

MISCELLANEOUS.

At the instance of the Bakers' Union, inquiry was made recently of the Defence Department by Mr. McCullum, secretary of the Metropolitan Council of the A.L.F., with regard to the possibility of the inclusion in future units of field bakeries and butcheries attached to the expeditionary forces, or representatives of Western Australia. A reply has been received from the secretary to the department (Mr. T. Trumble) stating that in accordance with the expressed wish of the Army Council, it is not proposed to raise any field bakeries or butcheries in the new Australian forces.

A Welsh paper writing of the funeral of Sergeant A. J. Guthrie, of Perth, says:—"The funeral of Sergeant A. J. Guthrie, Australian R.E., who passed away at the Red Cross Hospital, Carmarthen, took place on November 11, the interment being at the cemetery. The Rev. B. Parry Griffiths, vicar of St. Peter's, assisted by the Rev. Har Edwards, curate, officiated. Despite the rain, large crowds of townspeople watched the mournful cortege on the way to the burial ground, and there were manifestations of genuine sympathy in all quarters. Preceding the hearse was the Boy Scouts Band, under the scoutmaster, Mr. P. G. Humphreys, and a large number of wounded soldiers. The coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack, was covered with a very large number of beautiful wreaths. The chief mourners were Private H. D. Guthrie, of the A.I.F. (brother of deceased), who has also been wounded; and an uncle of the deceased. Amongst those present were Lieutenant-General Sir James Hills-Johnes, V.C., G.C.B., Dolaucothy; Mr. Pryse-Rice, Llwynybrain; Revs. A. Fuller Mills, W. D. Rowlands, and E. Ungood Thomas; Drs. Parry, Williams, and Harris; Nurse Ditcham, and a number of other nurses. The Last Post was sounded at the graveside."