

SHAW, John William



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John William Shaw was born at Mudgee, NSW in 1891, the middle of three children born to William and Sarah Shaw.

Known as 'Jack', Shaw was 16 when he started as a student at HAC. He obtained the full Diploma in Agriculture and the Burdekin Medal in 1909. Jack then went into the Dairy School, gaining the full Dairy Certificate and first prize for best butter maker in 1910.

Jack went on to work for the Department of Agriculture, working at the Cowra Experiment Farm, along with fellow HAC Old Boy, Fred Ditzell. Jack then became Experimentalist at Bathurst.

Jack was an Inspector of Agriculture by the time he enlisted on 8 October 1916 as a Driver in the Divisional Ammunition Column 5, Reinforcement 9.

Embarking from Sydney, NSW on board RMS Orontes on 19 December 1916, Jack served in France with the 36th Australian Heavy Artillery Group.

Killed in Action during the Battle of Passchendaele on 4 October, 1917, aged 26, Jack is buried at Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium.

The College Journal reported, "Jack was a very popular and able student and he carried these qualities with him into official life, where the news of his death will meet with a universal sense of regret and loss" (HAC Journal (Vol.15, No.2) February 1918 p.24).