

St John's Honour Roll Memorials



Charles Cox

Enlistment address: 24 Wisbeach Street, Balmain

World War One

Charles Sutton Cox was in large family, with 4 brothers and 2 sisters. His father was a builder and mayor of Balmain in 1902. Charles was a keen sailor and one of the founders of the Birchgrove Sailing Club, a Sunday School teacher at St John's, member of the church choir and manager of the Boy's Association. He was a salesman with the butter merchants Basche and Lowney. At the age of 20, Charles enlisted for service abroad in the Australian Imperial Forces in 1916, and in 1917 became part of the 19th Battalion, who were by that time on the Western Front in France. Each battalion would select certain men for the role of "stretcher bearers", and Charles was selected. On the 20th September 1917, during the battle of Menin Road, he was found sheltering in a captured German pillbox and was badly wounded in both thighs, arm and hand by a shell. He died from his wounds the next day.



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