

## **KILLED IN ACTION**

Word was received in Manilla on Friday morning that Pte. Roy Blackwell had been killed in action in New Guinea.

Pte. Roy Blackwell was among the first of Manilla soldiers to leave Australia for the Middle East, in January, 1940. He saw service in Libya, and was at the capture of Tobruk the first time it was taken from the Italians. He then went to Greece, from which country he escaped in sensational fashion. With 10 companions, a boat conveyed them from island to island, eventually landing them on the Turkish coast. After a week or so in Turkey he escaped and re-joined his unit. He arrived back in Australia last July and visited his father, Mr. J. Blackwell, of North Manilla.

