



Australian Newspaper Articles

Services for the Catholics

Writing from Codford camp, Salisbury Plains, England, to his Lordship the Bishop of Lismore, Mr J. Tully, ex-town clerk of Lismore, says "This is a photo of the hut which shelters the many Catholics in this camp on Sunday." The nearest Catholic church to Codford is eight miles away, and the English Catholic Women's League have supplied the Catholic soldiers with this splendid hut, which serves as a chapel. Here on Sunday four or five Masses are always said, and very largely attended. There is a small harmonium, and the men sing hymns lustily, both during Mass and at Benediction, which is generally given by Dr Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, who is senior chaplain of the Australian Imperial Forces, Monsignor Bickerstaffe Drew's sermons being especially popular. Mr Tully ("Jack") was for many years secretary of the St. Patrick's Day sports committee at Lismore. He is a good penman, and a capable, all round clerk.

The Rev. Father Fillodeau, late of this diocese, now chaplain-captain, has also written his Lordship from Codford camp, where, he says, he has met the Right Rev. Dr Cleary and other Catholic chaplains. Father Fillodeau took 350 Catholic men with him from Australia to help drive the enemy from his beloved native land in France. He says his men behaved splendidly en voyage, and are now quite fit and well at Codford.

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