

THE MIGHT OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Almost every day the decks of Britain are seeing the disembarkation of more troops from the Empire Overseas. Once again --- welcome Canada.

Mr Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, was there to give the official welcome to this fresh contingent. Another large force arrived from Newfoundland --- so glad to get here they threw their hats in the water. Mr Eden recalled how their forefathers had fought side by side with men of these islands since the days of the Tudors. All of them are volunteers --- they will form a special detachment of the Royal Artillery. Over to Australia --- One hundred thousand spectators in the streets of Melbourne watching the march past of the Royal Australian Air Force..... the big parade in aid of the Red Cross. They're fighting fit and ready for anything ---and Melbourne is proud of them. They marched past the Town Hall --- and the Governor, Sir Winston Duggan, took the salute.

Women too, were in this mighty march. Australia's Women's Legions called up to take the place of young men called up for fighting.

Always a big hit with the crowds --- the V.A.D's. Smart in appearance and smart on the march --- and they're as efficient as they look.

Australia's young men are sailors in the making. Rushcutter's Bay has a big naval training depot --- and young ratings are learning the naval tradition. In the schoolroom, they learn the ABC of war.

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Australia's Merchant Service, too, is ready. The trade fleet to-day must be prepared to fight the menace of the submarine and bomber. So guns are fitted to the merchant fleet --- fitted astern so that they can fire at the raider while the precious cargo puts on full speed ahead. Expert gunners assist the crews to handle the ship's defences --- and they mean business

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Over to Canada --- off the Canadian coast the destroyers are sentries. Heavy weather makes no difference to the routine of gunnery practice.

After the big guns, pom-poms spit out defiance. The mighty torpedo tubes send out death to ride upon the sea. ~~the~~ the depth charge. ~~the~~ A destroyer's chief weapon against a submarine --- ~~its~~ its power is like an upheaval of Nature itself.

So back to land and New South Wales. Walgrove Camp, near Sydney..... one of the biggest concentrations of cavalry ever known in Australia. They're here for the Light Horse Manoeuvres --- and ~~the~~ they're one of the few remaining units of the Empire's Armies not yet mechanized. No horsemen in the world quite equal these hardy ~~riders~~ ^{riders} from down under; horse and man ~~seem~~ scarcely seem to be two separate creations, but rather one superman. And when they charge it's a charge of supermen.

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