

REILLY, Guthrie Wilberforce



HAC First XV 1906

BACK ROW (left to right)—G. Galloway, G.J.C. Machattie, F.L. Ross, Mr. C. Potts (Referee), R.M. Newton, R. Hedley, M. A. Traill
MIDDLE ROW **G.W. Reilly**, G.L. Brown, G. Woodburn (Capt.), P.W. Chapman, E.D. Young
FRONT ROW W. Whetton, H. Craven, R.H. Burnell, G. Trail

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Guthrie Wilberforce Reilly

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Guthrie Wilberforce Reilly was born on 26 January 1885, at Canterbury, NSW. Guthrie was the fourth of six children born to Robert Young Reilly and Sarah Ann Reilly (nee Wheeler) between 1878 and 1891. Guthrie's siblings were Wesley Vernor Y b.1878, Fletcher Herbert b.1880, Maude de Renville b. 1882, Elsie Y b.1888 and Ruby b.1891.

Guthrie attended Glebe State Public School and then HAC from 1905.

In November 1905, Guthrie was amongst a group of students who helped save Metropolitan Board for Water Supply and Sewerage property from bushfires. They all received book prizes at the 1906 Diploma Day. In 1906, Guthrie was part of the First XV Rugby team, gained the Department of Agriculture's Prize for Best Cheese-maker and left HAC having completed the Full Dairy Certificate.

By January 1907, Guthrie was working on a property called 'Karoo', near Wellington, NSW. By July the College Journal reported he '...intends trying his luck on the Richmond River, and has started on his trip'. By June 1911, the Journal reported Guthrie was gaining experience near Casino, NSW.

Guthrie was a dairy farmer at Goolmangar, near Lismore, NSW by the time he enlisted on 31 January 1916, in the 26th Battalion, 14th Reinforcement, A.I.F.

Guthrie Embarked from Brisbane, Queensland aboard HMAT A50 Itonus on 8 August 1916. Guthrie was a Provisional Corporal by September 1916, and promoted to Corporal in March 1917.

Serving in France and Belgium, Guthrie was Killed in Action 8 August 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux (part of the Battle of Amiens which commenced 8 August 1918 and marked the beginning of a string of Allied offensive successes on the Western Front leading to the collapse of the German Army and the end of the War). Guthrie was 33 years old and is buried at Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Somme, France.