

SHORTER, Claude Lyndon



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Claude Lyndon Shorter was born in Sydney and entered HAC aged 18 in January 1901. He undertook the Diploma (which was then two years duration), completing it in December 1902 and was awarded a Special Prize in Veterinary Science. He then continued his studies on the dairy and received the Dairy Certificate in July 1903. In 1904 he was buttermaking at the Tumut Butter Factory in the southern highlands of NSW, after which he held the position of Assistant Dairy Instructor at Roseworthy College, north of Adelaide, South Australia. During his time there he prepared their Ayrshire cattle for the local show at which they gained three prizes. When he enlisted in late May 1915 he stated his occupation as Commercial Traveller. He served on Gallipoli during November and December 1915. During February-March 1916 he was rapidly promoted to Lance Corporal, then Sergeant, then Second Lieutenant, and went to France as an officer with the 2nd Battalion at the end of March. He took ten days leave in the UK, then attended the Bayonet Fighting School in June. A month later on July 23 he received abdominal gunshot wounds during the Battle of the Somme from which he died the next day. He lies today in the Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension northeast of Amiens, France.