

## 2/3 AUSTRALIAN LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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New Arrivals

Algy Swinburne	(8 Bty)	Daughter
Charlie Saleh	(9 " )	Son
Harry Anderson	(9 " )	Daughter
Hugh Robertson	(8 " )	"
Bill Mallach	(7 " )	2nd "
Jerry Lambert	(9 " )	2nd "
Fred Crees	(9 " )	Daughter
Ian Carson	(9 " )	Son
Alan Rice	(8 " )	"

Lest We Forget!

It is with deepest regret we report the passing of Brig. Munro, our very good friend of Werribee days.

Tom Hawkes (8 Bty) of Geelong, ex P.O.W. Germany, passed away since the issue of our previous Bulletin.

The result of an unfortunate shooting accident resulted in the death of Leo Kennedy (9 Bty) of Mooroopna.

We regret that this Bulletin will not be published in time to advise members of a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. on 12th September at Epping St. Methodist Church, East Malvern, for Ossie Bossence (7 Bty) killed in action.

As you know, your Committee has endeavoured to keep as many ex members of the Regiment as we have addresses for, supplied with a copy of the periodical Bulletin. This has been appreciated by many but the time has come when, owing to the cost of production etc. it is possible that only members who are financial will receive future Bulletins.

If you have not already paid your sub. for the year ending June 1949, what about it?

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Committee.

W. E. KERR.

Hon. Secretary