

EVERYMAN'S WELFARE SERVICE



'LET'S HAVE A SERVICE' Magazine 80 Years Caring For Our Armed Forces



1940-2020 EVERYMANS HISTORIC NARRATIVE

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"Cups of brew" can be spiritual

"JUST because they can get their tongues round the word 'evolution,' a lot of young fellows these days think they've got an answer to Christian beliefs," said a khaki-clad gentleman who invaded our Sydney office recently.

He turned out to be senior welfare officer Bruce Townsend, of the Campaigners for Christ organisation, which sponsors the Everyman's Welfare Huts in Army camps throughout Australia.

The huts provide writing facilities, film shows, guest artists, magazines, music, and, according to Mr. Townsend, "countless cups of brew."

"Most adults today," he said, "know the old hymns, but the youngsters don't. Many of them have never been to church."

"We go out on bivouacs with the boys doing National Service training, eat with them, sleep in the same tents, provide them

with cups of tea.

"They get the idea that you're not a bad guy, even though you're a bit religious."

"Then if they feel they need help they come along and talk. In that way our welfare work reaches its goal, and many a young man is helped and encouraged to be a true Christian soldier."

Everyman's Welfare Service has 80 years under its belt of proudly caring for our past and present serving troops and their families. Our National Headquarters is based at Gaza Ridge Army Barracks, Bandiana in Victoria.

The Everyman's Reps (men and women) are a breed of their own, traditionally since WW2 they have donated their effort unpaid, knowing their greatest benefit to the Australian Defence Force is time and genuine care they give to our troops and their families.

The conception of the Everyman's Welfare Service (EWS) was a natural outgrowth of two Christian Organisations, 'The City Men's Bible Class' (CMBC) meetings held at 'The Tea Rooms' Melbourne in 1929 where Rev C.H.Nash taught. These meetings drew several hundred young Christian businessmen who every Monday came together for fellowship, instruction in Godly living, discipleship and evangelism.

At the conclusion of one of these Bible classes, on 23rd January 1936 twenty-seven young men, full of fire and the Holy Spirit went back to Mr Leonard Buck's (The founder of EWS) business showrooms in Flinders Lane, Melbourne. There they discussed a God birthed desire to reach the unchurched of their city for God and how to start a movement that would implement the Godly principles they had been learning from Rev Nash. They commenced praying for guidance.

All these enthusiastic young men including Buck virtually were the lay leader of the interdenominational evangelical Christianity in Melbourne during the 1930's. From that meeting with Buck 'Campaigners for Christ' was born. But what made this cluster of young businessmen unique was the fact that they made their money not for the sake of making money or for personal gain, but to finance various Christian enterprises to which they had committed themselves.

Through its exceptional background and conception Everyman's has bonded with, been blessed by, been supported by and worked with just about every denominational church in Australia (Uniting/Methodist, Baptist, Church of England, Anglican, Presbyterian, Brethren, Catholic, Full Gospel churches, ADF Chaplains & Salvation Army.

Many Christian Organisations have also partnered with EWS, including World Mission, Bible Society, Billy Graham Crusades, Nurses Christian Union, The Aust Evangelical Society, Aust Young Peoples Mission, United Missions Institute, Youth for Christ and The Campaigners for Christ.

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OUR FOUNDING FATHER-Mr LEONARD E. BUCK

(Born in Melbourne 1906)

His early years 1927-1938 as a Young Evangelist

Leonard (Len) E. Buck had been powerfully converted to Christ in 1927 at a Methodist Local Preachers' Holiness Convention held in the Auburn Methodist Church in Melbourne. He surrendered his life to Christ for Holy Spirit guided service and this profound commitment laid the basis for his life work as a major Australian evangelical lay leader.

He was involved with Christian outreaches involving Young People in Australia and overseas before being involved with 'Campaigners for Christ' Ministry. God has gifted him with a heart for the unsaved and burden for evangelism, so they may know Christ

THE METHODIST MEN 15TH MARCH 1939

MELBOURNE HERALD 28TH JUNE 1934

METHODIST MEN

There left Sydney by the s.s. "Maunganui" for New Zealand on Friday, 7th March, a group of five men—four Victorians and one South Australian. These men constitute a



a team who have for their objective the establishment of a laymen's fellowship in the Dominion similar to that now pulsating in the various capital cities of Australia. They have gone at the invitation of some of the laymen of New Zealand. From time to time visitors from the Dominion have come into contact with one or other of the power house groups in Australia, and so impressed have they been with the richness of the fellowship enjoyed and the development of spiritual force engendered by such fellowship, that they have expressed the wish that the movement might extend to New Zealand.

Some months ago Colonel J. H. Betheras, M.A., of Victoria, one of the leaders of the Melbourne group, received a request from Mr. H. P. Mount, of Wellington, that a team of

men would go across and conduct meetings along lines familiar to those who have experienced the convention meetings of any of these States.

It was not easy for Mr. Betheras to gather together a band of men able to undertake a mission involving, as it does, a somewhat expensive journey, and a stay away from the duties of home, church, and business for at least six weeks.

But the Colonel, realising the magnitude of the opportunity, pegged away, sending urgent pleas to the men of Adelaide, Sydney, Hobart, and Brisbane, and eventually succeeded in building up a team consisting of Mr. Will Buck, Mr. Leonard Buck, and Mr. Eddy, of Melbourne, and Mr. E. E. Mitchell, of Adelaide. These were the men who, with himself, were farewelled in Sydney on Friday last by some of the brethren of the Sydney Federation.

Those who know Colonel Betheras and the other men of the team, know that they will bear a convincing witness to the power of God in their own lives, and to the triumphs of grace in the lives of so many men now enjoying the conscious witness of the Spirit to their Sonship with God.

UNITED YOUTH MOVEMENT

Another Campaign Launched

The United Youth Movement will begin its 1934 luncheon-hour services on Wednesday, July 4.

The speakers for the month will be the Rev. W. D. Jackson, of the Collins Street Baptist Church, the Rev. J. K. Robertson, a prominent Presbyterian minister, Mr. Leonard E. Buck, the organising secretary, and Mr. S. P. Watlington.

Mr. Robertson will speak in the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on July 18, but the other three addresses will be in the Central Hall, Little Collins Street.

Last year from 500 to 600 young men and women attended some of these services; and the sick in the hospitals and country people and others listened in.



Rev. J. K. Robertson

ADELAIDE 24TH MARCH 1937

NEWS IN BRIEF

Christian Youth Leader. — Mr. Leonard Buck, a young Melbourne business man who is a recognized leader of Christian youth, will arrive by the express this morning, and will address a lunch-hour fellowship gathering in Mildmay Centre, Gawler place, from 1 to 2 p.m. Mr. Buck is visiting Adelaide on his way to speak at a Christian Youth convention at Victor Harbour during Easter.

SYDNEY HERALD 10 JUN 1936

Mr. Leonard E. Buck, of Melbourne, will give an address at Ashfield Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning.

Extract from 'The Methodist' 23rd May 1936 Sydney

United Intercession Service

Sydney United Intercession Service on May 27 and June 3, this worldwide service will hold its thirteenth anniversary, the requests for prayer that have reached it from the different States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand, and from South Africa, America, China, Great Britain, and from other parts of the world.

On the 27th May the service is to be broadcasted by 2CH, and the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Jerusalem is to be the speaker. Those who are to take part this year are the daughter of the late General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army; Rev. E. E. Shelhamer, of Los Angeles; Rev. W. F. Betts, and Mr. Leonard E. Buck, of Melbourne.

Other branches of this service are the **Businessmen's Bible Class held in Tea Rooms**, George Street, Sydney, every Monday night. The service is entirely dependent upon the freewill offerings of God's people, there are no financial backers, and no debt is incurred. An appeal is made to God's people to assist in its maintenance in all departments as above stated.

BIRTH OF EVERYMAN'S WELFARE SERVICE

Its Goal... 'Welfare with Purpose'

'To Provide Pastoral and Social Care for Service Personnel'



Leonard E. Buck

Len Buck was thirty-three years old with a wife and four children in September 1939 when World War II broke out. He was determined to do something for God during this time as the leader of 'The Campaigners for Christ'.

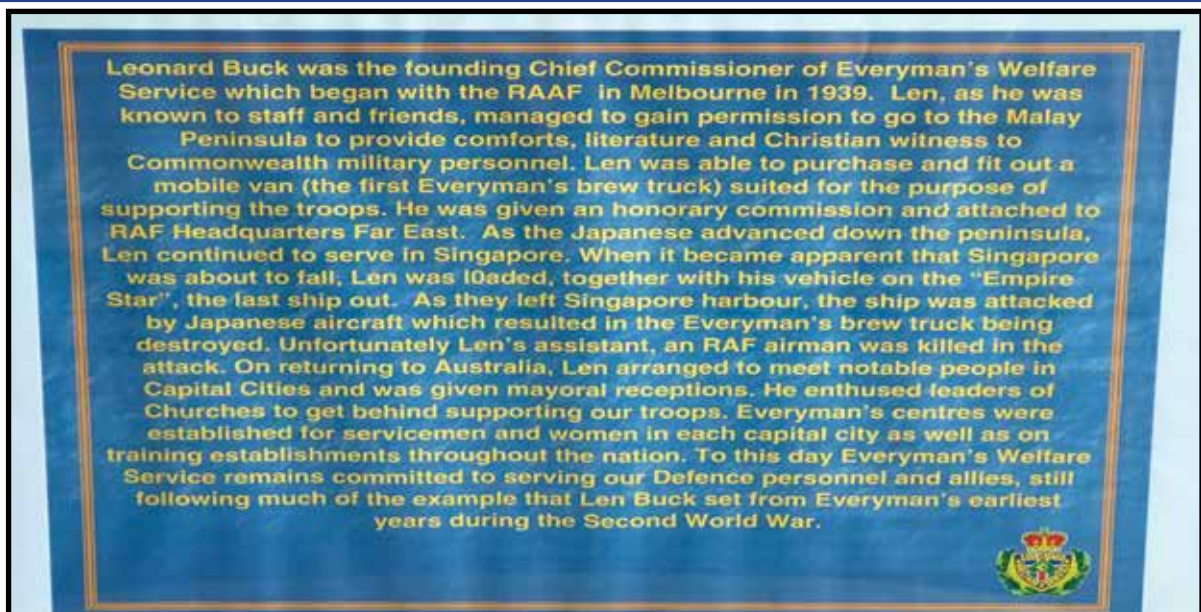
Everyman's Welfare Service was conceived as an offshoot of Campaigners for Christ in late 1939 after Buck requested the Minister for Air to grant permission to use a Military building at the Show Grounds as an Everyman's Welfare Hut. He desired to address the Spiritual and Welfare needs of Australian military personnel... 'Welfare with a Purpose' is what he called it.

He informed the Minister the Everyman's Hut would provide pastoral and social care for service personnel. The Australian Defence Force recognized his request, authorising it for welfare work and it became the first Everyman's Hut in history.

The Defence chiefs also recognized Buck as the first Chief Commissioner of Everyman's. The difficulty of these early negotiations with the Aust Defence Department should not be minimized, as it took patience, persistence and prayer by Buck and his Campaigners before official recognition came.

Buck wanted an organization that would be more outspoken, aggressive in its gospel witness in its welfare role among the troops; Buck's plan needed more prayer, more money, plain hard determination, and organization.

During Campaigners for Christ first discussion on the formation of Everyman's in 1939, Buck at that meeting of the executive council expressed a wish 'That we should do a work of a definite evangelistic character among the soldiers'.



Plaque at EVERYMAN'S Head Quarters Dedicated to Leonard E. (Len) Buck

THE EVERYMAN'S MINISTRY

Founded on Missions, Prayer and Evangelical Outreach

Clippings Taken from Australian Newspapers 1939-1949

THE MELBOURNE ANGUS MAY 1939

GOSPEL RADIO BROADCAST.
3AK—FINISH A GREAT DAY WELL—LISTEN IN
3AK—SUNDAY, MAY 14, 10 p.m.—10.15 p.m.
LEONARD E. BUCK,
3AK—SUNDAY, MAY 21, 10 p.m.—10.15 p.m.
CHARLES SANDLAND.
 LUNCH-HOUR PRAYER MEETING.
 IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLLINS STREET.
 On
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.
 Speaker: ALAN NEIL.
 CAMPAIGNERS FOR CHRIST.

THE ARGUS MELBOURNE FEB 1943

"EVERYMAN'S CAMPAIGN"
ASSEMBLY HALL, COLLINS STREET.
TONIGHT, AT 8 P.M., and Next Week as follows:
TUES. 23rd; WED. 24th; THURS. 25th; SAT. 27th.
EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.
Speaker - - - Mr. LEONARD E. BUCK
 Who was a Welfare Officer with the R.A.P. in
 Malaya and Singapore.

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD FEB 1945

THIRD
 LAUNCESTON INTERDENOMINATIONAL
MISSIONARY CONVENTION
OPENING DAY TO-DAY !!
CITY MISSION HALL — FREDERICK ST.
 3 p.m.—Curio exhibition opened.
 Poster competition judged.
 4 p.m.—Young People's Meeting—Mrs. E. A. Collins
 5.30 p.m.—Basket tea and Tea Table Fellowship.
 7.30 p.m.—Song Service, COMBINED YOUTH RALLY.
MR. COLIN HAYNES, W.E.C.
MR. LEONARD BUCK, recently returned from sur-
vey of Indonesia.
INTEREST FOR YOUNG — INTEREST FOR OLD.
SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD FEB 1945

You are welcome to attend a Prayer Gather-
 ing at 4a Bligh St. EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
 from 7 to 9 o'clock. Half-night of Prayer next
 Friday, 19th inst. Pray for "Everyman's"
 Welfare Centres and Huts in the Camps.

COURIER MAIL BRISBANE FEB 1946

BRETHREN, Gospel Hall, Clayfield
 tram terminus, below railway gates.
 Worship 10.45 a.m., Sunday School 2.45
 p.m. The Gospel will be preached at 7
 p.m. by Welfare Officer Gordon Blair.
 "My only plea, Christ died for me."
 Wednesday night, Mr. Blair.

1200 attend Everyman's Conference OCT 1944 SYDNEY MORN HERALD

**EVERYMAN'S WELFARE
 CENTRE MEETING**
 Nearly 1200 people attended the
 annual meeting of Everyman's Wel-
 fare Centre, at the Assembly Hall,
 Margaret Street, on Saturday night.
 The centre is sponsored by the Cam-
 paigners for Christ.
 Archbishop Mowll, who presided,
 said the work was far from finished
 and still greater effort would be
 needed in the coming year.
 Welfare officers operating in various
 centres in Australia reported on their
 experiences in Service camps. There
 were 13 welfare centres, and the
 officers were all city business men
 who gave their services free.

Protest At Police Action

STREET MEETING OF 'CAMPAIGNERS FOR CHRIST' MOVED ON

(To The Editor).

The president is the chief appraiser in the government wool scheme, a vice-president is an architect who is called on in many government schemes for consultations. One of the patrons is the chairman of the Legislative Council and the other is a leading Melbourne businessman and a member of the Air Board.

The Southern Command, recognising the valuable worth when they saw it, have just granted permission to the campaigners to erect two pavilions at two new camps, one at Bonegilla and the other at the Darley military camp.

For fourteen years we have been doing open air work in the heart of the city, where there is much traffic and mostly large crowds of people. We have from time to time, interviewed the Chief of Police regarding this work, and General Blamey, now in charge of the Australian Forces in Egypt, gave us active and sympathetic support, recognising the value of the preaching of the Gospel as the greatest antidote to lawlessness in the community. This has always been the attitude of the responsible representatives of the law.

We therefore vigorously protest against the action of the Shepparton police force in moving us on without giving a reason while conducting a Gospel open air meeting on Saturday night. We were obstructing no traffic, neither vehicular nor pedestrian, were away from the immediate shopping centre (having already been moved earlier in the evening) and were engaged in a quiet and orderly meeting, with a large, thoughtfully inclined and intent crowd which included many soldiers.

The crowd expressed to us their disapproval at the action of the police, in no uncertain terms. Our protest is based on the fact the British Constitutional Law permits and welcomes the preaching of the Gospel and on the fact that we are fighting today for democracy—freedom for the best things. One of the most obvious liberties of British democracy and Christian liberty is hereby assailed. There is nothing more necessary in the life of the nation than the preaching of the Gospel.

We naturally feel that if courtesies and liberties which are rightfully our should, in the whirl and discipline of city life, be permitted without molestation a progressive country town, with such a fair name as Shepparton, should see to it that such proper liberties should not be so rudely and unrighteously challenged.—Yours, etc,
LEONARD E. BUCK,
 Leader of Visiting Team "Campaigners for Christ."

**THIS IS A GREAT
 ARTICLE WRITTEN
 BY BUCK TO THE
 NEWSPAPER LATE
 1940...COMPLAINING
 HOW POLICE 'MOVED
 ON' HIS 'STREET
 GOSPEL OPEN AIR
 MEET' WITHOUT
 CAUSE NOR REASON...**

ADELAIDE ADVISER JULY 1940

Mr. Leonard E. Buck of Melbourne, will conduct a brief series of evangelistic meetings, starting tonight in Scots Church, Flinders street, at 8. Tomorrow he will speak in the Methodist churches in the morning at Woodville, afternoon at Prospect North, and evening at Maughan Central Mission. On Monday at 1.10 p.m. he will address students at the University, and the concluding meeting will be held in Scots Church at 8 p.m.

CAIRNS NTH QLD YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Arrangements are well in hand for the affiliation of the Cairns "Youth for Christ" movement with the Australia wide "Campaigners for Christ" Association and a letter was received announcing the arrival from Melbourne of their campaign Director (Mr. Leonard S. Buck) in Cairns in the next few weeks. It is felt that the new name of "Campaigners for Christ" which is an inter-church movement, will be more indicative that the fellowship offered is for the old as well as the young.

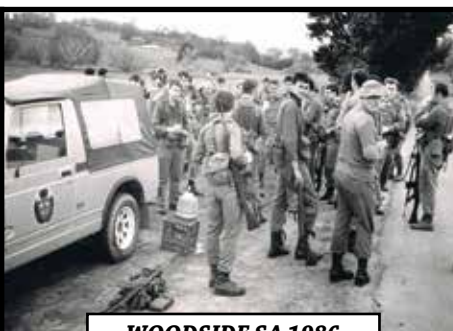
THE MELBOURNE AGE NEWS Sept 1943

Flabby Christians
 Quoting a saying that "You won't train the devil by sprinkling him with rose-water," Canon T. C. Hammond, principal of Moore Theological College, Sydney, speaking last night at the annual meeting of Campaigners for Christ, said Christians were getting flabby because there seemed to be no challenge in their lives or in their witness. Canon Hammond said he was glad to identify himself with an organisation like this which publicly and courageously challenged the forces of evil, and because of its work for men of the forces, with its Everyman's Huts. People were always hoping that education, or better housing, or fresh environment, or scientific knowledge, or psychological study would change this old world and remove from it the blighting influence of man's corruption but they were always failing, and were bound to fail, because the Christian message was not fully told that this was a job for God Almighty, and that Jesus Christ was the true salvation. It was a message of what the power of God alone could do and did do.

EVERYMAN'S FIRST MOBILE CANTEN (BREW TRUCK) 1941-2020



DARWIN TO MALAYA 1941



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In 1941 BUCK whilst at Darwin urgently requested permission to embark on an Everyman's mission to visit British troops in Malaya. He also somehow secured permission to take a three-ton Ford truck that he had bought and converted into a Mobile Canteen in Darwin and an assistant to travel with him to the war zone.

Buck's warmth and empathy for people and his genuineness in personal communications appealed to Military Officers, right up to the top Command. His stature and upright manly bearing both in body and speech won for him and his organization, the respect and approval of the military command structure.

Buck sailed from Darwin in November 1941, where he carried on a ministry of comfort, welfare, and Christian witness among Allied troops in Malaya and Singapore under the most hazardous conditions, before he departed, Buck established two Everyman's Hut in Darwin.

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A.I.F. AND R.A.A.F.

Important Welfare Work

(Contributed)

An Important work being done among the troops in camp training, is that of the "Campaigners for Christ," an interstate group of business men who are engaged in welfare work among the A.I.F. and the R.A.A.F. Patrons are the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Mowll, and the Hon. W. H. Edgar, M.L.C. The President of the Campaigners for Christ is A. E. Croombe, one of Australia's leading wool buyers. The Vice Presidents are, Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A., William Buck, F.C.A., and A. S. Eggleston, F.R.V.L.A., one of Melbourne's leading architects.

For some years they have had a building at the Show Grounds for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ, during Show week. When the war came, they turned this building into a comfortable and well equipped room, in which members of the R.A.A.F. may spend leisure hours and, more important still, hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. This led them to see the need of a live Chris-

MELBOURNE ARGOSS 10 MAR 1942

TWILIGHT IN SINGAPORE

Lecture at Collins Street Baptist Church
By MR. LEONARD BUCK — 7.45 P.M. WED., MARCH 11.
Mr. Buck has just returned from front-line service in Malaya. As a Command Welfare Officer with the AIR FORCE, he saw the up-country fighting, and operated a Mobile Canteen. The final hours of Singapore, and evacuation on the last troopship during air-bombing, will be described. The meeting is convened by Campaigners for Christ, 256 Flinders Lane, C.I.



1960-1975 AT 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE (1ATF) BASE AT NUI DAT
Two unidentified soldiers, probably from 2RAR/NZ, playing snooker on a billard table inside the building operated by the Everyman's Welfare Service (EWS) as a recreational facility for troops

1941 THE BEGINNING OF EVERYMANS OVERSEAS MINISTRY
‘Buck placed 200 Gospel/Christian tracks on a table for the troops,
all went in a few minutes’...

After arriving in Malaya Buck's attempt to establish an Everyman's Hut near the RAAF aerodrome at Khota Baru in Malaya was thwarted by the Japanese invasion December 1941. His life was constantly in danger as he stopped his Mobile Canteen (Brew Truck) alongside the road to dispense hot tea, biscuits, and snacks to the retreating men. He also placed copies of the Gospels and New Testaments, and evangelistic booklets on tables beside his mobile canteen.

At one time he placed 200 Gospels/ Christian literature on a table, ‘all went in a few minutes; the supply was replenished’. Again, the literature was rapidly taken, Buck would often talk with Australian troops well into the night, discussing the situation in which they found themselves as well as and spiritual matters.

Japanese air attacks increased as the Allied columns approached Singapore, Buck with them. After they reached Singapore concentrated bombing of the city began, which Buck described as ‘a terrible time’. The Japanese controlled the skies and sent bombers over Singapore in waves of twenty- seven at a time, several times a day, leaving destruction in their wake.

Finally, on the evening of 11 February 1942 the Allied High Command gave permission for sixteen vessels to leave Singapore. The ships left the harbour, however all but two were sunk. Buck was on board the 'Empire Star' that escaped Singapore with 2,160 people on board, 1,845 being military personnel plus 199 civilians and crew.

Jap planes located the 'Empire Star' 9:00 am 12 February bombing and strafing it for the next six hours. An Army nurse aboard told how at one stage the bombing was so intense that the ship seemed 'to jump out of the sea'. There were at least three direct hits, any of which might have sunk the ship. The ship's captain Selwyn A. Capon called this 'a miracle' and he attributed the ship's escape to 'the mercy of Providence'.

The ship fought back with machine guns and small arms fire. In the end thirteen men lost their lives during the bombing and another thirty-seven were wounded. Buck later told that shrapnel had hit him, but tiny splinters had embedded themselves in a copy of a Robert Laidlaw booklet titled 'The Reason Why' which Buck carried in his shirt's top pocket.

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BATTERED IN MALAYA

Welfare Officer's Story Of Canteen's Adventures

HOW the swiftness of war developments transformed plans for welfare huts into those for mobile canteens, and how one such canteen, bombed and battered by Japanese action, survived to serve Air Force needs in Malaya and, after the fall of Singapore, to accompany evacuated airmen to Batavia and thence to Australia, was told in an interview in Hobart yesterday.



LEONARD BUCK

**TOWN HALL
PRAYER SERVICE**

The first of the Wednesday War-Time United Intercommunal Services will be held in the Melbourne Town Hall tomorrow, from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. Mr Edgar M.L.C. will preside.

At 1.25, Mr Leonard Buck, who was on the last boat to pull out from Singapore before the fall of the island will speak of "Blistering BG RPT and a military weapon." Mr H Roberts will be at the gram organ.

The services, which will be held every Wednesday, have been arranged by the Days of Prayer Council, the Council of the Churches in Victoria, and the Campaigners for Christ.

ALL ARE
WELCOME !

ADMITTANCE
IS FREE

**Latter Days
CAMPAIGN**

commencing next SUNDAY.

Albert P. K. Baptist Church

(on Belmont Road and Belmont Road Street Cars)

Programme of Meetings

SUNDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"
MONDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"
TUESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"

WEDNESDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"
THURSDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"
FRIDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"
SATURDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"

SUNDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 1 p.m.
Address of Welcome
"The Word that has been said"

Speakers at all night meetings: Mr. Varnus Margen

Address: Mrs. Florence Turner. Chairman: Mrs. William Turner. See Ladies: Mr. William Gray.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR MEN ONLY
Sunday Afternoon, 30th September

Subject: "BALANCE YOUR BOOKS"

Speaker: MR. LEONARD E. BUCK
(Member of District of Connecticut)

Admission to Men: Free. Women: 10c. 1000 People. Free. Free. Free.

HOBART MERCURY 1941

Intercessory Prayer Meet ‘PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING’

Speaker Mr Leonard Buck

BRISBANE COURIER MAIL DEC 1942

LACK OF LEADERSHIP

Cause Of Britain's Loss Of Singapore

RETREAT complex and lack of leadership caused the loss of Singapore, declared Mr. Leonard E. Buck, welfare officer with the R.A.F. in Malaya, in an address at the Hobart Town Hall, on Tuesday. There was, he said, no voice in authority capable of giving the spiritual as well as military call to fight to the last ditch, and if necessary to the death, in keeping with British tradition.

UNITED INTERCESSORY SERVICE.
HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN
THE CITY HALL
 From 12.30 to 1.45 p.m. Send prayer requests and praise notes to 363 George Street, or place them in the box at the entrance to the meeting
"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING."
 Speaker next week, MR. LEONARD E. BUCK, Hon. Director Campaigners for Christ, Melb.

EVERYMANS HUTS ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA 1941-2020

Albury, Cairns, Melbourne, Brisbane, Redbank, Bonegilla, Bandiana,
Atherton, Sydney, Darwin, Wagga, Canberra....

The backdrop of a war in which a Japanese invasion of the Australian homeland seemed imminent were major factors for Buck and his associates to provide Everyman's services in as many Aust Army camps as possible.

After much prayer, the Campaigners began to collect funds to launch their new enterprise, they made presentations and took free will offerings in the various local churches that they attended. Buck was fearless in his approach to high-ranking military brass when it came to secure a place for Everyman's on or around military posts.

For example, following his return from Singapore in 1942 Buck travelled to Albury NSW to meet with Brigadier D. V. J. Blake, concerning permission to establish an Everyman's Recreation Centre at the soon to be opened Bonegilla Camp, some fifteen kilometres east of Wodonga in Victoria. At the conclusion of the meeting they had secured permission to build an Everyman's Hut at Bonegilla, the first of its kind to be set up on Australian soil in World War II.

As Buck's friend Keith Morgan noted, Buck 'appealed to military officers right up to the top command by his stature and upright manly bearing both in bodily bearing and speech'. Morgan continued: 'He was difficult to turn down because of his earnest, winsome, charismatic personality. This was only the first of several encounters with military commanders in which Buck was able to persuade them to allow Everyman's personnel and huts on or near army camps.'

Everyman's spread rapidly to many locations around Australia, including an Everywoman's Hut, staffed by evangelical women at Bandiana near Wodonga. Everyman's tearooms were established in all the capital cities, personnel who ran these huts and tearooms included Protestant ministers, missionaries who had returned to Australia because of the war and countless male and female civilian volunteers.

Buck also turned his attention to a uniform for his new organization, the issue became urgent when early in the war a sentry almost shot one of the Everywoman's representatives one night at the Melbourne Show Grounds because she looked 'strange' in her civilian attire. The final design in World War II was a military cut uniform of grey-pink colour, which was like those worn by junior grade officers in the army. Everyman's personnel eventually appropriated officer status with the honorary rank of lieutenant. Everyman's was finally accredited by the military years later during the Korean War (1950-1953).

BORDER MAIL ALBURY SAT 25 JAN 1941

WOMENS WEEKLY 7TH NOVEMBER 1942

Everyman's Hut at Bonegilla
The official opening of "Everyman's Hut" took place at Bonegilla, Lt.-Col. Storey, the area commandant, declaring the hut open. Mr. A. E. Coombe, of the Victorian Wool Board, presided. Addresses were read from Hon. W. H. Edgar, M.L.C., and Mr. J. H. Jeffrey. Mr. Coombe said that "Everyman's Hut" was the result of the effort of a group of Christian business men, from the various churches, largely from Melbourne who had subscribed for the building and its upkeep. The area commandant gave an excellent talk to the men on the value of unity, and complimented those responsible for the Hut. Afterwards Mr. A. E. Coombe gave an interesting lecture on Nepal.



WELFARE CENTRE, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. P. N. Raystead supervise reading-room in the new Everyman's Welfare Centre for the forces at 330-332 George Street. Able-Seaman B. Davey, Gunners J. W. Cunningham, A.F.P. L. Birmingham, K. Joiner, A. Foyle, C. A. Huscock, and Lieut. Roberts enjoy the comfort of the new centre.

LEN BUCK said in '1942'....

“WE SHOULD BE OF A DEFINITE EVANGELISTIC CHARACTER”

An incident involving Ray Taylor (Evangelical Christian layman) and Buck, illustrates Buck's faith and determination in establishing and maintaining Everyman's witness among the troops. Taylor had been conscripted in 1940 and sent to Townsville in 1942. Buck and Taylor had met in Melbourne before the war. One afternoon in late 1942 Taylor saw Buck in Townsville who told him he had come to Townsville with its huge encampment of Australian and American troops to establish an Everyman's presence. He especially wanted a Hut in the heart of the town and then other huts in the Atherton Tablelands where large numbers of troops were training for deployment to New Guinea.



Photo of one of the Everyman's Huts sponsored by Campaigners for Christ.



Buck went to the Brigadier commanding the unit in Townsville and talked him into releasing Taylor to temporary duty under Buck's supervision. Alex Gilchrist, a close friend of Buck's who had joined Everyman's soon after the outbreak of war and was also posted to Townsville at this time, so Taylor, Buck and Gilchrist constructed the hut. Buck also scrounged materials from various army units in the area and several Allied troops joined in the construction efforts.

Two Everyman's staffers eventually were assigned to the hut, and hundreds of soldiers found Christ as saviour and many believers found a home away from home. Using the same methods that worked so well in Townsville, Buck also established at least two Everyman's huts in the Atherton Tablelands above Cairns, where hundreds of other men and women were touched for Christ.

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"THIS IS LIFE" CAMPAIGN
Visit of Campaigners for Christ
A team of young people from Adelaide representing Campaigners for Christ will arrive in Naracoorte next week prior to the campaign which begins on Saturday week, 13th August, in the Town Hall.
Campaigners for Christ is an inter-denominational organisation sponsored by prominent Christian businessmen, and is well known within and without the Commonwealth for the social and spiritual welfare work carried on with Australian and Dominion Forces during the War. They are the sponsors of Everyman's and Everywoman's Centres and Welfare Huts, fourteen of which were operating at one stage among the troops. One of these huts is still in existence with the permanent forces at Ingleburn, N.S.W. Similar to the Red Shield Huts, they laid emphasis on spiritual truths, always keeping the preaching of the Gospel in the forefront of their programme. Since the War Everyman's Centres in the capital cities have remained open to conduct similar work in civilian life.

Campaigners for Christ is the Australian Auxiliary of the Army Scripture Readers and Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association, a hundred years old British organisation, of which His Majesty the King is Patron. Lieut. Gen. Sir William Dobbie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., the famous hero and defender of Malta, paid the following tribute during his Australian tour in 1946: "I have heard glowing accounts of what Campaigners for Christ have done. I believe that such organisations are of untold value to your country and mine, and meet a need which can hardly be met in any other way. I have no doubt that this is recognised in official circles here as it is in London."
The Naracoorte "This is Life" Campaign, which is being arranged by a local committee composed of members of the various churches, will be held in the Town Hall from 13th to 19th August. Mr. Bruce Bryson and Mr. Gordon Reimers, the directors of the Campaign, are both ex-servicemen and have had a wide experience in army and civilian life. They are at present full time Welfare Officers in the Adelaide Everyman's Centre.
Details of the programme will be announced in the next issue of the "Herald."

MELBOURNE AGE SEPT 1948

CAMPAIGN to ...EVERYMAN

Everyman's Hut is a familiar sight to thousands of visitors at the Royal Show each year, and to ex-airmen it recalls memories of the war.
These welfare huts and centres were established in military camps and capital cities during the war by the Campaigners for Christ, and the name "Everyman's Hut" became a welcome beacon synonymous with a home and a place where Christ was honored and His salvation proclaimed in straight-to-the-point fashion.
Eleven years ago a group of Christian business men in Melbourne, already active members of the several churches and assemblies, and styling themselves Campaigners for Christ, instituted a personal, positive campaign of evangelical witness.
This was a distinctively Australian movement, designed

WHAT CAN BE CONCLUDED FROM LEN BUCKS.... Leadership, Dedication and Godly Direction?

First, it illustrates again the extraordinary Power of Intercessory Prayer, second it exhibited the power available to present the Gospel that can generate from Everyday Citizens, such as those who supported and partnered with the 'Lay-Led Evangelical Movement' that saturated Melbourne (1936-1940) with God's Love.

Their dedication and desire to present the truth of the Gospel swamped most areas of Australia, as they shared the love of Jesus with thousands of Australian Service Men and Women, which also overflowed into many overseas nations.

Len BUCK used his position as a leader of the Campaigner for Christ and finally as Commissioner of Everyman's Welfare Service to further his dream of sharing the gospel with Australian service men and women during World War II, thereby setting up an organisation that would follow in his footsteps for many years to come...

He used his spiritual and financial skills to establish and extend Everyman's influence on the various army camps in the country to a remarkable degree with this organisation touching the lives of thousands of Diggers. In so doing, Buck's leadership ability was tested many times, he was a self-effacing man of firm faith and frequent prayer, which served him well...AMEN



BANDIANA BASE EVERYMAN'S RECREATION CENTRE

'Everyman's Welfare Service is not Government funded; we are a registered 'Not for Profit Charity Organisation', at the same time still fully accredited by the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Meaning our Reps not only serve on Australian soil but are also deployed overseas by the ADF. It could be said that our Everyman's Reps are a breed of their own. Since WW2 they have been motivated by the Love of God to donate their time & effort unpaid, knowing their greatest benefit to the Australian Defence Force is the genuine care they give to our troops and their families.

HOW DO WE CONNECT?

We connect through:

- **Twelve Everyman's Recreation Centres on Australian Defence Bases**
- **Ten Brew Trucks that we take out on "Brew Runs" and Military Exercises with the Troops from the Northern Territory, SA, QLD, NSW, ACT and VIC**
- **We send out 1200 Everyman's "On Patrol" Newsletters 5 times per year**
- **We send out 400 "Prayer Notes" each month**
- **Our "Everyman's Vets" (EveryVets) meet monthly**
- **We join our Troops Overseas**

EVERYMAN'S WELFARE SERVICE IS A CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION WE HELP ANYONE-REGARDLESS OF RELIGION, CREED OR CIRCUMSTANCES



BREW RUN AMBERLEY BASE

OUR EVERYMANS 'BREW RUNS'... OUR DIGGERS JUST LOVE US!
OUR BREW TRUCKS ARE THE EVERYMAN'S FLAG SHIPS

- **We Serve our Troops On Defence Exercises Australia wide**
- **We Share around the Brew Truck as occasion calls...**
- **We Serve our troops on Army, Navy and Airforce bases in Australia and Overseas**
- **We Support ADF and ADF Organisations on Family Days**
- **We Carry ADF Bibles, Daily Breads, Tracts, Defence Welfare Literature and more...(All free of Charge)**

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE - HIS PERSONAL ONE ON ONE APPROACH
WE ARE BLESSED WITH TWO EARS & ONE MOUTH-LISTEN BEFORE SPEAKING

PROBLEMS DETECTED: DRINKING, MARRIAGE, RELATIONSHIP, GAMBLING,
ADDICTIONS AND THE LIST GOES ON....

Job 12:11 "Does not the Ear Test Words....as The Tongue Tastes food?"



Everyman's has 22 Reps on 12 Bases

Australia Wide

We Provide Drug/Alcohol free Recreational facilities at:

- **Simpson Barracks, Melbourne**
- **Army Logistics Training Centre, Bandiana**
- **Army Logistics Training Centre, Bonegilla**
- **Army Recruit Training Centre Kapooka, Wagga**
- **Royal Military College Duntroon, Canberra**
- **HMAS Kuttatubul, Sydney**
- **HQ 2nd Division, Randwick**
- **Land Warfare Training Centre, Canungra**
- **2CER, Enoggera**
- **8/9 Battalion, Enoggera**
- **23 Squadron RAAF, Amberley**
- **Victoria Barracks, Brisbane**



THIS 'LET'S HAVE A SERVICE' NEWLETTER WAS COMPILED BY...JEFF GREENE

17TH JUNE 2020

On behalf of...EVERYMAN'S WELFARE SERVICE

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Acts: 4:11-12 "This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. Salvation exists in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."



Yes Everyman's! We want to support the great work you do supporting the servicemen and women of the Australian Defence Force.

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