

**Historical Officers Report  
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**6th February 1941  
Benghazi falls to the Australians**



**13<sup>th</sup> February 1941**

**EMERGENCY PLANS City Folk for Country Areas**

In the event of an enemy attack on Sydney, women and children now residing in the city and thickly housed suburbs would be evacuated to thirty selected areas in the country. The evacuees would be fed by the Government and provided with compulsory billeting. It cannot yet be ascertained whether any portion of the Camden district is included in the plan. It may be a good idea for our Camden district residents to contact any city friends and relatives whom they would be prepared to billet should the emergency arise. If the arrangements were completed now and the authorities advised, delays may be avoided. Most local residents would rather have relatives in their homes than be forced to billet strangers. This suggestion is advanced by this newspaper and does not come from any official source. Our advice from the city is that extensive plans are being prepared to meet any emergency. It is stated that arrangements have already been completed for the removal of vital war industries to the interior.

### **ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION AT CAMDEN.**

A late city message states that arrangements may be soon finalised with the Camden District Hospital Board to allow additional buildings to be erected on tiny suitable vacant areas in the hospital grounds. If this work is undertaken by the Department of the Interior for the military authorities, it is certain that the buildings and equipment will be of a most substantial nature. However, if the accommodation is to be used for evacuee-patients from metropolitan hospitals in the danger zone, the work may be of a more temporary character.

**18<sup>th</sup> February 1941**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 8 Division disembarks in Singapore**

