

WRIGHT, Albert John



DAIRY STUDENTS ON THEIR ANNUAL TRIP TO THE SOUTH COAST.

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Albert John Wright was born in Dubbo, NSW in 1892, the fourth of eight children born to Charles Albert and Hannah Rachael Wright. Albert's siblings were: Ellen Anna b.1881, Harold Charles b.1883, Arthur S b.1888, Charles Vincent b.1890, Hilda L b.1893, Lila A b.1897, and James G.E. b.1902.

Albert was 20 years old when he entered HAC to take courses in Experimental Plots and Special Dairy in 1913. Albert was mentioned in the College Journal as dressing up as a Sundowner for the 1913 Empire Day celebrations. He is also mentioned as coming third in the Cricket Ball Throwing Competition at the College Sport Day, and was the College's champion swimmer for 1913.

Albert was a farmer and grazier at the time he enlisted, 16 February 1916, in the 3rd Battalion.

Embarking from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A18 *Wiltshire* on 22 August 1916, Albert served on the Western Front in France.

Wounded in action near Amiens, Albert was admitted to the 15th Casualty Clearing Station on 15 April 1918. He died of those wounds on 22 April 1918, aged 26.

Albert is buried at Ebblinghem Military Cemetery, Nord, France.

Charles Vincent Wright attended a Winter School at HAC in 1914. He enlisted at Sydney in February 1916 in the 3rd Battalion but was discharged as permanently unfit after contracting Mumps in August 1916 damaged his lungs. Charles then enlisted at Dubbo as a Gunner in the Field Artillery Brigade in February 1917. He served in France and returned to Australia on 19 June 1919.