

MURPHINE, Oscar Dinley



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Oscar Dinley Murphine's father was a Mill Manager in Shanghai, China, when Oscar arrived to study Practical Courses at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College in August 1909 aged 16. Oscar had been born in Bombay (now Mumbai) of English parents. They moved to Shanghai when he was small and the family were evacuated to England when Oscar was just seven years old as they, along with other Brits resident in China, were deemed to be at risk as a consequence of the Boxer Rebellion. The family later returned to Shanghai and Oscar joined the Volunteer Corps as a signaller. After he left HAC in December 1911, he and his brother took up mixed and poultry farming until he enlisted on 31 May 1915. Murphine embarked from Sydney aboard the *Argyllshire* with the 18th Battalion on August 30. He was sick during January 1916 while in Egypt, returned to duty in mid-February and landed in Marseille at the end of March. Eight weeks later on 22 May 1916 he was killed, aged 22. He was buried in the Brewery Orchard Cemetery, Bois Grenier, south of Armentieres, France. Fellow HAC student Raymond Elton Pye, a member of the 17th Battalion was killed five days earlier and lies in the same cemetery.