## **BULMER**, Walter Edgar



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Born at Leichhardt, Sydney, Walter Edgar Bulmer attended the Farmer's Winter School at HAC aged 18, from 22 June to 17 July 1915. As an apprentice orchardist he joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion a month later, embarking for Egypt aboard the *Mooltan* in December.

They embarked from Alexandria on March 22, disembarking in Marseille on the 28<sup>th</sup> to serve on the Western Front. Walter was killed near Pozières during the Battle of the Somme, aged 19, on 22 August 1916; his body never recovered.

Walter's older brother Robert was killed at Gallipoli on 16 July 1915 when Walter was at the College. Two other brothers also served and survived the war, one was Ernest Esmond Bulmer who attended the 1911 Farmers Winter School held at Hawkesbury, and did so again in 1919, between which he served with the Navy, including aboard the vessels *Australia*, *Cerberus*, and *Protector*.

Walter's name is absent from the Roll of Honour on the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Hawkesbury. He is commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France, along with fifteen other missing HAC men.