

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr and Mrs J. Crellin, of Koondrook have been advised that their son, PTE RONNIE J. CRELLIN, who was previously reported missing is a prisoner of war. Pte. Crellin's father served in the last war.

TPR. N. C. FREEMAN, wounded in action, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Freeman, of Traralgon. He left with the first contingent to go abroad, and fought with the first Australian troops in action. A letter received by his parents from his padre told how his tank was blown up after striking a landmine. Tpr. Freeman suffered a fractured skull and fractured leg, but is now out of danger.

LIEUT. REGINALD R. (REX) ANDERSON, 36, previously reported missing, now reported wounded in action, missing and believed prisoner, was the first to enlist from Glenroy. His father has received private advices that a fellow-officer saw Lieut. Anderson being carried on a stretcher into a French fort in Syria. When the AIF took the fort from the French Foreign Legion Lieut. Anderson was not in it, and it is believed he had been evacuated farther back. The French had left behind a tabulated list of men who had been buried. This did not include the name of any officer.

SGT. RAYMOND H. LAWLEY, killed in action in Syria on June 8, enlisted in May, 1940. He was born in Bendigo, and was employed with Victorian Railways. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawley, of Brunswick, and leaves a widow and 3 children, who reside at 2 Bezzell st., Brunswick. For 20 years he was a member of the Militia.

CPL. H. LESAR, previously reported missing, now prisoner, is youngest son of Mr. H. Lesar and late Mrs. Lesar, of Station st., Bonbrach. He was educated at Mordialloc HS, and enlisted in April, 1940. He served in Bardia, Tobruk, Benghazi, and Greece. He is engaged to Miss Peggy Leake, of Clayton.

MAJ. LEO K. PROBYN, Footscray, previously reported missing, is now reported prisoner of war. He enlisted in the last war when aged only 18. He later served in India with the British Army for 15 years.

PTE. W. I. (TOM) SMITH, of Waterloo South, reported missing in May, is a prisoner of war. He joined the AIF last year.

LIEUT. G. N. WEBSTER, wounded in action in Syria was a member of 13 19th Light Horse Regiment before enlisting. His home is at Stratford, Gippsland, and he finished his education at Geelong College.

PTE. R. K. WILLIAMS, wounded, is third son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, Mornington. Before enlisting he was attached to Mornington unit, 46th Battalion, Brighton Rifles. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two other sons in the AIF, and Mr. Williams, sen., is in the Home Service.