

OBITUARY NOTICES

MR M. E. LOWENSTEIN

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. M. E. Lowenstein, Meteorological Office, Cambridge, Tasmania on 1 June 1957.

Max Lowenstein joined the Bureau of Meteorology as a temporary Assistant, Meteorological Branch, in March 1950 and successfully completed Observer Training Course No. 17 in August 1951. From then until his untimely death, Max proved an efficient and conscientious Observer in the offices of the Bureau in Tasmania.

MR H. E. CAMM

Mr. H. E. (Tommy) Camm, who retired from the Bureau on 20 May 1953, died suddenly on 16 June 1957 in his 65th year.

Mr. Camm was educated at Melbourne Grammar School and obtained the Senior Public Certificate in 1909. He was one of the first officers to join the then newly constituted Commonwealth Meteorological Bureau, being appointed as Clerk in 1910.

He enlisted in the AIF in 1915, serving with the 24th Battalion in Egypt and later with the 60th Battalion in forward areas in France until he was severely wounded. He was mentioned in Dispatches for his services.

After his return to Australia in July 1919, he rejoined the Bureau, successively occupying the positions of Assistant Meteorologist in the Melbourne Bureau, Assistant Divisional Meteorologist in Adelaide and Sydney Bureaux and Deputy Director, Victoria.

During the second World War he enlisted in the RAAF and was attached to RAAF Headquarters on meteorological duties. As Squadron Leader, he was in charge of the Central Forecasting Office and the organisation introduced to handle the coding of broadcast weather reports and analyses. He was promoted Wing Commander when he served as Assistant Director, Administrative, in the RAAF Directorate of Meteorological Services. He retained this position for some time during the re-establishment of the Bureau as a civilian

Service and thereafter until his retirement he occupied the position of Deputy Director, Victoria.

Mr. Camm spent the major part of his 43 years in meteorology on forecasting duties and during his 15 years in charge of the forecasting services in Victoria he gained a high reputation for his ability as a forecaster. As an administrator he did all he could for the contentment of officers of the Bureau and set a high example by bearing his own burdens - the serious injuries suffered in the first World War - without complaint. He was the first President of the Weather Bureau Social Club in which he continued to take an active interest until his retirement. His name will be perpetuated by the Camm Trophy which he donated to the Club for competition between Sections at the Annual Picnic.

Tommy Camm will be long remembered by his fellow officers for his ability, his unassuming nature and his humane approach to all problems.

