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and even equipped and dispatched
her aeroplanes for the Front.

The strong-limbed, clean-cut,
high-tempered breed of Australia
has thrown into the War an army
almost as great as that put into
the field for the South African
War by the whole Empire, and
twice as large as our initial Ex-
peditionary Force of August, 1914.
Alongside that army, which volun-
teered for foreign service, came
the battle-cruiser 'Australia' and
the three smaller cruisers, 'Mel-
bourne', 'Sydney' and 'Brisbane',
with flotillas of submarines, tor-
pedo-boats and destroyers. The
Commonwealth has equipped, arm-
ed and transported its own men
and has met the costs of commis-
sariat and medical supplies, beside
shipping and maintaining many
thousands of her famous horses. In
the Navy, the infantry, cavalry,
artillery, mechanical transport,
camel corps, and miners' corps and
in new munition factories in her
different States, Australia has
undertaken every kind of war-
service open to her.

Right across the entire breadth
of the world, New Zealand with its
passion for freedom thrilled with
response to the need of Belgium.
From a population equal only to
one of England's great provincial
cities, her fiery breed of men have
thrown themselves into the fray
with clear vision of the issues at
stake and of the sacrifices dem-
anded. General Smuts has told
us that of her total population of
one million, about one hundred
thousand entered military service
in the War—men who, coming
from the newest and least tradi-
tional of lands, shed their first
blood within range of Sinai, and
as they recuperated, faced the in-
scrutable features of the Sphinx.
The gifts of over three million
pounds from a million people, over
and above War Loans of over
thirty millions, and vast contribu-
tions of food-stuffs, reveal the
steady spirit in which civilian New
Zealand backs up the efforts of its
troops.

The Australians and New Zea-
landers together created and bap-
tised in sacred blood a new name
that stands for the most glorious
heroism of the War—the name of
"Anzac", (the Australian and
New Zealand Army Corps), asso-
ciated for all time with the ad-
venture of Gallipoli. Their long
and ever-growing list of military
distinctions represents but barely
their heroic courage.

The first task of the South
African Government, under its
soldier statesman, General Botha,
was to reduce a miniature rebellion
which had broken out under the

stimulus of bribery and intrigue.
She then turned to the conquest
of German South-West Africa. A
British South African Army of
58,000 conquered this area of a
third of a million square miles,
and then garrisoned the country.
Some of the South African Army
joined the Rhodesian and East
African colonists, together with
English, Australian, Canadian and
Indian troops, to reduce German
East Africa, now almost complete-
ly subdued. These vast territories
when completely reduced will, with
the Kamerun country conquered
largely by the West African Fron-
tier force, place some million
square miles in the hands of the
Allies.

Some seven thousand men have
crossed to England from South
Africa for the fighting in Europe,
with a general hospital, ambulance
and aviation squadron complete.
Over 40 per cent. of the adult male
white population of Rhodesia are
enlisted in African forces, while
many from all over the sub-conti-
nent have come home to enlist in
England itself.

The mere catalogue of the im-
perial service given by the smaller
outposts is endless. From Malta,
Hongkong and Shanghai, from
Zanzibar, Mauritius, Sierra Leone,
from Fiji, and other islands of the
Pacific, from Aden, from Guate-
mala, from the Argentine, men
have come in spontaneous homage
to give what service is in their
power. The strangely potent ap-
peal of the cause is illustrated
curiously in Malaya, where contri-
butors to a squadron of sixteen
aeroplanes include British, French,
Dutch, Jews, Armenians, Chinese,
Japanese, Indians (of numerous
races) and Malays.

But when all is told the strangest
story of all remains—one that
reads like an Arabian Night's
romance, yet is the solid history of
our own day. No one living can
have remained unmoved by, or will
ever forget, the thrill of emotion
that quickened the pulse of Eng-
land when India offered herself
with Oriental lavishness.

"What orders from the King-
Emperor for me and my men?"
wired the gallant Maharajah of
Rewa. The message was symbolic
of the spontaneous offer of the
Principalities and Powers of that
vast and varied congeries of
peoples grouped under the name
of India.

Germany had recorded her ex-
pectation that in a European war,
England would need to send addi-
tional troops from home to hold
down restive India. In the event

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