

ROBINSON, Charles Jewel



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Charles Jewel Robinson was born at Burwood, NSW in 1893. He attended HAC 1913-1914 where he completed the full dairy certificate. He went on to work in the Dorrigo area cheesemaking.

Charles enlisted 14 June 1915 in the 13th Battalion, and the unit embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT A54 *Runic* on 9 August 1915.

Robinson wrote from Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt, 26/3/16 of picking up a copy of the HAC Journal "... I can tell you it was quite a surprise to see the old paper, and I read with interest the names of all the boys who have enlisted. After being in the Infantry for 10 months I have been transferred to the Artillery... I expect to be here about a month and then to go ' somewhere ' to complete the training. With kindest regard to all the boys. . . ." (AI-46368 HAC Journal (Vol.13, No.6) June 1916 p.82).

Robinson was promoted to Corporal November 1916 and served on the Western Front, where he was killed on 10 April 1917 aged 24.

The image above and an obituary were printed in the HAC Journal July 1917 "...We heard from him frequently while in Egypt where he met many Old Boys, including Rowney, Rankin, Buchanan, Jacob, Evans and Barlow. He went with his battalion, via Lemnos, to Gallipoli. After the evacuation he was transferred to the Artillery...With the Artillery he crossed to France and was there killed in action on April 10 of this year. Robinson was a good athlete, a tennis player of ability and deservedly popular. He was a man of sterling character. Pleasant manners and respected by all. The Principal, officers, staff and students of his years unite with the *Journal* in express to his relatives a deep sense of loss and keen regret at the death of our old student. (p96).

Robinson was buried in the H.A.C. Cemetery, Ecoust-St. Mein, Nord Pas de Calais, France.