



## *In the News - Australia*

### **THE WAR**

#### **CENTRAL QUEENSLANDERS ABROAD**

##### **LETTER FROM MRS H. G. WHEELER**

Miss M. S. Trotman is in receipt of the following letter dated the 10<sup>th</sup> of January last from Mrs H. G. Wheeler concerning Central Queenslanders in camp in England :-

Norman Barry wrote from Hurdcott on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December to acknowledge the receipt of my letter. He expects to return to Australia.

W. H. Banks was expecting to return to France any day when he wrote on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

C. H. Burt wrote from Fovant on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, saying that he expected to go to France soon.

Clem Collins wrote from Hurdcott on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant. He says he is B1A3 now and expects to go to France before very long.

I was glad to hear from W. H. Carr-Boyd (Fovant) that he is back from the officers' school, having passed with honours and taken third or fourth place. He is expected to go overseas about the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, but was coming to London first on leave. He says the Bill Stafford and Dick Thomasson have gone to France. Carr-Boyd wrote from Fovant on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December to say that he was leaving for France in about a week's time.

Private A. W. Carlos wrote from Hurdcott on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, acknowledging letters I had forwarded to him. He had met a corporal there who told him he had buried Sergeant-major Ridgway at Messines. He said he was shot through the head.

Joe Charles wrote from Codford on the 30<sup>th</sup> November to say that he expected to go to France in a few days.

S. W. Cowley wrote on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November about some money that had arrived at the bank for him. He expected leave the following week.

Noel Bromley wrote from Sutton Veney Camp on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. He had failed to get leave to come to London for Christmas, so was going to Bath. He is still class B1A2, which means that he has no drills to do. John is camped a few hundred yards away, so they see a good deal of each other. Lucas Hughes is also down there. During his fourteen days' leave Noel came here every morning, and was a very great help to us.

R. B. Boyle wrote from Weymouth on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. He expected to be there for some time.

C. G. Beasley wrote on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December from Codford. He says he is well supplied with warm clothes.

Fred Bignall wrote from Hurdcott on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, asking us to forward letters. He is acting-sergeant now.

Bob Corried acknowledged his parcel which we forwarded. He was at Hurdcott when he wrote. Corrie wrote from Codford on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December to say he expected to be out of hospital in a few days. I was glad to be able to tell him that his money was at the bank.

Clem Collins also wrote from Hurdcott on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November to thank me for sending a cable. He has heard from Lee, and he saw J. V. Rake and Bob Smith, and they are both well and enjoying themselves. He had a good job when he wrote, but thought it would only be temporary. However, he still had it on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

Selwyn Cameron, also at Hurdcott, wrote on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. He expected to be there all the winter. He had heard from Ralph, who is in hospital in England. He seems to be only slightly wounded.

Will Cousins wrote from Sutton Veney on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November and said that he was keeping well.

3402, Signaller J. Clark, wrote from Codford on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November to say that he had been transferred and was leaving for France.

T. N. Barry wrote from Hurdcott on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December to say that he expected leave from the 24<sup>th</sup> of December.

Cadet L. A. Brydon wrote from Keble College, Oxford, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, asking me to forward letters.

3356, C. G. Beasley, wrote from Codford on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December about a parcel that was being sent to him in my care.

Alf Dale, writing from Codford on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, says that Albert Pennington is on draft for France. Alf was going to Bristol for Christmas.

W. Dumbrell wrote from Fovant on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November acknowledging parcels sent to himself and Dick Thomasson. He was going to spend his leave visiting various friends who are in hospital in England, so would be on the move the whole time.

D. Daith, 4419, is in a convalescent camp at Salisbury. He says he is much better.

S. C Davis is at Sutton Mandeville. He said that he was enjoying the best of health and expected to go to France about the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

81, J. Dempster, wrote from Sutton Veney on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, asking me to send a cable for him.

J. Dowd wrote on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December to say he is going back to Australia.

D. Devery, Codford, wrote on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December to say he was just going to France.

E. H. Dever wrote from Littlemoor Camp, Weymouth, to say that he expected to be in England some months. His arm is still stiff. He expected to be in London for Christmas.

L. F. H. Drew, Tidworth, wrote on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, asking me to forward a parcel that is being addressed to my care. He expected to be in London during December.

T. N. Barry was on leave from Hurdcott on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December and called to see us.

4400, J. Daly, wrote from Hurdcott on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. He was very glad to be out of hospital. He said that he would be at Hurdcott for Christmas, so I sent his parcel there.

S. Cameron wrote on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December from Sandhills Camp, asking me to cable home for him. He and Ralph expected to come to London for Christmas.

2391, J. B. Callaghan, wrote on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December from Birmingham, where he was staying on leave, and I was glad to be able to tell him his money had arrived.

W. Dumbrell, Fovant, wrote on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, saying Dick Thomasson is now in France, Ramsden is still in camp, and Bernie McGuinness is away on leave. Corporal Bob Baillie, of Rockhampton, is also at Fovant. He came over from France with Dumbrell. McDonald, who used to be a letter carrier at the Rockhampton Post Office, is also there.

328, Sid Elliott, wrote on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December from Hurdcott, saying that he expected leave at any time. On the 19<sup>th</sup> December, he wrote that he would be in London in the new year.

G. H. Eccles wrote from Fovant on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, saying that he was ill with his old trouble. He wrote again on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, asking me to hold his parcel, as he was not in need of anything for the time being.

Geoffrey Fielding wrote from Warminster on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, saying that he expected to go to France in about a week.

Alf Fraser wrote from Sutton Veney on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, saying that he expected to be there for Christmas. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December that he wrote to thank me his parcel. He had just received seven letters from home.

1410, L. Fairweather, wrote from Hurdcott and said that they had quite a good time at Christmas – much better than some of them had last year.

Clem Collins wrote from Sutton Veney on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant. He says that the American doctor told him he would not be fit for active service again; he hoped to leave hospital soon and to do munition work in this country if he cannot go back to Australia.

D. W. Gallway wrote on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November from Codford. He was still at the school and is making good progress. He finds it very interesting. He hoped to get leave for Christmas.

Stan Trott is still at Codford. He wrote on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. W. D. Gallway was still there, too. His final examination takes place at the end of January, and he will go to France then, unless he is sent to the non-commissioned officers' school. He hopes to get four or five days' leave before he goes.

C. J. Griffith wrote from Longbridge Deverell on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December. He had had several letters from home, though his parcels had failed to reach him. He has been moved from one camp to another lately, so they may turn up.

W. Lee wrote from Codford on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, and we sent the warm things he asked for the next day.

Sapper F. Halliday wrote from Hurdcott on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. He has had pneumonia, but is quite well again now. He expects leave soon and hope to join his mates again in a couple of months. He had a letter from his cousin, Jack Campbell, the day he wrote; he was still in France, and very well.

Sergeant R. G. Hall wrote from Hurdcott on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, He was going to France in a few days.

Tom Hannah wrote from Sutton Veney on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. He and his brothers, Arthur and Daniel, were all well.

H. V. Hook wrote from Heytesbury on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. A month later he wrote again to say that he was just off to France.

G. Hulme wrote on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December from Sutton Veney to thank me for finding out about his brother, who was killed.

Claude Hillcoat, Codford, wrote to ask news of his brother, and I was sorry to have to report that he had been killed in action on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

Harold Hunter wrote from Hurdcott on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Aubrey Kerlin, Jack Shields, Leonard Moss, and Bert Bidler are all in the same camp and doing well. Norman Richardson was there, too, but was just leaving for France.

W. G. Horne wrote from Verne Citadel on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. He had just received letters from home dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of October and was very glad to have them.

R. G. Hamilton wrote from Longbridge Deverell on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. He will be there about six months. He is afraid there will be no chance of going back to Australia for a trip after all.

Bob Johnson, Verne Citadel, wrote on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, asking me to send on some money I was holding for him.

F. Bignell, Hurdcott, wrote on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. He expected to be there some time. He wrote again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant saying they had a quiet time, but were given a good spread for Christmas and New Year.

3361, A. M. Boto, was at Hurdcott. He had come over from France, but was nearly well and expected to go back soon.

A.W. Carlos, Sutton Veney, wrote on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December that he expected to be there for three weeks and then to go back to France.

C. W. Drew, Halton Camp, wrote on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December asking us to redirect a parcel that is coming from Rockhampton.

Alex Fraser wrote from Warminster on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. He expected to go to France soon and was very glad of the warm things we sent him.

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