



Lt. Wilfrid Oswald Jose



3rd April 1917



Played for Adelaide University



Football Club: 1913 & 1914 (A Grade)

Cricket Club: 1913/1914 (A Grade)

Student: Applied Science (Engineering)

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 Wilfrid Oswald Jose. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=158874>



Oswald Wilfred JOSE (sic)

Regimental number	38
Date of birth	--/08/1895
Place of birth	Ningpo, China
School	St Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia
Other training	Private School, Oxford; Queen's School, N Adelaide.
Age on arrival in Australia	8
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Student
Address	Palmer Place, North Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Father, Rev S H Jose, Palmer Place, North Adelaide, South Australia
Previous military service	Served as a Lieutenant in the Senior Cadets at S.P.S.C.; had just enrolled in Citizen Military Forces when war broke out.
Enlistment date	19 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	10th Battalion, A Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board Transport A11 <i>Ascanius</i> on 20 October 1914
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant

Unit from Nominal Roll	50th Battalion
Promotions	2nd Lieutenant Unit: INF50 Promotion date: 17 March 1916 Lieutenant Unit: INF50 Promotion date: 10 July 1916
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	'In charge of 1st waves of 55th attacking at Noreuil; is the 'young officer' mentioned in Mr Bean's despatch about Noreuil as found lying between 2 machine gun positions with only 1 cartridge unfired in his revolver.' (Father)
Fate	Killed in Action 3 April 1917
Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll)	*Spelt Oswald Wilfrid Jose on NR
Place of death or wounding	Noreuil, France
Age at death	22
Age at death from cemetery records	21
Place of burial	Noreuil Australian Cemetery (Row F, Grave No. 31), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	150
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Commemorated in North Road Church of England Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia. The Rev. Canon G.H. JOSE and Clara Ellen JOSE, Christ Church Rectory, North Adelaide, South Australia
Family/military connections	Brother: Major S.B. JOSE MC, 14th Field Ambulance, AAMC.

Note: Wilfrid Oswald Jose's name was recorded on his Service Record as Oswald Wilfrid Jose and has been transcribed onto some documents as Oswald Wilfred Jose.

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=11270874>

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 38 Name JOSE Oswald Wilfred
2/Lieut. Unit A Coy 10 Batt A.I.F.
 Joined on 19 August 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>Jose Oswald Wilfred</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of <u>Stungga</u> near the Town of <u>...</u> in the County of <u>China</u>
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, please so to show.)	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>19</u>
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Student</u>
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?	6. <u>No</u>
7. Are you married?	7. <u>No</u>
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)	8. <u>Father Rev Jose St.</u> <u>Palmer Place</u> <u>North Adelaide</u>
9. Have you ever been enlisted by the Civil Power?	9. <u>No</u>
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Insubordinate 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?	10. <u>No</u>
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, Naval Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge	11. <u>Leave to go to 7th Regiment</u> <u>7th Infantry</u>
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	12. <u>Yes</u>
13. Have you ever been reported as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	13. <u>No</u>
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you unless before or after embarkation during your term of service?	14. <u>No</u>

3. Wilfred Oswald Jose do solemnly swear that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and lawfully 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 give and use those facilities of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.*

Date 19.8.16 Signature of person enlisting Jose

*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.

Published Biographies

Virtual War Memorial Australia <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/173634>

JOSE, Wilfrid Oswald

Service Number - Lieutenant/38

Place of Birth - Ningpo China

Place of Enlistment - Morphettville SA

Next of Kin - (Father) JOSE G H Rev

Brother of (Sir) Ivan Bede JOSE, MC and Brother of Gilbert Edgar JOSE.

Wilfred Jose was a 19 year old student when War broke out in August 1914, and was one of the earliest enlistees into the 10th Battalion, his service number of 38 attesting to his 'position' in the enlistment queue. He had two older brothers both of whom enlisted.

He was assigned to A Company of the 10th Battalion and joined the 'Scouts'. He ended up in 1 Section with Arthur Blackburn and Guy Fisher, law students, Tom Whyte, a champion rower, Eric Meldrum, John Gordon, Francis Stokes, Malcolm Teesdale-Smith and Phil Robin, a noted Australian Rules player from the Norwood football club.

After basic training at Morphettville Racecourse, he and his colleagues embarked for overseas service from Adelaide on 20 October 1914 aboard HMAT Ascanius.

After training in Egypt, Wilfred and his mates embarked on the *Ionian* for the island of Lemnos in the Aegean Sea. From here the landing at Gallipoli was to be mounted. The 10th Battalion Scouts were among the first ashore at Gallipoli, but the toll exacted on them was severe. Tom Whyte, who had volunteered to row his mates ashore, didn't even get out of the boat - he was wounded through the hips and died at sea whilst being evacuated. Within the next few days Francis Stokes, Phil Robin and Malcolm Teesdale-Smith were each killed. Wilfred survived the initial onslaught and served throughout the rest of the campaign. He was promoted temporary Corporal late in the campaign in between suffering bouts of illness.

After the withdrawal from ANZAC and on return to Egypt Wilfred was promoted to Corporal on 24 January 1916. He transferred to the 50th Battalion during the "Doubling of the AIF" to raise the 4th and 5th Divisions on 26 February 1916 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 17 March 1916. Wilfrid and his men of the 50th Battalion then deployed to France in June 1916. He was promoted to Lieutenant on 10 July 1916.

Wilfred Jose served at Pozieres / Mouquet Farm, although the 50th Battalion did not get committed to a major action until the second phase of the fighting near Mouquet Farm. The Battalion suffered heavy casualties at this time.

He endured the winter of 1916/17 in winter quarters near Guedecourt.

In March April 1917, the Allies mounted the Arras Offensive but were surprised by the withdrawal of the German front line south of Arras in order to remove a salient (a projection of land into the enemy's lines which risked being outflanked and cut off).

Lt Jose was killed in action during the 50th Battalion's attack on Noreuil, France on 2 April 1917. He is buried in the Noreuil Australian Cemetery.

The circumstances of his death are described in a number of letters, an extract of which appears as an attached Story.

Wilfred Jose had two brothers. The eldest, (Sir) Ivan Bede Jose, was a medical student at the outbreak of war. He enlisted and was appointed Sergeant in 1 Australian Stationary Hospital. He was discharged to complete his studies and later rejoined as a Captain and served with distinction as a Regimental Medical Officer, winning a Military Cross along the way. He survived the war and went on to complete a distinguished medical career. He is one of 200 South Australian medical personnel whose service is addressed in "Blood Sweat and Fears" published in 2014.

The other brother, Gilbert Edgar, served as a soldier in WW1 and later completed his medical studies in 1924. He later died during WW2 as a prisoner of the Japanese in Changi Prison in Singapore.

See the Campaign entry "Hindenburg Line and Outpost Villages"

1914/15 Star 2927

British War Medal 4672


Victory Medal 4671

Commemorative Plaque 356145

World War I Pictorial Honour Roll of South Australians

<http://ww1sa.gravesecrets.net/jor---ju.html>

JOSE, Wilfrid Oswald





Service no 38
Lieutenant
50th Battalion

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Born 25 March 1895 at Ningpo, China
Son of Cannon G H and Ellen JOSE
Of Palmer Place, North Adelaide, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment University Student
Enlisted 20 August 1914 at Morphettville, SA
Served at Gallipoli, Egypt and France
Wilfrid Oswald Jose, transferred to the 50th Battalion, and was killed in action at Noreuil, France on 3 April 1917
Aged 21 years
Buried Noreuil Australian Cemetery F 31

www.awm.gov.au
P04633.001
Observer Newspaper



anzaccentenary.sa.gov.au

<http://anzaccentenary.sa.gov.au/story/the-mates-who-made-history/>



The 10th Battalion in History

The 10th Battalion was one of Australia's first infantry units to be raised after the outbreak of World War I. The battalion was raised in South Australia and was part of the covering force for the Gallipoli landings on 25 April 1915.

After the withdrawal of Allied troops from Gallipoli, the 10th Battalion returned to Egypt before heading to the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare, including actions at Pozieres and Polygon Wood.

The 27th Battalion was also raised in South Australia and most soldiers enlisted from the suburbs of Adelaide. After serving at Gallipoli, the unit moved to France, where it also fought at Pozieres in 1916.

In 1917, the 27th Battalion fought to turn back the German advance including victory at Menin Road and the capture of Broodseinde Ridge. At the Battle of Amiens on 8 August 1918, the battalion captured 9 artillery pieces, 25 machine guns and over 200 prisoners.

The Mates Who Made History

It was an informal photograph, taken in the months before the Gallipoli landings in 1915. While the identity of the photographer remains a mystery the names of the soldiers went on to make history.

The nine men enlisted in 1914. They joined the 10th Battalion, 1st Australian Imperial Force and embarked from Adelaide's Outer Harbour on 20 October 1914. After docking in Freemantle, they steamed west for Egypt. Alongside their comrades from other parts of Australia, they became part of the covering force for the Gallipoli landings in 1915.

Seven of the men knew each other from school in Adelaide. One would be awarded a Military Cross; another, a VC. Of the nine men who went off to war, only four survived.



WO Jose – Front Row – Second from Right¹
10th Battalion (Source: Australian War Memorial)

Sergeant (later Lieutenant) John Rutherford Gordon (far left, back row) became a fighter pilot with the Australian Flying Corps after serving with A Company, 10th Battalion at Gallipoli. He was awarded a Military Cross for his ground attacks on German troops in 1918.

Private Francis Herbert ‘Bertie’ Stokes (second from left, back row) was killed in action on 27 April 1915. He saved many lives on the day of the Gallipoli landings, rescuing men who fell into the water by carrying them up the beach to shelter under the cliffs.

Private Guy Fisher and **Pte Eric Douglas Meldrum** (middle, back row) both survived the war.

Lance Corporal Philip de Quetteville Robin (far right, back row) was killed in action at Gallipoli on 28 April 1915. He was a member of Norwood Football Club. Together with **Private Arthur Blackburn** (second left, front row), Private Robin pushed furthest inland from Anzac Cove. After landing in the first wave, both men ventured 3km inland where they saw hundreds of Turkish troops preparing to counter-attack.

Private Blackburn went on to become commissioned officer. As 2nd Lieutenant Blackburn he was awarded a VC after his actions at Pozières in July 1916.

Private Thomas Anderson Whyte (far left, front row) died of his wounds at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. **Private Malcolm St Aiden Teesdale Smith** (far right, front row) was killed in action on 27 April, while rescuing mates who were wounded.

Private (later Lieutenant) Wilfrid Oswald Jose (second right, front row) was also killed in action – he died in France in 1917.

Only four of these soldiers who served with 10th Battalion, 1st AIF came home. Five were killed in action or died of their wounds at Gallipoli or on the Western Front. (Australian War Memorial P04633.001.)

Source and Media Contact

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Sara Tennant, Defence Public Affairs South Australia, 0417 887 040

No. 1 Section: Blackburn (seated second from left) with his platoon-mates, probably in camp at Morphettville, Adelaide. (Rear, from left) John Gordon, Francis Stokes (killed in action on 27 April 1915), Guy Fisher, Eric Meldrum and Phil Robin (killed in action 25–28 April 1915). (Front) Tom Whyte (died of wounds 25 April 1915), Blackburn, Wilfrid Jose (killed in action 3 April 1917) and Malcolm Teesdale Smith (killed in action on 27 April 1915). Guy Fisher mounted this photograph next to his shaving mirror so every morning he would remember his dead mates. *Australian War Memorial, negative number P04633.001*

Additional Biography

Early Life

Wilfrid Oswald Jose was born on the 25th March 1895, at Ningpo, China, the second son of Reverend Canon George Herbert Jose and Clara Ellen Sturt.

Wilfrid's father, George, came to Australia in 1888 from Gloucestershire, England, he married Clara Ellen Sturt (d.1925) in 1890 and went with her to China as a lay missionary the following year. All three of the couple's children were born in China. The family left China in 1899 after George was awarded the Davis Chinese Scholarship at Oxford for 1900. In 1903 George then brought the family to Adelaide where he had charge of several churches until in 1906 when he was appointed Rector of Christ Church, North Adelaide, where he remained until 1933. He was appointed a Canon of Adelaide in 1918 and Archdeacon of Adelaide in 1929. He resigned the incumbency of Christ Church to become Dean of Adelaide until his retirement in 1953.

Wilfred's siblings were Ivan Bede Jose (b 13 February 1893) and Gilbert Edger (b 1 November 1898).

Schooling

Wilfred initially attended Queen's School, Barton Terrace, North Adelaide along with older brother Ivan before enrolling at St Peter's College.



He attended St Peter's College from 1905 to 1913 and was a high achiever both academically and in sports.

In 1907 he was awarded the Form Ra prizes for Scripture and French (Set 4) and he passed the Primary Examinations in four subjects (English History, Latin, Algebra and Geometry). In 1908 he passed the Junior Examinations coming equal 34th in the general honours list. He passed eight subjects (English History, Greek, Latin, French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Inorganic Chemistry) gaining credits in both Arithmetic and Algebra.



Students of Form vi B, St. Peter's College, Hackney. 1st row (back) left to right: 1. ?; 2. G.G. Bonython; 3. T.E. Talbot Smith; 4. M. Teasdale Smith; 5. Nigell Abbott; 6. Jerry O'Kelly; 7. D.J. Miller; 8. Clive Bleechmore; 9. W.R. Hunt; 10. A.K. Stirling; 11. H. Blomberry; 12. ? 2nd row 1. ?; 2. G. Wardle; 3. C.B. Maddern; 4. J.R.S. Evans; 5. ?; 6. Harrold; 7. ?; 8. ? 9. C.R. Duncan; 10. N.B. Stevens; 11. ?; 12. H.C. Thrush; 13. G.W.G. Goodman; 14. C.C. Pellew; 15. B.F. Moore; 16. Heuzenroeder; 17. Pirie Warren; 18. ?; 19. ?; 20. M.W. Woodley; 21. H.L. Davidson; 22. ?; 23. F.M. Mc Diarmand; 24. ?; 25. ?; 26. R.W. Needham; 3rd row 1. H.F. Moore; 2. A.M. Moulden; 3. G.A. McMillan; 4. H.C. Williams; 5. M. Stevenson; 6. A.J. Brooks; 7. D.E. Lindsay; 8. J. Varley; 9. A.G. Price; 4th row 1. F.N. Basedow; 2. C.E. Hames; 3. C.R. Jury; 4. Geoff Kay; 5. W.O. Jose; 6. G.H. Black; 7. H. Marten; 8. ?; 9. B.T. Taylor. From a view in the possession of Mr A.M. Moulden [1975]. Legend by A.M. Moulden.

1909

Wilfrid passed six subjects in the Senior Examinations in 1909 (Modern History, Greek, Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra (credit), Geometry and Trigonometry). In 1910 Wilfrid again sat the Senior Examinations passing seven subjects (English Literature, Modern History, Greek, Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry). He gained credits in Modern history and Geometry and was 23rd on the general honours list.

In 1911 Wilfrid passed three Higher Public Examinations (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Inorganic Chemistry) and in January 1913 he passed the Senior Examinations in French. He undertook the Higher Public Examinations in 1913 coming 6th in the general honours list and passing five subjects (Algebra and Trigonometry, Geometry and Trigonometry, Applied Mathematics, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry). He gained a credit for Physics.

He was awarded the Allen Scholarship in 1908, Short Scholarship in 1909, Farrell Scholarship in 1910, Creswell Memorial in 1912, Young Exhibition in 1913 along with the Farr Scholarship and the first Bowman Scholarship.

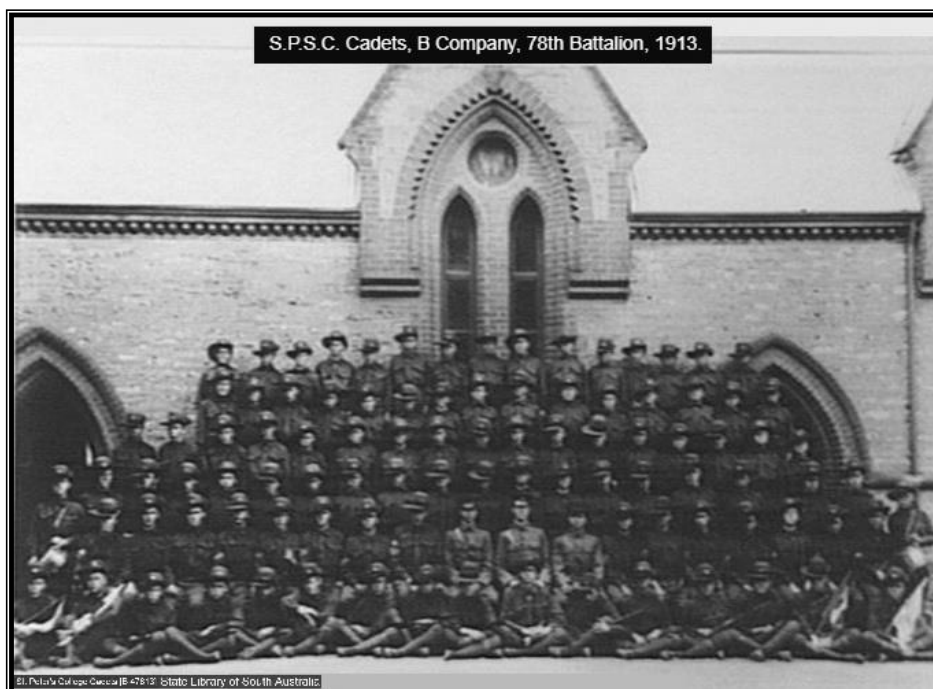
Wilfrid was a school prefect in 1912-13 and the Head Prefect in 1913 and was on the library committee (1912-13), magazine committee (1912-13) and the games committee (1913).

1913 – St Peter's College – Prefects



W.O. Jose – Head Prefect – Front Row – Left

While at St Peter's College, Wilfrid was a Senior Cadet and in July 1913 he was promoted to Second Lieutenant.



Sport

He competed in the St Peter's Sports in 1905 coming second in the 100 yards flat for Under 11s. At the 1912 St Peter's Sports he came second in the half mile handicap race. He was then called upon to run in the mile race at the Inter-Collegiate Sports in May 1912. After a good start he failed to gain a place in the race. He was vice-captain of the Intercollegiate Sports team (1912-13).

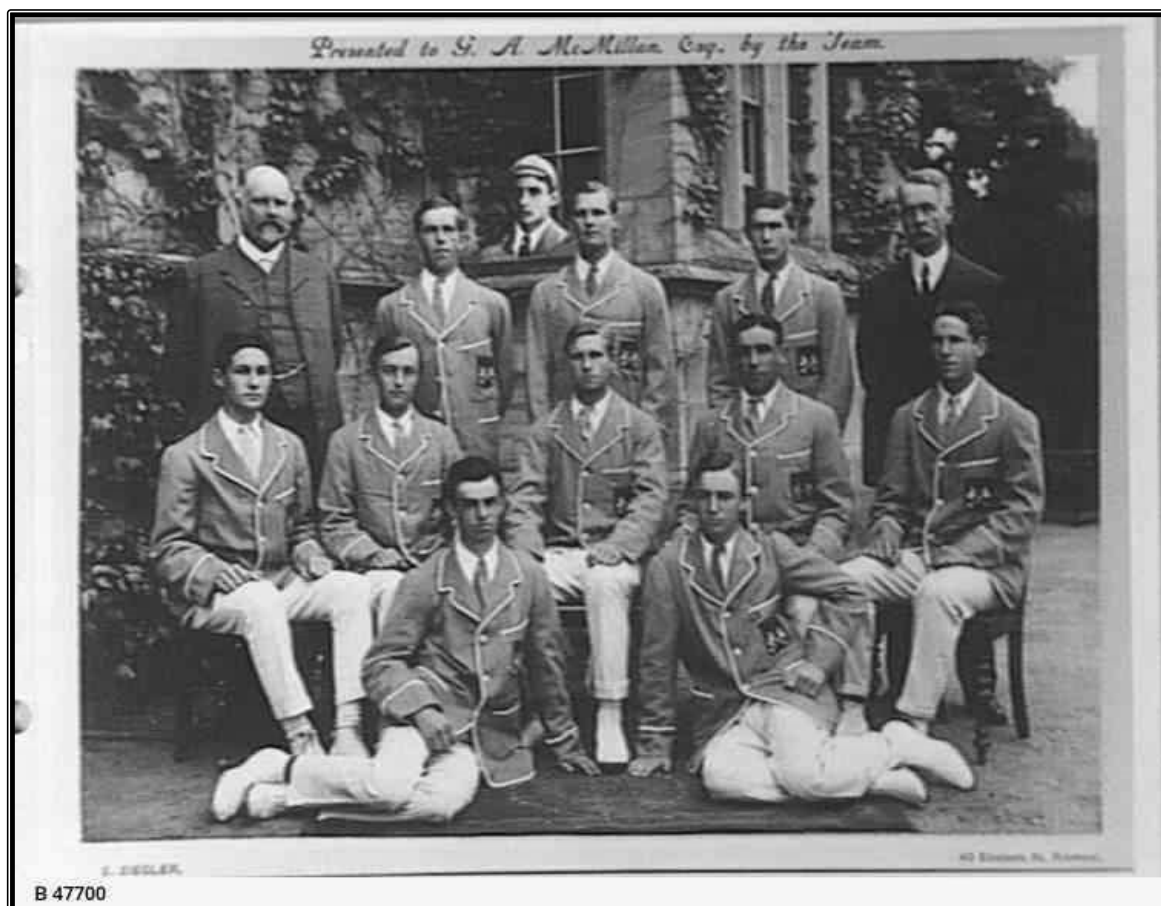
"INTER-COLLEGIATE SPORTS." *Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)* 4 May 1912

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88701482>

gagements during the afternoon. A mile race rarely results in a dead-heat, but Saturday's event did, after a most exciting finish. W. O. Jose, St. Peter's emergency, made the pace for three rounds of the oval, leading by about 10 yards, but in the final lap he gave place to J. C. Clucas, who showed the way round the last turn for home. J. McNeil gradually overtook him, and, making a strenuous effort in the last few strides, just got up in time to make a dead-heat of it.

Wilfrid played cricket for St Peter's in the SACA B Grade competition in the 1910/11, 1911/12 and 1912/13 seasons. During the 1911/12 cricket season Wilfrid played in the SPSC versus Old Scholars match and in the Inter-Collegiate matches against Prince Alfred College. He also played Inter-Collegiate cricket in 1912 (vice-captain) and 1913 (captain). He travelled with the St Peter's cricket team to Melbourne in 1911 and 1913 where they played against Melbourne and Sydney Grammar Schools.

1912 - St. Peters College Cricket Team



Back Row: Super imposed view: W.O Jose (Vice-Capt)

Back Row: l-r: Revd, Canon Girdlestone, headmaster; J.R. Gordon; E.M. Murray; V.H. Robley; G.A. McMillan.

Centre Row: B.T. Taylor; W.N. Riley; C.E. Pellew (Capt) R.N. Twopeny; J.C. Clucas;

Front Row: O.E. Colley; R.L. Bennett.

1913 - St. Peters College Cricket Team



WO Jose – Middle Row – Third from Right

Back row (l to r) - L.C.E. Lindon, E.B. Lowe, T.A. Caterer, A.P. James, D.W.B. Middleton, R.G. Horwood.

Middle Row (l to r) - R.L. Bennett, W.N. Riley, W.O. Jose, H.O. Hopkins, D.E. Colley.

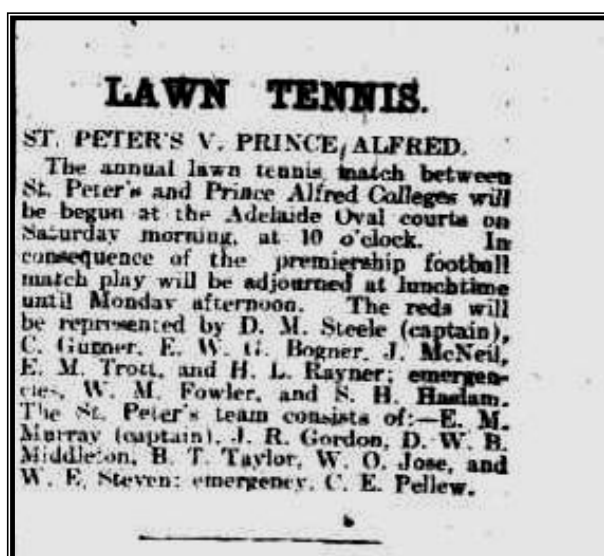
Front (l to r) - W.R.G. Colman, L.R. Pellew.

An all round sportsman, Wilfrid was a member of the Inter-Collegiate Lawn Tennis Team who competed against PAC in 1912 and 1913 (vice-captain).

"LAWN TENNIS." *The Journal* (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)

27 September 1912: 4 (SPECIAL SPORTS EDITION)

<<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article199897577>>



Wilfrid was a member of the St Peter's Inter-collegiate Football Team in 1912 (all eighteen members of that team went on to serve in WWI) and 1913 (vice-captain).

In 1913 he played football for St Peter's College which had entered a team in the recently formed (1911) Amateur League competition.

1912 St Peter's College Football Team

"ALL SERVING THEIR KING." *Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)* 7 October 1916

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article87523347>

This picture shows the St. Peter's College Football team who in 1912 played in the inter-collegiate match. Every one of the members of the team answered the call to arms, and crossed the sea to fight for his country. The names

are:— Back row—Canon Girdlestone (Headmaster), C. M. Smith, J. C. Clucas, C. H. Fuller, C. E. Bagot, W. L. Shannon, J. R. Gordon, B. F. Moore, and Mr. T. A. Caterer. Second row— W. O. Jose, V. H. Robley, R. N. Twopeny (vice-cap tain), C. E. Pellew (captain), E. B. Lowe, V. L. Walker, and W. N. Riley. Front row— R. L. Bennett, G. C. L. Page, W. H. D. Stewart, and O. S. Kneebone.

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W O Jose – Middle Row – Far Left

(sic – actually C.S.Kneebone)

1913 St Peter's College Football Team



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Back row: Mr. F. A. Wyatt (sports master), C. C. Hayward, G. M. Muirhead, S. A. Fullerton, D. W. B. Middleton, R. B. Coult, R. G. Horwood and C. A. L. Greig.

Middle row: C. E. Bagot, W. O. Jose (vice-captain), E. B. Lowe (captain), W. N. Riley, W. R. G. Colman, W. H. D. Stewart, and C. H. Fuller.

Front row: G. E. Jose, R. L. Bennett, L. C. E. Lindon and L. R. Pellew.

W.O. Jose – Middle Row – Second from Left

In 1913, St Peter's College divided senior students into four teams known as "Districts" and Wilfred was captain of North's District. That year they became the first winners of the School's Tolley Cup.

In January 1914, Wilfrid was awarded the Angas Engineering Exhibition at the University of Adelaide.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) 31 January 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88831860>

The Angas Engineering Exhibition for 1914 has been awarded to Wilfrid Oswald Jose. and the Hartley studentship to Harry Roy Pomroy.

University

Wilfrid commenced studying Applied Science (Engineering) at Adelaide University in 1914. He did not complete his first year of study as he was granted leave of absence to enlist in the Australian Expeditionary Forces. He attended the University Sports Association Ball in June 1914.

University of Adelaide – Student Card

NAME AND ADDRESS		Jose, Wilfrid Oswald, Palmer Place, North Adelaide		REGISTER No.	2587					
COURSE	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MATRICULATION	Angas Exhibitioner 1913 Summary 1914		GRADE					
App. Science Elec. Engng.	25/3/95	26/3/14			Grad.					
SENIOR 1909. Arith & Alg, Trig, Mod Geo, Greek, Lat, Geom, 1910, Arith & Alg, Trig, Mod Geo, Lat, Geom, 1911, Maths, App Maths, Geom, 1912 Geom & Trig, Alg & Trig, App Maths, Geom, Physics.										
HIGHER 1911. Maths, App Maths, Geom, 1912 Geom & Trig, Alg & Trig, App Maths, Geom, Physics.										
STATUS GRANTED H.P. Physics I Chemistry I & Maths I in Lects, Exams & Practical work.										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1914	Fitting & Turning I	B11 H4	14/-	B11 J8 1	14/-					Leave of absence
	Drawing I		13/4		13/4					under tenure of
	Mech. Engng I	SM	10/-		10/-					Angas Exhibitioner
	Mathematics I 2 nd yr.		11/-		11/-					granted. B11 J8 1 & 2
	Applied Mathematics		11/9-		11/9-					
	Physiography		7/-		7/-					
	Biology		2/2/-		2/2/-					Excluded
			Died - Great War.			(H Roll)				

University Sport

Cricket

Wilfred commenced playing A Grade cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club in January 1914. He also played in the match in April 1914 against a combined team from the north of SA at University Oval and in a match against Angaston at Angaston later that month. Despite having only played half a season for the AUCC, Wilfrid was listed in the leading averages for batsmen in the SACA A Grade competition for 1913/14.

29 January 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article210338252>

The two lads to whom I referred as having come up from college are W. O. Jose (a brother of I. B. Jose) and H. J. T. Edwards. In the last inter-collegiate match they were on opposing sides, Jose captaining St. Peter's College and Edwards assisting Prince Alfred College. Their debut in A grade was satisfactory. Edwards reached 27 and Jose 22, but the former was given a couple of lives. Jose should develop into a useful all-round player.

26 February 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article210341320>

Frequent changes were made in the University bowling, and eight members of the team tried their skill with the ball. W. O. Jose, with three wickets for 44, and B. T. Taylor, two for 27, were the best of the lot, while a wicket each was also taken by C. E. Pellew, H. B. Willsmore, I. B. Jose, and F. N. LeMessurier.

With the incoming of the University batsmen play became much more attractive. W. O. Jose, who performs well with the bat at practice, seems to keep himself in check too much when playing in a match, and his style would be greatly improved if he batted more freely, and widened his shoulders a little. His 29 not out were well put together in a steady manner. Limb gave the best display of quick scoring of the afternoon, for in half an hour he had made 40, in which there were eight fours. With 86 on the board for two wickets, play ceased at 6 p.m.

"THE SEASON'S STATISTICS."

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)

11 April 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88835024>

THE LEADING PLAYERS.						
Batsmen with Averages of 40 or Over in Four or More Innings.						
			Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl. Ave.
L. Chamberlain, E.T.	..	12	3	201*	600	66.6
R. Middleton, E.T.	..	15	3	201*	790	65.8
S. Leah, S.	..	16	8	65*	460	62.3
E. R. Mayne, E.T.	..	9	1	254*	403	57.8
D. M. Steele, U.	..	9	—	163	508	56.4
R. B. Rees, N.A.	..	13	3	104	503	50.5
P. D. Rundell, P.A.	..	16	4	89	500	49.1
W. O. Jose, U.	..	7	3	69	180	45.
G. S. Down, A.	..	9	2	115*	315	45
R. Bartlett, A.	..	4	1	50	123	41.
J. D. Northey, U.	..	8	4	71*	161	40.2

Football

Wilfrid played football for the Adelaide University Football Club in the Amateur League competition in 1914. He was a member of the 1914 Intersarsity team who played against Melbourne University on Adelaide University Oval in August 1914. Adelaide University defeated Melbourne University for the first time in the 1914 match.

1914 AUFC 'A' TEAM



BACK ROW: T.B. Sard, W.J. Phillips, A.E. Williams, J.B. Laurie, C.R. Cole, W.J. Price, A.H. Limb, E.G. Dorsch, L. Carthew, J.D. Northley, C. Gurner.
MIDDLE ROW: N.V. Mengerson, C.E. Pellew, L.A. Hayward (Vice-Captain), J.W. Blacket (Captain), D.M. Steele, W.A. Rollison.
FRONT ROW: L.G. Holmes, F.E. Williams, H.C. Thrush, W.O. Jose.

W.O. Jose – Front Row – Far Right

"FOOTBALL."

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) - 10 September 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article59740030>

FOOTBALL

AMATEUR LEAGUE.

UNIVERSITY V. KENILWORTH.

At the Hindmarsh Oval on Saturday next University meet Kenilworth in the semi-final. Of the previous two matches contested by these two teams each side has a victory to their credit. University owing to injuries has lost several members of the fine team they possessed early in the season, and now they have suffered still further loss on account of Holmes and Jose going to the war. These two players have shown fine form throughout the season, and their places will be very hard to fill. However, the students can be relied on to put up a good game, especially after their splendid performance with a weakened team against Glenferrie last Saturday.

World War I

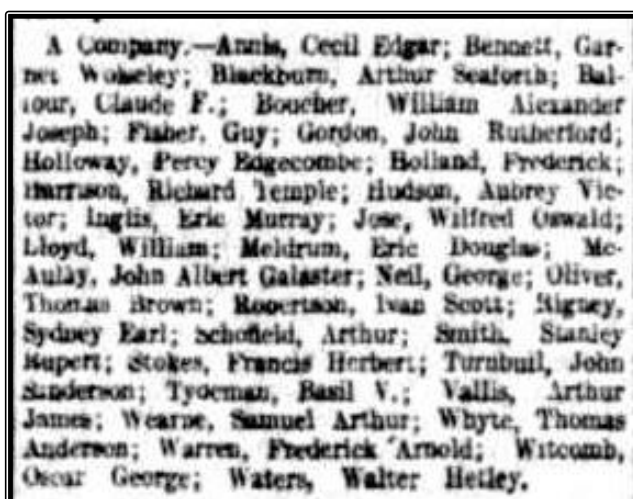
Wilfred enlisted on 19th August 1914 with Service Number 38. He was 5'7" tall and weighed 140 lbs and had a fresh complexion, brown eyes and fair hair.

Wilfrid's war service is well documented in the Published Biographies (above). Some additional details, including newspaper articles and photographs are below.

"THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE."

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) - 26 August 1914: 7. Web. 26 Oct 2018

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article56711933>



1 October 1914

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W. O. JOSE.

Old scholars P.A.C. & S.P.S.C. who were on Gallipoli from the landing to the evacuation.

Taken on Lemnos - 29 December 1915



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WO Jose – Front Row – Second from Right

Back row: ?, [South has been crossed out and replaced with Beresford], ?, Rhodes, ?, Coffey, ?,

Front row: ?, Blackburn, Giles, Jose, Hoggarth [U28]

Wilfrid was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 17 March 1916. Wilfrid and his men of the 50th Battalion then deployed to France in June 1916. He was promoted to Lieutenant on 10 July 1916.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) - 13 December 1916

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5543846>

50th Battalion—To be lieutenants—
Second-Lieutenants R. G. Baynes, W. M.
B. Cory (seconded), W. P. Hoggarth, W.
R. de la P. Beresford, R. L. Rhodes, W.
O. Jose, P. H. Auld, T. W. English, W.
H. Bowden, and E. T. J. Rule. To be
second-lieutenant—Sergeant Robert Hun-
ter.

Death

Lt Wilfrid Oswald Jose was killed in action during the 50th Battalion's attack on Noreuil, France on 3rd April 1917 (sometimes recorded as the 2nd). He is buried in the Noreuil Australian Cemetery. Wilfrid left an estate valued at £250.

Many moving tributes were published and some details of the battle which cost Wilfrid his life were recorded in a letter from Major Harry Seager (50th Battalion) to Mr Armitage (the father of Capt. Harold Edwin Salisbury Armitage who fell one day after Wilfrid), see below).

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923) - 12 April 1917

[<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article204695711>](http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article204695711)

JOSE.—On the 3rd April, killed in action, in France. Lieut. Wilfrid Oswald Jose, dearly loved second son of Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Jose, Christ Church, North Adelaide, aged 22 years.

"THE LATE LIEUTENANT W.O. JOSE."

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) - 12 April 1917

[<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article209756053>](http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article209756053)

THE LATE LIEUTENANT W. O. JOSE.

Lieutenant Jose was one of the first conscripts (No. 38) as a private in August, 1914. He was with his regiment at the landing, and throughout the Gallipoli campaign. When the 50th Battalion was formed from the 10th in January, 1916, he was given his commission, and attached as second lieutenant. He was promoted to full lieutenant in France in July, 1916, but soon afterwards was sent to Wandsworth Hospital suffering from influenza. Early in December he rejoined his regiment in France, and was killed in action on April 3. Lieutenant Jose had a splendid scholastic record at St. Peter's College (1905-13), as follows:—Primary, 1907; junior (honors), 1908; senior (honors), 1909, 1910; higher public, 1911, 1913 (sixth honor list); Angus Engineering Exhibition, 1913; Government bursary, 1913; Allen Scholarship, 1908; Short Scholarship, 1909; Farrell Scholarship, 1910; Creswell Memorial, 1912; Young Exhibition, 1912; Farr Scholarship, 1913; first Bowman Scholarship, 1913; school prefect, 1912-13; head prefect, 1913; library committee, 1912-13; magazine committee, 1912-13; games committee, 1913; lieutenant A Company, 1913; lieutenant exam., 1913; intercollegiate tennis, 1912-13 (vice-captain); intercollegiate sports, 1912-13 (vice-captain); intercollegiate football, 1912-13 (vice-captain); intercollegiate cricket, 1911-12-13 (captain); Melbourne tour, 1911-13; and captain of world's district (first winners of Tolley Cup), 1913. He had commenced his first year as a student in engineering at the University when the war intervened.

Letter from Major Harry Seager (50th Battalion) to Mr Armitage.

Extract from Dr Roger Freeman's book "Hurcombe's Hungry Half Hundred"

Harry Seager, pp 94-97 'outlines the circumstances and context of Wilfrid Jose's death.

The battle on the 2nd of April was not only carried out in Noreuil, but other Divisions took part and it resulted in the capture of several villages. Noreuil is a village lying some miles north-east of Bapaume....

"In front and to the south of the village ran a low ridge almost east and west of the village of Queant is a valley – a dismantled railway track ran along this valley. On the north of the village and valley is a plateau running away to the north towards Bullecourt and the Hindenberg Line. Longatte is almost a mile to the west, slightly north of Noreuil. Lagnicourt was less than a mile to the south-east of Noreuil, and just behind the ridge about three miles to the south-west lay Vaulx. Out outpost line through Lagnicourt on the east, along the reserve slope or crest of the ridge in front of Noreuil, around Longatte, and then north-west to Arras. The village of Noreuil formed a slight salient into our line.

The Germans were slowly falling back upon the Hindenberg Line, destroying villages, etc., as they went. They defended their line by a system of rearguards and outposts, comprised of their best troops. Most of Noreuil had been destroyed or mined. Its evacuation was forestalled, by our attack, for twelve days. The Germans defended Noreuil with the 119th and 120th Regiments (3rd Guard Division).

The Attack

At zero hour the guns flashed out and the German Very Lights and S.O.S. signals lit up the sky, making a pretty awe-inspiring sight. All the troops sprang up from the tapes and followed the barrage closely. The Germans were taken completely by surprise, and in the middle of the relief, so were about eight minutes getting their barrage going along the southern ridge. Once over the crest the German machine guns began to rattle out and their own troops came under a deadly fire. On the left of the Battalion the leading wave were mowed down by machine guns concealed in the houses and a piquet in the sunken road. Here the gallant Lieutenant Hoggarth fell. Also that equally gallant gentleman, Lieutenant Bidstrup. His body was found surrounded by a number of dead Germans.

By this time the 51st Battalion began to attack from the left and some of our own men had worked around to the right of the cemetery; thus, the Germans found themselves practically surrounded. With a cheer, both Battalions joined and swept into the village to victory. In the centre of the Battalion they had also suffered machine gun fire before entering the village and here also the gallant and lovable Lieutenant Jose fell.

The company on the right, although coming under fire, met with better luck. The machine gun situated on the sunken road leading from Lagnicourt to Noreuil was destroyed by the first shot from a trench mortar. Advancing over these positions the company was held up by the belt of wire. For a few moments the positions was critical; however, the wire was crossed with a rush. The company entered the valley and then swung to the right, but they had gone too far before wheeling, consequently losing touch with the 52nd Battalion just to the right of the road mentioned. Here Lance Corporal (then Private) Jensen won his V.C. by capturing about 60 Germans."

Submitted 31 August 2014 by Nathan Rohrlach

BIOGRAPHICAL.

LATE LIEUT. W. O. JOSE.

The late Lieut. W. O. Jose, son of the Rev. G. H. Jose, of Christ Church, North Adelaide, was one of the first to enlist as a private (No. 38) in the 10th Battalion in August, 1914. He was with his regiment at the landing and throughout the Gallipoli campaign. When the 50th Battalion was formed from the 10th in January, 1916, he was given his commission and attached to the 50th as second lieutenant. He was promoted to the rank of full lieutenant in France in February, 1916, but soon afterwards was sent to Wandsworth Hospital suffering from illness. Early in December he rejoined his regiment in France, and was killed in action on April 3. His record at St. Peter's College



THE LATE LIEUT. W. O. JOSE.

(1905-13) is eloquent of the promise of his career:—Primary, 1907; junior (honours), 1908; senior (honours), 1909, 1910; higher public, 1911, 1913 (sixth honour list); Angus Engineering Exhibition, 1913; Government bursary, 1913; Allen Scholarship, 1908; Short Scholarship, 1909; Farrell Scholarship, 1910; Creswell Memorial, 1912; Young Exhibition, 1913; Farr Scholarship, 1913; first Bowman Scholarship, 1913; school prefect, 1912-13; head prefect, 1913; library committee, 1912-13; magazine committee, 1912-13; games committee, 1913; lieutenant A Company, 1913; lieutenant examination, 1913; intercollegiate tennis, 1912-13 (vice-captain), intercollegiate sports, 1912-13 (vice-captain), intercollegiate football, 1912-13 (vice-captain); intercollegiate cricket, 1911-12-13 (captain); Melbourne tour, 1911, 1913; captain of Norths District (first winners of Tolley Cup), 1913. He had begun his first year as a student in engineering at the University when the war intervened.

Noreuil Australian Cemetery



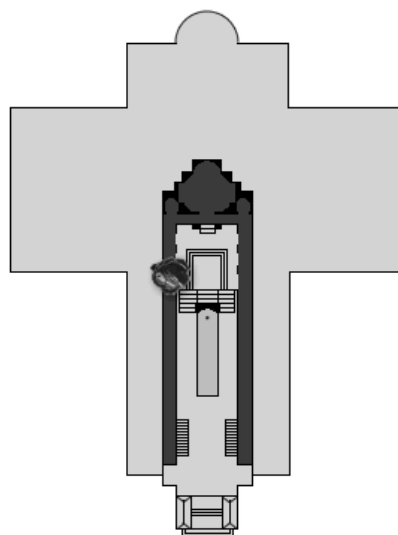
Grave of W.O. Jose (Centre)

Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947

JOSE, Lt. Wilfrid Oswald. 50th Bn, Australian Inf. Killed in action 3rd April, 1917. Age 21. Son of The Rev. Canon G. H. Jose and Clara Ellen Jose, of Christ Church Rectory, North Adelaide, South Australia. Born in Ningpo, China. F. 31.

Australian War Memorial, Canberra

Wilfrid Oswald Jose's name is located at panel 150 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



The Adelaide Poet, Kenneth Scott, wrote a poem dedicated to Wilfrid, part of the poem is reproduced below.

"War verses and Others," by Kenneth Scott. (G. Hassell & Son, Adelaide.)"

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) - 10 November 1917

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article64043790>

A really beautiful poem is dedicated to "An Old Scholar of Saint Peter's College," killed in action, 1917 (Lieut. Wilfrid Jose), and here the author reaches a very high standard. It is a tribute to the nobility and heroism of the soldier, and the regret at his untimely end is overshadowed by the joy of knowing that "far in Heaven's relief resounds his voice."

"We miss him most who knew his manliness,
With honesty and fibre at the core;
And mourn him least who evermore shall bless
The hidden Hand that plucked him from our shore

When the great clarion of the Almighty wailed
And numbed him into sleep of seeming death,
To rise and join the hosts who long exhaled
Celestial breath.

One of God's saints has found his right abode,
But still in essence hovers in our sight;
And, ghostlike, points the grand half-hidden road
Thro' truth to might."

"Three Years of War"—1914, 1915, and 1916, is pregnant with feeling, beginning with joyful hope in that we fight to support the right, touching on the holocaust of Gallipoli and ending in a subdued and saddened strain—

"All laughter is dead, and mirth deferred
Till War steals out of the years it has blurred."

The poem and some details on Wilfrid were included in the book 'The Messages of Its Walls and Fields: A History of St Peter's College, 1847 to 2009' by Katharine Thornton.

The clumsy myth-making is understandable – the bereaved were sustained by such beliefs. H.H. Marten (SPSC 1909–1911) was killed in action in France on 13 August 1915. To commemorate his death, his parents established a prize for an annual essay competition. First held in 1917, the topic was 'Patriotism'.⁴⁶⁵ The May 1917 magazine included a poem, 'Dulce et Decorum est Pro Patria Mori' by Kenneth Scott. Lieutenant Wilfrid Owen, the pre-eminent English soldier-poet of the Great War, made Horace's Latin phrase infamous as 'the old lie' with his 1917 poem that chastises the older generation for encouraging such romantic idealism. Scott, on the other hand, dedicated his interpretation of Horace's phrase to the memory of Sergeant Wilfrid Jose (SPSC 1905–1913), killed in action in 1917. Scott's tribute exhorts the dead Jose to 'Rejoice heroic soul in heaven's good keeping'. The last of the five stanzas imagines the dead scholar-soldier's past and future:

*Home, school and country, all have been his care,
His pride, his daily joy, his life, his soul:
Now can the soul that shed such influence there
Augment its power while endless aeons roll.
One of God's saints has found his right abode⁴⁶⁶*



Wilfrid Oswald Jose (SPSC 1905–1913) as a School prefect in 1912. The son of missionary parents, Jose was born in Ningpo, China. After completing his schooling at Saints, Jose enrolled at the University of Adelaide. Aged 19, he joined South Australia's 10th Battalion (Infantry) in August 1914. In 1916 Corporal Jose was transferred to the 50th Battalion, and promoted to Second Lieutenant. Jose was killed in action in France in April 1917 and buried in the Australian cemetery at Noreuil. His death prompted Adelaide poet Kenneth Scott to write *'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori'*.

Wilfrid's memory is honoured annually at St Peter's College when the Wilfrid Jose Bursary is awarded.

Brothers

Wilfrid's elder brother, Ivan Bede Jose graduated MBBS from Adelaide University in December 1915 and enlisted for WWI. He returned to Australia in September 1918.

His younger brother, Gilbert Edgar Jose enlisted for WWI but was still in Australia when hostilities ceased on 11th November 1918. He studied at Adelaide University and qualified as a medical practitioner in 1922.

Gilbert enlisted for WWII. Sometime later in 1941 Gilbert was posted overseas and was put in charge of the hospital on the racecourse at Singapore. He was last seen a couple of days before the fall of Singapore (8 to 15 February 1942) and his final letter to his wife was dated 9th February 1942. He was listed as missing in action and subsequently reported to have died of dysentery on 27th March 1942 while a POW of the Japanese in the Changi Prison. Gilbert is buried at the Kranji Military Cemetery, Singapore.

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