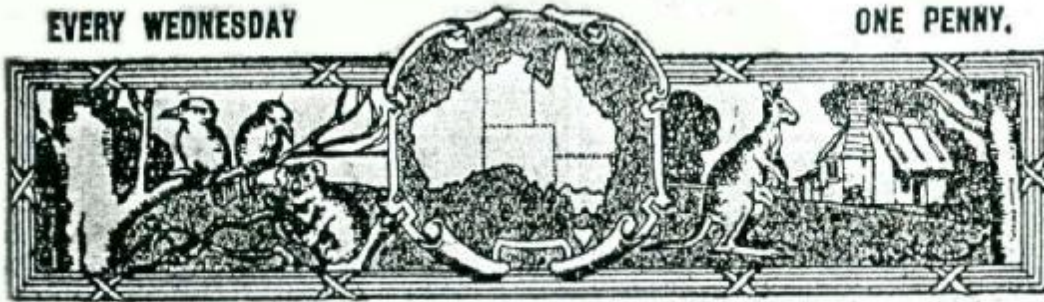


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THE ANZAC AND HIS GIRL.

There's a chap they call the Anzac,
 You can see him up in town
 With his smartly fitting tunic
 And his face of sunny brown;
 And although he's but a stranger
 He's as proud as any Earl,
 If you leave him to his hobby—
 Trotting round some pretty girl.

And he'll love her, ~~how~~^{HOW} he'll love her!
 While he's staying up in town,
 And perhaps a few days later,
 Till his heart has settled down,
 And some maiden in the country
 Sets his heart all in a whirl;
 Then once more you'll see him walking
 With the everlasting girl.

Then in Hospital you'll meet him
 And the symptoms *here* are seen,
 When his boots he dabs with polish,
 And his hair with brilliantine;
 Some mysterious correspondence
 He'll at intervals unfurl—
 Then you know that he has found her,
 That the Anzac's got a girl.

But his Dinkum Girl, why, bless you,
 Is at home; and then perchance
 The maiden has her own Boy,
 Fighting somewhere out in France.
 So they're feeling rather lonely;
 Don't reproaches at them hurl,
 For they have to keep their hands in—
 The Anzac and his girl. E. N.

"THE BOOMERANG."

The little *Boomerang* once again essays a flight, without apology or appeal. It is reduced in size and price, and will be issued weekly. The editors hope to have one page of pen and ink sketches, two or three of *Chronicles*, and the remainder of original verses and brief articles. The quality of the production is wholly in the hands of patients and staff with the literary gift.

The Chronicle.

Majors Join Majority.

Major Stanley Verco was married at St. Phillip's Church, Earls-court Road, last month, to Miss Willis, of Kensington, W. The bride was given away by her father, the Manager of an Australian Bank in London. Major James A. Smeal was married to-day at Holy Trinity Church, Southall, by Captain-Chaplain Macgregor, to Sister E. M. Allan, A.A.N.S.

Departures.

Major E. Buller Allan, who has been promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, leaves shortly for Australia. He has been senior physician of the Hospital since 1915, and was for a time Officer Commanding. A presentation was made to Mrs. Allan by the ladies who help on Wednesdays in the Hospital Canteen, where Mrs. Allan has done excellent service for fourteen months. Major Cameron, our senior surgeon, leaves for France in charge of a Field Ambulance. Captains Bradshaw and Vernon, dentists, have left Harefield, the former returning to Australia, and the latter going to Salisbury.

Principal Matron.

The No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital was honored late in December by the appointment of Miss Gould as Principal Matron, as Miss Gould has the distinction of seniority by length of service in the Australian army nursing service. She saw service in the Boer war, was Principal Matron of the No. 2 A.G.H. in Egypt, and came over with that hospital to France, whence she was transferred to Harefield.

The Sisters.

Sisters Foster and V. Clark went to France last week. Sisters Begley and Watt are leaving for Australia, Sisters Priestley and Chadwick have gone to Netley, Sisters Ripper and Nott to Whalley, and Sister Cunningham to Brighton. Sisters Crossley and Redfern Watt, who were with the 3rd A.G.H. on Lemnos, have been transferred from that Hospital to Harefield. Sisters Marshall and Cunningham are promoted to the rank of Head-Sisters.

Sister Foster.

Gunner Cox writes:—The patients in ward 15, on the eve of Sister Foster's departure for France, presented her with a wristlet watch. Sapper Williams made the speech and said many nice things well about the Sister's kindnesses. Sister Foster was taken by surprise, but feelingly thanked the boys for their gift.

Military Medal.

Lieut.-Colonel Hayward, on February 2, presented the Military Medal to Private Gordon Riding of a pioneer battalion. On August 4, at Pozieres, Riding showed great valor and devotion to duty in bringing in a wounded lieutenant of an infantry battalion under heavy machine gun and shell fire.

Australia Day.

Our national anniversary day, commemorating the landing of Capt. Phillip and the First Fleet at Sydney Cove, was celebrated at Harefield in the Recreation Hall, where Major Dennis and Mr. Gilchrist gave brief addresses on the place of Australia in the Empire. The speeches, which were received with the enthusiasm which the occasion warranted, were preceded by a large number of typical Australian scenes, and followed by a cinema programme of more than average interest. During the afternoon, 32 patients and nine orderlies attended a performance of "Chu Chin Chow" at His Majesty's Theatre at the invitation of the Australian Y.M.C.A.

Crossed the Bar.

Private Percy Giddens, No. 1742, — Battalion, aged 23, died on New Year's day, and was interred in the Anzac corner of Harefield Churchyard. Driver W. L. Anderson, of the 5th D. A. C., aged 33, died on February 8. His brother came down from Scotland to represent the family at the funeral. Private Andrew Johnston, of the 4th Field Ambulance, attached to the Hospital staff, died on Saturday last after a very brief illness, and was buried yesterday. He was very popular with his mates, who esteemed him for many sterling qualities.

Marriages.

Chaplain Macgregor officiated on Dec. 30 at the marriage of Private G. B. Wood, — Battn., to Miss Edith Dobbs of Harefield, and on February 6, of Private G. Hilder, 4th Field Ambulance, to Miss Pollard.

The Canteen.

The fine additions to the Canteen should be open in a few days, and will be a boon on visitors' days. The present canteen is clearly quite inadequate. Too much cannot be said in praise of the ladies who for many months have kept the canteen going with unfailing cheerfulness and an evident desire to be of service to our wounded. A fruit stall, conducted by Mrs. Venning, supplies a decided want at cost prices.

Gifts for Canteen.

Mrs. and Miss Billyard-Leake have donated new curtains for the Canteen, and a stand of pot plants and ferns. Miss D. Burton, St. Kilda, Melbourne, also sent a money order for use where most needed.

Director of Recreation and Study.

Mr. Ross Jones, who occupied this position since August, left for France at the end of the year, and is now attached to the 3rd Division as a Y.M.C.A. officer. He is hard at work helping the boys in the

firing line. His successor is Mr. Gilchrist, who hails from Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Cinema.

An operator from Gaumonts came out three times recently through arrangement by Australasian Films, Ltd. (to whom we are under debt for free cinema programme weekly) and took pictures of skating, snowballing, and other Winter scenes. A copy of the film is to be donated, and will be shown in our Hall shortly.

Illustrated Lectures.

The first of a series of illustrated lectures under the auspices of the Australian Y.M.C.A. was held in the Recreation Hall on January 31. The audience showed much appreciation of the anecdotes and clever impersonations of British public men given by Mr. Cox Meech, who is a press gallery man of the House of Commons and a lawyer. Mr. Meech later gave some of his entertaining impersonations for the benefit of bed patients in Wards 1 and 2. Absentees anticipating a dry time missed a huge treat. On February 5, Mr. Bryce Gordon lectured on "Botany" briefly, and delighted the audience with a most beautiful collection of genuine natural color slides. He returns on February 23 with Mr. Finlay, inventor of the Paget Color Plate, who will give amateur photographers a demonstration in the afternoon, and show many marvellously beautiful examples of color photography by aid of lantern slides in the evening. Nine microscopists on February 3 gave exhibitions of their microscopic slides to interested groups of patients and staff. The next lecture is to-night (Wednesday) when Mr. Ben White, an influential City man with a very long connection with the bullion department of one of the biggest banks, will discourse on the "Romance of Silver," illustrating his subject with lantern views. The lecture is described as "absolutely unique." A cinema programme will precede and follow the lecture.

French Language.

Miss Roscoe has re-started the French classes which last year proved so popular. New pupils are invited for Thursday afternoon at 2.45.

Fancy Work.

Mrs. Evans and her enthusiastic and painstaking band of instructors came in for no small praise—not any more than was merited—at the first exhibition of patients' fancy work last Wednesday. Major Baker, Mr. Harland, and Mr. Gilchrist, spoke as warmly as mere men could on the quality of the work, while Matron Gould, who distributed the prizes, gave the endorsement of an expert, who is often seen showing her sympathy with beginners in sitting by a bed-patient and deftly plying the elusive needles for a few stitches till the eager learner gets the idea and is able to proceed unaided. Twenty-three prizes were awarded, but all the work was creditable. The classes are held in the Reception Room on Mondays and Fridays at 1.45.

For Musicians.

The Recreation department is proud possessor of two pianos and an organ, a violin, and two pianolas, with about fifty pianola records. These are available on application.

Ward Music.

Through Mrs. Cox Roper and Miss Hargraves, Wards 1 to 3 have been presented with a piano, and it has already brought some good music to the bed-patients in those wards. The problem of ward concerts in less favored wards has been solved by the loan from the Australian Y.M.C.A. of a portable organ, which has already been put to use on a few occasions.

Red Cross.

Last week, the Australian branch of the British Red Cross Society took over from the hospital authorities the writing, billiard, music, and dark rooms, and the recreation hall, and in future will be responsible for these, through their representative, Mr. Gilchrist. The canteen will continue to be run as a hospital concern, and any surplus be donated to the recreation funds.

Writing Room.

Messrs. Dalgety and Company, by a donation of £50, have added to the furniture installed by them eighteen months ago in the old writing room. All their furniture, with the exception of the library shelves, is now installed in the new Writing Room erected by the Australian Red Cross, who also erected and fitted the additions to the Billiard Room.

Lending Library.

The Red Cross Lending Library, consisting of 900 books, will be reopened next week. Thanks to the librarian, Mrs. Macgregor, the whole of the books have been overhauled and systematically arranged and catalogued. A large box of well-selected books was lately received from the Red Cross War Library.

Newspaper Files.

Last week, a start was made in providing files of the leading Australian illustrated weeklies. These will cover three months and be as complete as our uncertain mails will permit.

Theatre Parties.

Limited means of conveyance available for use of the recreation department prevents acceptance of as much hospitality as is offered. The entertainment committee of the Australian Red Cross (Miss Aikman, secretary) sends most of the Theatre tickets, and this body is also responsible for the excellent Tuesday afternoon concerts. Regular hospitality is extended by Mrs. Stedall, Miss Nicholson (Windsor Castle), Miss Gordon (Chalfont, St. Giles), Mrs. Rowe (Hyde Park Hotel), Miss Bell and Mrs. Nathan (Savoy Hotel), Mrs. Edwards (Northwood), and the Sandy Lodge Golf Club. Miss Long is doing excellent work with her motor car in giving patients newly convalescent a spin through the countryside. Eighteen men had the privilege of hearing Lloyd George and Neville Chamberlain in the Central Hall, Westminster.

Soldiers' Entertainment Fund.

My Lyell Johnston, that big, hearty, good-natured vocalist who controls the destinies of the above organisation, has been very good to us ever since the recreation department saw the light. He commanded the hall for Thursdays, and has never failed to give us a first-class programme by first-class artistes. There is no difficulty in getting and keeping a Thursday audience.

MOUQUET FARM.

(Written on Gallipoli peninsula.)

It's no good, lad, me tellin' it!
 There ant no words that's proper, fit;
 'Twas 'ell—that's all; and one man mad
 That bandaged up the wounded bad—
 Yes, nothin' but a screemin' 'ell,
 And pools of blood where maties fell—
 Must 'a' bin mad!

And me!—every minute that day
 I prayed to God!
 Me—that always 'ad me say
 Blaspheming God.
 Me!—that always led the crook'd way:
 Me!—prayed to God,
 That 'ated God—ME!

CHAS. LOWRY.

IS IT DINKUM?

- That the hospital ship leaves après la guerre, preehaps?
 That "Jock" in his spare nights tours the neighborhood singing at
 three-ha'penny concerts?
 That he looks like winning the hand of a widow at Watford?
 That the Orderlies' Canteen is out of bounds for patients because Good-
 ale is kept there?
 That the staff debating society has A. Strange secretary?
 That it is somebody's job to Sharpen the knives in the Orderlies' Mess?
 That the Tucker in the quartermaster's store is to be reduced owing
 to new food regulations?
 That Wee Jamie Wilson is going dead poor owing to half ration stunt?
 That Corpl. Ride tried horse embrocation for stiff neck but still wears
 the muffler?
 That Roy Sim. is very keen on attending D.C.Ms. at P.D.?
 That Slack has been offered £50 for his overalls by Price the candle
 king?
 That a gallant Harefield Major blushed when a collision threw a beau-
 tiful maiden on to his knee in front of the cinema?
 That the cinema film is under offer at a big figure?

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