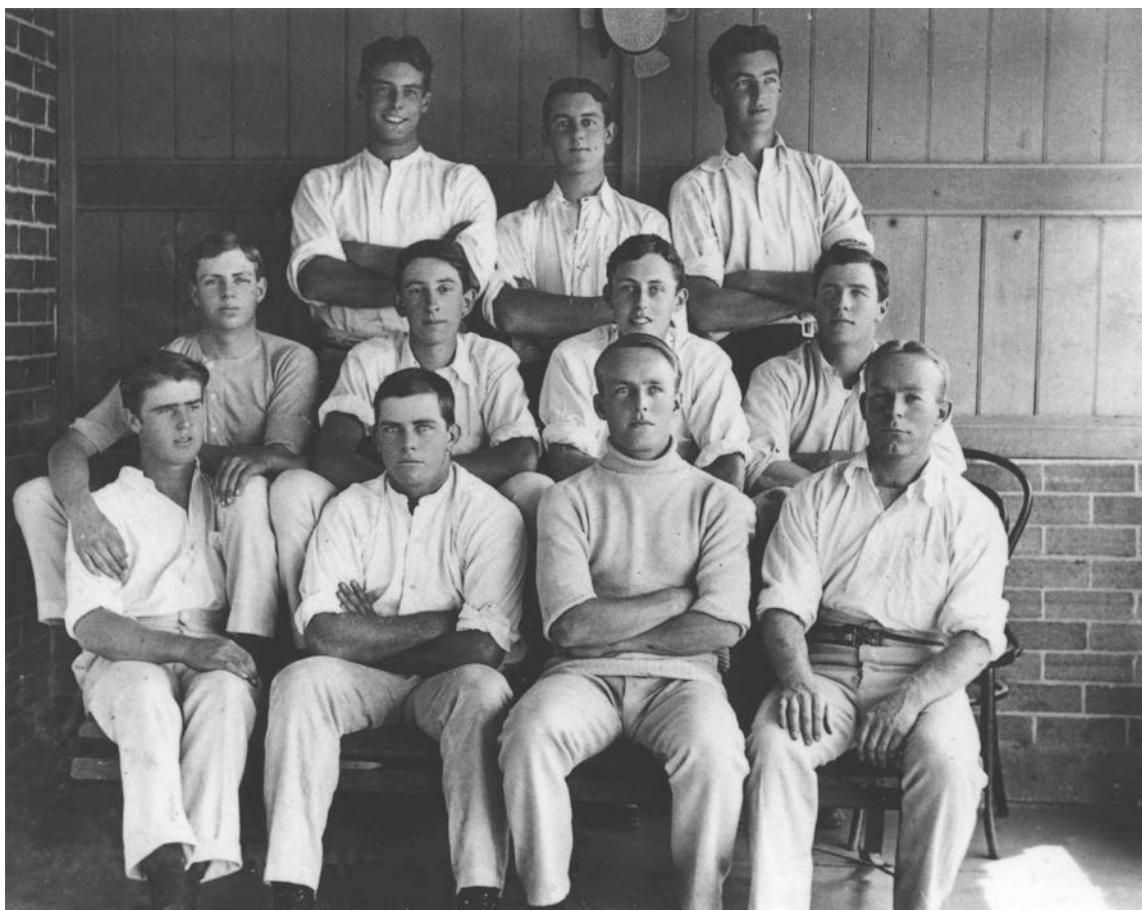


SMITH, Ferrier Eyre



First Year Class, 1908 [Hawkesbury Agricultural College (HAC)]

Back row (L to R): Wilmot, Henry, Maxwell.

Middle row (L to R): Clifton, Capper, **F.E. Smith**, Cordingley.

Front row (L to R): Emery, O'Keeffe, S.B. Hookins, S.S. Hookins.

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Second Fifteen Rugby Team 1908

Back Row—Middleton. Love, Trotter, Wilmot, **F. E. Smith**, Capper, Houston.

Middle Row—Bruce, J. McMillan, Macfarlane, Boyce (Capt.), Carrie, Edge.

Front Row—Farquhar, Stevenson, Brett, Buchan.

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Ferrier Eyre Smith was born in Adelaide, South Australia in 1889 to parents Edward and Rhoda Harriet. The family moved to Victoria where Edward was a Banker at Hawthorne. Ferrier attended Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, Victoria, and was 18 years old when he entered HAC in July 1907.

Ferrier completed the Full Diploma Course in 1909, coming 4th in the class in 1907, then 3rd in the class in 1908 and again in 1909.

Ferrier won a five guinea (a guinea was 1 pound and 1 shilling. The basic wage in 1907, was 2 pound 2 shillings a week, so the prize was more than an average fortnight's wage) prize in the Special Prize Essay competition for 'How to make cheese and cure bacon' in 1907.

Ferrier gained the Ambulance Class certificate in 1907, competed in athletics in 1907 and 1909-1910, played in the 'Lectures' Rugby team in 1908 (an annual match played between Diploma and Special/Short Course students), was part of the Second Fifteen Rugby Team in 1908, and was a member of the Rifle Club in 1909.

Graduating with a Diploma, Burdekin medal and third aggregate prize in April 1910, Ferrier then completed the Full Dairy Certificate, and won the NSW Department of Agriculture Prize for Best Cheese Maker in 1910.

Ferrier served as a Lieutenant in the Cadet Corps (Marksmen's Badges, New South Wales), and passed Matriculation at Melbourne University prior to enlisting on 4 October 1916 with the 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Embarking from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A11 *Ascanius* on 11 May 1917, Ferrier went first to England, then on to France. Promoted to Gunner in September 1917, Ferrier Died of wounds on 15 October 1917, in Belgium, aged 28. He is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Ferrier's brothers: Trevor Torrens, served as a Gunner with the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, returning to Australia, 24 January 1918; and Julian Isle, served with the Australian Flying Corps, returning to Australia, 6 August 1919.