

# Chaplain Update

One of our Chaplains with the Australian forces, Captain Mackenzie, reports a lot of fighting this week. Fighting among our own troops!



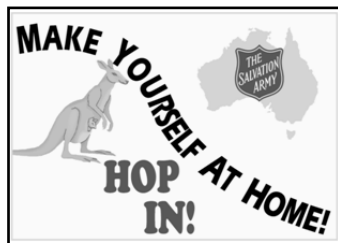
'But do not be alarmed,' he writes from his dugout - a little home he has made for himself in the hillside. A place where he sits on an old biscuit tin, with a box for a table, and a light made from a treacle tin with bacon fat and string.

Winter has arrived. And these hardy Anzacs are looking at snow for the first time in their lives. Captain Mac reports watching as thousands of soldiers take part in the largest snowball fight you will ever see!

Oh how we wish that was the only kind of fighting he has seen!

## Kangaroo Chaos

An elderly French lady got quite a surprise at one of our huts this week.



This Hop In sign was outside a hut for Australian soldiers. The woman had never seen a kangaroo before.

'My daughter has just moved to Australia. What is that creature?' she asked one of the soldiers.

The soldier replied cheekily, 'Why, that's an Australian!'

The woman looked shocked. 'Mon dieu, is my daughter going to marry one of them?'

Mr and Mrs Kangaroo. Now that would be a fun wedding photo!



## He Meets the Army Everywhere!

This picture tells the story of an Australian soldier meeting The Salvation Army.

Which caption matches each drawing?

- A - In the camp he finds the Army Hut
- B - Fred says farewell in Australia.
- C - He meets a friend in Egypt.
- D - Fred shows his Army colours to a chum.
- E - Helps in a meeting in Gallipoli.
- F - Gets a warm welcome inside a Hut in France.
- G - Finds the Hut in England.
- H - The band plays to help him recover.
- I - Wounded, the ambulance takes him to hospital.
- J - In hospital, a Salvationist visits him.

## Help Wanted

Want to help our soldiers but not sure how?

The Salvation Army has a number of ways to help you get involved in war relief work.

### Become a Visitor

Thousands of homes need a weekly visitor. Families are left struggling as the main bread-winner of the family has left to fight at the front. Widows and mothers need a kindly ear to listen.

### Wash and Mend

Offer to take in washing and mending to help soldiers at your local army camp.

Contact your local Salvation Army officer and see how you can help.

### Join a Sewing Class

Classes are being held to make clothes for soldiers. Many soldiers are returning with missing arms and legs. Specially made clothes are urgently needed to help clothe these heroes.

### Parcels

Send parcels to soldiers. Include a few little comforts and a letter from the heart.

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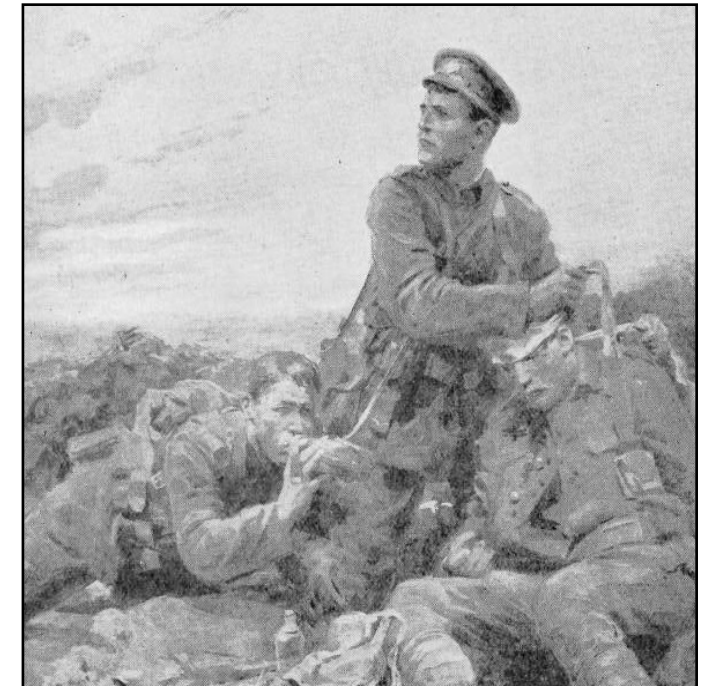
## Helping the Hungry

Below are two examples of how The Salvation Army is helping people who are hungry.



### German Aid

Hundreds of hungry people are being fed daily by Die Heilsarmee, in Germany. A gulaschkanone - a German field kitchen - is a popular sight these days, as seen here in Leipzig.



## Bravery Under Fire

Private James Henry Fynn from South Wales has been awarded the Victoria Cross.

This medal is the highest award given to soldiers. In the middle of a battle, Fynn ran out to no man's land to help soldiers who were wounded.

After he had helped them, he went to get a stretcher but was not able to find any. So he returned and carried wounded soldiers to safety on his back.

The men were amazed at what he did because he had been under heavy fire the whole time. One soldier said, 'The bullets were as thick as bees around an overturned beehive, but Fynn didn't seem to mind. On the way back he was under such hot fire. Several times we thought he had been shot as he had to crawl for some distance before making a dash back to the wounded soldiers.'

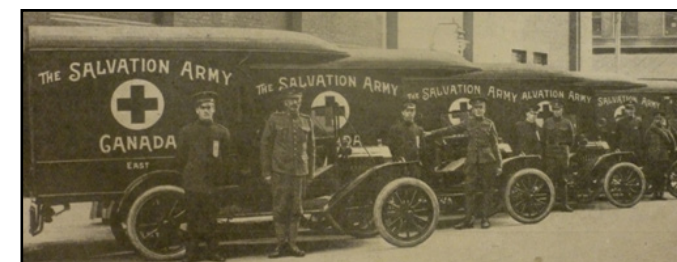
His mother said, 'I am very proud of my son getting the VC, as it was not for killing men, but for saving his poor wounded comrades.'



### London Air Raid

Within an hour of the explosions in the South West of London, The Salvation Army was on hand to help those made homeless, and to feed the hungry.

Early next morning breakfast was served, and at dinner time hot meals were handed round. The children took theirs, sitting on the pavement!



## Five More Ambulances

Five motor ambulances have been presented to Russia by The Salvation Army in Canada East. The General also presented a cheque for £2,000 to the Red Cross Society to help with the cost of more British ambulances.

## 1,000 for Tea!

Chatham Naval and Military Home is pleased to announce that last weekend they had over 1,000 visitors! The home is proving to be very popular with the servicemen and their families.





## Pies or Boots?

**What would you choose – a pair of brand new boots or freshly baked pies?**

This was just the choice one of our hut helpers faced in France this week!

The young helper was new to the Huts. She had just finished baking some lemon cream pies when the shelling started. She grabbed the tray of pies and her new pair of boots, which she had left under the table.

She ran across a plank over a ditch to get to safety. She was half-way over when she started to lose her balance. She had to let go of something, otherwise she would fall. But which would she choose – the boots or the pies?

A soldier saw her and shouted, 'Drop the boots! I can clean them. But for heaven's sake, don't drop them pies!'

**Will your Missus look after my Missus?**



**Last week we wrote about one of our soldiers preparing to leave for war.**

He was worried, not for himself, but about his wife and family.

A Salvation Army officer came to his home and told him not to be troubled. The officer would look after the soldier's family. His wife would also visit and the two families would have Sunday dinner together each week.

We have had so many letters from soldiers about this story. They tell us that it gives them a lot of comfort to know people will be looking out for the loved ones they have left behind.

If you are worried about your family, please let a member of The Salvation Army know.

## Man Arrested

**A man in Kent was arrested this week because he was thought to be a German spy.**

Local people thought he was part of the army because he was seen marching down a country road. But they got really worried when he stopped to eat his lunch.

His sandwiches had been wrapped in paper which had German writing on it. He was arrested and brought to the local police.

Fortunately it all turned out alright. The paper was a copy of the German War Cry - Der Kriegsruuf, which we give to German prisoners of war. And the army he belonged to? Why, The Salvation Army of course!



**Socks Wanted**



**Can you knit?**

**Socks are urgently wanted by our soldiers.**

Any type of socks will do. Green socks, yellow socks, pink socks, white socks, purple socks, blue socks, red socks, thick socks, thin socks, cotton socks, long socks - over 1 metre long! Socks for one-legged men, footless socks, no-heeled socks, mixed socks, socks for little feet, swollen feet, socks finished with odd bits.

You may also wish to attach a little message or some chocolate to your socks to bring some joy to a lonely soldier.

## A Tea Tent story A Strong Cup of Tea



**Work in a Salvation Army tent or hut is always hard work but there is always time to help those in need of comfort.**

Our story this week shows why it is always important to be welcoming.

A Salvationist officer noticed a young fellow looking downcast. He asked, 'Now, lad, you look tired. I am going to make you an extra strong cup of tea.' The soldier then burst into tears!

The soldier had been feeling that nobody in the world cared whether he lived or died. That cup of tea and kind word reminded the soldier that he mattered, that someone cared.

The officer later explained to us why he feels it is important to care for others. 'Though we cannot stop the war, we can live so as to bring some hope to others.'

## Letters from the Front!

*Somewhere France*

Thank you for your parcel. I am still well and trusting in God. Since I wrote last I have left the Base and gone up the line. My stay at the Base I shall never forget, how I miss the Salvation Army Hut now! Everything seems so strange and difficult, but I hope it will not be long before I am home again.

- Private Griffiths

*Munster, Germany*

Just a few lines to acknowledge your kind and generous parcel. I don't know how our men will be able to repay all you good friends who are trying to brighten our days of captivity. The time is not far distant, I hope, when we shall all be together again - thank you.

- Private Wilkinson

*No. 4 General Hospital, France*

I cannot sufficiently express my thanks for your parcels; it is two days only since I started eating. I am going along as well as can be expected, and hope to be back very soon at our little wooden Hut in Le Havre, where I found such happiness. I've just been told not to sit up too long so must draw this letter to a close.

- S. Canning

*Greece*

Your parcels of comforts has arrived - the contents were really splendid, as we say, 'Just the ticket.' The heat is intense, as you have heard, but God is keeping me well in body and soul, in the midst of it all.

- W. Coldwel



## Song Book Saved his Life!

**When Corporal Trueman left for war, he was given a gift of a Salvation Army song book and told to keep it in his pocket, next to his heart.**

During a big attack, he was hit, just outside the German line. He spent two days and a night in a shell hole before he was taken to a hospital. It was there they discovered his lucky escape from death.

There was a bullet hole in his song book, a hole you could see through. The book had stopped the direction the bullet was travelling. Instead of going into his heart, it travelled to his lungs, saving his life.

From his hospital, Trueman writes, 'I expect if it hadn't been for that Salvation Army song book I'd have been in the Happy Land all right. When I was thinking I was all in, I was never so anxious to live as then. Well, all that's in the past and I'm in clover here, and just beginning to take a lively interest in life again.'

## Doughnut Rush

**There has been a bit of a competition between the Huts in France lately!**



The doughnut lassies have been trying to see which Huts can bake the most in one day. The new pie baking record is now 324 pies! And remember, this is in an army field oven so only nine pies at a time can be baked!

The most doughnuts served in one day stands at 14,000.

And the most doughnuts made by a single person is 2,300.

So who is the winner? Why, the soldiers of course! Because they get to eat them all!

## Icing on the Cake

**Have you ever had a special cake baked for you? Did it have writing on the top?**



One of our sisters visiting a hospital in France came across a wounded soldier that looked so sad. She asked what would cheer him up. 'A cake from home, a cake from my wife,' was the reply.

So she wrote a letter to the soldier's wife, explaining he would love to have a cake from her.

A reply came back very quickly. The wife had been told he had been killed! She was so happy to hear from him, and she was baking his favourite cake for him right away.

I wonder what kind of cake it will be. I wonder what message she will put on the top.