

# LEST WE FORGET - THE STANHOPE CONNECTION

## **Percy Clarence Crombie**

VX25551 Gunner 17th Anti Tank Battery

Honoured on the Stanhope Cenotaph

Percy was born January 19 1920 at Koondrook, Victoria. He was the youngest of seven children. Percy moved to Stanhope with his parents when they bought the café in Birdwood Avenue and he worked on local dairy farms.

Percy enlisted in the Army at Barham NSW on June 12 1940. Percy was attached to the 17th Anti Tank Battery, 'C' Troop, which was part of the 2/22nd Battalion.

Today there are still a large number of Percy's relations living in Stanhope and the local district.



## **George Edward Ryan**

VX28580 Australian Infantry

George Ryan was raised in a family of eight children in Port Lincoln South Australia. He enlisted in the Australian Army on June 28 1940 in Irymple, Victoria. He was assigned to Unit 'R' Company Victoria. George was the brother of the late Stanhope dairy farmer, Tom Ryan.



There are a number of his relatives living in the district today.

## **Thomas (Tom) Crichton**

VX25507 Gunner 17th Anti Tank Battery

Tom was born in Wycheproof; he had four brothers, three of whom joined the services.

Tom enlisted on June 12 1940 in Leitchville. Tom's brother Reg Crichton had a farm in Stanhope for many years and has family still residing in the area today.

