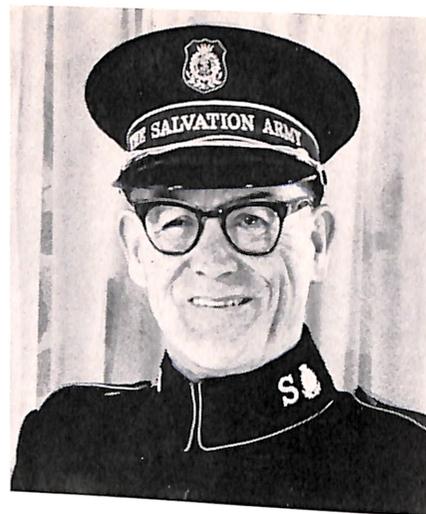




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A GOOD SAMARITAN IS A FRIEND IN DEED



THE SILENT SERVICE

The social work is the "Silent Service" of the Salvation Army. Often unheralded, unsung, in little-known and unpopular fields, the work goes steadily on; it is a case of loving the unloved, seeking the lost, sheltering the fallen. It has been aptly said that "The Salvation Army is a religious body with an acute social conscience." Our work is primarily spiritual and the social expression is a means to an end, to bring the message of God's redeeming love to a sinful world. The Army is prompted by the "universal compulsion of the souls of men" and believes that the Christian Gospel embraces the wholeness of man in his physical and social, as well as in his spiritual needs.

A. Bramwell Cook

LT. COMMISSIONER A. BRAMWELL COOK.

TRIBUTE TO A "GOOD SAMARITAN"

Any who have visited the Aged Men's Home at Collaroy will recognise "The Good Samaritan" in the cover photograph as being Brigadier T. Booth. For the past 6 years, his has been the role not only of chief mentor and guide, but of friend and comforter to the host of elderly "brothers" under his charge.

REPORT OF MEN'S SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

covering the following welfare activities

Establishments in N.S.W.

Aged Men's Homes

"The Homestead," 1039 Pittwater Road, Collaroy.
13 Thames Street, Balmain.
"Pacific Lodge," Fisher Road, Dee Why.

Accommodation

75
75
55

Senior Citizens

Rachel Gardiner Rest & Recreation Centre,
1 Cook Road, Centennial Park.

"Darby & Joan"

The E. S. Trigg Homes, Homestead Avenue, Collaroy.

48 men & women

Men's Hostels

"William Booth" Men's Hostel, 56 Albion Street, Sydney.
Home for Men, 64 Foster Street, Sydney.
Home for Men (Newcastle), 116 Hannell Street, Wickham.

286
412
35

Industrial Home

1 Bellevue Street, St. Peters.

66

Alcoholic Clinic

5 Nithsdale Street, Sydney.

Boys' Homes

Kingsland Road & Barnsbury Grove, Bexley.
Gill Memorial Home for Boys, Auburn Street, Goulburn.

90
80

Welfare Farm

Tuggerah Welfare Farm, Chittaway Point, Via Wyong.

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Prisoners' Aid and Rehabilitation

29 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

Welfare, Counselling & Services

29 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

Missing Friends Bureau

140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Establishments in Queensland

Rehabilitation & Social Service

167 Ann Street, Brisbane.

Boys' Home

Chappel Hill, Indooroopilly.

63

Boys' Training Farm

Riverview, Via Ipswich.

65

Men's Eventide Home

Riverview, Via Ipswich.

140

Men's Home

Glenrosa Road, Red Hill.

73

Workmen's Home

28 Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

130





WHERE "AGE" IS A STATE OF GRACE (NOT DISGRACE)

Although the three Eventide Homes accommodate as many as 213 aged men, there is always a capacity house, always a waiting list.

More than one-third of the inmates are over 80 years. The oldest is 94. There are 3 blind men, one being a retired solicitor who has been in the Home for ten years.

Many are without family or friends. Most are frail. All need watchful care and attention beyond the provision of food, clothes and lodgings. Severe virus 'flu has been prevalent this year, and as many as one-third of the total have been nursed through attacks. To give these elderly patients the best of medical care, we work in close collaboration with the Board of Health, Hospital Almoners, doctors and the police. Amenities installed to increase our guests' comfort include Infra-ray heaters in men's dining rooms, Kosi stoves in smoking and reading rooms, and low-level baths. Entertainment is regularly provided by visiting artists and, in addition, a 16 mm. projector has been purchased for the Collaroy Home to provide film programmes. TV viewing is another favourite occupation with these "gentlemen in retirement."

Worship services are held regularly, attendance being entirely voluntary. At Collaroy, a public address system has recently been installed, making it possible to broadcast the services. At these regular accompanist on piano is Mr. Rowell, aged 91!

Aged Men's Homes

"Darby & Joan"

TRANQUILLITY FOR TWO

Set among lovingly tended gardens just across the way from Collaroy's golden beach is the retirement haven of elderly couples.

Named after a benefactor who devoted much of his life to the welfare of pensioners, the E. S. Trigg "Darby and Joan" Settlement consists of twelve modern duplex homes. Each attractively furnished unit is fully self-contained—so that each couple may feel (and be) completely independent yet enjoy "togetherness" within the community.

For every happy "Darby and Joan" there are, unfortunately, ten others desperately waiting and hoping as their last precious years slip by. To help fulfil this urgent need, plans are in hand to build duplex homes among the tranquil 'Eventide' gardens at Collaroy.



BACHELOR "DIGS" FOR GOOD MATES

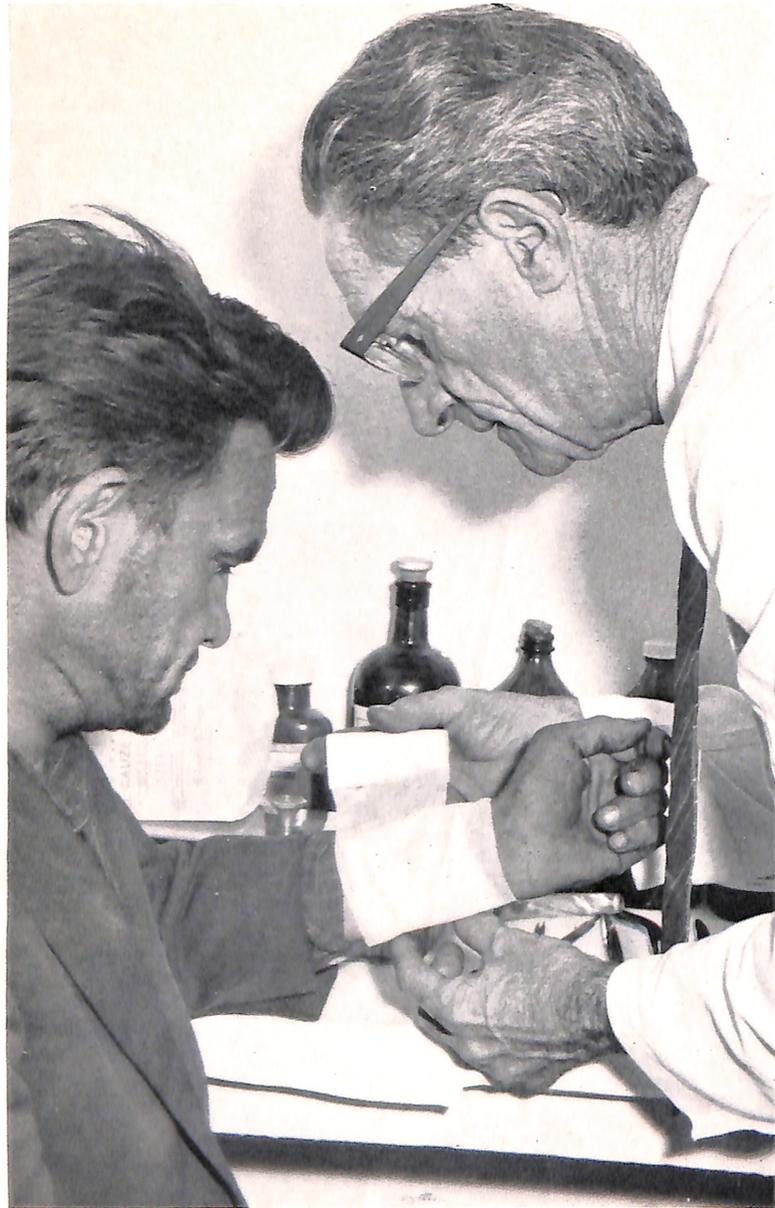
Providing accommodation for 286 guests at a very nominal tariff, the Booth Memorial Men's Hostel at Albion Street is of particular assistance to casual and shift workers, seasonal employees and single men on low incomes.

Each has his own furnished and serviced cubicle. Cooking facilities are provided so that the men (especially shift-workers) can cater for themselves, day or night. The laundry, with hot water service and washing machine, is also well patronised.

Few of the men have close family ties or friends—some are newcomers to Sydney—and, for these, the Hostel is a home away from home.

Albion Street Hostel





CEMENT BED REFUGEES

Throughout any great city you find them. Huddled in the cement bed provided by a shop doorway. On park benches. Or under bushes. Lurking in any niche or cranny which provides a little shelter. Often with the glass of broken bottles strewn around.

Itinerants. Ne'er do wells. Once reputable professionals and tradesmen. People who never had a chance from the first. And those who took too many. Life's failures or life's victims . . . the work of rescue must go on, the attempt at rehabilitation made.

Better than words, these statistics from the 1964 report tell of the Army's work among these "cement bed refugees."

Attendance at the men's hostels at Foster Street (Sydney) and Wickham (Newcastle) reached a staggering total of 15,452. No less than 211,925 meals were provided, the majority free. Beds numbered 146,180. A high proportion received medical attention. At Foster Street alone, 629 clinics were attended by 9,968 men. Of these, 3,000 were X-rayed and 218 admitted to wards for treatment. Over 2,000 men were given clothing. Casual jobs were obtained for 1,393 and 203 permanently placed. Total cost of relief provided was £27,668.11.3 at Foster Street, plus a proportionate figure for the Newcastle Hostel.

Yet even more needs to be done . . . even more must be done!

Men's Hostels: Foster Street and Wickham

WHEN 'SECOND HAND' MEANS 'SECOND CHANCE'

The Industrial Home at St. Peters is concerned not only with salvaging materials but human beings. During the year, 253 admissions were made—from the Courts, on discharge from prison and from personal application. Most are unskilled labourers in the 45-60 age group, but others have been well educated and held good positions. Many are alcoholics. The men receive their board, a weekly gratuity and clothes. From light duties, they graduate to more responsible work. This may be furniture repair or assisting on the 12 trucks used for collection of anything useful which can be salvaged to help the needy or sold to defray costs.

At present limited to 66 inmates, the current rebuilding programme will provide extra accommodation and additional amenities.



SOBERING FACTS ABOUT BOTTLE-MANIA

The problem of the alcoholic in Australian life cannot be over-estimated. Statistics indicate that at least 300,000 are already alcoholics, and that 1 drinker in 14 will become an addict. In addition to the tragic effects of alcoholism on individuals and families, it imposes an enormous economic loss to industry through absenteeism. At present, personal and group therapy is conducted at The Salvation Army's Nithsdale Clinic with the valuable assistance of doctors, A.A. personnel and honorary consultants.

To expand this rehabilitation programme, a property (to be known as "Bridge House") has been purchased for £25,000. Here, a four-fold recovery treatment will include physical, mental, recreational and spiritual therapy.

Aid to Alcoholics





THE HOME THAT IS HAPPIER THAN "HOME"

Day after day they are brought to us . . . these young victims of family poverty, neglect or tragically broken homes. Currently there are 77 boys in residence at the Bexley Boys' Home. Expenditure for the year was £10,495. Deficit after income from all sources was £1,867. While there is no set limit for a boy's stay, it is always hoped that he can be happily reunited with one or both parents after a period. Of the 24 boys discharged during the year, this was the case in 16 instances. Many of the boys, however, remain under the Army's care until they reach working age. But whether their stay is long or short, every possible effort is made to make them feel happy and secure. The Joseph Gill Memorial Home in Goulburn operates in a similar manner for boys of secondary school age.

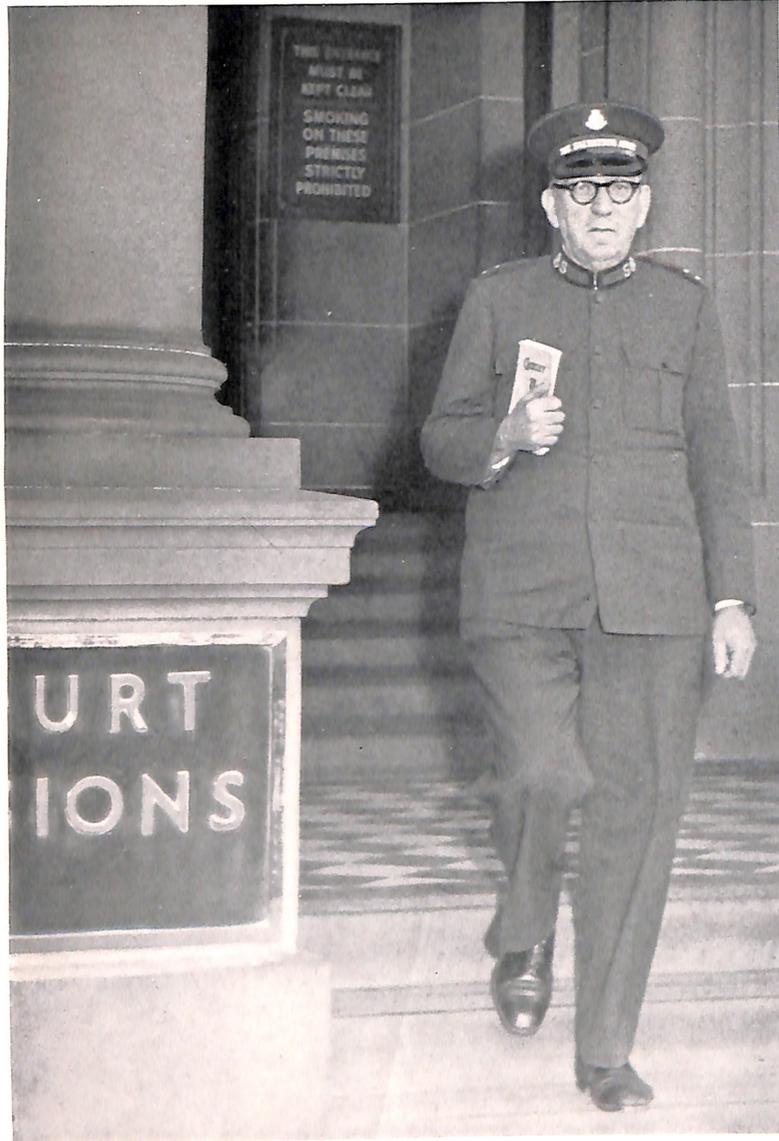
◀ This happy scene was photographed in the Playground—where a Memorial has been erected by Mrs. V. Bardsley in honour of her son, W/O Keith Warren Bardsley, who gave his life in World War II.

NEW LIFE SPRINGS FROM THE SOIL

What turns a normal healthy youth into a "delinquent"? Often his anti-social behaviour is due to emotional or physical frustration. Obviously, committal to a State prison among hardened criminals offers little hope of a "cure" for these maladjusted and impressionable boys. At the jurisdiction of the courts and Child Welfare Department, many of these lads are given into the custody of The Salvation Army. Centre for this work of youth rehabilitation is the Chittaway Point Welfare Farm near Wyong. While discipline is necessarily maintained, most of the boys respond remarkably to their new environment. Milking a cow, tending the hens, ploughing a field . . . all these new experiences awaken consciousness of the real nature and purpose of living. Aided always by the understanding of the Army's welfare officers, it is, for many, a place for moral recovery and spiritual self-discovery.

Welfare Farms





A GAOL BIRD IS A FALLEN SPARROW

"The more bedraggled the fallen sparrow, the dearer it is to his heart." The man thus referred to in the late Judge Rooney's tribute to a "friend of the Court" was Brigadier John Irwin, one of the five Salvation Army officers especially assigned to Court and Prison work.

Whether it be a murderer, habitual "crim," petty thief, street woman or vagrant, to these officers they are all lost and lonely beings who need help—and can be helped.

Their experiences would fill an encyclopaedia of life. For instance, there was the time when a youth stole a suitcase from the Salvation Army officer who was helping him to find work and accommodation. At Court, the Judge told the prisoner that it was a poor way to repay "one of the best men who ever lived." Later, this officer told a newspaper reporter, "I bear the boy no grudge. Anyway, I think he must be sorry, because he came to my service at Long Bay last Sunday. And his case certainly won't sour us against helping others. It's our job, you know." And to these dedicated officers it is a 15-hour-a-day job . . . sometimes unrewarding but often sweetened by the redemption of those they have helped. Like the young man who had appeared on a number of morals charges. With the Army's help, his life was straightened out and he met a fine girl. Now they are happily married and have children, and they often invite their "Good Samaritan" home.

Prisoners' Aid

ROLLING STONES (IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)

Some may appear to be beyond reform. But most ex-prisoners really mean to go straight . . . IF the world will only give them a real chance. The aim of the rehabilitation service is to help every man to make a fresh start *in the right direction*. This work begins at the Courts, where many an offender, instead of being sentenced to a penal institution, is given into the care of the Army. Few of these find their way back into the Courts again. Welfare service within the gaols seeks to help every man, not only with his spiritual problems, but with his personal problems. For example, officers undertake to contact relatives and, in cases of family distress, to give practical aid. The shame and deprivation resulting from a gaol sentence invariably have a harmful effect on marital relationships—and family counselling is, therefore, a vital part of the Army's work in this field. Another small service which helps to keep family ties intact is the provision of Mother's Day cards for the men to send to mothers and wives. And, at Christmas, each inmate receives a special gift and almanac. On his release, the job of making rehabilitation "permanent" really begins. Usually this involves some material aid—clothing, finance and good lodgings. But the most important is employment. Often a man with a "record" finds this extremely difficult. Deprived of a decent living, it can be expected he will soon be heading for trouble again. The Army, therefore, actively seeks the co-operation of all who can help provide these men with an honest living. Of the many who have responded, few have had cause for regret. A grateful worker is usually a loyal one. In the past year, work was found for no less than 16 released prisoners. Additionally, 39 men were admitted to the Army's Industrial Home, and 2,961 to the Foster Street Hostel.



LAST KNOWN ADDRESS . . .

A member of the family leaves home. Letters dwindle off then cease. A mother grieves. There's no peace for wondering and worrying. If only she *knew*. Even bad news would be better than none, she'll tell you. The work of the Missing Persons Bureau is a very little known branch of The Salvation Army's work. Enquiries come from every part of the world. From both sides of the Iron Curtain in Europe, from the Americas, Africa, New Zealand and Asia. Many from within Australia itself.

Where an address is given, these cases are usually fairly simple to handle. Others are very difficult and involve long and painstaking search. For example, this enquiry from London about a brother missing for 41 years! "The officer in charge of your London Headquarters advised me to contact you, mentioning the facts concerning my brother. He was born in North Island, New Zealand, about 1886, and went to England at the age of 18 where he joined the English Navy. He left it in 1923 and has not been heard of since. He married a young lady, named Grace, and they had two children. The family lived in the East End of London, the address I have since forgotten. My brother was a Chief Petty Officer when I last heard of him. He was on a ship at Cromarty, Scotland, 1921 or 1922. If he is still alive, or any of his family, I would like to contact him again if at all possible."

On the law of averages, there is a better than even chance that this will be possible. Of the 328 enquiries received in the year to 30th June, 1964, success was attained in 192 cases or 55%. In many instances, it was possible not only to bring news of the missing ones, but happily to renew contact between families and friends.

For their invaluable assistance, thanks are expressed to the many Consular Officials and Government Departments who continue to give able and active co-operation to this humanitarian work.



Emergency Relief

DISTRESS SIGNAL!

Wauchope was flooded again! Investigation disclosed desperate conditions. Within 24 hours a "Red Shield" truck set out and its heavy load of bedding, clothing and food transhipped into two cream boats. The recipients included a young farmer and his family—they had lost all but 7 of their 70 cows. Others had lost their homes as well as herds. The father of another family was in hospital. The mother and four children were alone when the flood struck. The roof collapsed and they were stranded without shelter or dry clothes. Within hours, a relative in Sydney was contacted, transport arranged and the children put aboard a plane at Port Macquarie.

A home was burnt out at Cardiff. The family lost everything but the clothes they were wearing. The Army's relief service swung into action. Emergency shelter, clothing and cash were provided to tide them over. And, when permanent accommodation was found, furniture donated to help them back on their feet.

A woman with four young children was suddenly deserted by her husband. Homeless and without money, she approached the police and was brought to the Salvation Army. Accommodation was immediately provided at one of the Salvation Army Homes for mothers and children.

Disaster, destruction, death, desertion . . . these 4D's spell out the distress signal. Working in close co-operation with local authorities and Civil Defence, the Salvation Army's Emergency Relief Service is constantly "at the ready" to help—with manpower, clothing, food and, of course, the refreshing "cuppa" for the busy band of helpers. Always the Army's Citadel is available as a temporary home for the homeless—thus it is not unusual for the House of Worship to take on the appearance of a vast dormitory!



WILL YOU BE A FRIEND IN DEED TO THOSE IN NEED?

For the past 80 years The Salvation Army in Australia has been actively engaged in social work of various kinds, and this Annual Report is designed to give a comprehensive picture of what is being done through the Men's Social Services of today. This is the story of practical Christianity demonstrated in service to all classes of humanity, for where there is a need there will be found our officers ready to help. Although facts and figures are given, these do not reveal the full story of the work that has been done.

In the previous pages will be found an outline of the opportunities that exist for practical support. The plans for future development required to meet the ever-pressing needs will require many thousands of pounds to make this possible. Last, but not least, we desire to express our sincere gratitude to all who have given untiring service in this field and to many who have provided financial assistance.



Norman H. Pack

NORMAN H. PACK, LIEUT.-COLONEL, TERRITORIAL MEN'S SOCIAL SECRETARY.

NEED FOR EXPANSION IS URGENT

Even stretched to their utmost limit, existing facilities lag far behind today's needs. Tomorrow's will be even greater!

As a matter of urgency, top priority is being given to the most vitally needed of these "bricks and mortar" projects including:

- the erection of 4 new "Darby and Joan" duplex cottages at Collaroy,
- construction of 6 single units for aged men at Dee Why,
- a Senior Citizens' Settlement at Bass Hill,
- rebuilding of the Eventide Homes at Balmain and Collaroy,
- a new administrative building, dining room, chapel and recreation hall at St. Peters Industrial Home,
- erection of No. 2 home at the Bexley Boys' Home.

Should you be interested in any of these projects, your enquiries would be most welcome.

Good Samaritans

"NORTH OF THE BORDER"

Ample proof of expansion is provided by Queensland's welfare report. Among important developments are two newly built homes at Indooroopilly to board an extra 48 boys. A new dormitory at the Red Hill Home has provided extra beds. A new building at the Workmen's Hostel, South Brisbane, will increase accommodation by 72.

The "Halfway House" and Counselling Centre for alcoholics is while the opening of the new Townsville Men's Home, now under another outstanding example of progress in the Brisbane area, construction (incorporating industrial centre and rehabilitation), is indicative of the Army's active welfare programme in the Far North . . . or wherever else there is a need for help.

We now invite your consideration of the purposes and needs of the Welfare Departments of the Salvation Army. In soliciting support, we ask you to help us to help others . . . in the most practical way.

LEGACIES TO THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army in Australia is working under Acts of Parliament in the various States, and is legally equipped to receive Legacies and to hold properties. Bequests can, therefore, be safely made in favour of the Army, and with the knowledge that they will enable its beneficent service and works of mercy to continue when you have passed away. Might we respectfully suggest that you provide in your Will for one or more of the objects named hereunder:

1. Homes for Children.
2. Eventide Homes for Aged Persons.
3. Youth Hostels.
4. Youth Training Farms.
5. Men's and Women's Shelters and Workers' Lodgings.
6. Industrial Homes for Men and Girls.
7. Police Court, Prison and Rehabilitation Work.
8. Alcoholic Clinics.
9. Rescue Homes for Erring Girls.
10. Maternity Hospital Work.
11. Homes for Invalid Women and Girls.
12. General purposes of The Salvation Army in Eastern Australia.
13. Maintenance and Extension of the Work of The Salvation Army in non-Christian lands.

FORM OF WILL AND BEQUEST

"I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto THE SALVATION ARMY (NEW SOUTH WALES) PROPERTY TRUST the sum of pounds (£) to be used and applied for the general purposes of The Salvation Army in the Eastern Territory of Australia."

Name

Address

Witness

Date

Should it be desired that the bequest be for any special branch of the Salvation Army work (particulars of which are given on the previous pages), this can be done by substituting the name of the particular object or institution in place of the words "Eastern Territory of Australia."

Should it be desired to benefit The Salvation Army in Queensland, or any particular part of the Army's work in that State, the above form could be adapted by substituting the word "Queensland" for the words "New South Wales" wherever they appear and by making the bequest in favour of The Salvation Army (Queensland) Property Trust.

Enquiries regarding bequests may be addressed Territorial Commander, The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 6, Brickfield Hill, Sydney, N.S.W.

A gift to The Salvation Army is perpetual investment in humanitarian service—an eloquent memorial to its donor—ministering to the needs of others through a world-wide Christian enterprise.

HELP US TO HELP OTHERS



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