

Australia Home
Victoria House
(Charing Cross end).

D. Sketch
13/12/45

...fruit and vegetables, but Queen's Own Royal West Kents.

It's All In My Bag Kiddies—Get Your Stockings Ready



By SANTA CLAUS

MY old heart is going to be extra glad this Christmas. I have got thousands and thousands of beautiful toys for the poor children who have been bombed-out in London's East End.

The people of Victoria, Australia, have sent them. I had to slip over to Australia to see them before they were put in the ships.

But it was worth the trip to see the kindness beaming on the faces of the Australians as they packed the toys for the voyage.

Now the first shipload are here. There are more to come, but those that have arrived I have stacked here in Australia House, London.

A Lovely Sight

And what a lovely sight they make. I can see now the bright eyes and the happy faces with which the kiddies will receive them.

Look, children, at them through my eyes. This place is just like an Aladdin's cave of toys.

At each end of the room I have put a Christmas tree all draped with tinsel. I have put up two Teddy Bears as sentinels.

Then there is a great mass of wooden kangaroos, Koala bears, ships, trains, buckets, spades—shining in a hundred different shades of paint and enamel.

And all are splendidly made and finished—many of them by hand. Just fancy, children, there are 68,000 of them here now. A hundred more cases should arrive next week.

Cinderella Calls

By the way, I had such a pretty visitor to-day. She was born in Australia Miss Sara Gregory, Cinderella in Robert Donat's "The Glass Slipper," at St. James' Theatre.

She helped me to arrange the toys. Mr. Norman Martin, Agent-General for Victoria, was also here.

Perhaps to-morrow I shall have an official exhibition of the toys. I think the Lord Mayor of London (Sir C. Davis) may come to it.

He has already sent three cases of the toys to each of 58 mayors of metropolitan boroughs and bombed-out towns.

Well, good-bye for now, children, and a very happy Christmas to you.

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Contact Monday

Children for a bit

TUES.

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For Christmas Story

Distribution to East End kids.

68,000

Australia Home,
Temple Bar, 2656
Mr. Norman Martin, Agent-General
for Victoria.

Exhibition
Lord ... speech, 3.30 P.M.

Distributed to 58 Metropolitan Boroughs.

Not bought but made by people of Melbourne, Victoria.

A New Part — Good Fairy

Australian-born Sara Gregory, who will play "Cinderella" at the St. James's Theatre, London, this Christmas, prepares a surprise at Australia House, London, for kiddies of southern England who are to receive 68,000 Christmas toys donated by citizens of Victoria, Australia. Her overloaded assistant is Mr. Norman A. Martin.



"The Tunes"
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FROM AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Norman A. Martin, Agent-General for Victoria, and Miss Sara Gregory, who is Cinderella in *The Glass Slipper*, unpacking some of the 68,000 toys sent by the people of Victoria for bombed-out children.