

# THE BAND OF THE 2/22nd BATTALION

Arthur Gullidge served as band master in the Melbourne and Brunswick Salvation Army Citadel Band. Gullidge and 22 of his fellow Salvation Army bandsmen volunteered in mid-1940, and were inducted as bandsmen into the newly formed 2/22 Battalion.

Gullidge composed music for the Australian Army, where his arrangements remained in use for the next 30 years. The band became the pride of Lark Force, and also of Rabaul, playing at civic events in addition to military duties. When the battalion was in action bandsmen acted as stretcher bearers and medical orderlies. Only one bandsmen survived and returned to Australia.

The Australian Salvation Army community was devastated by the loss of so many of its talented bandsmen.

