

STARR, Edward



Tyne Cot Cemetery

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Edward Starr was born in Young, NSW in 1895, the fifth of seven children born to Edward and Eliza between 1888 and 1901. Edward's siblings were Effie b.1888, Walter b.1889, Edward born and died 1891, Alice b.1892, Roy b.1897, Myrtle b.1899 and Gladys b.1901.

Edward attended Cleveland Street Public School, Sydney, NSW, and was 19 years old when he started the Dairy Short Course at HAC in July 1914. Whilst at the College he competed as a Middleweight boxer. Edward then gained the Butter making and Cheese making certificates in February 1915.

Edward enlisted 3 February 1916 in the 33rd Battalion as a Private. At the time of volunteering, Edward was a dairyman and grazier near Tabulam, NSW.

Embarking from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A74 Marathon on 4 May 1916, Edward proceeded to England, then to France. He was promoted to Lance Corporal in June 1917, then Corporal in July 1917.

Killed in Action on 13 October 1917 at Pozieres, Somme Sector, France, Edward was 23 years old, and is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Passchendaele, Belgium.

Edward's brother, Walter, served with the 7th Light Horse Regiment, enlisting 3 September 1915. Walter died of wounds on 14 August 1916, and is buried in Port Said Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.