

CRAIG, George Donald Ross



HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE RIFLE CLUB, 1911.

Back Row—Students R.S. Bowman, **G.D.R. Craig**, W.O. Hill, Mr. M. Horan, A.K. Money-Lake, C.A. Baring, T.G. Mitchell, O. Ussher

Front Row—Students E. Morris, B.M. Arthur, Mr. A.V. Dorman (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Mr. D.H. Reay (Captain), B.G. Rigby, D.S. Maxwell, C.R. Luth

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1913 Diploma Class

Back Row (left to right) - W.O. Hill, H.G.R. McWilliams, A. Astbury
Second Row - **G.D.R. Craig**, O. Ussher, R. Davidson, A.J. Atkinson, D.S. Maxwell, A.K. Maney-Lake, H. Drury, O.A. Andrews, R.E. Buckingham, R.T. Miller
Sitting - R. Forsyth, E.J.B. Waller, F.E. Doery, B.G. Rigby, Principal H.W. Potts, G.G. St. C. Potts, F. Hoddinott, G.M. Arnot, H.T. Watkins
In Front - J.D. Sandison, F.A. Rhoades
Inset - H.A. Lyth

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George Donald Ross Craig

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George Donald Ross Craig was born in 1891 at Burwood, NSW. George was the oldest of three children born to William and Janet. Helen Sutherland Craig was born in 1893 and Thomas Brown Craig in 1896.

George attended Fort Street School, Sydney, NSW. He then enrolled in the Full Diploma Course at HAC in February 1911. George was a member of the Ambulance Class, gaining the 'First Aid to the to the sick and injured' certificate, and a member of the Rifle Club in 1911. George left HAC at the end of 1913, having gained the First and Second Year Certificates in the Diploma Course. George's College reference stated '...his conduct was exemplary. He displayed great earnestness in his training and was found at all times a reliable and consistent worker. We shall always be glad to hear of his success' (University Ref 12/016107 CRAIG, GD Ross (Certificate - First & Second year)).

Enlisting 1 September 1915 in the 13th Battalion, George embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A71 *Nestor* on 9 April 1916. George transferred to the 45th, 63rd and back to the 45th Battalions, promoted to Corporal.

The October 1916 College Journal reported George was in France with the Infantry and that C.A. Baring (Charles Alexander Baring was killed 4 September 1916 but news obviously hadn't reached HAC at the time of publication), his brother E. Baring (Ernest Baring was killed 2 April 1917) and George were all in the same camp.

George was Killed in Action 3 July 1918 at Corbie, Somme, France. He was 27 years old and is buried at Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, France.

Thomas Brown Craig was 18 when he enlisted in the 17th Battalion in February 1915. Serving in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the Western Front, Thomas returned to Australia on 30 June 1918 with tubercular disease of the left hip. He died 26 August 1921.