



Alexander (Lex) Lillie, 89, from Chirnside Park, with a portrait of himself as a sergeant in the 9th AIF in 1940.

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Humble Lex thrilled at recognition

AFTER almost 60 years as a volunteer, Chirnside Park's Alexander Lillie has been awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day honours list.

"I feel very honoured and fortunate," Mr Lillie said.

The returned serviceman fought in the Middle East and the South Pacific during World War II. Twenty five years and three children later, he and wife,

Peg, had built their business into a licensed supermarket.

Mr Lillie was a Shire of Lilydale councillor from 1961-73 and shire president from 1969-70. He was chairman of the Lilydale Sewerage Authority for five years and manager of the Lilydale and Dis-



trict Hospital from 1973-78 after he retired from the supermarket.

He continues to be involved in the Lilydale-Mount Evelyn Presbyterian Church, has served the Yarra Valley group of Melbourne Legacy since 1989, has been a member of the 9th Division Calvary Regiment Association since 1946 and has been involved in the ANZAC token and poppy sales since 1950.