

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

**4<sup>th</sup> June 1940 Evacuation of Dunkirk ends**



**6<sup>th</sup> June 1940**

**DISTRICT RALLIES TO WAR EFFORT**

**Many Enlistments: Patriotic Committees Busy**

While many local district men are enlisting for service abroad, the activities of citizens' patriotic bodies have increased, and a number of new organisations have been formed to play their part in Australia's war effort. On this front page and on page 3 will be found reports of intensified action throughout this rural area.

The only two sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hall, of Elderslie, have joined the colours. Edward (Ted) Hall is now in Palestine, while his brother, Harry, is a gunner in the Field Artillery, encamped at Ingleburn. In the same battery are Ronald Hughes and Tony Whitely, of Camden.

Two Camden brothers, Joseph and David Dunbar, of Broughton-street, hoped to sail together. Joe was accepted, but Dave was disappointed as he failed to pass the eye-sight test.

The Goff brothers George and James are in camp. George (better known locally as "Dick" who was timber-cutting here for the past three years, is a sapper in the Engineers at Ingleburn. Jim is stationed at the R.A.S. Showground with the Ordnance Corps. Both lads originally came from the Ganmain River district.

Several R.A.A.F. members, stationed at Macquarie Grove, arranged a farewell surprise party for James Lee, who entered Ingleburn Camp on Monday. Jim, who is a well-known boxing enthusiast, has resided at

Camden for the past 12 years. He was born at Tamworth. Jim will "do his bit" with the Infantry.

A Narellan resident to enter camp this week is Fred Roy Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Adams of that centre. Allan Hay, of The Oaks, who will serve in the Army Service Corps, has been dairying in the Camden-Picton districts for the past 13 years. He was a member of the former-day St. John's Dramatic Society at Camden.

Although he will not attain the age of 20 until next month, Thomas O'Brien, of the Carrington Convalescent Hospital staff, has filled-in his enlistment papers at Camden Council Chambers. Tom was born at Kensington.

Others to complete their papers at Camden are Mervyn W. Small, Douglas K. Armstrong and John F. Duck. The latter is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Duck of Orangeville.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Moffitt, of "Freshfields," Cobbitty, will serve their country; Clifford W. Moffitt is a gunner in an anti-aircraft battery, while Raymond (Jim) Moffitt will enter the Infantry ranks this week.

Several other local district men are awaiting medical examination. A small percentage failed to "past he doctor" after the enlistment paper had been completed.

### **MOTORIST KILLED WHEN CAR OVERTURNED.**

Found by a passing motorist lying unconscious in an overturned car last week on the Razorback section of the Hume Highway between Camden and Picton, Paul Victor Paulsen, aged 74, of 16 Glencoe Street, Caulfield, Victoria, died some five hours later in Camden District Hospital as the result of a fractured skull.

Dr. R. M. Crookston and Constable H. C. Haylock, of Camden, journeyed to the scene of the accident as soon as word was received here. Marks indicated that the car had travelled for about 35 yards off the roadway before it struck a culvert and capsized.

### **MENANGLE PARK NEWS** (From Our Correspondent)

Bill Thomas has joined the A.I.F. He entered camp a fortnight ago with an Artillery section. Our best luck to you, Bill!

Members of the A.I.F. continue to patronise the popular dances at Menangle Park Hall. Any sandwiches left over from the supper are sent to the Ingleburn A.I.F. Camp.

A demonstration of an aerial attack on a train was given by an Air Force plane last week. Swooping down from above Mount Annan, it dropped sharply to a position just above the train, then rose, banked and made a second "attack."

## LOCAL MILITIA

### Many Members Enlist in A.I.F.

Many members of the Camden Troop of the 1st Militia Machine Gun Regiment have answered the Empire's Call and enlisted with the A.I.F. Squadron Quarter-Master Sergeant A. E. Clover and Trooper Grey sailed some time ago with the 6th Division.

Lieut. Col. Whitehead, M.C., formerly of the 1st M.G. Regiment, is now commanding officer of 2/2 M.G. Battalion.

Also in the latter battalion are Captain Max Wheatley, of Rossmore; Lieut. William Stephens (Appin), Corporal J. W. Fairbairn (Campbelltown), Corporal E. Ballard (Campbelltown), Lance-Corporal K. A. Bruce, who was formerly employed at "Denbigh," Cobbitty; Troopers A. W. Longhurst, J. Haddin, G. W. Boucher, W. Boyle, D. M. Rogers, all of Campbelltown; and Owen A. Smart, of Cawdor.

Waiting a call-up are Lance-Corporal R. (Jim) Biddle, of Camden; and Trooper Leslie Reed, who formerly worked as a dairy farm at Brownlow Hill. Trooper Campain has re-joined the Navy, while three other members of the Camden Troop has applied for transfer to the R.A.A.F.

### MORE MILITIAMEN WANTED

Sixteen new recruits are now needed by the Camden Troop to fill the vacancies by the above enlistments. Service with the Militia is for Home Defence only. Recruits will be required complete three months' training during the next twelve months. Parades are held every Wednesday night at the Camden Agricultural Hall. Full particulars concerning enlistment in the A.I.F. may also be obtained from Sergeant G. E. Jackman, who is the local recruiting representative for the Regiment.

### 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 Italy declares war on Allies

BLACK-OUT 9.44 p.m. to 4.15 a.m.  
Sun rises 4.45 a.m.  
sets 9.14 p.m.  
Moon rises 10.59 a.m.  
sets 12.35 a.m.

DAILY SKETCH, TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1940.

**LONDON ITALIANS ROUND-UP** PAGE FIVE

**Simple Fare IS SIMPLY FINE WITH HP SAUCE**

**Daily Sketch**

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**More Please!**  
BROWN & POLSON  
*Custard*

**ITALY TAKES THE PLUNGE INTO THE WAR AT MIDNIGHT**

**13<sup>th</sup> June 1940**

**FLYING SCHOOL DUST: Affects Airmen's Throats**

A number of airmen suffering from inflamed throats have been admitted to Camden District Hospital during the past fortnight.

The infections are said to have been due to the dust at the R.A.A.F Central Flying School at Macquarie Grove. Only a few points of rain have fallen since the work of levelling the 400-acre flying field was commenced two month ago. Ploughs, scoops and scarifiers tore up the area, but with no moisture in the soil after a record drought period, the rollers were unable to consolidate the earth. A slight breeze causes clouds of dust to appear over the airmen's township, while conditions are intensified when a 'plane Takes off or alights on the field.

**STUDLEY PARK Sold to Military**

Mr. A. A. Gregory informed this newspaper on Monday night that he had disposed of his Studley Park property to the Military Department.

The sale was completed on Thursday last, after negotiation had been in progress for more than two month. Fronting the Hume Highway near Narellan, the property comprises, about 200 acres, a palatial home, and 1 of the beat country golf courses in the State. Much of the furniture, including carpets and floor coverings originally cost about £700, will remain in the house.

It is understood that the military authorities will maintain the golf Course, and the arrangements with the Camden Golf Club, which used the course as its headquarters, will be continued.

The property will be used as the Eastern Command Training School.

**DISTRICT'S WAR EFFORTS More Enlistments**

The Call of Empire continues to be answered by many local men who are enlisting daily for service overseas. The gravity of this week's war news has had a stimulating effect on recruiting not only in this district, but throughout Australia.

Australians have heard that German hordes are hammering at the gateways to Paris. Italy has declared war, and its troops are massed in support of Germany at the Riviera border of France. England is threatened by enemy invasion and their answer is; "Australia will be there"

Ray Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, of "Aberfoyle," May Farm Road, Camden, has joined the Royal Australian Air Force as a trainee mechanic.

Ray was born at Nowra. C. (Keith) Hain, youngest son of the Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Hain, of the Camden Presbyterian Church, has enlisted with the A.I.F.

Born in the district, Ben Sewell, youngest son' of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sewell, of Bob's Range, entered camp last week. "Best of luck, Ben" is in message from several friends.

S. T. Try, proprietor of Try's Garage at Camden, has enlisted with the Army Service Corps and will enter camp on June 25. Mr. Try is holding a private clearance sale of a modern workshop—plant, stock, and motor accessories, and hopes to dispose of all items by Tuesday next. Particulars are advertised in this issue.

John L. Hogg, dental surgeon, of Camden, has enlisted with the A.I.F. Dental Corps. During his absence on active service, a qualified dental surgeon will manage the practice. He expects to enter camp on June 24. A further announcement concerning Mr. Hogg's practice will appear later in our public notice column.

### **MORE MILITIAMEN JOIN A.I.F.**

Additional members of the Camden Troop of the 1st Militia Machine-Gun Regiment to join the A.I.F... Include Trooper Ken Larnach, youngest son of Alderman and Mrs. W. A. Larnach of Elderslie, who is at Ingleburn with the 2 / 2 M.G. Battalion. (His brother, Ralph, is at the same camp with the Field Artillery). Trooper Ronald Foster, of Campbelltown, and Trooper T. Hansen, of Elderslie, are also in the 2/2 M.G. Battalion. Trooper Mervyn Small expects to enter camp at an early date.

### **20<sup>th</sup> June 1940**

#### **BRINGELLY-ROSSMORE**

Farewell to Soldiers and Airman

Eight residents of the Rossmore - Bringelly district who have enlisted for active service were farewelled by local folk on Saturday night at the Rossmore Hall. They were: — Captain Max Wheatley, Lieut. Angus King, Flight Mechanic, Gordon Paterson. Gunner Donald Knox, Private Fred Woollams, Private Leo Woollams. Private Joseph Penzer, Private Joseph Longford.

#### **Camden District Men Answer Empire's Call**

More than sixty residents of the Camden District have enlisted for active service. Some are already overseas, others in camp, while a number are awaiting call-up.

Three Macarthur Onslow brothers are in the services.

Major Denzil Macarthur Onslow is in Palestine with a reconnaissance unit.

Major Edward Macarthur Onslow is a company commander in the 2/2 Machine Gun Battalion, stationed at Ingleburn.

Flying Officer Andrew Macarthur Onslow entered the Central Flying School at Camden on Monday.

Jack and Alan Hoare have joined up with the 7th A.I.F. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoare, of Chellaston Street, Camden.

Private Joseph Penzer, who was one of the A.I.F. party farewelled at Rossmore Hall on Saturday night, is the fifth member of his family to answer the Empire's call. His father and three brothers' are leaving with the British Expeditionary Force.

Private Ron Chesham, a son of Mr. Thomas Chesham, of Mount Hunter, is with the Mobile Baths in the 2/6 Battalion at Ingleburn. A hut-mate in the same unit is Frank J. Hull, who was engaged in plumbing work at Camden during the past year. Frank is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hull, of Mascot (Sydney). His father, who served in the 1914-1918 War, is president of the R.S, and S.I.L. branch at Mascot.

Serving in the Artillery is Gunner Donald Knox, of Bringelly, who was formerly employed by the Camden firm of F. C. Whiteman and Sons. Amos Skinner, a son of Mrs, Skinner, of Oxley Street, Camden, has joined the signalling section of the Artillery. He is in camp at the R.A.S.

Showground (Sydney).

Former crack sprinter, Norman Lee, is with the Headquarters' Company of the 2/17 Battalion. During his running days, Norman won the Bombala Handicap of 120 yards and collected n £40 prize. He was also successful in a Cobbitty Handicap, and twice won the annual Mount Hunter Handicap. A hairdresser by profession, Norman owned the Camden business now controlled by Mr. Albert Baker. He later managed the Crown Hotel at Camden. Norman is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lee, of Taralga. His wife (formerly Miss Edna Marden) is a Camden girl.

Thomas J. Guyer, who is employed on Mr. L. W, Biffin's dairy farm, has been successful in his medical examination, and will enter camp on Monday. He intends to apply for the 2/2 Machine Gun Battalion, in order to join several of his Camden mates.

Tom Gall, of Upper Burragorang, a well-known horseman and steer rider, is a machine-gunner in the A.I.F.

Edwin (Ted) Rapley, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rapley, of Menangle road, Camden, entered camp on Tuesday. After his final medical examination, Ted hopes to be drafted to the artillery.

Tom Gibson, formerly employed at the Hotel Royal, Camden, is attached to the Headquarters' Company of the 2/2 Machine Gun Battalion at Ingleburn. Camden is strongly represented in this 7th Division unit.

Jack Hay, of Campbelltown, has applied for enlistment in the A.I.F. He intends to dispose of his second-hand Furniture business as a going concern, and advertises particulars of same in our "for sale" column today. Prior to enlisting in the A.I.F., Acting Corporal A. J. (Bert) Oliver was a member of the Commercial Bank staff at Camden. Bert is in camp with the 2/17 Battalion.

A friend informs us that Clive H. Sullivan is in camp with the A.I.F. A former local district resident, Clive was a successful exhibitor of ponies at Camden, Campbelltown, and the Royal (Sydney) Shows.

## **21<sup>st</sup> June 1940 HMAS Sydney and Stuart bombard Bardia**

**HMAS Sydney**



**HMAS Stuart**



**27<sup>th</sup> June 1940**

**DISTRICT PLEDGE to Stand by Men Who Have Enlisted**

In appreciation of the sacrifices they were making the Mayor of Camden (Aid. H. S. Kelloway) pledged the Camden district to stand behind the local men who have enlisted, while they are serving.

This pledge was given on Friday night when eight hundred people packed the Camden Agricultural Hall to honour twenty members of the A.I.F., Mr. W. S. Cruikshank (president) explained to the gathering that the public farewell function had been arranged by the Camden District Soldiers and Citizens' Association, which had been formed only a week earlier.

The objects of the association, he said, were not only to farewell the lads going overseas, but to welcome them back as victors and liberators after they had overcome the scourge of Nazism.

**DISTRICT'S WAR EFFORTS Enlistments Continue**

Although Britain lost her French ally at the weekend when an armistice between Germany and France was signed, our Mother Land must be heartened by the response of the Dominions' men who are offering their services in increasing numbers.

Whilst awaiting entry to an 8th Division A.I.F. camp, Arthur Chapman, of Narellan, is daily training at Haberfield. He formerly played cricket in the Camden District Association's competition.

Fellow members of Camden Golf Club presented Gunner T. N. Filby with a "Digger's outfit" at Studley Park links on Saturday afternoon. Tom is the first Camden golfer to enlist. Edward King, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King, of Cawdor, is in camp at Greta. Also at Greta is Private H. S. Adams, of Narellan. He is serving with the 2/1 Pioneers.

Born at The Oaks, where his parents still reside, Mervyn Rideout, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Rideout, is in camp with the 7th A.I.F. Division. Mervyn has been living at Willoughby for some years.

W. Moylan, who is well known as a drummer in local and city dance orchestras, passed his preliminary medical examination for the A.I.F. last week. He has been employed at the Carrington Convalescent Hospital, Camden, for a period of twelve years. His aim is to serve with the Army Medical Corps.

Jack Meredith, who is working for Mr. Ralph Moore at Glenmore, expects to enter an A.I.F. camp at an early date. He is a native of Campbelltown. Jack is a member of Camden Methodist Church Endeavour.

Signaller W. G. P. Dawson, of Cawdor, who is stationed at the R.A.S. Showground at Sydney, is a former scoutmaster of the Camden Troop.

Private Edward (Ted) Stanton can claim to be among the first of the 8<sup>th</sup> Division to be included in the guests at a public farewell. Ted was invited to join his 7th Division comrades on the stage when he attended the Camden function on Friday last. He was one of the recipients of presentation wallet and a handy-bag.

John Liebitts, of "Moreton Park," Douglas Park, is with an Artillery unit at the Sydney Showground. Also wearing the red and blue Artillery colours at the R.A.S. ground is William Thomas, of Menangle Park.

Congratulations to A. J. (Bert) Oliver, formerly of the Commercial Bank staff at Camden, who has been promoted to the rank of Quartermaster Sergeant in the 2/17 Battalion. '

Percy Small, who has resided in the suburbs for the past couple of years, is with an anti-aircraft regiment at Ingleburn Camp. He is a former captain of Orangeville Cricket Club, and was also member of The Oaks Football Club.

His father, Mr. Edgar Small, of Bob's Range, was a farrier-sergeant in the 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment during the World War of 1914-1918.

Sapper Ernest C Williams, one of the 7th A.I.F. Division men fare welled at Camden on Friday night last, is a resident of Wilkinson-street, Elderslie. He has resided in this district for the past six years.

Ray Herbert  
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