

Sydney Morris

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It is with regret we record the death of Mr Sydney John Morris of Stanhope, who died at Mooroopna Hospital on Monday last, at the age of 41 years.

The late Mr. Morris was born at Cheltenham, England, coming to Australia in 1913, when he entered the employment of Mr John McCrae, near Rushworth.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 he enlisted and served right through the great conflict at Gallipoli and in France.

On his return from the war he entered the employ of the Rushworth Butter Factory at Stanhope and within a few days of his death was driving a motor lorry for the company. Mr. Morris was only 10 days in hospital at Mooroopna before heart failure caused his death. Previously he had enjoyed good health and in some manner he must recently have strained his heart.

Deceased was very well known throughout the district, coming to contact with many people in his activities, by all of whom he was held in high regard.

Of a happy disposition he was always cheerful and always willing to do a good turn to anyone. He was a member of the Stanhope sub-branch R.S.S.I.L.A. and was an active worker for that and many other local bodies.

Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved widow and children, who mourn the untimely death of a devoted husband and father, and for his brother, Mr. A. G Morris, of Stanhope.

The funeral took place on Tuesday to Rushworth Cemetery. The burial service was read by Mr. A. L. Landers, and deceased was accorded military honours, the ritual being performed by Mr. W. Johnson, president of Stanhope sub-branch R.S.S.I.L.A.

The branch secretary, Mr. A. A. Bryant, placed a wreath on the grave of behalf of all district returned men. There was a large attendance at the graveside and the cortege included over 150 returned soldiers.

Funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Slee and Kittle.