

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

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**7531 PRIVATE**

**V. T. O'GRADY**

**10TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**14TH FEBRUARY, 1918 Age 20**

*The Path Of Duty*

*Was The Way To Glory*

## Victor Thomas O'GRADY

Victor Thomas O'Grady was born at Gladstone Street, Fullarton Estate, South Australia on 15th June, 1897 to parents Thomas Patrick and Violet Isabel O'Grady (nee Fraser). His birth was registered in the district of Adelaide, South Australia. Victor Thomas O'Grady was baptised on 19th September, 1897 at St. Oswald's Church, Parkside, South Australia. (Place of birth was listed as Unley, South Australia on his Attestation Papers).

Victor Thomas O'Grady attended Unley School & High School & School of Mines. He also attended Roseworthy Agricultural College from April, 1914 until March, 1917. He was awarded Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture RDA.

Victor Thomas O'Grady was a 20 year old Civil Servant from Roseworthy College, South Australia when he enlisted on 3rd August, 1917 in Adelaide, South Australia with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 7531 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs V. L. O'Grady, of Sea View Road, Grange, South Australia. Victor O'Grady stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets for 2 years.

As Victor Thomas O'Grady was aged under 21 years - his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service abroad. Violet I O'Grady signed her consent for her son to enlist for active service on 3rd August, 1917.

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady was posted to "B" Company at Mitcham Camp from 31st August, 1917 for recruit training. He was transferred to 25th Reinforcements of 10th Battalion on 12th September, 1917.

### 10th Battalion

The 10th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. The battalion was recruited in South Australia, and together with the 9th, 11th and 12th Battalions, formed the 3rd Brigade....

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

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Aeneas (A60)* on 30th October, 1917 with the 10th Infantry Battalion, 25th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 27th December, 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 Victor Thomas O'Grady was marched in to 2nd Training Battalion at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire from Australia on 27th December, 1917.

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady was sent sick to Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 4th February, 1918. He was admitted the same day with Measles.

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady was admitted to Salisbury Isolation Hospital, Wiltshire on 13th February, 1918 from Sutton Veny.

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady died at 11.10 pm on 14th February, 1918 at Isolation Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Fever.

A death for Victor O'Grady, aged 20, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire, England.

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady was buried on 18th February, 1918 in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England – Plot number 131 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Victor Thomas O'Grady - *Coffin was good polished Elm. Military Funeral. Comrades of Pte O'Grady have ordered a headstone to be placed on the grave.*

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady requested in his Will, dated 12th October, 1917 that all his property, including his Military Estate, be given to his mother – Violet Isabel O'Grady, of Seaview Road, Grange, South Australia. Violet O'Grady was also appointed as sole executrix.

A War Pension was granted to Violet Isabel O'Grady, of Sea View Rd, Grange. widowed mother of the late Private Victor Thomas O'Grady, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 18th April, 1918.

Private Victor Thomas O'Grady 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 O'Grady's widowed mother – Mrs V. I. O'Grady, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

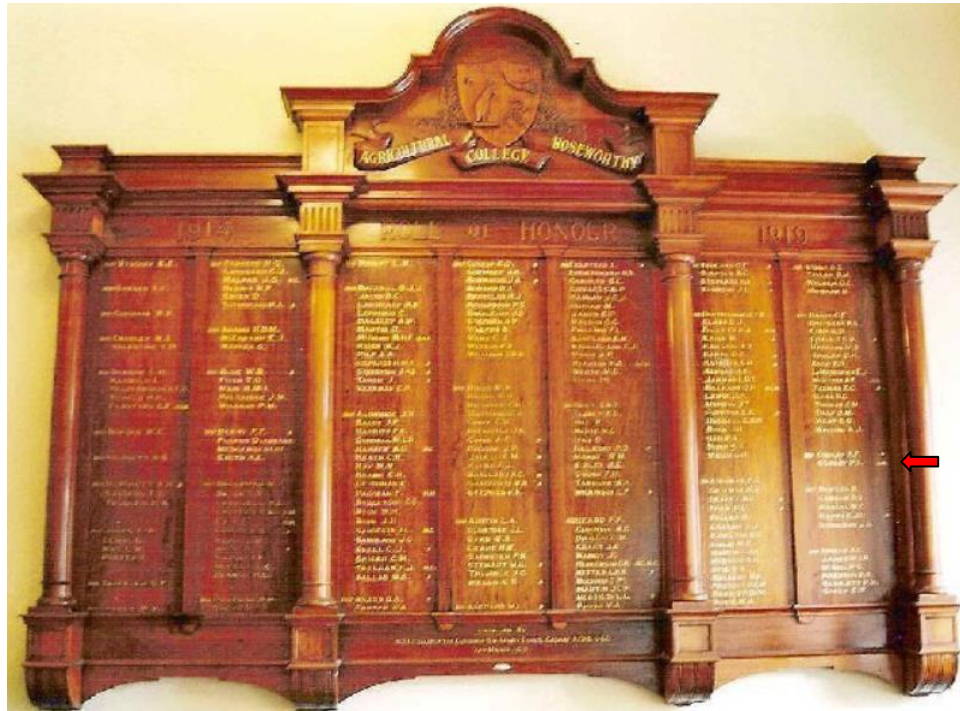
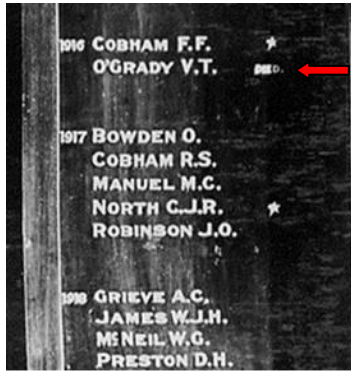
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Victor Thomas O'Grady – service number 7531, aged 20, of 10th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Thomas Patrick and Violet Isabel O'Grady, of Sea View Rd., Grange, South Australia.

V. T. O'Grady is remembered on the Roseworthy Agricultural College Roll of Honour 1914 – 1919 which is located in Roseworthy College, Spurling Circle, Roseworthy, South Australia. (AWM – Places of Pride has the Honour Roll located at University of Adelaide – Roseworthy Campus, Mudla Wirra Road, Wasleys, South Australia)

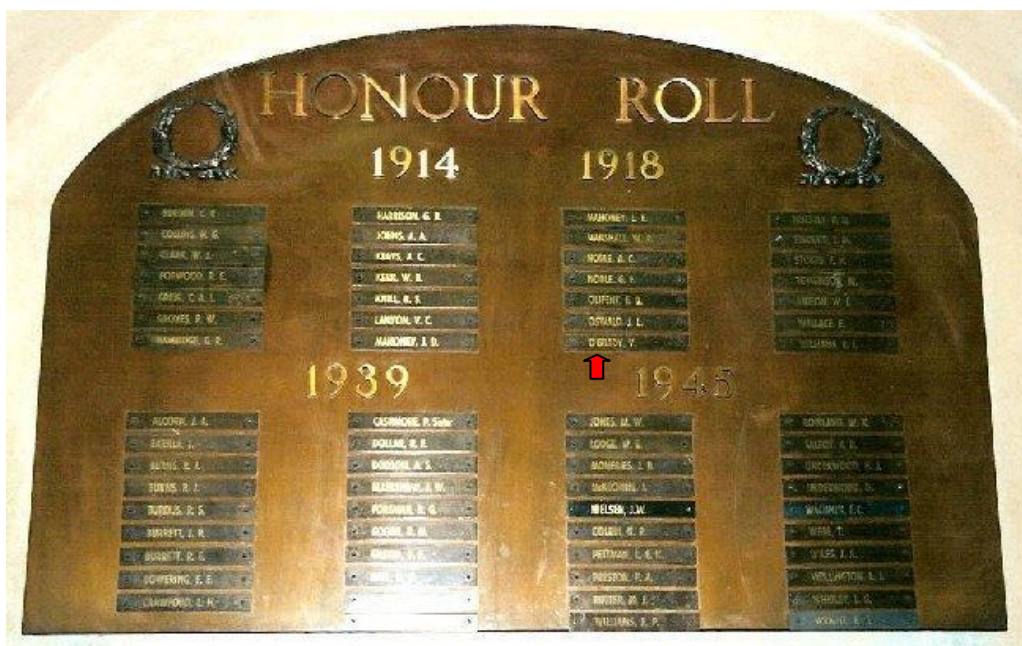


**Roseworthy Agricultural College Roll of Honour 1914 – 1919**

(Photo from Monument Australia - Circa 1919 : State Library of South Australia PRG-280-1-15-708)



V. O'Grady is remembered on the Henley Beach Council Fallen Honour Board for WW1 & WW2, located at the entrance to the Henley Beach Council Building, Seaview Road, Henley Beach, South Australia.



**Henley Beach Council Fallen Honour Board for WW1 & WW2**

*(Photo from Virtual War Memorial Australia)*

V. O'Grady is remembered on the Henley Beach Council Service Roll 1914 - 1918, located at the entrance to the Henley Beach Council Building, Seaview Road, Henley Beach, South Australia.



**Henley Beach Council Service Roll 1914 - 1918**

*(Photo from Virtual War Memorial Australia)*

V. T. O'Grady is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



**National War Memorial – Adelaide** *(Photos by Bilby)*

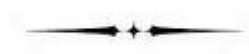
Private V. T. O'Grady is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 60.



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

(51 pages of Private Victor Thomas O'Grady'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*



*Roseworthy Agricultural College Football Team.*

1916.



**Roseworthy Agricultural College Football Team – 1916**

*V.T. Ogrady (Back row 4th from right)*

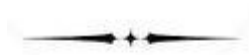




AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**Private Victor Thomas O'Grady**





## **Newspaper Notices**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AT ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE**

Each year six free scholarships at Roseworthy College are offered by the Government for competition. In order to give residents in country districts the opportunity of availing themselves of these scholarships, the State is divided into six districts, one scholarship being offered for competition in each district.....

Neither of the candidates from district No. 3 obtained the necessary number of marks to qualify for the scholarship. In accordance with the usual custom the three vacant scholarships have been awarded to unsuccessful candidates in other districts who had secured sufficient marks to qualify for scholarships. They have been awarded as follows:- V. T. O'Grady, Adelaide School of Mines.....

*(Daily Herald, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 March, 1914)*

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### **Roseworthy College**

#### **SPEECH DAY**

A large number of parents and friends of the students assembled at the Roseworthy College last Friday afternoon on the occasion of the annual speechmaking and distribution of prizes.....

#### **PRIZE LIST**

First-year Students

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College second prize, Victor Thomas O'Grady

Botany, prize presented by Mr A. J. Adams, M.A., Victor Thomas O'Grady

*(Bunyip, Gawler, South Australia – 19 March, 1915)*

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### **Roseworthy Agricultural College**

#### **THE BREAK-UP**

In connection with the annual break-up of the Roseworthy Agricultural College .... the following list of awards.....

Second Year Students

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Viticulture (presented by Mr H. Buring) - Victor Thomas O'Grady

*(Bunyip, Gawler, South Australia – 14 April, 1916)*

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### **ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE**

#### **FINE WORK ACHIEVED**

#### **SPEECH DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Keen interest and sincere enthusiasm marked the proceedings at Roseworthy Agricultural College on Friday morning, in connection with the annual speech day celebrations.....

Mrs John Warren then distributed the trophies and prizes...

#### **PRIZE LIST**

Third Year Students

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Oenology (presented by the South Australian Vinegrowers' Association), Victor Thomas O'Grady

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Chemistry (presented by Mr J. H. Phillips, B.Sc.), Victor Thomas O'Grady

(*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 April, 1917)

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## **GONE INTO CAMP**

Friday

Following are the names of the men who attested at Adelaide on Friday:-...V. T. O'GRADY, civil servant....

(*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 August, 1917)

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## **DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

O'GRADY – On the 14th February, in England, Private Victor Thomas, beloved eldest son of Violet I. and the late Thomas P. O'Grady, Grange (meningitis).

(*The Express and Telegraph*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 February, 1918) & (*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 February, 1918) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 23 February, 1918)

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## **THE ROLL OF HONOR**

### **CASUALTY LIST 385**

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Died of Illness

7531, Pte V. T. O'GRADY, Grange (14/2/18)

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 March, 1918)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

O'GRADY – Pte Victor Thomas, died suddenly of meningitis in England, on the 14th February, 1918. – Inserted in affectionate remembrance by his old Roseworthy College chums, F. Riggs, K. C. Catt, W. H. Lewcock, G. Sweeney.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1919) & (*The Journal*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1919) & (*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1919) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 February, 1919) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 February, 1919) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 22 February, 1919)

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## **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

O'GRADY – In loving memory of Private Victor Thomas, eldest loved son of V. T. and the late T. P O'Grady, Grange, who died at Salisbury, England, February 14, 1918, aged 20 years and 8 months. Sadly missed. – Inserted by his mother and brothers.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 22 February, 1919)

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

O'GRADY – In loving memory of No. 7531 Victor Thomas, beloved eldest son of V. I. and the late T. P O'Grady, Grange, died at Salisbury, England, 14th February, 1918. Sadly missed. – Inserted by his mother and brothers.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1920) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 February, 1920)

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

O'GRADY – To the loving memory of No. 7531, Private Victor Thomas, beloved eldest son of Violet I. and the late T. P O'Grady, died February 14, 1918, Salisbury, England. Sadly missed.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 February, 1921) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 19 February, 1921)

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

O'GRADY – In loving memory of No. 7531, Victor Thomas, beloved eldest loved son of V. I. and the late T. P O'Grady, of the Grange, died 14th February, 1918, England. Sadly missed.

(*The Express and Telegraph*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1922) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 18 February, 1922)

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

O'GRADY – In memory of Victor Thomas O'Grady, who passed away at Sutton Veny Camp, on the 14th February, 1918. "Sadly missed"

Inserted by his loving mother and brothers.

(*The Express*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1923)

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

O'GRADY – In loving memory of Vic., who died at Salisbury, England, on the 14th February, 1918. – Inserted by his loving mother and brothers.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1924) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 16 February, 1924) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 23 February, 1924)

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### **IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE**

O'GRADY – Pte V. T. O'Grady, of 10th Battalion, killed in action on the 14th February, 1918.

(*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 February, 1925)

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## THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

O'GRADY – Pte V. T. O'Grady, of 10th Battalion, died on the 14th February, 1918.

(*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 19 February, 1927)

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## IN MEMORIAM

O'GRADY – In honoured memory of Private Victor Thomas O'Grady, who died February 14, 1918. – Inserted by Kathleen and Ronald Victor Yeates.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 February, 1945)

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\*\*Note: Other dates for Newspaper notices were not checked

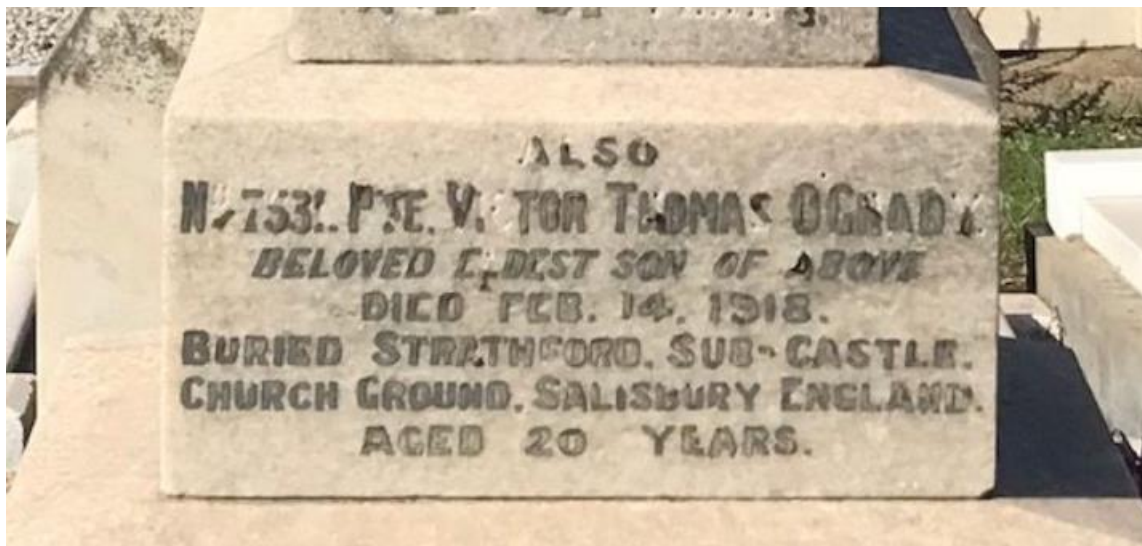
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Victor Thomas O'Grady is remembered on his parents' headstone in West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia.



(Photos from A Family Member- Find a Grave)





*Also*

**No. 7531. Pte VICTOR THOMAS O'GRADY**

***Beloved Eldest Son Of Above***

***Died Feb. 14, 1918***

***Buried Strathford. Sub-Castle***

***Church Ground, Salisbury, England***

***Aged 20 Years***

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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 V. T. O'Grady does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*The Path Of Duty Was The Way To Glory*

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

Photo of Private V. T. O'Grady'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)*



Original Grave Markers

## 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)