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Whilst in Kerang it was discovered that the following were residing in the District -

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Setting sail for home a stop was made at Ouyen where LEN "HUM-DO-LA-LA" MORGAN (8th Bty. or did 7th & 9th Btys. have a share) on "point" duty, directed the party to the local hostelry and later to the "Kirk" where "Little Gunner" Philip Elton Morgan was christened, Tom Roberts being promoted Godfather. Was there ever such a wetting of a head?

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HATCHINGS

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DOUG FERGUSON	(7th Bty. & R.H.Q.)	Daughter
BOB CAMPBELL	(8th Bty.)	Daughter (2nd)
BILL TOM	(8th Bty.)	Son & Daughter
FRANK WASHBURN	(8th Bty.)	Son
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Advice was received from the R.A.A. Association that they have a list of addresses of next of kin of members of the 18th Light A.A. Regt. (British) who were killed in action in the Middle East. Your Committee thought fit to adopt ten of these persons with a view to sending them food parcels.

In conclusion, we wish to remind you of our Dance to be held at Rainbow Hall, Commercial Road, Prahran, on Show Eve, 24th September, 1947.

Good luck to all.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

W.E. KERR

Hon. Secretary.