



Herb Dickinson

Herbert Spencer Dickinson was born in Thorpdale, Victoria. Herb began rowing at Wesley College, winning the Head of the River in 1909-10. He went on to win for Albert Park in the senior pair, four and eight as well as champion fours and eights from 1912 to 1914. He represented Victoria in the Interstate Eight in 1912-14, winning once.

'Dicky' was a 22 year old accountant when he enlisted on 17th August, 1914 as a private in the 5th Battalion. His war diary details the sinking of the SS Emden off Cocos Island and he was part of the first landing at Gallipoli. He was promoted to second lieutenant after the Second Battle of Krithia, transferred to the 57th battalion in 1916 and sent to France. By May 1916 he had been promoted to Captain. He was mentioned in General Haig's despatches in April 1917.

Herb was killed in action on 25th September, 1917 in Polygon Wood and is buried in the Huts Cemetery, Dickebusch, Belgium.