

# THE SALVATION ARMY CAMBERWELL HISTORY BOOK

## 1952

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Sen Captain & Mrs E Briggs with Dawn, Lorraine and Ian were given a hearty welcome in a meeting conducted by Lt Colonel F Ingles.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Welcome Sunday to new CO. Wonderful break in the Salvation Meeting with 11 seekers.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Welcome to new DC Major & Mrs A Watson. Meeting held in Hawthorn Citadel.
- Feb 3 Major and Mrs Watson & Senior Captain and Mrs R Beasy led the night meeting and there were 4 seekers.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Funeral Service of the late Mrs Brigadier Penberthy was conducted by Commission J Even Smith at packed Citadel.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service late Mrs Penberthy was conducted by Commissioner J Hay ® and was a very wonderful tribute. 4 seekers.
- 12 Home League re-opened for the year.
- 17<sup>th</sup> A most impressive Memorial Service for late King George VI was conducted by CO. 3 seekers.
- 23,24,25 A most successful series of meetings was held in connection with the Harvest Festival Celebrations. Prayers were rendered by the Canterbury – Mitcham Corps and Sen Major Williams (Editor in Chief) was the special for the Sunday. An outstanding scheme of decorations was arranged by Bro Gordon Hay.
- Mar 6 The Songsters gave a splendid program for our 2 Candidates.
- 8<sup>th</sup> A perfectly arranged YP Picnic was held at Emerald Lake under ideal conditions.
- 13 Home Leaguers held an outing at Healesville and Maroondah Dam and everyone had a wonderful time.
- 15<sup>th</sup> YP Band Timbrels and Singing Company took part in a YP Festival at Brunswick.
- 17<sup>th</sup> The Youth Group gave an excellent program at Canterbury YP Harvest Festival.
- 25<sup>th</sup> A Farewell was tendered to Cadets S Robins and M Williams who have entered the Training College.
- 26<sup>th</sup> YP Band gave a program at William Booth Hostel.
- 29,30<sup>th</sup> The 42 Corps anniversary will go down in history as one of the finest week-ends ever held. The leader, Hon. Athol Richardson Q.C. M.L.A of Sydney Congress Hall proved an outstanding special. We were glad to have the company also of Sis Mrs Richardson

“Songster Gwen”. Hall crowded for every meeting. The “Corps on Parade” was a magnificent spectacle.

- Apr 6 Holiness meeting & Band Spiritual meeting conducted by Major A Watson (Divisional Commander). The night meeting was led by Lt-Colonel Myers of International Headquarters London. This was a fine meeting with quite a number of decisions.
- 10<sup>th</sup> This has been a unique day in that we have had 2 funerals, Mrs Lt-Col Mclure and Major Cole ?
- 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday. Meetings were conducted by Captain & Mrs McPherson who are on furlough from Ceylon. A wonderful day.
- 23 Staff Band conducted the morning and night meeting and these were greatly enjoyed.
- The Corps Cricket team was presented with the Premiership Pennant at a function in St Marks Parish Hall.
- 27<sup>th</sup> The united Anzac Service was held again this year and a large crowd attended. Major E Robertson was the speaker.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> A Film Night in aid of YP Band Funds was presented by Malvern Comrades.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Bladin conducted a meeting with Officer’s children.
- 8-12 Congress Meetings. Our Band and Songsters took a very active part and we also had a good representation of young people in the YP Demonstration.
- 24 A very fine program was arranged by Bm R Albiston in aid of Red Shield Funds.
- 25<sup>th</sup> The morning meeting was a special ‘Call to Prayer’ and there was a very wonderful response. In the afternoon the Corps took part in the Empire Youth Rally. At night, at the conclusion of a fine ‘Youth Segment’ there were many seekers. The meeting closed & re-opened 3 times. A wonderful day.
- 26<sup>th</sup> A welcome home was extended to Bm Ian Wallace who returned after a visit to England, Canada and America. The evening was also a farewell to Bm Keith Woods who has left for a trip to England.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> WHIT SUNDAY. A whole ‘Day of Prayer’ with a different leader for each ½ hour. It was a very remarkable day and concluded with 7 seekers.
- 8<sup>th</sup> The Band visited Yallourn for the week-end and despite very wet weather, had a good time. Major Allan Young was the leader.
- 10<sup>th</sup> A united Soldiers Meeting was conducted by Colonel Sandalls (CS).
- 14<sup>th</sup> A social evening was held for the presentation of the Premiership Pennant won by the cricket team.

15<sup>th</sup> This was Junior Soldiers Day and the young people did very well in the meetings.

16<sup>th</sup> A splendid Dramatisation, (Matthias) was presented by Preston Corps.



The Salvation Army  
THE JUNCTION — CAMBERWELL  
Monday, June 16th, 1952, 8 p.m.

**"MATTHIAS"**  
*A Drama of  
the Christ*

Written, Arranged and  
Presented by  
Senior Captain E. C. Marion,  
supported by  
Comrades and Songsters  
of the Preston Corps

Admission — This Programme — 2s.

Program for above drams pages 2 & 3

"MATTHIAS"

ACT I.

*In which Matthias, healed of his own blindness, introduces some former friends to Christ and resolves to become an active follower.*

*Christ enters Jerusalem in triumph, but is soon arrested, brought before Pilate and crucified.*

*Two secret followers bury Him in a new sepulchre.*

*Matthias discovers the plot to kill Christ too late to warn Him, but is a strength to the Apostles and the women during these tragic days.*

Musical Support:  
Preston Citadel Songster Brigade  
(Leader: A. Cozens)  
Accompaniments: K. Marshall

ACT II.

*In which Christ is Risen, and after many days ascends to Heaven.*

*His followers tarry in Jerusalem to claim His final promise to them and prepare to fulfil His final charge.*

*Matthias becomes an Apostle in the place of Judas.*

*Notable victories are gained, including the healing of Jarah, lame beggar at the Gate Beautiful. This miracle finally wins to Christ a man Matthias had earlier endeavoured to convince.*

*In the consequent rejoicing, Matthias renews his consecration to the Risen Christ.*

Scripture Readings:  
Mrs. W. Dodds. Mrs. R. Collett.  
Lighting Effects: J. Bott

- 22<sup>nd</sup> HOME LEAGUE SUNDAY. Meetings were led by Mrs Senior Capt Briggs, HL Secretary Lanston and members of the Home League. A splendid day.
- 28<sup>th</sup> A Partnership Festival by Preston & Camberwell Bands was presented to a good congregation.
- 30<sup>th</sup> A very enthusiastic congregation launched the 1952 Self Denial Appeal. Two film strips were shown and some items by the Youth Group.
- July 4 – 7 A very fine series of meetings was led by Brigadier and Mrs Hocking and a party of Officers from THQ.
- 13 The annual Church Parade of the Croydon RSL was held with a very fine attendance.
- 20 The night meeting was led by Sen/Captain R Beasy (DTPS)
- 21 Youth Talent Quest Camberwell did exceptionally well.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Farewell Sunday of Sen/Captain and Mrs E Briggs, appointed to Christchurch New Zealand to exchange with Sen/Captain Beasy.
- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Splendid farewell meeting. Crowded Citadel. Only a short term of 6 months but a very happy one.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Snr Captain & Mrs John Beasy welcomed from Christchurch NZ. Quite a good crowd at welcome meeting which was conducted by Major A Watson and Snr Captain R Beasy.
- Lt Colonel H Saunders takes over the leadership of Songster Brigade.
- During this months SD Special Efforts were organized and successfully carried through. A Programmed was arranged by Sis P Coombs and the Bethany and Bayswater Fetes were very successful.
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Camberwell again gave well in the SD Altar Service and the final total amount was a substantial increase on previous years. Bro. Lanston organised and carried through the appeal.
- October A farewell for Bro L Greig and Sis Ruth Bell was arranged for this month. They left for England after soldiering at the Corps. The Songster Brigade participated in special evening arranged by the Territory to honour Commissioner Hay who had completed 70 years officership.
- November The YP Anniversary was held in the Town Hall, this was quite successful. Crowds were fairly good. The leader was the DYPS, Capt Ray Beasy.
- Marriages of Envoy Anderson and L Coad and Frank King and Ethel Alexander were celebrated this month at Camberwell.
- The Songsters went to Moreland to participate in Festival of Song.

December A change in leadership of the Band has taken place. Bandmaster Coull of Hamilton, Scotland is now Bandmaster. Bandmaster Buttery was thanked for his services over many years and had a presentation from the Band. He would not accept a public farewell. Carolling by the band was successful.



BANDMASTER JOHN COULL  
CAMBERWELL CITADEL BAND  
1952 - 1956