

## **Herbert Ryan**

**General Reinforcements, AIF**

**Service Number: 59584**

**Born:** 22 September 1895, Bailey Park, St Marys NSW

**Died:** 6 February 1919, Sutton Veny, England

Biographical details: Herbert Ryan was born on 22 September 1895 at Bailey Park St Marys, the son of John Napoleon and Mary Hills (nee Morphett) Ryan. After completing his schooling at St Marys Public School, Ryan worked as a fencing contractor before enlisting in the AIF.

Service details: Ryan enlisted on 4 June 1918 and completed his initial training with a composite battalion at Liverpool. He was allocated to the 13th General Service Reinforcements and embarked for the war on aboard A30 HMAT Borda on 17 July 1918. On 20 July 1918 while in transit, Ryan was found guilty of smoking below decks and admonished. On 23 September 1918, Ryan disembarked in England and was admitted to the Fort Pitt Central Military Hospital at Chatham with mumps. On 14 October 1918, Ryan was discharged to No 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny before being transferred to the 1st Training Battalion on 31 October 1918. On 29 January 1919, Ryan was admitted to No 1 Australian General Hospital with influenza and died on 6 February 1919 from broncho pneumonia. He was buried in Grave 68, Military Section of St John the Evangelist Church, Sutton Veny.

### **Memorial Details:**

- Ryan is commemorated on Memorial Panel 185, 167 Sutton Veny (St John) Churchyard, Wiltshire, England and the Honour Roll at Victoria Park, St Marys.

### **Sources:**

- Australian War Memorial First World War Nominal Roll
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- National Archives: B2455, RYAN H 59584
- [Nepean Times 28 June 1919, p2, c2](#)