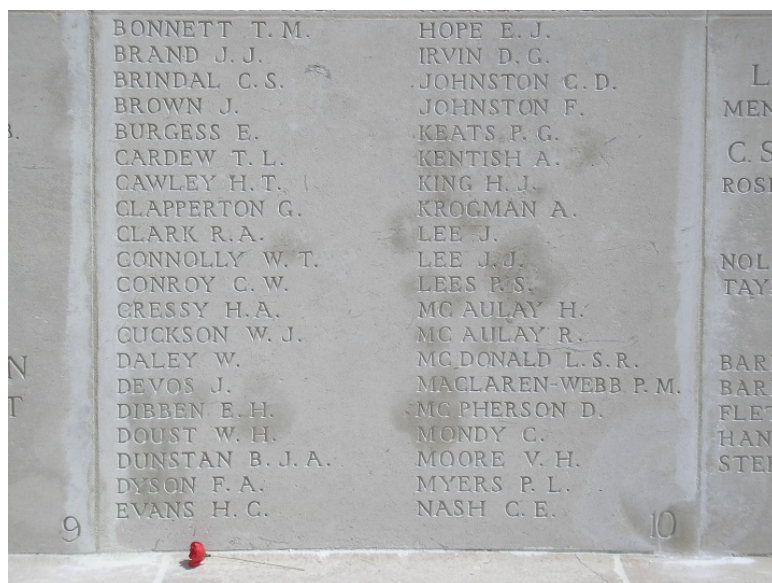


CARDEW, Thuillier Lake



TL Cardew - VC Corner Australian Cemetery France
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Thuillier Lake Cardew

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Born at Woolahra on 24 December 1890, Thuillier Lake Cardew was the fifth of six children born to John Haydon and Clarissa Reynell (nee Guesson) between 1881 and 1892. John, born in Worcestershire, England in 1852, was a Licensed Surveyor in NSW. Clarissa died in 1894, and John remarried (Gertrude Steel) in 1896. John and Gertrude had two children.

Thuillier attended King's School, Parramatta and, aged 16, was admitted to HAC in January 1907 to study for the Diploma. In 1907 Thuillier completed the Ambulance Class certificate and the first year of the Diploma course. After leaving HAC at the end of 1907, he share-farmed as a wheat grower in the Eumungerie and Gilgandra districts of NSW.

Thuillier enlisted in the 2nd Battalion, 9th Reinforcement on 23 June 1915. Embarking from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A8 Argyllshire on 30 September 1915, he served initially in Tel el Kebir, Egypt, transferring to the 54th Battalion on 14 February 1916.

Thuillier arrived in Marseille on 29 June 1916 and was killed three weeks later at Fleurbaix (near Fromelles) during the Battle of the Somme. Thuillier was a Lewis Gunner in A Company and the Officer in Charge of the section was Reginald G Downing who had also been a student at HAC. His date of death is officially recorded as 19-20 July when almost 2000 Australians were killed in a single night.

Thuillier was 25 when he was killed and is commemorated on the VC Corner Memorial, near Fromelles, France, one of 1299 Australian fallen with no known grave.

According to the College Journal, the Cardew family had a long and distinguished military career. 'All local records of families serving in the war are beaten by that of the Cardews of the West Country Eng.). The family comes from Dr. Cornelius Cardew (1747-1831), Chaplain-in-ordinary to the Prince of Wales...Of direct descendants of the first Cardew 116 went on service. Ten were killed, 26 wounded, three are missing and two are prisoners. The list of honours shows one K.C.B. [Knight Commander of the bath], one C.B. [Companion of the Bath], three C.M.G. [Companion (of the Order Of) St Michael and St George], six D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order], two M.C. [Military Cross], and 23 mentioned in despatches...' AI-46383 Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal (Vol.14, No.4) April 1917 p.51.

Thuillier's cousin, Colin Loftus Cardew, had been a HAC student 1903-1904, and also served in the war. Enlisting on 11 September 1914, Colin returned to Australia on 24 June 1916, and was discharged on 20 September 1916.