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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE CORPS.

Melbourne stages its first parade of the Civil Defense Corps. when 5,000 men swing into procession down the picturesque St.Kildare Road. Some of them are old soldiers but contrary to what we hear in the song, they refuse to even fade away. All these men are civilians during the week but at weekends they get into their green and khaki uniforms and go to it, they are Australia's Home Guard. These men may never be called upon to take up arms but the training does at least keep them fit and alert and it keeps up old campaigning associations. They're old comrades and at off duty times they still swap yarns over the odd pint down under. In the leafy setting of St.Kildare's the home guard goes home.