



# **Cpl. Paul Charles Albert Fornachon**



**2<sup>nd</sup> May 1915**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Cricket Club (1909/10 and 1912/13 B Grade)**

**Blue for Boat (1910)**

**BSc. (1910) BA. (1912) - Teacher**

## ***Background***

***Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.***

***On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.***

***The following documentation relates to the life of Paul Charles Albert Fornachon. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=101414>



### Paul Charles Albert FORNACHON

Regimental number	288
Place of birth	Adelaide, South Australia
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Teacher
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Height	5' 8"
Weight	166 lbs
Next of kin	half Sister, Miss Grace, H S Fornachon, Golden Grove, South Australia
Previous military service	Served 1.5 years in the Senior Cadets; member for 3 years of the Adelaide University Rifle Club
Enlistment date	17 August 1914
Place of enlistment	Randwick, New South Wales
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	2nd Battalion, C Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/19/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board Transport A23 <i>Suffolk</i> on 18 October 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	2nd Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 2 May 1915
Date of death	2 May 1915
Place of burial	No known grave

## Commemoration details

### The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 16), Gallipoli, Turkey

The Lone Pine Memorial, situated in the Lone Pine Cemetery at Anzac, is the main Australian Memorial on Gallipoli, and one of four memorials to men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Designed by Sir John Burnet, the principal architect of the Gallipoli cemeteries, it is a thick tapering pylon 14.3 metres high on a square base 12.98 metres wide. It is constructed from limestone mined at Ilgardere in Turkey.

The Memorial commemorates the 3268 Australians and 456 New Zealanders who have no known grave and the 960 Australians and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea after evacuation through wounds or disease. The names of New Zealanders commemorated are inscribed on stone panels mounted on the south and north sides of the pylon, while those of the Australians are listed on a long wall of panels in front of the pylon and to either side. Names are arranged by unit and rank.

The Memorial stands over the centre of the Turkish trenches and tunnels which were the scene of heavy fighting during the August offensive. Most cemeteries on Gallipoli contain relatively few marked graves, and the majority of Australians killed on Gallipoli are commemorated here.

Panel number, Roll of Honour, 32  
Australian War Memorial

Miscellaneous information from Parents: Charles Louis and Marie FORNACHON. Native of Adelaide cemetery records

## Other details

War service: Egypt, Gallipoli

Promoted lance corporal, 1 September 1914.

Embarked Sydney, 18 October 1914; disembarked Alexandria, December 1914.

Promoted corporal, 28 January 1915.

Embarked Alexandria to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli, 5 April 1915.

Reported missing in action, Gallipoli, 2 May 1915.

Court of Inquiry held in the field, 24 March 1916, pronounced fate as 'killed in action, Gallipoli, 2 May 1915.

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

## Sources

[NAA: B2455, FORNACHON Paul Charles Albert](#)

# Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=4023204>

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**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**  
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

No. 288 Name Paul Charles Albert Fornachon  
Unit 2nd Battalion A. I. F. S. I.  
Joined on 17 August 1914

**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your Name? ... Paul Charles Albert Fornachon
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Adelaide in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural born
4. What is your age? ... 23 yrs 9 months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... school teacher
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ...
7. Are you married? ... Single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... half sister Miss Grace Mulholland, Golden Grove, South Australia
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... Have served voluntary Cadets South Australia 1 1/2 years, then as a member of the Adelaide University Rifle Club 2 years
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... No
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ...
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ...

I, Paul Charles Albert Fornachon do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allow not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 21 August 1914 Signature of person enlisted. Paul C. A. Fornachon

D. 37/5.14.—C. 10222. \*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.



## Virtual War Memorial Australia

<https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/296234>

Contributed by Elizabeth Allen

Paul Charles Albert FORNACHON was born on 8th November 1890 in Adelaide, South Australia.

His parents were Charles Louis Fernand FORNACHON and Mary JENTSCH who married in Adelaide in 1889.

Paul trained as a teacher at Adelaide University and was working at the Church of England Grammar School in North Sydney, NSW when he enlisted with the 2nd Infantry Battalion, A Company - they embarked from Sydney on the transport ship Suffolk on 18th October, 1914.

He had previous service for 18 months in the Senior Cadets & 3 years in the Adelaide University Rifle Club & was a member of the Prince Alfred College cadets - he was a teacher & arts & science graduate and played cricket for the University Cricket Club. He was a member of the Adelaide University Rowing Club & the Rifle Club.

He had the rank of Private in August, 1914 in A Company and was promoted to Lance Corporal on 1st September, 1914 and on 28th January 1915 was promoted to Corporal - he was transferred from A Company to C Company of the 2nd Infantry Battalion on 28th January, 1915.

Paul disappeared after landing at Anzac Cove & was listed as missing and later confirmed as being Killed in Action on 2nd May, 1915 - he has no known grave and his name is memorialised on the Lone Pine Memorial & the Australian War Memorial - he was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

### Grave Secrets

<http://ww1sa.gravesecrets.net/fo.html>

#### **FORNACHON, Paul Charles Alfred**



Service No: 288  
Corporal  
2nd Battalion

Born 18 November 1890 in Adelaide  
Son of Charles Louis Fernand & Mary FORNACHON nee TENTSCH  
NOK: half sister: Miss Grace Hilda Sophia FORNACHON  
Of Golden Grove, SA  
Occupation prior to enlisting: School Teacher  
Enlisted: 17 August 1914  
Embarkation: 18 October 1914  
Age: 23 years  
Served in Gallipoli  
Reported Missing in Action: 2 May 1915  
Later Reported Killed in Action: 2 May 1915  
Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

Courtesy of Douglas Paterson  
Researching Prince Alfred College WWI Soldiers



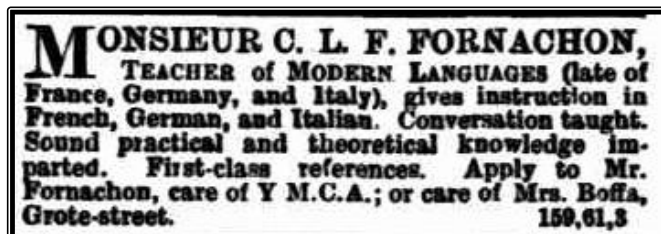
## Biography

### Early Life

Paul Charles Albert Fornachon was born in Adelaide on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1890, the eldest son of Charles Louis Fernand Fornachon and Mary (Marie) Jentsch.

Paul's father, Charles, was a Swiss-born electrical engineer who had worked in the Electrical Engineers' section of the Post and Telegraph Department for 30 years. From 1886-1888 Charles also taught French, German and Italian.

*Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912) - 10 June 1886*



Charles and Mary had a second son, Frank Charles Robert Fornachon who was born in 1892.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1894 when Paul was not yet four years of age, his mother, Mary passed away aged just 32 years.

In 1889, Paul's father married Elizabeth (Leila) MacPherson Robertson. Charles and Leila had four children, Charles Norman MacLeod (b 1901, d 1902, aged 4 months), Grace Hulda (sic) Sophie (b 1902), John Charles MacLeod (b1905), Archibald (Archie) Charles Edward (b 1908).

Tragedy again struck the Fornachon family, when just six weeks after the birth of Archie, his mother, Elizabeth died on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1908, aged 37 years. Paul was 17 when his step-mother passed away.

### Schooling

Paul attended Way College, Park Terrace, Wayville (Park Terrace became Greenhill Road and when Way College closed the newly established Methodist Ladies College moved into the premises which are now the home of Annesley Junior School).

Paul passed four subjects (English History, Latin, Algebra and Geography) in the Primary Examinations in October 1901. He also passed First Grade Plane Geometry in the Art Examinations held that year. In 1902 he passed six subjects (English History, Latin, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Physics) in the Junior Examinations, gaining credits in Algebra, Geometry and Physics.

Way College closed at the end of 1902 and Paul transferred to Prince Alfred College, Kent Town. In December 1904, Paul passed six subjects (Greek, Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry. He gained credits in Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra and Inorganic Chemistry and was ninth in the General Honours list and won second prize in the Lower Sixth Form (PAC).

In Sixth Form Paul was equal fifth in his class at PAC. In December 1906 he was second in the General Honours List having passed five subjects (Greek, Latin, Pure Mathematics, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry) and gaining credits in the all but Greek.

### University

Paul commenced studying for a Bachelor of Science at the University of Adelaide. He passed Second Grade Plane Geometry in the Arts Examinations of June 1907 and Second Grade Solid Geometry, Intermediate Perspective and Physics in the University examinations and Mechanical Engineering at the School of Mines that year.

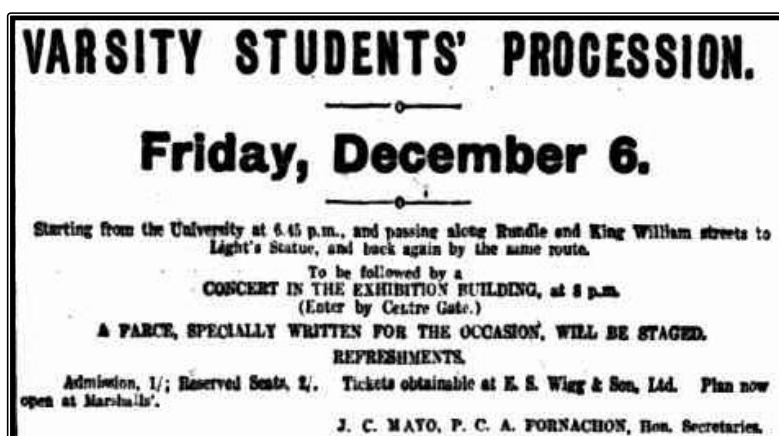
Paul passed the Senior Examinations in French under the coaching of GG Newman in March 1908.

Paul gained an Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science – Mathematics in December 1909 and unusually he was awarded an Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Science in December 1910.

Paul continued studying at Adelaide University and gained an Honours Degree of Bachelor of Arts – Mathematics in December 1912.

Paul was actively involved in the social activities of the University. In 1910 he was on the Committee which organised the Science Students' Dinner and in 1912 he was one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Committee which organised the Varsity Students' Procession.

***The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) - 30 November 1912***



Sadly for Paul his University years were also filled with sadness. His brother Frank died aged only 19, as a result of a shooting accident at Weetalta, near Moonta, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1911 and his father Charles died on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1912, aged 50 years.

## **University Sport**

### *Athletics*

Paul represented Adelaide University in the Intervarsity Athletics Competition held in Adelaide in June 1908. He ran in the One Mile Flat race with a handicap of 80 yards.

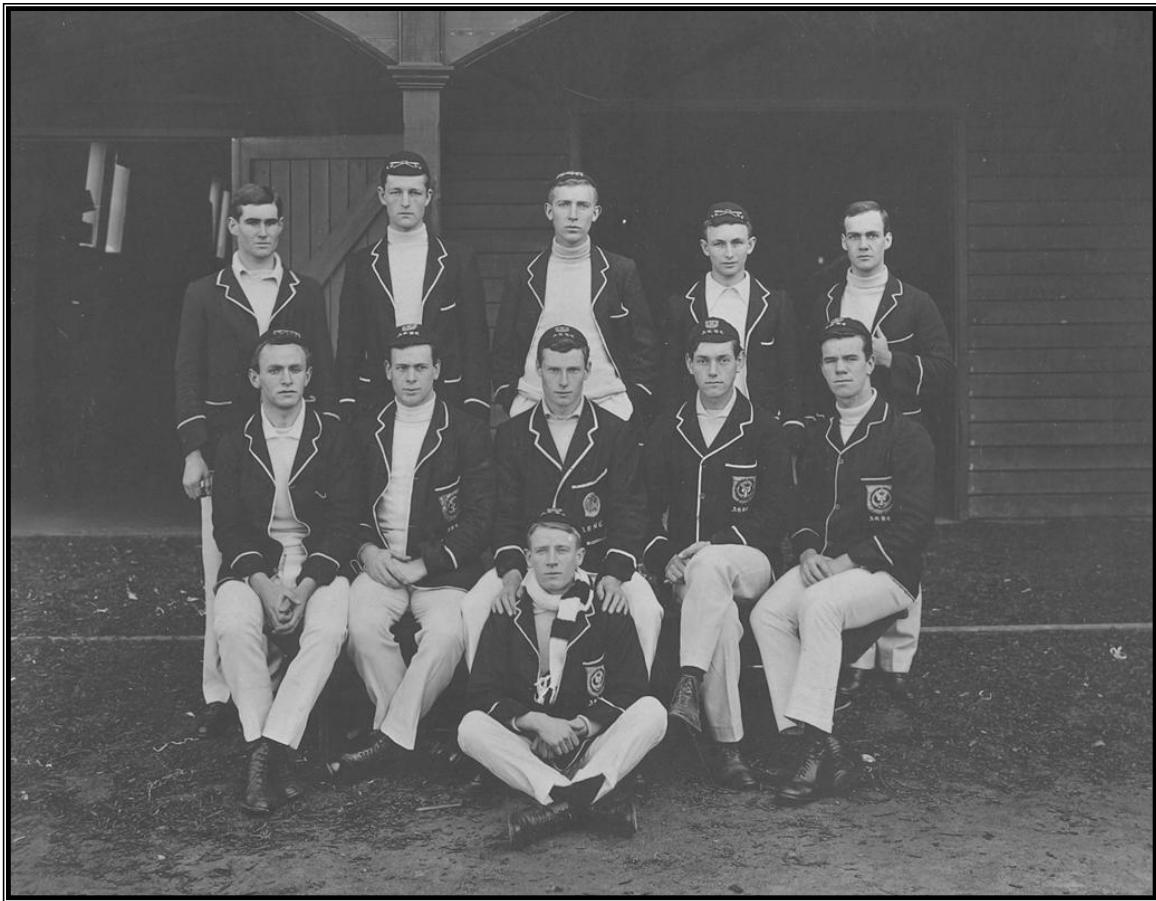
Paul won the 220 yards flat race at the Adelaide University Sports in September 1910.

### *Boat*

Paul joined the Adelaide University Boat Club. He rowed regularly in regattas from 1908 to 1913. He was one of four oarsmen in training in case an emergency was required for the 1909 Intervarsity boat race. In 1910 Paul represented the University at the Intervarsity and the Adelaide crew won the race for the first time since 1891. Paul was awarded a Blue for Boat in 1910. Paul competed in three further Intervarsity boat races, rowing at bow in 1911, Seat 7 in 1912 and Seat 3 in 1913.



## 1910 – Adelaide University Intervarsity Eight



P.C.A. Fornachon –Back Row – Second from Right

Back row: H.H.Swift, C.T.Madigan, S.M.Hardy, T.A.Hardy, P.C.A.Fornachon, W.W.Cooper.

Front row: F.F.Espie, R.M.Scott, A.L.Kennedy, C.L.Abbott, G.H.Burnell.

On Ground: G.M.Potts (cox).

Race held in Melbourne June 7th 1910; won by Adelaide by five lengths.

### 1910 'CHAMPION EIGHTS.'

*Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) - 19 February 1910*

#### —Heroes of the Spray.—

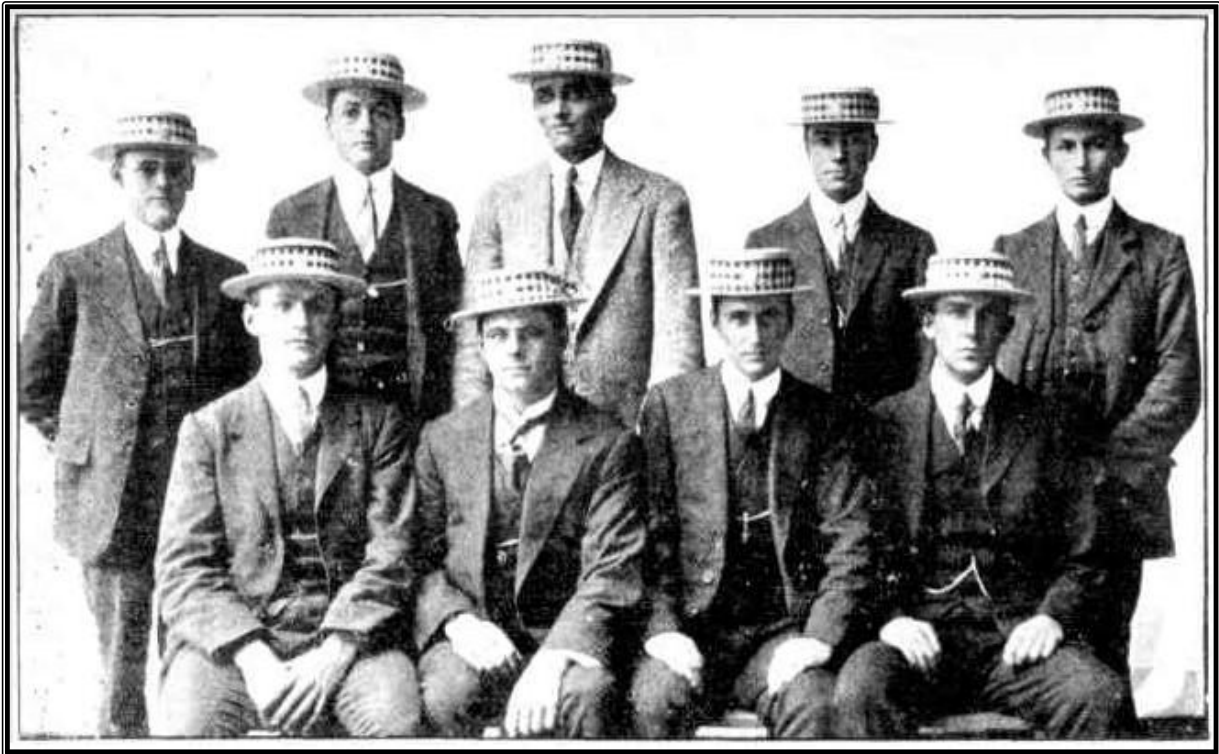
Below is given a record of the performances of each University oarsman who rowed in the champion eights on Saturday, which race has yet to be added to the list. Up to Saturday a University crew had not won an eight-oared championship since 1891. For years they had been fighting hard for victory, and their performances throughout the season have been exceedingly meritorious. Their brilliant victory of Saturday is a fitting sequence to the club's numerous minor wins. P. C. A. Fornachon (bow) rowed in the Junior Eights, 1909; won the Forrester Fours and Torrens Fours, 1909. F. F. Espie (2)—Stroked S.P.S.C. first four, 1908; rowed in Junior Eights and Inter-Varsity Eights, and won Bosanquet Fours, 1909. T. M. Hardy (3)—S.P.S.C. first four, 1907, 1908; Junior Eights, Champion Eights, Inter-Varsity Eights, 1909; won Forrester Fours and Torrens Fours, 1909. G. H. Burnell (4)—Inter-Varsity Eights, 1908; Junior Eights, Champion Eights, Inter-Varsity Eights, 1909; won the Senior-

Junior Fours and Bosanquet Fours, 1909. R. M. Scott (5)—Champion Eights, 1908 and 1909; Inter-Varsity Eights, 1908 and 1909; won the Senior-Junior Fours and Bosanquet Fours, 1909. C. A. Hamilton (6)—Stroked S.P.S.C. first four, 1905 and 1906; stroked Inter-Varsity Eights, 1907, 1908, 1909; stroked Interstate Eight, 1907; won the Senior-Junior Fours, 1907; won the Le Hunte Fours, 1907 and 1908; stroked the Champion Eights, 1909; won the Webb Memorial Cup Fours, 1909. C. L. Abbott (7)—Rowed in Champion Eights, 1908 and 1909; Inter-Varsity Eights, 1908 and 1909; Junior Eights, 1909; won Le Hunte Fours, 1908; won Senior-Junior Fours, 1909. A. L. Kennedy (stroke)—S.P.S.C. first four, 1905; Inter-Varsity Eights, 1907, 1908, 1909; won the Senior-Junior Fours, 1907; stroked the Champion Eights, 1908; won the Le Hunte Fours, 1908; rowed in Champion Eights and won Webb Memorial Cup Fours, 1909.

### 1910 – Adelaide University Intervarsity Eight

#### "THE INTER-VARSITY EIGHT OARED RACE."

*Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) - 24 May 1913*



P.C.A. Fornachon – Back Row far Right

Back Row: E.L. Symons (cox), A.W. Morey (bow) 9 st 10 lb, G.E. Halbert (4) 11 st 3 lb,  
J.A. Love (2) 10 st 2 lb, P. C. A. Fornachon (3) 11 st 1 lb,  
Front Row: E.F. Espie (6) 12 st 7 lbs, L.G. Holmes (7) 11 st 7 lb, D. Yates (stroke) 10 st 12 lb,  
T.M. Hardy (5) 12 st 6 lb

### 1913 Adelaide University Eight



P.C.A. Fornachon – third from Left

Bow: Allan Wilson Morey, 2: John Alexander Love, 3: Paul Charles Albert Fornachon,  
4: George Edward Halbert, 5: Thomas Maxfield Hardy, 6: Francis Fancett Espie,  
7: Louis Gordon Holmes, Str: Donald Yates, Cox: Eric Lindsey Symons,  
Coaches: Arthur Nicholls, Arthur Lorimer Kennedy & Arthur J Shepherd



P.C.A. Fornachon – Third from Right

## Cricket

Cricket was not a major interest for Paul as he was very much involved with rowing and rifle clubs during his University years. He did play one game of cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club in January 1910, playing in the B Grade in a match against Sturt. This was a disastrous match, being thrashed by an innings and 215 runs. Paul did not have a good match and did not play again until January of 1913 when he played for the B Grade in the second half of the 1912/13 season.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)	
Sat 29 Jan 1910 / Page 18	
STURT VERSUS UNIVERSITY.	
Sturt won by an innings and 215 runs.	
Sturt.	
Previously reported, five for 415.	
H. J. Humphreys, not out .. .. .	200
H. A. Wicks, not out .. .. .	126
Total (for five wickets) .. .. .	414
Innings declared closed.	
UNIVERSITY.	
First Innings.	
J. Blackett, b. McKay .. .. .	3
H. Powell, b. McKay .. .. .	41
R. Pavia, b. McKay .. .. .	5
R. G. Potts, b. Price .. .. .	3
J. Gardner, run out .. .. .	0
R. Campbell, c. Pritchard, b. McKay .. .. .	8
D. Rigby, not out .. .. .	0
E. Phillips, run out .. .. .	10
F. Schultz, b. Price .. .. .	0
E. Fornachon, b. Price .. .. .	0
E. Lampe (absent) .. .. .	0
Sundries .. .. .	4
Total .. .. .	74
Bowling.—W. D. Price, three for 31; H. McKay, four for 39.	
Second Innings.	
R. Campbell, c. Humphreys, b. Gent .. .. .	24
H. Powell, c. Creswell, b. James .. .. .	19
R. Pavia, c. Bailey, b. Holthouse .. .. .	29
E. Phillips, b. McKay .. .. .	38
R. G. Potts, b. Holthouse .. .. .	7
J. Gardner, b. Price .. .. .	15
F. Schultz, not out .. .. .	1
D. Rigby, c. Bailey, b. Price .. .. .	0
E. Fornachon, b. McKay .. .. .	7
J. Blackett (absent) .. .. .	0
E. Lampe (absent) .. .. .	0
Sundries .. .. .	19
Total .. .. .	155
Bowling.—R. James, one for 38; V. Gent, one for 38; A. Holthouse, two for 20; H. J. Humphreys, none for 10; W. D. Price, two for 18; H. J. McKay, two for 6.	

In January 1913, in his first game back for the cricket club since his single match in January of 1910, he was surprisingly named as captain. It would also be a return match against Sturt, the same team that he had played against three seasons ago. Although soundly beaten again, Paul had a good match taking five wickets. In the last half of the season he claimed 18 wickets at an average of 18.4 runs per wicket, which showed he possessed some ability.

CRICKET.	
The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)	
Sat 4 Jan 1913 / Page 22	
B Grade.	
University Oval.—University versus Sturt.	
Sturt (from)—W. Parkes (captain), B. T. R. Bailey, W. Noel, L. K. Swann, R. James, G. Sharpe, H. Doolette, V. Selth, E. Gray, Bleechmore, H. Munday, J. Barrett.	
University—Baker, Bean, Bean, Black, Fornachon (captain), Hannan, McGee, Moore, Richards, Timcke, Wilton.	

# "SEASON'S AVERAGES."

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) - 7 April 1913

CRICKET.	
The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)	
Mon 6 Jan 1913 / Page 5 /	
STURT VERSUS UNIVERSITY.	
Played on the University Oval.	
University.	
Caut, c. Moffatt, b. Sharp .. .. .	0
Stevens, run out .. .. .	0
Richards, b. Sharp .. .. .	4
Timcke, c. Moffatt, b. Sharp .. .. .	28
Wilton, run out .. .. .	4
Fornachon, b. Barrett .. .. .	9
E. Bean, b. Barrett .. .. .	7
Bean, b. Barrett .. .. .	0
McGee, c. Moffatt, b. Swann .. .. .	1
Moore, not out .. .. .	9
Black, b. Swann .. .. .	2
Sundries .. .. .	10
Total .. .. .	74
Bowling—James, none for 7; Sharp, three for 29; Doolette, none for 9; Barrett, three for 14; Swann, two for 5.	
Sturt.	
Gray, st. Wilton, b. Fornachon .. .. .	40
Bailey, c. and b. Black .. .. .	58
Sharp, c. McGee, b. Fornachon .. .. .	2
Noel, run out .. .. .	4
Doolette, c. McGee, b. Fornachon .. .. .	7
Swann, b. Fornachon .. .. .	2
James, c. McGee, b. Richards .. .. .	24
Moffatt, c. Stevens, b. Richards .. .. .	40
Bleechmore, b. Richards .. .. .	2
Barrett, st. Wilton, b. Fornachon .. .. .	12
Parkes, not out .. .. .	15
Sundries .. .. .	8
Total .. .. .	213
Bowling—Caut, none for 31; Richards, three for 58; Fornachon, five for 83; Black, one for 27; Stevens, none for 13.	

SEASON'S AVERAGES.	
ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY B.	
—Batting.—	
	I. R. H.R. N.O. Avg.
H. H. Swift .. .. .	4 107 57* 1 35.0
C. R. Cole .. .. .	4 68 47* 2 34.0
A. M. Moulden .. .. .	13 334 132 2 30.5
A. V. Davenport .. .. .	6 113 45 1 22.4
M. Badger .. .. .	8 148 67 — 18.5
R. R. Pavia .. .. .	13 201 73* 1 17.7
A. Limb .. .. .	3 52 24 — 17.3
E. P. Howard .. .. .	14 216 46 1 16.6
W. J. Price .. .. .	10 164 39 — 16.4
L. Hurley .. .. .	8 97 56* 2 16.2
G. S. Marshall .. .. .	7 103 44 — 14.7
C. Richards .. .. .	5 70 30 — 14.0
E. Timcke .. .. .	6 40 28 2 10.0
J. C. P. Strachan .. .. .	4 29 10 1 9.6
R. S. Mills .. .. .	7 67 44 — 9.5
P. C. A. Fornachon .. .. .	8 71 33 1 8.8
F. H. Beare .. .. .	8 52 22 2 8.7
—Bowling.—	
	O. R. W. Aver.
R. R. Pavia .. .. .	92 369 30 12.3
G. S. Marshall .. .. .	36 123 10 12.3
Abby .. .. .	25 94 7 12.4
E. P. Howard .. .. .	100 485 21 15.6
A. M. Moulden .. .. .	59 241 13 18.5
P. C. A. Fornachon .. .. .	47 249 16 19.4
L. Hurley .. .. .	34 171 7 24.4
Also bowled—Price 2 for 37, Richards 2 for 56.	



## Lacrosse

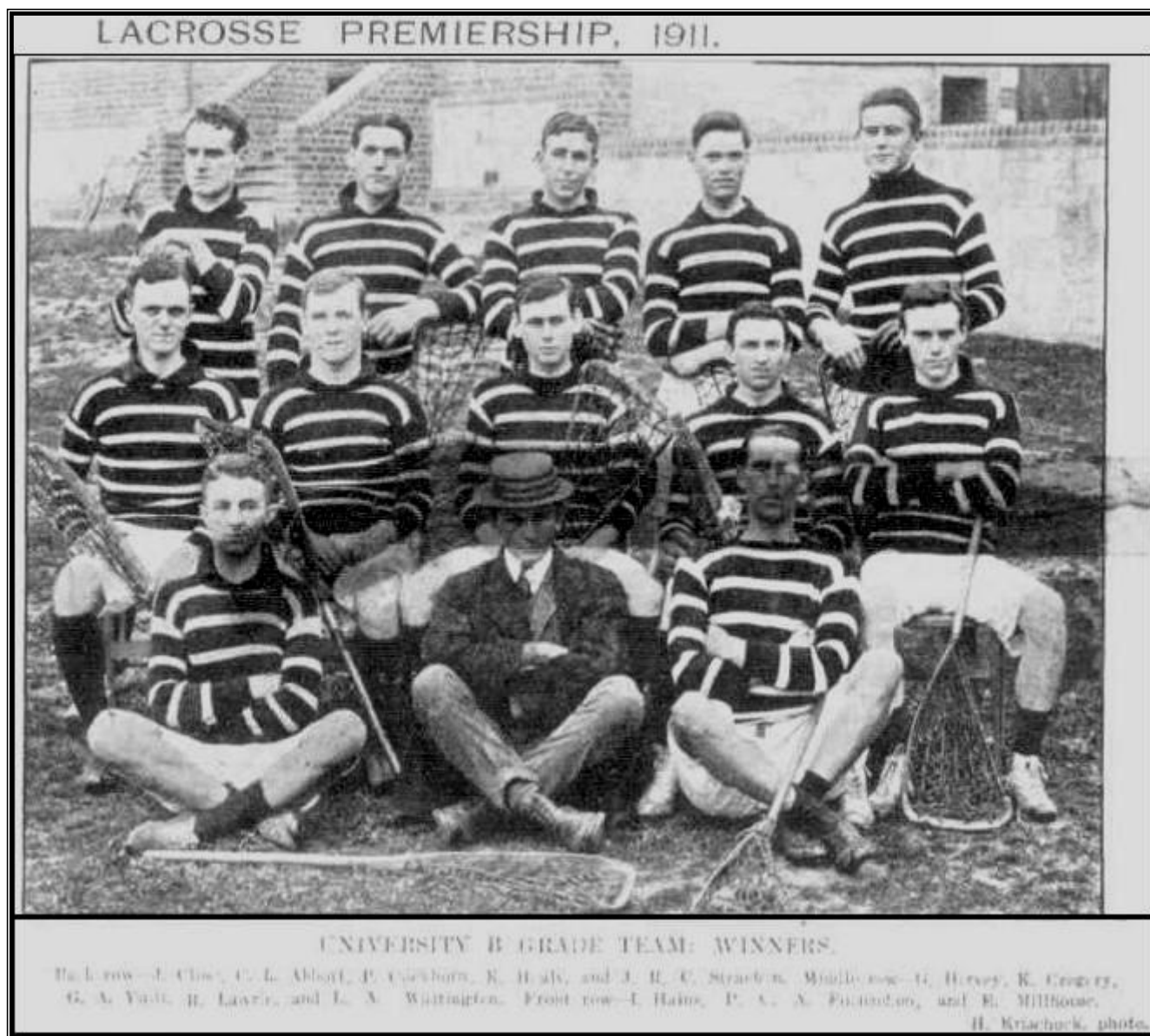
Paul commenced playing C Grade Lacrosse for Adelaide University in the 1908 season he also played at least one game in the B Grade games that year. In 1909, Paul again played C Grade lacrosse for University. Paul's name does not appear in the newspapers but it is likely that he continued to play for either the C Grade or B Grade team in the 1910 season.

In 1911 Paul was associated with the University's B Grade team which won the Premiership that season. He played B Grade Lacrosse in 1912 and was a member of the team which lost the premiership to Sturt. It is likely that Paul also played in the 1913 season.

### "LACROSSE PREMIERSHIP, 1911."

*Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) - 26 August 1911*

#### B Grade



P.C.A. Fornachon – Front Row – Centre

Back row— J. Close, C. L. Abbott, P. Cockburn. K. Healy, and J. R. C. Strachan.

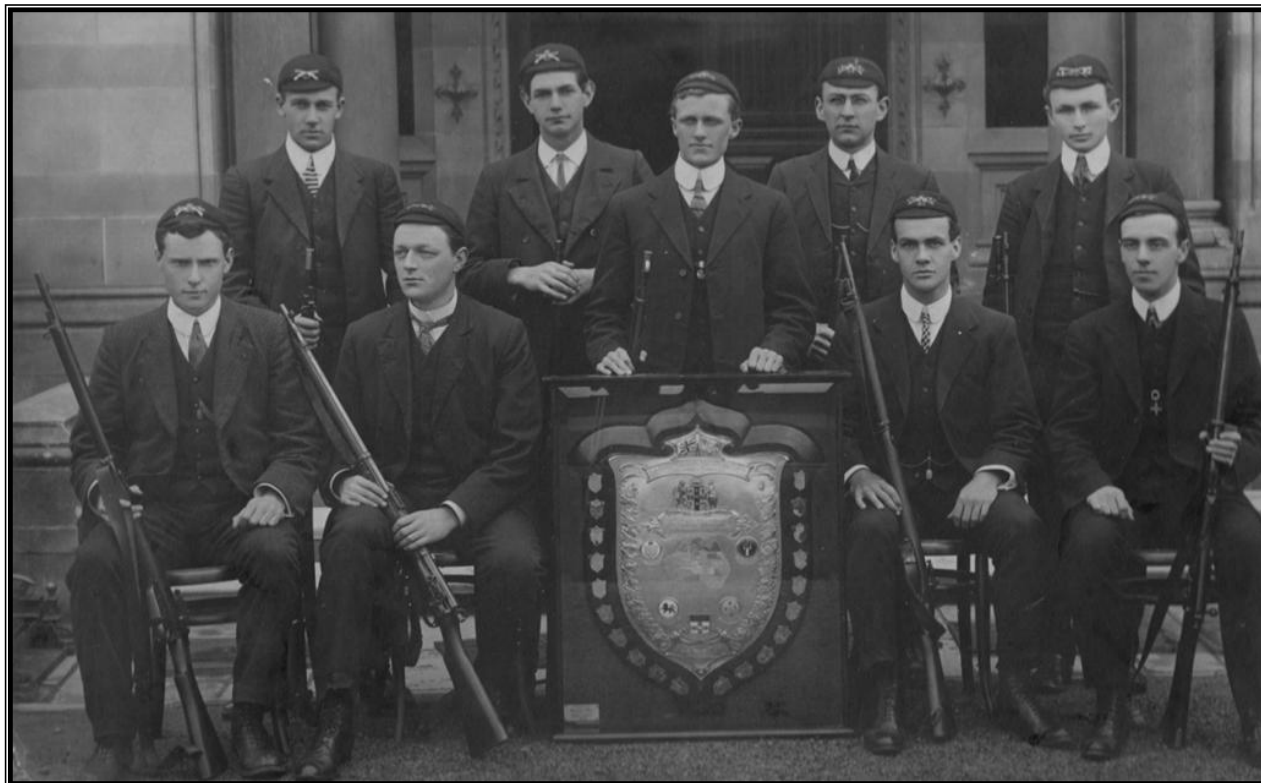
Middle row— G. Harvey, K. Gregory, G. A. Yuill, R. Lawrie, and L. A. Whittington.

Front row — I. Hains, P. C. A. Fornachon, and E. Millhouse. ;

Paul is first mentioned as a member of the Adelaide University Rifle Club in 1911. He competed in various local club competitions from 1911- 1913.

Paul was a member of the 1911 Adelaide University Intervarsity Rifle team which won the competition that year. He also represented the University at the 1912 and 1913 Intervarsity competitions.

### 1911 Adelaide University Intervarsity Rifle Team



P.C.A. Fornachon – Back Row – Far Right

Back: J.H.Hill, N.B.G.Abbott, A.O.Boer, P.C.A.Fornachon. Front: A.L.Kennedy, E.C.Grigson, H.D.Simpson (capt), W.W.Cooper, H.H.Coles (emerg).

Won by Adelaide.

He competed in the National Rifle Championships held at the Port Adelaide ranges in September 1911.

### Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) 30 September 1911

"B" SERIES, No. 8.			
Over 500 yards, 10 shots and two sighters.			
D. A. Crispe (Murray Bridge)	.. ..	44	50
A. J. Pointon (Wasleys)	.. ..	42 10/	49
R. T. Warner (East Torrens)	.. ..	42 10/	49
B. H. Lake (Cyclists)	.. ..	42	49
F. W. Gallasch (Ambleside)	.. ..	41	48
H. J. Coker (Salisbury)	.. ..	41	48
E. C. Juettner (Tanunda)	.. ..	41	48
C. Goers (Tanunda)	.. ..	41	47
P. C. Fornachon (University)	.. ..	41	47
J. Hill (University)	.. ..	41	47
A. W. Lower (Penola)	.. ..	41	47
G. R. Bell (Hamley Bridge)	.. ..	41	47
A. E. John (Tanunda)	.. ..	41	47
A. L. Brice (Orroroo)	.. ..	41	47
G. Yeomans (Locomotive)	.. ..	10/	47
W. Ridgeway (Quorn)	.. ..	10/	47
M. C. Shea (Yanyarrie)	.. ..	10/	47
C. Rechner (Yorketown)	.. ..	10/	46
H. J. Robertson (Yanyarrie)	.. ..	10/	46
A. M. Moon (Port Adelaide)	.. ..	10/	46
W. Antwisa (Gawler)	.. ..	10/	46
D. J. Robertson (Hamley Bridge)	.. ..	10/	46



## 1912 Adelaide University Intersarsity Rifle Team

"ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY RIFLE CLUB."

*Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) - 3 August 1912*



P.C.A. Fornachon – Seated at Left

## 1911 Adelaide University Intersarsity Rifle Team



P.C.A. Fornachon – Front Row – Second from Left

Back: J.G.Jeffreys, A.W.Morey, A.J.K.Bake, J.A.Love.

Front: H.H.Coles (capt), P.C.A.Fornachon, G.A.Lendon, G.H.Black.

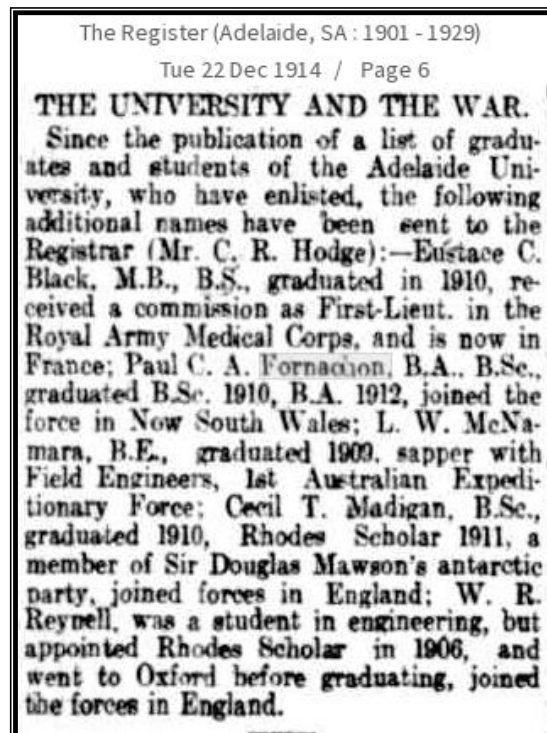
Scores: Melbourne 1334; Sydney 1295; Adelaide 1198.

## Career

Having gained this BSc and BA (both with honours) Paul moved to Sydney where he became a teacher at the Church of England Grammar School in North Sydney, NSW in 1914.

## World War I

Paul enlisted with Service Number 288 on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1914 at Sydney, NSW. He was 23 years and nine months old, 5' 8" tall and weighed 11 stone 8 lbs. Paul had a fair complexion, brown eyes and dark brown hair. He named his 12 year old half-sister Miss Grace Hulda Sophie Fornachon of Golden Grove, South Australia as his next-of-kin. Paul had been a Senior Cadet for a year and a half.

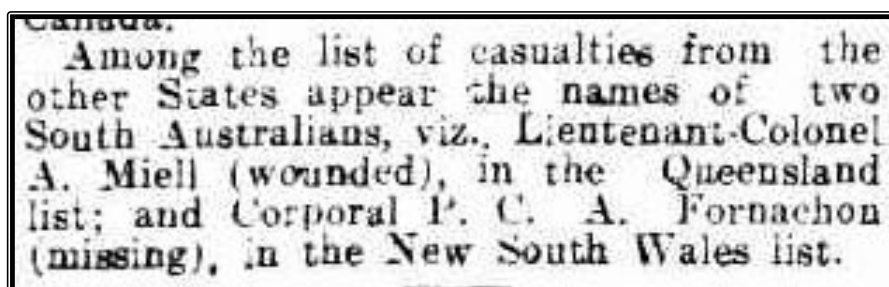


He was a Private in the 2nd Infantry Battalion, A Company but was quickly appointed a Lance Corporal (25<sup>th</sup> September 1914).

He embarked from Sydney on the transport ship Suffolk on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1914 and disembarked at Alexandrina, Egypt in December 1914. He would have undertaken training in Egypt and was appointed a Corporal in C Company (28<sup>th</sup> January 1915).

Paul embarked on the 5<sup>th</sup> April from Alexandrina to engage in the Gallipoli campaign. Paul landed a Gallipoli on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 was declared missing in action on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1915. News that Paul was missing reached South Australia in June 1915.

### ***The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) - 21 June 1915***



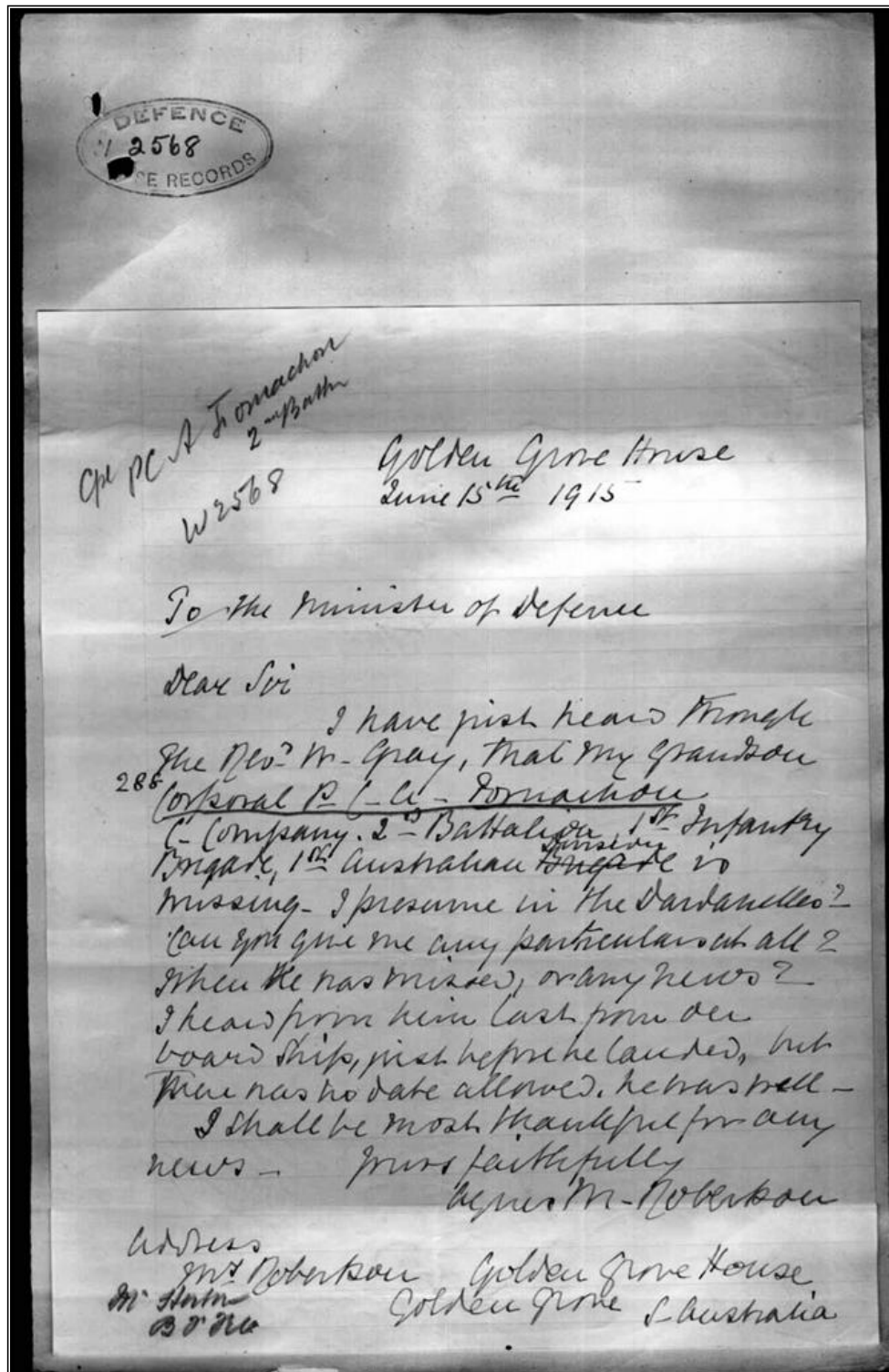
Many details on Paul's Service and Red Cross records are then confusing and contradictory. It is possible that Paul was with the 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon under Lieutenant Brown, which pushed forward on the 25<sup>th</sup> April and was cut off.

There were reports that Paul was seen on the Peninsula in June 1915, while others suggested that he may have been taken prisoner by the Turkish forces.

The names of many prisoners-of-war were recorded on a list which was made available to the Ambassador of the United States of America. Paul's name never appeared on the list.

Paul's Red Cross "Wounded and Missing File" is at the Australian War Memorial see:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1486406>





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Base Records' Office, A.I.E.F.  
MELBOURNE, 29th July 1915.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry (undated), concerning No. 288 Corporal P. C. A. Vernachon, 2nd Battalion, who is reported as missing, I beg to inform you that no details other than those contained in the cable message from Alexandria, have been received.

The names of members of the Australian Imperial Force who were taken prisoner, and at present are interned in Turkey, are not yet available here. However, the Turkish Authorities have established a War Information Bureau at Constantinople, and the American Ambassador is advising the Imperial Authorities of all obtainable information concerning prisoners, etc. Any particulars relating to Australians will be communicated to next-of-kin immediately upon receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. A. M. Robertson,  
Golden Grove House,  
Golden Grove. S.A.

## Death

It was not until more than a year after he went missing that a Court of Enquiry, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1916, declared that Paul had been killed in action on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1915.

As Paul has no known grave, he is among the many ANZAC's remembered at the Lone Pine Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Turkey.



Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 288 ✓

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 2nd Bn, 1st Inf Bde N.I.F

Rank Corporal Surname FERNACHON Christian Name P.C.A.

Religion ... Age on Enlistment ... years ... months

Enlisted (a) 17/8/14 Terms of Service (a) ... Service reckons from (a) ...

Date of promotion to present rank ... Date of appointment to lance rank ...

Extended ... Re-engaged ... Qualification (b) ... or Corps Trade and rate ...

Occupation ... Signature of Officer

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
		Embarked Sydney	18/10/14	
		Disembarked Alexandria	December 1914	
		to 1st Bn. Emb. to join M.E.F.	Alexandria 5-4-15	
		Derfflinger Gallipoli Campaign		
2-5-15	C.O. 2 Bn	Reported Missing Gallipoli	2-5-15	213-2/5/15 Cal'd 4465/6 0/25/2927
24-3-16	C.O. 2nd Bn.	Pronounced Killed in Action by Court of Enquiry held on board H.M.T. 123.	2-5-15	AP5972MECH2002- 15/5/16 D.O. 8/8831
		Certified True Copy.		
		Administrative Headquarters London		

(a) in the case of a man who has to engage 150, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement of enlistment will be entered.

(b) Signatures, Signing, Stamp, &c.

W. 8558 31223 20000 9.10 (1911) U.P. & Co. Ltd., Form D/103 8/10/07.

P.T.O.

D.T.

No. 288.

-----Corporal Paul Charles Albert Fernachon,  
2nd Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force.

mxmxmx was killed in action. Finding of Court of Enquiry.

Gallipoli Peninsula

2nd May.

15.

Cable No. M.F.C.

42002, from the Officer Commanding Intermediate Base, Dated  
Alexandria, 15th May, 1916, confirmed by Army Form B.104-52,  
and Army Form B.2090A. -----

4th November, 18.

for

Captain,

**FOR KING AND COUNTRY.**  
**FORNACHON.**—Killed in action at Gallipoli, on the 2nd May, 1915, Corporal C. L. A. Fornachon, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Australian Division, eldest son of the late C. L. F. Fornachon, Park terrace, Wayville.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Corporal

**FORNACHON, PAUL  
 CHARLES ALBERT**

Service Number 288

Died 02/05/1915

2nd Bn.

Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Son of Charles Louis Fernand

Fornachon and Marie Fornachon.

Native of Adelaide.



Lone Pine

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY 1ST BATTALION	
PRIVATE WEINGOTT S. WHITE G. WILLIAMS C. L. WILLOUGHBY T.	PRIVATE WILSON T. H. WINCH C. R. WRIGHT S. WRIGHT T. A. R.
2ND BATTALION	
MAJOR GORDON C. G.	CORPORAL FORNACHON P. C. A. GLOVER W. S. LYONS J. MACDONALD M. R. MCROBERTS W. O. MILLER W. E. MORGAN G. PORTEOUS R. SKEVINGTON F. STANNESS G. VYNER C. J.
CAPTAIN BROWN R. T. CAMPBELL I. F. CONCANON G. L. B. NASH H. L.	LANCE CPL. ARNOLD A. BRISTOW J. T. BUCHANAN A. J. GALE N. W. H. MAHONY E. P. MARSHALL F. S. SLEE W. WOODLEY T.
LIEUTENANT DAWSON A. D. G. HEUGH D. MCN.	PRIVATE ANDERSON S. ALM TRONG C. BARNES T. A. BARNES W. LASSAN R. A. LATT J. H. BAYLIS O. C. J.
SECOND LIEUT. KILLY G. E. E. SOLLING E. M.	
COY. QMR. SERJT. ELIOT J. A.	
SERGEANT BUCHER W. CAISON T. R. HODDEN D. C. MCDONALD J. SCOTT W. H. SMITH A. J. WELLSCH P.	
LANCE SERJT. MACINNES I. G.	

Golden Grove Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour





**Serviceman:**

FORNACHON, Paul Charles Albert  
b 8 November 1890 - Adelaide SA  
d 2 May 1915

**Serv no.** 288

**Parents:**

FORNACHON, Charles Louis Fernand  
m 24 September 1889 - Adelaide SA  
JENTSCH, Marie

**Siblings:**

FORNACHON, Frank Charles Robert  
b 4 September 1892 - Adelaide SA  
d 29 July 1911 - Weetulta SA

m 12 August 1899 - Golden Grove SA

**Stepmother:** ROBERTSON, Elizabeth MacPherson (Leila)

**Half Siblings:**

FORNACHON, Charles Norman MacLeod  
b 25 September 1901 - Wayville SA  
d 17 January 1902 - Wayville SA

FORNACHON, Grace Hulda Sophie  
b 30 December 1902 - Wayville SA

m

Le VERE, Alan

Le VERE, Carolyn

FORNACHON, John Charles MacLeod  
b 28 December 1905 - Wayville SA  
m 9 August 1938 - Glen Osmond SA  
HAMILTON, Barbara Frances

FORNACHON, Elizabeth  
b 26 October 1940 - North Adelaide SA  
m

MORTIMER,

FORNACHON, Michael  
b 21 January 1944 - North Adelaide SA

FORNACHON, Archibald Charles Edward  
b 10 February 1908 - Wayville SA  
d 18 October 1932 - SA

DEPARTMENT

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 288.

Rank *Cpl.* Name *P. C. A. Fornacion.*

Unit *2nd Battalion.*

M.F.C. 1400  
Red + 2.5.15

Casualty *Missing at Dardanelles M.F.C. 4466/417. 11/6/15*

Misc. No. *Previously reported missing now reported Killed in action*  
*2/5/15 M7C 42002/5990 10 bd. Also 15/5/16 ab*

DATE. *A.F. B. 103 Received* PURPORT. *A.F. B. 2090A Received* REF. NO.

15/6/15  
18/6/15

*A m Robertson. Asking further particulars*  
*replied sent*

29. 7. 15.  
17. 8. 15

*A m Robertson Asking further particulars*  
*Replied sent a letter of the*  
*Capl. C. P. Butler asking if any further*  
*information available*

27. 10. 15.

*A m Robertson asks further news of above & how to ensure*  
*letters to prisoners in Turkey.*

3. 11. 15.

*Replied sent to 27. 10. 15.*

19. 5. 16.  
19. 5. 16

*M. O. 2 Advised Killed 2/5/15*  
*M. O. 4 Advised "*

2. 5. 16

*COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS*

23 5 16

*DIAG 4ND Stating not advised in Casualty.*

*2/5/15 Court of Enquiry formed*  
*Killed in action at Gallipoli*

*CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF A.F. B. 2090A Received*  
*Cable No. M.F.C. 42002 Vide 285/15*

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29. 7. 20

*Regular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched*

*PERSONAL EFFECTS EX Kit Bago C'booc-ec' conveyed*

5/11/20

*1914/15 Star Issued B.R.M. 43/1229/2/20 8022*

*4th M.D. B.R.M. 50222, Earl*  
*5/1454.*

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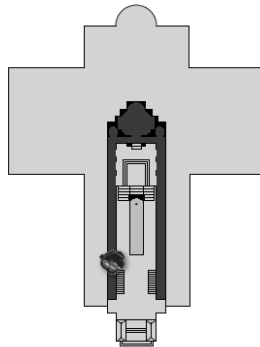
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WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST.

## Australian War Memorial

### Location on the Roll of Honour

Paul Charles Albert Fornachon's name is located at panel 32 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



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