after having shaved in defendant's shop. Defendant claimed that he fully sterilised the razors and brushes regularly, but plaintiff denied that precautions were taken. A verdict was given for £15 with costs.

### Bank Officer's Strange Story.

On November 8th Mr. P. L. Saunders, accountant of the National Bank at Williams, Great Southern District, was found lying unconscious behind the counter and later told the police that during the absence of the manager a man entered the bank and said he wanted to send some money to Melbourne. On stooping to obtain a slip, Saunders stated he was knocked insensible by a heavy blow on the head dealt him by the stranger, who decamped with £365 in notes. Since then Saunders has informed the detectives that during a period of mental derangement he abstracted the bank's cash and told the story of the alleged robbery to explain the loss. It appears, according to his statement, that having taken the money he became fearful of the consequences, burnt £65 in notes in the kitchen stove, and hid the remaining £300 in the Williams Bridge. The latter money was recovered and returned to the bank. Further action rests with the Melbourne office of the bank.

### More War Precautions.

By an amendment of the War Precautions Regulations issued in Melbourne, power is given to the Commandant of any military district, or the Deputy Chief Censor, or persons authorised by them to enter—if need be by force—and search any premises in which it is suspected there may be copies of any publication containing injurious matter, or any type or plant which has been used or is being used in the printing or production of any such publication. The type, plant, and copies of the publication may be seized, and if necessary destroyed or otherwise disposed of. "Injurious matter" is interpreted as "matter the publication of which is likely to be injurious to the public safety or welfare, or contrary to any regulation or order given by or under the authority of the Deputy Chief Censor." Another amendment prevents any alien subject from instituting criminal proceedings in respect of libel or slander based on an insinuation that he is an enemy subject, without obtaining the consent of the Attorney-General.




Billjim with his "Fiasco" in Gay Paree!

### Two Extremes.

and with Marie, the village Belle (who wears issue socks), just behind the Lines.

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## War Honours for the A.I.F.

The following are the statements of service for which the Distinguished Conduct Medals (gazetted on the 22nd October, 1917) were conferred:—

### 1828 Cpl. A. S. P. Basey, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By a daring and skilful personal reconnaissance he found cover for his gun team in a forward position and assisted his officer in bringing the gun into action, although wounded in the left arm. The whole operation was carried on under intense and accurate hostile fire of every description, and it was largely due to his splendid pluck and resource that his officer was successful in getting his gun into action.

### 1166 Tpr. H. Braham, L. Horse Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He rendered exceptionally valuable and gallant service in bringing in wounded men from positions exposed to heavy shell, machine-gun and rifle fire with an absolute disregard for his own safety.

### 22306 Sgt. C. L. Chappell, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in placing a gun in a forward and exposed position and keeping it in action under most difficult circumstances and at very great personal risk. Although severely wounded, he set a splendid example to his men, and was chiefly instrumental in their task being accomplished.

### 2183 Sgt. J. Christie, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When advancing with his battery to a new position three horses of his gun team and his own horse were killed by enemy shell fire. He immediately replaced these casualties in spite of continual heavy shelling, and brought his gun into action, displaying remarkable coolness and setting a fine example to his men.

### 2301 L.-Cpl. (now 2nd Lieut.) V. C. Dixon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander and N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he immediately organised a platoon and led them to the assault of enemy posts, which he captured and consolidated with the utmost skill and good judgment. His conduct and skilful handling proved a great stimulus to all his men, both during the assault and when under heavy artillery fire, during the whole of which time he displayed a total disregard of danger.

### 11965 L.-Cpl. W. F. George, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although exposed to continuous and heavy shelling throughout the day, he made several journeys backwards and for-

wards along a trench tram line with wounded, showing great coolness and good judgment in getting them through without accident. Although the tram lines had several times to be cleared of débris caused by bursting shells and the track itself was hit three times, he displayed the greatest presence of mind and devotion to duty under these trying conditions.

### 10786 Sgt. A. S. H. Gifford, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting for his Brigade Signaling Officer. He displayed the utmost skill and ability in organising and maintaining a system of communications under heavy shell fire and under extremely difficult conditions, greatly inspiring all those who worked with him by his fine personal example.

### 349 Sgt. C. Greenway, Imp. Camel Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He greatly distinguished himself by the capable and cool manner in which he handled his section after its commander had been wounded. They were under heavy fire during the greater part of the day, and his coolness and careful handling were responsible for keeping down the casualties.

### 7929 Cpl. F. J. K. Hickey, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two successive nights he continually repaired telephone lines under very heavy fire. Later, when Group Headquarters received several direct hits from enemy shells, with great coolness and initiative he got the whole personnel away to safety, searching all the dug-outs himself under hostile fire. He then transferred the telephone lines to an adjacent battery under heavy fire and maintained communication. He showed the greatest devotion to duty and fearlessness throughout.

### 578 L.-Cpl. T. L. Holloway, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section. When his officer was wounded, he led his platoon with great dash and determination, overcoming all opposition and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. With his Lewis gun he dispersed a hostile counter-attack, and by the courage and initiative which he displayed until he was severely wounded, very largely contributed to the defeat of the enemy.

### 124 Sgt. W. Kneebone, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense and accurate hostile shelling of his battery a gun detachment were either killed or wounded and their ammunition was set on fire, but with great promptness and gallantry he ran across from his own gun and endeavoured

to extinguish the ammunition, afterwards returning and directing the fire of his gun with the utmost coolness, although the camouflage was on fire. He put it out himself, and continued to set a splendid example of energy and determination until he was wounded an hour afterwards.

### 479 Sgt. E. W. Lewin, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, which had knocked out the whole of his detachment except one gunner, he kept his gun in action, displaying the greatest coolness and courage throughout. He was slightly wounded at the time, and had to be ordered away from the position to have his wounds dressed.

### 777 Tpr. J. P. McGrath, L. Horse Regt., now Imp. Camel Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in pluckily rescuing from an exposed position under fire a Hotchkiss rifle after the whole of its team had been killed or wounded. His fearlessness and determination won the admiration of all.

### 1165 Sgt. J. Monkhouse, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While withdrawing from a position two of his men were buried by a bursting shell, and he remained behind with two men and got them clear. Whilst taking one of these men, who was severely wounded, to the dressing station the two bearers were wounded, whereupon he dressed their wounds and went half a mile for more bearers. During the whole day whilst working his gun and dressing the wounded he displayed a splendid disregard of personal danger and set an example which was worthy of the highest praise.

### 2432 Spr. J. O'Connell, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst lying in a dug-out on a river bank, badly burned on the face and severely wounded by shrapnel in the head and hands, it became evident to him that he must either be captured by the enemy or swim across the river. In spite of his condition he managed to make his way across, and when on the far side went back into the river to assist another sapper, who was exhausted and sinking, and succeeded in bringing him to the shore. No praise can be too great for this gallant act of devotion and self-sacrifice under extremely trying and unnerving conditions.

### 207 Cpl. E. B. Picton, L. Horse Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a section of pointers to a screen he helped considerably in every way by his dash and able leader-





Life in the underground world. Australian troops living in vaults.

(Australian Official Photograph.)

#### War Honours for the A.I.F.—*contd.*

ship. With only three men he moved straight on to an enemy bivouac and captured forty prisoners.

#### 1215 Sgt. G. H. Pitts, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his gun into action under intense shell and machine-gun fire, man-handling it over fifty yards of very difficult ground. He then kept the gun in action for twelve hours until he was severely wounded, working with only one gunner of the detachment, the remainder having become casualties. His coolness and courage throughout deserved the highest praise.

#### 990 Sgt. (now 2nd Lieut.) G. P. Rayner, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when detailed to retake a post which had been captured by the enemy, it was found that an enemy machine-gun rendered a direct advance impossible. He thereupon carried out a successful counter-attack and, with the assistance of another platoon leader, retook the post. By his coolness and good handling of the situation

he inspired his men to persevere with an undertaking which at one moment looked almost impossible. The success of the operation was due to his initiative and presence of mind.

#### 129 Sgt. C. B. Rickard, L. Horse Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded he took command of his troop and led it with great skill, courage and ability, although subjected to heavy shell and rifle fire. Throughout the day he displayed the greatest pluck and disregard of personal danger.

#### 994 Cpl. E. E. V. Roberts, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When attacking an enemy post with his platoon his officer and senior N.C.O.'s became casualties, whereupon he led his platoon in the face of extremely heavy shelling, during which heavy casualties were sustained, and gained the objective. He then re-organised the remnants of his and another platoon and formed digging-in parties—very greatly inspiring the men under him, who were severely shaken, by his splendid example of initia-

tive and cheerfulness under most adverse conditions.

#### 1933 Sgt. C. H. Smith, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his detachment except himself had become casualties from the enemy's shell fire, he carried on the service of his gun without missing a round until help could be obtained from other subsections. His great coolness and courage throughout the day set a splendid example to his men.

#### 6360 Gnr. C. C. Wallace, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the greatest gallantry and complete disregard of personal danger in going out into the open under shell fire to attend to the wounded, on one occasion going to the rescue of an officer commanding a Tank, who had been wounded, and dressing his wounds in the open. He displayed similar gallantry later in the day in dressing a runner who had been wounded and whose comrade was killed. Finding that they were carrying orders, he took charge of these and handed them over to the proper quarter.

## War Honours for the A.I.F.—*continued.*

### 3 S.-Sgt. C. Warden, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very trying circumstances. When his dressing station was subjected to heavy shell fire and shells were bursting above and around the operating tent, with great promptness and at imminent personal risk he superintended and effected the transfer of the tent and its wounded inmates to a protected position. But for his gallant and timely action the lives of many of the wounded would have been lost.

### 1634 Sgt. S. R. Woodfield, L. Horse Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading and directing his men

during a critical and severe engagement. At one point, when our troops were being hard pressed, Sergeant Woodfield found a Hotchkiss gun idle, the team having all been killed or wounded. With great promptness he brought this gun into action and fired with splendid results until the end of the engagement.

### 1281 T.-Sgt. A. H. Woolhouse, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the gun next to him had lost the whole detachment except one, and he himself had only one N.C.O. and one gunner left, he detailed the N.C.O. to take charge of the other gun, thus keeping both guns in action throughout the whole opera-

tions. This was done on his own initiative under very heavy shell fire when there was no officer to control the fire of his battery. Throughout the day he displayed remarkable coolness and set a very fine example to his men.

### 1140 Sgt. S. N. Wright, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and his officer had been wounded, he took charge and kept all the guns in action until another officer was available. By his energy and coolness he rendered valuable service in carrying out orders under trying circumstances.

## Appreciation of the Australian Red Cross.

### Letters from Australians.

Our Red Cross Correspondent writes:—The post bag of the Australian Red Cross Society during the last few weeks, in addition to the usual letters of appreciation, has continued to contain a large number having special reference to the Society's efforts to brighten the Christmastide for wounded and sick Australian soldiers. In many cases the men requested the Red Cross representative to send a collective message of thanks. The Society's representative at Gloucester, for example (who, by the way, is an ex-Australian Bishop), adds: "They also asked me to forward through you their greetings to the folks at home, and to express their unshaken belief that it would not be long before they would be back again as a victorious army."

The same spirit is expressed in messages from far and near, from hospitals in France as well as England, in British and Australian hospitals alike. The boxes of linen handkerchiefs sent to Australian nurses have, too, brought a great number of appreciative notes, all of them expressing warm thanks for what they consider "the kind thought for the nurses when so far from the homeland." The Society's supporters will feel well repaid for their efforts to know that they have been so much appreciated. One private's note expresses his thanks for what he regards as a "bosker" gift in these breezy words:—"I consider my little box contained all that an "Aussy" could wish for, especially the 'Havelocks' and the lollies. Everything else was useful, and I am keeping the box as a souvenir. We did all so very much appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of the dear folk we left behind."

Occasionally it may not occur to the



Little Bill James: "What did you do in the great war, Uncle Henry?"

Uncle Henry: "Me? Oh, I called a strike in Australia and helped the Germans to kill your Daddy."

Australian in hospital that the toilet and other requisites or dainty dish which he receives comes to him through the Society, but in most cases it is known and appreciated, as the following extract from a letter of an Australian in an English hospital indicates:—"While here in this hospital you have thought of us in every way, and as one among many Australians here I should like to say that we are all extremely grateful for your untiring efforts on our behalf. . . . With the splendid treatment we have received here and the kindness of you all I can assure you it has made our burdens a great deal lighter to carry."

The letters of appreciation are not confined to men in hospital in England and

France, and a constant stream reach the Society from Germany, where the wants of the Australian prisoner are being attended to by the Red Cross.

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