Ernest Baring was born at Bideford, Devon, England on 16 June 1889, the son of a Clergyman. He attended Norwich Grammar School, Norfolk, England and enrolled in HAC in 1908. Ernest completed the Diploma course and received a Burdekin Medal and the prize for 2nd Best Practical Student in 1909.

Baring was appointed as Experimentalist at Wollongbar Experimental Farm in 1910, and then to Cowra Experimental Farm in 1913.

Ernest enlisted on 22 January 1916 in the 56th Battalion and embarked from Sydney, on board HMAT A40 Ceramic on 14 April 1916.

Ernest wrote to the College on 3 June 1916, ‘I am now in Egypt with the 56th Battalion. Almost the first man I ran across was my brother Charles (HDA 1912). We are both corporals and hope to be in the firing line soon’ (AI-46370 HAC Journal Aug 1916 p.110).

Ernest Baring was one of five brothers to serve with Australian or British forces. He was Killed in Action 2 April 1917 at Lagnicourt, France, aged 27 years old. His brothers Reginald Arthur Baring, Charles Alexander Baring and Cecil Christopher Baring also died in the war.

Ernest is buried at the Vaulx Hill Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.