

## 25 OFFICERS NAMED AS JAP PRISONERS

### 14 Are Victorians

Unofficial information had been received that the Japanese had claimed that 25 Australian officers, including Brig A. S. Blackburn, VC (SA), were prisoners of war in Java. Mr Forde, Army Minister, announced yesterday. The list includes 14 Victorians.

Mr Forde said next of kin had been notified of the Japanese claim, but the names would not appear in official casualty lists



Brig A. S.  
Blackburn



Capt. R. S. H.  
Winning

until official information was received. The Government was doing everything possible to obtain advice from the Japanese Government about Australians who were prisoners of war.

Among the Victorians is Capt Ron Winning, former Victorian swimming champion. The list is:

Brig A. S. Blackburn, VC (SA).

Lt-Cois J. M. Williams (NSW), C. M. Black (NSW), N. M. Eadie (Med.) (V).

Majs G. A. C. Kiernan (NSW), L. J. Robertson (NSW), E. J. Daly (V), E. R. Meagher (V).

Cpts C. H. C. Nason (V), A. H. Ross (V), I. D. Nicholson (V), A. H. Bishop (V), S. J. Handasyde (V), R. S. H. Win-

son (V), A. H. Bishop (V), S. J. Handasyde (V), R. S. H. Winning (V), J. Kennedy (T), E. Campbell (V), J. Head (Q), J. D. C. Hammon (V), J. J. Edwards (SA), I. A. Campbell (V), C. Howith (V), Alan Polson (V), D. A. M. Duff (Q), E. J. I. Watt (T).

Lieut R. H. A. Grabham (WA).