Death Of Mr. J. A. Boyd

The death of Mr. John Anderson Boyd, of Ginninderra, occurred at the Canberra Community Hospital yesterday after a short illness.

Mr. Boyd, who was senior inspector of the Land, Agriculture, and Stock Section of the Department of the Interior, was 49.

He was admitted to hospital on December 20, following a coronary occlusion, and appeared to be making good progress when he suffered a relapse last Monday, from which he did not recover.

Mr. Boyd was educated at Geelong Grammar School, later continuing his studies at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, where he gained a Diploma of Agriculture in 1924.

He was employed variously as a jackeroo, bookkeeper, overseer and manager on properties in pastoral areas of North-western New South Wales and Queensland.

He enlisted in the Second A.I.F. during World War II, and served with the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion in the Middle East and New Guinea.

On discharge he started his own grazing property in the Rylestone district, but left it to join the Department of the Interior as inspector in 1948.

One of the best known departmental officials in rural areas, he organised many field days and provided other services to assist lessees.

At the time of his death Mr. Boyd had a small property at Ginninderra.

He was a member of the Barton sub-branch of the R.S.L.

He leaves a widow and son.

The funeral service will take place at St. Andrew's Church at 10 a.m. to-day.