

## OBITUARY NOTICES

## MR. P.D. EASTHAM

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. P.D. Eastham on 13 November, 1957, in his 59th year.

Mr. Eastham, popularly and widely known as Barney throughout the Bureau and the Mail Branch of the P.M.G.'s Department, joined the Commonwealth Public Service as a Telegraph Messenger in the P.M.G.'s Department in May 1916. In October 1919 he was promoted to the position of Assistant in the Central Office of the Meteorological Branch but transferred to the Mail Branch of the P.M.G.'s Department in September 1924. In April 1937 he was promoted to the position of Senior Assistant, Central Office, Meteorological Branch.

In April 1941 Mr. Eastham enlisted in the RAAF and served as Meteorological Observer at the RAAF Headquarters Directorate of Meteorological Services, Melbourne, and at RAAF stations Wagga and Tocumwal, reaching the rank of Warrant Officer.

After his discharge from the RAAF in June 1946, Mr. Eastham acted as Observer in the Forecasting Section, Central Office, Melbourne, and in March 1947 was promoted to this position in which he remained until his retirement due to ill health in May 1955.

## MR. A.L. CHRISTIAN

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. A.L. Christian on 17 November, 1957, after a long period of illness.

Albert Christian, joined the Bureau of Meteorology as a temporary observer in October 1939 and was stationed at Norfolk Island.

Mr. Christian served for some 3½ years in the RNZAF and RAAF Meteorological Services after which period he retained his position of meteorological observer and was attached to a number of aerodromes in New South Wales during the re-establishment of the Bureau as a civilian service before being transferred again to Norfolk Island in mid-1948.

In August 1953 Mr. Christian was transferred to Townsville and continued to serve at this office until his retirement in October 1957.

