

## **BIG A.I.F. MARCH TO-DAY**

### **26 "Strong Posts"**

Thousands of people are expected to line city streets to-day to see the biggest A.I.F. march in Melbourne for a year.

There will be at least 26 "strong posts," complete with "cheer leaders," to greet the marchers. Banks, Government departments, and business houses have agreed to arrange for employees to gather along the route.

Led by the 2 11th Army Field Regiment, the march will include 4,400 men from the 2 3rd Field Park Company, the 2 16th Field Company, the 2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment, the 2 1st Corps Field Survey Company, artillery and infantry reinforcements, and the 7th Australian General Hospital. The leader of the march will be Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, C.O., 2 2nd Pioneer Battalion, which will march farther back in the column.

The men will leave Alexandra avenue at 12.50 p.m. and march along Swanston, Burke, Elizabeth, Collins, King, and Bourke streets to Spencer street station. Lord Gowrie will take the salute at the Town Hall. Boy Scouts will provide a guard of honour for him in Swanston street.

In addition to four military bands which will march, four bands will play in the city from noon. The Victorian Police and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade bands will play at the Town Hall; St. Augustine's Orphanage Band, from Geelong, at St. Paul's Cathedral corner; and the band of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Melbourne, at the Elizabeth street post-office.

The march will be the feature of the City Huts and Soldiers' Families Appeal Day, for which 90,000 1/ buttons and 4,000 5/ ones will be sold. There will also be 40 stalls and 25 chocolate wheels.