

Historical Officers Report From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser

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WAR EFFORTS CONTINUE A.I.F. ROLL CALL

More Local Enlistments

As men continue to enlist from this and surrounding districts, local patriotic organisations are redoubling their efforts in order to provide comforts for them. It is a grand co-operative movement, and is helping to strengthen Australia and the British Empire by its unity of purpose.

It is expected that more than forty local men will be farewelled at Camden later this month, when the Camden Soldiers and Citizens' Association holds its second function. The date will be definitely decided at a meeting to be held on this Thursday night, and particulars will appear in our next issue. In order that no local A.I.F. soldier will be overlooked, relatives of enlisted men are asked to immediately call at this newspaper office and furnish us with the young Diggers' camp addresses.

Kevin King, of the Picton Post Office staff, who resided at Broughton-street, Camden is attached to an A.I.F. signalling section at the Sydney Showground. His mother and sister (Doreen), who now reside at Harris Park, keep in touch with this district per medium of the "Camden Advertiser."

Jack N. Dunk, Southern Districts sales representative of the Howard Rotary Hoe, who conducted businesses at both Camden and Picton, is now on artilleryman at the Showground. His brother, E. C. (Cliff) Dunk, of Camden, served in the Great War of 1914-1918.

Another Camden business man to enlist is Ernest H. McGrath, who hopes to dispose of his blacksmith's forge before he enters camp with the Engineers on July 13. Ern arrived at Camden from Orange at the age of two months, parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McGrath, of Broughton Street He will resign the hon. secretaryship of Camden District Tennis Association at this week's meeting. Ern has always been keenly interested in local sport, particularly tennis, cricket, football and athletics.

Two mates to enlist together in the 4th Battalion are Donald Atfield and Horace Gander. They are at Liverpool Camp.

Don is a son of Nurse Atfield, of Camden, and the late Albert Atfield. His father was a member of the 1st A.I.F. Don has played cricket in the local district competitions for a number of seasons.

Horace, a former Camden footballer, moved to Randwick with his parents Last year.

Private Thomas Guyer, also of the 4th Battalion at Liverpool, popped into this office on Saturday. He is a company mate to Horace Gander and Don Atfield.

We had a note at the week-end from Private Thomas O'Brien, formerly of the Carrington Convalescent Hospital staff at Camden, who has spent a month with the Army Medical Corps at Sydney Showground. (We are always pleased to hear from the boys.)

F. J. D. Doust, a prominent local dairyman, of "Lynn Farm," Camden, is awaiting a final medical examination before entering an A.I.F. camp. With two wins and a second placing, Mr. Doust has a splendid record in the fodder conservation competitions conducted by Camden A.H. and I. Society. His farm was considered one of the best in the entire southern districts for the amount of conserved fodder carried on an acreage basis. Mr. Doust is a member of one of Camden's oldest families. His great-grandfather Tickner arrived here in 1838, while the Doust's settled at Camden a few years later. Reg C. Rideout, of Cawdor, has enlisted, and expects to be called-up at an early date. He is the father of John and Will Rideout, who won many races as members of the Camden Cycling Club.

Edward (Ted) Booth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Booth, of Bob's Range, is in the A.I.F. Camp at Glenfield. He played cricket in different seasons with both the Orangeville and Bob Range Clubs.

The inscriptions have been completed on fourteen wallets for men of the 7th A.I.F. Division who were recently farewelled at Camden. These are now available at the Camden Advertiser Office.

Here's a tip to relatives and friends: Post this newspaper to a soldier in camp or overseas. "I enjoy reading the Camden Advertiser; it brings my home a little closer," is the text of one message we received.

RETURNED SOLDIERS TO MEET

All ex-servicemen in Camden and surrounding districts are particularly urged to attend a special meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday next at Camden Town Hall, the object of re-forming a sub branch of the R.S. and S.I.L. of Australia.

The meeting is convened by the Camden Ex-Servicemen's Fraternity, and particulars are advertised in this issue.

PARS OF INTEREST

A youth's sudden impulse to enlist in the A.I.F. was told when he applied late at night to use the telephone at his battalion's office at Ingleburn Camp. "You see," he explained to the N.C.O. in charge, "I was working for a city firm this morning and the boss sent me on a message. When passing the recruiting stand at Martin Place, I listened to a speaker appealing for recruits and decided to enlist. I decided to go straight through, and after having passed the medical examination, I was sent here to Ingleburn. "I now want to telephone the boss to tell him to send someone else on that message in the morning," he added.

10th July 1940 Battle of Britain began



11th July 1940 RAN first casualties in HMAS Vampire



11th July 1940

DISTRICT DRIVE for Scrap Metal

To arrange for the collection and disposal of 100 tons of scrap metal, suitable for steelmaking purposes, is the patriotic ambition of Mr. B. F. Young, of Werombi. This newspaper has offered its cooperation and hopes at an early date to publish a list of worn-out articles which will be useful in the manufacture of steel. Readers will then be asked to give their utmost support to the movement. Mr. Young is well advanced with the proposition and his plans are working smoothly. He is now appointing honorary organisers in different local centres to ensure that all scrap will be collected. The different organisers will be asked to name some local patriotic body which they desire to benefit from the sale of the scrap.

QUICK POLICE WORK £36 Stolen—and Recovered

Quick action by Constable A. E. Neal, of Camden, resulted in the recovery of more than £36 which was stolen from the office of the Star Garage in Argyle Street on Monday morning.

A bag containing the money was placed in a cupboard at the garage office by the proprietor's wife, Mrs. R. O. Holdsworth. During a temporary absence

the bag disappeared. The bag was found in Macarthur Road by an Elderslie resident. The money was later discovered in a paddock adjoining the Camden police station yard. Certain charges have been preferred against two men, and they will appear before the local court on this Thursday

R.S. & S.I.L.A. BRANCH RE-FORMED AT CAMDEN

The Camden Sub-branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia was re-formed on Monday night when 24 ex-servicemen met at the Camden Town Hall. A further meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday next at the Town Hall to enrol members for the Emergency Defence Corps. _

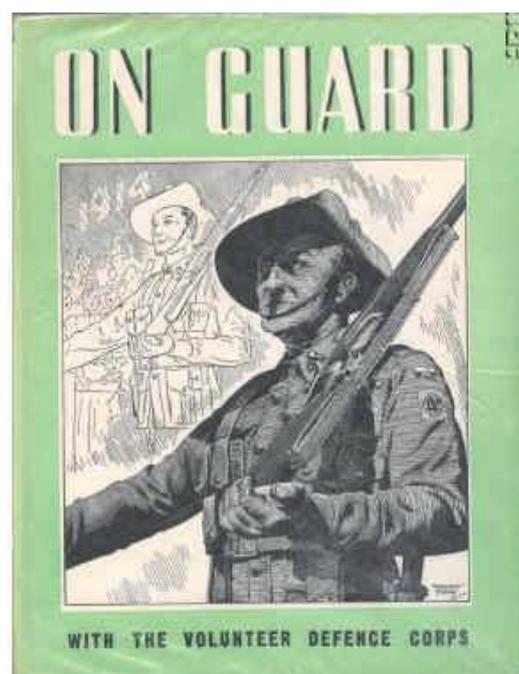
Office-bearers elected at Monday's meeting were:

President, Captain Edgar Downes; Vice-presidents, Messrs. de Saxe, J. Stibbard and G. R. Eldred; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. E. Coales, Menangle road, Camden; hon. Treasurer, Mr. Frank E. Donnelley; Auditors, Messrs. Bowman and K. B. Wilson.

The sub-branch was a very active organisation at Camden some 14 years ago.

The decision of the ex-servicemen to again link-up with the Australian wide movement will be the subject of a congratulatory message from the Camden and District Soldiers and Citizens' Association, which has dedicated itself to arrange public farewell socials for the men enlisting in the present war from this district and to assist their dependents whilst they are on active service overseas. It will also offer its fullest co-operation to the sub-branch in assisting the local men when they return to Camden.

15th July 1940 VDC formed by RSL



15th July 1940 No. 3 Squadron embarked aboard the ORONTES

16th July 1940 HMAS Stuart and Waterhen on screen at bombardment of Bardia

HMAS Stuart



HMAS Waterhen



18th July 1940

SHELL COMPANY SEARCHES FOR OIL.

On Thursday Night last the Shell Company, in conjunction with Clifton Bros (Camden) Ply. Lid, gave very excellent film programme to a large audience at the Paramount theatre, Camden. The programme was most

interesting and entertaining two of the films in particular—"Cavalcade of Empire" and "Through the Centre" a record of the Shell Mapping Expedition on the Adelaide, Perth, Darwin, Adelaide route being outstanding.

Mr. S. L. Roberts, Sydney Executive of the Company, spoke for a few minutes on the national aspect of his Company's operations, with particular reference to the war effort. Mr. Roberts said "Apart from the substantial nature of the assistance given by Shell to the Allies on the other side of the world, we are at present engaged in Australia in an intensive search for oil, which, if successful, will revolutionise the industrial development and defence of the Commonwealth. "At a cost of thousands of pounds per month a large Shell organisation is now at work in South Western Queensland in an intensive search for oil. A successful result, combined with our refinery facilities at Clyde in N.S.W., and refineries which must become necessary in other States would be an epoch-making event in Australia. The refinery at Clyde is already producing 10,000,000 gallons per annum of Shell Motor Spirit, refined from crude oil brought from overseas, thus establishing a vital national industry and giving employment to a large number of Australians

19th July 1940

HMAS Sydney sank Bartolemeo Colleoni off Crete



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