



Lt. Arthur Limb

MID



7th May 1920



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: 1912/13 B Grade, 1913/14 – 1915/16 A Grade

Football Club: 1913 - 1914 A Grade

Double Blue (Football 1913, Cricket 1915)

School Teacher / Arts Student

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 Arthur Limb. 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=176690>



Arthur LIMB

Regimental number	5249
Date of birth	--/02/1893
Place of birth	Gawler South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	School teacher
Address	Gawler, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22
Next of kin	Father, J Limb, Finniss Street, Gawler, South Australia
Enlistment date	10 November 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	10th Battalion, 16th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A9 <i>Shropshire</i> on 25 March 1916
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	10th Battalion
Promotions	2nd Lieutenant Unit: 10th Battalion Promotion date: 31 May 1917 Lieutenant Unit: 10th Battalion Promotion date: 4 September 1917

Recommendations (Medals and Awards) Mention in Despatches

Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 30706 (28 May 1918);
'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 165 (24 October 1918).

Recommendation date: 8 March 1918

Military Cross

Recommendation date: 13 July 1918

Mention in Despatches

Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 31089, 31 December
1918; 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 61, 23 May 1919.

Recommendation date: 25 September 1918

Fate

Returned to Australia 20 May 1919

Age at death from cemetery records

27

Panel number, Roll of Honour,
Australian War Memorial

59

Miscellaneous information from
cemetery records

Son of John LIMB, Gawler, South Australia

Other details

War service: Western Front
Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Date of death

7 May 1920

Place of burial

Willaston Cemetery, Gawler, South Australia

Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8203372>

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 6084 Name LIMB, Arthur
5249 Unit 16th Rein. 10th Inf. Battalion,
A.I.F. 2nd DEPT. BATTALION, I.T.E.
 Joined on 29-10-15 10-11-15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>Arthur Limb</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>Gawler</u> in the County of <u>South Australia</u>
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)	3. <u>N.B.</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>22 3/4 yrs</u>
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Schoolteacher</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 - Mr John Limb</u> <u>Winnia St - Gawler</u> <u>South Australia</u>
9. Have you ever been convicted 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 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?	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, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge	11. <u>4 yrs Vol Badets</u>
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	12. <u>yes</u>
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	13. <u>NO</u>
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) <small>Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service?</small>	14. <u>yes</u>
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever?	15. <u>yes</u>

I, Arthur Limb 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 allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife + three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date Oct 29-1915

Arthur Limb
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

10th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Army Form B. 105.

2nd Lieut. Regiment or Corps 10th Bn. 10th Batt.
 tal No. 5349 Rank Private Name Lymb Trishur
 (a) 10/11/16 Terms of Service (a) 10/11/16 Service reckons from (a)
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O's. }
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
15-8-16	O.C. 3rd B. Co.	Proceeded overseas, France	Perham Down	15-8-16	X 3 1079
3-9-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Taken on strength from R.F.C.	France	3-9-16	24400
2-9-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Trans to 89th Fld Amb. Influenza	France	30-8-16	A36 AK 236/15
2-9-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Trans to 17th 668. Influenza	France	31-8-16	A36 AK 236/16
2-9-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Adm Influenza	do	31-8-16	A36 AK 236/26
28-10-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	To Hospital Sick.	"	30-8-16	99643 40
3-9-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Joined ex Hosp. in Field	In Field	3-9-16	3-9-16-E213A, Q. 5702 DO 49/44
7-9-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Dise to Duty Influenza	In Field	3-9-16	AK 236/42
8-10-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Appointed lance corporal	In Field	3-9-16	AK 236/42
8-10-16	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Appointed lance corporal	France	3-9-16	AK 236/42

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 eg., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.
 (P.T.O.)

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Date	From whom received				
29-1-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Ordered to report to 10th Bn. 10th Batt.	France	6-2-17	162/401/29
17-2-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Ordered to report to 10th Bn. 10th Batt.	France	17-2-17	162/401/29
11-3-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Appointed 2nd Lieut & Posted to Inf. Recruits.	"	31-5-17	18042/E 9-6-17.
25-6-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Proceeded O/S as France	France	25-6-17	18042/E 9-6-17.
23-3-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Proceeded to unit	"	23-3-17	18042/E 9-6-17.
25-6-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Marched in Ex. England	Home	25-6-17	AK 1263/70
25-6-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	PROCEEDED TO UNIT	"	25-6-17	AK 1263/70
30-6-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	T.O.S. from R.F.C.	France	29-6-17	AK 1263/70
14-9-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Promoted Lieutenant	"	4-9-17	AK 1600/41 11063/5320
17-11-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Proceeded on leave to W. A.	"	12-11-17	AK 1600/41 11063/5320
1-12-17	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Arrived from do	do	29-11-17	AK 1600/41 11063/5320
4-6-18	O.C. 10th B. Co.	Exchanged from the London Gazette Supplement 30706 dated 28-5-18. "Heavily decorated in the Douglas Haig's despatch of 7-4-18"	"	4-6-18	AK 267485, DO 43/3596

or to the Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters.

Number of days in Hospital.	Remarks bearing on the Cause, Nature, or Treatment of the Case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of Syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.	Signature of Medical Officer.
	<p>7/7/19 Acute bronchitis contracted on return journey to Australia. Patches consolidation R.lung, now has cough thick tenacious greenish white sputum in moderate amounts. Hectic flush tem. rising to 99° nocte. Bowels open daily. Appetite good. Heart normal. Lungs- R.base postly. patch consolidation right apex. Suspicious sounds. No fluid in pleura detected. Urine No alb. acid. Sputum examined 20/6/19 numerous T.B. present. Also 2/7/19 fair number T.B. To be transferred to Bedford Park. Authorised by Col.Hayward.</p>	L.J.Keipert.Capt.
	9/2/20. For further treatment.	L.W.Hayward, Capt.
	IX	
	17/5/20. IX Died at own home, Finnis St., Gawler after a haemorrhage 7/5/20 -8 p.m.	
	Attended by Dr.A.Evan, Williams, Daly St.Gawler	L.W.Hayward.Col.
	Confirmed.17/5/20	
	Sgd- A.E.Shepherd.Col.	

Yours sincerely
Arthur Jacob Smith
Late T.O. Ball'n. A.I.F.

REB 9.14/16
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Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No.

Rank

Name

Unit

LIST.

Casualty

Relg. to Aust. per H.T. "Nestor" embarked 20/5/19
G.I.D.L. 3471/6120, dtd Lon. 22/5/19 Rec. B.R. 29/5/19

Disembarked at

H.T. Nestor
M.D. 29/6/19

482. Died at Gawler S.A. 7.5.20 - Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Commdt. 4th M.D. (N.G. 42/370/01212). Dtd 26.5.20 Rec. B.R. 4.6.20.
also B.R. 45/1106.

DATE

PURPORT.

1.9.19

N.D.K. Address returning to Australia, Form

Form re War Record, A.M.F. List, Despatch

10.2.20

Men. In Des. Certificate transmitted B.R.M. 42/937

1.3.20

Men. In Des. Certificate transmitted B.R.M. 42/937

11.6.20

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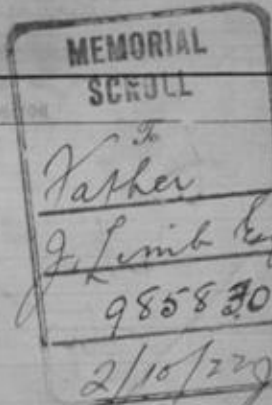
Died at his home Finnie's St. Gawler, whilst
on leave from Bedford Park Sanatorium, on
7.5.20. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
Sd B.R. 4th M.D. (L.123). Dtd. Keewick 4/6/20 Rec. B.R. 9/6/20

Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 1.11.20

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RSL Virtual War Memorial

Arthur Limb was a promising teacher and football player for Sturt Football Club on the outbreak of war.

He has left a remarkable legacy in the form of his diary, which has been published by the 10th Battalion AIF Association as a compendium volume along with the Battalion History "The Fighting Tenth" by Cecil Locke. Copies are available by inquiry through RSL-SA State Branch via Mr Keith Harrison.

"...Lieutenant Arthur Limb, 10th Battalion from Gawler, South Australia who was Mentioned in Despatches on two separate occasions. A 22 year old school teacher before enlisting on 10 November 1915, he embarked for overseas on 25 March 1916 with the 16th Reinforcements from Adelaide with the service number of 5249 and the rank of Acting Sergeant for the voyage aboard HMAT Shropshire. He reverted to Private on arrival overseas but was then promoted to Lance Corporal on 24 October 1916, to Second Lieutenant on 31 May 1917 and to Lieutenant on 4 September 1917. After serving in France with the 10th Battalion, he returned to Australia on 29 June 1919 and then died on 7 May 1920 while on leave at his home in Gawler. Lt Limb is buried in the Willaston General Cemetery, South Australia."

[SOURCE \(www.awm.gov.au\)](http://www.awm.gov.au)

"DEATH OF ARTHUR LIMB. BRILLIANT FORWARD'S END.

The sad news of the death of Arthur Limb, Sturt's great forward in 1915, was received in Adelaide this morning. At the close of the first premiership year of the two-blues, Limb donned khaki and served his country gallantly in France, gaining the commission of lieutenant. Towards the end of last football season Limb arrived home, and when he left England, so well in health and condition was he that he wrote to his old club stating that he hoped to be back in time to help the team in the final games of the season. On the voyage out however, Limb contracted a severe cold, which developed tubercular trouble, and instead of entering the football field as he had so fondly hoped he went to Bedford Park for treatment. Recently he returned to his home at Gawler, apparently improved in health, but a serious change which occurred on Friday night resulted in his death a few hours later. The deceased was a brother of Bert and Allan Limb, also well known Sturt players years ago. By the death of Arthur Limb, Sturt has lost a valued and popular clubmate and the football world a sterling and honest player."

[From the Adelaide Mail 08 May 1920 \(nla.gov.au\)](http://nla.gov.au)

Biography

Early Life

Arthur Limb was born on the 27th July 1893, the son of John Limb and Mary Ann Allen. Arthur was the youngest of the couple's fifteen children and their sixth son. Arthur was known as Ack within his family.

His siblings were Amelia Elizabeth (b 1872), Eliza Jane (b 1872), Annie Ethel (b 1873), John (b 1875), Marian (b 1877), Sarah (b 1879, d 1880), George (b 1880), Samuel Parker (b 1882, Hannah (b 1883), Dorothy (b 1885, d 1886), Allen (b 1886), Nellie (b 1888), Herbert (b 1889) and May Beatrice (b 1891).

Arthur's father had come to Australia from Chesterfield, England in 1849 and he arrived in Gawler on the 17th April 1864. He was apprenticed to the blacksmithing trade and entered the firm of James Martin & Co as an employee. He was later appointed foreman of the blacksmithing department and then foreman of the boiler makers and smiths. He finished his active labours as chief storekeeper of the firm. He was active at the Tod Street Methodist Church and Sunday School at Gawler and had over 50 years association with the choir.

1896



Arthur Limb – aged three years



Arthur and Allen Limb in Uniforms
(undated family photograph)

Schooling

Arthur attended the Gawler Public School from at least 1899. He passed all the subjects in the Junior Class in 1900 and in the First Class in 1901. In 1906 he was awarded the Dux Medal jointly with Mildred Sheard.

From 1907 Arthur attended the Gawler Continuation School where he passed the Primary Examinations (English History, Latin, Algebra and Geometry) in October that year. In January 1908 Arthur passed the Pupil Teacher Entrance Examinations and in March 1908 he was appointed an unpaid monitor at Gawler and in July 1908 he was appointed a monitor at Gawler.

Arthur passed two subjects in the Junior Examinations (Latin and Arithmetic) in December 1908 and in January 1909 he passed the examination in drawing, music and needlework required by the regulations of the Education Department. He also passed Education Department Arts Examinations in First Grade Plane Geometry in June 1909 and Intermediate Solid Geometry in December 1909.

In the Senior Examinations of December 1909 Arthur passed three subjects (Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry) and in the same year he also passed Junior Examinations in Geometry and Inorganic Chemistry.

Arthur contributed six pence to the King Edward Memorial Fund in June 1910. By December 1910 Arthur was performing at public events in a quartet with his brother SP Limb and two others.

He passed two further Senior Examinations (English Literature and Modern History) in December 1910 and in December 1911 (now attending Adelaide High School - formerly the Pupil Teachers' School) he passed the Senior Examination in Latin and the Junior Examination in Geography along with Second Grade Model Drawing in the Education Department Arts Examinations.

While at Adelaide High School, Arthur was a member of the first eighteen football team and in 1911 he was Captain of the first eleven cricket team.

1911 Adelaide High School Football



Arthur Limb – Back Row - Third from Left
1911 Adelaide High School Cricket



Arthur Limb (Captain) – Middle Row – Second from Right

Early Career

After a year at Adelaide High School Arthur returned to Gawler where he was a provisional teacher at the Gawler Public School. He taught the 'second girls' class which numbered 48 students.

He played cricket for Gawler Lyrics in the Gawler Cricket Association in the 1911/12 and 1912/13 seasons, scoring 140 in a match against Gawler Unions in December 1912.

"CRICKET." *The Express and Telegraph* (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) - 3 December 1912

GAWLER ASSOCIATION.	
Gawler Lyrice, 347;	A. Limb 140, R. May 88,
C. Berriman 67, P. Coxell 29, C. Forgie 25 n.o.	
Gawler Unions, 203 for eight wickets;	C. B.
Wasley 63, J. Tobin 54 n.o., W. Fuller 29, A.	
Crace 25, J. Andrews 10. Wasley five for 49,	
Thompson one for 92, Bills one for 53, Vigis one	
for 27, P. Coxell three for 47, C. Forgie four for	
22.	

"Cricket." *Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954)* - 23 February 1912

Cricket.	
GAWLER CRICKET ASSOCIATION.	
UNIONS v. LYRICS.	
These teams concluded their second contest for this season on Saturday last. The Lyrics won by 2 wickets and 94 runs. This is the first time the Unions have been defeated this season. Scores:—	
Unions	134
LYRICS.	
R. May, b Bowman	69
P. Coxell, b McCarthy	16
Cliff Berriman, stp Grace, b McCarthy ...	33
Arthur Limb, c and b Bowman	23
E. Johnson, not out	58
F. May, hit wkt, b McCarthy	7
G. Weaver, b Wasley	52
C. Forgie, b Bowman	0
A. Trenoweth, c Tobin, b Wasley	11
J. Sen a, not out	15
Sundries	13
Total (for 8 wickets)	208
Bowling—C. Wasley 2 for 60, J. McCarthy 3 for 96, W. Fuller 0 for 37, F. Bowman 3 for 76, W. Williams 0 for 17.	

In the winter of 1912 Arthur played football for Gawler Central in the Gawler Football Association competition. He was best on ground in Centrals final match of the season, a match they lost to South Gawler.

In January 1913 Arthur represented the Gawler Association in cricket matches against the North Eastern Association and against Nuriootpa. In the match against Nuriootpa Arthur 'compiled 76 in very capable fashion'. His brother Allen represented Nuriootpa in the match.

Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954), Friday 3 January 1913, page 3	
Cricket.	
GAWLER ASSOCIATION v. NURIOOTPA.	
On Christmas Day the Nuriootpas came to Gawler to play the local association. The Gawlers won by 102 runs. The visitors had first use of the wicket, and put up 82, of which M. Hurn notched 20. Humphreys bagged 6 wickets for 38 and Wasley 4 for 29. The Gawlers replied with 184, towards which Arthur Limb compiled 76 in very capable fashion, J. Connolly 31, C. Berriman 27, and L. Humphreys 11. Only two maidens were bowled during the innings. The visitors went in again and notched 55 for 5 wickets. Allen Limb contributed 26 not out. Messrs. V. Carmody and S. Berriman were the umpires. Scores:—	
NURIOOTPA.	
First innings.	
P. O'Brien, plyd on, b Wasley	7
V. Radford, b Humphreys	12
M. Hurn, b Wasley	20
J. Hatch, b Wasley	7
Les. Harding, b Wasley	0
T. O'Brien, c Limb, b Humphreys	9
J. Whelan, b Humphreys	9
L. Zimmermann, b Humphreys	8
Allen Limb, a Berriman, b Humphreys ...	1
W. Williams, not out	9
A. Parish, b Humphreys	1
Sundries	14
Total	82
Bowling—C. Wasley 4 for 29, L. Humphreys 6 for 38, A. Butcher 0 for 1.	
Second innings.	
L. Zimmermann, b Butcher	7
A. Parish, c and b Tobin	1
J. Hatch, c sub, b Tobin	0
Allen Limb, not out	26
P. O'Brien, not out	4
W. Williams, c and b Thomson	3
T. O'Brien, not out	3
Sundries	2
Total (for 5 wickets)	55
Bowling—A. Butcher 2 for 26, J. Tobin 2 for 9, C. Thomson 1 for 13.	
GAWLER ASSOCIATION.	
C. Wasley, c Limb, b Hatch	5
Arthur Limb, c Zimmermann, b Limb ...	76
J. Tobin, c Whelan, b O'Brien	4
R. J. Rudall, c Hatch	4
A. Butcher, c Limb, b Hatch	0
Cliff Berriman, b Hatch	3
J. Connolly, c and b Parish	31
L. Humphreys, lbw b Parish	11
C. Matthews, b Williams	8
C. Thomson, b Williams	2
Sundries	16
Total	184
Bowling—P. O'Brien 2 for 37, J. Hatch 3 for 47, A. Parish, 2 for 33, J. Whelan 0 for 14, Allen Limb 1 for 27, W. Williams 2 for 9.	

In addition to his sporting activities, Arthur continued to sing in a quartet or solo at Gawler. He continued to study and passed the Senior Examination in Inorganic Chemistry in 1912.

University

In 1913 and 1914 Arthur attended the Teachers' Training College (prior to 1913 the University Training College). He passed Intermediate Freehand in the Education Department examinations in May 1913. The more promising "junior teachers" chosen to attend the Training College who had potential to be High School teachers were able to access to a limited number of Adelaide University subjects and Arthur passed Education and English Language and Literature in the November 1913 examinations. He also passed Second Grade Freehand in the Education Department examinations in December 1913. In the University examinations of December 1914 he passed History of the United Kingdom and Elementary Botany.

University Sport

Football

Arthur played football for the Adelaide University Football Club in the Amateur League in 1913 and 1914. In June 1913 he one of six Adelaide University players chosen in a combined Amateur League team to play a match against a team from the Gawler Football Association.

"THE SPORTING SECTION." *The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)* - 20 June 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article200878648>

Amateur League.						
OFFICIAL SCORING LIST.						
	W.	L.	D.	Points.	Opp.	Pl.
Kingswood	1	—	—	545	193	14
St. Francis	5	1	—	287	230	10
Semaphore	1	2	1	380	243	9
University	4	2	—	308	225	8
Marlborough	2	4	1	338	324	5
St. Bart's	2	4	—	296	401	4
S.P.S.A.	1	3	—	150	250	2
P.A. College	1	3	—	171	238	2
Glenferrie	—	6	—	200	432	—

Although several of the chosen players cannot make the trip, the Amateur League hopes to send a good team to Gawler on the holiday. The following have been selected: —Blacket (captain), Hayward, Williams (2), Hurley, Lamb (University), Laschke, Daw, Selth, Chenoweth, Matters (Kingswood), Fraser, Burrows, Woods, Pitman (vice-captain) (St. Bart's), Dreyer, Mengersen, Rayner (P.A.C.), Donnell (Semaphore Central).

He was a member of the 1913 Intervarsity team and was awarded a Blue for Football that year.

In June 1914, he scored five goals in an Amateur league match against Prince Alfred College.

Arthur was member of the Adelaide team which won the 1914 Intervarsity match against Melbourne University. In both the photograph below and in University Blue's records, Arthur is recorded as AH Limb

1914 Adelaide University Intervarsity Team



Arthur Limb – Back Row of Players – Fifth from Left



Arthur Limb

Cricket

Arthur commenced playing cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club in the B Grade in the second half of the 1912/13 season. He batted three times compiling 52 runs and had a top score of 24.

Having played most of the 1912/13 cricket season for Lyrics, in March 1913, Arthur represented the Gawler Association in a cricket match against the Adelaide University Cricket Club.

Cricket.			
GAWLER ASSOCIATION v. UNIVERSITY.			
<p>An interesting match took place on the Recreation Ground on Easter Monday between a Gawler Association team and the University club of the South Australian Association. The local players batted first. Wasley and R. May made 63 before the first wicket fell, both shaping in good style. May was beaten with 26 to his credit and Barnfield left with the score unaltered. Rudall stayed with Wasley until 97 was up and then he was out with 21 to his name. In the meantime Wasley kept pecking away in a sound and confident fashion and looked like reaching the century. When he was 92, however, he was caught at square leg off a good hit. This is the third time this season Wasley has reached the nineties. The innings totalled 237. Stan Beadnall shaped well for 33 not out, Arthur Limb contributed 17 and C. Forgie 14. Only three maiden overs were bowled. Jones appeared to puzzle the bat-men more than any other trundler and secured three wickets for 27, though Pinch and Hurley, who bowled near the end of the innings, secured a better average. The visitors gave a good exhibition of batting, but when they had scored 173 for four wickets rain stopped the play. Davies made some hard clean strokes in his 69, but should have been out earlier. Colley remained not out 37. Messrs. W. H. George and W. J. Parker were the umpires. Scores:—</p>			
GAWLER ASSOCIATION.			
C. Wasley, c Hurley, b Jones...	...	...	92
R. May, b Harden	...	...	26
R. Barnfield, l. Harden	...	...	0
R. Rudall, c Hurley, b Taylor	...	...	21
S. Sibley, b Jones	...	...	8
A. Grace, at Blackett, b Harden	...	...	3
A. Limb, b Jones	...	...	17
S. Beadnall, not out	...	...	33
C. Forgie, c Moyes, b Pinch	...	...	14
C. George, b Pinch	...	...	0
C. Thompson, b Hurley	...	...	3
Sundries	...	...	21
Total	...	...	237
Bowling.—J. Jones 3 for 27, Harden 3 for 43, Pinch 2 for 5, Hurley 1 for 3, Taylor 1 for 10.			
UNIVERSITY.			
Pinch, c and b Rudall	...	...	23
Fisher, b Wasley	...	...	16
C. Davies, c Sibley, b Rudall	...	...	69
A. Colley, not out	...	...	37
A. Moyes, lbw, b Thompson	...	...	4
H. Taylor, not out	...	...	8
Sundries	...	...	17
Total (for 4 wickets)	...	...	173
Bowling.—C. Wasley 1 for 33, R. Rudall 2 for 38, Thompson 1 for 19.			

In the 1913/14 to 1915/16 seasons Arthur played in the A Grade. In a notable match, he made 35 not out in University's first innings score of 172 in a match against Sturt in November 1913. Sturt had made 120 for their first innings but batting with only nine men on a soft wicket in the second innings they were all out for eight runs giving University an outright victory. This is the lowest score ever recorded in SACA A Grade District Cricket.

The 'Varsity had practically won the match on the opening day, because they required only 25 runs, with six wickets in hand. D. M. Steele added 8 to his previous tally of 16, and Arthur Limb gave a fine exhibition of hitting. He was quite untroubled with the wicket, and in rattling up 35 not out he banged the ball in all directions, securing five fours, one six, and one three. Of the others K. N. Steele made 15.

In April 1914, Arthur played for University in a match against the Gawler Cricket Association team, scoring 54 not out.

"CRICKET." *Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954) - 17 April 1914*

UNIVERSITY.			
W. O. Jose, c Tobin, b C. George	...	...	51
C. R. Davies, c sub., b George	...	...	8
A. G. Moyes, c Barnfield, b Berriman	...	...	207
B. Hewitt, not out	...	...	40
Arthur Limb, not out	...	...	54
Sundries	...	...	14
Total (for 3 wickets)...			374
Bowling—C. George, 2 for 94 ; C. Berriman, 1 for 83 ; R. Barnfield, 0 for 24 ; W. Fuller, 0 for 75 ; J. Tobin, 0 for 57 ; P. Coxell, 0 for 23.			
GAWLER.			
R. Barnfield, c Moyes, b Harden	...	...	3
J. Tobin, c Hewitt, b Harden	...	...	2
C. Berriman, run out	...	...	9
P. Coxell, c W. C. Jose, b Harden	...	...	2
J. Barnford, c Hewitt, b Harden	...	...	4
A. Rawlings, c Moyes, b J. B. Jose	...	...	1
Cliff George, stb Moyes, J. B. Jose	...	...	0
C. Harden, c and b J. B. Jose	...	...	4
W. Fuller, b C. R. Davies	...	...	9
C. George, b C. R. Davies	...	...	2
A. Berriman, not out	...	...	1
Sundries	...	...	4
Total			41
Bowling—Harden, 4 for 20 ; J. B. Jose, 3 for 17 ; C. R. Davies, 2 for 1.			

Arthur also represented University in a match against Northern Teams (a combined rural team from towns such as Peterborough, Terowie and Clare) in April 1914.

In the 1913/14 Season Arthur scored 238 runs at an average of 23.8 runs from 11 innings

2w., 27r.

UNIVERSITY.

Batting.

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl.	Av.
D. M. Steele	9	—	163	508	56.4
W. O. Jose	7	3	69*	180	45.
J. D. Northy	8	4	71*	181	40.2
C. R. Davies	6	—	78	216	36.
B. T. Taylor	9	5	45*	140	35.
C. E. Pellew	10	—	68	333	33.3
F. N. LeMessurier	11	—	77	317	28.8
A. G. Moves	7	—	45	184	23.2
H. B. Willemore	11	—	119	284	25.8
A. Limb	11	1	65	238	23.8
K. N. Steele	10	1	42	160	18.7
I. B. Jose	10	—	32	136	13.6
J. W. Blackett	8	—	27	69	8.6

Also batted—A. M. Perrers, 4, 22; E. P. Howard, 2, 6; H. J. T. Edwards, 27, 0, 7*.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.	Av.
K. N. Steele	140.4	30	33	438	13.2
A. G. Moves	97	24	18	270	15.
B. T. Taylor	86.4	9	16	306	19.1
H. B. Willemore	120	6	21	195	23.5
I. B. Jose	87.5	2	14	399	28.5
C. E. Pellew	52	7	6	178	29.6
W. O. Jose	34	6	3	128	42.6
F. LeMessurier	45	6	3	176	58.6
C. R. Davies	32	2	2	178	89.

Also bowled—A. Limb, 3o., 10r.; E. P. Howard, 27o., 3w., 165r.; H. J. T. Edwards, 9o., 28r.

Arthur was gaining a reputation as a hard hitter and during the 1914/15 season Arthur scored 45 runs in 35 minutes in a match against East Torrens.

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) - 21 January 1915

Seeing that the University were represented by little more than a B grade team, they were fairly well satisfied with themselves when they reached 149 against East Torrens on the Adelaide Oval. A feature of the innings was the free hitting by A. Limb. In 20 minutes he knocked up 43, and during the next quarter of an hour, during which there was a short interval for liquid refreshments and for a new batsman to take the crease, he made only two, thus reaching his 45 in 35 minutes.

In a match in January 1915 against the strong East Torrens team Arthur had a very good match top scoring with 45 in University's 1st Innings and making 64 in the 2nd innings. The East Torrens attack included State and Australian fast bowler Bill Whitty. Arthur had been an occasional bowler but had taken over the role of wicket keeper from John Blacket during the 1914/15 season. In the East Torrens 1st Innings he took a catch and made two stumpings.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) - 23 January 1915

SENIOR CRICKET IN ADELAIDE.				
In oppressively warm weather the six series of A and B grade association matches began on Saturday afternoon. Results:—				
UNIVERSITY VERSUS EAST TORRENS.				
UNIVERSITY.				
E. M. Weatherill, c. Sando, b. Hodgert	14			
C. Richards, b. Gowling	9			
A. Limb, b. Hill	45			
J. D. Northey, c. Hill, b. Hodgert	17			
W. J. Price, c. Hodgert, b. Stirling	23			
O. V. Baaner, stpd. Roenfeldt, b. Smith	13			
H. C. Thrush, c. and b. Stirling	3			
E. P. Howard, b. Stirling	17			
G. R. Davies, b. Smith	5			
F. Beare, not out	0			
H. B. Willmore, absent	0			
Byes 2, no-ball 1	3			
Total	149			
Bowling.				
	O.	M.	W.	R.
L. R. Hill	12	3	1	35
H. Gowling	5	0	1	37
W. Stirling	13	4	3	23
C. Hodgert	8	1	2	26
A. Smith	4.2	—	2	25
Smith 1 no-ball.				
EAST TORRENS.				
C. Hodgert, not out	111			
E. A. Loveridge, c. and b. Price	50			
H. H. Sando, not out	11			
Byes 4, leg-byes 5, no-ball 1	10			
Total (for one wicket)	182			

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924)				
Mon 25 Jan 1915 / Page 8				
UNIVERSITY.				
First innings				149
Second Innings.				
J. D. Northey, c. and b. Hodgert	1			
W. J. Price, c. Hodgert, b. Whitty	0			
H. B. Willmore, b. Hill	74			
Limb, c. Sando, b. Smith	64			
E. M. Weatherill, b. Whitty	22			
H. C. Thrush, b. Whitty	0			
E. P. Howard, b. Hill	4			
G. R. Davies, b. Hill	0			
C. Richards, c. and b. Whitty	8			
F. Beare, not out	11			
Sundries	3			
Total for nine wickets	187			
Bowling.				
	O.	M.	W.	R.
W. J. Whitty	17.5	4	4	57
C. Hodgert	4	1	1	18
W. Stirling	7	1	0	40
A. Smith	6	0	1	31
L. R. Hill	11	2	3	35
H. Gowling	1	0	0	3
EAST TORRENS.				
C. Hodgert, b. Willmore	114			
E. A. Loveridge, c. and b. Price	52			
H. H. Sando, st. Limb, b. Willmore	11			
R. F. Middleton, c. Davies, b. Willmore	3			
L. R. Hill, st. Limb, b. Willmore	53			
W. J. Whitty, c. Thrush, b. Willmore	13			
W. Stirling, c. Limb, b. Willmore	6			
B. H. Richardson, b. Howard	0			
A. Smith, c. Weatherill, b. Willmore	10			
H. Gowling, c. Thrush, b. Howard	4			
G. Roenfeldt, not out	2			
Sundries	9			
Total	277			
Bowling.				
	O.	M.	W.	R.
W. J. Price	14	1	1	35
E. P. Howard	14.3	1	2	78
F. Beare	5	0	0	25
O. V. Baaner	4	1	1	15
E. M. Weatherill	3	0	0	17
H. B. Willmore	12	1	7	50
Baaner 1 no-ball.				

Coincidentally his older brother Allen was also an A Grade cricketer and was a wicketkeeper for Port Adelaide.

Arthur batted 13 times in the 1914/15 season, scoring 207 runs and had a high score of 64 and an average of 15.9.

"CRICKET SEASON CLOSED."

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 3 April 1915

UNIVERSITY.					
Batting.					
	Ins.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl.	Ave.
D. M. Steele	8	1	101	375	53.5
A. G. Moyes	10	—	146	446	44.6
C. E. Pellew	13	2	94	402	35.5
H. B. Willamore	11	1	74	294	28.4
H. L. Rayner	4	1	22*	62	20.6
C. Richards	4	2	20*	37	18.5
I. B. Jose	7	2	86	83	16.6
B. T. Taylor	8	1	32	115	16.4
A. Limb	13	—	64	207	15.9
E. M. Weatherill	13	—	20	123	10.3
J. K. Nicholls	6	4	9*	20	10
L. A. Mander	5	1	16*	38	9.2
O. Baaner	4	—	13	32	8
W. J. Price	5	—	23	39	7.8
H. C. Thrush	4	—	21	24	6
J. D. Northey	10	—	17	31	3.1
K. N. Steele	4	—	4	10	2.2
Also batted:—H. J. T. Edwards, 0, 0; E. P. Howard, 17, 4; E. F. Davies, 5, 0; F. Beare, 0*, 11*; L. Hurley, 0; R. G. Horwood, 1, 4.					

Arthur was awarded a Blue for cricket in 1915 making him a Double Blue.

By the commencement of the 1915/16 season Arthur had enlisted. In the match against North Adelaide in late October 1915 Arthur scored 24 runs and as wicketkeeper he affected two stumpings

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) - 30 October 1915

SENIOR CRICKET IN ADELAIDE.					
UNIVERSITY VERSUS NORTH ADELAIDE.					
NORTH ADELAIDE.					
F. Sorrell, b. Willamore	0				
C. Seager, c. Jose, b. Moyes	7				
L. R. Lewis, run out	0				
E. L. Phillips, c. Shanasy, b. Willamore	8				
W. Stewart, c. Willamore, b. Moyes	6				
L. H. Chinner, st. Limb, b. Willamore	3				
A. Ambler, b. Willamore	0				
W. G. Fulston, st. Limb, b. Willamore	0				
W. Taylor, not out	0				
S. Clutterbuck, absent	0				
G. O. Roberts absent	0				
Total	24				
Bowling.					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	
A. G. Moyes	7.3	2	12	2	
H. Willamore	7	—	12	5	
UNIVERSITY.					
A. G. Moyes, c. Sorrell, b. Lewis	73				
H. L. Rayner, c. and b. Chinner	82				
I. B. Jose, c. and b. Fulston	0				
H. B. Willamore, b. Chinner	52				
A. Limb, b. Chinner	24				
L. A. Mander, c. and b. Chinner	17				
D. Northey, b. Phillips	8				
H. C. Thrush, b. Chinner	11				
W. B. Shanasy, not out	5				
A. B. Russell, c. Chinner, b. Phillips	1				
Sundries	4				
Total (for 9 wickets)	272				
Bowling—F. A. Sorrell, none for 42; L. A. Phillips, two for 55; L. R. Lewis, none for 37; W. G. Fulston, one for 30; W. Stewart, none for 28; L. H. Chinner, five for 49.					

Although Arthur did not embark until late March 1916, he appears to have played his last match for University in January 1916 against West Torrens. It should be noted that in the newspapers in the 1915/16 season, Arthur was sometimes names as A.C. Limb. No official statistics for the 1915/16 season were issued due to the impacts of WWI.

Career

In December 1914, Arthur was appointed an assistant teacher at Gawler and he was soon coaching the fourth and fifth class boys at cricket.

"GAWLER CORPORATION." *Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954)* - 19 February 1915

—Schoolboys' Cricket—
Mr. Arthur Limb, of the Gawler public school, wrote requesting the use of the west side cricket pitch on the Oval for practice purposes on Wednesday evenings from 4 to 6 o'clock for the fourth and fifth class boys.—Request granted.

Then from the 1st April 1915 Arthur was appointed an assistant teacher at the Sturt Street School. His appointment was maintained during his War Service and while ill after his return.

Arthur's Teaching Record

Teacher number:

Name: LIMB, Arthur

Sex: M

1892 Reclassification: F 1915; E 1917; IIB 1919

Date of Birth: 27 Jul 1893

Date of Death: 7 May 1920

Qualifications: 8, 9, 1907; 1911
 Aa, Geom, Trig, Lat, Lit, Mh, 1909, 1910 & 1911
 Eng Lit (1), Education (1/2), 1913; Eng Histy (1), Botany, 1914,

Training: U T C 1913 - 1914
 1911

Experience: P T 1912,, Gawler

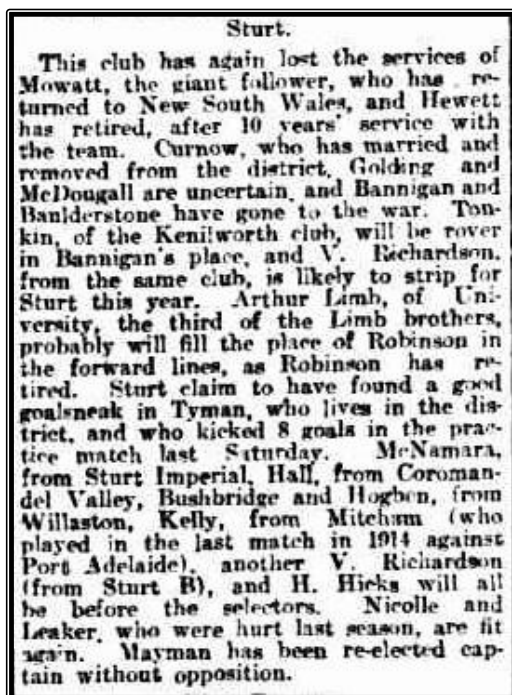
Rank Appointed	Date Appointed	School	Salary	Service Year	Inspection %	Inspection Date	Classification	Inspector's Comments
Asst	1 Jan 1915	Gawler	120/	1915				
Asst	1 Apr 1915	Sturt St	120/	1915	Eff Mark 66.1/75%			T & M v gd, firm, interested, exc control (AM)
Asst	1 Jan 1916	Sturt St	120/	1916				
Asst	1 Jul 1916	Sturt St	150/	1916				
Asst	1 Jan 1917	Sturt St	160/	1917				
Asst	1 Jul 1917	Sturt St	175/	1917				
Asst	1 Jan 1918	Sturt St	175/	1918				
Asst	1 Jul 1918	Sturt St	185/	1918				
Asst	1 Jan 1919	Sturt St	185/	1919				
Asst	1 Jul 1919	Sturt St	200/	1919				
Asst	1919	Sturt St	210/	1919				
Asst	1 Jan 1920	Sturt St	220/	1920				

Leave: LWOP from 7 Nov 1915 until return of A I F.

Miscellaneous: 1657/08; 1830/19; 2140/15; Gawler; Nth Unley;

The move to teach at Sturt Street allowed Arthur to play football for Sturt in the South Australian Football League in the 1915 season. The club had a most successful season winning the Premiership and Arthur was awarded the Gold Medal for 'Most Gentlemanly Player' of the season (the club's best and fairest award).

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) - 17 April 1915



Sturt Football Club - Premiership Team: 1915



Arthur Limb - Back Row - Third from right

1915



Arthur Limb

(from Sturt Football Club Premiership photograph)

Extract from Sturt Football Club History Reference

(Acknowledgement: Renee Potts, Sturt Football Club and David Bartlett)

186 LIMB Arthur



Born at Gawler, July 27, 1893

Died at Gawler, May 7, 1920

Height: 183cm, Weight: 67kg

From an early age, Limb like his brothers, was an extremely good footballer. Born at Gawler and educated at the local school, he studied teaching at Adelaide University and was destined to play league football. On completing his degree the fleet footed wingman taught at Sturt Street Primary School in 1914 and '15. In 1915, he made his debut for Sturt in the opening round of the season and despite the Blues losing by 42 points to West Adelaide he was named second best. From that game on he was named in Sturt's best players every week and at the end of the season won the club best and fairest award. Besides this highlight his other achievement was his brilliant performance in the second semi-final when he won the game off his own boot. Limb kicked four goals of Sturt's 9.6 (60) to South Adelaide's 4.12 (36). Another highlight was playing in Sturt's first premiership a fortnight later.

In March 1916, he enlisted, and served in the 10th Battalion in France where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. At the end of the war while recovering in hospital his commanding officer asked him to write a history of the battalion. At the same time, Limb wrote to the Sturt secretary, Wilfred Tank, and stated that he would be ready to play in 1919 as he was in "good health and good condition." Returning on the Nestor, to Australia, Limb caught a severe cold which turned into pneumonia and on arrival in Adelaide spent six months at the Bedford Park Hospital.

On January 7, 1920 he returned to his home in Gawler. Five months later he died and was buried at Willaston Cemetery. Sturt had lost a popular club man who from the moment he went off to war, wanted to come home and again play football for Sturt.

Sturt Games: 14 (1915) Sturt Goals: 16

Guernsey No: 6

the season. The patron of the club (Mr. C. R. Morris) presented to Mr. Arthur Limb a gold medal, donated by Mr. A. H. Preston, for the most gentlemanly player of the season. The same footballer was handed a wristlet watch, which had been subscribed for by the members of the club as a token of their esteem and good wishes on the eve of his departure for the front. Mention was made of the fine response the Sturt footballers had made to their country's call. Mr. Morris next handed

World War I

On the 10th October 1915, aged 22 years and three months, Arthur enlisted with service number of 5249. He was 6 foot tall and weighed 147 lbs with a fair complexion, grey eyes and light brown hair. Arthur's father, John Limb, of Finnis Street, Gawler was his next-of-kin. Arthur had been a volunteer Cadet for four years. He attended NCO School at the Mitcham Camp and was appointed a V.O. (Voyage Only) Sergeant on the 16th March 1916.

1916



Arthur Limb

Arthur, his brother Allen and Syd Coombe were given a farewell at Gawler in later January 1916 and at the end of March 1916 Arthur made a visit to the Gawler High School.

SOLDIERS' FAREWELLS

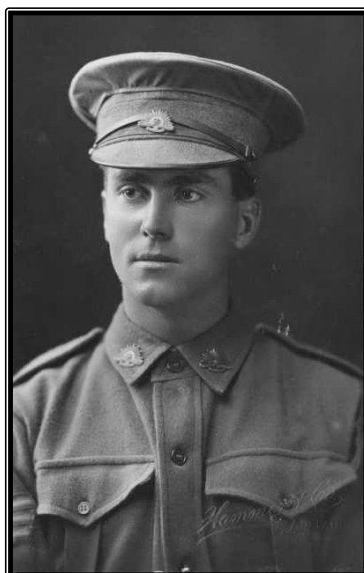
SOCIAL AT GAWLER.

A farewell was tendered to Allen Limb, Arthur Limb, and Syd. Coombe in the Methodist Lecture Hall on Saturday evening. Rev. G. T. Arthur, who occupied the chair, spoke of the part the guests had played in the Tod Street Church and its organisations, and his remarks were supported by Rev. G. K. Haslam and Messrs. W. Dawkins, P. Cheek, A. J. Davis, S. P. Limb, A. P. Forgie, and M. W. Forgie. The soldiers were presented with a copy of Dr. Weymouth's translation of the New Testament, and suitably acknowledged the gift. During the evening musical and elocutionary items were given by Mrs. C. Fergusson, Misses D. Baker and M. Bosisto, and Messrs. S. P. Limb and S. Coombe.

Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954) - 24 March 1916

Segeant Arthur Limb visited the Gawler High School on Tuesday. The students were assembled, and on behalf of the teachers and students, the Head Teacher (Mr. J. Bills) said goodbye to the departing soldier. Mr. Bills referred to the sterling character of the departing soldier and wished him God speed and a safe return. Sergeant Limb thanked the teachers and students and declared his desire to uphold the honor of King and country. Cheers were given for the Australian Forces, the departing soldier, and the King.

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Studio portrait of Lieutenant (Lt) Arthur Limb

Arthur embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A9 *Shropshire* as a V.O. (Voyage Only) Sergeant on 25th March 1916 with the 16th reinforcement of the 10th Battalion. He arrived in the United Kingdom on the 24th April 1916 and reverted to the rank of Private but on the same day he was appointed an E.D.P. (Extra Duty Pay) Sergeant. In England he trained at Parham Downs before proceeding overseas to France on the 14th August 1916. He reverted to the rank of Private on joining his unit.

Arthur was briefly in hospital with influenza 'in the field' shortly after joining the 10th Battalion but rejoined the unit on the 3rd September 1916. By 24th October 1916 Arthur had been appointed a Lance Corporal 'in the field' and was appointed to the role on the 25th November 1916.

On the 6th February 1917 Arthur left France and proceeded to Cadet School at Oxford, England. On the 31st May 1917 he was appointed to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the 10th Battalion. On the 25th August 1917 he left Tidworth, UK and proceeded to Havre, France.

Arthur was promoted to Lieutenant on the 4th September 1917. Arthur's brother Allen also received a commission in the 48th Battalion as mentioned below.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) - 6 October 1917

Friends of Allan (Joe) Limb and his brother Arthur, who are both well known in cricket and football circles, especially at Unley, will be pleased to know that they have received their commissions, the one in the 48th Battalion, and the other in the famous 10th. Both have seen considerable service in France.

Arthur was on leave in the United Kingdom from the 12-19th November 1917.

Arthur received the award 'Mention in Despatches' for a recommendation dated 8th March 1918 (Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 30706 (28 May 1918); 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 165 (24 October 1918).

Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954) 9 August 1918

Mr. John Limb, Gawler, is in receipt of the following enclosure from his son, Lieut. Arthur Limb, who is in the field in France. The letter is self-explanatory:—"In the Field. My dear Limb—I should like to be one of the first to congratulate you on being mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch. In recommending you I was actuated by a very genuine admiration for the work you have done as Transport Officer since I took over the Battalion in 1917. No one knows better than I do the poor state the section was then in, and how near it now approaches the excellent standard you have set yourself to achieve. Apart from these considerations, your own personal coolness and courage in the field is beyond praise. I can only hope that your name will again appear when the honours list is published. Yours very sincerely, M. Nildeith Eligan, Colonel."

10th Battalion Transport Officers in Neuve Eglise, Belgium



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Lt Arthur Limb, Transport Officer - Centre row - Seventh from left

On the 13th July 1918 Arthur was recommended for the Military Cross however he did not receive the award.

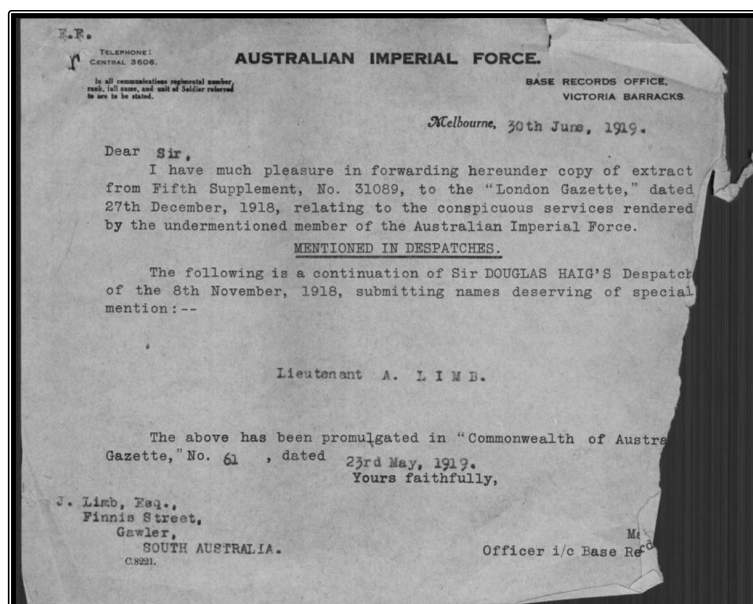
"In an operation against enemy positions near HERRIS on June 28th 1918, Lieut. LIMB as transport officer by his skilful leadership and utter disregard of personal safety got his transport forward to the old German Lines—a point within 300 yards of the present German posts—under very heavy shell fire, notwithstanding casualties to mule leaders and mules. His work was of the utmost value, for by getting every load of ammunition and rations forward to the newly captured posts he saved carrying parties of at least 80 men at a time when every available man was needed."

Another copy of this recommendation goes on to say "I cannot speak too highly of this officer's constantly demonstrated personal courage".

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	10th Battalion Australian Imperial Force.		Lieutenant James DAVIDSON.	In an operation against the enemy position near HERRIS on June 28th 1918, Lieut. DAVIDSON as Quartermaster personally supervised the delivery and distribution of food and water to the foremost captured positions. His devotion to duty ability and courage enabled the men to obtain hot food immediately the advance was completed, thus greatly improving their morale and helping generally to make the operation a success.	G.O., 10th Bn., A.I.F.	M.C.	
	10th Battalion Australian Imperial Force.		Lieutenant Arthur LIMB.	In an operation against the enemy position near HERRIS on June 28th 1918 Lieut. LIMB as 10th Bn. transport officer by his skilful leadership and utter disregard of personal safety got his transport forward to the old German Lines—a point within 300 yards of the present German posts—under very heavy shell fire, notwithstanding casualties to mule leaders and mules. His work was of the utmost value, for by getting every load of ammunition and rations forward to the newly captured posts he saved carrying parties of at least 80 men at a time when every available man was needed.	G.O., 10th Bn., A.I.F.	H.C.	
Recommended for mention in Corps Orders				Major-General, Commanding 1st Australian Division.			
MERRIS S/W of Belgium							

From 10-26th August 1918 Arthur was in the 3rd London Hospital at Codford suffering from 'sycosis barbae' (a type of folliculitis affecting the beard area due to infection with the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*).

Arthur was recommended for the award 'Mention in Despatches' for a second time on the 25th September 1918 (Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 31089, 31 December 1918; 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 61, 23 May 1919).



On the 21st November 1918 Arthur was temporarily attached to the Australian War Records Section. He proceeded overseas again on the 5th February 1919 and returned to England from Havre, France on the 4th April 1919. He remained in the UK in the Overseas Training Brigade. While still in the UK he played in the Australian Divisional Championship which was won by the 9th and 10th Battalions team.

**Informal portrait of the Australian Rules Football Team of the 9th and 10th Battalions, winners of the Australian Divisional Championship for 1919.
27 February 1919**



Arthur Limb – Middle Row – Third from Left

THE FIGHTING TENTH

Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954) 6 June 1919

"THE FIGHTING TENTH."

Mr. John Limb, of Gawler, has forwarded for perusal a well printed and profusely illustrated book containing the "History of the 10th Battalion, A.I.F., 1914-1918," covering the fields of Egypt, Gallipoli, France, and Belgium. The doings of the Blue and Purple boys, mostly South Australians, are known in all homes, the magnificent achievement of scaling the heights of Gallipoli classing them with the greatest soldiers of the world. The book is dedicated "To the Digger." The story is told in readable language, and the details are compiled from the official records of the Battalion. What adds considerably to the publication is the fact that the author is a Gawler boy, Lieut. Arthur Limb (son of Mr. John Limb, of Gawler), being entrusted by the authorities with this task. The whole of the Battalion's efforts are summed up in the following extracts:—"So the battalion, from the first moment when it assailed the vaunted impregnable heights of Gaba Tepe, until near Bullicourt it drove its assault into the very heart of the Hindenburg system (afterwards to be broken by our own men) has never looked back." It was typical that their last operation in the war should be an attack and one as important as it was successful pushing the line right into the heart of the outposts of the Hindenburg system. The lads realised "The game is more than the player of the game." The book also includes a diary of events from the date when war was declared to the 30th December of last year when the men were invested with their medals from the hands of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Then follows the honours and awards, and finally the glorious pages of those who fell in the fight. Altogether 260 men were awarded with honours, including 3 V.C.'s, 3 French Croix de Guerre, and 3 Belgian Croix de Guerre. The casualties read—killed, 966; wounded, 2,513. In the Honours list appear the names of Lieut. C. J. Scott, M.C., Lieut. F. J. Scott, M.I.D., Lieut. A. Limb, M.I.D.

History of the 10th Battalion AIF


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Written by Arthur Limb in 1919, this book gives a brief history of the 10th Battalion of the AIF – 'South Australia's quota to the Australian Expeditionary Force'.

The Battalion was raised in August 1914 and on 20 October it embarked on s.s. Ascanius – to its unknown but much conjectured destination. The history is not detailed but gives an overview of the main events during 1914 to 1918 – in the Suez, at Mena, Gallipoli, Pozières, Gueudencourt, Bullecourt, Polygon Wood, Ypres, Passchendaele Ridge, and many other places.

'On Saturday night, 22nd July, the battalion left Sausage Valley and proceeded via Black Watch Alley to support the 9th battalion in the attack on Pozières. On the morning of the 23rd, the 9th battalion met strong opposition. "A" Company, under Captain McCann, was sent to their assistance; their advance also was held by machine-gun fire, and Captain McCann wounded. A barricade was erected. "D" Company, under Major Giles, was then despatched to the help of "A."'

The book includes numerous black and white illustrations, maps (Somme, Gallipoli, and Belgium), a Roll of Honour and a list of those who received Honours and Awards.

Arthur returned to Australia onboard the 'Nestor' which departed from the UK on the 20th May 1919 and arrived in Australia on the 29th June 1919. Prior to his return to Australia Arthur had written to the secretary of the Sturt Football Club stating that he was in "good health and condition" and that he hoped to play in the 1919 football season. However on the journey home Arthur caught a cold which turned into acute bronchitis.

LIMB, Arthur



Lieutenant
10th Battlaion

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Born 27 July 1893 at Gawler West, South Australia
Son of John LIMB & Mary Ann nee ALLEN
Of Finnis St., Gawler, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment School Teacher
Enlisted 10 November 1915 at Adelaide, SA
Embarked 25 March 1916
Served in France
Returned to Australia on 29 June 1919 per 'Nestor'
Died on 7 May 1920 while on leave at his home in Gawler of Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Buried in the Willaston General Cemetery, South Australia.

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Arthur's brother, Allen, had gained a commission during the war and was a Lieutenant with the 48th Battalion. He served in Egypt, France and England and was 'Mentioned in Despatches'. He did not return to Australia until April 1920.

LIMB, Allen



Service No: 5146
Promoted through the ranks to Lieutenant
10th Battalion, 48th Battalion



Born Gawler, South Australia on 29 September 1886
Son of John & Mary Ann LIMB nee ALLEN
Wife: Eveline Palmer LIMB nee BOYCE
Of Harriet Ave, Newstead
Occupation prior to enlisting: Pattern Maker
Enlisted: 29 October 1915
Embarkation: 25 March 1916
Served in Egypt, France & England
Mentioned in Despatches
Returned to Australia: 8 February 1920 per 'Pt Napier'
Appointment Terminated: 9 April 1920
Died: 1 July 1975 at Battery Point, Tasmania

State Records of SA GRG 26/5/4/1849

Post World War I

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923) 6 June 1919

C. A. Ryan, the Sturts' half-back, who went to the front with the 11th Field Ambulance, will be back in a fortnight, and A. Limb, the half-forward, who enlisted with the 10th Battalion of Infantry, will be home in a month. Limb is the class of man the Sturts are wanting at the present time.

An article in the 'Bunyip', the local Gawler newspaper on the 28th May 1920 states that Arthur was carried off the 'Nestor' on a stretcher and he spent from June to December in the Bedford Park Sanatorium.

The book "True Blue, The history of the Sturt Football Club", by John Lysikatos states at page 63 that Arthur did train for the first time since 1915 in July 1919 and may have played in the match against Norwood on the 12th July 1919 had Golding not recovered from a sprained ankle. Arthur Limb was said to be in the grandstand at Unley Oval for the match.

Arthur's service record shows that he was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis and a note dated 7th July 1919 stated that he was to be transferred to the Bedford Park Sanatorium (now the site of Flinders University).

Bedford Park Sanatorium, Adelaide SA



Arthur Limb convalescing at Bedford Park Sanatorium, Adelaide SA

In late January 1920 Arthur wrote, from his parent's address, to the Defence Department, querying why he had received letters to Lieut. A Limb, M.C.. The Defence Department later confirmed that the letters had been addressed in error and that Arthur had not been awarded the Military Cross.

On the 9th February 1920 Arthur returned to Bedford Park Sanatorium for further treatment.

"SEASON'S FOOTBALL PROSPECTS"

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) 24 April 1920

The health of Arthur Limb, the brilliant forward of 1915, who returned from France towards the close of last season and had hoped to rejoin his old club, will unfortunately not permit of his resuming the game.

Death

Arthur was on leave from Bedford Park Sanatorium and staying with his family at Finnis St, Gawler when he haemorrhaged and died on the 7th May 1920. Aged 26 years.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) - 10 May 1920

LIMB.—On the 7th May, at Gawler, Lieut. Arthur (Ack) Limb, 10th Battalion, A.I.F., beloved sixth son of John and the late Mary Ann Limb, aged 26 years.

"DEATH OF ARTHUR LIMB."

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) - 8 May 1920

DEATH OF ARTHUR LIMB.

BRILLIANT FORWARD'S END.

The sad news of the death of Arthur Limb, Sturt's great forward in 1915, was received in Adelaide this morning. At the close of the first premiership year of the two-blues Limb donned khaki and served his country gallantly in France, gaining the commission of lieutenant. Towards the end of last football season Limb arrived home, and when he left England, so well in health and condition was he that he wrote to his old club stating that he hoped to be back in time to help the team in the final games of the season.

On the voyage out, however, Limb contracted a severe cold, which developed tubercular trouble, and instead of enter-

ing the football field as he had so fondly hoped he went to Bedford Park for treatment. Recently he returned to his home at Gawler, apparently improved in health, but a serious change which occurred on Friday night resulted in his death a few hours later.

The deceased was a brother of Bert and Allan Limb, also well-known Sturt players years ago. By the death of Arthur Limb Sturt has lost a valued and popular clubmate and the football world a sterling and honest player.

Lieut. Arthur Limb, who died at Gawler, on Friday, May 7th, was born at Gawler on July 27, 1893, being the youngest of six sons of a family of 13. His parents, Mr. John and the late Mrs. Mary Limb, have been among the most honoured of Gawler's citizens. Arthur received his education in the town of his birth, passing from the Primary to the High School, and then went on to the University, where he took his two years' Teacher's course. From then to the time of enlisting, he taught in the Sturt Street Public School. From earliest childhood he had connection with the Tod Street Church and Sunday School, and rendered loyal and acceptable service in the Choir and as Secretary of the Young Men's Bible Class. He was a keen sportsman positively brilliant at football, and Sturt by his death lost a valued and popular clubmate, and the field a sterling and honest player. He answered his country's call in October, 1915, and left Australia with the 10th reinforcements of



—Lieut. Arthur Limb.

the 10th Battalion on March 15, 1916, for services in France. In the following year he received his commission as Lieutenant, and was three times mentioned in dispatches. At the close of the war he was chosen by the Officer in Command to gather material from military sources, and proceed to Oxford to

write up the history of the 10th Battalion. The book has been published and reflects the greatest credit on its author by its concise and well-expressed statements. In the preface he says: "The book I have dedicated to the Australian 'Digger,' a man of infinite variety; rough often in manner and speech but warm of heart and true as steel, with a neverfailing sense of humor that has carried him through many a hard time, and with a capacity for being led only equalled by that of refusing to be driven. In all—Soldier, Sportsman, Friend." On his return to Australia Lieut. Limb was Senior Lieutenant and Transport Officer for his battalion. His turn towards home was full of hope, the war was over—he had done his part well and was coming home to the welcome which he knew awaited him after three and a half years' service. But he was disappointed of most of his cherished thoughts. While on board he contracted a cold which led to pneumonia, and serious lung trouble followed. On reaching South Australia he had to be carried off the vessel. From June to December of last year he was an inmate at Bedford Park Hospital, and being somewhat better was brought home to Gawler on January 7. The homecoming was naturally robbed of much of its joy through his greatly impaired health,

but he refused however to allow anything to interfere with his bright cheerful spirit and faced prospects with courage and christian resignation. The remains were interred in the Willaston Cemetery on Sunday, May 9th, a large cortege following, although the afternoon was very wet. A tribute to Lieut. Limb's character was paid by the Head Master of the Adelaide High School, who, on learning of his decease, wrote: "He was one of the brightest and best that we have had in the School, a good student, a true sport, and always a gentleman. We remember him for his kindly disposition, his usefulness, and his influence for good throughout the School, and we feel that for one who had done so much here there must be higher and greater work to do in the beyond." A Memorial Service was held in the Tod Street Methodist Church on Sunday evening last, when the Rev. H. A. Gunter delivered a most impressive address to a very large congregation.

Arthur was buried at the Willaston Cemetery, Gawler. He left an estate valued at £500.

In October 1920 trees were planted at the Gawler Oval to honour Arthur Limb and others from the Gawler area who fell in the war.

Willaston Cemetery, Gawler SA



Headstone of Lieutenant Arthur

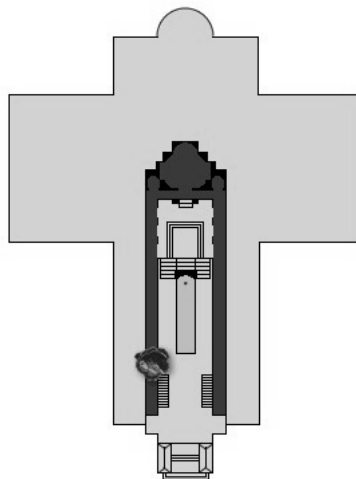


Plaque in Tod St Methodist Church Gawler in memory of Arthur Limb



Australian War Memorial

Arthur Limb's name is located at panel 59 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



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