

MILLER, Robert Thompson



FIRST XI HOCKEY TEAM, 1913.

Back Row (left to right)-E. J. B Waller, **R. T. Miller**, A. K. Maney-Lake, H. A. Jacob, C. A. Harry,

O. Ussher, A. J. Atkinson.

Front Row-F. E. Doery, W. O. Hill, D. S. Maxwell, H Drury, R. A. Porter.

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Robert Thompson Miller was born 21 July 1894, at Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand, to Joseph and Alice Miller. Robert attended Devonport Primary School, then King's College, Auckland from 1908-1910.

Robert entered HAC, aged 16, in 1910 to commence the full Diploma. Robert was a member of the Ambulance Class, and passed the annual exam in First Aid to the Sick and Injured. Robert participated in the annual athletics carnival, May 1913, and was reported in the College Journal as having run remarkably well, coming '...third in the 440 yards, second in the 880 yards, first in mile, and second in the three-mile cross country race' (HAC Journal May 1913 p.72). Robert was also a member of the First Eleven Hockey Team, gained his Diploma, and finished ninth in the class, in 1913.

Robert was a farmer in New Zealand when he enlisted as a Trooper on 24 August 1915 in the 3rd Auckland Mounted Rifles. Embarking from Wellington, NZ on 13 November 1915, he arrived at Suez, Egypt that December.

Robert served at the Suez Canal, Gaza, and various parts of Egypt. He died on 31 of October 1917 during the Battle of Beersheba, aged 23, and is buried in the Beersheba War Cemetery, Beersheba, HaDarom (Southern District), Israel.