

## ANZAC DAY MARCH

### Diggers Need Boots and Clothes

#### PITIFUL SITUATION

In the thinning ranks of returned Diggers there are many with whom peace has dealt almost as harshly as war, but most of them fall into line each year in the Anzac Day parade, to march shoulder to shoulder again with something of the old-time swing. Sacred to the civilian, yet ever so much more sacred to the Digger, the annual march of the men of Anzac is a salute to the fallen, a gesture of friendship to the living. What outsider can possibly comprehend what it all means to those marching men in multi, saluting with hand over heart the Soldiers' Monument?

Imagine, then, the sheer pathos of the situation of Diggers unable to march, not from physical disability, but because they have not clothes and shoes presentable enough. Yet, incredible as it may seem, that is the plight in which several of the men at the Unemployed Diggers' Camp find themselves. Well shod and well clothed in war, that is what peace has done for them.

Knowledge of the men's urgent needs has awakened the sympathy of Dr. Idris Morgan, who is telephoning his friends in an attempt to gather a collection of shoes and clothes sufficient for the men's immediate requirements. Not only is Dr. Morgan concerned with the plight of men in the Diggers' camp, but he is interesting himself in the case of two ex-service men else here. Each a widower, and each with four children, the men are in a parlous plight. The ages of the boys are 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12, and of the girls 7 and 8.

Persons desiring of helping Dr. Morgan in his self-imposed task are invited to communicate with him or to leave parcels of clothing and shoes at his rooms, Commercial Bank Chambers (opposite Newcastle Post Office). No distribution of clothing will be made at the rooms. Dr. Morgan has agreed to arrange for their delivery to the destitute people he has in mind.

So it all depends on Newcastle people whether those returned men will be able to march in the Anzac Day parade this year!

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