

LIPSCOMB, Neville Henry



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TUG-OF-WAR TEAM ("LECTURES")

Back Row-Students A. Campbell, N.H. Lipscomb, F.P. Mahony, O. Bennett, W. Groeneveld.
Middle Row-Students J. Morrow, I.E. Wessels, S. Campbell (Captain), G. Johnstone, T.F. Rutherford. Front Row-Students A.S. Goodchild, J. Neylan. (Student Watt absent)

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STUDENTS OF THE THIRD YEAR DIPLOMA AGRICULTURAL CLASS, 1914.

Back- Row- Students R.A. Porter, N.C. Ingall, R. Goodsir, J.P. Wills, N.H. Lipscomb, W. Needs, E.G. Chudleigh, W.L. Atkinson, H.V. Howard. Standing- Students S. Campbell, J.P. Wessels, H.C. Rogers, A.K. Maclean, T.F. Rutherford, R.H. Threlfall, E.C. Clayton, D. Evans, S.E. Stephens, E. Hadley, S.G. Raymond. Sitting- Students, A.S. Goodchild, G.C. Bartlett, A.U. Tonking, J.P. Shelton, Principal H.W. Potts, A.G. Campbell, F.P. Mahony, J.C. Mayne, H.G. Belschner. In front.—E. Furby, W.H. Downes.

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Neville Henry Lipscomb was born in 1896 at Hornsby, NSW. His parents, William John and Jessie Lipscomb had seven children (all boys)- Frederick Neville (b.1893), Eric John (b.1894), Neville Henry (b.1896), Alan Price (b.1898), Alfred William George (b.1900), Harry Keyworth (b.1902), and Colin Sanday (b.1904).

Neville attended Hurlstone Agricultural High School and entered HAC, aged 16, in 1913 to undertake the full Diploma course. He left in 1914 having completed the two year certificate and enlisted in the 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance on 24 August 1914. Neville was 18 years old when he embarked from Sydney, on board Transport *A27 Southern* on 23 September 1914.

Neville served for some time on Hospital Ships carrying wounded from Gallipoli to Alexandria then followed his Brigade onto the Peninsula. After the evacuation he transferred to the 10th Field Artillery Brigade and continued on active service in France. Neville was Killed in Action on 23 April 1917, at Bullecourt, France, aged 20. Neville Lipscomb is buried in Ecoust Military Cemetery, Ecoust-St. Mein, France.

The portrait above was printed in the HAC Journal along with the following obituary. "...With us he obtained his second year certificate in 1913, coming well up in an exceptionally big year. Had he remained for 1914 examinations he would have obtained his diploma, but he volunteered for active service in the first month of the war. He was a fine big fellow, big hearted, clever and capable; respect and popularity were his by virtue of merit. Men of 1913-14 and officers - attracted by his sterling qualities - will miss a fine personality.

The passing of young men such as N.H. Lipscomb is very sad, but it is well to remember that "the measure of life is not its span but the use made of it." Neville is the second boy whom Mr. and Mrs. Lipscomb have lost in the great war." (HAC Journal (Vol.14, No.7) July 1917 p.96).

Neville's brother, Eric John Lipscomb served with the 34th Battalion and was killed in action 16 May 1917 at Le Touquet near Armentieres, and Frederick Neville Lipscomb MC, served with the 19th Battalion, returning to Australia, 31 July 1918. Alfred William George enrolled at HAC in 1916, aged 16 and later went on to author books on the breeding and management of livestock.