

SERVICE CASUALTIES

Pilot-Officer J. M. Oxley, of Bentleigh (V), who has been reported missing believed killed, was an officer of the Union Bank of Australia Ltd before enlisting. He had served in the Warrnambool branch. Transferring from the Army, he joined the Royal Australian Air Force in July, 1943. During his training he topped his course at Deniliquin. A

keen sportsman, he played golf off a handicap of three.

Mr and Mrs G. H. Davies, of Malvern rd, Toorak, have been advised that their only son, Flight-Sgt Sydney Hartley Davies, who was reported missing after air operations over Stuttgart, Germany, on July 25, was buried in the village cemetery at Bonlanden, Wurtemberg. Flight-Sgt Davies was born at Dunedin (NZ) and educated at the Otago Boys' High School. Before enlistment he was on the staff of the National Bank of Australia Ltd., Melbourne. He was aged 23.

Mr and Mrs A. L. Fleet, of 19 Boorool rd, East Kew, have been officially advised that their only child, Sgt Alan Leslie Fleet, is missing, believed accidentally drowned, in New Guinea, on January 27. He has had more than five years' service, and was in the Middle East before he went to New Guinea. Before his enlistment he was an employee of Carnegie's Ltd.

Advice has been received by Mrs J. C. Bond, of Fyans st, Chilwell, Geelong, of the death of her husband, Cpl J. C. Bond, 2/2 Pioneers, in a Japanese prison camp on December 15, 1943. Cpl Bond was taken prisoner at Singapore. Before the war he was keenly interested in politics, and on one occasion contested the Barwon seat against Mr T. K. Maltby.

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—(Dept of Air.)
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