

## JACOB, Harry Alan



Students of the Second Year Dairy Science Class, 1913

Candidates for the Academic Distinction of H.D.D. (Hawkesbury Diploma of Dairying)

Standing (left to right)- Students **H.A. Jacob** H.D.A., D.F. Love, Sitting- Students P.W. Henry H.D.A., G. McGillivray H.D.A., Principal H.W. Potts, Students E. Wurfel and C. Greenwood H.D.A

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Cricket XI. 1912-13

Back Row—G. McGillivray, R. Scholer, **H.A. Jacob**, C.J. McDermott, F.N. McGowen.

Middle Row—C.S. Blaxland, R. Hazlitt, J.E. Sexty, A.K. Maclean.

Bottom Row—B.E. Howell, C.A. England, F. Rhoades.

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THE COLLEGE HOCKEY TEAM.

Back Row—A.J. Atkinson (Tas.), A. Maney-Lake (N.S.W.), D. Maxwell (Tas.), **H.A. Jacob** (N.S.W.), C.A. Harry (N.S.W.).

Middle Row—V.V.W. Williams (N.S.W.), H. Drury (N.S.W.), G. McGillivray (N.S.W.), L. Clayton

(Vic.), F.A. Waller (Q.).

Front Row—W.O. Hill (Vic.), F.A. March (N.S.W.), J.H. Thompson (N.S.W.)

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Harry Alan Jacob was born at Fairfiled, NSW in 1893. He was the third of four children born to Albert Francis and Maude Blanche Jacob between 1890 and 1905. Harry's siblings were Frank Birkbeck b.1889, Maude Eliza b.1891 (Maude married HAC Old Boy Alan Garbett- a

student in the same year as Harry, and later a Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse whilst he was on leave to Australia in October 1918), and Amy F. b.1905.

Harry attended The King's School Parramatta between 1904-1909 where he was a member of the School Cadets, and School Monitor (<http://www.kings.edu.au/anzac/doc/Jacob-Harry-Alan.html>).

Harry was 17 years old when he entered HAC in 1910, was a member of the Ambulance Class and gained the First Year Certificate 1910.

Harry was a member of the College tennis team 1910-1911, won College Tennis colours in 1912 and 1913, and was the College singles tennis Champion in 1913.

Harry completed the Second Year Certificate in 1911, and Diploma of Agriculture in 1912.

Harry played in the College 1<sup>st</sup> and Specials Rugby teams from 1911-1913, Cricket 1912-1913 and College Hockey team 1912-1913 (gaining College Hockey colours in 1913).

Harry was also a member of the College Rifle Club, gaining the Marksmen badge, came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ploughing championship, and (finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the class) completed the Hawkesbury Diploma in Dairying 1913.

By February 1914, Harry was managing a 1300 acre farm at Moss Vale. The farm included a dairy herd, sheep, cattle and a 45 acre market garden (Feb & Apr 1914 HAC Journals).

Harry was a grazier at the time he enlisted, 5 March 1915 in "B" Squad 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement as a Trooper. Harry embarked 22 May 1915 from Newcastle, NSW aboard HMAT Bakara A41 and served at Gallipoli.

Harry wrote to the College in April 1916 from Egypt "...Since our return from Gallipoli we have spent most of our time visiting the cultivated areas of the Nile valley, and it is certainly a pleasant change after the long spell we had before in the barren desert.... There are four ex-students in this camp, namely: Captain A. White, A.D. Allanson (lately transferred from the L.H.F.A.), Goddard (College Bee Expert), and myself, whilst Lieutenant A. Garbett is in camp a few miles away. I had a letter a few weeks back from Lieutenant G. T. Butler (Dummy) telling me he had completely recovered from the wound he had received in France, and that he is now in Egypt with the R.F.A. With best wishes to all at the H.A.C." (Aug 1916 HAC Journal p.103)

Another Old Boy, Sgt G. McGillivray, wrote to the College on 6 Nov 1916 about a rugby match in Egypt between the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse Regiment and the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse Field Ambulance and how there were 5 College Old Boys on each side, one of whom was Jacob. The match was won by the 1<sup>st</sup> L.H. Regiment. In this same letter, McGillivray wrote that both Allanson and Jacob had re-joined their units after being wounded at Romani (HAC Journal January 1916).

Having served at Gallipoli and in the Middle East, Harry commenced training at the Officer Cadet School in September 1918. Harry died on 9 November 1918, Egypt, aged 25, of self-inflicted injuries at the Cadet School at Zeitoun, Egypt. Harry is buried in the Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Cairo, Egypt.

Frank Birkbeck Jacob (married to Marjorie Brougham Docker in 1915) was an Engineer when he enlisted on 12 October 1915 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement. Frank was appointed Lieutenant upon enlistment, and later appointed in the field as Captain on 11 October 1916. Frank transferred to the Artillery, and was promoted to Major on 5 May 1918. Mentioned in dispatches, and recipient of a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Frank returned to Australia 19 April 1919.