

ROYLE, Raynes Lord Charles



Flight Lieutenant R.L.C. Royle
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Raynes Lord Charles Royle was the second of five children born to Charles John and Emily Bertha Royle. Raynes was born in 1890 at Woollahra, NSW. His siblings were John MacDiarmid b.1887, Paul E b.1892, Robin L b.1894, and Winsome B b.1899.

Raynes was just 16 years old when he entered HAC in 1906. Raynes played tennis, coming second in the Doubles tournament in 1906. In 1907 he was a member of the College Rifle Club and Ambulance Class, gaining the first aid certificate.

Raynes left HAC with a Diploma and Burdekin Medal in 1907.

By April 1908 Raynes was working on a sheep property at Wallendbeen, NSW.

Raynes was working on an irrigation farm near Dubbo in conjunction with another HAC Old Boy, Eric Lindsay, by April 1909.

In 1912 Raynes "...went with his brothers to Northern Queensland, where they established the firm of Royle Brothers, Well Borers and Engineers..." Raynes enlisted on 23 October 1916 in the Engineers Rifles. "...Posted to the Engineers, in which he qualified for the Officers' School, but preferring the Air Force he attended the Aviation School at Richmond- Here he gained his pilot's certificate, and proceeded to England, where he secured a Flight-

Lieutenancy in the [7th Squadron] Royal Flying Corps [on 12 October 1917]" (HAC Journal June 1919 p.76).

Raynes was accidentally killed, along with his observer, unloading a souvenir shell at Menin, Belgium, 8 November 1918, aged 28. He is buried at Kezelberg Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

John MacDiarmid Royle, having gained a Bachelor of Engineering from Sydney University and serving with the University Cadets for eight years, enlisted on 18 October 1915 with the rank of Lieutenant in the 4th Tunnelling Company. Serving on the Western Front, mentioned in despatches, and awarded a Military Cross in 1918, John returned to Australia on 10 May 1919.