

**Historical Officers Report  
From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser  
December 1941**

**1<sup>st</sup> December Tobruk again besieged**



**7<sup>th</sup> December Japan attack Pearl Harbour**



**RAAF Squadrons move to Timor**



**Siege of Tobruk Ends**

## 8<sup>th</sup> December Great Britain and USA declared War on Japan

"All the News That's  
Fit to Print."

# The New York Times.

**LATE CITY EDITION**  
Increasing cloudiness with rain &  
temperature today. Tomorrow  
cloudy, occasional sleet.  
Temperatures Tuesday—Max. 34, Min. 25

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## JAPAN WARS ON U. S. AND BRITAIN; MAKES SUDDEN ATTACK ON HAWAII; HEAVY FIGHTING AT SEA REPORTED

**CONGRESS DECIDED**  
Roosevelt Will Address  
It Today and Find It  
Ready to Vote War

**CONFERENCE IS HELD**  
Legislative Leaders and  
Cabinet in Sober White  
House Talk

**TOKYO ACTS FIRST**  
Declaration Follows Air  
and Sea Attacks on  
U. S. and Britain

**TOGO CALLS ENVOYS**  
After Fighting Is On, Grew  
Gets Japan's Reply to  
Hull Note of Nov. 26

**PACIFIC OCEAN: THEATRE OF WAR INVOLVING UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES**

Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities an American ship the Philippines were raided from the air. At Shanghai (5) a  
and a German oiler from (1) and a United States Army transport, British gunboat was sunk and an American gunboat seized by the  
carrying lumber was torpedoed at (2). The most important action, Japanese. To the south, in the Malaya area (7), the British  
was at Manila (3), where Japanese planes bombed the great heated Japanese ships. Tokyo forces attempted landings on Brit-  
tain Harbor have. Also attacked was Guam (4). From Manila, sea, territory and Singapore underwent an air raid. Elsewhere

**GUAM BOMBED; ARMY SHIP IS SUNK**  
U. S. Fliers Head North From Manila—  
Battleship Oklahoma Set Afire by  
Torpedo Planes at Honolulu

**104 SOLDIERS KILLED AT FIELD IN HAWAII**  
Japanese Envoys, at Moment of Attack, Deliver  
Reply to U. S. Note—President Sees Cabinet  
and Drafts Message to Congress

**By C. P. TRUMBULL**  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(Press-  
Scott) Roosevelt will address a joint  
session of Congress tomorrow and  
will find the overwhelming support  
for any steps he takes in re-  
sponse to the developments in  
the Pacific.

The President will appear per-  
sonally at 12:30 P. M. Whether he  
will call for a declaration of  
war against Japan was left un-  
announced tonight. But leaders of  
Congress, shocked and angered by  
the Japanese attack, have talking  
of a declaration of war on not only

**By The Associated Press**  
TOKYO, Monday, Dec. 8.—Japan  
went to war against the United  
States and Britain today with air  
and sea attacks against Hawaii,  
followed by a formal declaration of  
hostilities.

Japanese Imperial headquarters  
announced at 6 A. M. SE 14 20 34.

Monday, Eastern standard time  
that a state of war existed among  
these nations in the Western Pa-  
cific, as of dawn.

Soon afterwards Consul, the Jap-  
anese official news agency, an-  
nounced that "naval operations are  
progressing off Hawaii, with the

**By FRANK L. KLUCKHOHN**  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 8.—Sudden and unexpected  
attacks on Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, and other United States  
possessions in the Pacific early yesterday by the Japanese air  
force and navy plunged the United States and Japan into active  
war.

The initial attack in Hawaii, apparently launched by torpe-  
do-carrying bombers and submarines, caused widespread damage and  
death. It was quickly followed by others. There were uncom-  
firmed reports that German raiders participated in the attacks.  
Guam also was assaulted from the air, as were Darwin, on the  
island of Mindanao, and Camp John Hay, in Northern Luzon,  
both in the Philippine Archipelago. General Douglas MacArthur

## Japan attack Malaya



## 10<sup>th</sup> December HMS Prince of Wales and Repulse sunk



### **11<sup>th</sup> December**

**FELL IN ACTION** Lieut. Charles Stanton Further news of the death in action of Lieut. Charles Stanton, of Burragorang, is contained in an official report from the Australian Red Cross Society. On the night of May 22, Lieut. Stanton led a fighting patrol to prevent the enemy from using a beach at Crete. It was during this action that he was fatally wounded. His men lay him to rest beside his captain, who had previously fallen, in an olive grove on a hill, immediately south-end of Retimo Aerodrome, Crete.

**To Replace H.M.A.S. "Sydney"** It is expected that Camden Council will launch an early local appeal to raise a district quota for the £2,000,000 fund to replace the lost H.M.A.S. "Sydney".

### **12<sup>th</sup> December Decision to evacuate civilians from Darwin**



### **18<sup>th</sup> December**

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY 100 Wardens Needed** It was an urgent necessity for local men to immediately enrol for the positions of Wardens in order to protect themselves, their wives, families and neighbours in the event of a possible air attack, declared Warden-Instructor Harold Lowe to a packed gathering at Camden Town Hall library room on Tuesday night. Mr. Lowe was later thanked for his interesting general outline of wardens' duties. He also briefly explained the effects of different types of bombs and how their destructive qualities could be minimised by prompt action. The Chief Warden (Aid. H. S. Kelloway) and Deputy Warden (Mr. K. B. Wilson) also addressed the meeting. Intending wardens—100 are needed in the Camden Municipality—are asked to enrol at the Camden Town Hall and to attend the first warden's meeting on Tuesday evening next at the Town Hall.

**A CALL TO WOMEN** The National Emergency Services can provide a job for practically every woman. Miss Nancy Freestone will be pleased to supply any information required. On Tuesday afternoon 'members of Camden C.W.A. branch and the local W.V.S. Centre decided to increase their efforts in camouflage net making. Instructional classes will be held on Monday nights at 7.30, Tuesday and Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the C.W.A. rooms.

Further particulars may be obtained by telephoning Camden 124 or Camden 150, Readers' attention is directed to the Camden Council's National Emergency Services' advertisement on page two

Public Notice page two

National Emergency Services WARDENS NEEDED MORE WARDENS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED for A.R.P. work in Camden. Your help is required in this time of National Emergency. Please apply for particulars at your earliest opportunity.

AN URGENT CALL is also made for: Offers of Utility Trucks and Motor Cars for first-aid parties. Volunteer Drivers, Volunteers for supplies of Stretchers, suitable for A.R.P. work.

SAND FOR HOUSEHOLDERS The Council will shortly provide SAND DUMPS throughout the municipality. Householder's are asked to provide bags to collect the sand from their nearest dump, and to place the sand in bags and buckets at their premises, ready as a precaution to combat incendiary bombs. YOUR CO-OPERATION The A.R.P. Organisation is provided for the protection of your life and property. Your co-operation is vital for the success of the scheme

## **24<sup>th</sup> December**

With the R.A.A.F. in Darwin. 'Just a few lines to let you know that I received the parcel for which I thank you very much,' wrote Aircraftman Carl Greentree, a former Orangeville boy, in a letter from Darwin to Camden W.V.S. Centre. It was a very pleasant surprise to know that I am still remembered dear old Camden," he stated. "I was especially glad to receive the copy of the Camden Advertiser. I have never yet seen a paper of its type that gave such a comprehensive cover of a district's activities," he declared. Carl-reported that Darwin's wet season was getting under way. More than two inches of rain fell in 30 minutes on the day he penned the letter (November 10). "I suppose I'll see the grass attain its usual 10 feet before I leave here," he added.

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