

**Western Necropolis Cemetery,
Glasgow, Scotland
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3244 DRIVER

E. H. BRYAN

49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

13TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 27

*He Did Not Shun
His Country's Call
But Gladly Gave His Life
His All*

Ernest Henry BRYAN

Ernest Henry Bryan was born at McDonald Town, Sydney, NSW on 14th February, 1892 to parents William & Elizabeth Bryan (nee Clarke). His birth was registered in the district of Newtown, NSW.

Ernest Henry Bryan attended Ilford Public School, NSW.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Lilley, subdivision of Woodford, Queensland recorded Ernest Henry Bryan, Chainman of Main Camp, Woodford.

The 1917 & 1919 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Capricornia, subdivision of Duaringa, Queensland recorded Ernest Henry Bryan, Chainman of Wowan, Dawson Valley.

Ernest Henry Bryan was a 23 year old, single, Chainman from Miles, Queensland when he enlisted at Rockhampton, Queensland on 21st July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3244 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. Bryan, of Miles, Queensland.

Private Ernest Henry Bryan was posted to Camp on 21st July, 1915 for recruit training.

Private Ernest Henry Bryan embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Seang Bee (A48)* on 21st October, 1915 with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements.

Private Ernest Henry Bryan was admitted to 4th Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Cairo on 12th January, 1916 with mumps. He was discharged to his Unit on 1st February, 1916.

Private Ernest Henry Bryan was transferred to 49th Battalion from 9th Battalion on 25th February, 1916 at Zeitoun. He was taken on strength of 49th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 29th February, 1916.

Private Ernest Henry Bryan was appointed Driver & to be 1st Line Transport from 7th April, 1916.

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 5th June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 13th June, 1916.

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan was sent to Hospital sick on 8th August, 1917. He was admitted to 13th Australian Field Ambulance then transferred to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Driver Bryan was transferred & admitted to 2nd Canadian General Hospital at Le Treport on 11th August, 1917. He was transferred on 13th August, 1917 to 39th General Hospital at Havre. Driver Bryan was discharged to Base on 17th October, 1917.

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre on 17th October, 1917 & proceeded to join his Unit from 4th A.D.B.D. on 21st October, 1917. Driver Bryan rejoined his Battalion in the field on 23rd October, 1917.

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan was on leave to UK from 26th September, 1918.

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan was admitted to 4th Scottish General Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland on 8th October, 1918 with Malaria while on leave from France.

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan died at 10.15 pm on 13th October, 1918 at 4th Scottish General Hospital, Stobhill, Glasgow, Scotland from Pneumonia.

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan was buried on 18th October, 1918 in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland – Plot number N.6 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Driver Ernest Henry Bryan - *Coffin was white pine, cloth covered. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by beautiful wreaths sent from Lady Primrose and friends in the Ward. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev. C. Mollan Williams conducted the burial service. The grave will be turfed, and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

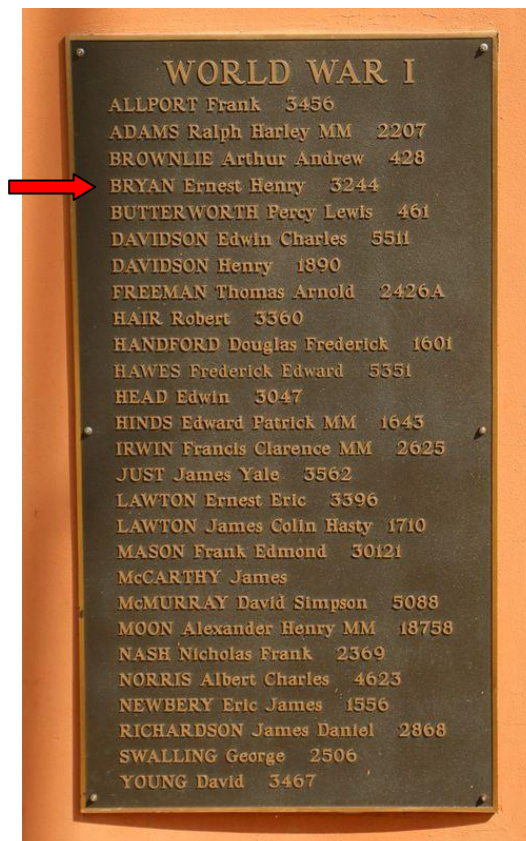
Driver Ernest Henry Bryan was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Bryan's father – Mr W. Bryan, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Ernest Henry Bryan – service number 3244, aged 27, of 49th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Bryan of "Allandale", Miles, Queensland.

Ernest Henry Bryan is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance located in ANZAC Park, Corbett Drive & Murilla Street, Miles, Queensland.



Wall of Remembrance, Miles (Photos from Monument Australia – John Huth)



Driver E. H. Bryan is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 147.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(42 pages of Driver Ernest Henry Bryan's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Driver Ernest Henry Bryan

Newspaper Notices

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND VOLUNTEERS

... The names of those who have enlisted in the past week and who have left or are to leave to-day for Brisbane are:- Ernest Henry Bryan, Yaamba.....

(Morning Bulletin, Rockhampton, Queensland – 31 July, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Dvr. E. H. Bryan, Miles, 13/10/18, illness

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 25 November, 1918)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

A letter from Base Records, dated 4th July, 1921, to Mr W. Bryan, Miles, Queensland advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his son, the late Driver E. H. Bryan, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Driver E. H. Bryan does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland

The Western Necropolis is a large cemetery complex north of Glasgow City Centre. Adjoining this site are the following large cemeteries: Glasgow Lambhill and Glasgow St Kentigerns Cemetery, all three are separate but adjoin each other. Glasgow Garnet Hill Hebrew Burial Ground and Glasgow Crematorium Memorial is also at this site.

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

Glasgow was one of the ports of embarkation for the British Expeditionary Force in 1914 and several military hospitals opened in the city during the First World War, including the 3rd and 4th Scottish General (1,200 beds each), and the Merryflats War Hospital (500 beds). Battalions of a number of Scottish regiments had their headquarters at Glasgow during both wars, most notably the Highland Light Infantry. The Clydeside shipyards were targeted by German bombers during the Blitz, and Glasgow suffered a particularly ferocious attack on the night of 13/14 March 1941 when many civilians and servicemen were killed.

Glasgow Western Necropolis contains 355 First World War burials, many of them grouped together in Section P, with a small group of Australian graves in Section N. A screen wall near the main entrance carries the badges of the regiments represented in Sections P and H. The 124 Second World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery, although there are two among the earlier war graves in Section P. Also in this group are two inter-war service burials and two German war graves.

There are 11 Australian Soldiers from World War 1 buried in Western Necropolis Cemetery.

(Information from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland *(Photo from CWGC)*

Photo of Driver E. H. Bryan's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland.



(Photo from Ben – Find a Grave)



Some of the Australian Headstones in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland (Photo from CWGC)

Driver Ernest Henry Bryan marked by red arrow

