

PERSONAL

Friends of Private "Blue" Dewsbury, of Sale, who was reported missing, will be pleased to hear that he was not killed. The Records Office of the Defence Department has informed his mother, Mrs. R. Dewsbury, that a broadcast over Tokio radio intimated that VX44281 Pte. A. de P. Dewsbury, 2/2 Pioneer Battalion, AIF, is held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese.

There passed away at her home in Bairnsdale on Friday night last, Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Swan, wife of Mr. Charles Swan. She was born at Newry 74 years ago. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Parker. She had been an invalid for the past 7½ years, and was ministered to by her devoted husband.

The death occurred in Melbourne on Friday night last of Mrs. Savina Hancock, of Metung, wife of Mr. Eric Hancock, who built the swimming pool at Buchan Caves and is at present engaged on ports and harbor work at Queenscliff.

At the Sale Town Council meeting on Monday night the Mayor (Cr. J. E. Thomson) referred to Pilot-Officer F. Jackson, D.F.M., of Sale, being recently presented to His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace. It was decided to forward a congratulatory cable to Pilot-Officer Jackson and that a copy of the cable be forwarded to his mother.

Mr. W. Medlyn, of Bairnsdale, has entered on his 23rd year as secretary of the local A.N.A. branch.

Patient: "But, doctor, are you sure this is pneumonia? Sometimes a doctor will prescribe for pneumonia and the patient dies of something else."

Doctor: "Sir, when I prescribe for pneumonia, you die of pneumonia."