

## **Historical Officers Report From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 1940**

### **WE PROTEST**

Against Milk Board's Decision

This newspaper has ranged its self alongside the district dairy farmers in their battle against the undemocratic methods of the Milk Board, which, according to latest information, intend to refuse to accept local milk testing below 3.4 per cent, cream, on and after February 14 next.

We claim that it U the first essential of the Government to raise the legal standard of milk from 3.2 to 3.4 per cent, before the Milk Board is handed the power to insist on a better quality product from the farmer.

Secondly, it is only fair for the dairy farmer to be paid an increased price for the increased cream content of his milk. To-day, in this district, dairy farmers are appealing for fair-play. Here they work 18 hour a day and often enlist the services of their families to eke out a precarious existence, while subject to a distasteful dictation from the city distributing end of the industry, where Milk Board members and employees, together with distributing agency staffs, enjoy award rates of pay and 8 hours n day—at the farmers' expense.

While Britain is fighting a war for democracy we have to contend with the undemocratic acts of a Milk Board—blessed by one of His Majesty's Governments.

The "Advertiser" has a circulation large enough, we believe, to swing the Wollondilly electorate against the Government, at the next State elections if equal conditions are denied the farmers. We will fight to the last scrap of paper to secure political and social equality for our primary producers.

### **FILMED AT CAMDEN**

**"Dad Rudd, M.P."**

#### **Cinesound on Location**

Camden residents travelled in dilapidated buggies, sulkies, a four-in-hand, and early-day cars that threatened to fall to pieces at any moment, when they dashed to the Camden polling-booth on Monday to record their votes for Dad Rudd.

They arrived a minute before the poll closed to exercise their franchise, while Cinesound's cameramen recorded the exciting scenes for the new Australian picture, "Dad Rudd, M.P.," in which Bert Bailey plays the title role, Cinesound has been on location for the past week in this district. The Denbigh property at Cobbitty, Shell's farm (near Macquarie Grove), and action maps taken in Camden township will appear in the completed work.

The director, Mr. Ken Hall, considers the natural beauty of the Camden District ideal for movie photography. Many earlier pictures were filmed in the locality.

These include "Grandad Rudd," "On Our Selection," "The Squatter's Daughter," "It Isn't Done", "Dad and Dave Come to Town," "Orphan of the Wilderness," and others.

Bert Bailey was warmly received on Saturday night last when he appeared on the stage at the Camden Paramount Theatre. He related several amusing stories concerning the doings of Dad and Dave.

### **PARS OF INTEREST**

We note that our recent suggestion of a daily honey ration for the A.I.F. has been adopted at the Ingleburn Camp. No food has greater refreshing and resuscitating powers than honey.

"The soldiers were a credit to their regiments and made it a most enjoyable dance," was the compliment paid by Miss Ina Rideout, president of Camden CWA Younger Set, to members of the Military Forces who attended Thursday evening's function at the Parish Hall, Camden.

The visitors included a number of South Australian A.I.F. men, stationed at Ingleburn Camp; Duntroon Military College trainees, from Liverpool camp; soldiers undergoing special training at the Eastern Command Training School established at "Studley Park," Narellan; and militiamen in camp with the University Regiment at Menangle Park.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 1940**

#### **MILITARY WATER SUPPLY**

Some very misleading statements were published in a leading Sydney newspaper under the signature of J. Macarthur Onslow concerning Menangle Park water supply. Apparently the gentleman concerned is not aware that the water supply has been laid on to Menangle Park for some years, and that the military camp has a special supply tank to assure ample supply. As the officers of the Sydney University Regiment have shown their consideration for the feelings and the interests of the residents of this district by having the courtesy of asking permission to use private water supplies and private property for manoeuvres. It is rather unjust to suggest they were "forced to beg" for water from J. Onslow's, residence.

### **PARS OF INTEREST**

Sergeant-Major O'Shea, of the Eastern Command Training School (Narellan) was in charge of the Camden V.A.D.'s drill instruction on Monday night. The next drill night is Monday, February 19.

**12<sup>th</sup> February 1940**  
**16th Brigade, 2nd AIF, Arrives in Ismailia, Suez**



**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1940**

**PARS OF INTEREST.**

"Camden is the show township of the Hume High way", stated a visitor on Monday after he had admired the green lawns and the beauty of the flowering lagerstroemias in our main Street.

Camden Red Croft branch has been notified that the Australian Paper Manufacturer! Ltd. is willing to pay the Red Cross Society at the rate of £1 per ton for waste paper, such as newspapers, cardboard boxes, cartons, brown paper, etc. Will anyone collecting these, please bring them to the Camden Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

**CAMDEN'S RICH MILK**

Weekly Bulk Tests Well Above AH Require Standards

It is one of the most unfair things I have ever heard of declared Mr. H. Jeff Bate, M.L.A., when criticising; the methods of the Milk Board in averaging only a portion of the milk delivered at the Camden depot to determine the butter-fat content.

"Camden is one of the richest factories supplying the city added Mr. Bate when speaking of the weekly bulk average test at a meeting of some 80 members of Camden branch of the Country Milk Suppliers' Association held at the local Town Hall on Tuesday night.

A motion by Mr. R. F. A. Downes (Vice - President), was seconded by Mr, T. F. Gilmore (Picton) urged the Board to accept increased supplies of the richer evening's milk in order to raise the average, which, it was claimed, could not be deemed a composite weekly test of the daily samples unless both morning and evening's milk were included.

The above decision, which met with unanimous approval, will be conveyed to the executive council of the association and to the Milk Board.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1940**

No Items of Interest

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 1940**

YOUR HOSPITAL: How You Can Help

Although this newspaper has the Hospital Commission "on the spot" for its failure to distribute Government subsidy on an equal basis, we realise our duty to assist the Camden District Hospital in its period of financial stress. Residents in Camden, Campbelltown and Picton districts can help by joining the contribution fund which provides generous benefits when contributors or their dependents require hospital accommodation anywhere in the State. One shilling per week covers a husband, wife and children. Full particulars will be gladly mailed to you on application to the secretary.

The Women's Auxiliary will conduct its Sweets and jam stall at Camden Show next week. Your purchases there will assist the hospital.

"The History of Camden", a beautifully printed volume, illustrated with local photographs, will be on sale at the Auxiliary's sweets stall on Show day. The price of the book is 1/6 and portion of the proceeds will be retained by the auxiliary. The book is being published by the "Camden Advertiser".

### **WON MILITARY MEDAL**

Digger McIntyre's Work

Praised by Writer Echo of Great War

One of the most difficult jobs in the newspaper game is to write a story on the gallantry of an Australia soldier.

The Digger concerned generally ends up by telling the reporter that his decoration arrived attached to a jam tin "a sort of lucky coupon, like a tea label" and he has not the slightest knowledge of any feat which had won for him the King's congratulations for bravery on the battlefield.

Many a newspaperman has lost front page story owing to the Diggers' modesty.

However, without even interviewing Digger VP. A. McIntyre, a former sergeant of the 9th A.I.F. Infantry Battalion in the Great War and now a farmer at Werombi, we are able to state that he probably won his Military Medal for outstanding work during the fierce battle of Mouquet Farm, between August 19 and 22, 1916.

The history of Digger McIntyre's exploits is now recorded in an article

Penned by Sergeant H. (Squatter) Preston who fought beside him during those anxious.

"One night Sergeant McIntyre and myself with six men were detailed to penetrate the outposts and find out if possible, what the Germans were doing,' states the author."Crawling over the top we wriggled our way through ruins and rubbish, only to run into a strong post, the German garrison of which threw bombs and fired a machine-gun at us. We took cover until the fuss was over, and crawling up to it again, threw bombs in to it and once more took cover."

During the Australian attacks on Mouquet Farm the enemy hid in well' concealed dugouts, over which the Diggers unsuspectingly passed. The Germans then appeared and shot them in the back.

Later, when the 9th Battalion was grimly holding a newly-won front line trench, the writer says: "During consolidation every man worked hard, but none harder than Sergeant McIntyre, who organised parties for digging, and for the making of Lewis gun positions."

Continuing, the writer adds: "On August 22, our line was shelled on I think, three occasions. Each time we stood in the trench with fixed bayonets and the word was passed along: 'On the sound of the whistle, every man over the top.' After each bombardment we expected the Germans to counter-attack, and the idea was to meet them in No man's land with the bayonet. But they did not make an appearance. This day Sergeant Major O'Brien and Sergeant McIntyre were conspicuous in their leadership.

#### **OTHER DECORATED MEN.**

There are a number of other decorated ex-servicemen in this district. Perhaps, some day, a Digger-pal will write of the deeds which won them fame during 1914-1918.

The list includes:—

The Reverend T. G. Paul, of St. John's Church, Camden, who won the Military Cross when a captain of the 6th Victorian Infantry Battalion. (He joined the Church after the Great War.)

Mr. Rupert Downes, of Brownlow Hill, who was a lieutenant in the 29th Battalion, also holds the Military Cross.

Digger G. N. Mackie, of Orangeville, is a sergeant-major in the 27th Battalion when he received the Meritorious Service Medal.

Digger Leslie R. Kerrigan, of Elderslie, is a Military Medallist of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Signalling Company, A.I.F.

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