

**St. Mary & St. James Churchyard,
Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2391 PRIVATE

IVOR ROWLAND

42ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8TH JULY, 1929

Ivor ROWLAND

Ivor Rowland was born in 1895 Sturminster Newton, Dorset, England to parents Matthias & Clara Matilda Rowland (nee Baker). His birth was registered in the September quarter, 1895 in the district of Sturminster, Dorset. Ivor Rowland was baptised on 3rd November, 1895 in the Parish Church of Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

The 1901 England Census recorded Ivor Rowland as a 5 year old, living with his family at Woodrow Causeway, Haselbury Bryan, Sturminster, Dorset, England. His parents were listed as Matthias Rowland (Cattle Dealer, aged 35, born Sturminster Newton, Dorset) & Clara M. Rowland (aged 28, born Sherborne, Dorset). Ivor was one of four children listed on this Census – Matthias Rowland (aged 9, born Sturminster Newton, Dorset), Ida May Rowland (aged 7, born Sturminster Newton, Dorset), then Ivor and Percy John Rowland (aged 3, born Haselbury Bryan).

The 1911 England Census recorded Ivor Rowland as a 15 year old Farm Assistant, living with his family at The Causeway, Hazelbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Dorset in a 7 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Matthias Rowland (Cattle Dealer, aged 46) & Clara Rowland (aged 38). Matthias & Clara Rowland had been married for 19 years & had seven children. All seven children were listed on this Census – Matthias Rowland (Butcher, aged 19), Ida Rowland (Dressmaker, aged 17) then Ivor, Percy Rowland (School, aged 13), Dorothy (School, aged 8, born Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset), Jack Rowland (School, aged 6, born Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset) & Nora Rowland (aged 5, born Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset).

Ivor Rowland, Farm Labourer, aged 18, was a passenger on *Perthshire* which departed from the port of London on 18th October, 1913 bound for Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Ivor Rowland has contracted to land at the port of Rockhampton, Queensland.

Ivor Rowland, aged 23, was listed as a Queensland Railway Employee in 1916 – Lengthsman for Maintenance Branch, Central Division, Emerald, Queensland.

Ivor Rowland, aged 24, was listed as a Queensland Railway Employee in 1917 – Lengthsman for Maintenance Branch, Central Division, Emerald, Queensland.

Lengthsman – Railway track maintenance was carried out by gangs who would look after a particular length of track. The gangs, or length men as they were known, were responsible for the upkeep of their particular length of track, which could vary from a few hundred yards in multi-track areas to several miles of plain track.

Ivor Rowland was a 22 year old, single, Lengthsman from Gindi, Springsure Line, Queensland when he enlisted at Emerald, Queensland on 3rd June, 1916 with the 42nd Infantry Battalion, 4th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2391 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Matthias Rowland, of "The Beeches" Hazelbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, England.

Private Ivor Rowland was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 1st July, 1916. He was transferred to 4th Reinforcements of 42nd Battalion on 9th September, 1916.

Private Ivor Rowland embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Boonah* (A36) on 21st October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 10th January, 1917.

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 Ivor Rowland was posted to 11th Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire on 10th January, 1917.

Private Ivor Rowland proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 9th May, 1917 from No. 13 Camp, Durrington.

Private Ivor Rowland was marched in from England to A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 10th May, 1917. He was marched out on 13th May, 1917 to join his Unit,

Private Ivor Rowland was taken on strength of 42nd Battalion in the field in France from 4th Reinforcements on 22nd May, 1917.

Private Ivor Rowland was wounded in action in France on 6th June, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance with gunshot wounds to arm & leg, then transferred to 1st Casualty Clearing Station. Pte Rowland was transferred to 4th General Hospital at Camiers, France. He embarked from Boulogne for England on Hospital Ship *Princess Elizabeth* on 17th June, 1917 with gunshot wounds to arm.

War Diary – 42nd Infantry Battalion

Pont-de Nieppe 6/6/17 –

Strength 35 Off 976 OR decrease 2 4 OR struck off in Hospital 2 OR retaken on ex Hospital.

Casualties 1 OR wounded.

Enemy commenced shelling Pont de-Nieppe for about 2 hrs at 10AM causing considerable damage & casualties. (3 OR Killed 22 OR Wounded).

1 Coy working party remainder issue Offensive stores.

Left billets for Bunhill Row Ploegsteert 11.55 pm as Reserve Bn.

(War Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Ivor Rowland was admitted to Horton (County of London) War Hospital, Epsom on 17th June, 1917 with gunshot wounds to left arm & left leg –severe.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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A group of Australian convalescents in the grounds of Horton Hospital at Epsom 1917

Private Ivor Rowland was transferred on 5th July, 1917 from Horton (County of London) War Hospital, Epsom to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex, England.

A Medical Report was completed on Pte Ivor Rowland on 17th July, 1917 into his disability – gunshot wounds to left forearm & left leg & compound comminuted fracture of ulna. He was a patient in Ward 35, Hospital Ship Lower Birth, Harefield. The details of Pte Rowland's case were set out : –

Date of origin of disability – 6/6/17

Place of origin of disability – France

Essential Facts – Metal entered on middle of outer aspect of forearm & issued an exterior aspect of same forearm 3" above wrist causing compound comminuted fracture of the ulna. Operation on 6/6/17 to cleanse wound and for drainage.

Causation – GSW on Active Service

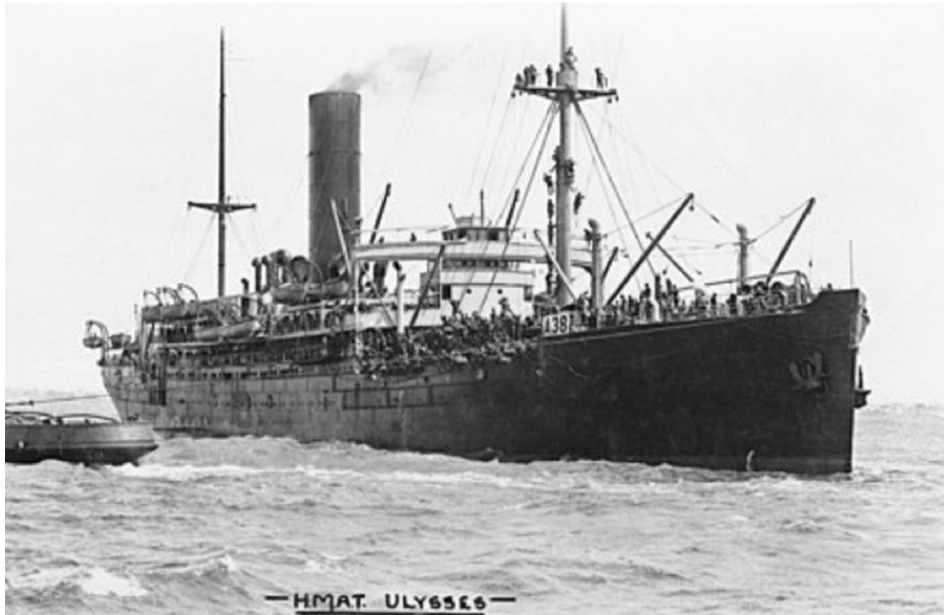
Present condition – 9/7/17 Wound still discharging. There is a considerable portion of bone substance missing. Ulna anaesthesia in hand. Slight power of movement in fingers & thumb. GSW through calf of leg – no fracture. No nerve injury.

The finding of the Medical Board was Pte Rowland was found to be classified as B2B – Temporarily Unfit for General & Home Service for 6 months.



Private Ivor Rowland - wounded (Photo provided by Jason Campbell)

Private Ivor Rowland returned to Australia & embarked from England on 10th September, 1917 on H.T. (A 38) *Ulysses*.



Private Ivor Rowland was admitted to 6th Australian General Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on 15th November, 1917. He was under medical treatment from 15th November, 1917 to 15th January, 1918. Private Ivor Rowland was discharged from Hospital on 26th January, 1918.

Private Ivor Rowland was medically discharged from Australian Imperial Force on 26th January, 1918 due to gunshot wounds to left forearm, left leg, compound fracture of ulna.

A War Pension was granted to Pte Ivor Rowland, G.P.O. Brisbane, in the sum of £3 per fortnight from 27th January, 1918.

Ivor Rowland, aged 25, was listed as a Queensland Railway Employee in 1918 – Fetter for Maintenance Branch, Central Division, Emerald, Queensland.

Ivor Rowland, aged 26, was listed as a Queensland Railway Employee in 1919 – Fetter for Maintenance Branch, Central Division, Queensland.

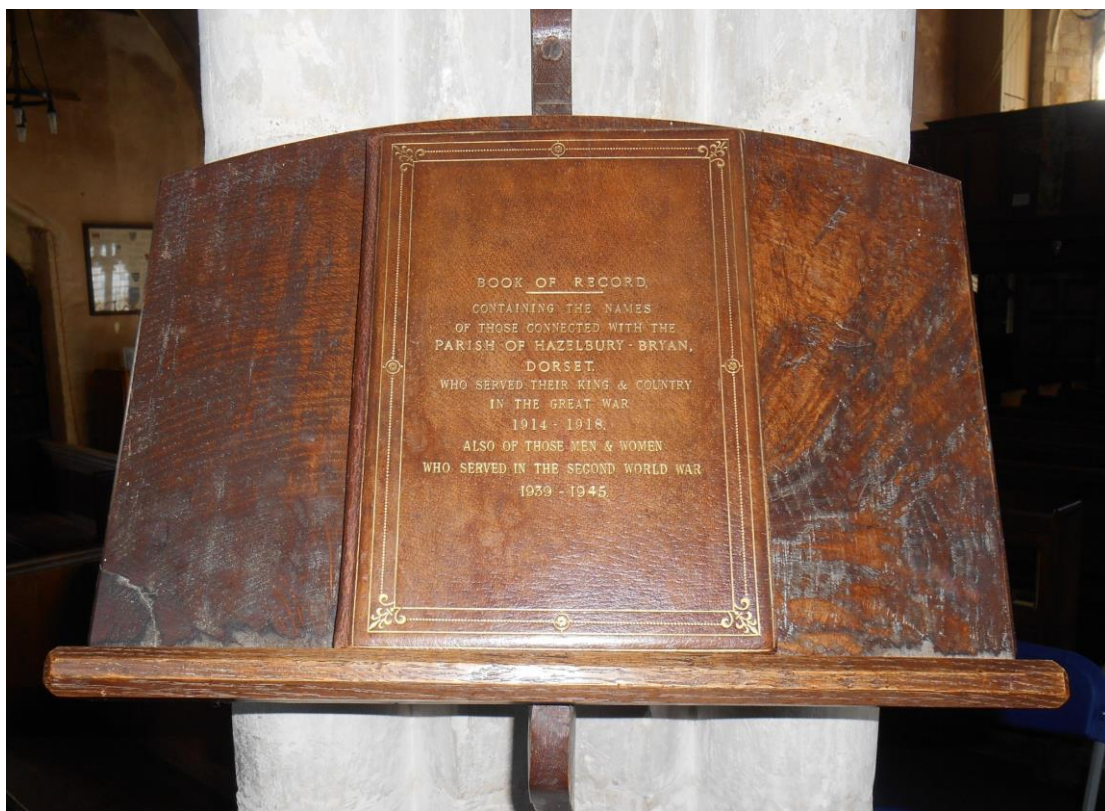
The 1919 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Oxley, subdivision of Kangaroo Point, Queensland listed Ivor Rowland, Labourer at Military Hospital.

Ivor Rowland, aged 27, was listed as a Queensland Railway Employee in 1920 – Fetter for Maintenance Branch, Central Division, Queensland.

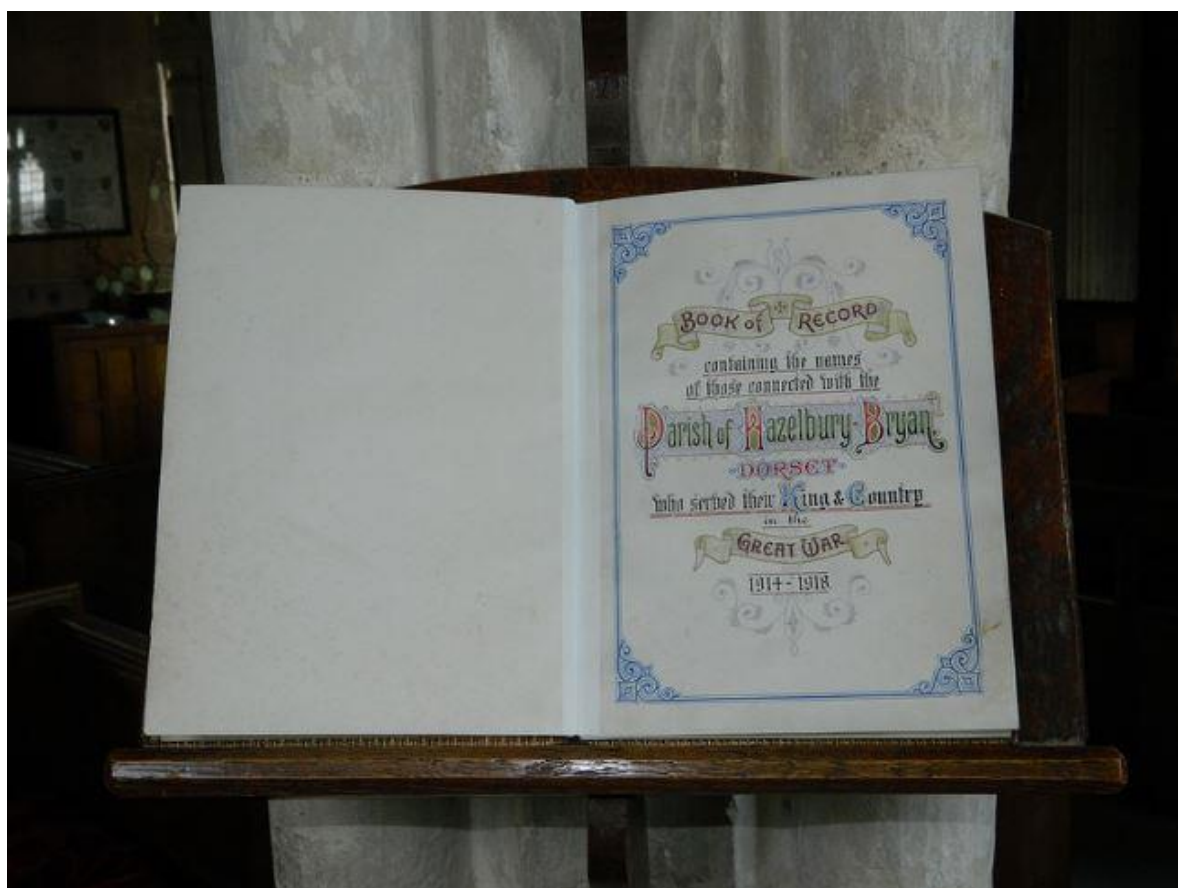
Pte Ivor Rowland was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal for his service in the First World War.



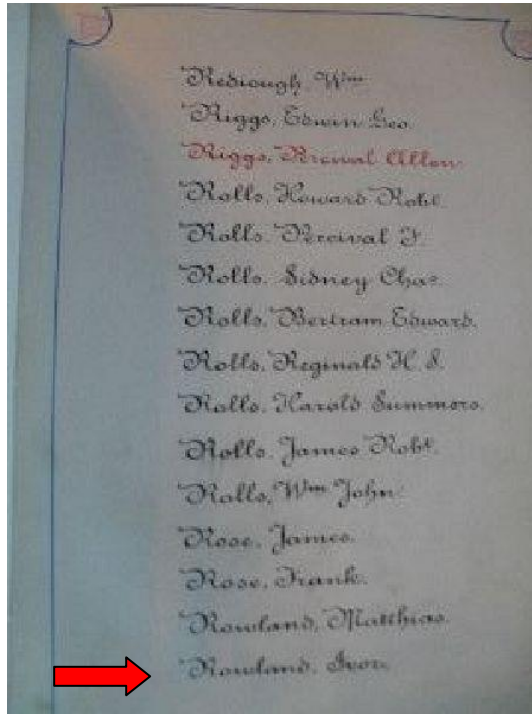
Ivor Rowland is remembered in the Book of Record, held inside St. Mary & St. James Church, Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, which contains *the names of those connected with the Parish of Hazelbury – Bryan, Dorset, who served their King and Country in the Great War 1914 – 1918, also of those Men and Women who served in the Second World War 1939 – 1945.* The names in red indicate those that died in the War & those in black indicate those that survived the War.



Book of Record (Photo by Mr. C. E. Moreton)



Book of Record – first page (Photo by Michael Day)



Book of Record – showing Ivor Rowland’s names in black (Photo by Jan Hibberd)

Ivor Rowland is not commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia as his death occurred after the specified period on 4th August, 1914 to 31st March, 1921. He is also not named on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission – the applicable period of consideration being 4th August, 1914 to 31st August, 1921.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Ivor Rowland was given a Returned Soldiers Settlement Loan for the years 1921 -1925. The loan commenced on 4th July, 1921 & ended on 3rd March, 1925. His address was Old Bonalbo via Tabulam, (Land district of Casino) New South Wales.

Ivor Rowland was given a Returned Soldiers Settlement Loan for the years 1925 -1936. The loan commenced on 19th May, 1925 & ended on 2nd April, 1936. His address was Old Bonalbo (Land district of Casino) New South Wales.

The 1928 (Sands) New South Wales Directory lists Ivor Rowland, Old Bonalbo owning pastoral land 6 H 78C 563A as part of Casino Pastures Protection Board.

Ivor Rowland died on 8th July, 1929 at Weymouth Hospital, Dorset, England following an operation.

A death for Ivor Rowland, aged 33, was registered in the September quarter, 1929 in the district of Weymouth, Dorset, England.

Ivor Rowland was buried on 11th July, 1929 in Churchyard of St. Mary & St. James Church, Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, England.

Newspaper article from Western Gazette, Yeovil, Somerset, England – 19 July, 1929:

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. IVOR ROWLAND

Deep and profound regret was expressed throughout the parish and district on Monday week by the announcement of the death of Mr. Ivor Rowland, at the Weymouth Hospital, following an operation at the early age of 33 years. The deceased was well known over a wide district, and was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Rowland, The Beeches, Hazelbury Bryan.

It was in 1912 when he was still in his teens, that he sailed for Australia. During the Great War he enlisted in 1916, and served with the 42nd Battalion A.I.F., arriving in England in January 1917. During the battle of Messines (Hill 66) he was severely wounded in the leg and arm, and he returned to Australia in November 1917. The nature of his wounds was such that he was not discharged from hospital until June 1918. During recent years he had successfully carried on the business of a dairy farmer at Old Bonalbo, New South Wales. Early this year he and a friend (Mr. Joe Hartley) decided to come to England for a holiday and they arrived at Southampton on June 6th.

For some time past Mr. Rowland had been medically attended, and whilst in England he was advised to undergo an operation, which took place at the Weymouth Hospital on July 5th. In spite of all that nursing and the medical profession could do, he passed away on the following Monday.

The funeral took place at the Hazelbury Bryan Parish Church on Thursday, and the regard in which Mr. Rowland was held was shown by the large gathering at the service. The cortege was met at the entrance to the church by the Rector (the Rev. J. L. Rhys), and the Rev. Canon M. J. W. Morgan, of Yetminster, and a former rector of Hazelbury Bryan. The service was choral, Psalm 23 was chanted and the hymns, "My God, My Father" "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Abide with Me" were sung, and at the conclusion the organist played the "Dead March" in "Saul". The coffin which was of an unpolished oak, was borne from the church to its resting place by Messrs H. Mitchell, W. Upshall, J. Hutchings, and F. Sims., all ex-servicemen. Mr. Hutchings was the undertaker.

The chief mourners were Mrs. M. Rowland (mother) Messrs Silas, Percy and Jack Rowland (brothers, Misses Dorothy and Nora Rowland (sisters), Mrs. Percy Rowland and Mrs. M. Rowland (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs S. Rowland, (uncle and aunt), Miss Sarah Rowland (aunt), Mr. And Mrs. Samuel Rowland, junr. (cousins), Mr. And Mrs. R. Rowland (cousins), Mrs. J Rowland (aunt), Messrs. Jack, Clifford and Ted Rowland, Mrs Ted Rowland, and Mr. Joe Hartley (the deceased's friend who had accompanied him to England from Australia).

Amongst others who attended were Mrs. A. Foot, Mr. H.S. Rolls and Mrs Rolls, Mr and Mrs S.G. Carter, Mr and Mrs W.W. Mogg, Mr N. Drake, Mr and Mrs W.J. Phillips, Messrs G. Stokes, H. Burge, M. Burge, H. Chinn, J. Chinn, G. Evers, F. Bird Gillingham, W. Carter, T. Thorne, R. Stokes, C. Upshall, J. Mitchell, E. Gould, R.C. Rose, A. Bugg, R. Payne, Mr and Mrs C Gillingham, Mr and Mrs. T. Carter, (Weymouth), Mesdames Chinn, W. Hutchings, Elsworth, Coombes, Parson, J. Mitchell, C. Bennett, W. Rolls, H.J. Almer, G. Ross Caldecott, R. Rolls, Gould, Misses White, G. Mitchell, Parsons.

There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes, amongst them being the following:- To my own dearest boy, from Mum and Dad; To my darling Ivor from Dorrie; To dearest Ivor from Node and Jack; In loving memory of dear Ivor from Sie and Ju; In loving memory of dear Ivor from Percy, Amy and family; Kindest remembrances from Joe, Joyce, Mrs. Hartley and Old Bonalbo friends (New South Wales); In deepest sorrow, Mr and Mrs Arthur Mitchell; In deepest sympathy Mr and Mrs W.J. Mitchell and family; Ivor in loving memory Dot and Doss; To dear Ive with love and happy memories from Aunties Jess and Fred, and Uncles George and Bob; In deepest sympathy from Uncle Ern and Bon; In loving memory from Aunty and Sis (Sherborne); With deepest sympathy from Mr. And Mrs. Bennett

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and family (Sturminster); to dear Uncle Ivor from Monica; With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. W. Elsworth; In loving memory from Aunt Nell and all at Yenston; With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Drake; With heartfelt sympathy from D. Lydford (Sturminster); In loving remembrance from W. and F. Upshall; With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mitchell; With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts junr., In loving memory from Aunt Polly and Uncle Sam; In deep sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. W. Phillips (Kingston); With deep regret and much sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. H.J. White and family (Bentley, Hants); In loving remembrances Mr. and Mrs. Symes and Dennis; In loving memory and deepest sympathy of a best friend, Ivor Rowland from Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Upshall and Ted; With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. J. Antell, Harry and Muriel; With loving sympathy from Ted and Eva Marshall; With deepest sympathy from all at the Post Office (Hazelbury Bryan); With sincere sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. H. Candy and family; With sincere sympathy from Mrs. Gould and all at Smitherd Farm; From Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Carter, with deepest sympathy and fond remembrance; In loving memory of a true chum from Wally and Flo (New South Wales, Australia); In loving remembrance of Ivor from Harold and Vera; In affectionate remembrance of Ivor from Laurie White and Arthur Foot; In fond remembrance from M and R. Rolls, (Mappowder); With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mogg; With deepest from A. and O. Chaldecott (Mappowder).

Mr and Mrs. Matthias Rowland and family beg to tender their heartfelt thanks to all who have sent such kind expressions of sympathy in their bereavement and for the beautiful floral tributes.

New South Wales Will Books:

170700 ROWLAND IVOR ROWLAND late of Old Bonalbo Farmer

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me IVOR ROWLAND of "The Beeches" Hazelbury Bryan Sturminster Newton Dorset late of Old Bonalbo Mallanganee NSW Australia in the County of made this day of July 2nd in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty nine I HEREBY REVOKE all wills made by me at any time heretofore I appoint ALEC FRASER Old Bonalbo Mallanganee NSW Australia and JOE HARTLEY Old Bonalbo Mallanganee NSW Australia to be my executors and direct that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid as soon as conveniently may be after by deceased I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my mother CLARA MATILDA ROWLAND everything Im possessed of

IVOR ROWLAND

SIGNED by the said Testator in the presence of us present at the same time who at the request in his presence and on the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses:- W. G. E. Carter, Steam Bakery, Hazelbury Bryan Dorset. Henry John Silverthorne Builder, Hazelbury Bryan.

14th November, 1930 On this date, Probate of the last will of the above-named deceased was granted to Alexander Fraser (in the said will called Alec Fraser of Old Bonalbo Mullanganee, Farmer and Joseph Hartley also of Old Bonalbo Mullanganee, Farmer, (in the said will called Joe Hartley) Old Bonalbo Mullanganee, the executors named in the said will.

Testator died 8th July, 1929. Estate sworn at £1332/14/2.Net.

(46 pages of Pte Ivor Rowland'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



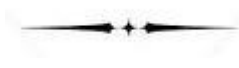


Private Ivor Rowland (*Photo provided by Jason Campbell*)



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Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

LISTS Nos. 321 AND 322

WOUNDED

Private Ivor Rowland, England (Severely)

(The Northern Miner, Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia – 14 July, 1917)

PERSONAL

The chairman, Mr A. J. Graham, opened the meeting of Bonalbo Returned Soldiers by making reference to the death of a comrade, Mr Ivor Rowland, word of whose death had just arrived from England, where he was on a holiday visiting his relatives. The bugler sounded the Last Post, all present standing reverently to attention. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mr Rowland's people from this branch.

(The Richmond River Express and Casino Kyogle Advertiser, NSW, Australia – 26 July, 1929)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ROWLAND – In memory of Ivor Rowland, late 42nd Battalion, died at Hazelbury, Dorset, England, July 8th, '29.

Inserted by J. and M. H.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland, Australia – 9 July, 1930)



St. Mary & St. James Church, Hazelbury Bryan *(Photo by Michael Day)*

Photo of Ivor Rowland's Private Headstone in Churchyard of St. Mary & St. James Church, Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, England.



(Headstone photos courtesy of Jan Hibberd)



Sacred To The Memory Of

IVOR ROWLAND

Who Died July 8th 1929

Aged 33 Years

Also Of MATHIAS ROWLAND

Father Of The Above,

Who Died Dec. 15th 1929,

Aged 64 Years

