

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Further advice has been received by Mr D. Macdonald, Glenlee, Blenheim (late of Christchurch and Ashburton), of the death of his eldest son, Flight-Lieutenant A. W. (Allan) Macdonald, of the Royal Air Force. He was killed as the result of an aeroplane accident on November 11th—Peace Day—at Stamford, England. He was 24 years of age. After completing his education at Christ's College he went to Glenlee, where he was manager, prior to his enlistment. He took a keen interest in military work, being bugler at Christ's College, sergeant in Ashburton Territorials, and sergeant-major in the Marlborough Mounted Rifles. He was the sixteenth pupil to qualify for the Royal Aero Club's certificate at Sockburn, where he was examined by Lieutenant-Colonel Sleeman, making clever flights in all his tests, and showing sound judgment in all his landings. He embarked for England in December, 1917, and after completing his training and gaining his commission he was made an instructor in the R.A.F. at Stamford, showing special qualifications for that branch of the service. He was of a genial and kindly disposition, and his death is mourned by a wide circle of friends. Being a very popular airman he was accorded a large military funeral. Mr Macdonald's four sons enlisted voluntarily. Bombardier Donald L. Macdonald left with the 9th Reinforcements, and has constantly served at the front in France, and has come through unscathed; Flight-Cadet Ronald G. Macdonald is in training in the R.A.F., England; A. Bruce Macdonald enlisted on becoming of military age, but owing to the cessation of hostilities his services were not required.