

CONCANON, George Lewis Blake



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George was born in Brisbane, Queensland, February 1881 and attended HAC for little more than the month of January 1904. He had been a scholar at King's College, Cambridge and spoke both German and French. Aged 33, he was one of the older HAC men when he joined the AIF in August 1914. He had been a member of militia units, including the 19th Infantry (Kuring-gai) when it was formed in 1913 and commanded their Hornsby Company until the time of his enlistment in the AIF. Serving as Captain in the 2nd Battalion he was killed on 27th April 1915 at Gallipoli and was later Mentioned in Despatches for his Conspicuous Gallantry. He left a widow, Evelyn and a daughter, Patricia. He has no known grave but is commemorated on Panel 16 of the Lone Pine Memorial (along with fellow 2nd Btn member John Elliot), Turkey. His cousin, Godfrey Jenkins was a fellow HAC student who also served in WWI. George's surname is misspelt frequently as Concannon, including at the National Archives of Australia, on the honour roll of the Soldier's Memorial Hall HAC, and even his HAC student card.