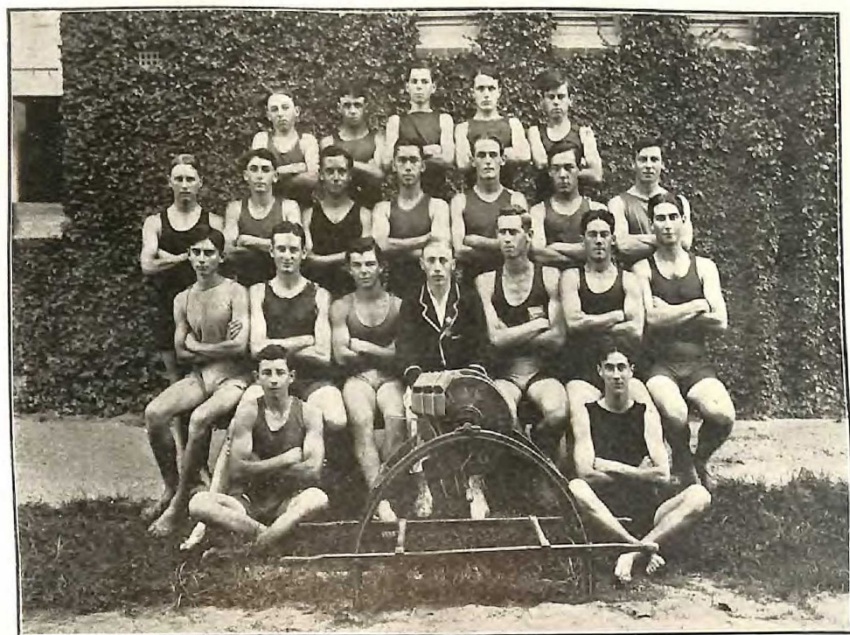


KEYS, Malcolm



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Swimming and Life-saving Class 1914.

Left-Right; Back Row – F McL Morgan, Robert E Pitt, A Andrews, Hugh K Lewis-Hughes, Robert G Tulloch. Standing – Robert S Archer, Wallace R Watkins, Frederick T Osborne, W Groenveld, John Strachan, John E Morrow, Roland E Hollingworth. Sitting – Malcolm Keys, Cyril J Macdermott, Norman S Tom, Garnsey HMStC Potts (Honorary Instructor), John H Kemp, William M Rickards, Oscar B Bennett. In Front – Ronald RV Martin, Basil Y Hall.



Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery
Extension

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Malcolm Keys left his family in England in December 1912 with a dream of becoming a farmer in Australia. Aged just sixteen, he commenced studying at the College in February 1913. He undertook and completed Special courses on the Dairy and Piggery, receiving his Butter and Cheese-making, Milk and Cream Testing Certificates, as well as the Piggery Certificate, leaving in December 1914. Back in England, his brother had enlisted, so Malcolm made the decision to return home to assist his father, Clement, a chartered accountant, with the business now that his brother was serving. Six months later, in October 1915, he applied for, and received, a commission with the 10th Border Regiment. He embarked for France on 18 July 1916, and soon after was transferred to the 8th Border Regiment. Second Lieutenant Malcolm Keys was wounded on August 30 and died of those wounds the following day, aged 20 years.

He is buried in the Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension, France, as are fellow HAC men, Ronald E Macarthur, and Claude L Shorter.