

ARCHIBALD, Rowley Heyland



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Rowley Heyland Archibald (registered as Roland H with NSW BDM) was born at Moruya, NSW in 1886. He was the youngest of five children born to John Howard Archibald and Charlotte Elizabeth nee Stewart. Rowley's siblings were Janetta M.S. b.1877, Howard Stewart b.1880, Mary W b.1882, and George M b. 1884.

Rowley attended Chatswood Public School.

Rowley's father was a Reverend born in Nova Scotia, Canada. Rowley's mother was a widow, living in North Sydney when Rowley entered HAC, aged 16, in 1903 to commence the Full Diploma Course. Rowley's student card states that he had congenital deafness. Rowley was the Recording Secretary of the College Christian Union in 1903 and 1904. Rowley completed the Full Diploma in 1904 and then the Special Dairy Course in 1905 where he finished 4th in the class. Rowley left HAC at the end of 1905.

By December 1905, Rowley was working on a farm near Inverell, NSW. Rowley attended the Old Boys' Annual Meeting and Dinner held at the Royal Agricultural Society's room at Ocean House, Moore Street, Sydney in 1910.

Rowley worked on various properties around Inverell, and enlisted there on 13 September 1915 in the 3rd Battalion, 13th Reinforcement.

Rowley embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A60 Aeneas on 20 December 1915. Transferring to the 2nd, then 45th Battalion, Rowley arrived in France in March 1916.

Rowley wrote to the College in October 1916 saying "...I was wounded in the right leg at Pozieres, France, on August 9, and was in hospital at Portsmouth for six weeks. After that I had a fortnight's furlough, which I spent in London and in Scotland, and had a good time. The winter has commenced now; last week was wet and cold, and I am not looking forward to spending winter in the trenches..." (HAC Journal (Vol.13, No.12) December 1916 p171).

Rowley was wounded in action three times and each time sent to England. Returning to his Battalion in August 1918, he was killed in action on 19 September 1918.

Rowley was 32 years old and is buried in Bullicourt British Cemetery, France.