

BAND NOTES.

It was very pleasing to have one of our soldier bandsmen, Lindsay Wilkins (side drummer), with us at rehearsal on Sunday last; also his mate, Les Butler, who was one of Bandmaster Rowbottom's promising boys in Headquarters Band. Both have been with the A.I.F. in New Guinea for several months, helping to make the world safe and fine and decent for all of us to live in. They are home on leave for 28 days. The band turned out on Wednesday night, 23rd February, to assist the local scouts in their parade from North-road to the Cenotaph.

On Sunday last a similar service was performed by the lads at Footscray Park for the Boy Scouts in that district. Future band engagements include a picnic at Mordialloc on Sunday, 12th March, provided by the Newport Aircraft Patriotic Auxiliary, and on Sunday, 19th March, the band will participate in an Allied Pageant and Band Festival arranged by the V.B.L. on the Coburg Cricket Ground. At the last committee meeting, Drum-Major D. Eads was again appointed delegate to the V.B. League, which will enable him to continue his good efforts in the interests of the band.

Bandsman Jack Clarke was appointed property steward for the band, and as he is a stickler for spit and polish, the band lads will need to be on their toes in this regard.

The band needs some light music stands and will be glad to learn of anybody having one or more for sale.

Brian Fitzpatrick asks in last week's "Smith's" whether the small beer press, i.e., the "Times," a Sydney publication, and the "Catholic Worker" (Melbourne), has a "head."