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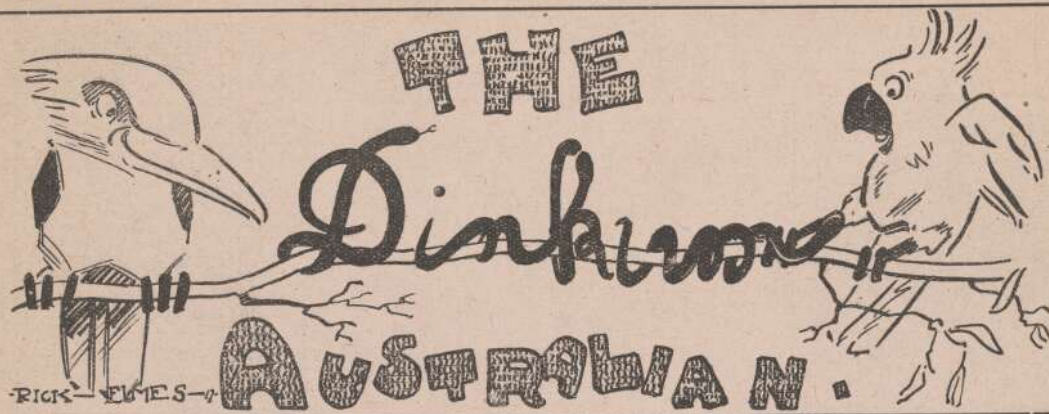
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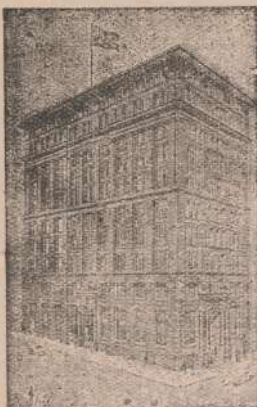
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Editorial Notes.

Our first issue proved very successful from a selling aspect, and has been the means of causing many members of the A.I.F. to send in suggestions; to every one we offer our grateful thanks, and can only say "carry on with the good work."

Many inquiries on various subjects have reached us, which have been replied to; but will all in the future who wish a reply per post please enclose addressed envelope.

A leading firm of London solicitors have kindly undertaken to answer any legal questions, and, where necessary, so far as possible, advise the members of the A.I.F.

To Secretaries of the various sports committees, concert parties, etc., we appeal for reports. It is absolutely impossible to visit every one personally, and the good advice holds good, "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Therefore, help yourself to space in our news columns.

For the future, our issues will be in your hands on the 15th and 30th of each month; but our advice is to be sure of your copy by ordering in advance.

THE EDITOR.

Profiteering on the Troops.

Some Glaring Instances.

FROM the early days of the establishment of A.I.F. depots in England the Australian soldier has been more or less a victim to the charges levied upon sundry articles by the small retailer. This is but a natural sequence of "business," i.e. the retailer so arranging his prices as to secure the most profit at the end of his business month. And indeed the most ruthless strictness and independence was shown by these "small" men, who rightly judged that there are some things the Australian soldier will have, no matter what the price.

An instance of this kind occurred at Wareham in 1916, where the local publicans raised the price of liquor 100 to 200 per cent. over and above the price existing at the time when an Australian depot was first established there. The result of this was a sort of boycott of all the liquor "joints" by the Aussies, but

human nature prevailed, and the boycott soon ceased, men paying the price demanded.

In France this same profiteering is carried on by proprietors of estaminets and shops, and only where the military authorities intervened has the practice ceased, the prices of commodities being governed by a price list issued by the military authorities of the area, failure to comply with such, resulting in the placing of the offending estaminets and shops out of bounds to the troops.

A most noticeable example of flagrant profiteering in our own immediate area at the present time is that of the hiring of bicycles to the troops by dealers and others in Sutton Veny, Warminster, and other places adjacent to our depots. These gentry know how monotonous camp life can become, and that the Australian will even go to extremes in price of hire of a bicycle in order to spend a few hours away from the routine of bugle-calls and supervising N.C.O.'s. Thus it is that gradually the rate of hire of a "bike," whether it be for a couple of hours or a week-end, has increased, until now the troops find themselves compelled to pay the absurdly high rate of from eight to ten shillings if they desire to cycle to Frome, Bath, or even to closer towns for the week-end. And to add spice to the situation, the average bike for hire is sadly in need of repairs, both to tyres and running parts, and should, as so often happens, the tyre or other part "subside" on the road, the unfortunate Billjim has to "hoof it," and still pay the price demanded.

Some dealers have stated that "wear and tear" demands such a price in order to make it pay. This excuse one could understand if the class of machine hired out was trustworthy and reliable, instead of being a bone-shaker of very precarious parts. And when we come to figure that the usual type of bike hired to our boys is worth at most £3, if that much, and that it earns for its owner, at present rates, anything from 18/- to 25/- per week, well, it should not be difficult to find a deliberate and Shylock-like system of profiteering going on among certain of the bike-shop people.

Some individuals have so little patriotism and so great opinion of money, that it would be no surprise to find high prices charged sweating soldiers for the privilege of drinking water from an inexhaustible spring "Sticking it into us," are Billjim's own words *re* the present rate of bike hire. But things may change before many moons have passed. Let us hope so.

Memories.

I AM sitting in my dug-out, with my pipe and 'baccy plug-out,
My thoughts are fondly straying to a land that's far away,
To a home 'mid gum-trees shady, where a dear old grey-haired
lady
Just waits with loving patience until I return some day.

In my mind I see her sitting 'neath the wattle-tree a-knitting,
I know those dear old fingers they are toiling hard for me;
And as I'm idly dreaming I can see her dear face beaming,
I know that she is thinking of her boy across the sea.

As I puff the pipe that's cheering there's another face appearing,
The picture of a maiden sweet, with dark brown curly hair;
And her two brown eyes a-shining seem to me a silver lining,
To clouds of strife and sorrow and the daily load of care.

Then my boyhood days recalling, when each morning saw me
crawling
Sadly on the old bush track that led to the schoolhouse door;
And those bygone days remind me of true mates I left behind me
Sleeping on old Anzac hills, where the guns have ceased to roar.

And I picture mothers weeping for their soldier boys now sleeping
In unknown graves that mark the spot where nobly they have
died;
They fought for the love of fighting—the thought of a great wrong
righting,
And mothers who have mourned for them shall smile thro' tears
of pride.



MISS MEG, (who can't get a word in): "My word, how you two boys do chatter! You must have met before."

L.-CORP. HITCHCOCK: "Oh, yes! Many a long chat Bill and I have had together."

And the noisy rifles rattle 'mid the din and crash of battle,
Unburied corpses lying round send forth a sick'ning stench;
And the big guns loudly roaring, while the night flares brightly
soaring,
Show plain the tired faces in the rain-swept, muddy trench.
When the war clouds pass away, and the boys return some day,
The noisy streets of Sydney town will hold no charms for me;
For in haste I'm quickly going where the tall blue gums are
growing,
To mother fondly waiting 'neath the golden wattle-tree.

Private OSCA BUGGINS.

Warminster Making History.

THE distinguishing coloured band to be seen so often on the shoulder straps of the men belonging to various regiments has originated since the outbreak of war, and, strangely enough, the narrow footpaths of Warminster was the cause of this added decoration.

During 1915, when the 15th and 16th regiments Royal Scots were training in that area, a number of men jostled the commanding officer of the 15th off the path and on to the muddy road. This being such an absolutely disrespectful action by men who should have known better, and who, when challenged with the offence on the following day, not only indignantly denied it, but blamed the 16th—in turn the 16th blamed the 15th, and a certain amount of ill-feeling sprung up—orders on an eventful morning stated that men of the 15th in future would wear a red band on the shoulder strap. The 16th, not to be out of the fashion, immediately ordered blue, and to use the words of one living in Warminster at the time, "It looked more like a country fair, what with so many strangers and colours about."

Other regiments had to be in the fashion, and very soon we saw green on the shoulder straps of the 10th Lincolns and yellow on the 11th Suffolks.

Colours have come to stay, they add variety to the khaki, yet if the C.O. had not soiled his boots several regiments of the British Army might still have been as plain as of yore.

THE following was issued by the Queensland State Recruiting Committee, a copy of which has reached this office:—
SWEETHEARTS OF THE ANZACS.

The State Recruiting Committee supplies the following: The sweethearts of the Anzacs are amongst you. The girls who sent their lovers forth to fight the battle of Australia are with you. Theirs was the sacrifice of grim necessity nationally, but individually a sacrifice of supererogation. They thought so much of Australia that they sent their men folk out to keep from Australia the evil of invasion. Their sweethearts fight the fight of those girls whose selfish love monopolises the lover, and jeopardises a nation's autonomy and liberty. We are up against the realisation of an ugly fact. No longer can a girl be considered a worthy daughter of Australia if she asks another girl's sweetheart to fight her battle. It is double banking. It is imposing on the willing worker an unjust responsibility and superadding an unwarranted handicap on the volunteers for national service. If you have not understood before, recognise at once that you cannot be adequately defended by the other girl's sweetheart. Be proud of your worth, and insist that you are worthy of being fought for. Do not have your fighting done by an unknown proxy. See that your defence is entrusted to the one who should be most concerned about your welfare. Be the sweetheart of one who has done his best, either on the battlefield or else in an unsuccessful attempt to get there. The recruiting office is open. See that your boy does his best for you—and, in so doing, fulfils his obligations to his country. Ask him to enlist to-day. Recognise at once that you are not justified in keeping him so long, playing the kitten for your amusement. He is a man.

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Australians' Cross-Country Team Race.**Third Training Brigade Win at Sutton Veny.**

A MOST successful race for the Australian troops in the Wylve Valley district was held on Saturday at Sutton Veny, under the auspices of the Military Race Committee of the Southern Counties Cross-Country Association, who presented the medals for the event. Four teams turned out, these in three instances being selected by means of battalion and brigade races, so that the event has been the medium for bringing out large fields. The fourth team, from the Command Depot, was rather a scratch lot, as the majority of the men therein are not yet classified as fit.

The race was over a four-mile course in the direction of Longbridge Deverell, with a couple of stiff hills to climb, and heavy going through the woodland lanes. Corporal Allen of the Overseas Brigade and Signaller Taylor of the Third Training Brigade were soon ahead of the field, and fought out the issue in fine style till the last mile, where Allen drew away, and eventually finished fifty yards ahead of his field. The Third Brigade had the next pair home, and with four in the first seven won the team race easily from the Overseas contingent, although the latter had their ninth man in ahead of the winning team's last scorer. The race, in fact, proved how close the teams would have been on the time-test principle, and it is possible that a further event of the same character, but scoring on time, may be held later on.

Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Knox acted as referee, and Lieut. P. W. Pearce, M.C., looked after the local arrangements, which were excellent. Mr. C. Otway (*Sporting Life*) acted as timekeeper.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

	M.	S.
1. Cpl. Allen, O.T.B.	23	23½
2. Signaller Taylor, III.	23	34
3. Cpl. Kinsella, III.	24	17
4. Sergt. Kenward, I.	24	47½
5. Pte. Ralston, O.T.B.	25	6
6. Lieut. J. K. Hall, III.	25	17
7. Pte. McColl, III.	25	19
8. Sergt. R. O. Taylor, C.D.	25	32
9. Pte. Zwolsman, I.	25	37
10. Sergt. Featherstone, III.	25	41
11. Sergt. Blake, I.	25	53
12. Pte. Giles, O.T.B.	25	54
13. Pte. Thompson, III.	26	3
14. Pte. McConnell, III.	26	8
15. Pte. Galvin, I.	26	20
16. Pte. Doitherty, O.T.B.	26	24
17. Pte. Conway, O.T.B.	26	25
18. Sergt. Richards, O.T.B.	26	25
19. Pte. Green, O.T.B.	26	28
20. Cpl. Perkins, C.D.	26	32
21. Pte. Drady, O.T.B.	26	36
22. Pte. McDonald, I.	26	42
23. Cpl. Meredith, O.T.B.	26	43
24. Pte. Thompson, I.	27	9
25. Pte. Alcorn, III.	27	10
26. Pte. King, I.	27	14
27. Cpl. Read, C.D.	27	28
28. Pte. Shepherd, I.	27	43
29. Pte. Cox, I.	27	58
30. Pte. Macdonald, O.T.B.	28	1
31. Pte. Trott, III.	28	20
32. Pte. Brown, III.	28	22
33. Sergt. Adams, I.	28	31
34. Pte. Macauley, I.	28	38
35. Cpl. Nordan, C.D.	28	47
36. Sergt. Newing, C.D.	29	41 3

	M.	S.
37. Lance-Cpl. Hingston, III.	29	22
38. Pte. Simms, O.T.B.	29	29
39. Pte. Bond, C.D.	29	31
40. Pte. Jeffcott, O.T.B.	29	44
41. Lieut. Elliston, C.D.	29	44½
42. Pte. Turner, III. ....	...	...

TEAM PLACINGS.

	Pts.
1. Third Training Brigade, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 25 ...	80
2. Overseas Training Brigade, 1, 5, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 ...	109
3. First Training Brigade, 4, 9, 11, 15, 22, 24, 26, 28 ...	139

Command Depot did not close in.

Codford.

An interesting football match was played here between the 14th and 15th Training Battalions. The game proved very interesting from the start, much smart play being introduced. The 15th proved themselves the superior to their opponents by scoring 10 goals, 10 behinds to 6 goals, 6 behinds. For the 14th the following players were successful goal-getters: Sergeant Rodnell, O'Keefe, Lance-Corporal Pye, Mawby, Binden, Bell.

The team was composed of Kilpatrick, Capt. Evans, Glover, Lance-Corporal Pye, Lance-Corporal Beck, Leckie, Dewry, Binden, O'Keefe, McLeod, Sergeant Rodnell, Corporal Bell, Mawby, Thompson, Robertson, Lever, White.

Martin of 15th Training Battalion umpired the match in his usual high-class style.

Result of football match played on Saturday, 2nd February, between the 13th and 14th Training Battalions. The final scores were: 14th Training Battalion, 11 goals 14 behinds, 13th Training Battalion, 1 goal, 8 behinds.

For the 14th Training Battalion the play of Glover, Lever, Beck, Evans, Mawby, and Attenborough stood out prominently. J. Queen umpired in his usual satisfactory manner.



Charlie remembers a concert-night fiend.

The Ruling Passion.

"CR-R-R-UMP!" A rattle of pebbles on steel helmets and a stream of dirt from a burst sand-bag overhead poured on to the board, a flimsy thing of canvas, marked off indistinctly in squares with chalk lines and figures, yet plain enough for the players who staked their small store of franc-pieces in response to the gamester's constantly reiterated invitation.

"Cr-r-r-r-ump!" You — Fritz —!" and amid muttered curses the rubble was brushed away and the game resumed. "Any more for any more? What about the old Sergt.-Major? Who says a little bit more on the club? What's the matter with the little old mud-hook? The more yer put down the less yer pick up! Any more for any more? Then up she comes again, and the old man gets a skinner." And so on *ad infinitum*. Crouched there in their crazy dug-out, shaken continually by the shattering explosion of heavies, the patter of shrapnel on the sand-bagged roof mingling with the patter of the young fellow running the game, these men, grim-faced, haggard, and filthy with the accumulated dirt and grime of days spent in "supports," tossed their little coins, and joked and grinned in the face of all hell's furies unleashed. For hours the game went on, broken only for a moment or two as the word was passed along to be ready, for Fritz's present straffing of supports might develop into an attack at any moment. The bombardment thickened, high explosives bursting continuously nearer and nearer, but the players kept on unheeding.

"Cr-r-r-ash!" "Cut it out, yer rotten, square-headed —!" He'll spoil our board in a minute, the swine. Anybody have a little bet on the diamond? What about the spade? Then up she comes again! A crown, a spade, and a hook, and the old man loses. All paid and well paid, and away she goes a ——" With a whistling shriek a five-point nine struck the roof squarely, piercing its flimsy structure, and exploding with a deafening crash fairly in the middle of the group.

Along the trench from right to left came willing helpers at the double, but it was little help that they could give to these comrades caught up in that red ruin. Of the six gamesters, some were gone, vanished utterly. Of the others, but one retained any semblance to humanity. Almost cut bodily in two, he lay sprawling against a heap of debris. For a moment the light of life came back to the rolling eyes, as a stretcher-bearer bent above him, and the brave spirit, unwilling to yield to the last great enemy, forced its way to the lips of that dreadfully

shattered frame. "Gotta cig'rette, Digger?" Swiftly the little white cylinder was lit and placed between the pallid lips. One long draw he took, and then the quivering mouth stretched itself into a pitiable semblance of a grin, as, slowly exhaling the smoke, indomitably he whispered, "And the old man smiles again." And the flickering light from a star-shell reflected upon the face of one more gambler who had made his last throw, and lost—or won—who shall say?

But presently from a little way down the duck-boarded corridor of death the same old patter rose again, and another group of players staked their coins on a torn rag of canvas, where heart and diamond showed darkly red in the light of a glittering candle-end.

P. C. MORKHAM, O.S.T.B.

Why do the R.T.O.'s staff want to know if troops think that Lord Rhondda is supreme. If not, why do some of them wish to purchase railway tickets with their sugar permit. Nothin' doin', Digger.



Natural History of A.I.F. Armes.

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The Proposed Anzac Star.

It is very much regretted that through a printer's error a totally wrong statement of facts was made in our last issue concerning the Second Division.

We stated that the Second Division had landed simultaneously with the First at Gallipoli. Of course, this is entirely wrong, as the Second Division did not land until the end of August and beginning of September.

Our contention is, however, if the word "Anzac" is to be used, the Second Division is certainly entitled to participate in the decoration suggested, and which is to be known as the "Anzac Star."

We understand that the following two conditions must be complied with before a man is to receive this coveted decoration, *i.e.* "that he left Australia in 1914, and subsequently fought at Gallipoli."

A word must be said for the reinforcements of the First Division, men who, in many cases through no fault of their own, were debarred from leaving Australia in 1914, but who joined up their units in sufficient time to take part in the landing and subsequent operations at Gallipoli.

Why are these men to be debarred from the honour of receiving the Star? Furthermore, in regard to the

Second Division, the men who formed the nucleus of it were mostly in camp in 1914, and again, through no fault of their own, were prevented from leaving Australia with their comrades of the First Division.

The Government policy at that time was for 20,000 men and their reinforcements. The men surplus to these (always excluding the gallant 4th Brigade) were eventually made up into the 5th, 6th, and 7th Brigades, who were formed into the Second Division in Egypt and eventually landed at Gallipoli, took part in the operations towards Suvla Bay, generally relieved the First Division, and held the line for many months of severe trench warfare, and eventually evacuated on the night of the 19th December, 1915.

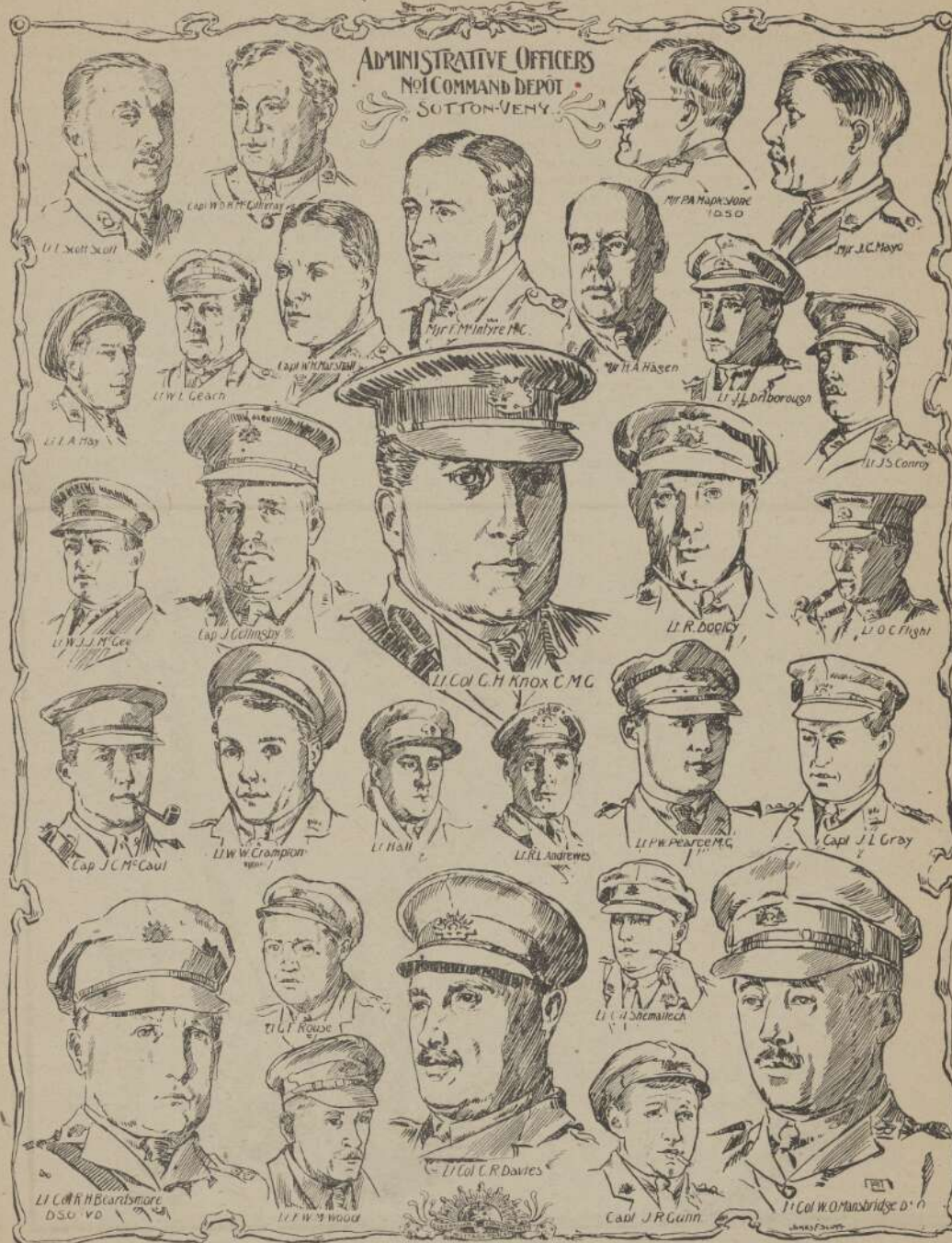
Without for one minute taking any credit from the originals of the glorious First Division, surely where the name of "Anzac" is to be used the reinforcements of this Division and the Second Division should participate.

If the "Star" is to be given only to men who left Australia in 1914, then call it "The 1914 Australian Star," and do not use the word "Anzac."

Everyone who took part in the operations at Gallipoli is an Anzac, a name which is associated with Gallipoli and originated there.



INSPECTING OFFICER: "Men seem pretty lively this morning, Sergeant!"
P.T. INSTRUCTOR: "Yes, sir. Since the horse ration issue they gallop all over the place."



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The Man who came from Woop! Woop!

THERE were men of the first, there were men of the ninth,
There were men of the fifty-sixth;
There were men from Sydney and men from Perth;
And others between and betwixt;
Shearers and navvies and managers too,
From out of the bush and from Woolloomooloo;
Coves who had answered their country's call,
Men to the backbone—Anzacs all!
But the "Dinkumest Cobber" of all the lot—
A man of his word and a damn fine shot,
Who shared with his mates whate'er he'd got—
Was the man who came from Woop! Woop!



Now sit you down, stranger, and
light up your pipe,
Fill up your glass for the hour is
now ripe.
It's our motto, you know,
"Whilst the sun shines make
hay."
We always indulge when they
fork out our pay,
Now make yourself comfy, and
"Have some more ale?"
Just listen to me and I'll tell
you the tale
Of the man who came from
Woop! Woop!

Of course, on the face of it some-
one will say
My story's a farce and my
head's full of hay.
Now I'll try and convince you
what I say is true,
That Woop! Woop! a town
just like Woolloomooloo,
And this man did come from
Woop! Woop!
You can travel Australia and
study your map,
Or search through the dictionary
ask every chap
Whose "humped" his
"Matilda" or tramped
through the scrub,

You can speak with the "Swaggie" who knows every pub,
Inquire of the Land Board, e'en spend your last "brown,"
Do what you will, and you'll not find the town
Of the man who came from Woop! Woop!

Away in the Never Land! out far Beyond!
Where the skeeter's bite in the blazing sun
Is worse than a "biff" from a well-fed Hun,
Where white men never were made to be,
And the mirage flows on like a great cool sea,
Where sheep and men and cattle that die
Are quickly devoured by the starving fly,
And the crows fly backwards, because they're wise,
To keep the dust from out of their eyes,
And the Wallabies make such a crooked track
That a man "going out" meets himself "coming back":
In this desolate country, so sun-scorched and bare,
From morn till night he's toiling there,
His only companion his pet "Tabby cat,"
He's right in his home when he's under his hat,
Is the man who lives at Woop! Woop!

On leave in the streets of London,
Asleep by the Dardanelles,
Thirteen thousand miles he's come
Into these war-cursed hell.
He's "pushed" the "flaming" Allemand,
He's "punched" the "wily" Turk;
Wherever they chose to send him
He's shown them the best of work.
And his mark shall live for ever,
For he always aimed to hit.
He died for his native town, sir—Woop! Woop!—
"Doing his bit."

Australian News.

THE value of the estate left by the late Dr. Robert Dunn, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane, was proved at £101,755, of which £94,345 was personality.

The recent heavy floods at Tenterfield, New South Wales, were the worst for over twenty years. The butter factory was swamped and the dam at Watts broke away, many miles of fencing being destroyed.

New Zealand has 55,000 additional acres under wheat this season.

Mr. N. G. Bell, Engineer-in-Chief of the Commonwealth Railways, has been appointed Federal Railway Commissioner at a salary of £2,000 a year.

An employe in the Electrician's department of the New South Wales Government was recently before the Sydney Court charged with unlawfully wearing a military uniform. Besides wearing the uniform of a Brigadier-General he wore the decorations of Indian, Egyptian, China, and South African Campaigns, and D.C.M. His social duties becoming so heavy, a returned Anzac was appointed his aide-de-camp, with the rank of Captain. The Court remanded him for medical observation.

Expert opinion in London is that Queensland can produce the finest coffee in the world.

Melbourne has been adding to its history recently, the recent tornado being the worst ever experienced. It swept across Williamstown, Hobson Bay, St. Kilda, Brighton, Garden Vale, Ormond, and Oakleigh. The greatest damage was done at Brighton, hundreds of houses being wrecked. Many were injured and deaths were reported. The velocity of the wind was estimated at 200 miles per hour.

It is estimated that the sugar crop this year will produce 368,000 tons, valued at £7,286,000. It is anticipated that at least 100,000 will be available for export.

Many thousand acres of grass have been destroyed by fire in Victoria.

The Port Jackson wharf labourers and stevedores (N.S.W.) have agreed to the following rates of pay:—

£3 15s. 6d. per week of 46 hours. Casuals, 1/9 per hour, ordinary holidays and Sundays. 3/6 per hour extra for holidays, such as Xmas Day, Good Friday, Eight-hour Day, and Picnic Day.

Two men named Robert William Gardiner and Joseph Frederick Farrie were sentenced to three years in the Melbourne Sessions for defrauding the Commonwealth Government of sums of money. Judge Moule said they had created a fictitious soldier, promoting him from grade to grade and drawn his pay.

Senator Pearce, Minister of Defence, refused the request of the Rejected Volunteers Association to issue badges with a crown on top, but recommended them to form a Rejected Volunteers Association Rifle Club.

Giving evidence before a Select Committee of the Senate, Brigadier-General Williams stated that the drinking habit was declining among the younger men, and that he did not believe that soldiering made men unsteady.

In ten years the postal and telegraph revenue of South Australia has increased by nearly £200,000, and the expenditure by £250,000.

A valuable Wolfram discovery has been made on the eastern slope of the main coastal range south-west of Port Douglas, Queensland.

Senators Keating and Bakhap (Tasmania) recently won a verdict against the *Australian Mining Standard* in the Hobart Supreme Court for £450 each.

It is suggested that Townsville (Q) should become a wool appraising station.

A sensational train bolt occurred recently at Thirimers, New South Wales. The brakes failed to work, and a speed of eighty miles per hour was attained. The eight miles between Mallow and Pictou being covered in six minutes. Control was regained on the level, and a very serious accident averted.



THE usual weekly contests at the O.T.B. were further advanced on Thursday night, the 21st inst. Six contests were staged, and some very interesting and spectacular bouts resulted.

Light-weights Bandsman Ploughman and Private Waddell fought a 4-round draw, which was well worth watching, and very even throughout. Two light-weights in Private McKay and Private McLeod milled through a similar journey, McKay just managing to establish his superiority in the last round. He received the decision. The feather-weight contest between Privates Groves and Gurney was a short-lived affair, the former knocking his opponent out before the first round was over.

Another bout between light-weights was that where Privates Godfrey and King opposed each other, the towel coming in from King's corner during the third round. Godfrey was the winner.

Private Symmons (light-weight) disputed four rounds with Private Paterson (light-weight), and won on points after an excellent contest. The last, best, and most exciting fight of the evening was the heavy-weight contest of four rounds between Private W. Place (South Australia) and Private Teale (Queensland). Each man was out to win by the short route, and a real "stouch up" was the result, the decision being most uncertain until well into the last round, when Teale just managed to outpoint his opponent. Teale received the decision amid applause.

Sergeant Francis ably refereed the contests.

At No. 1 Training Battalion on Friday evening, February 15th, three good fights were staged. The first was a three-round affair between heavy-weights Private Teale (13 st. 4 lbs., No. 1 Com. P.) and Private Canney, 14 st. 4 lbs. (No. 2 T.B.). The heavier man fought with great determination and swung massive punches, few of which were effective, and he used up energy in battering at his smaller opponent's kidneys, which is hardly wise in a three-round flutter. In the second and third rounds Teale showed out, ducking well and countering to the jaw and mid-riff. He had his man breathing heavily in the final stage, and won an easy victory on points, the bigger man becoming very slow and cumbersome.

Bombardier Herb. Sullivan, 10 st. 4 lbs. (2nd Battery, A.F.A.) and Private Jaro, an Australian native of the 4th Pioneers (slightly heavier), fought a great ten-round contest. Sullivan early demonstrated a good defence, and up to the fifth round had slightly the best of the matters, but Jaro evened the points as the fight progressed, at times connecting quickly and cleanly with right and left swings to the head. Jaro's straight

left did good work as the contest went on, but Sullivan's defence made him miss frequently. Sullivan had somewhat the better of the concluding rounds, blocking and countering with speed and judgment. Jaro received the decision on points.

The light-weights Private W. Murray, 9 st. (No. 1 C.D.) and Private "Digger" Evans, 9 st. (1st T.B.), clashed in a ten-round contest. Evans was smaller and more nuggety than his opponent, and fought with the right foot forward. During the opening rounds Evans showed remarkable speed in both attack and defence, but Murray's blocking and longer reach kept him off. During the mid-periods Murray was content to let Evans come at him, the digger's footwork being very fine. There was not much to choose between them until the closing rounds, when Evans's speed won him the contest on points. Murray found his smaller opponent very difficult owing to his unusual style of fighting and his speed.

The Training Battalion band gave a number of excellent selections during the evening.

I HAVE often been asked, "What is a foul?" So for the benefit of the many who do not know I will answer it here according to the rule, which reads as follows: "The referee shall have power to disqualify a contestant for any of the following acts: for hitting below the belt, for using the pivot blow, for using the kidney punch, for hitting with the open glove, the inside or butt of the hand, or with wrist or elbow, for holding, butting, shouldering, intentionally falling without receiving a blow, wrestling or roughing, remaining in a clinch unnecessarily, for not trying, or for any other act which he may deem foul."

The individual who howls the most at a referee's decision is generally found to be a person with a very large-sized mouth and extra strong lungs, but who really knows as much about boxing as an elephant knows of flying.

To ask some boxers their weight is like asking a lady her correct age. Why this shyness, boxers?

PARS ABOUT PUGS.

Ern Williams (O.T.B.) wants badly to meet Red Mitchell (1st T.B.), and Mitchell is just as anxious to meet Williams, yet for some reason or other this contest hangs fire. As a rule we find the boxer doing the side-stepping, but in this case we see the promoter taking his place. This match once decided, the winner will have a big claim on the welter title, for up to date both these boxers have unbeaten records.

A match which promises to be brimful of sensations is the return meeting between Puck Evans (1st T.B.) and Billy Eugene (1 C.D.). Their last meeting was a thriller, and it was not until the end of an extra round that Evans gained a popular decision. Eugene, though quite satisfied that Evans won on that occasion, claims that he is a much-improved boy in condition since then, and promises to impress that on Evans in their coming contest.

Len Wilson (1 C.D.) is still waiting anxiously for a match with any boy up to ten stone. First come, first served, says Wilson.

Though boxing has been booming at the 1st T.B. and the O.T.B. for weeks past, No. 1 C.D. still remains neutral. Will someone send a note?

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Australian Y.M.C.A. in Warminster.**Progressive and Invaluable Institution.**

DURING November of last year, in the Warminster area, the Australian branch of the Y.M.C.A. embarked upon the first step of a progressive organisation work, whereby the lot of its country's soldiers, in addition to those of other lands, might be made brighter, and also instituted that "cheerio" influence into Warminster for which the Y.M.C.A. is famed in all lands where the British soldier is domiciled.

The initial venture was the securing of a spacious garage owned by Messrs. John Hall & Co. for the purpose of converting it into a billiard-room. The interior of the building was tastefully decorated, and the concrete floor was covered with Indian matting. Gas was installed for heating and lighting, and four full-size billiard tables were supplied. A portion of an adjoining shop was fitted up as a "quiet room," with the necessary materials for reading and writing. The entire building has been a splendid acquisition to the comforts of the soldier off duty.

Early in December, on an adjoining section of ground, the erection of a "Hut" was commenced. This building, the dimensions of which are 60 ft. by 30 ft., is to be used as a canteen, with the necessary facilities for recreation and music. The work of building and equipping this hut will be completed in a few days' time.

Immediately following the commencement of building this hut the organisation secured the tea-rooms known as the "Empire Tea-Rooms" in Station Road. Certain structural alterations and additions were made in the building, and the lavish decorative system of the Y.M.C.A. was introduced. The work was completed within a few days, and the building was thrown open for the use of all drafts passing through Warminster for overseas duty. Many are now passing through every week the hands of the officials at this depot, each man receiving free of charge a cup of tea or other beverage, one meat pie, and a packet of cigarettes. It is no exaggeration to say that this building, so handy to the railway station, has been a veritable God-send to the boys going across for a further instalment of active service.

Late in December the building known as the Minster Church House was taken over as an additional recreation-room. Here are

two billiard tables and a small buffet for light refreshments.

Probably the most appreciated of all the good work of the Y.M.C.A. in Warminster was the leasing of the building known as the Empire Theatre, with the café adjoining. This was taken over on the first day of this year, and the first of a series of concert and vaudeville entertainments was given the same day. All performances are free to soldiers in uniform. Each week a fresh troupe or party of entertainers is engaged, and every show commences at 7 o'clock each evening, with a complete change of programme every Thursday.

The popularity of this step by the Association officials is shown by the fact that the theatre is more than half full of soldiers an hour or so before each entertainment is due to commence. At present the seating accommodation is limited to 700 men, and as this is inadequate for the number who nightly present themselves for admission, it was decided to provide a gallery which would accommodate a considerable additional number of men. The work of alterations is now in hand. Arrangements are also being made for the installation of a cinema machine in the theatre.

The staff of the Y.M.C.A. in Warminster, numbering about twelve people, are provided with living quarters in a house leased for this purpose. This building, equipped as a staff hostel, also provides accommodation for three concert parties each week, and is under the personal supervision of Miss Powell, late Matron of the Y.M.C.A. hostel at Brighton. We wish the Y.M.C.A. in Warminster every success.



FLAPPER: "You haven't to pay for the artificial limbs have you?"

THE AUSSIE: "Oh, no, my dear! Fritz gives you the ticket in France, and you get them in England for nothing."

What We Want to Know.

If the sergeant who is continually saying, "I'll give you the oil," has much in reserve.

Has the price of Brilliantine increased, or is someone in No. 1 Command trying to corner the market.

Why Ginger Knob and Freckles fail to agree.

Why did the lady Sherlock Holmes take such interest in an Australian officer recently visiting the city of Bath.

Did the winner of Billiard Tournament, No. 1 Command, invite everyone present to drink his health after collecting the £25 prize.

What was meant by an officer at the court martial saying: "Be careful what you say, else you will be committing 'purgatory.'"

Who sent the wire, and why, to the friend: "All right for Wednesday, meet by G.W.R. after seven. Freckles has cut Ginger Knob."

Why a certain officer must always have a second helping. Has he heard of the ration orders?

If the bomb had dropped a bit closer to the Magpies whilst on leave, would it have saved the hoboes laying poisoned wheat.

Who is the Sergt.-Major who has often been seen fixing up a superannuated chaff-cutter (motor car).

It is rumoured a certain officer is anxious to procure a batman for his little black dog.

We wonder if the Sergt.-Major who never smiles will do so before proceeding overseas. Let us hope so.

Who is the W.O. who is going grey trying to keep the troops out of the laundry.

Camp News, No. 1 Command.

CONGRATULATIONS to Major Hagen, on reaching his majority. One thing we would all miss if he went away, his cheery and happy remarks to old and new friends.

Also our Quartermaster, Captain Gunn, who is always willing to do anything for the boys, no trouble is too much. Good luck, Captain!

A SCOTCH sentry had considerable trouble with a batch of German prisoners, who behaved in a high-handed manner. On being reprimanded, one of the latter, drawing himself up to his full height, exclaimed: "Don't you know I was a Pomeranian?"

"It disna matter if ye were a Newfoundland," was the answer, "ye've got tae gie in tae the British bulldog."



The advantages of the Australian hat.

The Revival of Boxing in the A.I.F.

THERE is a strong feeling in existence amongst Australian troops in England concerning the decisive defeat of A.I.F. men by the Canadians in boxing championships at Holborn last year.

It is generally acknowledged that Australia's representatives on that occasion were not the best procurable, and that no proper system of elimination contests were held previously, and which would have procured the very best men in the various classes. A properly organised system of tournaments among the various camps and depots of the A.I.F. in England, for elimination purposes, would meet with general approval.

Each depot would, by a series of contests, establish its own champions, who would represent it in an inter-depot tournament, every camp and depot being represented by its best men at the various weights. The finals would then establish the undisputed champions of the A.I.F. in England, and who would be at such a stage in training as to fit them to meet the champions of the New Zealand, Canadian and South African troops who are quartered in England. At any suitable period after the A.I.F. championships had been decided the holders of the various titles could be called upon by a governing committee to defend their titles in any championship contest the committee might deem advisable to promote.

An executive committee for each area or depot could be selected to handle its own elimination tournaments, and in no instance should any official, such as a judge or referee, be appointed unless such person is best fitted, by experience and knowledge, for the post which he would be required to fill. The entire organisation of tournaments, both for elimination purposes, and for semi-finals and finals in the inter-depot or inter-area contests should, we suggest, be to a certain extent based on the principles which govern Imperial Army and Navy championships. Two important features of these tournaments would require to be embraced: Firstly, no cash prizes, trophies for the winners; secondly, all judges and referees must be military, and selected for their fitness to give correct and impartial verdicts, and not because of their rank or popularity. Certain N.S.C. rules could be embodied with advantage, particularly that one which decrees that all contestants must be weighed eight hours before a contest, and in all instances where a boxer was over-weight his opponent would have the option of refusal to contest for the title.

As the English and Australian weights are the same, it would be obvious that such standard weights would be used. They are as follows:—

	st. lbs.
Fly-weight	8 0 and under.
Bantam	8 6 ..
Feather	9 0 ..
Light	9 9 ..
Welter	10 7 ..
Middle	11 6 ..
Heavy	Any weight.

In presenting the above suggestions to our readers, we feel sure that if they are embraced by the various areas boxing in the A.I.F. will rise from a very low ebb to the necessary pinnacle required to enable it to produce champions who, like the fighting Billjim, will be a very tough proposition when it comes to the deciding of all Overseas Championships in England.

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Anglo-Australia Debates.

THE first meeting of the above Association was held at the New Tipperary Tea Rooms, Australia House, Market Place, Warminster, on Thursday, 14th February.

After the election of office bearers and arrangements for future meetings had been completed an address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Stewart on the "Ancient history of Warminster relative to the plot of 200 years ago."

We trust in our next to publish a full account of this interesting plot.

The following were duly elected :—

President : Rev. J. W. S. Tomlin.

Committee : Mrs. Cranswick, Mr. Dewey, Mr. Blaxter, Lieut. Flight, Corporal Whittaker, A. L. Chavasse.

Hon. Secs. : Mrs. Cranswick and Miss M. Ringrose.

The following syllabus has been arranged :—

February 28th. Lecture, "Australia," Editor of *Dinkum*.

March 7th. "The Awakening of the East," Mr. Dewey.

March 14th. Lecture, "International Law."

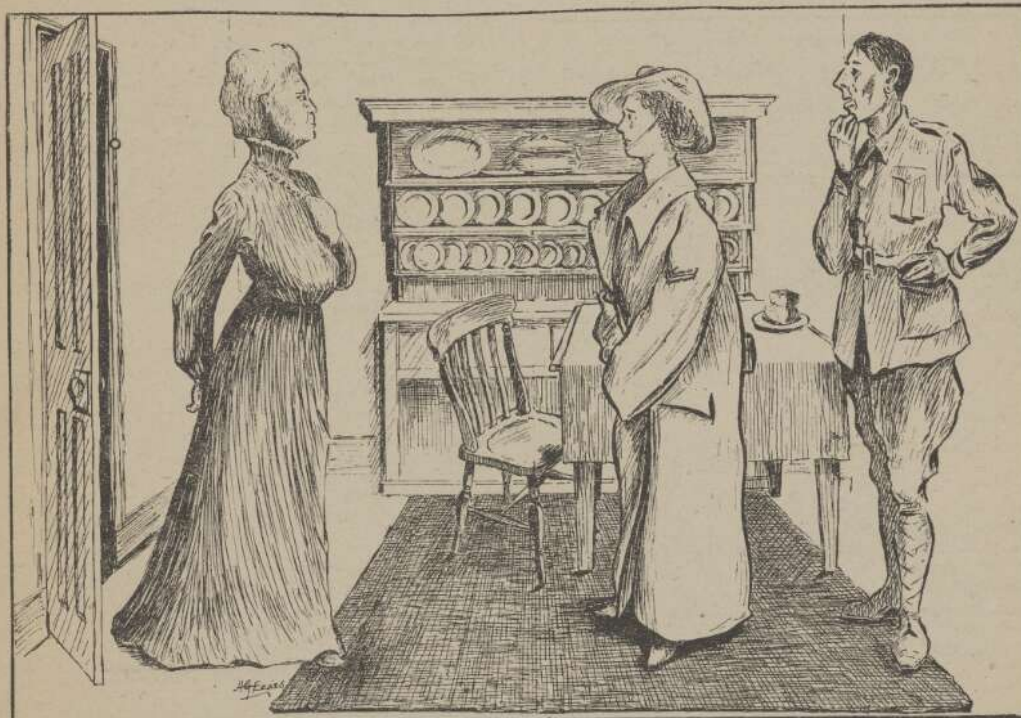
March 21st. "Effect of War on Class Distinction."

The lecture on Thursday, February 21st, was given by Mrs. Cranswick. Subject : "Women's Work after the War." Considerable discussion ensued when Lieut. Flight explained Australia's idea, the explanation of the Factories' Act, whereby women were not allowed to work more than eight hours a day, being a surprise to our English friends. Private Scott and Corporal Whittaker also spoke for the troops. Mrs. Hogan is to be congratulated on her great grip of the subject.

A hearty invitation is extended to all members of the A.I.F. All subjects are open for discussion, and it is hoped that large numbers of our fellows will be present at the coming meetings.

Harefield. No. 1. A.H.H.

VERY little of interest here during the past few weeks. Concerts have been held regularly, giving great enjoyment to all concerned. We are now thoroughly in the hands of the other (once called the weaker) sex, yet somehow one thinks the men to-day are the weakest. Our new staff are playing with our hearts, leaving us often in a very nervous state. Cupid is already at work, and if all rumours are correct Harefield will be shortly establishing a record in marriages. Time will tell!



MISTRESS (to cook who is discovered with corporal, and trying on his coat) "Cook, what does this mean?"
 COOK (facing it out) "Oh! it's all right mum, I've joined the Women's Volunteer Cooking Corps, and the Regimental tailor is just fitting my uniform."

Railway Time Table.

WARMINSTER TO BRISTOL.											
Week days.										Sundays.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Warmminster	8 21	10 58	1 35	3 32	5 40	7 39	8 38	..	..	4 0	8 52
Westbury	8 29	11 7	1 47	3 41	5 50	7 49	8 47	..	..	4 10	9 1
Bristol	10 7	12 20	3 50	4 57	7 15	9 10	10 35	..	..	5 20	..

BRISTOL TO WARMINSTER.											
Week days.										Sundays.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Bristol	6 0	8 12	10 20	11 37	1 0	4 0	4 53	6 5	8 45	3 10	6 15
Westbury	7 21	9 38	11 40	12 38	2 18	5 14	6 22	7 40	9 38	4 38	7 47
Warmminster	7 38	9 54	11 54	12 54	2 33	5 30	6 38	7 55	9 54	4 53	8 1

* Starts from Stapleton Road.

WARMINSTER TO SALISBURY.											
Week days.										Sundays.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Warmminster	7 38	9 54	12 54	2 33	5 30	6 38	7 55	9 54	..	4 53	8 1
Salisbury	8 35	10 41	1 28	3 18	6 15	7 21	8 45	10 25	..	5 35	8 45

SALISBURY TO WARMINSTER.											
Week days.										Sundays.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Salisbury	7 25	10 12	12 45	2 18	4 42	6 54	7 45	..	..	3 10	8 0
Warmminster	8 21	10 58	1 35	3 32	5 40	7 39	8 38	..	..	4 0	8 52

† L. & S.W. Station.

WARMINSTER TO LONDON.											
Week days.										Sundays.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Warmminster	8 21	10 58	1 35	5 40	..	..	4 0	..
Westbury	8 29	11 7	1 47	5 50	..	..	4 10	..
Westbury	dep.	8 40	11 58	2 13	6 6	..	..	5 37	..
London (Paddington)	11 10	3 20	4 15	8 15	..	..	7 45	..

‡ Change at Westbury.

LONDON TO WARMINSTER.											
Week days.										Sundays.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
London (Paddington)	5 30	10 15	12 20	5 3	6 30	2 40	..	..
Westbury	9 30	11 59	2 33	7 29	9 35	4 22	..	..
Westbury	dep.	9 38	12 38	2 45	7 40	9 38	4 38	..	..
Warmminster	9 54	12 54	3 0	7 55	9 54	4 53	..	..

‡ Change at Trowbridge. § Change at Westbury.

Orders

Issued by No. 2 Battalion O.T.B.

AMUSEMENTS.

An old and much respected regimental game has been re-instituted in this Battalion, to wit "Defaulters." Any men desirous of taking advantage of same can be accommodated as a player by committing minor offences, when Company Commanders will be pleased to issue them with a place in the team on application at Company Orderly Rooms.

BARBER'S SHOP.

It is notified to all ranks of this Battalion that the BARBER'S SHOP will be open all day on Saturday and Sunday, the 2nd and 3rd insts.

Literary.

Christendom and the Coming Peace.

SUCH is the title of a book, small in compass, but rich in its sane and vigorous outlook, which lies before us.

Mr. T. Henley, Member of the New South Wales Parliament, the Author, is to be congratulated upon putting forth in such unmistakable language the opportunities which lie before the Church and nation in the face of after-war problems.

Though the war has outwardly made many of us callous and apparently indifferent, we soldiers still see in Christianity the highest conception of civilised life, and feel, as Mr. Henley so ably states, that a tremendous opportunity lies before the Church to-day. She can vindicate her divine origin if she grapples with these problems now.

We commend this booklet to the thinking men of the A.I.F., feeling sure that they will find there food for thought and food for action.

Wattle Blossoms and other Verses.

This small collection of verses and anecdotes has been sent us with congratulations upon the first issue of *The Dinkum Australian*. They are composed by Sapper Edgar D. Turley of the Australian Engineers.

The war has given birth to many poets, and the public is anxious to give honour where honour is due. We think that *Wattle Blossoms* contains much that is meritorious, although not of first class order, but its sentiments are high, its outlook typically Australian, so dear to the heart of all true Australians, and on that account worth the modest price of one shilling.

If the author takes our advice, he will carry on with the good work, for we feel that there are possibilities of something really good coming from his pen.

Answers to Questions.

WAGER: You lose. Clabby was beaten by Albert Lloyd in their last meeting, which was for the Heavy-weight Championship of Australia.

MANTY: Yes, Reg Sproule beat Tommy Wren on points in a twenty-round contest at the Olympia Stadium, Newtown, Sydney.

SOLDIER: Johnson and Longford met once in America some time before Johnson became champion. Johnson won.

BUSHMAN: Tommy Burnas was just under twelve stone when he met Johnson. Burnas was favourite.

Australia's Returned Soldiers.

Mr. Millen, the Commonwealth Minister of Repatriation, states that 700 returned soldiers will be absorbed under forestry schemes in the various states, and that more men will be absorbed in this occupation later.

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MALTA—311 Strada Reale, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Right Marina, Valletta.

GIBRALTAR—Alameda.

CAIRO—Chelms Buildings, Sharia Kasr-el-Nil.

BRUSSELS—96 Rue de l'Eglise, Koekelberg, Bruxelles.

Perham Stars Concert Party.

At the request of Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in the United Kingdom, the No. 1 Command Depot Concert Party gave three special performances at the Bhurtpore Barracks Regimental Institute on January 31st, February 1st and 2nd.

In spite of strong local counter attractions, crowded houses were present at each performance, and on the final evening Major-Gen. the Hon. Sir J. W. McCay, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D., together with his staff, were present.

During the interval the General thanked the performers, and expressed his pleasure at being present to witness so fine an entertainment by Australian soldiers.

The proceeds of the concerts were devoted to the G.O.C.'s fund, which benefited to the extent of nearly £20 as a result. The G.O.C. has authorised the Perham Stars to make collections at all their concerts for this

very deserving fund, and it is hoped that this charity will be considerably augmented as a result of their efforts in this direction.

Sutton Veny Hospital.

DURING the past fortnight excellent concerts have been given by the Magpies—Perham Stars and Pioneers Pierrot Troupe—to the great enjoyment of staff and patients.

All the patients appear happy and contented, being unwilling to leave the care of the sisters.

The following officers are progressing satisfactorily:—

Lieut. Grayson, Pioneer Battalion, Capt. McElvee, 1st Training Battalion, Lieut. Stafford, 2nd Training Battalion, Capt. Prior, Dental Department, Lieut. McNicol, A.M.G.C., Lieut. Hoskins, R.B.A.A.

Engagements.

Miss M. I. Maclean, late of Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, to Lieut. Olley, Pioneer Battalion, now in France.



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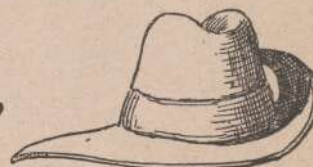
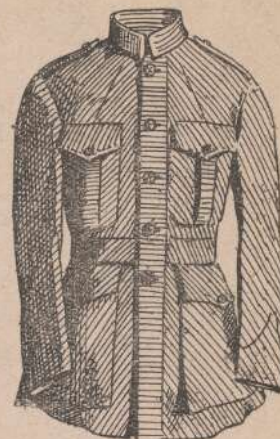
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