MACARTHUR, Ronald Edward

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Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension
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Ronald Edward Macarthur was born in Childers, Queensland, and commenced his studies at the College in January 1913. He had previously attended school in Brisbane, Qld, and his father was an engineer. He was seventeen and spent the next eighteen months taking Special courses on the Dairy, the Piggery, the Experimental Plots, and the Orchard, leaving with both the Full Dairy and Piggery Certificates in June 1914. He also attained the Life-saving Certificate and was awarded an essay prize on dairying and several sporting prizes. His father then bought him a farm which he worked until he enlisted with the 15th Battalion in September 1915.

He transferred to the 47th Battalion in late April 1916 while at Serapeum, Egypt, and embarked with his battalion from Alexandria at the beginning of June. They arrived in Marseille on 9 June 1916. Macarthur received shrapnel wounds to the head at Pozières on 11 August 1916, and died at 6pm the same day at the 13th Australian Field Ambulance Hospital.

Aged 20, he was buried on 12 August, in the Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Two other HAC men, Claude L Shorter and Malcolm Keys are also buried there. Macarthur was a descendant of Philip Gidley King, the Governor of NSW a century earlier.