Historical Officers Report From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser July 1941

3rd July

AIR FORCE HONOURS: We add our congratulations to Wing-Commander E. O Bates, R.A.F., and Squadron-Leader Norman Ford, R.A.A.F., who each received the Air Force Cross this week. The honours were conferred in the King's Birthday list. Wing-Commander Bates has commanded the Central Flying School at Camden since its formation. Squadron-Leader Ford is Chief Flying Instructor at Camden.

PETROL-SAVING TIP: Much petrol is wasted by motorists in false starts those cold mornings, says the chief engineer of the N.R.M.A. (Mr. J. Fielder). When starting is difficult, and the points and plugs have been inspected to discover whether they are at fault, the high tension wires could be renewed with advantage. Few owners think of doing that, despite the fact that they cost only a few shillings.

4th July WGCDR H.I Edwards VC raid above Bremen



6th July Lt. A.R. Cutler VC at Merdjayoun-Damour, Arga, Syria



9th July Damour taken



10th July Pte J.H. Gordon VC at Jezzine



On June 23 last, 21-year-old Ralph-Harold Brown, an only child, of 67 Majors Bay Road, Concord, had the sad experience of identifying the bodies of his father and mother at the Camden District Hospital, His parents received fatal injuries on the previous day when a motor car skidded on the Campbelltown road, near Kenny's Hill, and overturned. The occupants were thrown out and sustained extensive fractures of the skulls. They were travelling to the Narellan Military Camp to visit their son when the accident occurred.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED Applications are called from returned and non-returned soldiers for enlistment in a Garrison Battalion to undertake full-time guard duties. Men over 40 and under 55 years of age will be accepted, provided they are in good physical health and are able to pass at least standard 2b. Applicants under 40 years of age, who are medically unfit for Militia duties, will also receive consideration.

12th July Cease fire at Syria



31st July

WILL WITHHOLD MILK: If No Increase in Price For City Supplies 'DAIRY FARMERS' DECISION Representatives of 3,200 country dairy fanners have decided not to supply milk for the metropolitan area after Saturday next unless they receive 1 and 4 pence a gallon. This decision was reached at a conference in Sydney on Friday last when the following organisations were represented: Districts which decided to withhold milk supplies unless demands were granted included Camden, Campbelltown, Picton, Windsor, Penrith, Bowral, Nowra, Berry and Singleton. Moss vale was opposed to taking direct action.

FILMED AT CAMDEN:

The local angle will assure Rudd attendances at the Camden Paramount Theatre from Tuesday to Friday of next week when "Dad Rudd, M.P." is screened. Practically the whole of the outdoor scenes were filmed in the Camden district. The entire company spent more than four week in this locality while the picture was being made. A number of local residents appeared in the "crowd" scenes. "Dad Rudd, M.P.," featuring Bert Bailey, is a modernised story of the adventures of the popular Rudd family, made to make Australia laugh. Whilst comedy is the predominate note of the film, romance and drama are introduced as part of the political side which revolves around a great national necessity—water conservation.

Ray Herbert