

## **SERGEANT CAMPBELL, D. C. M.**

Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Campbell, D.C.M., of Newcastle, writes in appreciation of the cable message sent by his Newcastle friends on the occasion of his being seriously wounded in the fighting in France.

"I may say," he writes, "that I have had a marvellously quick recovery from a bullet wound in the centre of the chest, penetrating the lungs, and out through the back. In nineteen days I was up out of bed. I am now rapidly passing through the different classification grades, and am awaiting a further classification. If the 'powers that be' say I am fit, I will willingly carry on the job I left Australia to do—that is, to do my bit to beat the Hun. As a unionist, I always endeavoured to do my best for the betterment of my class, and for freedom from the bonds of industrial serfdom. Now, while the fight for freedom is on the fields of France and the mud-flats of Flanders, while able, I will carry on there. It is a truism recognised by all, that the Hun victorious would be an end of our unionism as we understand it. It would be the end of the standard of industrial freedom that we have now reached and fought so long and strenuously for. Our only hope for further advancement is that we shall beat the Hun first. Then with voice and pen and honest endeavour, labour to further freedom's cause—abolish this hellish institution of war and establish the brotherhood of man. The only classification I do not desire is to be marked for Home service in England. This classification I will most strenuously oppose. I desire either active service in France or to be returned to Australia. I am afraid I would never make a good parade ground soldier. I detest militarism in all its forms—I can only recognise it as a necessary evil that is forced on us whereby we can protect ourselves, our homes, our womenfolk, and our country from the hands of the despoiler."