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Long live the King!

H.M. King George V.

Lion of England.

Lion of England, be not afraid! Thou shalt not fight in vain. Thy cubs have grown to lionhood, With tooth and claw and mane.

Their unfiled teeth are fierce and keen, Their claws are young and strong; There shall be work for claw and tooth, E'en aught shall do thee wrong.

Thy forest lordship shall not fail, Thy kingship shall not end While they have power of flank to leap And might of jaw to rend.

Lion of England, bare thy claws; Be strong, not be afraid; In that red day that draws anear Thou shalt not lack for aid.
Lift up thine eyes Queen Warrior of the World. Stand fearless rooted on thine shifting Verge
And watch thine everlasting Dawn emerge. From clouds that thickly threaten thunderous War;
To how thy thousands victoried flag unfurl'd Wave to thy North and South in one royal fold
Of tent-like shelter for an Empire's rest. O Queen, sword-girded, helmeted in gold,
Strong, conqueror of all thy foes; Look from thy rocky heights and see afar
Thy coming future menacing the past With clamor and wild charge of present things;
Kingdoms down-shaken with the fall of Kings. But fear not thou. Thou art still the first and last
Imperial wearer of the deathless Rose. Crowned with the sunlight, girded with the sea,
Mother of mightiest nations yet to be.
European War. 1914 to 1918.  
Commencement of Swallow & Ariell's "Busy Bee".  
War Work  
August 14, 1914.  

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"I expect to pass through this world but once.  Therefore any good work that I can do, let me do it now!!  Let me not defer or neglect it.  For I shall not pass this way again."
Summary of War Work done by Girl Volunteer Workers, who were the first factory girls in the Commonwealth to commence War Work for the comfort of our Fighting Men and for the relief of our Sick and Wounded Soldiers.

The "Busy Bee" War Work commenced on the 14th August 1914 and we are still carrying on on November 22nd 1918.

The Garments and Comforts made for our Soldiers passed through the Australian Comforts Fund-Victorian Division(late Lady Mayoress's Patriotic League) and the Red Cross Central Depot, Federal Government House:-

"Good Luck" Shirts 5,290
Leather-back Cardigans 1,619
Khaki Handkerchiefs 23,461
Pairs of Bed Socks 94
Pajama Suits 63
Pairs Knee Pads 81
Cholera Belts 608
Pairs of Mittens 75
Magazines 650
Letter Cards 27,597
Pairs of Knitted Socks 2,354
Balaklava Helmets 180
Scarves 13
Sundry Comforts 3,432

To our Gallant Ally--the French (per Mrs. Wm. Smith) 1915

500 Khaki Handkerchiefs
24 "Good Luck" Shirts
24 Cholera Belts
24 Leather Vests.

Societe Maternelle et Infantile, Paris (per Madame la Generale Michel)

4 fully equipped Hospital Cots, with a full outfit for the Mothers and Babies first to occupy the cots.
(By the way our first cot was occupied by the wife of one of the King of the Belgians Guard+ she is the proud Mother of two bonnie boys - twins)
Our No. 3 Cot was named the "Busy Bee" Ethel Derham Cot; No. 4 - the "Busy Bee" V.R.C. Cot.
Warm and dainty Garments

4,014 Garments for Children
450 Sundry Comforts
35 "Sacs de Joie" (each sac contained a complete outfit for a newly born baby)
2 c/s Condensed Milk

The girls also collected 10,000 pennies in the course of 3 weeks for the above.

Buffon Hospital-Paris - Collected by the girls in the Fitzroy Gardens £22 0 6.

The French Soldiers proceeding to France in 1917 per ss. "El Kanara". The packing of 800 Christmas Parcels which were donated by the French Red Cross Society was done by the "Busy Bee" girls.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas 1914 - Christmas Hampers to the men on Active Service in New Guinea containing Cakes, Puddings, Assorted Biscuits and Canned Fruits.

Christmas 1915 - 500 Christmas Billies containing Fruit Cake, Plum Pudding, Raisins, Tobacco, Cigarettes, Chewing Gum, Playing Cards, Pins, Stationery, Handkerchiefs, Bootlaces, Bachelor's Tidy and Biscuits.

110 Christmas Stockings for Navy
1 Christmas Hamper to H.M.S. "Lion"
1 " " H.M.A.S. "Sydney"
1 " Admiral Beatty

The girls also labelled and assisted in packing 18,000 Christmas Billies for the Alexandra Club at the Club Rooms.

Christmas 1916 - 111 Gift Hampers to the value of 10/6 each were posted to our Workmates at the Front.
200 Christmas Hampers to H.M.A.S. "Melbourne" and "Australia.
100 Christmas Boxes to our Fighting Men via the Australian Comforts Fund-Victorian Division.
1 Christmas Hamper to H.M.S. "Lion"
1 " H.M.A.S. "Sydney"
1 " Admiral Beatty
5/2 tier Decorated Cakes to the Caulfield Hospital Christmas Fete.
150 Gift Hampers containing Plum Puddings and Christmas Cakes were posted to our Workmates at the Front.
100 Christmas Stockings were made and filled for the Children's Hospital (per Mesdames W.M. Hughes and A.S. Woolcott)
1 Christmas Hamper to H.M.S. "Lion"
100 Christmas Boxes to the value of 7/6 each for our Fighting Men per the Australian Comforts Fund - Victorian Division
3/2 tier Decorated Cakes to Caulfield Military Hospital Fate.

Patriotic Carnival - Luna Park
Donation per Mrs. McVea - The girls made Cakes, Sponges and Scones - a substantial donation.

Donation to 8th Brigade Comforts Depot (per Mrs. Tivey)
400 Fruit Cakes  200 Plum Puddings.

Graham St. State School Red Cross Bazaar - 1 c/s containing 66 articles donated.

"Lucky Bag" Day 1917 (per Mrs. G. Tallis and Mrs. H. Tause)
646 Lucky Bags were made and filled by the "Busy Bee" girls and were sold for from 2/6 upwards. The "Busy Bee" Lucky Bags were in great demand all being sold before 12 noon.

"Busy Bee" Sock Knitting Competition - July, 1917
Judges
Lady Hennewis, Mesdames F. T. Derham, P. J. Derham, A. C. Derham and Orme Masson.

This resulted in 930 Pairs of Socks for our Fighting Men per Australian Comforts Fund.
Summary

"BUSTY BEE" FIRST-AID CLASS 1916:

Lecturers... Drs. Edith Barrett & E. Parnell
Demonstrator... Miss M. K. Bennett

Six (6) of our girls gained Certificates. Three (3) girls also do First-Aid work in Swallow & Ariell's Ambulance Room

BABY WEEK - MELBOURNE TOWN HALL: April 18-25th 1916.

The charge of the Baby Garment Stall was allotted to the "Busty Bees" who made and provided suitable and dainty garments to stock the Stall. These garments were sold to the Mothers at a minimum cost.

The Stall was a novel idea being constructed in the form of a gigantic modern gondola pram.

Proceeds from this effort were handed to the "Baby Week" Committee.

In connection with the above two of our girls gave demonstrations to very interested Mothers on how to economise in cutting out and also how to utilise warm stockings from which socks, skull-caps and warm tunics would be made. Since this demonstration we have received requests from various parts of the Commonwealth for patterns and illustrations.

WAR COUNCIL APPEAL - 1916.

OUR BOYS' DAY CARNIVAL. A Kiosk was allotted to us in the Carnival Centre with the result that £311/19/5 was paid to Messrs. Flack and Flack, Hon. Accountants. A cheque for £22/2/-, two cases Pickles and one case Sundry Gifts were also donated to the Stall of the Mayorress of Port Melbourne.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY - Victorian Division - April/May 1916.

A Kiosk was allotted to us in the Carnival Centre. This resulted in £254 being handed to the Victorian Division.

House Badges Sale £27/10/-
Red Cross Novelty Night £27/11/6.

ANZAC DAY 1918: Donation to the Returned Soldiers' Kiosk - 1 Case containing 180 gifts. The Secretary and Misses Kinns and Currie also assisted with the sales at the Returned Soldiers' Kiosk.
AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND - VICTORIAN DIVISION - Appeal June/July '16

The "Busy Bee" Kiosk in the Carnival Centre. Concert Part at "Age" office. In connection with Kiosk we held a Lucky BonBon and Prize Ticket Scheme. The girls made and filled the dainty BonBons. The result of this combined effort - £575. 19. 1½ which was handed to the Carnival Committee.

HOSPITAL BUTTON DAY - October 1916

The Girls sold Buttons and collected cash to the amount of £47. 2. 0. which was handed to the Mayoress of Port Melbourne.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW - RED CROSS COMPETITIVE SECTIONS

The Bees have entered for these competitions with the following results:

1916 for the benefit of the Country Red Cross and Comforts Fund workers we held a big display of Patriotic Work. Keen interest and appreciation of this display was shown by all who viewed it. Prizes gained in the Competitive Section 6 1st Prizes and 2 2nd Prizes for Soldiers' Garments.

1st Prizes - Set of flannel underclothing, Plain straight muffler, Leather-back Waistcoat, Underpants, Cholera Belt and Undershirt.

2nd Prizes - Pyjamas and Mittens.

Arts and Crafts Section - 2 Bees gained First and Second Prizes for Child's Silk Bonnet.

1917 The Bees gained 8 First and 2 Second Prizes -


2nd Prizes - Flannel undershirt and Flannel Shirt.

1918 Prizes gained - 9 Firsts and 3 Seconds.

1st Prizes - Set of Soldier's Underclothing, Flannel Shirt, Cotton Shirt, Undershirt, Flannel Pyjamas, Bed Socks (from scraps), Face washer, Invalid's Cap, Cholera Belt.

2nd Prizes - Tussore shirt, Underpants and Cotton Pyjamas.
PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR WAR WORK

Four very successful Novelty Nights, proceeds of which swelled the "Busy Bee" Trust Account and the Funds of the Australian Red Cross- Victorian Division.

Gift Evenings - The girls have held several enjoyable Gift Evenings the Gifts going to supplement our 3 Kiosks. These evenings have been held in Swallow & Ariell's Patriotic Work room.

GIFT PARCELS OF CLOTHING FOR OUR FELLOW WORKMATES -

On embarking for the Front each of our fellow workmates received a parcel of warm garments made by the "Busy Bee" and also a substantial parcel of eatables with the compliments of Swallow & Ariell, Limited. Over 200 of these parcels have been given to date.

DISPLAYS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR PATRIOTIC WORK (held by special request) -

1. Opening of the Caulfield Military Hospital
2. Singer & Co's. Window (The Block) - two window displays of garments made for the Societe Maternelle and our Soldiers.
3. Kyneton Red Cross Society - Display of our Garments
5. E. J. O'Donnell, Windsor - Display of Garments
6. R. T. Taylor, St. Kilda - Garments
7. J. Earl, Port Melbourne - Garments
8. Welcome Home Carnival Procession - two decorated lorries and Patriotic tableaux, which took First and Second Prizes.
9. "Win the War" Procession - Decorated lorry and "Win the War" tableau.
10. Welcome Home Committee Carnival - decorated lorries and tableaux.
11. Economic and Thrift Campaign at the Besant Hall. - A display of children's garments made from the tops of warm stockings, gloves and from waste material.

NOVEMBER, 1918

To show our appreciation and gratitude for what our Soldier mates have done for us we are posting a parcel for the New Year with our congratulations to each of them.

The parcels will each contain - a large Sultana Cake, Plum Puddings, Canned Fruit, Cheese, Tobacco and Cigarettes and a pair of socks knitted by the "Busy Bees" with the following message -

"Some gifts we sent with hopes,
And some with doubts and fears -
As the long struggle swayed and bent;
And some with burning tears
For those whose lives were spent,
But this is sent in joy, all doubt effaced:
And now we wait your coming - Oh, make haste!"

Approximately 185 of these parcels will be posted before the end of November 1918. Each parcel is valued at 12/6.

Nearly 200 Employees from Swallow & Ariell, Ltd., enlisted for Active Service.

The grateful thanks and appreciation of the "Busy Bees" is due to Messrs. Swallow & Ariell, Limited for the freedom necessary to carry out our Patriotic ideas and for material; and also to the Victoria Racing Club for donations to the extent of £200; and to all other friends (too numerous to mention) for donations of small amounts in money and goods, also for the great interest they have taken in us and our War Work

This Summary is incomplete.
To assist the various outside Patriotic Committees, the Busy Bee Girls purchased tickets for various entertainments, etc., to the extent of over £300. 

In addition to Patriotic work for the "Busy Bee" the girls sew and knit; also send private parcels to individual soldiers with whom they have become acquainted through the soldiers having found notes pinned to the "Busy Bee" garments and also placed in the toes of socks. The soldiers appreciated these notes and wrote to thank the girls for the gifts.

Expeditionary Mail Day is eagerly looked forward to by our girls.

At Football Match held by the employes of S. & A. Ltd. and those of T. E. Guest & Co., four of our girls collected for the Sick and Wounded Fund.

On 30th July 1916 in the Town Hall, South Melbourne, the employes gave a send-off social to workmates who were leaving for the Front. About 100 Soldiers were present with over 950 employes and friends. Each soldier was presented with Gifts - a parcel of clothing from the "Busy Bee"; Non-smokers - Money Belt, Wallet, Air-cushion. Smokers - Pipe and Pouch - from employes.

The Hon. F. T. Berham, Managing Director, presented the Gifts. A happy evening was spent.

The employes of Messrs. Swallow & Ariell, Limited, have contributed to the War Loans to the extent of thousands of pounds. They have also formed many War Saving Certificate Groups.

Christmas 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917. By way of showing their appreciation of the "Busy Bee" war work our employes, Messrs. Swallow & Ariell, Ltd., have presented to each girl a Decorated Christmas Cake with their compliments and thanks. The gifts have been greatly appreciated by the "Busy Bee" girls. Members of their household have also enjoyed the Cake.

Many of our girls are members of the various Brigade Comfort Depots.
In addition to the foregoing the Factory Employees of Messrs. Swallow & Ariell, Limited have since October 1914 to October 1918 contributed to the various Patriotic Funds and to the Hospitals as follows:

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In addition to contributions made by S. & A. Factory employees, the Office Staff have contributed to various Patriotic Funds as follows:

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Following are Amateur Photographic Records of Part of our War Work.
Fitzroy Gardens

Melbourne

Nov. 1915

French Nurse, Baby

Jean Coleman

"Busy Bee" Girls Collecting for the Hospital Bafston

Paris

Representing the "Busy Bee" Ethel Hutchinson

Enjoying Band Selections

Cowing The Pennies
Busy Bee

Total

4014

Warm

Garments

Société d'Assistance Maternelle

Et Infantile

Dans le Gouvernement Militaire

De Paris

Gigantic Gondola Pram

A fully equipped Hospital.
Cots with a full outfit for the Mother & Babies first to occupy.
Our Cots

The first Mother to occupy one of our Cots in Paris.

To the Société d'Assistance Maternelle et Infantile de Paris

The Wife of one of the King of the Belgians

Guard

King Albert of the Belgians was the first to receive a copy of this photograph from Madame la Generale Michel.
Wallock & Ariell's "Busy Bee"

800 Christmas Parcels for the French Soldiers returning to France per S.S. Illustrious

Sac de Joie containing a full outfit for a new Baby.