THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL (TAS) AND THE GREAT WAR 1914-18:
A PROFILE OF THOSE 44 OLD BOYS AND 2 MASTERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES

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1. CHARLES HENRY ALEXANDER, (about 1884 - 8.6.1917)
From Neutral Bay. Born at Rathgar in Ireland. At TAS as Mathematics Master from Easter to November 1913. Coached 1st Football XV. A.G. (Toby) Brett, Senior Prefect and 1st Football XV Captain in 1914 writes "He was in my opinion one of the finest people I have ever come in contact with. He was a great teacher and the younger boys thought the world of him." (letter 14.1.85). His salary was 175 pounds a year.
Served In 34th Battalion A.I.F. and 9th Trench mortar Battery and became a Captain. C.E.W. Bean records his death (Vol. 4 p.680) and quotes from a letter he wrote about British Airmen regaining the upper hand in May 1917. Bill Gammage in The Broken Years quotes from 6 of his 15 letters home. Killed at Messines Belgium, aged 33.
Obituary: "The sad end came finally when he ventured over the parapet to take a photograph. He was shot, and died instantaneously. Those of us who knew Capt. Alexander, and were associated with him at the School will at once pay him the tribute of him to be one of the most single winded, Christian men we have ever met. Almost too ready to himself he was not perhaps, a typical School Master, but he exercised a very strong influence by his remarkable simplicity and uprightness”.
Buried Belgium. 110 Toronto Avenue Cemetery, Warneton.

2. PATRICK SINCLAIR ANDERSON (31.7.1882 – 25.4.1915)
From “Newstead Station”, Elsmore near Inverell.
At TAS from Feb. 1904 when TAS opened to. Dec. 1900. He was one of first 36 boys at TAS. Prefect and Captain of Cricket. In his last 3 years he was In the 1st Football XV and won the Senior Gymnastics Medal each year. In his final year he won 7 Senior athletic events and set 3 records: 100 yards 10.2 seconds, 120 yards hurdles 17 seconds, and kicking the football 65 yards 2 feet and 1 Inch. Won All Schools Athletics Hurdles and kicking the football, in which he set a new record.
After leaving school he went to Ballarat School of Mines and was a Mining Engineer for a few years before he joined his father at Newstead Station.
Enlisted at Inverell.
Served in the. 4th Battalion and became a Lieut. He was in the landing at Gallipoli. Mentioned in a Despatch from General Sir Ian Hamilton 22.9.1915 (sic Armidalian Dec 1916) for gallant conduct in the field.
Killed aged 32 in a bayonet charge after being wounded in the thigh at Gaba Tepe, just south of Anzac Cove. He was the first Old Boy to be killed in the War.
Buried Egypt 3 Chatby Military Cemetery

Memorial: The Anderson Memorial Window in the northern wall of the chapel behind the choir seats. It was donated by his father John A. Anderson and unveiled 10.9.1916. The plaque below it records Anderson "died from wounds received at Gaba Tepe on the 25th April 1915

Brothers – he had three younger brothers at TAS. Edward Sinclair Anderson was Senior Prefect In 1904, Captain of the School 1905, won the Rawson Cup and became a Doctor in Darlinghurst; Herbert I. S. Anderson; and James S. Anderson Senior Prefect In 1909, graduated from Sydney University and Oxford University D.Phil., served at Gallipoli, Egypt and France. In 1919 became Director of Research, Indian Army Department, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

3. OWEN CRESSY BARRY (23.6.1891 — 11.5.1918) .

Called Dan

Born at Harwood Island, Clarence River and lived at Broadwater, Richmond River.

At TAS 3 years from Feb 1905 to Dec 1907. 2nd Football XV and 2nd Cricket XI. Lance-Corporal in Cadets.

After leaving school worked for CSR Tigatoku, Fiji and became Sugar Cane Inspector, Condong Mill, Tweed River.

Served in the Australian Flying Corps. No 4 Squadron and became a Flight Lieut.

Killed aged 26. F.N. Cutlack in the Official History of Australia In the War wrote that his "machine fell in flames from a fierce duel” His Major wrote to his father A.C. Barry “He was one of our best pilots, and his cheerful nature endeared him to everybody. He was thoroughly popular and absolutely keen on his job. It was impossible to keep him out of the air, and he never seemed to get enough flying, even if he did four or six hours a day. On the occasion he went "missing" he was taking part in a large offensive patrol over enemy territory In which 25 of our machines took part. This patrol engaged about an equal number of enemy scouts and a battle royal resulted. We accounted for 6 Hun machines, and only lost one, which was unfortunately your son". ('Vol. 8 p. 278)

Buried 26 Villers Bretonneux, France.

4. CECIL VALENTINE BLOMFIELD (7.6.1881 - 31.8.1918)

From Salisbury Court, Uralla. His father was E.C.- Blomfield

At TAS 2 ½ years from August 1895 to Dcc 1897.

Enlisted at Armidale 2.9.1915 and sailed for the Front January 1916.

Served in the Lewis Machine Gun Section of the 20th Battalion A.I.F. and became 2nd Lieut.

Killed in the Second Battle of the Somme Mont St. Quentin, France aged 37.

Buried France 511 Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension.

Obituary: "He was a man through and through, and a "mate" in every sense of the word. He was also one-of those who received no tangible recognition for brave deeds. I know he rescued wounded under heavy shell fire at night time, but his brave deed was overlooked. At the same time he would have been the last man to claim any reward. And so he did his duty to the end."
Memorial — His name is on the fountain in Armidale Central Park and in the Armidale Library. In 1925 the Blomfield family gave 100 Pounds for C.V. Blomfield Memorial Prizes for History. This is now awarded for Modern History in Year 12.

Brothers — he had 2 older brothers and one younger brother at TAS and 2 of them served in the War. A.L. Blomfield was Senior Prefect in 1894, 95 and 96 and School Captain for the 3 years. He was one of the first 36 at TAS in 1894 when it opened and did engineering at Melbourne University. R.H. Blomfield was also one of the first 36 in 1894 and served as 1st Lieut. in 33rd Battalion A.I.F. and was awarded the M.C. A.G. Blomfield served as well.

5. Cuthbert Lamb Browning (16.11.1888 – 29.9.1921)
From Sydney. His father was RH. Browning.
At TAS a little over 3 years from April 1903 to June 1906.
Served in the British Army R.F.A (Royal Field Artillery) as a 2nd Lieut.
Died at Young NSW from TB – aged 32
He is not in the Book of Memory or on the Honour Roll.
Brother: His older brother R. Humphrey Browning Who became a Solicitor and practised in Sydney was also at TAS. R. Humphrey Browning was Captain of the School and went to St. Paul's College, Sydney where he gained his football blue. He served in the War as a Captain and was awarded the Military Cross.

6. Frederick Anthony Bone (21.6.1887 - 29.5.1915)
Called Tony. - From Henderson Street, Inverell. His father was George Scobell Bone.
At TAS for 4½ years from June 1900 Dec. 1904. Football colours and Sergeant in Cadets.
After leaving school he managed a property in northern Queensland for W.C. Bucknell.
Enlisted at Inverell.
Served in 1st Australian Light Horse as a Trooper and Lance-Corporal.
Killed at Gallipoli aged 27.
Buried Gallipoli 31 Shrapnel Valley Cemetery Anzac
Obituary: "Tony Bone was in every sense a magnificent specimen of manhood, of massive, athletic build, and powerful physique. He was one of the first batch of volunteers from the Inverell district."
Brothers - His twin brother Robert Hayden Bone was at TAS for the same time exactly. Their older brother Belfield Bone was also at TAS. All 3 served in the 12th Light Horse at Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine. RH Bone was a Trooper and B. Bone a Lieut. -

7. Sydney Burdekin (16.10.1885 — 28.9.1915)
Called Syd
From 197 Macquarie Street Sydney. His father was Sydney Burdekin (1839 - 1899), pastoralist, landlord and politician. He is in the Australian Dictionary of Biography 1851-1890. He served almost continuously in the NSW Legislative Assembly from 1880 to 1894 and was Mayor of Sydney Municipal Council Jan. 1090 to April 1891. "He usually
supported Parkes on major issues". "Tributes to his benevolence and affability abound". The Bulletin wrote of him -

"There is a rich party named Burdekin
Who in the House is now heard agin:
He posed democratic
But he's — well — erratic
And, perhaps, may go back on his word agin."

**At TAS 5¼ years, Oct. 1897 to Dec. 1903.** Prefect, Football, Cricket and 1st Lieut. in Cadets. On Armidalian Committee. Passed Junior exam, studied music, 3rd in Junior gymnastics

**After leaving school** he went to Merton College Oxford University. He travelled via Colombo. He wrote to the Armidalian in 1905 after playing In the University cricket match. In 1912 he returned to Sydney via America to take up his new position as Freight Manager of McIlraith, McEacharn Shipping Co.

**Served** in the Royal Field Artillery and became a 2nd Lieut.  
**Killed** at the Battle Loos aged 29.

**Memorial:** His death Is recorded in the Merton College Register 1900 – 1964 in the list of Freshmen for 1904. His name is on Panel 3 of the Loos Memorial in France.

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**6. RICHARD CAPEL.** (15.4.1890 — 6.4.1918)

**From** Mendebri. His father was WH Capel

**At TAS 2 years from Feb 1904 to Dec 1905.** 2nd Football XV.

**After leaving school** he worked at “Glencart” Surat, Qld

**Served** in the 33rd Battalion A.I.F. and 107 Howitzer Battery, 7th Brigade Australian Field Artillery and became a Sergeant.

**Died** of wounds In France aged 27.

**Buried** France 21C Bonnay Communal Cemetary Extension.

**Brother** - he had a younger brother at TAS, Leslie Capel.

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**9. PERCEY WELLESLEY CHAPMAN** (28.11.1686 — 12.3.1917)

**Called** Bob

**Born** Glen Innes and lived at Orange. His father was AM. Chapman. year from July:1903 to June 1904. 1st XI, Private in Cadets, Form V Maths Prize

**After leaving school** he went to Hawkesbury Agricultural College from July 1904 to December 1906. There he obtained a Certificate for “best on piggery” 1905 and also "received recognition from the Water Supply Board for services rendered in saving their property from bush fires". In August 1910 The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal recorded he was at Crecy Farm of 400 acres at Forbes. "It is not a model farm yet, but has hopes to make it so in a few years. Eighty acres are being cropped while another eighty are under fallow. He has been batching most of the time since leaving the College and has mastered the art of cooking; an art which produces many leathery dampers before it is acquired" In 1911 he was with AE. Bigg at "Thalgarrah", Armidale.

**Enlisted** at Goulburn 9.3.1915.
Served in the 12th Reinforcement, Australian Light Horse and 55th Battalion A.I.F. and became a Captain. He was awarded the M.C. "On the occasion when he was awarded Military Cross, he is officially spoken of as having shown great calm and great gallantry, and undaunted spirit and as having saved many casualties". The official citation for his M.C. Is "For conspicuous gallantry during an action. He repeatedly led bombing attacks along the enemy's trenches and fought them back long enough to enable many of our wounded to reach safety." He wrote from Egypt after returning from Gallipoli "I will never forget my birthday on Gallipoli. I started out on patrol work in the early morning at about half—past 12 o'clock and got back at dawn. There was a cut in my boot and the snow got in and made my foot throb for some days. I was one of the lucky eight picked out of our squadron to stay in the trench after the rest had evacuated". C.E.W. Bean calls him "one of the gentlest of men" and tells how he and Capt Gibbins helped a German “dreadfully wounded, bathed in blood and almost senseless. They led him, but when Chapman let go one of his hands the poor-mangled brute got up on his knees and started to pray” (Vol. 3 p.431n). Bill Gammage quotes this and 2 other entries from Chapman’s diary including this entry on 7.12.1916 "I really don’t know why I want so much to get back to the Front. When I think of the slush and cold over there I shiver, and yet I am a jolly side happier over there than here ... what I really want to carry about with me is a clear conscience - that I have found Is better than a cosy billet and a warn fire”.

Killed in France aged 30. The circumstances of his death were that "he was leading his men at the time, having stepped into the place of his senior officer, who was killed in the same charge."

Buried France 400 Bernafay Wood British Cemetery Montauban.

Obituary: “The remarks made by the officers who had to do with him, show him to have been a most exceptional officer, very much beloved by all he came into contact with.”

Memorial His name is on the fountain in Armidale Central Park, in the Armidale Memorial Library and in the Memorial Hall at Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

10. GEORGE LEWIS BLAKE CONCANON (4.2.1881 — 27.4.1915)

Called George

From Toowoomba where his father was a Doctor.

At TAS 1 year Feb to Dec 1895. Won Lord Jersey’s Prize for history.

After leaving school he went to Hawkesbury Agricultural College and on to Leys School, Cambridge, where he held a scholarship of 50 pounds a year. He won prizes there in scripture, history and translating Greek, Latin and German into English verse. He spoke French and German. In 1900 he visited TAS "on his way through to Cambridge" where he went to King’s college.. Ill health caused him to leave Cambridge before taking his degree. He then travelled for some years and took advantage of that to perfect his German and French. He married about 1910 and lived in Wahroonga where he enlisted.

Served in 1st Battalion Irish Rifles as a Lieut. in 1911. He became a Captain in the 2nd Battalion A.I.F. and was gazetted a Major in May 1915 after his death.

Killed — He was shot in the foot and then by a machine gun 2 days after the landing at Gallipoli. C.E.W. Bean tells how he was killed. (Vol.1 p508) At 8.00 a.m. on 27th April 1915, Concanon’s company (under Colonel C.F. Braund of Armidale) charged up a hill and took a Turkish trench. His men had been digging and fighting almost continuously and without sleep since they landed. They were driven out and later re-took the trench. They
advanced some 125 yards with the bayonet before Concanon was killed in the bayonet charge. He was aged 34.

**Buried** - 6 Lone Pine Memorial

Obituary: “He was considered one of our most efficient and brilliant officers, for he attended every school of instruction and military camp, both Light Horse Infantry, for which he was eligible, and was widely read in all military subjects, He leaves a widow and little girl.”

**Memorial** His name is-on the-Roll of Honour in the Memorial Hall at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

Hawkesbury Agricultural College supplied a copy of the Lays Fortnightly June 1915 which gives the following additional information. He was born at Dalby, Qld. his mother was a daughter of Dr. RL. Jenkins, a well known Shorthorn breeder of Nepean Towers, Penrith. His mother had 2 brothers, Dr. E. Jenkins of Macquarie Street, Sydney and Major Jenkins of Gosford. Capt. Concanon “was of an Irish family”. "He was always an original person and his Irish characteristics, affected by his Colonial training, made him very unlike the average British school boy. He quickly distinguished himself intellectually, became a Prefect, played in the Rugby fifteen and in 1899 won a history scholarship to King’s College, Cambridge. The strain of his unconventional mode of study for this test led to a serious illness and, as this was repeated during his first year, he was obliged to turn his back on his excellent University prospects and go down. He took a commission in the 4th Sherwood Foresters (Militia) but another illness obliged him to resign in 1902. He lived a wandering life for some years in Australia, North and South America and the Continent of Europe. For some little time after that he was in London, making his headquarters at the Mission." He was at Hawkesbury Agricultural College from 31.12.1903 to 2.2.1904. He received his commission as a 2nd Lieut. in the old Irish Rifles in October 1910 and in April 1913 was promoted to the rank of Captain. On the formation of the 19th (Kuring-gai) Infantry he was transferred to that regiment and took over the command of the of the Hornsby Company where he remained till he want with the Expeditionary Force. He spent some time as a planter in New Guinea and in 1910 he married in N.S.W. and for 4 years took a prominent part in the Compulsory Training Movement in Australia.

11. **ARTHUR EDWARD COOPER** (30.3.1896 - 16.7.1917)

**Called** Arthur

**From** Bishops Court, Armidale. His father was Bishop Henry Edward Cooper who laid the foundation stone of the TAS Chapel on 5.9.1902 and who dedicated 2 windows in the eastern end of the Chapel 21.10.1913 in memory of Rev. T.K. Abbott, Headmaster, who died suddenly on 6.12.1912. Bishop Cooper died on 1.7.1916.

**At TAS** 6 years Feb. 1908 to Dcc. 1913. He was Captain the School in 1913 and Day Boy Prefect. On Armidalian Committee, School Club Committee and in the Drama Club. Passed Junior exam 1912 and matriculated with Honours in Senior exam 1913. In that exam he got first class in English and was proxime accessit to the English medal and achieved second class Honours in French. His health was frail, apparently from threatened appendicitis.

**After leaving school** he went to St. Paul's College, Sydney University to study Arts.. He wrote to the Armidalian giving his "First Impressions of the University" - "The first day I went to St. Paul's, all was very dreary. The men had not yet arrived and everything was chaos and confusion, owing to the presence of the workmen installing the electric light. They did not finish the job until well into term, behind contract, as is usual with all such
work. The Common Room struck me as the first luxury: It is large, with many easy chairs in which to be thoroughly comfortable; coffee there, after dinner at night, a pleasant but practice – dangerous because of the tremendous strain it is to go away to work afterwards. The Lectures succeed in one thing at least, they develop the speed of hand-writing.” He graduated B.A. in 1916.

**Enlisted** at Armidale 29.9.1916 in his 3rd year at Sydney University, 3 months after the death of his father.

**Served** in the 33rd Battalion A.I.F. and became a 2nd Lieut. A letter to his mother written In France "Reflections on the Battle Field" was printed in the Armidalian. "There is uncommonly little, leisure here -to sleep, and get clean and is almost too big a task for the time we get to do it in. The forests here are a glory in summer. How I would love to see them in peace time: I passed through one night of perfect glory of calm stillness and scent - the heavy perfumed scent woods - broken only by the birds. They are havens of blissful coolness in the day time. Alas! The artillery is always spoiling things with their infernal row. Good luck to 'em, all the same. They mean life to us”.

**Killed** — He met his death 2 weeks after being given his commission. "He had returned to company, headquarters after being relieved at the front line, and had just left his dug-out and was standing by the telephone at a time when shells were falling fast, when he was hit by a piece of flying shell. He suffered no pain: death was instantaneous.” He was killed aged 21.

**Buried** Belgium 42 Kandahar Cemetery, Neuve-Eglise

**Obituary**: “A very gentle, thoughtful lad he proved to be, the soul of honour and courtesy, with an instinctive reverence for holy things blending very quaintly yet happily with a pretence that he was a "heretic" on this or that point of theology on which he was, busy doing a little honest private thinking at the time ...I found myself wishing his physical weakness were still weaker, weak enough at any rate to close the door absolutely against soldier service" (Lewis Goulburn, Warden of Paul's In Armidalian Obituary) In a letter of condolence to his mother, Lieut.-Col. Morshead, a former master at TAS, wrote of him "As your son distinguished himself at school, did he in the field, only in a greater measure. He was promoted over the heads of others, but more than justified it. I saw a great deal of his work in the Battle of Messines and it was his gallant conduct and hard work there, as well as his character and personality, that won for his rapid promotion. The work of officers lately has been and exacting; your son carried out every duty cheerfully and efficiently. I deeply deplore his loss.”

**Memorial** - His name is on the fountain in Armidale Central Park and in the Armidale Memorial Library. It is also on the Sydney University Honour Roll on the southern side of the archway of the Great Tower. There was a plaque in his memory in the Bishops Court Chapel at St Paul’s College.

**12. HENRY VINCENT BELL CORY (30.3.1882 – 14.2.1917)**

**From** Warwick, Qld. His father was Henry Cory

**At TAS** 6 months from Feb to June 1899

**Enlisted** at Warwick on 4.11.1915.

**Served** in 9th Brigade Australian Field Artillery as a driver.

**Died** of sickness in London aged 34

**Buried** Wiltshire 115 Tidworth Military Cemetery, North Tidworth, England
13. **ERROL JOSEPH HART CREER** (18.8.1890 – 12.7.1915)

From Waratah. His father was Nelson Bromley Creer.

At TAS 3 years from Feb 1903 to Dec 1905. After his death an Old Boy wrote to the Headmaster "I remember him a good footballer and a fair cricketer at School, and incidentally he gave me the first hiding I ever had".

After leaving School he went to Fiji and worked for C.S.R. (Colonial Sugar Refinery)

Enlisted at Waratah 24.9.1914. in the 6th Australian Light Horse Regiment and became a Lance—Corp.

Died at sea aged 26 from wounds received at Gallipoli.

Memorial No 6 Lone Pine Memorial


At TAS 5 years from Feb. 1901 to Dec. Football and Cricket colours, shooting team, choir, Armidalian Committee and Corporal in Cadets. He was left handed.

After leaving school he worked on "Ciratula", Deniliquin and 'Boorooma", Brewarrina.

Enlisted at Walgett 20.12.1914.

Served in the 6th Australian Light Horse Regiment as a private.

Died aged 27 from wounds received at Gallipoli

Buried Gallipoli 7 Lone Pine Cemetery.

15. **CLIVE COLLINGWOOD DANGAR** (12.1.1882 - 4.7.1918)

Called Clive and “Snakey”

From "Baroona", Whittingham, Singleton. His father was A.A. Dangar.

At TAS a bit over 4 years from Aug. 1894 to March 1899. 1st Cricket XI and in the Tennis team. "A useful member the debating society and a good actor".

After school he sailed to England in 1899 to enter a course of military training as Lieut. of Militia Regiment In Yorkshire. On the way he stopped at Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) and sent the School for its museum a Buddhist Bible written on palm leaves. He visited the Cambridge University Colleges and wrote "I wished that I had only been clever enough to belong to one of them, and then I should have put in a few jolly years, an ideal life."

Served in the South African War with the Third Duke of Wellington’s West Riding Regiment. He wrote a cheerful letter to his mother on 6.6.1900 printed in the Armidalian. He tells in it of a fight in which "we had about 130 killed and wounded" about men marching for 2 days on one three-quarter ration. Mentioned in despatches.

Served in India from 1901to 1908 a Captain with the 13th Hussars. Then he returned to flew England and purchased “Gostwyck” Uralla, He married his cousin Mora Danger on 31.3.1909. His two daughters Nancy Noreen (Wright) and Phoebe Patricia Giblin were born at North Sydney.

On School Board. In September 1912 he presented the School with a new set of mats for the front of the School. In 1913 his father resigned from the School Board (the School was then a Limited Company) and Capt. Danger as he then was, became the first Old Boy.
member of the Board. On 8.12.1914 he reported to the Board that "He was offering his services for the War and would shortly be sending in his resignation. At the request of the Board he consented not to resign and was granted 6 months' leave of absence." (Board Minutes)

**Served** in the War: He sailed for England early in 1915 to offer his services to his old Regiment the 13th Hussars. He wrote to the Armidalian from the S.S. "Maloja" on 10.2.1915 after sailing into Suez on 7.2.1915 "Seeing what we did in the 2 days going through the canal, makes one realise what the organisation of an army means, for this was a very small Section of it, yet there must be something like 100,000 men on and near the canal; and even if the Turks never make a determined attempt on Egypt, they are doing good work for their side in keeping the above army from taking part in the more strenuous work at the front." He carried out training work in England until he was transferred to Egypt and attached to the Australian Mounted Forces. He was in the 3rd Light Horse Brigade. In 1916 he wrote to the Headmaster from near Egypt while he was acting as Brigade Major and "was anxious in his enquiries concerning the School". In January 1917 he wrote "We have taken part lately in two very successful little affairs, resulting in capture of 1,200 and 1,600 prisoners respectively, with four guns, a number of Maxims, etc. each time. These cannot be carried out without loss, but everyone seems more than willing to take the risk, there-being awful lamentations from those left behind. We are all in wonderful heart and spirits and many of us never fitter in our lives". Shortly after that received the Military Cross and was then severely wounded during the advance in Palestine. He resumed duty as G.S.O. (General Staff Officer) of the Anzac Mounted Division. He was in hospital for some weeks and then granted leave in order to recuperate in Australia. His wife and 2 daughters accompanied him on the ship back to Melbourne. On arrival in it became necessary to him to a hospital, where he passed away aged 36.

**Died**: H.S. Gullet in the *Official History of Australia in the War* (Vol.7 p.326) tells how he received the wounds on 19.4.1917 from which he died. During the Second Gaza Engagement in Palestine "a bomb, dropped on the Headquarters of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, severely wounded C.C. Dangar the brigade-major. Dangar was a member of a well-known Australian Pastoral family in New South Wales, who had for many years held a commission in the 13th Hussars. A capable Officer, he served on the general staff with the light horse men for more two years when he was invalided to Australia, and died as the ship reached Melbourne".

**Obituary**: "He always remembered his old School, and took an interest in its cricket. So great an interest did he take, that when he purchased “Gostwyck” he arranged for an annual cricket match to take there. When he enlisted he left instructions to the manager to continue the custom."

**Memorial** - The School Board resolved on 11.9.1918 "In view of the fact of the service for his country the late Major C.C. Dangar had performed, also that he was Vice-President of the Board of Directors and the first old boy on the Directorate, that an enlarged photo of him be hung in the School dining hall." This photo now hangs in the entrance to Danger House. His widow's donations enabled C.C. Dangar Memorial House for Juniors to be built. She laid the foundation stone for it on 8.2.1924 and It was opened on 21.9.1924 by the Governor of N.S.W. Sir Dudley de Chair. The furniture for it was donated by Mrs AA. Danger, Miss Maude Dangar and Messrs A.A. & N.N. Dangar. The Church of All Saints at Gostwyck, known as Gostwyck Chapel, is in his memory. The foundation stone for it was laid on 22.4.1921. His name is on the School Honour Roll for service in Africa and is in the Armidale Library.
16. THOMAS GRAYTHWAITE BURTON DIBBS (about 1890 - 26.8.1915)

From Sydney. His father was T. Burton Dibbs.

At TAS 6 months from Sept. to April 1905. In 1904 he was the Mad Hatter in the School Play in “Alice in Wonderland”.

After leaving school he worked at Mount Ryde, Longreach, Qld and later went to England from Switzerland where he was in his final for Engineering.

Served in the 7th York and Lancashire Regiment and he became a 2nd Lieut. Served in France from 13.7.1915 until killed in action 27.8.1915.

Killed in action in France aged about 25.

Buried in Plot 8 Row B Grave 6 of the Voormezeele Enclosure No. 3 Belgium.

17. ERIC DOUGLAS DOYLE (15.12.1893 - 29.7.1917)

From Roma Qld. His father Dr. A.A. Doyle.

At TAS 3½ years from July to Dec 1907. He took part in athletics and drama. In 1904 he was Alice In "Alice In Wonderland”.

After leaving school he became a well known amateur boxer.

Served in the Royal Field Artillery and became a Lieut. After 4 months of trench life In France he went to Mesopotamia and from there he was invalided to Bombay and then to England. On the western front he was commended by his General "I wish to place on record my appreciation of your courage and initiative on May 9th, 1917, when, your battery-position being under heavy fire, you gallantly rescued the wounded and extricated the dead and by your gallantry, courage and indifference to danger, restored order among the men of your Battery." Soon after this he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry.

Obituary — His Armidalian Obituary includes a letter he wrote to his parents in 1917. "On June 7th, we had advanced on a front of 9 miles. I had the job (especially picked) of F.O.O., i.e. Forward Observing Officer, to go with the Infantry "over the top", as representative of the whole brigade of guns. It was what might be called a dangerous job and one In which you must keep very cool. We went behind the most wonderful barrage I have ever seen — it was perfect. I really had the most exciting time. ... The infantry thought I was a Hun, too, and opened fire on us with machine guns and rifles. They missed me, so I went back to the dug-out and thought things over. You must know by this time I was in the midst of our barrage, and nine inch shells and smaller were falling like autumn leaves all around so I decided to chance the Infantry and once more walked towards them. By good luck they recognised me and stopped firing. So that was how an F.O.O. and a Bombadier beat their own Infantry, and took 16 prisoners. We were the first to see over the ridge, now ours for ever and a day"

Killed aged 23. "Seven weeks after this a shell burst on the roof of his dug-out, just after he had entered it. Ha was rendered unconscious and died on his way to the dressing station."

Buried in Row C Grave 2 of the Boshouse Cemetery Voormereele, Belgium

Obituary: "And thus passed to his rest a gallant a soldier and officer whose record of courage will be for all time an inspiration to us".
**ERIC DOUGLAS DOYLE.** (From Armidalian Sept. 1917)

Not unto every father comes the trust
To call a young god "son" a little while.

Death cannot take away what thus was given,
No other was to him what you have been;
And still his gay laugh seems to break the pall,
makes transparent Death's most opaque screen.

It is as though a hand reached back, a voice
Fell, like a blessing. down the moonlit blue.
"Take courage, Eric Brighteyes is not lost,
He is just waiting o'er the rim, for you."

The star-dust sandalled his impatient feet,
Just for a little to your hearth to come,
Then, victor in the World's Olympian game,
Crowned with wild olive, so your boy goes home.

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18 **REGINALD WILLIAM EARP** (22.7.1898 - 21.4.1918)

From Newcastle. His father was Charles A. Earp.

At TAS 2 years from Feb. 1913 to Dec. 1914. In 3rd Football XV and the choir.

After leaving school he returned to Newcastle and was an enthusiastic footballer and surfer and held the Royal Life Saving Society's Certificate of Competence. He left school to go into his father's office. Before he enlisted he was preparing for the entrance examination to-Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Enlisted at Newcastle and sailed for England in November, 1916. After 6 months training in the Larkhill Camp on Salisbury Plain, he was passed as a competent gunner and went to France where he was attached to the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column. In February 1910 he was transferred to the 37th Battery Australian Field Artillery and while serving in this Battery he was wounded.

Killed aged 19. He was shot in the right thigh and both legs and died from those wounds. A letter from Chaplain G.E. Shaw In the Armidalian tells how he died: "He was wounded very badly by shell fire in the evening of 20th April, and taken to the casualty clearing station where I saw him. There was no hope of saving him from the first but he received most prompt medical aid, including sufficient anaesthetic to deaden all pain. He lay in my arms for the last 2 hours before he died. And what shall I say? – he died as he lived fearlessly doing his duty. I arranged for his body to be buried with religious burial at a dear little cemetery in the village called Frenchencourt, not far from Albert". Chaplain McVittie wrote "I was called up to officiate at his funeral. A good number of boys came along to pay their last respects to your brave son. He was very popular, with officers and men, and always did his, duty faithfully and well".

Buried France. 885 Frenchencourt Communal Cemetery.

Obituary "Of a retiring quiet manner, but brim full of determination and spirit, with more than average ability, he was a boy who could have made his mark in the School had he stayed on".
19. **FREDERICK RICHMOND FORSTER** (4.1.1892 — 3.10.1917)

From "Abington", Armidale. His father was Thomas Richmond Forster (31.1.1862 – 11.5.1951) He was on the School Board for nearly 30 years from 1904 and was a very generous benefactor. His gift of “Booloominbah” enabled the establishment of The University of New England and D.H. Drummond called him the founder of the University. "He asked that, in the event of the University College closing down, The Armidale School should get anything of his gift that remained” (Abington by Anne Harris UNE 1982 p123, This book contains details of his life. It also has some references to Fred Forster and a photo of him.)

At TAS 7 years. from :Feb. 1903 to Dec. 1909. Football and Cricket colours and vice-captain of both in 1909. Rawson Cup winner in the Shooting team, Secretary of the Armidalian, on Athletics Committee and Sergeant In Cadets.

After school he worked first for Harold F. White at Guyra and then on "Abington, with us father. Before the War be obtained his commission in the 6th. Australian Light Horse No.2 Squadron which was then “entirely commandeered by Old Armidalians”.

Enlisted: - He sailed to England to enlist in the British Army. He enlisted in February 1916 as a gunner and was promoted to Second Lieut.

Served with the Royal Artillery “A” Battery 159 Brigade. He embarked from Southampton on 26.7.1916 for Le Havre. He was first wounded on 9.8.1916 about a week after he arrived in France.

Killed aged 25. On 31.8.1917 he received wounds to the face and chest and his left eye from a shell and got septic meningitis. He died from these wounds in Rouen Hospital. The Military Cross was awarded to him posthumously.

Buried in Plot B Row 1 Grave 26 of the St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France.

Obituary: His Armidalian Obituary records the circumstances of his death. “It appears the Germans were shelling the British position with conspicuous energy, when Lieut. Forster volunteered to go out with 2 others and establish an observation post some distance in front of the line. They soon became a mark for the fire - one man was killed, the other man completely lost his nerve from shell shock and wandered away and Forster had the field telephone broken in his hand. He then returned to report, and arrived at the communication trench in a most serious condition, being most fearfully wounded in his head. With marvellous courage he stood on the parapet and strove to rally his men, who were beginning to lose control of themselves from the seriousness and intensity of the fire. He was removed as soon as possible to the dressing station and then to the hospital, but his brain was so affected by the wounds - and in addition he had lost an eye — that, though the surgeons knew he had a magnificent constitution in his favour, they held out little hope of his recovery. The strength that Lieut. Forster had when he returned to his men he spent, not in talking about him-self, but in trying to make the best of a difficult situation.” It also quotes from the Annual Report of the Headmaster Rev. A.H. Reynolds at the prize giving December, 1909 "There is one to whom the Cup will soon be awarded. He has been seven years with us, and has, metaphorically speaking, grown grey in the service. The Cup is awarded for all-round excellence, particular regard being paid to power of leadership and moral influence. His Masters, his fellow Prefects are unanimous in choosing him, and as I look back upon my nearly 20 years’ experience as a School Master, I can recall the memory of no single boy who excels this boy in his splendid example of conscientious work, cheerful obedience, unswerving loyalty, arid gracious service, which for him affection and respect of the whole School. Australia need never fear while she breeds such -sons.”
Memorials - His name is on the fountain in Central Park and in the Armidale. Memorial Library. In 1936 his father donated the Douglas Street gates to the School in memory Old Boys and Masters who lost their lives First World War. Solomon Wiseman from “Clerkness”, later a Chaplain at TAS, gave a gold chalice and paten to TAS Chapel in memory of Fred Forster and in memory of Owen Tooth who had jackarooed on “Abington”. A paten is a plate for communion bread.

Brothers – His younger brother Geoffrey E. Forster went to TAS and served in the war as a Second Lieut. in the Royal Garrison Artillery and was a very generous benefactor to the School over a very long period until his death on 4.2.1975 aged 79. He gave the T.R. Forster Recreation Mock in memory of his father. G.E. Forster opened it on 6.8.1952. His brother Norman L. Forster was also at TAS and was a prominent breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle and he died in 1949.


At TAS 6½ years from to February 1897 to June 1903. Junior gymnastics medal and Lower School Divinity Prize. Was in Cadets and played football for the School and later against the School as an Old Boy.

After leaving school he joined his father in his mining enterprises and became a Mining Overseer. In 1907 he was dredging at Stewart Town in Canbilligo. In August 1914 he was helping construct a gold dredge on the west coast of the South Island New Zealand for a company of which his father was chairman.

Enlisted at Mosman 23.5.1915. "He was eager to enlist. He heard of the deaths of some of his old Armidale School companions in Gallipoli, he wrote to his father that he felt he could no longer ignore the call of duty and that he would join the N.Z. Forces; failing his father's consent to his returning and joining the forces of his native State. Consent being obtained, he returned to Sydney and immediately joined the 30th Battalion A.I.F. as a Private." He had been a member of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and expressed himself in “brush, pen and voice”.

Served in the 30th Battalion A.I.F. He was given training duties in Australia and then went to Egypt. He longed for a chance to get to the French Front. From Egypt he wrote some letters including one about meeting Dr Macartney, another Old Boy. His Battalion at last embarked for the Somme and he wrote a letter to his parents from in which he declared he was well, and happy in the contemplation of the real object of his enlistment - actual fighting.

Killed instantly by machine gun fire in the Battle of Fromelles on the Somme, aged 29. C.E.W. Bean records his death "To ensure the trench being dug in the right direction, there went with this Section Sergeant Garland, carrying a sign-post which he was to plant on the German parapet at the easternmost point captured by the Brigade ... (and) had almost reached the far side of no-mans land when he has shot dead". (Vol. 3 p.385)

Buried: France 525 Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery

Obituary: “During his School days he was a general favourite”. "The late Sergeant Garland was an idealist, with a high sense of honour, strengthened by the traditions of his School and its associations"

Memorial: His name is on the Prince Alfred Yacht Club Honour Roll.
21. **VICTOR GREENUP** (25.7.1887 — 5.4.1918)

*From* Dalveen, Qld. His father was Alfred Greenup.

*At TAS* 3½ years from 1902 to Dec. 1905.

*Served* In 9th Battalion A.I.F. as a Private.

*Killed* in France aged 30.

*Buried* 26 Villers Brettoneux - France.

*Brother* - He had an older brother H. Greenup who was also at TAS.

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22. **EDGAR CULLEN HALL** (2.5.1893.— 19.9.1917)

*Called* Garry.

*Born* In Brisbane. He was the son of Edgar Hall of Stanthorpe, Qld. Lived at Silverspur via Inglewood, Qld.

*At TAS* 7½ years from June 1904 to Dec. 1911. Senior Prefect. Captain of the School 1910-11. Swimming, Secretary of the School Club, Library committee, Armidalian committee, proxime accessit to Chemistry medal in the Junior exam 1910, Senior exam 1911, Dramatic Club, Assistant Curator of Museum, prominent in Scientific Society, Sergeant of Cadets. He was the only candidate for the Senior exam in 1911.

*After leaving school* he went to St. John's College at Queensland University and was awarded a Diploma of Engineering with Credit. Then he held a position with the Queensland Government.

*Enlisted* in November 1916 at Brisbane and left Sydney on the "Warialda" on 22.5.1916. He disembarked sick at Fremantle and returned to Victoria where he was in charge of recruits at Seymour Camp. On 30.9.1916 he left on the "Suffolk" for Plymouth. He helped produce the "Suffolk Slosher". He arrived at a camp on the Salisbury Plains, England on 2.12.1916 and left for France on 1.1.1917. He worked on the deep mines which were exploded at the battle of Messines.

*Served* in the Mining Corps A.I.F. attached to the Engineers, 1st Australian Tunnelling Corps and became a Sergeant.

*Killed:* - He was wounded fatally by a shell at Hell Fire Corner, on the Menin Road, 1 a.m. on 19.9.1917. He died at 10 p.m. the same day at the 17th Casualty Station at Ypres in Flanders, Belgium, aged 24.

*Buried* at Lyssenthoeck Military Cemetery Poperinghe, Belgium.

*Obituary:*- "There have been few more distinguished boys come here. Even this (list of achievements) does not convey an idea quiet but strong wholesome influence for good that was exerted by him in the School.” Sir William Birdwood wrote to his father on 17.3.1918 "Your son ... proved himself a fearless soldier, did render gallant and good service on this occasion. Indeed his name was noted for a further recommendation for award in recognition of his good services with the company, and I feel confident he would have received this in due course had he been spared.”
L'Envoi by E.C. Hall.

We, who sailed tranquilly, not very fast, on great waters
Wet with many queer ships, trod on a foreign shore,
Trafficked with the sons of Ham and talked with his daughters,
See now our course nearly run and this journey o'er.

Smooth have the oceans been, and mild our enjoyment,
Had all the sweets of Fortune and none of its scratches,
Found in potato races gentle employment,
Gambled (until we were stopped), and poker for matches.

Soon we must wheel, and form fours and remember these trifles
Soon we'll give battle (and are we not men in our heyday!)
Front the grim German with bombs and machine, guns and rifles,
Take a girl out to the show - and get drunk after pay day.

Let all come. We will fight, when we must, with the rest of them.
Learn how, when battle comes, every brave man is a brother,
Die, if we must for Australia, the Homeland, the best of them.
Live like clean Soldiers, - and always write home to our mother.

From the "Suffolk Slosher", No.5, 25th Nov, 1916 (Troopers’ Paper on Transport No. A 23) (Sergt. E.C. Hall, "Publisher")

23. GEOFFREY DENNISON HALL  (9.8.1895 – 24.2.1917)

From – Newcastle. His father was Alfred Francis Hall.

At TAS 1 year from Feb. to Dec. 1912. He won the 100 yards senior swimming championship and 100 yards senior handicap. “He was a great swimmer, a good runner and a fair football player. We often welcomed him at our swimming sports, where he always carried off the Old Boys' Prize” (Armidalian Obituary).

Enlisted at Newcastle 6.1.1916.

Served in the 3rd Division Ammunition Column Australian Field Artillery as a Gunner.

Killed In France aged 21. The Armidalian printed extracts from letters to his parents in Newcastle from men in his Company about the circumstances of his death: "Geoff was killed about 3 Saturday 24th while working at his gun in the trenches. He was buried, on Sunday afternoon, and several Newcastle fellows were at the graveside and a number of his old mates. I (a friend of his) arranged with his mates to set up a cross above his grave. I suggested the matter to the Battery and was overwhelmed with subscriptions, so much that I had to confine it to his own special friends, and in a few hours had 160 francs

Buried France 922 Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery Amentieres,

Obituary: "He was a quiet reserved and ideal lad. He was respected and loved by all. He was a genuine and noble lad, and quite earned the title of a "typical little gentleman. He was always cheerful and willing, and an excellent example of what a good soldier ought to be. Your son was hit severely in the middle of the back. He was knocked unconscious immediately, and passed away a few minutes afterwards".
24. PHILIP VERNON HARRIS – (26.5.1882 - 11.6.1917)

Called Vernon

From Bank NSW Armidale. His father was W.N. Harris.

At TAS 6 years from Feb. 1894 to Nov. 1899. He was one of the first 36 boys at TAS when it opened. 1st Football XV. Won the senior mile in 1899. Lance-Corporal in the Cadets.

After leaving school he worked first at the Eleanora mine at Hillgrove and then at Kalgoorlie where he joined his brother to study assaying and mining. He went to Hawkesbury College for 2½ years and then went in for farming near Dalby in Qld.

Enlisted at Bell, Qld 15.9.1915. It was only after his 5th attempt to enlist that he passed the sight test, and went into camp at Enoggera.

Served: He sailed with the 42nd Battalion in June 1916 with the rank of Sergeant Major. In England he qualified for his commission at Tidworth Officer Training Centre and gained his first star (Second Lieut.) soon after reaching France.

Killed: - He was in the front line of trenches at Messines in the act of urging his men to stick to a position they had taken under a terrific bombardment when he was hit in the head with shrapnel. He died aged 25.

Buried - France 297 Trois-Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerck.

Memorial: His name is on the fountain in Central Park, in the Armidale Library and in the Memorial Hall at Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

25. LINDON HOWARD RUSSEL HIGINBOTHAM (27.12.1889 - 21.6.1918)

Called Howard

From Tilbuster, Armidale. His father was William Cyril Higinbotham, Mayor of Armidale in 1904. His sister Gladys married W. Saunderson, then Second Master at TAS. At the wedding on 8.4.1911 at St. Peter's Cathedral, Armidale, Lindon was Saunderson's best man.

At TAS 6 years from Feb. 1901 to Dec. 1906. Day Boy Prefect. Rawson Cup winner. Athletics colours. In he won the Junior athletics cup with 26 points (1 short of the possible) and high-jump and long-jump records. "He was the most brilliant and athlete of this School, having the unique honour of securing for four consecutive years, the 2 junior and 2 senior cups for athletics, as well as the gold and silver medal for gymnastics. Many School records still stand to his credit, and at the All School Sports in Sydney he holds the record for the Junior high-Jump". (Armidalian Obituary).

After leaving school he worked with his father and in 1912 his Jersey cattle won 2 second prizes at the Royal Agricultural Show in Sydney.

Enlisted at Armidale

Served: In 1912 he served as Orderly Officer to Col. Carrington. He had joined the Light Horse as Lieut. and qualified as Capt. And was Adjutant for many years until he joined the 3rd Battalion A.I.F. in 1915. He left Sydney as Adjutant on the S.S. "Osterley" with a large contingent of troops for Egypt. After some months there he was sent to the base at Etaples In France where he did some very important administrative work. He was not content with staff work, and after persistent effort to get to the actual firing line he became Captain of "A" Company of the 3rd Battalion.
Killed: - C.E.W. Bean (Vol 6 p.400-1) records the action of 20th June, 1918 in France in which Capt. Higinbotham's Company was involved and suffered 38 casualties. He died from wounds received in this action. He had taken some Hun trenches at 8.40 a.m., the enemy counter-attacking violently 8 times. They were fighting all day, and between 6 and 9p.m., during one of these counter-attacks, he led a platoon of his Company and gained position. The enemy were bringing men so Higinbotham left his platoon to bring another platoon on the enemy's left front. This gave the first platoon some breathing space The Sergeant-Major says, "Thanks entirely to his work we held that post, and the Battalion gained great praise for it." It was whilst he was bringing what was left of the second platoon back to their posts that a rifle grenade burst at his feet, severely wounding him. By great gallantry the stretcher-bearers got him to the aid-post and on his way he insisted on reporting ion Headquarters, where he reported progress and especially commended one of the Officers. At the aid-post he was so splendidly brave and natural, talking with the C.O. and the others who saw him about and his dispositions that he deceived everyone into believing he was in better case than was actually so." At the Field Ambulance the four Doctors worked on him for four hours, and were quite satisfied with their work, when a few minutes after 4 a.m. on the 21st June, he died at age 28. His death is recorded In Randwick to Hargicourt – History of the 3rd Battalion A.I.F. by Eric Wren: "Six hours later about 150 Germans, advancing under an artillery barrage, made a last bid for the position, but a withering fire from Lewis guns and rifles drove them off. It was about this time that Captain Higinbotham, while leading reinforcements forward, was badly hit. Like his colleague Taylor he succumbed to his wounds the following day. Higinbotham shared the fate of many company commanders of the 3rd Battalion. In practically every engagement in which the unit took part - from the landing at Anzac onwards the casualties amongst company commanders were usually heavy.

Buried - France 28 Borre British Cemetery.

Obituary: Includes the following about him written by C. Wiseman, then School Chaplain, "He stood for all-that was good. He was one of those blessed beings who are fundamentally good by nature. His boyhood was spotless; he had the heart and mind of a Sir Galahad. Ln sport or in school he never appeared to do anything mean or little. The very action of his running had a tone of fairness and purity about it. He succeeded at anything he took up, had a host of friends, was capable and lovable, yet he always remained humble and natural." The Obituary also quotes the Chaplain in France "Captain Higinbotham was a close friend of mine, and one to whom I was deeply attached.' I wish I could give you evidence of the affection and respect all ranks in the Battalion had for him. I have never known a man more quickly admitted into the fellowship of the unit. No one wanted proof of his qualities; they took them for granted, and his men had the completest confidence in his judgment, coolness, and bravery, and would follow him anywhere. He was a soldier, who never asked men to do what he would not do himself, and a man who rang true in every aspect of his character. It would do you good to hear the simple tributes of our splendid lads whether they were of his Company or not each had the same word of personal sorrow to express, and not one that I have seen has failed to tell me how grieved he was to hear of his death. In his Company he was never satisfied unless he had seen to the comfort of the men himself. .. We feel it a privilege to have been served by one who had such high ideals of his office and duties, and his name will be embodied with that of other gallant gentlemen in the records of the Battalion, which is not a little proud of its fighting record during past four years."

Memorial: - his name is on the fountain in Armidale Central Park and in the Armidale memorial Library. The Higinbotham Prize for Captain of the School is in his memory.

Called Frank. His father was Dyson Lacy.

At TAS 1 year from, Feb to Dec. 1898. He left TAS to go to Brisbane Grammar School “as the winters here would be too severe for him after his late illness”. (Armidalian May 1899).

After leaving school he sat for the London University Matriculation exam and later graduated from South Kensington School with honours, taking a gold medal in his final examination.

Served - Soon afterwards he went to Mexico where he was when the War broke out. He immediately sailed for England where he tried to get a commission in his brother-in-law's Regiment. He was, however, appointed to the Royal Engineers “Where he did excellently on the Western Front, blowing up great portions of the German trenches and on May 11th 1915 was honourably mentioned in dispatches, awarded the Military Cross and personally thanked by three of the Generals for his good work; but, unfortunately he did not enjoy his honours long, for on August 13th he and 6 of his men went into one of the mines they were making to see how the work was going on when a counter-mine was fired and he and his men were killed instantly cutting off at the very outset a most brilliant and promising career, and one whose name every Armidalian may indeed feel proud of”. He served as a Captain. Served in France from 20.2.1915 until killed in action 13.8.1915. He was awarded the Military Cross (London Gazette 23.6.1915).

Killed in Belgium aged 28.

Buried in Row C Grave 15 of the Cambrin Military Cemetery, France

There is some confusion about his Initials. He is F.B. in the Register of Scholars and on the list on the Douglas Street entrance, and he is E.P. on the Honour Roll In the Chapel.

Brother - His elder brother James Dyson Lacy , was also at TAS. He was 6 feet 5 inches tall and went to the Midland Dairying Institute in England later managed a large cheese and butter factory in Somerset and then became head instructor in dairying and bacteriology at a Dairying School in North Wales. Later he did research at Midland Dairying Institute. He was in the Australian Light Horse and landed at Anzac on 21.5.1915.

27. GUY D’ARCY DAVENY ARTHUR MACARTHUR (25.9.1893 - 25.12.1915)

Called Guy and “Ginger”

From "Dalkeith", Cassilis. His father was Arthur MacArthur.

At TAS 2½ years from July 1909 to Dec. 1911. Captain of First Cricket XI, of First Football XV. In Tennis and Shooting teams, Choir, School-Club, Library Committee, Private in Cadets, In Athletics held records for high-jump and throwing the cricket ball. In 1910 he won the All Schools Athletics high-jump and in the 440 yards championship. The G. MacArthur Cup was presented in 1911 for the best G.P.S. athletics performance. In the Archdall Room at TAS there is a Senior Championship Cup which was by G. MacArthur in 1911. "Broad Jump 19 ft 7½ Ins. 440 yards 55 104 yards Ins. Kick 57 yards. Hurdles"

After leaving school he went to a station at Cassills.

Enlisted as a trooper in the Light Horse as soon as War broke out. 'Shortly after he was transferred the Infantry, and became a Lieut. in Dec. 1914.
Served as a transport Officer to the 13th Battalion A.I.F. for Egypt and was in the landing at Anzac on 25th April, 1915.

Died of illness in Egypt.

"It was soon discovered that the horses were not of any use at Gallipoli and he helped to take them back to Egypt. His work in this respect gained him great praise and promotion, and in November 1915 he was given command of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Battalion transports and the 4th and 5th Field Ambulance Corps. His transports were inspected by Generals McGregor and Monash and Major Herring, who warmly congratulated him, and soon afterwards he, was ordered to rejoin his old Battalion ("the fighting 13th") as Captain. He wrote in excellent spirits about 3 weeks before he became ill and died in Egypt, and was looking forward to his return to the fighting line. There is no doubt that he would have risen in the service high had he been spared: already his record for a man of just 22 years of age was exceptional."

Buried. Egypt - 9 Cairo War Memorial Cemetery.

Brother: - He had an older brother at TAS A.WA. MacArthur

28. CHARLES REYNOLDS McDOUGALL (30.10.1895. - 16.8.1915)

From "Molleen" Wee Waa. His father was A.L. McDougall

At TAS a bit over a year from Oct. 1910 to 1911. Second Cricket XI, Choir, Private In Cadets, one of 2 Cadets who went to England with the Commonwealth Contingent of Cadets for the Coronation, 1911. An Old Boy met McDougall at the Crystal Palace, London, among the Australian cadets and wrote to the Armidalian "My hostess asked him to supper one night and I remember he impressed everyone, with his courtly and nice manners. My friends were especially struck by his manliness and frankness."

After leaving school he was overseer of "Borambil", Condobolin.

Enlisted at Wee Waa on the outbreak of War.

Served in the 2nd Battalion A.I.F., First Infantry Brigade. He left for Egypt as a Corporal and whilst in Egypt was offered a commission but the offer was refused as it would have meant staying out of line for some little time. As a Corporal he took part in the celebrated landing at Gaba Tepe, and though his Regiment was in the thick of fighting he remained unhurt until June 29 when he was wounded, and retired to hospital for about a week. At this he had advanced to the position of Sergeant, and on again reaching the scene of action, received his commission as a Captain and was again wounded on August 6th.

Died of pneumonia at Gallipoli 10 days later aged 19

Buried Europe 1 Pieta Military Cemetery.

29. ERIC JAMES MACGREGOR (19.12.1891 - 20.9.1917)

From Boggabri. His father was Duncan MacGregor.

At TAS 1 ½ years from Feb. 1908 to June 1909

Enlisted at Boggabri on 21.6.1916

Served in the 18th Battalion AIF as a Private in the Lewis Gun Section.

Killed He was in the Battle of Polygon Wood when he was killed aged 25.
Obituary: "A shell burst among the crew of the gun, killing him and two others. His Officer said he was an Australian Soldier of the best type, and died right at his post of duties. He had the fullest trust and confidence in him, and was well liked and respected by the N.C.Os, and men of the platoon."

Buried 29 Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial Belgium.

30. ERIC FORBES MARSLAND (17.7.1890 - ?.10.1916)
From Charters Towers, Qld. His father John Marsland was a Solicitor.

At TAS 2 ½ years from Feb. 1905 to June 1907. Colours in Football and Cricket. Private in Cadets.

Served in the First Anzac Cyclist Brigade A.I.F. as a Lieut. and attached to the 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Served in the 19th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieut. into the 6th Battalion, the Royal Fusiliers 4.8.1916. He was killed in action.

Died - He was reported missing after the battle of Ancre in France, aged 26.
Memorial: He is commemorated on Faces 8c, 9a and 16a of the Theipval Memorial in France.

Obituary: "He had been in the trenches for nearly a year, and had won high praise for his conduct and services from his Commanding Officer. He was last seen leading his men in one of those gallant charges, which, while so costly when measured by the value of the lives laid down, have made our name so honoured in the world arms, and which we believe will yet bring the ultimate victory to our side."

Brothers: His 2 brothers J.W. Marsland and George Marsland were both at TAS and both served in the War.

31. PAUL MAXWELL MARTYN (11.6.1892 – 10.5.1918)
Called Max.

From Faulkner Street, Armidale. His-father John Griffin Martyn was a Surveyor.

At TAS 7 ½ years from Feb. 1903 to June 1910. Senior Day Boy Prefect. Captain 1st Football XV, 1st Cricket XI. Colour Sergeant in Cadets. "Though perhaps not brilliant in school work was a splendid type of Australian boy. In the field of sport he showed to great advantage, he was a brilliant wing three-quarter, and nothing suited his taste more than a good, hard competition match."

After leaving school he went out to Mrs Wright's Wongwibinda Station to gain some knowledge of pastoral life, and later was in charge of the shearing shed at “Thalgarrah”. From there he went to be an under-manager at Ramornie Meat Works, where he showed special qualities for the command and control of men. Having a natural bent for engineering, he turned his attention to mechanical engineering and at time of enlistment he was in the employ of a Sheep Shearing Company."

Enlisted at Armidale 24.8.1914 and embarked with the first Expeditionary Force that sailed from Sydney in October, 1914.

Served as a Driver in the Divisional Ammunition Column, 1st Australian Pioneers. Subsequently he service at Gallipoli with the Engineers, to which Unit he was transferred whilst in Egypt. On the reorganisation of the Australian Forces after the evacuation of Gallipoli he was attached to the First Pioneer Battalion A.I.F. and with it proceeded to
France where he shortly after got his commission as 2nd Lieut. He received the Military Cross at Pozieres in 1916 and a Bar for it at Ypres in Sept. 1917 and he received another Bar for it after that. The citation for his MC reads "For conspicuous gallantry when in charge of a pioneer party clearing and consolidating a trench. When the enemy counter attacked he collected his party and repelled the attack under very difficult circumstances." In June/July 1916 at Pozieres he killed 5 Germans with a shovel. His father wrote to the Armidalian "It was the fact of his keeping his nerve and holding the position, which was an important one until reinforcements, in the shape of some British Infantry, arrived and drove back the Germans, which gained him the M.C. In a letter I received from him he says: "I don't know how it got about that I had nerves; I have had no more than if I stayed at home". In December he went to hospital suffering from muscular rheumatism.

**Killed** - C.E.W. Bean records that he died of illness (Vol. 3 p. 565). The Australian War Memorial records he died of disease. He was aged 25.

**Buried** Surrey I. Brookwood Military Cemetery.

**Obituary** "Possessing an abundant stock of dry humour, and being of a pleasant disposition, which made him popular with all ranks, he withal had those qualities which make men leaders, a calmness of manner and undoubted confidence in himself, that stood him in good stead on many an occasion, and won for him the respect of his Brother Officers the admiration of his men, and with the passing of Max Martyn at Wandsworth Hospital the First Pioneer Battalion lost a leader and a friend, and the Australian Imperial Forces a bright and fearless Officer of the type what can ill be spared. His brother Lieut. Col. Athel Martyn, is one of our Old Boys who has very greatly distinguished himself in the War. His father Mr J.G. Martyn, and his sisters who live in Armidale, are very close and interested friends of the School".

**Brother** - His older brother Lieut.-Col. A.M. Martyn was one of the first boys at TAS in 1894 and after getting Second Class Honours in a Bachelor of Engineering Degree served in the War and was awarded the C.H.G., DSO. and Croix de Guerre. AM Martyn was Captain of the School in 1899.

**32. CLYDE FAIRBANKS MAXWELL** (11.4,1892 — 1.7.1916)

**Called** Yank.

**From** Brisbane. His father Walter Maxwell was from U.S.A.


**After leaving school** he went to U.S.A. where he was living when the War broke out. (Being of American parentage he was a citizen of U.S.A.) (Attended Harvard University Clyde Fairbanks Maxwell, Class of 1914; Died: 3 July 1916 Photo number 223 Box 4) "He was at that time climbing the ladder of success, and left a very lucrative position In order to show his gratitude for the country which had protected and defended him since babyhood. This was in accord with the knowledge I had of his character. He was a boy, and a man, who, entirely forgetting self, thought only of justice, duty and his conscience. It was nothing to him that he should be just at the beginning of his career, with all the possibilities of life before him; it was nothing to him that he should be a citizen of none of the belligerent countries all he thought of was that he was reared, educated and enjoyed liberty and protection under Britain's flag until he became a man, and when Britain was in trouble he offered his help". (Armidalian - Obituary by the Headmaster Rev T.K. Abbott).

**Served** in the 9th Essex Regiment as First Lieut.
Died - Died — Killed in action on 3.7.1916. The circumstances of his death are recorded in the Armidalian April 1917. “His regiment went over the parapet 1100 strong, and that night 98 answered the roll call. Of his company only 20 were left, all ranks. He was wounded early in the engagement, and had he given up and been cared for might have been living to-day but he fought on, taking prisoners and organising bombing for more than three hours At last he was seen to be so weak from loss of blood that he could no longer speak, and kept constantly falling down. He picked himself up each time and still tried to lead, and then even to follow his men. The regiment had to go on and they were finally forced to leave him alone, to die. He had a deep wound near the temple and was rapidly bleeding to death. The body was never found and it is thought that when he could no longer rise, he crawled into a dug-out, which was afterwards blown in by a shell. The trench in which they left him was completely wrecked." He was aged 24.

Memorial: Commemorated on Face 10C of the Theipval Memorial in France. The foundation stone for the Clyde F. Maxwell Memorial Library reads: "A.M.D.G In Memory of Lieut. Clyde Fairbanks Maxwell Formerly a Pupil of The Armidale School who fell in France July 1916 This Stone was laid by His Excellency Sir Walter Davidson K.C.M.G Sunday October 22 1922". On 29th May 1923, Bishop Wentworth-Shields, Bishop of Armidale, opened the Clyde F. Maxwell Memorial Library in his memory. It was later used as Tyrrell House Common Room. It was made possible by his sister Lady McMillan and by his brother Colonel Marcuswell Maxwell of Nairobi British East Africa who donated two thousand pounds. It was designed by R.N. Hickson an Armidale Architect. A plaque over the fireplace reads "To the Glory of God, and in lasting of Lieut. Clyde Fairbanks Maxwell 9th Batt. Essex Regt. An Old Boy of this School, who was killed at La Boiselle in France, on the 1st July, 1916, during a voluntary attempt to take ammunition to an isolated detachment of his Battalion although previously twice wounded. This Library is erected."

They carry back bright to the Coiner
The mintage of man
The lads that will never die in their glory
And never be old". (These lines are by A.E. Housman 1859 - 1936)

Brother was at TAS for 5 years from 1903. He was Captain of the School in 1907 and Senior Prefect, and in the 1st Cricket XI. He became a big game photographer. "The Times" published 2 volumes of his photos. There is a lengthy description in June 1932 Armidalian about his encounter with a gorilla In the Belgian Congo (now Zaire).

33. MAURICE WILLIAM PEARSE (13.9.1895 - 16.8.1918)

From Burwood in Sydney. His father was Albert W. Pearse.

At TAS a bit over 3 years from February 1910 to Easter 1913. Member of First Football XV and First Cricket XI. On the Cricket Committee. Choir and Dramatic club.

Enlisted in Sydney 6.6.1915.

Served in 53rd Battalion A. I. F. and became a Quarter Master Sergeant. He sailed from Australia as a Private in the Infantry in June 1915. He served at Gallipoli. He was ill on the island of Lemnos and was stationed on the Nile Delta. Then he went to France and was wounded at Pozieres in 1916. He rejoined his Battalion.

Killed: aged 22. The circumstances of his death are recorded in the Armidalian "He had that morning come out of a hard stunt (sic) in the attack of Morlancourt, in he was untouched. Twenty of his battalion, 53rd had just returned from a battle, to the village
where they were resting, when a shell fell right among the party, killing 4 and wounding 11. His friend, Corp. Evans, writes that 'Pearse received a small wound in the back. He walked away unaided, and when he reached his billet he called twice a stretcher bearer and immediately fell dead’. He had that day been recommended for a commission."

**Buried** France 526 Heath Cemetery Harbonnieres

**Brothers** - He had 2 brothers who went to TAS. One was Lieut. E.W. Pearse who was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palms at the Battle of Le Sars.

34. **CHARLES WILLOUGHBY LEE PULLING** (14.8.1891 - 7.8.1915)

**Called** Lee

**From** Bowral. He went to Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore) and then to St. Paul’s College, Sydney University 1911 to 1913 and, graduated B.A. in 1914.

His father J. Lee Pulling taught at Shore for 36 years. J. Lee Pulling was in charge of Shore Cadets in 1908 and was Acting Headmaster in 1938, the year he retired. J. Lee Pulling's father was Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge and later Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University. *(Shore* by Geoffrey Sherington 1983).

**At TAS** as Classics Master from Easter 1914 to Dec. 1914. His salary of 200 pounds included 25 pounds Cadet allowance. As well-as taking Cadets he played football in the First XV "with the zest of a boy" and supervised athletics. He was absent 5 weeks from 21.9. 1914 on Garrison duty with the Citizen Forces.

**Enlisted** in December, 1914 and sailed March, 1915.

**Served** in the 13th Battalion A.I.F - as a Lieut. He landed at Gallipoli on 29.5.1915 and a few hours later, according to C.E.W. Bean "set a fine example of active leadership and self-careless devotion to duty by jumping into the first line beyond the bomb-proof shelter and leading the party to recover trenches which had been taken by the Turks."

For this he was commended in Corps orders. He was mentioned in Despatches. From June until he was killed he served Platoon Commander.

**Killed** in action at Arghyl Dere aged 23, 7 days short of 24. C.E.W. Bean (Vol. 2 p652) tells how he was killed. He was trying to dig in around-the head of Australia Valley near Anzac Cove. The Turkish Field-guns found the position and opened upon it with shrapnel. The night before he had marched to join the British troops landing at Suvla Bay.

**Buried** 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery, Anzac

**Obituary.** On 22.8.1915 a memorial service was held for him in the School Chapel. The boys attended in uniform because Pulling had been in charge of School Cadets. The Headmaster Rev F.T. Perkins referred to him "as one who, in everything he undertook was most keen and unsparing of himself that he might do what he had undertaken a he knew how. Enthusiastic in every department of School life, all his activity and ideas were inspired by very high ideals it was impossible for him ever to act otherwise than most loyally, most strictly where it was necessary, with a true conception that a Master has much to do with the shaping of a boy's character and habits. No career which he could have made for himself had he been spared, could be greater in fruitfulness than the splendour of his example to count his life but a small thing, if to lay it down would help others to live or to die." At the conclusion of the service Mr. Jennings (Chapel organist) played the Dead March, after which bugler Onslow sounded the Last Post. The service was very impressive throughout."
Memorial - His name is on the Sydney University Honour roll on the southern side of the archway of the Great Tower.

35 HENRY DOUGLAS EYRE RALFE (29.5.1890 — 6.5.1918)


At TAS a little over 3 years from Oct. 1905 to Dec. 1908. Vice-Captain of First Cricket XI and Colours for 2 Shooting team; Corporal in Cadets.

After leaving school he entered the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery in 1911 and became a Captain. At the outbreak of war he was at Queenscliff, Victoria.

Served in the Australian Flying Corps No. 3 Squadron as a Flight Commander. He was awarded the Royal Flying Cross. He volunteered when War broke out but went first to the flying School at Werribee where he took his "Wings". After the destruction of Von Spee's Squadron, it was decided to send the First Siege Train to France and he was chosen as one of the officers to go and he served with them through the Battle of Somme. He went to England and won his "wings" again. From then up to the time of his death he was either instructing aviators in England or flying in France.

Killed in the air in France aged 27. F.N. Cutlack in the Official History of Australia in the War (Vol. 8 p.264) records how he was killed. He was "on Patrol at dawn on May 6th" with an observer when "they were attacked by five German machines over the Morlancourt Ridge and were shot down in flames". There were 4 bullet wounds in his body when it was recovered. His machine, fortunately, crashed down on ground that had been won the previous night by his own countrymen. His body and that of his observer Lieut. Buckland, who was with him, were buried in a cemetery with full Military Honours. He was borne to the grave by 6 of his brother pilots in the presence of the whole squadron, and many others whom distance and duty did not prevent from attending. Capt. Ralfe was a most popular Officer and the London Times says, 'He is described as the best loved man in the Corps,' One of his brother Officers wrote "he was loved by everyone who knew him, and I have never heard so many expressions of regret as I have at his loss. He was a splendid pilot, brave, capable and thorough and had endeared himself to all his comrades." Another wrote "he was a Soldier - a real Soldier and he went out as a real Soldier always asks to go out - with his face to the enemy and in the thick of a hot fight against big odds."

Buried English Military Cemetery Vignacourt, France.

Memorial - A brass plaque in his memory on the western wall of the Chapel was donated by his mother. It states he was killed in the air while fighting four German triplanes.

36. HUBERT WYATT RAY RAWSON (11.9.1887 - 15.11.1916)

Called Wyatt.

From Sydney. His father was Admiral Sir Harry H. Rawson, K.C.B. Governor of NSW, who donated a Cup for Inter-college sport at Sydney University, and for inter-school shooting.


After leaving school he went to St. Paul's College, Sydney University and studied Arts and Engineering, he did not graduate from Sydney University. In 1909 he started Science at
Manchester. The Armidalian noted "We soon hope to hear of him as a fully qualified analyst."

**Served** as a Captain with the 3rd battalion, Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in the British Expeditionary Forces. He was also attached to the 2nd Battalion. He served first with Malay States and Singapore Volunteer Rifles until he enlisted in Singapore early in 1915 and returned to England. He was commissioned on 10.5.1915 and promoted to Captain on 6.11.1915 9 days before he was killed action. 15.11.1916.

**Killed** in action at Beaumont-Hamel aged 29. The bombardment in which he was killed was especially heavy, and only 4 of his brother Officers game out alive.

**Buried** in Row 18 Munich Trench British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel.

**Memorial:** Admiral Sir Harry Rawson presented the Rawson Challenge Cup for the best all round boy. It was first awarded in 1903 and has been awarded ever since. L.R.H. Higinbotham won it in 1906, O.W. Tooth in 1907 and F.R. Forster in 1909. Rawson's name is on the Sydney University Honour Roll on the southern side of the archway of the Great Tower.

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**37. LESLIE GEORGE KING ROSS** (11.10.1897 - 9.11.1918)

**Called** Leslie

**From** Glen Innes but born in Tamworth. He was a step-son of Lieut.-Col P.P. Abbott, C.M.G. and second son of Elizabeth N. Abbott.

**At TAS** a bit over one year from Feb. 1912 to March 1913. Enlisted in Glen Innes in July 1916 and sailed to England with Reinforcements for the 29th Infantry battalion on 3rd 1916.

**Served** in 33rd Battalion A.I.F. as Lieut. He was stationed at Hurdcott Camp, Salisbury Plains and there gained his commission. He crossed to France in October, 1917 with the 33rd Battalion.

**Killed** — He to the 4th Stationary Hospital at Arques, France on 6th November suffering from pneumonia and died from it 3 days later aged 21.

**Memorial:** His name is on the Gates in Anzac Park, Glen Innes.

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**38. BEAUMONT RUNDLE** (14.4.1886 - 15.4.1917)

**From** Glebe Point, Sydney. His father was George Edward Rundle.

**At TAS** a bit over one year from July 1901 to Sept. 1903. First Football XV and Colours. Set broad jump record of 21 feet in 1902 which “held good for some years”.

**After leaving school** he wrote to the Armidalian "with affection for his old School" from Foxlow, Bungendore.

**Served in:** The Armidalian Sept.1917 asserts that he served in the South African War where his brother was killed, but this can not be true. He was still at School during the South African War. He served with the 4th Division Ammunition Column, Australian Field Artillery as Lieut. When War broke out he was In England and enlisted as a Private in the Imperial Remount Unit. He later received a commission and joined the Australian Field Artillery.

**Killed** in France aged 31 and one day. He died of wounds. He left a widow living at "Kenwood", Sheffield, England.
Memorial — A memorial service was held for him in the Chapel on 26.4.1917.


Called Kit.

From Armidale. His father was James St. Clair.

At TAS a little under a year from Feb. to Sept. 1896. In the 150 yards handicap for boys between 15 and 16 he came second to C.C. Danger “A very good race; St. Clair came up well at the finish and almost caught Dangar”.

After leaving school he worked at Yetman.

Served in the 14th Field Artillery Brigade as a Gunner.

Brother - H. St. Clair who worked on "Europambela" near Walcha.

40. THOMAS NOEL HEATH STRETCH (13.3.1892 - ? 1918)

Called Noel and "Stringy".

From Newcastle. His father John Francis Stretch was Church of England Bishop from 25.6.1906 until his death on 19.4.1919. He was "grievously saddened, by the loss of a cherished son in the war" (A History of the Diocese of Newcastle by A.P. Elkin 1955 p.666)

At TAS 4½ years from Feb. 1907 to June 1911.

Served in the I.A.C., British Army as Lieut., He was "awarded the Military Cross for conspicuously gallant leadership and skilful handling of his Section of machine guns in the operations in the Ypres Salient on 31.7.1917. He successfully brought his 4 guns with the assaulting infantry up to the second objective, and when there found that the right flank of the brigade was exposed to attack from a party of-the enemy still in Pommern Redoubt. He pushed two of his guns well forward on the flanks of the brigade, and was thereby enabled to bring covering machine-gun fire to bear while the rest of the brigade was advancing to take the final objective, he took two prisoners with the assistance of one of his gun teams, and then obtained an Infantry bombing party to clear the trench of the remainder of the enemy. He was awarded a Bar to the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 20th to 22nd September 1917, east of Ypres. He advanced with 3 machine guns to the first objective, and got them into position. He then returned to the advanced company's headquarters, and, despite heavy shelling, did splendid work in keeping up communication. On hearing that one the Officers of the forward sections had casualties, he supervised the working of those Sections in addition to his own. His cheerful and courageous example greatly inspired his men".

Killed in France aged about 26. He died of wounds.

Buried in Plot 3 Row B Grave 21 of the Peronna Road Cemetery, Maricourt. France

Brother - His twin brother K.R.N Stretch was at TAS at the same time and was Senior Prefect in 1911 and he also served in the War. He was a Surveyor and Engineer at Kempsey and later lived at Crescent Head.
41. WALTER LIND TAYLOR (1.1.1893 - 26.6.1917)

Called Walter

From 'Terrible Vale', Kentucky, via Uralla. His father was Frederick George Taylor

At TAS 4 years from Feb. 1907 to Dec. 1910. Prefect. Captain of First Football XV and Colours 2 years. Vice-Captain First Cricket XI and Colours. Athletics Committee. School Club Committee. Colour Sergeant In the Cadets. "His tennis, too, was a long way above the average, and he was one of the "Terrible Vale" quartet that made such a reputation In Sydney in Country Tennis Week a few years ago" (Armidalian Obituary).

After leaving school he worked at “Terrible Vale” and played cricket and football for Old Boys at Old Boys' Reunions.

Served in the 33rd Battalion A.I.F. as a Sergeant.

Killed In France aged 24. The circumstances of his death were recorded in a letter from Lieut. Col. Morshead, O.C. of the 33rd Battalion to his father F.G. Taylor "He was asleep in his dugout when a shell came through it and burst. He was killed by the concussion while asleep. His body was not marked. I can speak only in the highest terms of your son's excellent and honourable record with this Battalion. He was one in whom the utmost reliance and completest confidence were always placed. He was only recently recommended by his commander for a commission, and I had hoped to promote him very shortly. In the trenches he distinguished himself by his coolness and courage. His men had implicit faith in his judgment and I deeply deplore the loss of so valuable a young man. His death is deeply mourned by the whole Battalion". The Armidalian notes that “letters to the same effect had been received from Sergeant Dick Blomfield and Capt. Craigie."

Memorial - His name is on the fountain in Armidale Central Park and in the Armidale Memorial Library. The Taylor Memorial Challenge Cup was presented by his brothers in 1919 to be held yearly by the Tennis Champion and it is still awarded.

Obituary - "A more modest and delightful personality would be hard to find, and the School will always greatly treasure his memory. He will be much missed from the District in which he lived, and of the sorrow his death has brought to his parents we do not venture to speak."

Brothers - he had 3 brothers who went to TAS: Frederick Lind Taylor, Charles William Lind Taylor (Carl). Carl captained the New England Cricket Representative side for 6 years from 1928 to 1934. He served as a Lance-Corp. in the Lewis Machine Gun Section of the 20th Battalion and was wounded on 19.9.1916 in the hip and stomach by a rifle grenade when near Hill 60 in the Ypres Salient. He was demobilized 9.5.1917 and returned to being a Grazier. He died on 16.9.1976 aged 87. He is fondly remembered for his cricket coaching at TAS for many years. George Lind Taylor served as Second Lieut. in 33rd Battalion A.I.F. He served at and was wounded on 17.10.1917 at Passchendaele. He was mentioned in despatches 7.11.1917 and demobilized returned to being a Grazier.

42. LOUIS NICHOLAS LINDSAY TINDAL (16.4.1895 – 27.5.1918)

Called Nicholas

From "Bona Vista", Armidale. He was born at "Ramornie". He was educated at Mr Crowther's School at Dungog and at Southport School before coming to TAS.

His father was C.F. Tindal of “Ramornie” Clarence River, NSW. C.F. Tindal's father was C.G Tindal of Eversley, Hampshire, England.
At TAS 2 years from Flay 1911 to June 1913. 2nd Football XV, 2nd Cricket XI, Passed Junior exam, Private in Cadets.

After leaving school he worked in his father's London office. At the outbreak of War he came back immediately and tried unsuccessfully to enlist in the Light Horse in Sydney. Served in the 2nd Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment as Lieut. and later acting Captain. He held the positions of Intelligence Officer and Assistant Adjutant in his Battalion and acted once for as Brigade Intelligence Officer when that Officer was wounded. He was awarded the Military Cross in July 1917 for conspicuous gallantry and was wounded in March 1918. His citation reads "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter attack. His Company Commander had become a casualty, and the Unit on his left was forced to withdraw, but handling the Company with great dash and gallantry, he threw back a defensive flank, and held up and repulsed the enemy by the promptness and skill which he brought his fire to bear upon them. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example to his men."

Killed in action 27.5.1918 at Bois des Buttes in France aged 23.

Obituary “He was rather quiet and reserved but full of quiet fun, very unselfish and very determined”.

Memorial - He is commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, France. His name is on the fountain in Armidale Central Park and in Armidale Memorial Library. It is also on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Parish Church at Eversley. (J.S. Ryan Article in Vol. 19 Armidale and District Historical Society Journal 1976 p.63).

Brother - His brother Arthur Tindal was captain of the School in 1915 and served in the War. So did another brother Lieut. C. Tindal who was not at TAS.

43. OWEN WILLIAM TOOTH (7.1.1890 -3.12.1917)

From Sydney. His father was Arthur W. Tooth.

At TAS nearly 3 years from July 1903 to 1907. Prefect. 1st Football XV and Colours, Captain 1st Cricket XI and Colours, 1st Tennis IV, Shooting Team, Armidalian Committee, Choir, Winner of Rawson Cup.

After leaving school he went to Wagga Agricultural College until May 1909 and then to "Abington" for experience until December 1910. Then he purchased a small grazing property in the district called "Gwydir

Served in the 6th Australian Light Horse as Lieut. He served at Gallipoli and remained there for many months continuous service in the trenches. He was sent back to Egypt. Though unwounded he was suffering considerably from strain. His brother Neville was wounded in the eye by shrapnel and he returned to Australia. Owen wrote from Palestine "The tent I am writing in Y.M.C.A. - is within a mile of our front line, and has a piano in it. Lime juice In the day and cocoa at night is free for all. There is a concert tonight. We had some good games of football in the winter. Sometimes I got a game but it took me too long to get into trim; and the heavy sand didn't help matters. I was in hospital for a few days with Major Dangar, who has now rejoined his Regiment." He was in the Romani fight and just before that he wrote describing the difficulties and hardships of the reconnoitring "The heat was usually well over 100. One day it was 124; we had been going all night, and had hardly any water. Many of the fellows "went out" to it. The horses suffered severely."

Killed in action in Palestine aged 27 and buried same 300 yards from where he was killed. Lieut. E.W. Pearce wrote "At present I am doing a three weeks course in Intelligence Work at the seaside. The weather is gorgeous, so am thoroughly enjoying the change. Whilst
going for a ride a few days ago, I ran across a lonely grave and looking at the Inscription, saw it was Owen Tooth's. He was killed quite near us by a shell. What a fine fellow he was".

**Obituary** - Lieut. Stewart Menzies, an Old Boy in a letter from Egypt: "We shall all miss Owen; he was well liked and, apart from his regimental duties, he was a keen sportsman, and did a lot of good organising and in helping the men in their leisure time."

**Memorial** — His name is on the fountain in Armidale Central Park and in the Armidale Library. Solomon Wiseman, TAS Chaplain, gave a gold chalice and paten to TAS Chapel in memory of Owen Tooth and Fred Forster.

**Brother** - His younger brother Arthur Tooth was also at TAS and also served at Gallipoli. He was a 'Lance-Corp. with the 17th Battalion and was wounded at Quinn's Post and was demobilized 26.7.1916 and went to Walgett a Grazier.

44. **JOHN WILLIS** - (21.3.1886 - ?.1916)

**From** Sydney. His father was William Charles Willis

**At TAS** one year from Feb 1903 to Dec. 1903. Football and Cricket Colours.

**Served** with the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers as a Private and in the Balkans from 25.9.1915 until he died at Gallipoli 13.12.1915.

**Killed** aged about 30. He died of wounds at Mudros Hospital on the Island of Lemnos

**Buried** in Plot 3 Row A Grave 267 of the Portianos Military Cemetery, West Mudros, Lemnos, Greece.

45. **HAROLD VIVIAN WOODFORD** (23.1.1893 - ? 1915)

**From** Armidale. His father was Charles Morris Woodford was Resident British Commissioner on the Solomon Islands.

**At TAS** a little over one year to from March 1904 to April 1905.

**After leaving school** he went to Hawkesbury Agricultural College from Jan to Dec. 1912.

**Served** with the 8th Berkshire Regiment in the British Army as Second Lieut.

**Killed** France aged about 22.

**Memorial:** He is commemorated on Panels 93 to 95 of the Loos Memorial in France. His name is on the Roll of Honour in the Hall at Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

46. **HAROLD ERASIMUS WREN** (about 15.12.1866 - 15.11.1916)

**Called** Hal. His father was W.W. Wren.

**From** "Tarranganda" and "Kanieruka" both near Bega.

**At TAS** for 3½ years from 1901 to Dec. 1904. Cricket and Tennis. At the "Lamb-singing" in 1901 he "recited a revised version of Jack and Jill with an awe-stricken countenance". He acted in the School farce in 1903.

**After leaving school** he went to Hawkesbury Agricultural College from July 1905 to December 1907. He received his Diploma in 1907. At Candelo Show he won a special prize for the best cattle judge under 25. At Bega Show his Jersey Bull, cows and heifers won prizes. On 1915 he wrote to the Principal of Hawkesbury "that he had thrown in his lot
with the Expeditionary Forces, to do his share in relieving the Empire of her perilous position. He is leaving the best farm on the South Coast to do this. He wrote for testimonials as to his efficiency in Vet. Science and ambulance work for although he was willing to tackle any job in the Forces, he considered that work in A.M.C. or Vet. Corps would be an additional education, also that there was more likelihood of working with old College mates or ex-students" (The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal Sept. 191b). In 1905 lie umpired a girls' cricket match. He managed his father's property at Bega.

**Served** In Second Battalion A.I.F. and First Field Artillery Second Battery as a Gunner. He wrote to the Armidalian on 2.9.1916 “Though I cannot name my position, it is one that some time or other belonged to the highest family of a ruined nation. The ruined homesteads surrounding us, with glorious gardens and parks battered to pieces, still present indicating what a glorious place this must have been. Though we are a lot closer to the front trenches, we lost no opportunity to hunt round these grounds, battered towns and chateaux. Today we got a few pieces of wallpaper off a once-noted residence, which I am enclosing as souvenirs. Yesterday two of us walked into a once-famous town that has borne its full, share of Hun brutality, and though an enormous place, has not one solitary sound house, which shows you how intense artillery fire can get. You can see where the whole of one wall in two and three storey houses has been removed, the floors and rooms all exposed to the Street. One magnificent Cathedral has been knocked all shapes. We went into one that still had the altar and scores of fine images left, but scores had their heads cut off for souvenirs.” He spent some time in Egypt before crossing over to France. "It was characteristic of the man that, although he was offered a commission if he transferred to another arm of the service, he preferred to stick to his old comrades and remain a Private."

**Killed** in France one month short of age 30. He was shot in the am while on observation duty and died of wounds in Number 6 General Hospital. There is handwritten on the back of his photo “wounded at Fleurs on 12th November. Died In hospital at Moulin 15th November, 1916”.

**Obituary** in the Armidalian taken from the Southern Star, Bega 25.11.1916 "In France he took part in all the great fighting the Australians have been in, and his descriptive letters of life at the Front, which appeared in the press, were greatly appreciated. Hal Wren was a young man admired and loved by everyone from those nearest and dearest to him to the men who worked for and with him. Comfortably placed, and with the brightest prospects in life, he might have led a life of ease, but early and late he was to be seen at work on his father's estate at "Tarraganda", the management of which he had for some years before enlisting. He was both an expert and practical farmer, having had several years experience at Hawkesbury College before settling down. He was 1oth to leave the farm, but the call of duty reached him, and he went forth to do his bit for the Empire. His death is a cruel blow to his parents and brothers and sisters to whom he fervently attached, a distinct loss to his district and country. In the field of sport, the late Hal Wren was also a popular and prominent patron. A cricketer he was a top-notch batsman, and was one of the mainstays for some seasons of the old Bega Club. He was a keen coursing enthusiast, and was also an active member of the Bega Tennis Club. No young man in his community was held in greater respect, for it can truly be said that was a model in all things, and, although we deeply mourn his death, a hero's death is a fitting and noble end to such a life."

Memorial - His name is in the Memorial Hall at Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

**Brother.** He had a brother A.C. Wren at TAS.
THE OLD BOYS WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1910

Listed in order of the year each left school and showing in brackets the number of years spent at TAS

1895  Concanon (1)
1896  St. Clair (1)
1897  Blomfield (2½)
1898  Lacy (1)
1899  Cory (¼ - left In June)
      Dangàr (4¼ - left in March)
      Harris (6)
1900  Anderson (7)
1901
1902
1903  Burdekin (5¼)
      Garland (6½ - left in June)
      Rundle (1¼ - left In September)
      Willis (1)
1904  Bone (4½)
      Chapman (1 - left in June)
      Wren (3½)
1905  Capel (2)
      Creer (3)
      Dalzell (5)
      Dibbs (¼ - left In April)
      Greenup (3¼)
      Rawson (1 ¼ left in March)
      Woodford (1 - left in April)
1906  Browning (3)
      Higinbotham (6)
1907  Barry (3)
      Doyle (3½)
      Marsland (2½ — left in June)
      Tooth (4 - left in March)
1908  Maxwell (7½ - left in June)
      Ralfe (3¼)
1909  Forster (7)
      MacGregor (1¼ - left In June)
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