**Historical Officers Report**

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**April 1944**

6th April

**FIVE AIRMEN KILLED**

FATAL CRASH

Five R.A.A.F. members, who lost their lives in an air-crash last week,

were laid to rest in the Camden War Cemetery on Saturday morning. They were:—

Flying-Officer Ronald W. Durrant.

Flying-Officer Howard D. Wheller.

Flight-Sergeant Rex A. C Hoscher.

Flight-Sergeant Harry B. Johnston.

Aircraftman William H. Bray.

**SOLDIER'S DEATH**

Warrant-Officcr John G. Alcorn, A.I.F., whose death occurred through

illness, was accorded a military funeral on Saturday afternoon at the Camden War Cemetery

More Local Green Peas Wanted by Government.

Mr. H. A. W. Woodward, of the Agricultural Department, is at present

Organising contract pea production in the district and is interviewing growers within a radius of 12 miles of the Camden and Picton townships.

Most of these pea crops will be harvested by machinery. The officer's services are also available for general agricultural questions.

Mr. Woodward, who resides in Alpha-road, Camden, was a member of

the R.A.A.F. for more than two years.

**13th April**

Local Anzac Service.

Camden Diggers are organising an Anzac march and service for Sunday,

April 23.

The march will commence at 2.45p.m. from Camden Town Hall to the

Cenotaph in the picturesque Macarthur Park.

**20th April**

V. D . C . Members W a n t e d at Camden.

The Volunteer Defence Corps is appealing for recruits at Camden for

training on one night each week and at week-ends.

Each new V.D.C. member will release a full-time man for duties elsewhere.

Searchlight training is to take place here and Camden area men are urgently

required for this branch of the service.

Other training includes infantry drill, musketry, Bren and other guns, battle

drill, physical training, hand and rifle grenades, and demolition.

Recruits will find the training both pleasant and instructive.

When the searchlight or any other unit is formed, the men are paid army

rates according to rank.

A new rifle range at Picton will shortly be in use for V.D.C. members.

Further information will gladly be given by Mr. R. F. A. Downes, M.C.

(formerly 1st A.I.F.) or Sergeant M. Grieve, of The Oaks.

26th April Alexishafen occupied by Australian troops

**27th April**

Local Anzac Service.

Nearly 400 people attended the Anzac Commemoration Service on Sunday last at Macarthur Park, Camden, when an inspiring address was given

by the Rev. A. H. Kirk from the front of the wreath-covered Cenotaph.

Forty returned servicemen, including a sprinkling of men who had served

overseas in the present war, were commanded by Lieut-Colonel Edward Macarthur Onslow, D.S.O., in the march from the local town hall to the park.

A military band led the parade of soldiers, Camden V.A. Detachment, Junior

Red Cross members and Boy Scouts. The March and service were organised

by Camden Returned S.S. and A. Imperial League Sub-branch.

More than £12 was collected at the park and this will be divided between

Camden W.V.S. "parcels for servicemen" fund and the Camden Red Cross

branch.

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