

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Lieutenant-colonel J. E. Chard, commanding the 49th Battalion, A.I.F. from Tasmania, has written to Miss Alvina Job, of Broken Hill, under date of April 18, from France, as follows:—  
 "I am the lucky recipient of your letter of September 20, 1916, and also of the delightful box of Christmas cheer you sent with it. Much as I have enjoyed the good things you so kindly sent, the greatest pleasure is derived from the privilege of writing to thank you personally and through the League of Loyal Women of South Australia who have done so much for us. You will be glad to know that the consignment received by us was sufficient to enable the issue of a box and Christmas greetings from the South Australian division to every officer, non-commissioned officer, and man of this unit. I believe that a card from the sender was enclosed in every box, and I am sure that the men without exception will write and acknowledge the receipt of them. You cannot imagine the good that is done in this way, the pleasure given quite apart from what the boxes might contain, and how it brings us closer home and makes us better men and better fitted for the respective jobs we have to do. I liked the photograph of the Central mine which you enclosed, and the nice wishes you wrote upon it. I have not so many relatives as you have at the war, but I have a wife and six children, and I am sending your card to them to be kept. We send to you, and to all of you, our very kindest regards and thanks for the noble work you are doing."

Private W. Dorfman, of the 54th Battalion, A.I.F., who is a prisoner of war at Dulmen, Westphalia, Germany, writes to Miss Alvina Job, of Broken Hill, under date of February 26, as follows: "Just a line or two to let you know that I am quite well. I received your two letters and also your parcel, for which I thank you. The chocolate was very nice and went down very well. We as prisoners are very limited in our writing, being allowed only one post-card each week and two letters a month, so you see how we are hampered in writing to every one we wish to. Never mind, I will write to you at every possible opportunity. I only hope that it will not stop you from writing to me at every opportunity, as I will

that it will not stop you from writing to me at every opportunity, as I will be pleased to hear from you at any time. We have had some very cold weather lately, but it is getting warmer now. Give my kindest regards to your father and mother."

The following is from a letter received by Miss Nellie Bowen from Private T. A. Hanbury, 2nd Anzac Cycling Corps, in acknowledgment of a Red Cross Christmas box:—  
 "I am just writing you a few lines to let you know that I received your box, the contents of which I enjoyed very much. They were a little bit late for Christmas—we got them on May 1. I came from Victoria, but my grandfather and uncles lived in Broken Hill a few years ago."

Miss Horwood, one of the secretaries of the Red Cross Society, has received

the following letter (dated April 16) from Lieutenant Frank B. Stark, of an Australian Pioneer Battalion now serving in France:—"Our boys here were accorded one of the finest treats they have had since coming out when the other day they each received a blue box containing most useful comforts. These were the finest lot of comforts I have seen since I have been out in France. Our padre (Captain Cuthridge) distributed them to the men the other day, and as there was one to spare after the distribution the padre made me a present of it. I was awfully bucked, for even officers like to know that the womenfolk way back in the homeland are thinking of them. I can tell you the men were awfully pleased, and as I strolled round their huts it was grand to see their faces and to hear their remarks. They were like a lot of school children at a treat. All the contents of the boxes were put to good use in no time. For myself, I was just as pleased as the men were; and as you were so kind as to put an addressed envelope in the box, I feel it my duty to write and thank you for your gift, not only for the material contents, but for the thoughts and good wishes which I know came with it. Will you please thank the other ladies who joined with you in this good work, and tell them that every man was most grateful for his present."