

## WAGGA WAR EFFORT

### C.U.S.A. HUT

#### FOR WAGGA A.I.F. CAMP

Largest of Kind in Australia

OPENING ON AUGUST 25

Largest of its kind in any military camp in Australia, the C.U.S.A. hut at the Wagga A.I.F. camp is gradually nearing completion, and after a working bee on Saturday, and a painting bee on Wednesday of next week, the building will be ready for the official opening on Sunday, August 25.

Although this is being erected at an estimated cost of £890 by the Catholic United Services Auxillary, the building, with all its facilities, will be open to any soldier, irrespective of creed, the passport being the King's uniform.

This recreational hut will be 80 feet by 30 feet, and will be built of brick foundations, heavy timber, and fibro plaster linings. The body of the hut will be 68 feet by 30 feet and there will be a store room and an office. The interior will be lined with pine dado and fibro plaster linings above the ceilings. It will also be lighted throughout with electricity.

There will be a veranda facing the north side, 72 feet by eight feet, and the walls will be 12 feet high with the truss roof construction over the 30 feet span of 10 feet high. The outside walls will be covered with weatherboard to a height of nine feet from the floor, and the remaining three feet in fibro cement.

Provision will be made for a temporary platform for entertainments, and along the walls will be writing desks. All writing requisites and reading material will be provided free of charge by C.U.S.A. Above the main door and on the north side will be painted "C.U.S.A." in huge letters.

The Catholic United Services Auxillary is affiliated with the Lord Mayor's Patriotic and War Fund, and its funds are subject to that body's audit. The Wagga Mayor's Fund, which is affiliated with the Lord Mayor's Fund, has promised £50 towards the furnishing of the hut, and the Ganmain Patriotic Fund has also forwarded £10.

#### VOLUNTARY LABOR

The erection of this building has been speedily carried out, but weeks of preparatory work were carried out by Mr. William Lowe, who has control of the erection of the building and is doing this in an honorary capacity. He has done yeoman service, and it is worthy of note that it was only a week ago that the timber was placed on the ground yet to-day the

only a week ago that the timber was placed on the ground yet to-day the building is more than half completed. Mr. Steve O'Halloran, of Mr. C. W. A. Welch's firm, prepared the plans, and C.U.S.A. is also grateful to him for his very valuable contribution. In addition to these, other voluntary assistance has also been given and this will be acknowledged at a later date.

A radio has already been donated, and C.U.S.A. would also appreciate assistance in providing a piano which is a very necessary means of entertainment for the troops. Anyone who can assist in this direction, and also donate books and other reading matter is invited to communicate with the secretary of C.U.S.A. (Mr. F. J. Brady) or at Bishop's House. Donations of games will be specially welcomed.

On Saturday next a working bee of carpenters, builders, laborers, and roofing plumbers will be held, and Mr. Lowe is hopeful of getting 100 men to assist him in order that the outside work of the building may be completed in the day. The ladies of the C.U.S.A. will provide both luncheon and afternoon tea, and the men are expected to start work at 8 a.m.

All desirous of assisting at the working bee are asked to communicate with Mr. Lowe, Mr. Brady, Mr. R. O. Geale, or at Bishop's House, and on the following Wednesday a painting bee will be held, and all painters who can assist are asked to communicate with Mr. Lowe and also bring a rot and a brush.

The official opening will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 25. His Lordship the Bishop of Wagga (the Most Rev. Dr. F. A. Henschke) will preside and invitations will also be extended to other dignitaries, clergy, military officials, representative citizens, and the general public to attend.

#### DONATION OF RADIO SET

The executive of the Wagga branch of C.U.S.A. gratefully acknowledges from Phillips Lamps (Australasia) Pty. Ltd. a donation of a console model of the latest range in a radio set for use in the hut that is now being erected in the showground at Wagga for the comfort of the A.I.F. members.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR DANCE

A largely attended meeting of ladies from various C.U.S.A. groups was held on Sunday evening in St Joseph's School Hall, Wagga. The executive, presided over by Mrs. Barnes, reported good progress in the arrangements for the combined dance to be held on Wednesday September 18, in the Cocoon Grove. The Riverina Revellers have been engaged and the groups have undertaken to provide what will be an excellent supper.