

BOOTLE, Francis William Courtney



DAIRY CLASS, JANUARY-JUNE, 1909.

Back Row: Students Tollemache, Warden, Colwell, Bootle, Kelsey. H. Rogers, Cowan, Mr. W. Thompson (Engineer), Desbois, McDiarmid. *Middle Row:* F. Wilkinson, Lukins, Hyndes, Mr. J. G. McMillan (Dairy Instructor), Mr. J. Houston (Assistant), Henry, Farleigh, Holden. *Front Row* Brownlie, White, Bronsdon. Morgan.

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Francis William Courtney Bootle was born in Moree, NSW in 1890. Bootle entered HAC in January 1907, gaining an Ambulance Class certificate by October. Bootle completed the Dairy Certificate and in 1908 obtained a Diploma of Agriculture and a Burdekin Medal.

Bootle worked on a dairy farm at Lismore, on the far north coast of NSW before enlisting with the 1st Veterinary Corps on 6 February 1915. Bootle was promoted to Sargeant on 7 March 1916 just prior to transferring to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade of the 4th Battalion. Bootle was offered a commission and attended a School of Instruction at Worcester College where he died of nephritis and bronchitis on 14 February 1917.

Francis Bootle was buried in Botley Cemetery, Oxford, England.

Francis had two brothers, Norman and John, serve and survive the war. John was promoted to the rank of Captain and a recipient of the Military Cross.