

OLD DIGGER PASSES

Sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Arthur Bensley, of Gilgandra, in the recent passing of her father at Cowra. Referring to the death of Mr. Leslie Richard Bryant (60), the Cowra press states:—

The late Mr. Bryant was a member of the 1st Batt. A.I.F. 1914-18, and saw a lot of service in France. He was invalided home in 1919.

Belonging to a well known farming family, he settled on the land as a farmer and grazier, his first property being "Warrengie", Boorowa Road.

Interested in all farming pursuits, he was delegate to the Farmers and Settlers' Conference on several occasions.

A member of the P.A. and H. Association, he was chief steward of the cattle section for many years.

He was president of the R.S.L. shortly after the League was formed in Cowra.

Dick was the eldest son of the late Mr. Bryant, "Wara-tah", and Mrs. E. Bryant, of Brisbane Street, and was married in 1921 to Myra Kathleen Francis, of Cowra, who survives, together with eight children. They are: Isabel (Mrs.

ren. They are: Isabel (Mrs. A. Bensley, Gilgandra), Jean (Mrs. Ian Davidson), Harry, Helen (Mrs. Jim Ousby), Enid, Beth, David and Leslie. There are six grandchildren.

The funeral took place from St. John's Church of England to the Cowra cemetery. The casket, draped by the Union Jack, was carried by old mates of the 1st A.I.F., and members of the R.S.L. marched in front. After the service at the graveside, the R.S.L. president recited 'They Shall Not Grow Old', and then each member stepped forward and threw a sprig of rosemary in the grave. Then they stood to attention, faced west, while the bugler sounded the Last Post.

There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral.