

## Newtown Resident - Private Allan William James Rigg

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Private Rigg's parents were Eric & Beatrice Rigg. At the age of four he moved from St Peters to 29 Linthorpe Street Newtown, where he lived for 53 years. He spent his final years with his sister Kath.

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### Alan William James Rigg

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#### Notes

1. Born 12 January 1917 at home which was a terraced house next to the Church of England Church at Princes's Highway St Peters.
  2. His mother was attended by Sister Vaughn a midwife.
  3. Alan went to St Peters Infants School & Newtown Primary School.
  4. Left school at about 14.
  5. Unable to get a permanent job because of the great depression.
  6. Joined the C.M.F. home forces on 18th Dec 1941(NX120704)
  7. 26th August 1942 transferred to Australian Imperial Forces 19th Australian Advanced ordnance depot. Private A.W.J.Rigg dog tag no N91327 D Company 16 Ptn 35th Battalion Home Forces.
  8. Was in Western Australia when Ruth was married on 27th of February 1943.
  9. Total 1,000 days in the army.
  10. Total of 360 days in New Guinea.
  11. Demobilised on 3rd January 1946.
  12. Service medals included Pacific Star 1939-45 Battle of Britain -2 stars  
Burma Campaign Medal & Ribbons.
  13. Suffered return bouts of Malaria but wasn't quick enough to ask for a pension.
  14. Joined the N.S.W. Railways as labourer in the Eveliegh Carriage Works  
Then became a storeman.
  15. Wasn't interested in any sport or hobbies. His only recreation appeared to be a regular trip to the movies.
  16. Lived at home with mother & father & was totally dominated by mother
  17. Retired from the railways due ill health at age 60 on 2nd Feb 1977.
  18. Died of a heart attack on 6th February 1977.
  19. Cremated & buried at Rookwood.
  19. Never married not even aware of any girlfriends.
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Form No. 6.

Application No. 1933/18778



NEW SOUTH WALES.

Registrar General's Department,

Sydney, 24th October, 1933.

CERTIFICATE OF AN ENTRY IN REGISTER OF BIRTHS.

No. of Entry 3132/17.

I hereby certify that an entry in a Register of Births kept in this Office in pursuance of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, No. 17 of 1899, gives the following particulars concerning the Birth of  
Allan William James Rigg.

Date of Birth 12th January, 1917.

Birthplace St. Peters, Sydney, N.S. Wales.

*Ray W. Williams*

Registrar General.

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*Be thou faithful unto Death and I will give thee a crown of Life.*

*Allen William James Rigg*  
 Born Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1917  
 Baptized Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1917  
 At St. Peters, Cooks River  
 By Rev. P. J. Evans

**Sponsors:**  
 Parents

**I**n remembrance that **I** was received into the **C**ongregation of **C**hrist's **F**lock, and signed, with the **S**ign of the **C**ross, in token that hereafter **I** should not be ashamed to confess the **F**aith of **C**hrist **C**rucified, and manfully to fight under **H**is **B**anner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue **C**hrist's **F**aithful **S**oldier and **S**ervant unto my life's end.

**I**n token that thou shalt not fear **C**hrist **C**rucified to own, **W**e print the **C**ross upon thee here, **A**nd stamp thee **H**is alone.

No. 54. CHURCH STORE, LTD. SYDNEY.

*St. Stephens' Church Newtown.*

*Be thou faithful unto Death and I will give thee a crown of Life.*

*Allen William Rigg*  
 Baptized \_\_\_\_\_  
 Confirmed 11 Aug 1931  
 First Communion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed *al. Hook*

**A DAILY PRAYER**

**A**lmighty and **O**verliving **G**OD, defend me, **T**hy servant, with **T**hy heavenly **G**race, that **I** may continue **T**hine for ever, and daily increase in **T**hy **H**oly **S**pirit more and more, until **I** come into **T**hine **O**verlasting **K**ingdom, through our **L**ord **J**esus **C**hrist. Amen.



# The Call to Arms

Presented to

*Allen W. J. Rigg*

by the

**Council of the Municipality of Newtown**

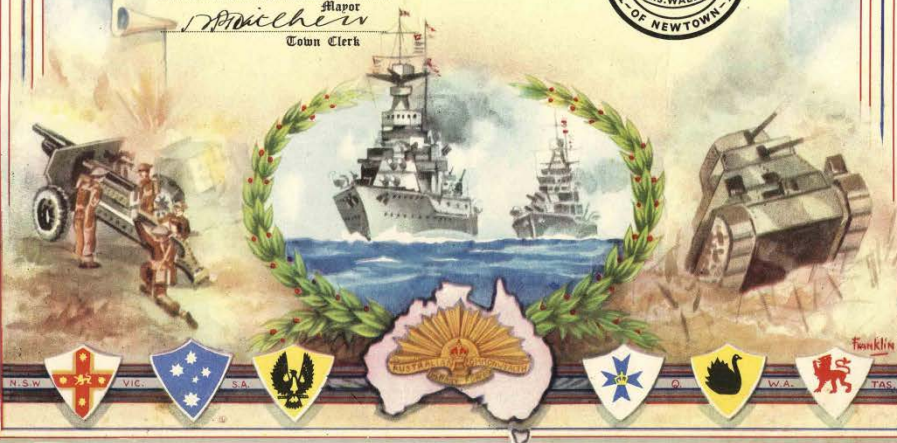
to express to you the gratitude your fellow citizens feel for the service you have rendered Australia and her Allies and to assure you of our deep appreciation of what you have done for the sake of this and future generations of Australia

War declared 3rd September, 1939

The Common Seal of the Council was affixed this

1st day June 1946

*L. H. Smith* Mayor  
*D. Mitchell* Town Clerk



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