



Capt. Gilbert Aberdein Harvey



25th November 1917



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: A Grade and Intervarsity 1907

MB BS Adelaide 1911

Resident Medical Officer Adelaide Children's Hospital

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 Gilbert Aberdein Harvey. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

Published Biography

Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who served in World War 1.
Verco, Summers, Swain and Jelly 2014.

† HARVEY Gilbert Aberdein

MB BS

1886 - 1917



Gilbert Aberdein Harvey was born in Adelaide on the 22nd June 1886. He was the son of James Harvey of Adelaide and his wife Jessie Matilda (Maud). James Harvey came from Aberdeen in Scotland and immigrated to Australia when he was 18 years old. He moved to South Australia about 1864 and in 1872, acted as attorney for Sir Walter Hughes until Hughes' death in 1888. James Harvey became a leading businessman in Adelaide for many years. He was a director of Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co., and at the time of his death he was also chairman of directors of the Adelaide Steamship Company, the Bank of Adelaide, the Commercial Union Assurance Company, the Adelaide Steam Tug Company, and the Wallaroo and Moonta Mining and Smelting Company. Gilbert Aberdein Harvey was educated at Queens School, North Adelaide in 1903 and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide, graduating in 1911. He then became a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

Harvey joined the RAMC in England at the outbreak of WW1. He was attached to the 1st Battalion, Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment. Harvey married Elspeth, eldest daughter of Mr George Young and the Hon. Mrs. Young, of Bude, Cornwall on the 29th

September 1917. Two months later on 25th November 1917 Gilbert Aberdein Harvey was wounded and died on the Western Front. He is buried at Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, France.

It was recorded in the Adelaide Register on 3rd September 1918 that the will of Gilbert Aberdein Harvey, who died in France, has been admitted to probate in England. The estate was left for the benefit of the widow after the payment of three small legacies. The bequests were given in November 1919 to the Adelaide Children's Hospital which received £500. It was presented by his widow Elspeth Harvey; 800 guineas also endowed a cot in his memory, and the balance of £185 entitled Mrs Harvey to a life governorship of the hospital. Gilbert Harvey's younger brother Leslie Morison Harvey, born on the 6th February 1888, also served in France.

Sources:

Photo IWM England
Reference: WO339/13525, the National Archives Kew, London.
Former references: in its original department: 29234, Legal status: Public Record.
Adelaide Register 11th October 1917
Adelaide Register 3rd September 1918

Additional Biography

Early Life

Gilbert Aberdein Harvey was born on the 22nd June 1886, the elder of two sons of James Harvey and Jessie Matilda (Maud) Roe. Gilbert's brother, Leslie Morison Harvey was born in 1888.

Gilbert's father was born in Scotland. He was a prominent Adelaide businessman and was the director of many companies including Elder, Smith and Co, Adelaide Steamship Co. and the Bank of Adelaide.

Schooling

Gilbert passed the Preliminary Examinations in October 1900, aged 14 years. He attended Queen's School, North Adelaide from at least 1901.

Gilbert won the School Cup at the Queen's School annual sports in 1901. Two years later his brother, Leslie won the cup with Gilbert coming second in the 100 yards Senior Championship and the 120 yards flat events. In 1902, 1905 and 1906, Gilbert was an official at the school sports.

In 1902, Gilbert passed six subjects in the Junior Examinations (Latin, French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry). In December 1903 he passed five subjects in the Senior Examinations (English Literature, History, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry and Physics). He passed the Senior Examination in French (with credit) in March 1903 under the tutorship of FA d'Arenberg.

In December 1904 Gilbert passed a further four Senior Examinations (English Literature, Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra and Geometry).

University

Gilbert commenced studying medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1905. His student card for the years 1909 and 1910 is below.

In fourth year (1910), Gilbert was a representative on the committee of the University Medical Students Society. He was on the committee which organised the University Sports Association annual ball from 1910-1912.

Gilbert gained his MB BS in December 1911.

1906 – Adelaide University Medical Faculty



GA Harvey – Third Row from Front – Seventh from Left

Adelaide University - Student Card for GA Harvey

NAME AND ADDRESS		Harvey, Gilbert Aberdeen North Adelaide				REGISTER NO. 1782		GRADE Grad		
COURSE		DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF MATRICULATION						
Medicine		22/1/05		18/3/05						
SENIOR		N 1902 Eng Lit; Latin; Arith & Al; Chem				N 1903 Eng Lit; Arith & Al; Chem; Physics				
		M 1905 1/2								
STATUS GRANTED										
Year	Subject	Receipt	First Term	Receipt	Second Term	Receipt	Third Term	Examn.	Result	Remarks
1909	Third Year	B325	924	447	74	6410	74	Pass	1/2	
	Anatomy									
	Medicine Prin & Prac									
	Surgery Prin & Prac									
	Clinical Med. & Surg									
	Clin. Bacteriology									
	Practical Medicine									
1910	Fourth Year	B327	941	447	6410	74	447	Pass	1/2	
	Medicine Prin & Prac									
	Surgery Prin & Prac									
	Obstetrics									
	Forensic Med.									
	Pathology									

University Sport

Athletics

Gilbert competed at the Adelaide University Sports in August 1905, coming third in the 220 yards flat.

Football

Gilbert played football for the Adelaide University Football Club in a match against Wesley College in 1905 and in a match against Geelong College in 1907.

He played for the Adelaide University Football Club in the Adelaide & Suburban Association competition in 1907 and was a member of the 1907 Intervarsity team.

1907 – Adelaide University – Intersarsity Football Team



GA Harvey – Back Row – Fourth from Left

Lacrosse

Gilbert was associated with the Adelaide University Lacrosse Club from 1097 and ha was included in the 1907 Intersarsity team photograph. He was an emergency back for the Adelaide University Lacrosse team for the Intersarsity match in August 1909. He played B Grade lacrosse for University in 1911 and was a member of the B Grade Premiership team that year. He was also listed as an emergency for the 1911 Intersarsity match.

1907 – Adelaide University – Intersarsity Lacrosse Team



GA Harvey – Back Row – Far Left

***Back: G.A.Harvey, C.E.Dolling, L.W.Jeffries, D.R.W.Cowan, R.J.Rudall (mng), D.M.Steele, H.K.Fry, O.M.Moulden, E.C.Black.
Middle: C.Yeatman, L.O.Betts (vice capt), R.A.Goode (capt), S.J.K.McClennan, G.C.Campbell, E.A.H.Russell (sec).
Front: R.J.Verco, M.Ericksen. Held in Melbourne, won by Adelaide 11-2***

"LACROSSE PREMIERSHIP, 1911." - *Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)* 26 August 1911

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88689420>



GA Harvey – Middle Row – Far Left

Other Sports

Gilbert attended Mr F Charlton's School of Arms and in October 1909 he was one of the students who gave a demonstration of boxing.

"BOXING DEMONSTRATION."

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 1 October 1906

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article56686043>

The best exhibition of the evening came from the Harvey Brothers, two well set up men, whose boxing was the truest advertisement on the programme for Mr. Charlton's tuition. The longer reach of G. A. Harvey gave him a slight advantage over his brother, but they were very well matched.

Gilbert also played tennis and was an entrant in the South Australian Lawn Tennis Tournament held in March 1912.

Career

Having gained his MB BS, Gilbert became a fully registered medical practitioner in December 1911 and was appointed a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital for 1913. Some of his time as a resident was spent at the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

"MEDICAL BOARD."

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924) 15 December 1911

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article105206548>

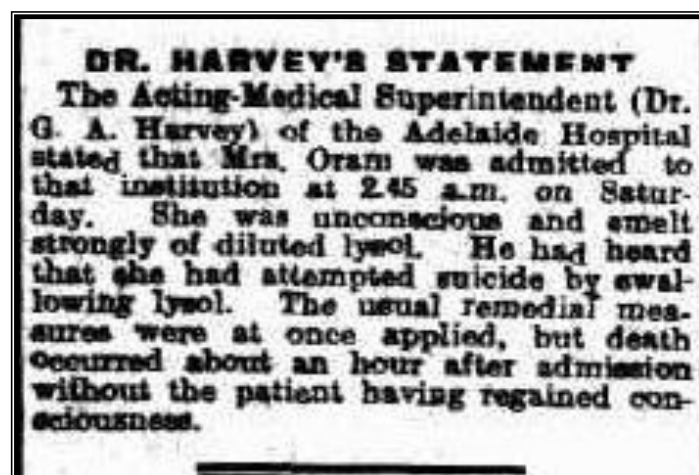


By February 1913, Gilbert was the Acting-Medical Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital.

"DR. HARVEY'S STATEMENT"

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924) 24 February 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article105283524>



Gilbert attended the University Ball in June 1913.

In September 1913, Gilbert resigned from his position at the Adelaide Hospital and left on a trip to the Far East and Europe. It was his intention at that time to be absent for twelve months.

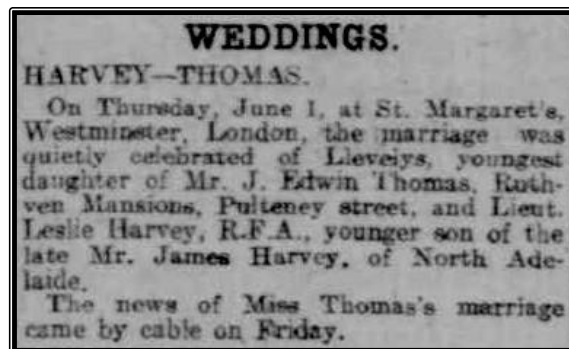
World War I

Gilbert enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corp shortly after the outbreak of World War 1. His Service Record is held at the National Archives in the UK and is not available digitally. He served with the Royal Army Medical Corps attached to 1st Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster).

In January 1915, Gilbert's brother, Leslie, left for England with the intention of volunteering for the front. Leslie joined the Royal Field Artillery. He was a Lieutenant at the time of his marriage in June 1916 to Llevelys Thomas, the daughter of Mr J Edwin Thomas, Ruthven mansions, Pulteney St, Adelaide. Leslie was awarded the Military Cross in June 1916 and he later rose to the rank of Major.

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) 3 June 1916

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article59378045>



Tragically for the Harvey brothers their parents both passed away in late 1915, Jessie in September and James in November. James Harvey left a substantial estate with each of the boys inheriting in the order of £80,000.

"DEATH OF MR. JAMES HARVEY."

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) 2 December 1915

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article209591729>

DEATH OF MR. JAMES HARVEY.

Mr. James Harvey, who held a prominent place in commercial circles in Adelaide, died at his residence, Wellington-square, North Adelaide, on Thursday morning, after an illness that lasted about three months. He was a native of Scotland, having been born at Aberdeen 78 years ago. At the age of 18 years he set out for Australia, and for nine years lived in Victoria. He was engaged in a bank for a part of that time, and afterwards entered the Civil Service. In about 1864 he removed to Adelaide, and received appointments as secretary of several mining companies. For 18 months he held these positions, and then relinquished them in order to accept an appointment as superintendent of the smelting works at Wallaroo. While performing those duties Mr. Harvey was brought necessarily into close contact with business affairs, in which the late Sir Walter Hughes was interested, and at the latter's request Mr.

A black and white portrait photograph of an elderly man with a mustache, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera.

Harvey returned to Adelaide in 1872, and acted as attorney for Sir Walter Hughes until that gentleman's death in 1888. Mr. Harvey confined his activities to business circles, and took no prominent part in political or civic affairs. For many years he was a director of Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co., and at the time of his death he was also chairman of directors of the Adelaide Steamship Company, the Bank of Adelaide, the Commercial Union Assurance Company, the Adelaide Steam-tug Company, and the Wallaroo and Moonta Mining and Smelting Company. In 1884 Mr. Harvey married a daughter of the late Mr. J. H. Roe, and his wife died as recently as September 19 last. The deceased left two sons—Dr. Gilbert Harvey and Mr. Leslie Harvey, both of whom are serving with the colors in France.

The late Mr. J. Harvey.

Gilbert's engagement to Elspeth Young was announced in the *The Times* (London, England), Saturday, Jul 07, 1917; pg. 9; Issue 41524.

CAPTAIN G. A. HARVEY AND MISS YOUNG.
The engagement is announced of Captain Gilbert Aberdein Harvey, R.A.M.C., elder son of the late James Harvey, of Adelaide, South Australia, and Elspeth, elder daughter of Mr. George and the Hon. Mrs. Young, of Bude, Cornwall.

On the 29th September 1917, Gilbert married Elspeth, the daughter of Mr George and the Hon Mrs Young, of Bude, Cornwall.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 11 October 1917

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article60327847>

HARVEY—YOUNG.—On the 29th September, at Stratton, Bude, Cornwall, England, Capt. Gilbert Aberdein Harvey, R.A.M.C., elder son of the late James Harvey, of 58 Wellington square, North Adelaide, to Elspeth, elder daughter of Mr. George and the Hon. Mrs. Young, of Bude, Cornwall.



Studio portrait of Captain (Capt) Gilbert Aberdein Harvey and Elspeth Young on their wedding day.



Capt GA Harvey

Death

Gilbert passed away on active service of wounds on the 25th November 1917 in France, aged 31. He is buried at the Duisans British Cemetery, Duisans, Arras, Nord Pas de Calais, France. The inscription on Gilbert's grave reads "Faithful unto Death". Gilbert left an estate valued at just under £80,000, being mainly his inheritance from his father's estate.

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923) 30 November 1917

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article201916858>

HARVEY.—Died on active service of wounds. Dr. Gilbert A. Harvey, eldest son of the late James and Maud Harvey, of Wellington square, North Adelaide.

"COONAWARRA." *Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954) 18 December 1917*

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article77671275>

At the conclusion of the Red Cross Fair the Chairman (Mr. J. Darwent) made feeling reference to the great loss Mrs. Alexander had sustained. She had on Monday received word that Dr. Gilbert A. Harvey, the eldest son of her late brother, Mr. James Harvey, had died from wounds received while serving his country at the front. He felt sure that they would all sympathise with Mrs. Alexander in the loss of a much loved relative.

As Gilbert served in the RAMC his name is listed in the Commemorative Roll at the Australian War Memorial. Gilbert is also remembered at the family burial plot at North Road Church of England Cemetery, Nailsworth, South Australia (Row 7 North - East Side). A cot to his memory was endowed at the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

"THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL." *The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)*

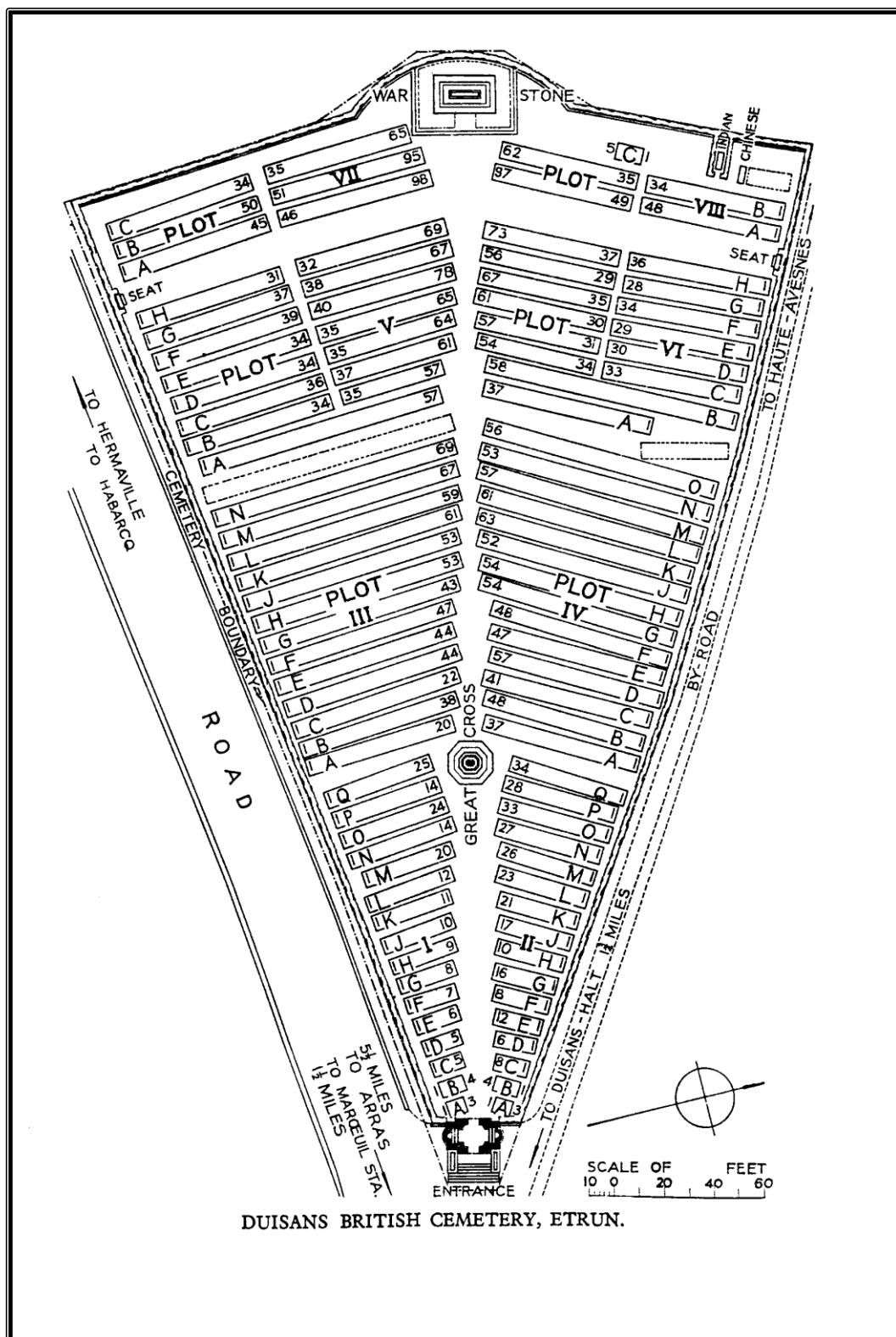
4 November 1919

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5640211>

Five
hundred pounds was also presented by the widow
of Dr. Gilbert Aberdein Harvey, who a few years
ago was resident medical officer of the hospital.
800 guineas of which endowed a cot to his me-
mory, and the balance of £185 entitles Mrs. Har-
vey to a life governorship.

Duisans British Cemetery, France





DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN.

HARVEY, Capt. Gilbert Aberdein. Royal Army Medical Corps attd. 1st Bn. Royal Lancaster Regt. 25th Nov., 1917. Age 31. Son of James and Maud Harvey, of Adelaide, South Australia; husband of Elspeth M. Dudgeon (formerly Harvey). VI. D. 57.

Record of Medals

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
HARVEY	RAMC	Capt. xx	
Gilbert Aberdeen	att R Lane R		
Medal: GA	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY RAMC	Off 141	654c	D of W. Sec 25117
BATTLE RAMC	do		
1915 STAR	Off 141	109	18.X.4.56.d/ 31.10.22 NW/6/2/127.
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry theatre	11.1.15.		
7.3.22	NW/6/2/127		

Gilbert's war medals were sent to his widow (Elspeth).

Elspeth had remarried Captain MF Dudgeon, MC. Inniskilling Dragoons, on the 9th July 1919 at Brompton Parish Church, London. The couple then lived at 'The Hollies', Easingwold, Yorkshire, UK.

Leslie Morison Harvey

Gilbert's brother, Leslie returned to Australia in August 1919.

Leslie and Llevelys had two children Alain Morison Harvey and Llevelys Herries Harvey. Tragically both children pre-deceased their parents.

Alain joined the RAAF in on the 21st July 1941. He was killed in action on the night of 23-24 May 1943 in a flying battle over Dortmund, Germany, aged 22. Llevelys Herries Harvey passed away in 1958, aged 37.

Sources and Acknowledgements

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Leslie <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C1070046>

Imperial War Museum (UK)

Portrait of Gilbert <https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/205300854>

Australian War Memorial <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/>
<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1431149>

Portrait <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/P10842.001>

Wedding Photograph <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1377375>

The Adelaide University <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/records/archives/>

1909 Lacrosse <https://digital.library.adelaide.edu.au/dspace/handle/2440/61441>

The National Library of Australia <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>
(Trove Newspaper articles tagged – Dr GA Harvey)

SA Genealogy <https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>

Ancestry.com.au

[Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947](#)

[British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920](#)

1907 Adelaide University Intersarsity Football photograph

- courtesy of Tony Swain one of the authors of the book “Blood, Sweat and Fears”

Grave Secrets <http://ww1nonaif.gravesecrets.net/ha.html>

Commonwealth War Grave Commission

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/169759/harvey,-gilbert-aberdein/>

<http://www.webmatters.net/cwgc/duisans.htm>

Find a Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/177936832/james-harvey/photo>

State Library of South Australia <http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm>

‘The Times’ Digital Archive 1785-2012

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