

PUCKLE, Charles Edward Murray



Trench remains Turkey
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Puckle came from a grazing family, having been born in 1887 at Toorak, Victoria. He studied at HAC from July 1906 until December 1907, then for a few years worked on a sheep and wheat property near Albury and was farming with a fellow 1907 student, Alister Russell, in Western Australia in 1910. Charles joined the AIF as an infantryman in August 1914, and as Second Lieutenant was in one the first boats to land on Gallipoli on 25 April as a member of the 11th Battalion. He was invalided to Heliopolis for a short time with illness and was later among a group Mentioned in Despatches by the Corps Commander for successfully attacking a Turkish trench on the night of 31 July 1915. Aged 28, he was killed in action on 3 August 1915 and is buried in Shell Green Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey, as is fellow ex-student Percy Alderson. AC Russell was identified as one of the trustees in Puckle's Will. AC Russell survived the war and later married Puckle's fiancée.