

Historical Officers Report From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser

5th September 1940

The first consignment of scrap metal for steel manufacture was despatched from Camden on Thursday last by Mr. B. F. Young, of Werombi, who plans to collect about 100 tons by October and donate the proceeds from the sales to local district patriotic organisations.' Thursday's collection of scrap weighed nine tons and was gathered at Orangeville, Werombi and Camden. Wollondilly Shire and the Camden Council assisted with the carting, while Messrs. Young and J. Clowes (Orangeville) helped with the loading.

Thirty-five members of an A.I.F. signalling section, comprising officers and men, enjoyed a "get-together" dinner at the Camden Roadside Inn last week. Colonel Whitehead was in charge of the party.

A trip to the Dead Sea and Jericho mentioned in a letter from Gunner H. A. Smith, of the A.I.F. to Mrs. Kowald of Elderslie.

The writer mentions that these two places were so far below sea level that the pressure of air on the eardrums caused temporary deafness, and the heat was terrific owing to the lack "The water of the sea is 25 percent, salt," he continues, "and also contains potash and other chemicals; it has a very bitter and slimy taste.

On the far shore can be seen the spot here Moses was allowed to view the Promised Land. The sea is 45 miles long and 15 miles broad: somewhere about the centre are the submerged cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

"Jericho is not very interesting; it is not the original city," comment Gunner Smith.

PARS OF INTEREST

Born in the district, Private Roy McLeod has written to the Rev. T. G. Paul, M.C. Roy, who enlisted in a Queensland Infantry battalion, was "At Sea" when he penned the letter.

Pilot Officer Andrew Macarthur Onslow, of Macquarie Grove, Camden, is attached to the R.A.A.F. Flying School at Tamworth.

7th September 1940 Blitz on London Begins



12th September 1940

EIGHT CANDIDATES

Big Field for Werriwa

The electors of Werriwa Division will have the choice of eight candidates when they visit the polling booths on Saturday, September 21.

Although the smallest in area of nil the country Federal divisions in New South Wales, Werriwa has the greatest number of enrolled electors in the country electorates. They total more than 59,000.

15th September 1940 Battle of Britain Ends



19th September 1940

PARS OF INTEREST

It is a common and dangerous practice to drive within 10ft. of the car ahead as this gives insufficient room in which to control your car in an emergency state the Road Safety Council in a message to this newspaper.

The severity of the drought may be instanced by the fact that one local Dairy-farm used fodder to the value £3000 in the past twelve months. Much if this had been conserved over a period of 34 years. The farm in question has 25 tons of prime Lucerne hay left from the one remaining stack placed in n hayshed in 1906.

The real Australian Digger spirit is fleeted in a business arrangement between two Camden residents. Mr. Bert Price, who served in 1914-1918 A.I.F., has taken over the district agency for the Howard rotary hoe from Gunner Jack N. Dunk, who has enlisted with the present-day A.I.F. Digger Price, has agreed to re-transfer the agency to Digger Dunk when he returns from active service.

SCRAP AND WASTE

Gain Money for Local War Funds

A cheque for £ 2 3 / 2 / 1 has been received by Mr. B. F. Young, of Werombi, for some nine to ten tons of scrap iron forwarded from this district to the steelworks. This represented the first consignment trucked during

August. Local patriotic organisations will benefit from the sales of the scrap metal.

WASTE PAPER WANTED

Mrs. J. B. Huthnance (Camden) and Mrs. B. F. Young (Werombi) have sent their first consignment of waste paper to the mills.

Readers throughout the district asked to save all waste paper and place same in bags. These may be left at Mrs. Huthnance's home, "Leivesley, Barsden Street, Camden. Telephone 8'

CAMDEN PARK FAREWELL

To Former Employees

A large gathering of friends assembled at the Camden Park Recreation Club Hall last week to, bid farewell and god speed to the lads who have enlisted from the Estate.

Unfortunately only four of the former, ten employees were able to obtain leave to attend the function.

The four were: Aircraftsman James Clark, Gunner Ronald W. Crane, Gunner F. Orchard Gunn, Signaller W.G.P. Dawson.

The other six are: Aircraftsman John Ball. Private Joseph K. Dunbar. Private S. D. Riding, Private Owen A. Smart. Private John Wilson. Signaller James Smith.

Major General J.W. McArthur Onslow. V.D. and Mr. H.C. Haylock addressed the Gathering. The General then presented each of the lads with a money-belt and a pay-book wallet.

An additional presentation of a portable wireless set was made to Air Craftsman Clark, who had proved a popular and energetic honorary secretary of both the Camden Park cricket and recreation clubs.

Supper was then served. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing interspersed with several delightful songs by Sergeant Frank Florimill, of the Central Flying School at Macquarie Grove.

"Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evening ever spent at the Park.

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NO Items of Interest

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