

## DENNY, Arnold Lorimer



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Arnold Lorimer Denny was born in London and arrived in Australia with his family aged 13. He was schooled at Chatswood Preparatory and Church of England Grammar Schools prior to entering HAC aged 17 in January 1914 to undertake the Diploma. He had only completed his first year when he volunteered with the 6<sup>th</sup> Light Horse (LH) in November 1914, embarking from Sydney in December. His father, Thomas J Denny happened to be in Cairo in February 1915 and was invited to the College Reunion Dinner held on February 20 at which Arnold was in attendance. It was Arnolds' father who suggested those present sign a menu card to send to the College Principal, Henry W Potts. Arnold landed on Gallipoli in mid-May and served with the 6<sup>th</sup> LH Machine Gun Section (MGS). He was ill June-August and returned to Gallipoli in late October, serving until the Evacuation, being a member of the last MGS to leave the Peninsula in December 1915. A vivid description of their rearguard action during the Evacuation was given by him and later published in the College Journal. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant in Egypt in April 1916, and landed in France in late June, where he soon after attended a sniping school in early July. As Second Lieutenant with the 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion, he was engaged at Fleurbaix during the Battle of the Somme where he received a gunshot wound to the head on 24 July 1916 from which he died on July 26 and was buried July 27 in the Estaires Communal Cemetery and Extension west of Armentieres, France. He was just 23.