

DINGLE, Henry



FIRST FIFTEEN

Back Row (reading from left to right) — N. K. Brown, H. A. Jacob, G. Butler, H. Dingle,
O. A. Banner, R. C. Treweeke.

Middle Row — H. Dargin, G. Potts, G. J. Schuurman (Capt.), A. M. Garbett (Vice-Capt.), R. Gardiner, B.
Rigby.

Front Row —G. Rowney, F. Goodchild, H. R. Tucker. Absent—D. F. Botha, W. A. Williamson.

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2nd LIEUT. HENRY DINGLE M.M. 1st BATT.

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Henry Dingle was born at Waverley, NSW in 1893. Henry attended HAC 1910-1911, completing his first year certificate. He was a member of the College Life-Saving Club achieving a Bronze Medallion and proficiency certificate. College "Colours" were awarded each year to the best sportsmen, Dingle receiving colours for Rugby Union Football in 1911.

Dingle enlisted on 8 August 1915, serving with the 6th Reinforcements 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance at Gallipoli. Dingle went on to France as part of the 1st Australian Field Ambulance, disembarking at Marseilles on 30 March 1916. During operations against Pozieres in August 1916, Henry received the Military Medal for continually carrying wounded over country exposed to shell fire. In December 1916 Henry was promoted in the field to 2nd Lieutenant. Dingle was instructing troops on bomb (hand grenade) throwing when he was wounded by a prematurely exploding bomb on 19 February 1917. He later died of the wounds 20 February 1917, and a Court of Enquiry held in the field found he was killed accidentally. Dingle is buried in the Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Henry's death was reported in the College Journal in June 1917:

'...Among the records we have of Dingle are a few sentences written by Mr. H. W. Potts "It is a pleasure to state that Henry Dingle pursued an unbroken course of training here for two years and afforded me ample opportunity of admiring his zeal, capacity and trustworthiness. He is a good worker and endowed with sound common sense." His military career was a distinguished one; just such as the memory of his work here would lead one to expect....

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life, for his friends." [AI-46385 HAC Journal (Vol.14, No.6) June 1917 p.80].