

**St. Lawrence Churchyard,  
Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**5726 PRIVATE**

**E. R. HANNABRY**

**16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**18TH JANUARY, 1917**

*May His Soul Rest In Peace*

## Edmund Ryan HANNABRY

Edmund Ryan Hannabry was born at Evansford, Victoria in 1891 to parents Michael & Alice Hannabry (nee Ryan). (Place listed as Talbot-Amherst on the Victorian Births, Deaths & Marriages website).

Edmund Ryan Hannabry attended Evansford State School, Victoria.

Michael Hannabry, father of Edmund Ryan Hannabry, died 25th September, 1905 at Talbot, Victoria. He was buried in Amherst Cemetery, Talbot, Victoria. (Note: Headstone has surname as 'Hannaby'.)

The 1914 & 1915 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Batman, subdivision of Fitzroy Central, Victoria recorded Edmund Ryan Hannabry, Agent, from 79 Newry Street, North Fitzroy.

Edmund Ryan Hannabry was a 24 year old, single, Traveller from 79 Newry Street, Fitzroy, Victoria when he enlisted in Perth, Western Australia on 20th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5726 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Alice Ryan Hannabry, Evansford P.O., Victoria.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry was posted to 56 Depot Battalion on 20th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 18th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion on 4th April, 1916.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Seang Bee* (A48) on 18th July, 1916 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 16th Infantry Battalion, 18th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th September, 1916.

### 16th Battalion

The 16th Battalion AIF was raised from 16 September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. Three-quarters of the battalion were recruited in Western Australia, and the rest in South Australia. With the 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions it formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry was marched in to 4th Training Battalion at Rollestone, Wiltshire, England on 10th September, 1916 from Overseas Reinforcements.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry was written up for an Offence while posted with 4th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire – Overstaying leave from Reveille on 9th October, 1916 reporting at 21.00 hrs on 13th October, 1916. He was awarded 14 days Confined to Camp by Captain H. Norton Russell on 15th October, 1916 & forfeited 5 days' pay.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry was sent sick to Group Hospital at Codford on 31st December, 1916 from 4th Training Battalion - Cardiac.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry died at 11.45 pm on 18th January, 1917 at Isolation Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

A death for Edmund R. Hannabry, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire, England.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry was buried on 21st January, 1917 in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England – Plot number 109 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hannabry's widowed mother – Mrs A. R. Hannabry, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent April, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry – service number 5726, of 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Michael and Alice Hannabry, of Evansford, Victoria.

Private E. R. Hannabry is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 79.



*Roll of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

E. Hannabry is remembered on the Evansford Honor Roll, located in the Evansford Community Centre, School Road, Evansford, Victoria. (Note: At the time of researching & requesting photos of the Honor Roll – the Honor Roll was in storage as the Community Hall was being renovated).



**Evansford Honor Roll** (Photos courtesy of Ricky Foster – Evansford Community Centre)

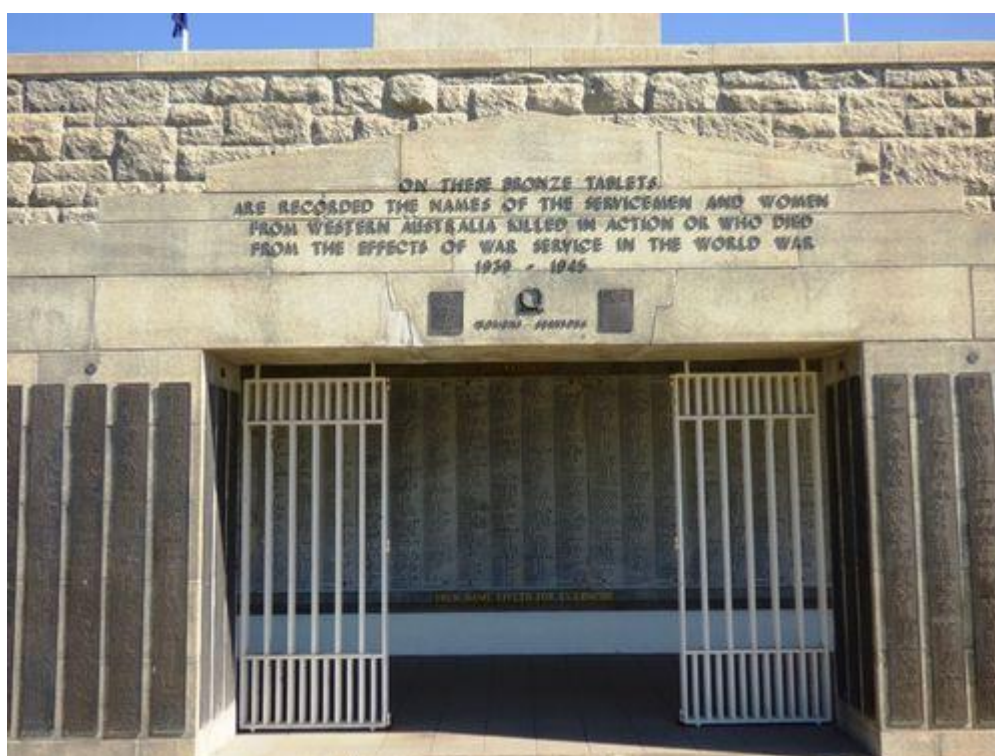
E. R. Hannabry is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)  
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

*(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)*





16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

(26 pages of Private Edmund Ryan Hannabry'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

## Newspaper Notices

### CALL TO ARMS

### TO-DAY'S RESPONSE

### BY MEN PREPARED TO SERVE

To-day at Francis-street, 51 men presented themselves for examination by the enlistment officers; of these 30 were declared fit, the case of one was held over, and 20 were rejected for a variety of reasons. Following are the lists:-

#### FIT FOR SERVICE

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E. R. Hannabry, 79 Newry-street, North Fitzroy, Melbourne

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia – 14 March, 1916)

## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

### **270th CASUALTY LIST**

DIED

WEST AUSTRALIA

Hannabry, E. R., of illness

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 5 February, 1917)*

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### **DISTRICT HONOR LIST**

Below we give the names of those who have enlisted since the commencement of the war from the Shire of Talbot and Shire of Lexton, that latter list being far from complete.... We will be pleased to publish any additional names supplied us:-

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LEXTON SHIRE

Wounded

Edmund R. Hannabry

*(Talbot Leader, Victoria – 3 March, 1917)*

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### **In Memoriam**

HANNABRY – In loving memory of Private E. R. Hannabry, the beloved son of the late Michael and Alice Hannabry, of Evansford, who died at Salisbury (England), when on his way to the front, on 18th January, 1917.

Forth to the battle he hastened

    With many a comrade brave,

Who, eager and strong like our love done,

    Now sleeps in a soldier's grave.

Far, far from the home of his childhood,

    Away o'er the ocean so deep,

In a foreign land our loved one

    Is sleeping his last long sleep.

-Inserted by his loving mother, Alice Hannabry.

*(Talbot Leader, Victoria – 26 January, 1918)*

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### 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)*

Private E. R. Hannabry does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*May His Soul Rest In Peace*



**Original Grave Markers**

## St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England

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. Most of the 47 First World War burials in Stratford-sub-Castle (St Lawrence) Churchyard were made from the local hospital and more than half of them are of Australian servicemen who were based at the many Australian depots and training camps in the area. There are also two burials of the Second World War in the cemetery. (*Information from CWGC*)



St. Lawrence Church, Stratford-sub-Castle



Churchyard of St. Lawrence, Stratford-sub-Castle with CWGC Cross of Sacrifice





*(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)*



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Photo of Private E. R. Hannabry's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)*

# Stratford-sub-Castle War Graves

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	RAF	British Army			NZ	NZ	Rogers 3 AIF		Robson Nurse	NZ	
B			Nicol AFC	Mason 5 Aus Pioneer	Dundas 29 AIF	Thorsby 20 AIF	Walpole (Wilson) 3 AIF	O'Grady 10 AIF	Kubank 40 AIF	NZ	
C	NZ	Jacob 31 AIF	Wood 9 AIF	Smith 55 AIF	British Army	British Army	Smith Aus ASC	O'Donnell 16 AIF	Knight 52 AIF	Lawrence 54 AIF	Edmonds 48 AIF
D		Lewis 30 AIF	British Army	Whitchurch 51 AIF	British Army	Dee 52 AIF	Greenslade 17 AIF	British Army	Thorburn 13 AIF	Knight 13 AIF	Hannabry 16 AIF
E					Adams 13 AIF	Crow Aus FA	British Army	Bolton 40 AIF	British Army	British Army	
F		British Army		British Army	British Army	British Army		Canada		British Army	



(Information for layout of graves – courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)