

War Notes.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SERGT. IVAN P. ROSSOGGSKY.

Mr. J. E. Simpson, of Fair View, writes us as follows:—

Sergt. Ivan P. Rossoggsky (Russian) has been reported killed in action in France on 12th July. The deceased soldier had been employed on Glenrock, where he was familiarly known as "Pedro," for about two years prior to enlisting. He was about 23 years of age, of a jovial disposition, hard working, and honest, and liked by all who knew him. He sailed with the 34th Battalion about 14 months ago, and was quickly promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was wounded early in June, but in a letter received last week, he states that he hoped soon to be back with his battalion. Since landing in England, he had written regularly to me, and always spoke of doing his bit for his King and good old Australia. It was with deep regret that his Glenrock friends saw his name in the last official casualty list. I have not received official word of his death, which perhaps has been sent to his people in Russia.

Mr. E. J. Corbett is in receipt of the following letter, conveying particulars of the death of his son:—
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"France, June 6th, 1917. Dear Mr. Corbett.—I wish to express to you on behalf of all the officers and men of this battalion, as well as of my own, our sincerest sympathy with you in the loss of your son Edward Bernard, an honored member of this battalion. You will have been advised that he was killed in action on May 19th last, during a German raid on our trenches, which was completely defeated, thanks to the splendid resistance of our brave boys. But, unfortunately, among those who fell was your fine lad, and it is because I know your hearts will be heavy and sad that I write you this sympathetic note, and to supply a few details which I am sure you will be glad to know. It was my sad duty to commit his body to its last resting place on the following day in the little military cemetery known as Tancrez Farm. The grave will be marked and cared for, and a suitable memorial cross erected over it by the battalion, of which a photo will probably be forwarded to you later on. I presume you will also have heard that your other son, Sergeant Irwin, was wounded the same night. A piece of shell entered his left leg near the knee, and shattered the bone so badly that amputation was found to be necessary. I saw him at the No. 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station the day after the operation, and am glad to say that he came through wonderfully

the operation, and am glad to say that he came through wonderfully well. His brother's death came as a great shock to him, but he received the sad news very bravely, his greatest concern being about his mother. He is now moved on from this locality, and in course of time will doubtless return to you, somewhat maimed, but bearing with him a full measure of the esteem and honor which our splendid boys are winning for themselves. These are extremely sad and anxious days, but we sincerely pray that you and your family may be comforted and sustained. You have been called upon to pay a heavy price, but we hope that future days may reveal that the great sacrifices have not been in vain.—Yours most sincerely, A. S. McCok, Chaplain, 34th Battalion, A.I.F."—Quirindi "Gazette."

A cable message was, this week, received from Sergt. George Handaker, then in London, reporting "all well."

The 329th Australian casualty list, published yesterday, contains 841 names, including 204 killed in action, 20 died of wounds and other causes, 294 wounded, 11 missing, 211 sick, and 85 prisoners of war.
