

## THE WAR.

## THE FUZZY WUZZY ANGELS.

(BY A WOUNDED DIGGER.)

Many a mother in Australia, when the busy day is done,  
Sends a prayer to the Almighty for the safety of her son;  
Asking that an angel guard him and bring him safely back.  
Now we see these prayers are answered on the Owen  
Stanley track.

But they haven't any haloes, only holes slashed through  
the ear,  
And their faces worked with tattoo, and scratch-pins in  
their hair.

Bringing back the badly wounded just as steady as a  
hearse,

Using leaves to keep the rain off, and as gentle as a nurse.

Slow and careful in their paces on that awful mountain  
track,

And the look upon their faces makes you think that  
Christ was black.

Not a move to hurt the wounded, and they treat him  
like a saint;

It's a picture worth recording—that an artist's yet to  
paint.

Many a lad will see his mother and husbands see their  
wives,

Just because the Fuzzy Wuzzies carried them and saved  
their lives—

From mortar and machine-gun fire, or a chance surprise  
attack,

To safety and the doctors at the bottom of the track.

May the mothers of Australia, when they offer up a prayer,  
Mention these impromptu angels with the fuzzy-wuzzy  
hair.

[The above lines, dedicated to the natives of New Guinea  
whose heroism and self-sacrifice in tending wounded  
Australian soldiers has won the highest praise, were com-  
posed by a badly wounded Digger who has returned to  
Australia from the battle area.]

We have to thank Miss K. M. Wilkinson, S.R.N., of the  
Central Board of Health, Adelaide, a member of the  
British College of Nurses, Ltd., for sending these touching  
verses.

## Total Casualties during First Three Years of War.

Mr. Attlee, in a written reply to the House of Commons,  
recently gave the following details of casualties to all  
ranks of British Empire Forces during first three years of  
war, excluding deaths from natural causes.

Totals were: Killed (including died of wounds or injuries),  
92,089; missing, 226,719; wounded, 88,294; prisoners of  
war, 107,891. Total casualties, 514,993.

United Kingdom casualties totalled 275,844; Canada,  
10,422; Australia, 53,959; New Zealand, 19,345; South  
Africa, 22,615; India, 101,979; Colonies, 30,829.

The glory of Great Britain blazes the trail—it is ever  
thus. What the world owes its people can never be repaid—  
and, indeed, it looks for no reward.

## The Trio of Victory.

We watch the determined progress of General de Gaulle  
towards the deliverance of his beloved France with deep  
interest and sympathy. There is no doubt that he stands  
well ahead in capacity and policy of any Frenchman alive,  
and, with the great Stalin of Soviet Russia, and our own

incomparable Prime Minister, will command victory.  
Such men of genius are predestined to run their course, in  
spite of the opposition of meaner minds. The *Recon-  
naissance Française* is the one honour we deeply prize and  
wear with pride.

## For R.A.F. Members on Leave.

Lady MacRobert, two of whose three sons were killed  
while serving in the R.A.F. during the war, and the third  
in a flying accident shortly before the war, and who has  
given splendid gifts in their memory, has offered to place  
her principal country-house in Aberdeenshire at the dis-  
posal of R.A.F. members on leave. The offer has been  
gratefully accepted by the Secretary of State for Air on  
behalf of the R.A.F. The house is known as Alastean  
House. It has been handed over to trustees, and funds for  
its upkeep as a leave centre have been provided by Lady  
MacRobert.

## Anzac Day.

Anzac Day coincided this year with Easter Day, and all  
over Australia ceremonies were held to commemorate the  
twenty-eighth anniversary of the landing of the Anzacs  
at Gallipoli. For the first time, returned soldiers of this  
war officially took part and marched side by side with  
veterans of the last war. Marches were held in all State  
capitals.

The King, in a special Anzac Day message, telegraphed:  
"The heroism shown by the men of Australia and New  
Zealand on many fields of battle in the present war is in  
keeping with the glorious tradition of the Anzacs of a past  
generation."

## Clan Montgomery to Endow a Bed to the Eighth Army.

A call is being made to the Clan Montgomery to help  
raise 1,000 guineas to endow a bed at the Hospital for  
Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Fulham Road,  
S.W., as a tribute to the leader and men of the Eighth  
Army.

All with the surname or Christian name Montgomery  
are invited to contribute.

The idea is that of Miss Ruth Montgomery, who learned  
from General Montgomery's sister, Mrs. Holderness, of the  
General's interest in the treatment of tuberculosis.

## One Tree Farm.

An *Evening Standard* correspondent recently reported  
from Burma frontier how nurses ran a farm near Burma  
war.

"One Tree Farm is run by milkmaid nursing sisters.  
Every morning you can see a Scotswoman milking a cow  
with hens clucking around her. She is matron of the  
military hospital, but she is also head farmhand of Milk-  
maid Farm.

"In the grounds of their neat little bungalow in a small  
jungle town the sisters have hens, ducks, sheep and one  
cow. When they finish work in the wards they take it in  
turn to feed livestock and milk the cow.

"One Tree Farm was started only a few months ago, but  
is a going concern. Now they have fresh eggs and milk  
for breakfast.

"The idea of starting the farm originated with the matron,  
the daughter of a Scottish farmer, and herself an expert  
at the job.

"As it is difficult to get any variety in the rations on  
this front, I thought it was the best idea," she said.

"We bought sheep with the idea of turning them into  
mutton, but I am afraid that was rather a mistake.

"We got so attached to them that I am sure some nurses  
would burst into tears if we served one for lunch."

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