

THE Campbelltown

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FRIDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1941.

BACK HOME ON BOARD THE H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.

Campbelltown's First Hero to Return after 10 Months in Action.



PETTY OFFICER P. J. WILLIS RECEIVED A LOVING WELCOME FROM HIS FAMILY AS HE CAME ASHORE LAST MONDAY.

Left to right: STANLEY WILLIS (son); Mrs. P. J. WILLIS; Miss VIDA WILLIS (daughter); PETTY OFFICER P. J. WILLIS; Miss EDNA WILLIS (daughter, and twin sister to Vida); THELMA, (fiancee of Mr. Kay Willis, son, and now in a military camp); Master J. GREEN (friend of Stanley Willis); JOYCE friend of the Willis family); and Mr. MALCOLM WILLIS (son).

PETTY OFFICER WILLIS is now in his 40th year, and has been in the Australian Navy 25 years.

He has been on Board the H.M.A.S. "Sydney" just on four years.

Extract from the "Campbelltown News," 26th July, 1940:—"When the H.M.A.S. "Sydney" sank the Italian

cruiser "Bartolomeo Colleoni" in the Mediterranean last Friday, Petty Officer P. J. Willis, of Kent Farms, Campbelltown, was one of Capt. J. A. Collins' gallant men.....and as ships' plumber no doubt has the "Sydney's" funnel (the only part of the cruiser that was damaged by

enemy shells) well and truly soldered up with bully beef tins and ready for Action again ere this. What a reception Petty Officer Willis will get when the "Sydney" returns to Sydney and he gets shore-leave....."

Our "Sun" picture certainly shows that he did get a reception!

CAMPBELLTOWN SHARES IN "SYDNEY'S" VICTORY.

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What a reception Petty Officer Willis will get when the "Sydney" returns to Sydney, and he gets shore-leave to visit his family at Kent Farms!

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**Petty Officer Willis
at Town Hall
This Saturday Night.**

His Worship the Mayor, Ald. P. C. Marlow, on Thursday morning sent a personal telegram to the Naval Authorities, requesting that shore-leave be granted Petty Officer P. J. Willis, of the H.M.A.S. Sydney, to be in attendance at the Campbelltown Town Hall on Saturday night of this week, in order that a Public Welcome may be accorded him.

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

In conjunction with the "Welcome to our Hero of the Seas," a Dance and Euchre Party in aid of Campbelltown's A.I.F. Farewell and Welcome Home Committee will be held.

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Campbelltown's A.I.F. Farewell Committee

Welcome Back to Naval Officer off H.M.A.S.
"SYDNEY" -- PETTY OFFICER WILLIS.

EUCHRE PARTY and DANCE

Campbelltown Town Hall,
Saturday, 15th February.

Good 4-Piece Orchestra and Euchre Prizes.

Admission :: 1/6.

P. C. MARLOW, President.
D. M. L. JAMES, Hon. Sec.
