

Gunner of Renown



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Lieutenant Colonel Sir Arthur Gordon RYLAH, KBE, CMG

(1909-1974)

Arthur Rylah was a barrister and in 1931 was commissioned in the Militia serving with the 10th Australian Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) and the 2nd Survey Company rising to become second in command of the brigade. He transferred to the AIF on 1 May 1940 and was promoted major and posted to 2/14th Field Regiment. He served in the Northern Territory (July 1941-January 1943) and New Guinea (November 1943-December 1944) and New Britain (December 1944-December 1945) and was mentioned in dispatches. His AIF appointment was terminated in Melbourne on 30 January 1946.

He returned to the law and joined the newly formed Liberal Party and became a leading Victorian politician (1949-71) and loyal deputy to Premier Henry Bolte. He was appointed CMG in 1965 and KBE in 1968.

Survived by his wife, and by the son and daughter of his first marriage, he died of a cerebral thrombosis on 20 September 1974 at St Vincent's Private Hospital, Fitzroy. He was accorded a state funeral and was cremated with Anglican rites.

Source: B. J. Costar, *The Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol. 16, pp.161-2.

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