

GALLANT AUSTRALIANS.

Mrs. Dyson, of 41 Smith street, Northcote, has received word that her husband, Private Richard P. Dyson, of the 39th Battalion, has been killed in action in France. With the Kitchener Horse this fine soldier went right through the Boer War, and he had seen 2½ years' service in the present war. Prior to going away he was a driver employed by the Harbor Trust, and acted as drill instructor for the Boys' Naval Brigade, Preston. He was very well known in local friendly society circles, having been chief officer in both the Free Gardeners and Protestant Alliance Friendly Society and was also a member of the Northcote I.O.R.

Sergeant Stevens was made Orderly Room Sergeant (Battalion Clerk) at the formation of the Battalion. He has never been absent for a day. He is one of the most valuable men in the Unit, and his system and exactness in compiling records and returns are well known in the Brigade. He has not had the opportunity to shine at brilliant feats of arms, but every man in the Unit can thank Sergeant Stevens for the excellent care he takes of their interests. His memory is marvellous, and he has come as near infallibility in his work as any man could. He has been of the utmost value and more than once has been offered a commission. He has declined it however, so devoted is he to his work. His thoroughness and devotion entitle him to special reward for his services. Upon receiving this report the Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 58th Battalion recommended Sergeant J. A. Stevens, who has had 3 years' service, for recognition, and on March 3, 1918, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stevens, of 107 Charles street, Northcote.

Notwithstanding the continual down-pour of rain on Saturday last, there was a large gathering of friends in the evening in the South Preston Methodist school hall to do honor to three more lads (Corporal Henderson and Privates R. Greenhalgh and R. Manuel) connected with the Sunday school, who anticipate embarking in a day or two. The Rev. D. J. Flockart presided. A short, but appreciative musical program was submitted, whilst expressions of a praiseworthy nature and wishing the lads God speed and a safe return were delivered. On behalf of the assemblage the Rev. Flockart presented Corporal Henderson with a compass, Private Greenhalgh with a wristlet watch, and Private Manuel with a safety razor. Private Manuel was unable to get away from camp, and Corporal Henderson and Private Greenhalgh acknowledged the tokens of memory and congratulatory remarks.

News has been received that Warrant Officer Thomas William Gaston, of 6th Battalion, husband of Mrs. T. W. Gaston, also son of Mr. Stephen and Mrs. Gaston, corner High and Garnett streets, Preston, has been awarded the Meritorious Medal for special services in France. Enlisting in July 1915, with the exception of short furlough in England, he has been through all the engagements of the 6th Battalion.

Information is to hand that Private George Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of Clifton grove, Preston, has been wounded. Five times rejected in Western Australia, this determined young Australian had to come across to Victoria before he could get into khaki. He had only been back in the firing line a month after sickness when he was wounded.

Mrs. Vivian, "Grantala," Kellett street, Northcote, has been notified that her son, 2nd Lieut. J. Barker, M.M., has been wounded (3rd occasion). Lieut.

her son, 2nd Lieut. J. Barker, M.M., has been wounded (3rd occasion). Lieut. Barker enlisted in August 1914, and went through Gallipoli without a scratch. He is well known in cycling clubs around Melbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johansen, Northcote, have received word that their son, Private Paul R. Johansen, of the 8th Battalion, has been wounded for the third time. He has been in the fighting lines for 3 years 7 months, including service on Gallipoli, and has only had one furlough of 10 days to England.

Mr. R. G. Batten, Merristreet, Northcote, has been notified that his son, Acting-sergeant H. G. Batten, 46th Battalion, has been wounded. It is just six months since he left Australia, and during his short sojourn in England he qualified for promotion at the officers' training school.

Gunner E. T. Tierney, of the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, whose parents reside at Plenty road, Preston, has been again wounded, making the third time. He has been three years on service, as also has his brother, who is also in the artillery.

The Rev. A. and Mrs. Uglow, of 42 Jenkin street, Northcote, received the sad news this week that their son, Staff-Sergeant Alvah Henry Uglow, had been killed in France after three years' active service. He was a member of the Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R. Another son, George, is also away on active service.

Private E. Auty, M.M., 23rd Battalion, has been wounded for the third time. He has served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France for 3 years and 4 months and is now in England. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Auty, 10 Harold street, Thornbury. His brother George is with the 1st Australian Division Ammunition Column.

The Defence Department have notified Mrs. N. E. Hutton, of Helen street, Northcote, that her husband, Sergeant N. E. Hutton, of the 35th Battalion, has been admitted to the Fort Pitt Military Hospital, England, suffering from gunshot wounds in the leg and arm. He had only just recovered from previous wounds.

Word has been received that Corporal C. W. (Jack) Sheppard, 58th Battalion, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sheppard, Preston, was admitted into Fort Pitt Military Hospital, England, on August 11th, suffering from gunshot wounds received in France.

After nearly four years' continuous service Private Albert Mudden, of Preston, has been wounded, and is now in hospital in England. His injuries were caused by the bursting of a bomb. This gallant young soldier has been awarded the Military Medal together with a bar for conspicuous service.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Leicester street, Preston, have been notified that their fourth son, Private Frank Smith, 6th Battalion, has been wounded in France (3rd time).

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Griffiths, Northcote, have been notified that their son, Driver C. Griffiths, of the 4th Field Artillery Brigade, has been admitted to a military hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the left hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley, of Martin street, Northcote, have been notified that their second son, Private J. G. Harley, has been wounded. Their other son, who was wounded at the beginning of the year, is back in the firing line again.