



DESPERATE GLORY

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!

Or at least, we do – to join us in our MAGNIFICENT MUSIC HALL for that EXTRAVAGANZA of shocks, shivers and shrapnel known as THE GREAT WAR! PATRIOTIC SONGS? We've got them. COMEDY SONGS? You bet! SATIRICAL VERSE? We've got that too. COMEDY? TRAGEDY? HISTORY? We've got the lot! And if you've a taste for HORROR, you can't go wrong with the FIRST WORLD WAR!



Need encouragement to JOIN UP? Have we got SONGS for you! "The Army of Today's All Right", "The Girl I Left Behind Me", "Sister Suzy's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers", "We Don't Want to Lose You". (No, of course we don't! But, all the same, WE THINK YOU OUGHT TO GO!)

Who wrote this AMAZING SHOW? Most of it came from the pens of these very soldiers – OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT! Experience their RANGE OF REACTIONS as they progress from PATRIOTISM - through FATALISM - to ANGER and BITTERNESS... all human life is there!

FOLLOW THE SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE. The poetry is in the pity, and the WAR POETS - SASSOON, OWEN, ROSENBERG, BROOKE and others - allow us to EAVESDROP ON THE THOUGHTS (often the last recorded thoughts) of THOSE WHOM HISTORY CONDEMNED TO DIE.

What about the WOMEN? You want to DO YOUR BIT? Of course you do! Join the WAACs, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps! Drive an ambulance! Or become a LAND GIRL: replace the men who've been CALLED TO THE FRONT. WOMEN HAVEN'T GOT THE VOTE, but after their CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR EFFORT, they surely can't be denied it for long!

It's a BATTLE OF EMPIRES. INDIA, AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, youth from ALL OVER THE WORLD are recruited into battle against GERMANY AND ITS ALLIES in the INDUSTRIALISED CARNAGE that is the FIRST GLOBAL WAR

Robert Graves gives us a GRUESOMELY COMIC description of one aspect of MILITARY TRAINING! Also a not-so-comic description of a scene after battle, where we witness the result.

Many soldiers come to see the war as one of aggression and conquest. The WAR HERO Siegfried Sassoon says so publicly. An ORDINARY SOLDIER WOULD BE SHOT. But Sassoon is an officer, and an important literary figure. He receives "TREATMENT" for "SHELL-SHOCK".

CUSHY WOUNDS? TICKETS TO BLIGHTY? With TENS OF THOUSANDS of soldiers killed or wounded in this carnage why would a soldier DELIBERATELY INFLICT a debilitating wound on himself? Find out in this show!

Poor health? Stunted growth? Too short to fight? Nonsense! YOUR COUNTRY STILL NEEDS YOU! You can join the BANTAM BATTALLIONS! All are required to FEED THE GUNS.

