

Joy, Sorrow For A.I.F. Sons

News of three sons brought joy, sorrow and suspense for Mrs. W. W. Moxham, of Railway-street, Toongabbie.

There was joy when official news was received that the eldest Lance Bombardier William (Bill) Moxham, 33, had been released from a Jap pow camp in Borneo, sorrow when, two days later, a casualty list included the name of their second son, Gunner Harry Moxham, 30, presumed dead after the sinking of the Jap hellship in the Pacific last September.

Then came uncertainty as to the fate of their third and remaining son, Gunner Tom Moxham, 28, who was with his brother aboard the hellship. Reported dead, he was later officially reported a prisoner in Tokio.

The three boys, former graziers, enlisted together in the 2/15th Field Artillery, 29th Bn., 8th Div, and were captured together at Singapore.



L/Bdr W. Moxham



Gnr. Tom Moxham



Gnr. Harry Moxham

"Dad and I wanted one of the boys to stay home, but they said

boys to stay home, but they said the best thing they could do for us was to fight the Japs." Mrs Moxham said today.

Though 68, she voluntarily took a job in the Riverstone meatworks egg dehydrating plant after the news came that her sons were prisoners.

"I felt I must do something

to help, and the work has kept me from grieving too much," she said.

Her husband, a retired grazier, 68, is a volunteer munition worker.

Of the three brothers, Bill and Tom are single. Harry was married. His wife has served as a transport driver in the Awas since the beginning of the war.