

Historical Officers Report From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser

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XMAS HAMPERS

For Local Boys Abroad Good Work By W.V.S.

Christmas hampers are now being packed and will be despatched by the Women's Voluntary Services (Camden Centre) to all overseas members of the fighting services, whose names appear on the roll compiled by the "Camden Advertiser." It is the aim of the W.V.S. to send a parcel every month to all Camden and district soldiers, sailors and airmen, either in camp in Australia or serving overseas.

Signalman Harold Butler, whose A.I.F. final leave was granted earlier than expected, was the recipient of a wallet and a handy-bag of articles. These gifts from the Camden Soldiers and Citizens' Association and the Women's Voluntary Services were handed to Harold on Monday. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Butler, of Camden. His wife (formerly Nita Taplin of Camden) will reside with relatives at Sydney during her husband's absence on active service abroad.

17th September 1940

NEW SALE YARDS OPENED AT CAMDEN

Most Modern in the State.

That event marked a memorable day in the commercial life of Camden declared the Mayor, Alderman H. S. Kelloway, on Tuesday, when he officially opened the new saleyards, recently constructed in Edward Street, Camden, by the auctioneering firm of William Inglis and Son Pty. Ltd.

The yards, he continued, were considered to be the best appointed and most up-to-date in the State, and were a credit to the firm and an acquisition to Camden's modern township. The Mayor added his congratulations to Mr. Reg. Inglis, whom, he understood, had personally planned the whole layout. The firm of William Inglis and Son was established in 1867, and had won repute for its fair dealings. The Mayor said that Mr. Reg. Inglis was a grandson of the founder, and it was pleasing, too, to see his two sons, John and Dick, present as fourth generation members of the firm.

In reply, Mr. Reg. Inglis said that his family had been associated with the Camden district for a great many years.

Some eight years ago the firm was fortunate in being able to purchase the present Camden business from Major W. Larkin. It was dual fortune for the company as it was able to retain the services of Major Larkin.

BRITAIN'S BRAVE CIVILIANS.

Mrs. J. Scholes, of Camden, is in receipt of letters from relatives in England which tell of the dauntless courage with which the women and children of the Motherland are facing their trials.

Mrs. Taylor, of Ashton-Under-Lyne, writes: "I can assure you that we are up to now—in the best of health and spirit." The writer adds that 552 German

planes were destroyed in one week during "Hitler's attempt to bomb our little Island to pieces." Nine-year-old Barbara Taylor, writing to Mrs. Scholes, says: "Dear Aunt, Just a line to tell you that we'll beat Jerry yet; we only had one air-raid this Week.

24th October 1940

PARS OF INTEREST.

Writing to his aunt, Miss S. Macarthur Onslow, C.B.E., of "Gilbulla," Menangle, Major Denzil Macarthur Onslow, of the 6th Division Reconnaissance Regiment, A.I.F., Abroad, says: "I also received a bundle of the Camden papers yesterday, which I thoroughly enjoyed. There is something homely about a local paper in which every advertisement and every column recalls same memory. I must say I appreciate them. . . ." (In addition to our office postal list, it appears that some sixty relatives and friends regularly mail copies of the "Camden Advertiser" to the lads in Australian camps and overseas.— Editor.) * * *

In "Muzzle Blast," the 2/2 Machine Gun Battalion has produced a monthly Regimental journal unsurpassed by any other similar publication. Its short, crisp, entertaining articles and humorous illustrations are first-class. We read with interest the doings of the different platoons and noted mention of several Camden district lads, including Lance-Corporal Tom Gibson and Private Ken Larnach. The regimental artist has given his readers pen drawings of Captain Max Wheatley (now Adjutant) and several other officers. Our copy of the October issue of this bright journal arrived from Cowra A.I.F. Camp with the compliments of Major Edward Macarthur Onslow.

LOCAL ARMY RESERVISTS

Call for Experienced Men at Camden

Approval has been given for the reconstitution of the Australian Army Reserve

The 1st Light Horse (Machine Gun) Regiment Reserve will be composed of British subjects, under the age of 48 years, of the following categories: (a) Personnel serving with the regiment who have, since 1st September, 1939, been transferred to the Regimental Reserve, provided that—(1) They have, before 1st September, 1939, been classified as efficient for three years; or (2) have, since 1st September, 1939, attended camp training of a minimum duration of 30 days. (b) Personnel who have, prior to 1st September, 1939, performed three years' efficient service in peace with any of the Armed Forces of the British Empire; or who, prior to naturalization, have performed similar service with any other Armed forces, (c) Personnel with war service drawn from the R.S. and S. Imperial League of Australia.

Accepted personnel will be issued with uniform and personal equipment, and will be paid such rates of pay for parades and courses of instruction as may be ordered by the Military Board. Applications for enlistment, or further details, should be made at the Drill Hall, Camden, at 8 o'clock on any Wednesday night.

28th October 1940 Italy invades Greece



31st October 1940

HISTORIC BROADCAST From St. John's, Camden

At 10.50 a.m. on Sunday next a peal of bells from St. John's, Camden, will herald to Australia and the world the foundation centenary of that church. National Station 2FC will broadcast the bells and the 11 a.m. service throughout Australia, and on short wave transmission to other parts of the Globe.

The most interested overseas listener will undoubtedly be the Rector's mother, Mrs. Paul, senior, who will tune-in at her English home in Lingfield, Surrey. The preacher will be the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Rev. Francis deWitt Batty.

A former verger, Mr. Charles New, who will peal the bells, is a nephew of the first bride (Maria New) to enter the church. Her marriage to Thomas Dunk was celebrated on June 13, 1849.

History will be made here on Sunday morning with the first church broadcast from Camden.

HOMEBOOMBED

HEART-STIRRING STORY FROM LONDON

Mr. Michael Brien, of Camden, has received news that his 86-year-old father and his sister are safe after their London home had been destroyed by bombs dropped by German raiders.

"My father and sister with her family resided at Poplar, which is one of the Dock areas of London," Mr. Brien told the "Camden Advertiser."

"My sister states that this area is now in ruins," he continued. "Among the principal buildings destroyed are the Green Gables Schools, well-known to Londoners as the home of the Blue Coat boys; the King George's Hall, the Post Office and the Poor Law Institution, with thousands of tenement buildings and private homes.

"The raids have been for duration of ten hours, and, although my folk did not receive a direct hit, thank God, the home is in ruins.

"My sister and father who is 86 years of age, had to tramp the road to Burnham, where they sheltered over night, and the next day they tramped on to Maidenhead, where a kindly lady took in my father. My sister is in the next house. Her two sons are with their regiments.

"The building of the firm of W. C. Lusty and Sons, big saw millers and packing-case makers, where her husband was employed, is also in ruins, he is an air-raid warden." My sister says they have gone through hell: they have no belongings other than those they are wearing; and board and lodging is 25/- each per week.

London is covered with a pall of smoke from the burning buildings. "All pets, such as dogs, are being put to sleep." Mr. Brien, who is shocked with the sad news, added: "May I thank all those people in the Camden district who have contributed to the Great Britain Relief Fund.

CHURCH REGISTER

Historical entries in St. Johns Church of England at Camden contain the names of some families that are to-day well-known in this district: The first recorded baptism was that of Jane Marian Lodge on April 16, 1843.

Joseph Ray and Jane Burnside were the principals at the first recorded wedding on November 29, 1843.

The first burial was that of Thomas Budd on March 25, 1843.

None of the above services connected with these entries was, however, conducted in the church itself.

The first services of the kind after the consecration of the church on June 7, 1849, were as follows:

The baptism of Elizabeth Jane Pettit and Elizabeth Wheeler on July 1, 1849.

The marriage of Thomas Dunk and Maria New on June 13, 1849.

The burial of John Davies on June 24, 1849.

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