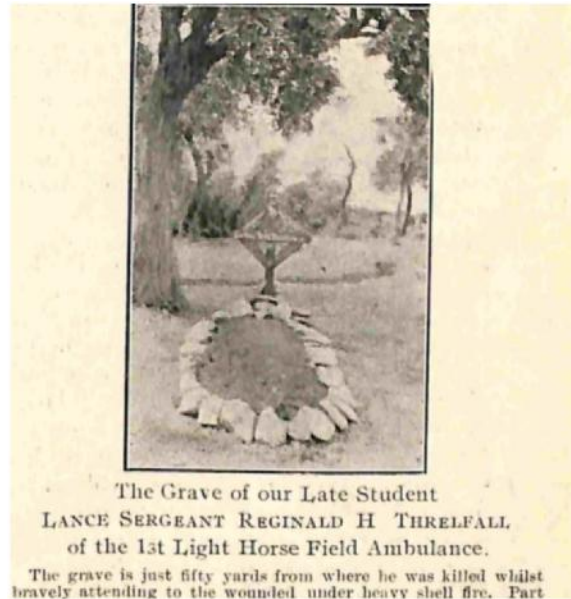


THRELFALL, Reginald Hope



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There is conflicting information about Threlfall's age. When he enrolled at HAC 23 January 1912 to study for his Diploma his age is recorded as 16, yet his Service Record states that when he enlisted on 24 August 1914 he was 20. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records his age at his death on 8 August 1915 as 19 years (which matches his HAC enrolment age). Threlfall was born in London, had been a Cambridge University Junior and at the end of their 1912 year, along with fellow students Harold B Wanliss and DIO Macauley, spent five weeks walking to Melbourne from the campus in Richmond. He was still a HAC student when he enlisted with the rank of Lance-Sergeant, along with several other HAC students and men in the 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance Brigade (1st LHFA) under Major William M Helsham, the then College medical officer. Like the rest of his unit they were engaged in attending to the sick and wounded mainly on hospital ships evacuating men from the Gallipoli Peninsula for treatment. It wasn't until the 6th of August that the 1st LHFA established a dressing station on the Gallipoli Peninsula at Chailak Dere and almost immediately, several of them were wounded and killed. Threlfall was assisting wounded during an artillery attack on the 8th of August when he was struck in the head and killed instantly. He lies today in the Embarkation Pier Cemetery, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.