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Puchevillers British Cemetery
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Percy William Beale was born in 1888, the third of five children born to John and Emily Beale of Tumut. His siblings were Raymond C b.1885, Murial E b.1886, Leslie B b.1889 and Dorris b.1991.

Percy was 16 years old when he enrolled at Hawkesbury in the Diploma course in 1904. In 1905, Percy sang (and encored) at the College concert.
He then undertook Special courses on the Farm and the Dairy and left in January 1906.

Percy was an Engine Driver when he enlisted 8 July 1915 in the 15th battalion, 12th Reinforcement. Beale embarked from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A23 Suffolk on 30 November 1915.

Percy transferred to the 47th Battalion while at Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt, in March 1916, and disembarked at Marseille, France, in early June.

It was near Pozières on 31 August that he received a shrapnel wound from which he later died at the 3rd Casualty Clearing Station on 5 September 1916. He was

buried at Puchevillers British Cemetery, Puchevillers, Picardie, France. He was 27 years old.

A fellow 1906 student wrote to Mr Musson, a College lecturer, in 1917, "Paddy was always called upon to lead off with a song when we were entertaining footballers &c., in the Gym., and what student of 1905 doesn't remember Paddy's song "Here We Are Again" (HAC Journal Jul 1917).