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~~Strength~~

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DIARY FROM 1st February 1918 to 16th February, 1918.

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Strength of Depot

The Depot strength at the present time is 3,770 men and 3,190 actually in Camp. This is a considerable reduction on previous parade states for the last few months, and the Depot is far less unwieldy to run under these conditions.

Officers

The number of Officers passing through the Depot is always great and difficulty has been met with regarding their proper housing and messing. It has now been decided to move the medical administration, classification and gymnasium quarters, and start an additional Officers' Mess to be known as No. 3 Officers' Mess. This will be utilised for the accommodation of Officers more or less permanently employed, also Dental Officers, but will not provide for those who are merely passing through the Depot.

Reduction in rations.

The ration of all ranks on Home Service has been reduced from 12 to 10 ozs. per day of meat. This has made it very much more difficult to satisfy the men's appetites and the only way to definitely see that they are properly fed, is by the strictest economy and prevention of all waste.

Production of "A" class men.

A schedule regarding the production of "A" class men will be seen appended to this Diary. Very stringent orders have again been received from Headquarters regarding the evacuation of all men of "A" category, and every effort is made in the Depot to comply with this Headquarters order. The system of weekly checks between the Medical & Dental cards and Battalions, also between Headquarters and Battalions and Medical Department, have proved that it is impossible for men now to remain in the Depot under a wrong classification without it being known.

Medical personnel.

Since last making record in this Diary, Major Fergus McIntyre, MC, has ceased to be Senior Medical Officer and has transferred to Dartford, his place being taken by Major P.A. Maplestone D.S.O. Captain H.A. Hagen has been promoted Major. The Dental Staff is now under the control of Captain W.H. Marshall, and three other Dental Officers have been added.

Steam cooking.

Schemes are being sent to Headquarters for the installation of a steam cooking system throughout the Depot, and if accepted, it will result in a 70% saving of coal. The cost of installation, however, will run out to about £250 per Mess Hut.

Messing.

As far as possible and for the proper supervision and economy of labour, all the preparation of food is to be done at one central point, i.e. meat prepared for cooking, bone removed, vegetables peeled, etc. This system gives a far better control over any waste.

Opening of Parliament.

Lieut. Col. W.O. Mansbridge, D.S.O. Commanding No. 1 Depot Battalion, was detailed to command the Australian Section of the Imperial Escort to the King at the opening of Parliament.



- Ploughing.** The Depot has purchased out of Regimental Funds a two-furrowed plough and has requisitioned horses from the A.S.C., and ploughing is now under weigh. It is hoped to turn over about 40 acres of ground and grow potatoes as far as possible for all needs.
- Recreation rooms.** No. 9 Camp Canteen is now closed and is to be entirely refitted as Billiard, Reading and other Recreation Rooms for the men.
- Health of Troops.** The health of Troops is good. Several cases of preventable venereal disease have been reported but in each case the men failed to report to the early treatment Depot.



Sutton Veny, Wilts,  
15th February, 1918.

Lieutenant-Colonel & Commandant,  
No. 1 Australian Command Depot.



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NO. I AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.

WAR DIARY.

Week Ending February 25th 1918.

- Depot Strength.** The Depot Strength is 3158 Men actually in Camp, and 3842 Men on the Strength. Officers, 110 actually in Camp, and 124 on the Strength.
- Production.** There has been a falling-off in the production of A Class personnel during the week. This is primarily caused by the small number of men in Camp; further there appears to be a greater number of more serious Medical and Surgical cases amongst the men at present.
- G.O.C's Visit.** Major General The Honourable Sir J.W. McCay, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D. visited the Depot on the morning of the 22nd instant and particularly inspected the Detention Compound, calling for complaints from all Men in Detention and giving Rulings thereon. He gave directions that as many men as possible were to be released under open arrest.
- Inspection by Physical Training Expert.** The Officer-in-Command Physical Training Course A.I.F. visited the Depot on the 22nd instant, and went fully into the work of the Depot, making suggestions for the improvement of Physical Training.
- Messing.** The present Scale of Rations and System of Messing seems to give satisfaction to the men. During the week the first experiments were made in the manufacture of Margarine; it is hoped to do better when guided by more experience in this matter; but if all the Margarine required for the Men in the Depot can be made here from By-Products, good Dripping, et cetera, a considerable Economy will result.
- Rations.** A great many men going on Leave make application for their Rations as they are unable to obtain many articles of Diet when staying at Hotels or with their friends. The whole of this question has been referred to Headquarters to know if they can allow the issue of Rations to Men proceeding on Leave.
- Ploughing.** Ploughing is progressing slowly but steadily. Several days were lost during the week on account of frost. Planting for early crops will be commenced next week.
- Dental Work.** Through the persistent efforts of the Dental Staff the numbers of the dentally unfit have been considerably reduced, and low category men are now being called up for treatment; this means they will be able to march out of the Depot when medically fit without waiting for further dental attention.
- Canteens.** Canteen hours have again been curtailed regarding the sale of food; furthermore the maximum amount to be purchased by individuals has been considerably reduced
- Red Cross.** The No. 9 Camp Canteen has been closed and is to be taken over by the Australian Red Cross Society and opened up as Reading, Billiard and Recreation Rooms for the Men.
- Depot Concert Party.** Acting on the suggestion of the G.O.C the Depot Concert party has made a series of Engagements among the various Depots in the United Kingdom, with the object of raising Funds for the Distressed Wives of Australian Soldiers, known as the G.O.C's Fund. It is hoped to raise about £200 by this particular scheme



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NO. I AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.

WAR DIARY.

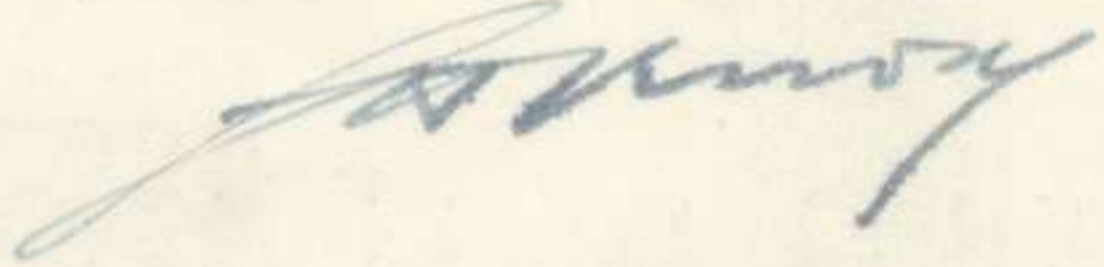
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Week Ending February.23rd 1918.

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Health of  
Troops.

The Health of the Men generally is good; there is no more than the average number of cases of all diseases. The figures for last month show V.D. as decreasing. Two suspected case of C.S.M were sent to Hospital during the week but the test proved negative.



Lieut-Colonel-&-Commandant.  
NO. I AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.



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War Diary for 26th to 28th February. 1918.

Sutton Veny, Wilts.

Analysis of  
Marching-In  
& Marching-Out.

The Analysis of the Marching-In and Marching-Out for the Month of February, 1918, is appended hereto.

Strength.

The strength to-day is 119 Officers, and 3961 Other Ranks on Parade States of which 106 Officers and 3203 Other Ranks are actually in Camp. The Difference is accounted for by men away from the Depot under one of the following heads:-

(A). Leave. (B). In Hospital. (C). In Detention.

Messing.

Under recent instructions received from Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in the U.K., Tidworth, Lieut. R. L. Andrewes. P.S.L. takes over the Duty of Supervising Messing Officer for the Warminster, Sutton Veny, Longbridge Deverill, Codford and Heytesbury areas. He will continue to live at this Depot, where his administrative office will be situated. So far I am unable to appoint a Successor to his place in the Depot.

G.O.C.'s Visit.

On the 28th instant the G.O.C. visited the Depot and thoroughly inspected Nos. 8 & 9 Camps. He was shown through the whole of the Messing Department, both the Cook House and Mens' Huts. Afterwards he inspected the Detention Compound and listened to Complaints.

Detention.

The G.O.C. has given Orders that all men awaiting Trial, whose previous character and present conduct warrant it, are to be kept under open arrest and not in the Detention Compound.

Sutton Veny,  
Hospital.

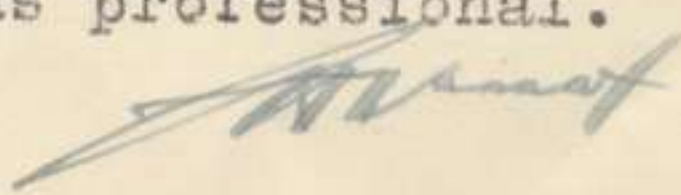
A great many complaints have been received, by men coming from this Hospital, which is under British Control; these complaints are substantiated by medical evidence by our own Medical Officers, and in some cases men are being discharged when still unfit. The G.O.C. has been informed and states that he will take action with the Commander-in-Chief, Southern Command. The Commandant of this Depot has been detailed as the Officer to collect evidence to substantiate these statements.

Queensland  
State Elections.

The Commandant of this Depot has been appointed Returning Officer, A.I.F. Depots in the U.K., for conducting the Queensland State Elections.

Health of Troops.

On account of the weather conditions being somewhat severe during the last few days, there has been an increase of sickness in the Depot, in the direction of chest complaints, colds and Rheumatism. There is nothing unusual to report regarding serious illness or infectious diseases. V.D. still shows the usual number of men; everything is being done for its prevention as has been stated in this Diary previously. The men themselves are to blame for not taking elementary precautions before and after intercourse with women. From the Record Book kept at the Early Treatment Department it is entirely proved that the enthusiastic amateur is the cause of most of the V.D. rather than the more cautious professional.

  
Lieut-Colonel & Commandant.  
NO. I AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.



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## Receiving &amp; Distributing Department

No 1 Command Depot A.I.F.

Sutton Veney

28.2.18

To:- Adjutant.

Attached please find summary of work carried out by these Departments, during Month ending February 28th 1918.

The figures show that 1,980 N.C.O's and Men Marched In and 1,858 N.C.O's and Men Marched Out, as against 3,194 & 2,782 respectively for month ending January the 31st 1918.

Month ending	N.C.O's & men from C. Dep.	N.C.O's and men from T. Units	N.C.O's and men proc. on Furlough	N.C.O's and men from Furlough
January 31st	1252	234	26	1708
February 28th	1220	215	12	545
Decrease	32	Decrease 19	Decrease 14	Decrease 1163

*C. W. Rowan*

-----Lieut  
 Officer i/c Receiving & Distributing Depts.,  
 No 1 Command Depot A.I.F.  
 Sutton Veney.  
 1.3.18

TOTALS



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Receiving & Distributing Department

No 1 Command Depot A.I.F.

Sutton Veney

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MARCHING IN STATE FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY THE 28th 1918

Date	From C. Depots	From Tng Units	From Furlo	Proc on Furlo	Absentees from leave.
February 1st	28	3	28	6	32
2nd	51	7	23	-m	3
3rd	--	-	--	-m	11
4th	38	6	39	-	1
5th	29	18	9	3	19
6th	36	15	29	-	4
7th	23	12	13	-	-
8th	85	8	41	1	20
9th	17	3	12	-	11
10th	-	-	-	-	2
11th	60	9	27	-	1
12th	81	10	27	1	33
13th	24	4	26	-	1
14th	55	11	28	-	4
15th	107	5	25	-	6
16th	17	9	25	-	6
17th	--	-	-	-	7
18th	50	4	20	-	2
19th	84	10	17	1	38
20th	32	4	12	-	2
21st	60	12	21	-	3
22nd	95	13	21	-	3
23rd	17	3	32	-m	4
24th	-	-	-	-	3
25th	68	7	25	-	1
26th	50	19	15	-	43
27th	36	7	19	-	1
28th	77	16	11	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>260</b>

*E. W. Pown*

-----Lieut  
 Officer i/c Receiving & Distributing Depts.,  
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 Sutton Veney  
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MARCHING OUT STATE FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28th 1918

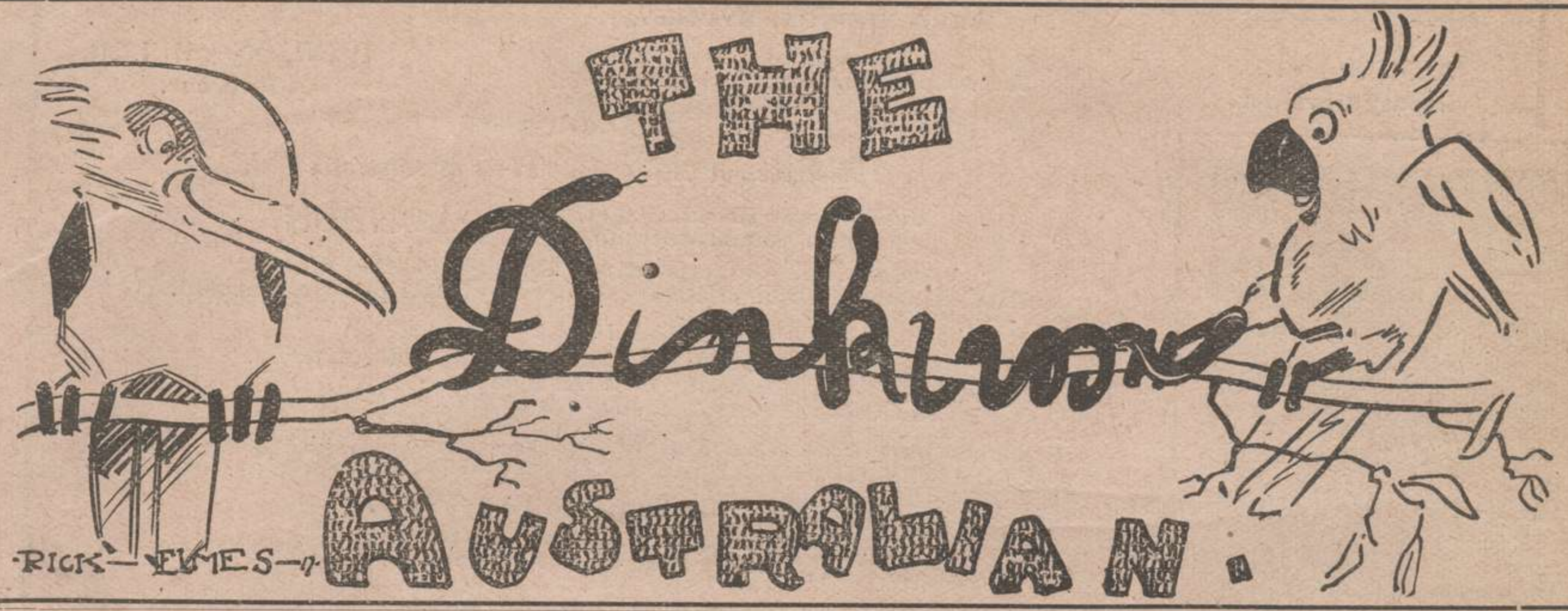
DESTINATION	1st to 2nd	4th to 9th	11th to 16th	18th to 23rd	24th to 28th
Overseas T.Bgde	97	335	318	n 239	142
A.F.C.Wendover	4	1	2	3	3
Div Sigs Shefford	3	-	-	1	-
No 2 CD Weymouth	1	251	6	93	3
3rd T.Bgde Codford	10	14	8	16	6
KBAA Heytesbury	4	5	10	3	-
Bulford Hosp.	12	5	6	2	6
No 3 CD Hurdcott	1	-	2	44	-
AROD Bordon	1	-	-	1	2
No 1 Group S.Veny	-	23	9	11	11
Tidworth	-	18	15	1	8
Lewes detention	-	7	-	13	13
AHQ London	-	1	2n	-	2
Park House	-	6	2	2	-
MGC Grantham	-	1	-	-	-
APM warminster	-	1	-	-	-
S.V.Hospital v	-	2	2	2	3
Devonport	-	-	6	-	4
2nd T.Bgde Fosnt	-	-	11	-	-
Devizes Esort	-	-	8	-	-
Sidcup Hospital	-	-	1	-	-
AFC Cirencester	-	-	1	-	-
Southampton for Overseas.	-	-	-	2	-
Brightlingsea	-	-	-	1	-
Aldershot	-	-	-	-	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>212</b>

SHEWING A GRAND TOTAL OF 1,858

*L. J. Coun*  
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 Sutton Veney  
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With chagrin and disgust Mary receives the news of Camp Oven Scotty's (a late local resident now in the A.I.F.) marriage to a Blighty Society Miss.

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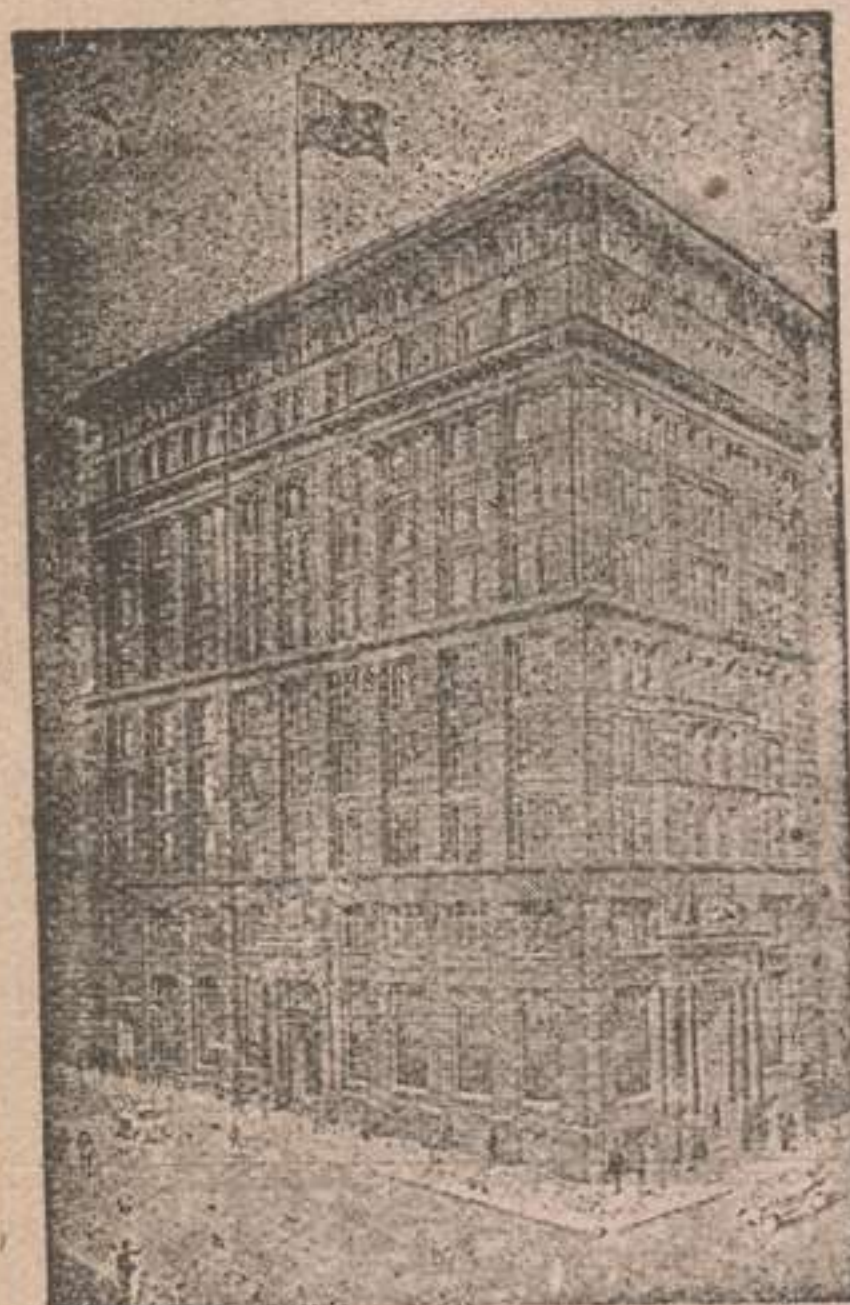
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## Editorial Notes.

*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 Ausies, 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.-CORPL. HITCHKOO : " 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.



**Australians' Cross-Country Team Race.**

**Third Training Brigade Win at Sutton Veny.**

A most successful race for the Australian troops in the Wylde 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	23 $\frac{3}{4}$
2. Signaller Taylor, III.	23	34
3. Cpl. Kinsella, III.	24	17
4. Sergt. Kenward, I.	24	47 $\frac{3}{4}$
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. Thompsett, 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	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	44 $\frac{3}{4}$
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-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.



**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."







**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's! 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 hells.  
 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.

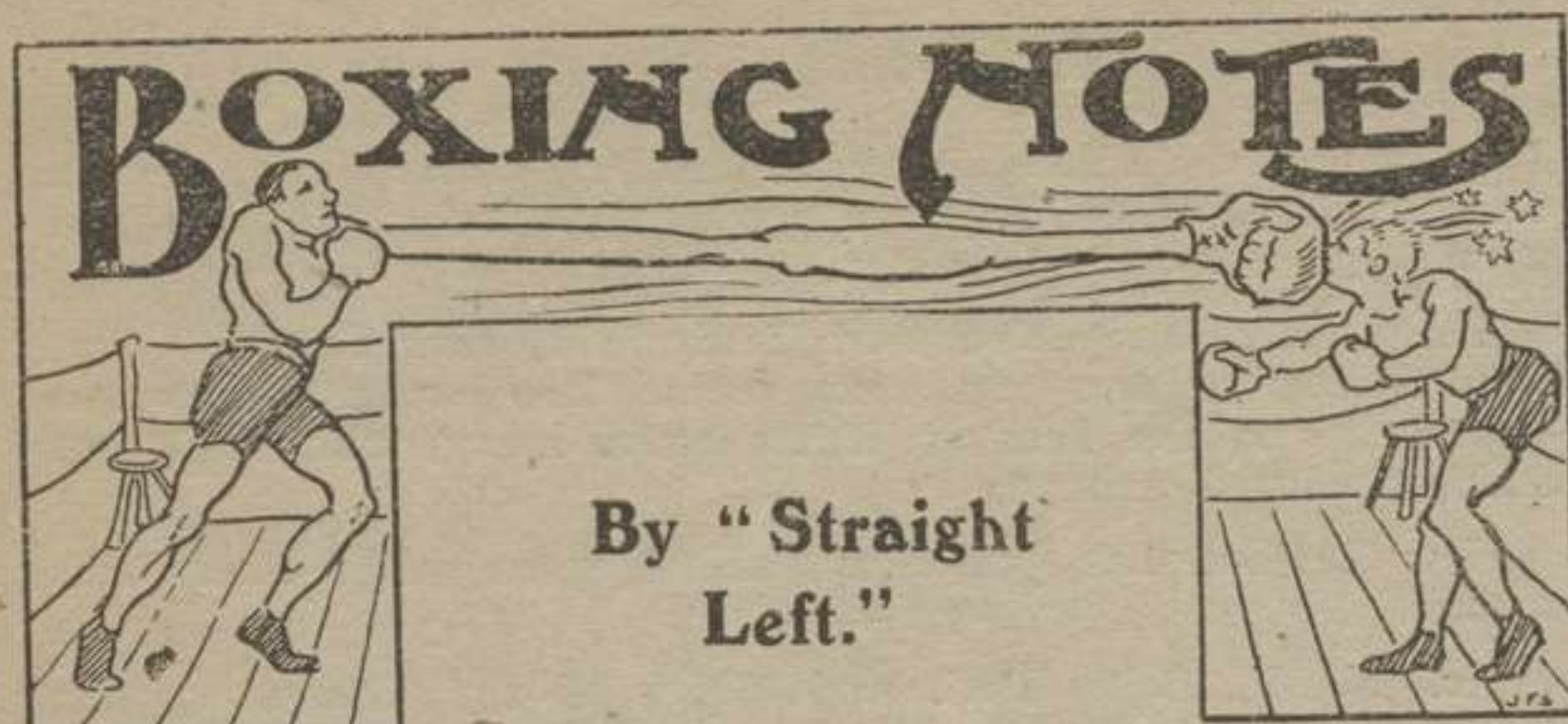
A valuable Wolfram discovery has been made on the eastern slope of the main coastal range south-west of Port Douglas, Queensland.

Senators Keaking 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 Thirlmers, New South Wales. The brakes failed to work, and a speed of eighty miles per hour was attained. The eight miles between Mallow and Picton 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.

Bombadier 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?



**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.



**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.

Literary.

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.	
Warminster	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.	A.M.	A.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
Warminster	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.	
Warminster	7 38	9 54	12 54	2 23	5 30	6 38	7 55	9 54	..	4 53	8 1
Salisbury	8 35	10 41	1 25	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.	
Salisbury	7 25	10 12	12 45	2 38	4 42	6 54	7 45	..	..	3 10	8 0
Warminster	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.
Warminster	..	..	8 21	10 58	1 35	5 40	..	..
Westbury	..	..	arr. 8 29	11 7	1 47	5 50	..	4 0
Westbury	..	..	dep. 8 40	11 58	2 13	6 6	..	5 57
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.
London (Paddington)	..	..	5 30	10 15	12 20	5 5	6 30	2 40
Westbury	..	..	arr. 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
Warminster	..	..	9 54	12 54	3 0	7 55	9 54	4 53

‡ Change at Trowbridge.

§ Change at Westbury.

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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 Burns was just under twelve stone when he met Johnson. Burns was favourite.

Australia's Returned Soldiers.

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**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

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## News from No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

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To cap all our good things, as if enough was not supplied inside, our outside friends take a hand. On Saturday, the 9th, the ladies of Christ Church undertook the task at Bexley Heath.

Songs, games, and competitions were the order of the afternoon. Five hours passed away only too quickly, and we went back with the music and laughter still ringing in our ears.

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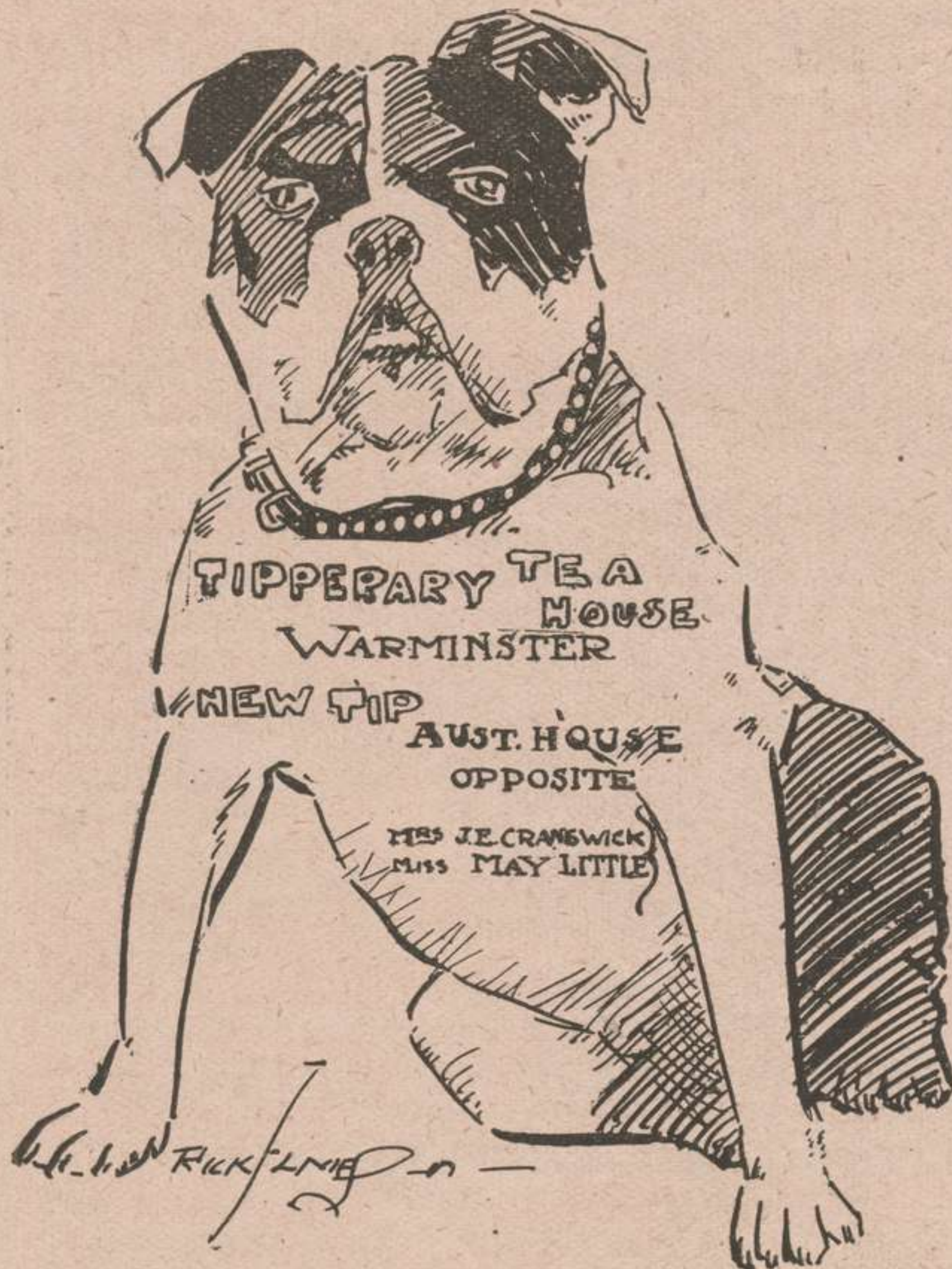
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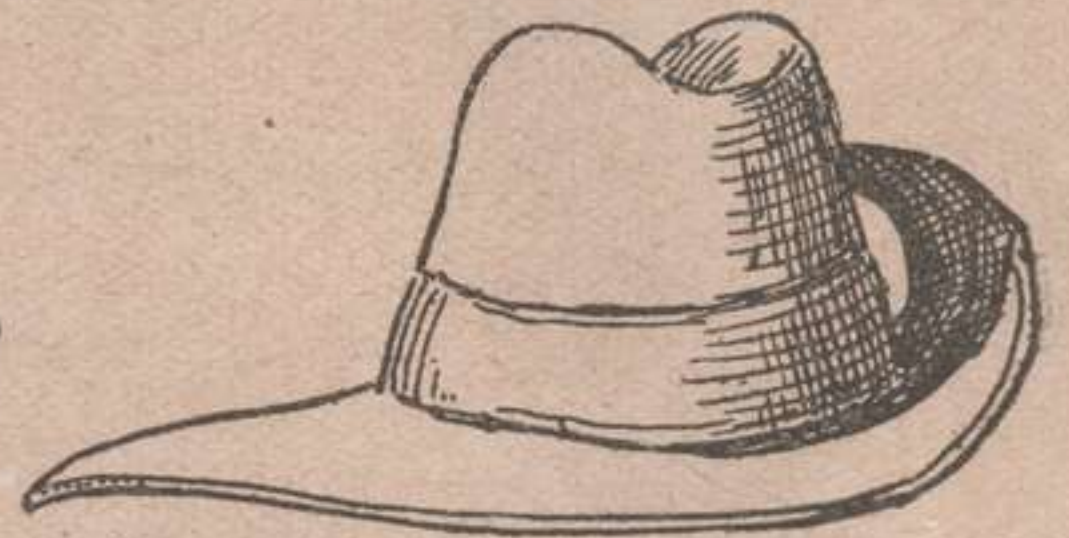
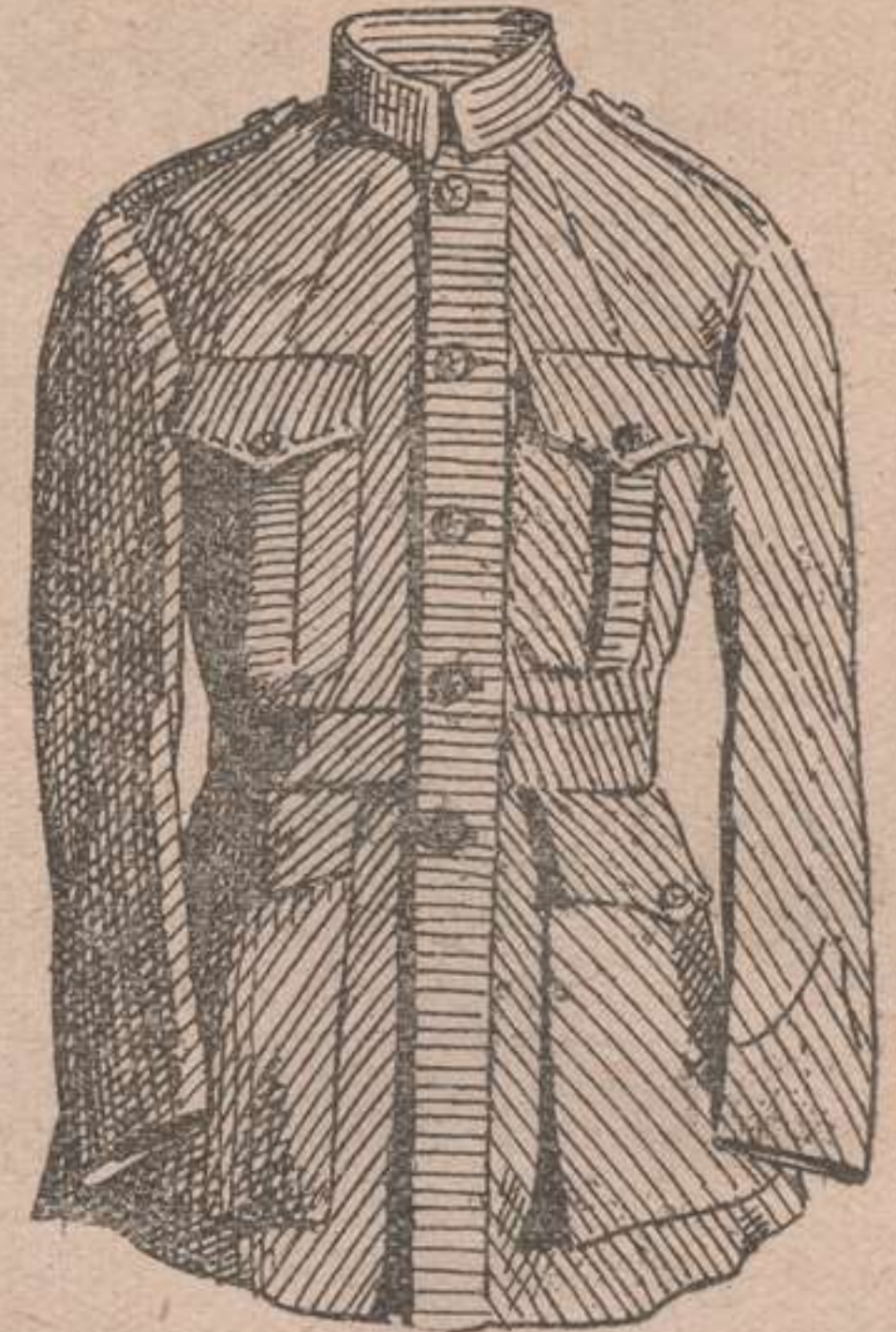
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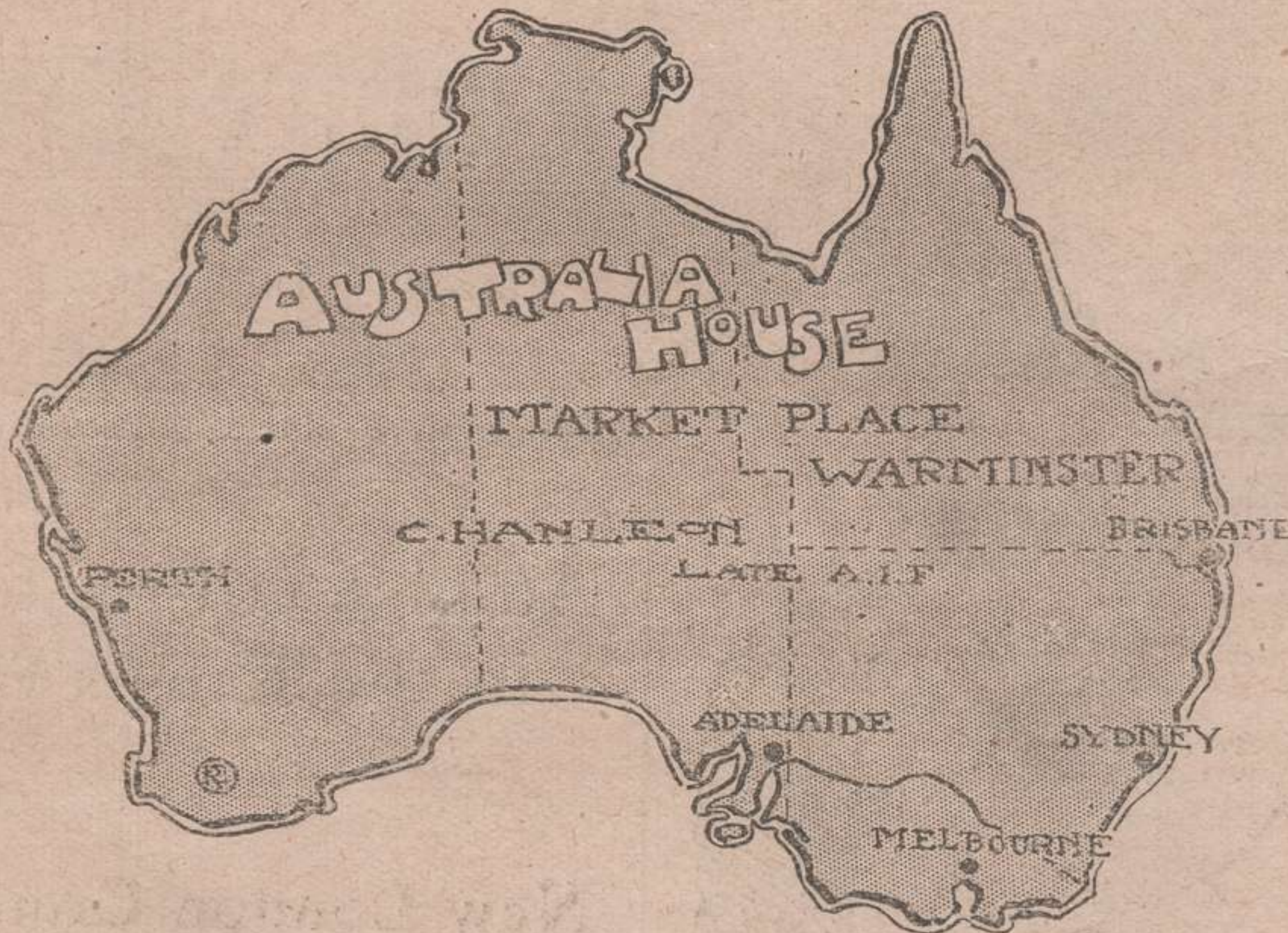


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