

NEWS OF P.O.W,

MR and Mrs Robert Clements, of Cobden, have received a letter from the Military Authorities regarding their son, Private Eric C. Clements, who has been a P.O.W. in Japanese hands since 1942. The communication reads as follows:

"We regret having to inform you that during the interrogation of former Australia prisoners of war in Japanese hands, who were rescued after the sinking of a Japanese transport, uncorroborated information was supplied by a survivor to the effect that your son was alleged to have died whilst prisoner of war, Burma, cause and date unknown. The reliability of the informant is not questioned, but pending confirmation of such information no action has been taken to alter your son's existing classification as "Prisoner of War," and efforts are being made to obtain confirmation through the International Red Cross Committee, Geneva."

The many friends of the Clements family will sympathise with them in the suspense and anxiety they are suffering and hope for a contradiction of the above report.