**Historical Officers Report**

**From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser**

**May 1944**

4th May

STATE ELECTIONS

THREE NOMINATIONS" FOR WOLLONDILLY SEAT

Three candidates will contest' the Wollondilly seat at the State Elections

to be held on Saturday, May 27.

They are: Henry Jefferson Percival BATE, A.I.F., Lieutenant, the sitting member, Democratic Party (formerly U.A.P.).

Patrick William RENNA, Independent Labor.

Gerald Douglas WYLIE, Camden auctioneer, representing the Liberal

Democratic Party.

SUCCESS IN FIRST MONTH

Y.M.C.A. HOSPITALITY CENTRE AT CAMDEN

"In view of the decision made at the public meeting, presided over by the

Mayor of Camden (Mr. Kelloway) early in March, when it was resolved

to give the new venture of a "Hospitality Centre" for all Services a month's

trial and for a provisional committee to manage its affairs, the public is entitled to be informed as to how matters stand now that the period of experiment has expired," said Mr. A. Asboe, Y.M.C.A. area officer and chairman of the centre's management committee, in a statement to this newspaper on Monday.

"The promoters of this project left no stone unturned to make this Hospitality Centre provide a long felt want for men on leave," continued Mr.

Asboe. "The spacious room has been entirely renovated and presents a pleasing appearance. It is well furnished with a lounge-suite, easy chairs, occasional tables, and recreational facilities in a largo-size billiards table, ping-pong set, bobs and other table games. A library is made available, also illustrated papers. In this way adequate facilities meet all tastes,

11th May

LOCAL SOLDIER'S DEATH IN JAPANESE P.O.W. CAMP

Corporal Harry Crittenden, aged about 37 years, formerly of Mount Hunter, died of illness on November 1, 1943, whilst a prisoner-of-war in Japanese hands. Harry fought throughout the Malaya-Singapore campaign with A Company, 2/19 Battalion, A.I.F. He was promoted to corporal on the field during the battle for Malaya. His army number was NX33947. He was taken prisoner at the British surrender of Singapore in February, 1942.

Soldier Member Had Suit Trouble**.**

Lieut. H. Jeff. Bate, A.I.F., member for Wollondilly, was in a spot of bother when I met him on Friday last.

Army rules that electioneering-soldiers must wear civilian clothes when

addressing political meetings.

Mr. Bate had outgrown all his civilian togs and was anxiously trying to

contact a tailor who could provide him with a suit so urgently needed before

his election campaign could be started in earnest.

18th May

NO MILK FOR CITY

LOCAL DAIRYMEN DECIDE

The Acting Prime Minister, (Mr. Forde, announced on Tuesday that the

Federal Government would pay a subsidy of 2 1/2d. gallon on milk produced in the Sydney milk collecting zone for five months operating from April 17.

Local dairy farmers expressed bitter disappointment at the low price offered.

.More than 50 suppliers met at the Empire Hall, Camden, oh Tuesday

night and decided to withhold milk for the city trade after this Thursday

afternoon's delivery.

Seller! of Motor Vehicles..

Advertisements for the sale of motor car and lorries, whether by private

treaty or public auction, are required under National Security (Prices) Control Regulations, to include the following details: Make of car, year

model, type, pegged price if listed, selling price, name and address of advertiser. Where pegged price is not known to the advertiser, this information may be obtained from the Prices Commissioner, Dalton House, 117 Pitt St. Sydney.

**21st May Monte Casino finally captured**

25th May

MILK STRIKE AVERTED.

A special grant of one penny a gallon by the State Government to bring

the subsidy granted by the Federal Government to 3 1/2d. a gallon increase

for milk produced in the Sydney Milk collecting zone, saved a threatened

hold-up of supplies at the week-end.

Zone dairy farmers had previously refused to accept the Federal Government's offer of 2 1/2d. Increase, following the Milk Board's recommendation (accepted by the State Government) that milk suppliers were entitled to a rise of 3 1/2d.

Late Camden Flier In 23 Bombing Raids.

Flight Sergeant Astley Cranfield R.A.A.F., of Camden, was participating

in his 20th raid on Germany, when his aircraft failed to return to its English

base on September 22, 1943. Hehad also previously taken part in three

raids on Italy.

German sources have since reported his death to the International Red

Cross, and this sad information was conveyed to his mother.

His elder brother, Sergeant Cecil Cranfield, who was on active service

with the R.A.A.F. in Dutch New Guinea for 12 months, visited Camden

this week.

Former Camden Resident Missing After Air Raid.

Mr. Albert Barber, of Cawdor, has been informed that his elder brother,

Flight Sergeant Charles Barber (R.A.A.F.), is reported missing.

Charles Barber was a member of a crew in a Lancaster bomber which failed to return to its English base after a heavy raid on France on May 4.

The missing airman is married. His wife and child reside at Punchbowl.

The Barber family worked a dairy on the Camden Park Estate about ten

years ago.

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