



# *In The News*

## *Compton Chamberlayne*

### **“AUSTRALIA” IN WILTSHIRE**

Many Australians went yesterday, Australia Day, to the Wiltshire village of Compton Chamberlayne, where, in the parish church, they attended the dedication of a flag given by Australia House which was afterwards hoisted above a map of Australia cut in two acres of the downs.

This map was made originally in 1917 by Australia troops. It was renovated recently by members of the Fovant Home Guard Association, which will be responsible for flying the flag on the King's birthday, Australia Day, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

A message from Mr E. Harrison, the Australia Resident Minister in London, which was read at the service, said he hoped that those that saw the flag when it was flown would recognize it as a symbol of Australia's devotion to the Crown and of the indissoluble ties of kinship which bound her to the Mother Country. Mr Harrison's message was also to the restoration of the badge of the rising sun cut in the downs at Fovant. "It should be a constant reminder," he said, "if one were needed, of the unity of purpose of which exists between the free nations of the Commonwealth and of their determination to stand together as in the past in the defence of their common liberty."



AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY.—An Australian flag being carried from the Church at Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire, yesterday, after being dedicated. It was later hoisted (right) within the outline of a map of Australia cut into the hillside by Australian forces stationed there during the 1914-18 war.

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