



Pte. Clarence Swann Padman



29th November 1916



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1914 (B Grade)

Cricket Club: 1914/15 (B Grade)

Studying for Arts Degree

Teacher (Norwood and Moonta High Schools)

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 Clarence Swann Padman. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AUFC/AUCC WW1 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The AIF Project


<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=232080>



Clarence Swann PADMAN

Regimental number	6891
Place of birth	Middleton, South Australia
Occupation	School teacher
Marital status	Single
Enlistment date	14 June 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	14 June 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	8th Machine Gun Company
Fate	Killed in Action 29 November 1916
Age at death from cemetery records	23
Place of burial	Bancourt British Cemetery (Plot IV, Row K, Grave No. 1), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	179
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: Samuel Waterhouse and Annie Elizabeth Jane PADMAN

Clarence Swann PADMAN



PADMAN, Clarence Swann

Personal Details

Service History

Personal Stories

Service Number: 6891

Enlisted: 14 June 1915, Keswick, South Australia

Last Rank: Private

Last Unit: 8th Machine Gun Company

Born: Middleton, South Australia, 25 May 1893

Home Town: Middleton, Alexandrina, South Australia

Schooling: Norwood High School, Adelaide High School, University of Adelaide

Occupation: Teacher

Died: Killed in Action, Gueudecourt, France, 29 November 1916, aged 23 years

Cemetery: Bancourt British Cemetery

Memorials: Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour, National War Memorial (South Australia)

Biography


contributed by Elizabeth Allen

Clarence Swann PADMAN was born in Middleton, South Australia on 25th May, 1893

His parents were Samuel Waterhouse PADMAN & Annie Elizabeth Jane RAGLESS

Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8003824>

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6891 Name PADMAN Clarence Swann
Unit 8th FIELD AMBULANCE.
Joined on 14th June 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your Name? ... Clarence Swann Padman
- In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Middleton in the County of 8th Dist
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... N.B.
- What is your age? ... 22 1/2
- What is your trade or calling? ... State School Teacher
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
- Are you married? ... No
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... (Father) Mr Samuel Waterhouse Middleton Padman South Australia
- Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
- Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
- 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 ... Vol Cadets Syd Disbanded
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
- (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... yes
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... yes

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

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

Date 7-6-15 Clarence Padman
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.

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815 MACHINE GUN COMPANY Army Form B. 103.
Casualty Form - Active Service. 6891
 Regiment or Corps **8th Aust Field Ambulance - 15th Field Ambulance**
 Regimental No. **6891** Rank **Pte** Name **PADMAN, Clarence Swann**
 Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (b) _____ Service includes (c) (d) _____
 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 (f) _____

Date	From what	Event	Place	Date	Remarks
5/2/16	C/O	Trans to 8th G.O. 8th Sick Ferry Post	5/2/16	B.213 AP/3567	DO 1/8
5/2/16	8th CCS	Admitted - Influenza	"	5/2/16 C.5561 (ex F.S)	
12/2/16	8th P.Amb	Discharged to duty	Serapeum	7/2/16 C.5740 (ex F.S)	Do 2/63
1.3.16	1st CCS	Trans to 15th Field Amb	Tel el Kabir	24/2/16 AP/5142	DO 3/147
19.6.16	"Canada"	Embarked o'mean B.E.F.	Alexandria	19.6.16 AP/9109	
28.6.16	"	Disembarked at Marseilles	28.6.16	LR/6940	
2.9.16	15th Fld Amb	Transferred to 8th Mch Gun Company	France	31.8.16 B.213 AM/4876	Do 9/387
1.9.16	C/O 8th MOC	Taken on strength of 8th Field Machine Gun Company		31.8.16 B.213 AM/4886	DO 17/607
1.12.16	"	Killed in Action	Field	29.11.16 B.213 AM/11946	DO 28/762 VL 164 of 11/12/16

Buried between Sandhurst & 11th Fld Amb
 ANZAC SECTION, 3rd ESCALON, CHA,
 BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.
 (SGD) H. L. FERNS Lieutenant,
 G. I. C. RECORDS.

(a) In the case of a man who has been discharged from or omitted from Service B. 103, the particulars of service subsequent to re-employment or re-enlistment will be entered at (d) & (e). Signature: (Showing rank, etc., etc., also appoint commission or reduced rank, etc.)

CS Padman - Casualty Form

"Drierley"
 31 Wallerville Road
 St Peters So. Aus.
 20/1/17

The O. C.
 Military Base Records Office
 Victoria Barracks
 Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

Re 6891 Pte C. S. Padman
 C. Sec. 8th F. Amb. deceased 29/11/16

This soldier's will of which I am the executor is now in the hands of the Public Trustee for So. Aus. for proving & as soon as you have advice from the probate would you kindly forward me your death certificate in addition to that required by the Public Trustee & also send the Public Trustee the document in duplicate which will serve the same purpose.

Yours truly
 Samuel W. Padman

RECEIVED
 22 JAN 17
 BASE RECORDS

FORWARDED
 SENT

Letter from his Father (SW Padman)

Published Biography

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Clarence Padman

Name: Clarence Swann Padman

Rank: Private

Service Number: 6891

Unit Served: 8th Field Ambulance, 15th Field Ambulance, 8th Machine Gun Company



Personal Details: Clarence was my Great uncle. He was born in Middleton on the 25th of May 1893 to parents Samuel Waterhouse and Elizabeth Jane Padman. He started his schooling at Middleton but then moved to Adelaide and boarded with his aunty while he studied at Norwood High School. He later went to Adelaide High School before studying at the University of Adelaide. He became a teacher and began teaching at Norwood School before being appointed to the staff of Moonta High School. He was 5 foot 5 1/4 inches tall with a fair complexion, blue eyes and fair hair.

Enlistment Details: Clarence enlisted on the 7th of June 1918 at the age of 22 years and 1 month at Keswick. He was assigned to the 8th Field Ambulance.

Details of War Service: Clarence sailed from Adelaide aboard the "Geelong" on the 18th November 1915 and arrived in Suez on the 18th December. On the 3rd February he contracted Influenza and was transferred to the 2nd Casualty Clearing Station at Ferry Post. He returned to duty on the 7th of February. On the 24th he was transferred to the 15th Field Ambulance. On the 19th June he left Egypt aboard the "Canada" and arrived in Marseilles on the 28th June. On the 31st August he was transferred to the 8th Machine Gun Company. And 3 months later on the 29th November he was killed in action at the Battle of Fiers.

He was buried between Guedecourt and Le Transloy, 3 1/4 miles north of Comblès. After the war his body was re-interred in Bancourt British Cemetery.

Age at Death: 23

Date of Death: 29th November 1916

Cemetery Details: Bancourt British Cemetery Plot IV, Row K, Grave 1

Interesting Material: He was engaged to Daisy Steadman, who never married after losing her loved one in the war. She spent every Anzac Day, until she died, at Horseshoe Bay, where they had spent so much time together before he left for the war.



Clarence and his sister



Clarence's Grave during the war

Commemorated by
2008

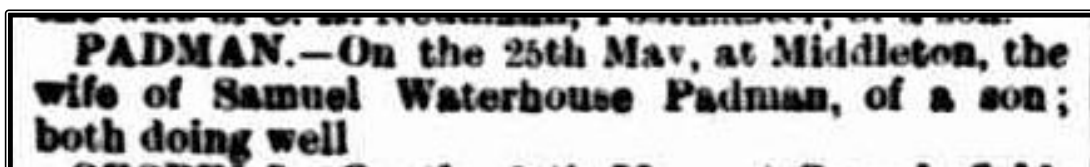


Chloe Padman
1st December 2008

Early Life

Clarence Swann (Clarrie) Padman was born on the 25th May 1893 at Middleton, SA, the second son of Samuel Waterhouse Padman and Annie Elizabeth (Lillie) Ragless.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900) 30 May 1893



PADMAN.—On the 25th May, at Middleton, the wife of Samuel Waterhouse Padman, of a son; both doing well

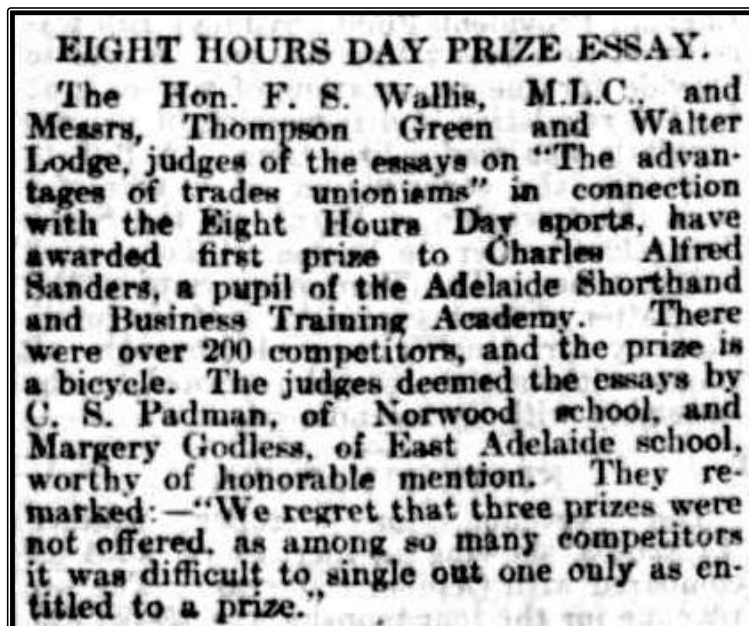
Samuel worked for the South Australian Insurance Company and later for the National Bank (Orroroo) and at the time of Clarrie's birth he was in business at Middleton, SA. He was a lay preacher for over 50 years.

Clarrie's siblings were Vernon Ragless (b 1891), Maud Lilian (1895), Eric George (1896), Alethe Dorothy (b 1898) and Marsden Waterhouse (b 1899).

Schooling

Clarrie commenced his schooling at Middleton where he gained a certificate of merit in 1905. He then moved to Adelaide and boarded with an aunt to attend Norwood School. He was living at Kent Town when he was awarded a first class certificate for the South Australian Sunday School Union scripture examinations. In 1907 he received an honourable mention in the "Eight Hours Day" prize essay competition.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 1 November 1907



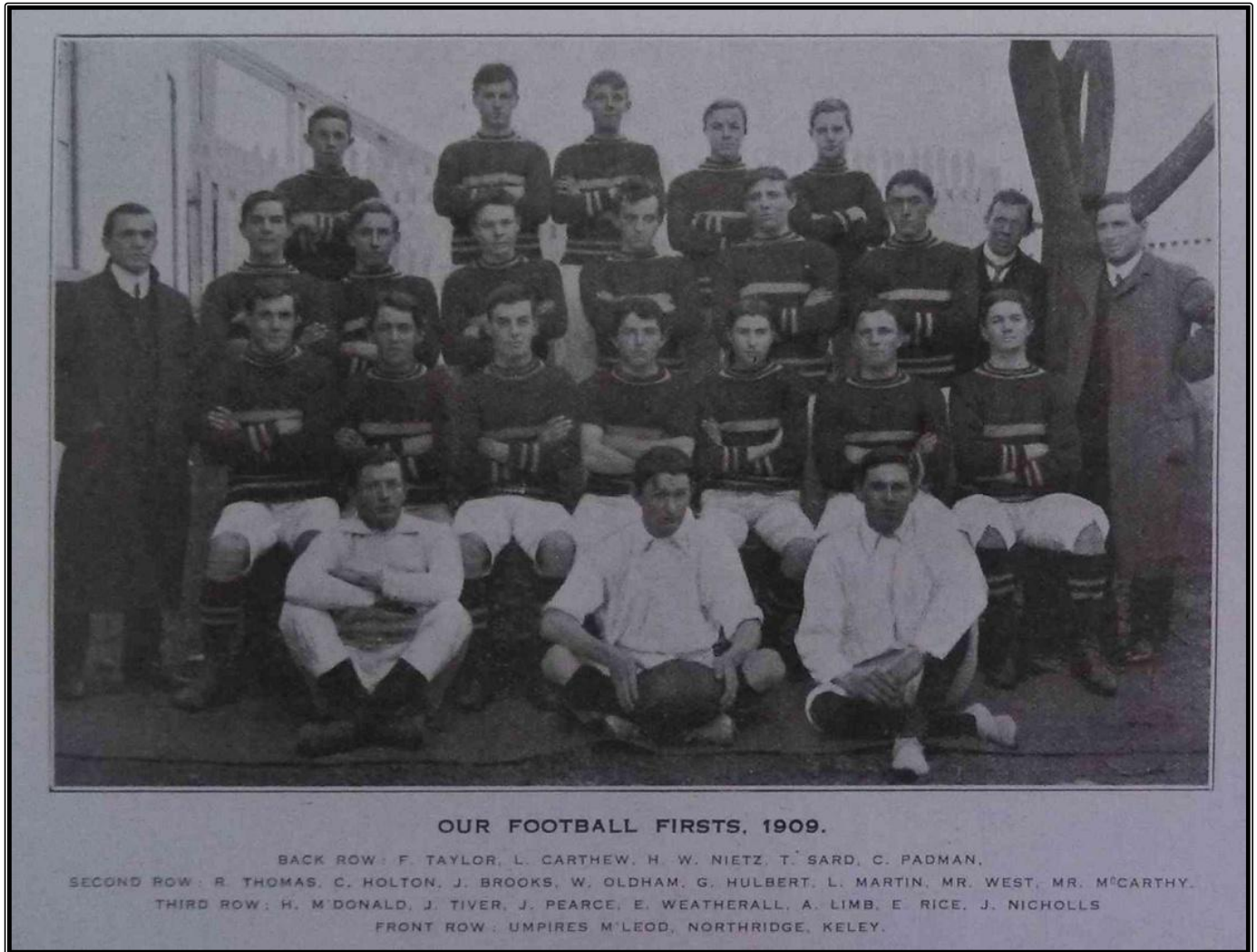
EIGHT HOURS DAY PRIZE ESSAY.
The Hon. F. S. Wallis, M.L.C., and Messrs, Thompson Green and Walter Lodge, judges of the essays on "The advantages of trades unionisms" in connection with the Eight Hours Day sports, have awarded first prize to Charles Alfred Sanders, a pupil of the Adelaide Shorthand and Business Training Academy. There were over 200 competitors, and the prize is a bicycle. The judges deemed the essays by C. S. Padman, of Norwood school, and Margery Godless, of East Adelaide school, worthy of honorable mention. They remarked:—"We regret that three prizes were not offered, as among so many competitors it was difficult to single out one only as entitled to a prize."

In December 1907 Clarrie topped the Education Department Monitors' Examinations (Class I), Norwood and he was a Senior Monitor at the School in 1908. In December 1908 he gained his Junior Certificate (passing five subjects - English History, Geography (credit), arithmetic, algebra and geometry) and he passed the Pupil Teacher entrance examinations.

Clarrie completed his secondary education at Adelaide High School (Pupil Teacher School). He gained his Senior Certificate in December 1909 passing six subjects (English Literature, Modern History, Latin Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry (credit) and Trigonometry). He also passed subjects in the Art Examinations (First Grade Plain Geometry (June 1909), First Grade Model Drawing (December 1909)).

Clarrie was a member of the AHS first eighteen in both 1909 and 1910. He was a member of the Present team who played the Past students in a match in July 1910.

1909 - Adelaide High School – Football Team



CS Padman – Back Row – Far Right

In 1910, Clarrie and RB Young became the joint editors of the Adelaide High School Magazine and their debut edition was well regarded.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 25 March 1910

Among school magazines that of the Adelaide High School takes a foremost place. The March issue, in which the new editors, Messrs. C. S. Padman and R. B. Young, make their debut, is well got up, containing, in addition to reading matter, several illustrations from photo blocks. The articles, which are exclusively from the pens of the students, are exceedingly creditable to the contributors and to the school.

In March 1910 Clarrie was promoted from Pupil Teacher Second Grade to Pupil Teacher Third Grade. He passed Intermediate Perspective in the Arts Examinations in June 1910 and First Grade Freehand Drawing in November 1910.

1910 - Adelaide High School – Football and Rifle Team Teams



CS Padman – Third Row from Front – Second from Left

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912) 19 December 1910

The second volume of our magazine is now complete, and the thanks of the school for the excellence of the paper is specially due to the editors, Clarence S. Padman and Ralf. B. Young. They have worked very hard, and the magazine has fully maintained its reputation under their supervision. Great interest has been taken in maintaining a correspondence with schools in other parts of the Empire, and our students have exchanged letters, magazines, and views with those of (1) The Skinners' Company's School for Girls, (2) Winchester High School for Girls, (3) St. Nicholas School, Nottingham, (4) Sneyton Trust School, Nottingham, (5) Sheffield Pupil Teachers' Centre, (6) Lichfield Boys' School, and (7) Holt Secondary School, Liverpool.

Clarrie was in the Senior Cadets for four years. Later letters published in the AHS Magazine show that Clarrie was known to his school friends as "Paddy".

The Adelaide High School Magazine.

C. S. Padman.



Mr. Clarence S. Padman, whose photograph we print above, was the editor of the A.H.S. Magazine, in conjunction with R. B. Young, during 1910, and all our readers will readily admit that the earnest and enthusiastic manner in which he carried out his duties was largely instrumental in making the Magazine so popular during last year.

The present editors are fully aware of the high standard of excellence the paper reached, and they desire to record their appreciation of their predecessors' efforts, and they feel that, to maintain this, most hearty co-operation and support will be necessary from the various grades of the school. Mr. Padman is a member of the staff of the Norwood School, and we wish him the success he richly deserves in his new sphere.

South African Cricketers in Australia.

By "ROLLO."



THE South African cricketers, or "Springboks," as they are commonly called, have concluded their first Australian tour, and although they have not attained such success as they had anticipated, they have done well when the many disadvantages against which they had to contend are considered.

At first there was some difficulty in monetary matters, and at one time it was thought that they would not make the tour this season. But upon Sir Abe Bailey, the rich South African, guaranteeing to make up any financial loss the team might suffer everything was arranged, and the South Africans set out for Australia. They constituted a very fine team both in batting and bowling, their batting force containing some of the finest bats in the world, and their attack consisting of the dreaded "googly" bowlers, who in 1907 created such a sensation throughout the cricket world when touring England. One thing seemed to be lacking however, a reliable fast bowler, who could bowl a good length for an hour or more without rest on our 'billiard table' wickets.

When the Springboks arrived here they were received by the South Australian Cricket Association, and after a few days' practice presented themselves for the first match against South Australia. In this contest they "made good" their debut on Australian wickets, for after the small score of 133 in the first innings they compiled 507 in the second innings to the South Australians' 183 and 176, Nourse making 201 not out and Stricker a faultless 146. The "googlies" did good work in this match, the only man on our side able to play them being Crawford and Schwarz, the principal "googly" bowler for the Springboks obtaining 11 wickets at an average of a little over 11 runs apiece.

The South Africans then proceeded to the other States, and were defeated in Melbourne

University

Clarrie commenced studying for and Arts degree at the University of Adelaide in 1912 and gained a Division 1 pass in Education in his first year. His University Registration Card (Registration No. 2400 below) shows that he passed English Language and Literature, Latin I and Physics I in 1913 and Latin II, English History, Psychology and Physics I in 1914. He passed Intermediate Measured Freehand in the Arts Examinations in December 1913. The Physics I he passed in 1914 was undertaken at the School of Mines.

NAME AND ADDRESS		Padman, Clarence Swann, 5 Palm Place, St Peters		REGISTER No.	2400					
COURSE	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MATRICULATION	Education Department.		GRADE					
Arts					Grad					
SENIOR 1909 English, English, Lat. & Hist. & Geom. & Trig; 1910 Physics; HIGHER 1910 English, English, Lat.										
ON WAR MEMORIAL										
STATUS GRANTED										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1912	Education								N12	
1913	Eng Lang & Literature								N13	
	Latin I								N13	
	Physics I								N13	
1914	Latin II								N14	
	English History								N14	
	Psychology								N14	
	Physics I								N14	
Died - Great War (4.11.14)										

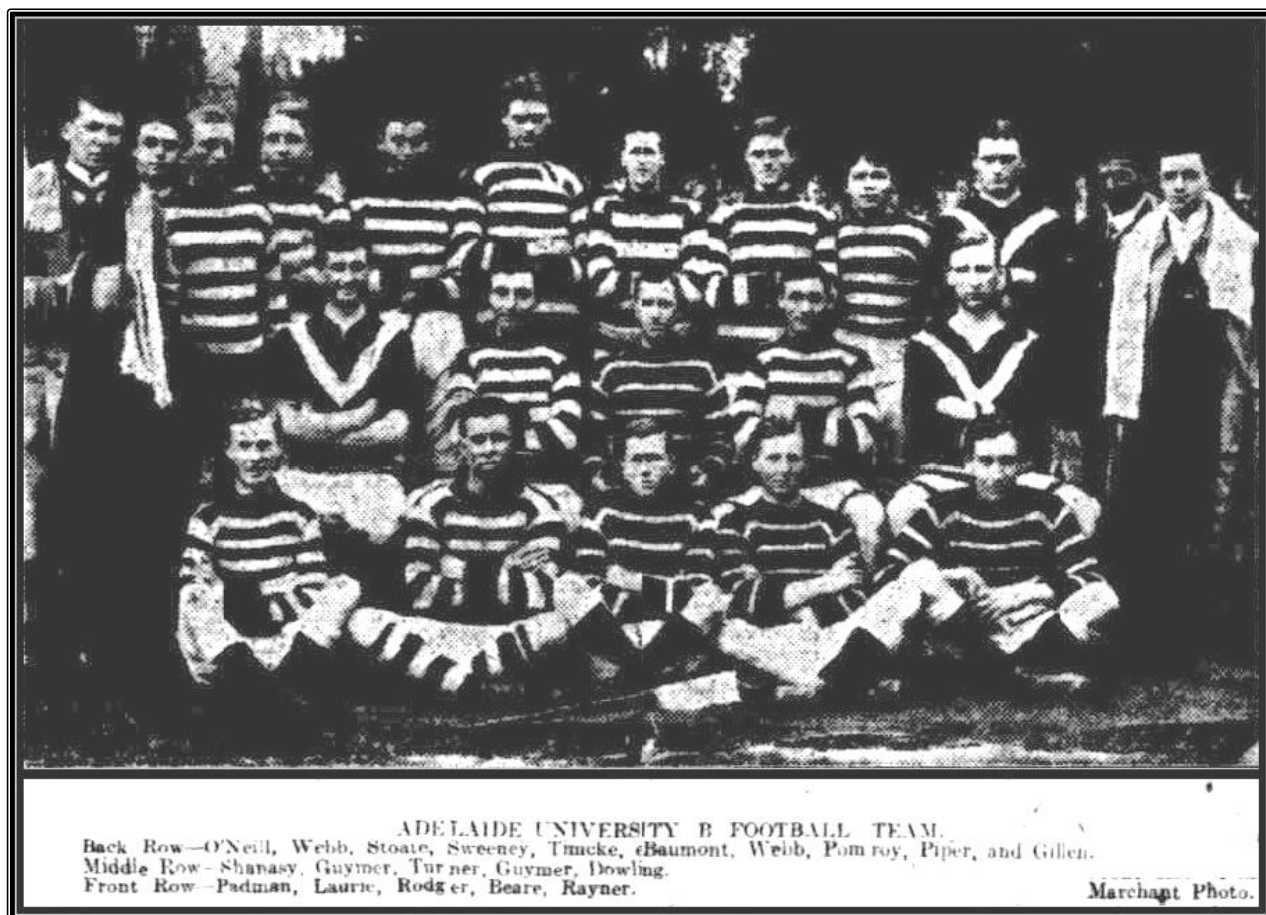
University Sport

Football

Clarrie played B Grade football for Adelaide University in the Adelaide Students' Association in the winter of 1914. He was a member of the 1914 B Grade Premiership side.

"THE FOOTBALL FIELD" *The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954)* 17 September 1914

1914 – Adelaide University Football – B Grade - Premiers



CS Padman – Front Row – Far Left

Athletics

In June 1914 Clarrie was second to P.T Smith in the 220 yards flat race at the Adelaide University Sports.

Cricket

Clarrie played cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club B Grade in the 1914/15 season. It appears that he was called upon to fill in during the holidays as the B Grade played with only seven men in their match in January 1915 against North Adelaide. Clarrie scored a duck and bowled taking none for eighteen.

Boat

The *Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924)*, 25 August 1915, listed CS Padman on the "Oarsmen's Roll of Honour" for the University Club. However no other evidence has been located to suggest that Clarrie rowed for the University and it is probable that this should have been Edward Clyde Padman, BA, LL.B.

"CRICKET." *The Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 19 January 1915

CRICKET.	
B. GRADE.	
NORTH ADELAIDE VERSUS UNIVERSITY.	
UNIVERSITY.	
B. Moore, c. and b. W. G. Fulston	21
G. Black, c. Walsh, b. J. Barry	10
F. Carthew, l.b.w., b. J. Barry	4
N. Mengerson, b. W. G. Fulston	6
T. B. C. Sard, run out	1
Martin, not out	0
C. S. Padman, b. W. G. Fulston	0
Four men absent.	
Total	42
Bowling—J. Barry, three for 13; S. L. Wellington, none for 24; W. G. Fulston, three for 5; D. Butterworth, none for none.	
NORTH ADELAIDE.	
G. Roberts, c. sub., b. Mengerson	3
W. Taylor, b. Mengerson	7
M. Walsh, not out	113
S. L. Wellington, c. sub., b. Moore	35
W. G. Fulston, c. sub., b. Sard	19
E. Paddy, not out	4
Sundries	24
Total (for four wickets)	204
Bowling—Black, none for 24; Mengerson, two for 15; Sard, one for 46; Padman, none for 18; Carthew, none for 13; Moore, one for 24; Martin, none for 39.	

Early Career

Clarrie was an assistant teacher at the Norwood School the Norwood School in 1911 and 1912.

He played tennis for Middleton and for the Kent Town Methodist Church in the United Church Association. He would vacation with his parents at Middleton. He played tennis for Kent Town in the Kensington Gardens Association in 1914.

In January 1915 Clarrie was appointed an Assistant Teacher at Sturt Street School however it is possible that he did not teach at the school as by March 1915 he was appointed to the same role at Moonta District High School. He boarded with Mr R Learmond (the Mayor of Moonta) and quickly integrated into the community.

Clarrie played in the tennis tournament at Moonta in May 1915 and became a member of the Methodist Church Choir and Superintendent of the junior department of the Kindergarten School.

World War I

Clarrie enlisted on the 6th June 1915 (Service Number 6891). He was 22 years and one month old, 5'5½" tall, weighed 122 lbs and had fair hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. He was appointed a Private in the 8th Field Ambulance.

On the 9th June 1915 a valedictory social was held at the Methodist Church Sunday School and on the 10th June 1915 an afternoon tea was held at the Moonta High School. Both functions were to say farewell to Clarrie who was described as an enthusiastic and capable teacher. Later in June, Clarrie was given a farewell in Kent Town.

VALEDICTORY.

In the kindergarten room of the Methodist Sunday School on Tuesday evening a valedictory social was tendered Mr C. S. Padman, who has enlisted for the seat of war. Mr Padman is a teacher in connection with the High School, a member of the Church Choir, and superintendent of the Junior Department of the Kindergarten School. The military authorities have required his services in the direction of the Army Medical Corps and leaves here for Mitcham Camp on Saturday morning. The first part of the evening was devoted to a first-class musical programme and parlor games. Subsequently the assembly adjourned to an adjoining room where supper, toasts, and speeches were in prominence. The first toast honored was "The King," proposed by Mr G. N. White and responded to by the singing of the National Anthem, and the chairman (Mr W. Aplin) in submitting "Our Guest" made reference to the virtuous qualities of Mr Padman. He said that Mr Padman's arrival in the district was an unexpected acquisition on account of the dearth of Sunday school teachers at that time. Mr Padman was an enthusiastic and capable teacher, and consequently, on the eve of his departure would leave behind an inspiration to the young people. He wished him a happy time in camp training and a useful time while on active service, and should God direct him to land on these shores again he would labor once more in the interests of education or in a higher calling such as a missionary. Mr J. H. Prisk, on behalf of the Christian Union and Mr

R. Vercoe, of the Junior Department, wished him bon voyage and a safe return, and Miss O. Gurner in a very neat speech presented Mr Padman with a wristlet watch for duties rendered. In responding Mr Padman expressed his kindness for the presentation and the way in which he had been received. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne. The following items were given during the evening:—Overture, Miss O Gurner; songs, Misses D. Arthur, H. Lawrie, M. Trathen, B. Ellery, and Mrs Aplin; monologue, Mr R. Vercoe; recitation, Miss B. Carthew; violin solo, Mr J. H. Prisk; and cornet solo, Mr G. N. White.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Padman was entertained by the school teachers at afternoon tea. Mr Hand (head teacher), on behalf of the staff, congratulated Mr Padman for his noble response to duty's call, and said the teachers were proud to know that one of their number should go forth in defence of home, of liberty, and of the Empire. They prayed that he would be spared to return to them again, if not they would keep in memory his noble act of loyalty and keen sense of duty. Messrs Welaby and Canney also spoke, and Miss Martin, on behalf of the lady teachers said, "we women teachers are proud of Mr Padman, and wish him a safe return." The ladies are knitting for Mr Padman, as evidence of their solicitude for his welfare, and pride in his sense of the duty of a Britisher. Mr Padman feelingly replied. The pupils of the High School all feel proud of Mr Padman, and will to-morrow make him a presentation as a memento of their sincere regard for one of their teachers who will go to defend their loved Empire.

A KENT TOWN FAREWELL.

S.B. Old Members gathered at Mrs. J. Carter's residence, Trevaunance, Kent Town, on Saturday evening to say farewell to Sgt. M. A. Lillecrapp, Cpl. J. V. Carter, and Pte. C. S. Padman, who were about to leave for the front. The assembly took the form of a musical evening. Valedictory remarks were made by Messrs. A. M. Brice, L. Blak, G. Walkem, H. Lampson, H. O. Carter, and Lieut. M. H. Williams. Each of the guests responded. Songs were given by Pte. Padman and Mr. G. C. Walkem, and recitations by Sgt. Lillecrapp and Mr. H. O. Carter. At supper toasts of "The King" and "The members leaving for the front" were honoured at the instance of Mr. A. M. Brice. Sgt. Lillecrapp responded on behalf of his comrades and himself.

Adelaide High School Magazine – Items relating to CS Padman

On November 8 two other Old Boys about to depart for the front, in C. S. Padman (who left the School in 1910) and E. B. Silver (who left in 1912) attended the assembly. Both are in the A.M.C.

Pte. Clarence S. Padman was a pupil teacher at the School from 1908 to 1910. In his last year he was one of the Editors of *The School Magazine*. Clarence was successful both in athletics and in the schoolroom.

Clarrie embarked from Australia onboard the 'Geelong' on the 18th November 1915 and appears to have come down with influenza on the journey or shortly after his arrival in the Suez Canal area as he was transferred 'sick' to the 2nd Casualty Clearing Station, Ferry Port, Egypt on the 5th February 1916.

On the 12th February 1916 he was discharged to duty at Serapeum, Egypt. He was then transferred to the 15th Field Ambulance at Tel el Kebir, Egypt on the 1st March 1916. In May 1916 it was reported in the South Australian papers that Clarrie had entered into the Imperial School for officers training at Zeitoun, Egypt. However there is no evidence in Clarrie's service records to support these reports.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 8 May 1916

News has been received that Pte. C. S. Padman, who left Adelaide for the front last November, has entered the Imperial School for officers training at Zeitoun (Egypt), with a view to obtaining a commission. Pte. Padman was previously a teacher in connection with the District High School at Moonta.



CS Padman - 1916

On the 19th June 1916 Clarrie embarked onboard the 'Canada' at Alexandrina, Egypt and disembarked on the 28th June 1916 at Marseilles, France. In late August or early September 1916 he was transferred to the 8th Machine Gun Coy.

Adelaide High School Magazine – Item relating to CS Padman

A very interesting letter was received at the School from Capt. Armitage, late of the 10th Infantry, but now of the 50th. He thinks that, of the many old A.H.S. boys in the 10th Infantry, he alone was transferred to the new battalion. Harold mentions the following familiar names of those of whom he had recently met and who were in good health at the time: - Col. Coghill, Clarence Padman, Eric silver, Colquhoun (transferred to a new M.G. Co.), Sergt. R. McLaren, Cpl. Charles Mugford, Gill, Virgo, Davies, Currie, 2nd Lieut. S. W. Coombe, Capt. H. N. Henwood, Capt. W. McCann, and Hewish.

Death

Clarrie was killed in action on the 29th November 1916 at Guedecourt and was buried between Guedecourt and Le Transloy, 3½ miles north of Combies. After the war Clarrie was reburied at the Bancourt British Cemetery (Plot IV, Row K, Grave No. 1), France.



*CS Padman's Grave
During WWI*

"Family Notices" *The Register* (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 22 December 1916

FOR KING AND COUNTRY.

PADMAN.—On the 29th November, killed in action somewhere in France, Clarence Swann (Clarrie), dearly loved second son of S. W. and A. E. J. Padman, Brierley, Walkerville road, St. Peters, late of Middleton, aged 23 years.

Clarrie was clearly well respected by his former school mates at AHS and a number of items were published in the AHS School Magazine relating to his death and burial place.

Adelaide High School Magazine – Items relating to CS Padman

The following extract from a letter to Lieut J. E. Pearce from his brother is of interest, as it refers to an old high School boy :-

"Before this you will have the details of Clarrie Padman's death - one of the noble men gone out during the present war. You knew him better than I, but my memory recalls his little twinkling legs in the halfback lines during his football days. So he died a true sport, a good comrade, and, what is a bigger thing in these days, a fine Christian gentleman. It's fellows like Paddy who can least be spared, but living or dead his influence cannot fail to be felt. And after all we must all face realities; this life is but our infancy and death merely an episode in eternity.

"The deaths of some fellows are the most forcible proofs of their sterling qualities. And so it was with Paddy. There is something peculiarly pathetic about this little figure, small in stature but with the heart of a lion, taking his stand at the creases in this big game. Steady as a rock he plays each ball, his attention focussed on what he has in hand, until time is called and his match is won. The onlooker the man who is said to see most of the game - is thrilled by the splendid courage of it all, and I, from my position in the stand, take off my old hat, crying, "Well played, Paddy; well played!"

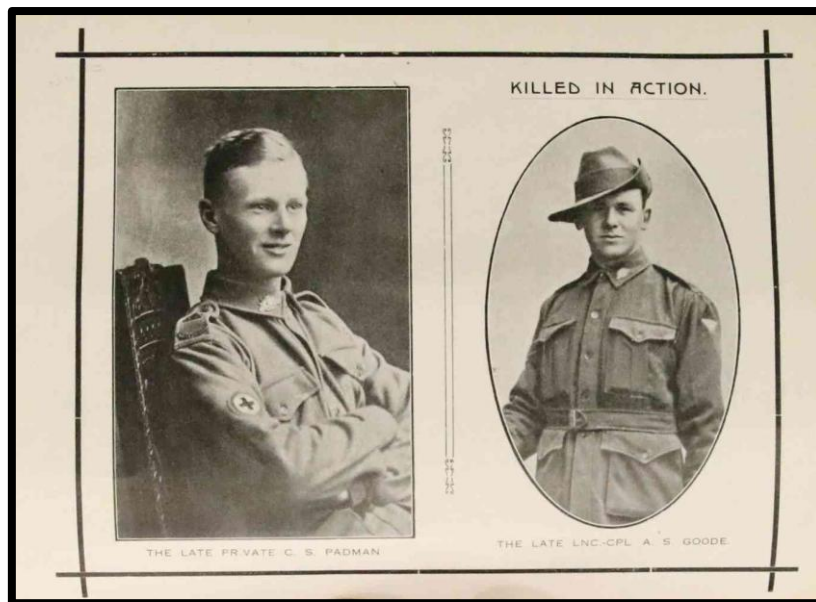
The late Private Clarence Swann Padman entered the School in 1909, and passed through the Senior and Higher Public Classes. He was a leader amongst the boys, both in school and on the playing fields. Clarence was one of the first editors of *The School Magazine*, and one of the best "wing men" that we had on the football field. Old boys still remember his exhibition of the game on our first visit to Melbourne and Ballarat. His influence was for good amongst his fellows, and had he been spared we could not but feel that a glorious future lay before him. Clarence entered the Army Medical Corps, and after spending some time in Egypt was transferred to a machine gun section in France.

Eric silver, in a letter from france, says: "A few days ago a friend and I went to try to find the grave of Clarence Padman. The dAy, unfortunately, was not a good one, for we had several falls of snow during our tramp. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful. . . . I managed to run up against Frank Potts the other day, and had a good yarn with him. I've also seen L. Carthew, E. Mattner, Jack Shepherd, and L. Schmidt: all as fit as fiddles, and with an extra pound or two of flesh on their bones."

Extract of letter from Private Eric B. Silver :-

"I met Ted Mattner, Lance Carthew, Jack Shepherd. They were all well then. Only a few days ago I discovered Ted again. He is well, and has three stripes and a Military Medal to his credit. Leo von Bertouch was also there. Lance and jack were up to the 'pits' with their 'pea-shooting gangs.' They expect to come down for a week's rest when the next relief of gunners go up, so I'm hoping to see them again. Yesterday I saw Captain Will. McCann, M.C. He is looking very fit, almost twice the size he was at A.H.S. Re Clarry Padman's grave. Another friend of Paddy and I, by a stroke of good luck discovered Clarry's grave after having searched for three solid hours in the vicinity, and finally giving up the job as hopeless, something seemed to lead us straight to the spot as we made our way back to the duck-boards over a veritable sea of shell holes, partially covered in thawed snow. Herbert Pierce has secured a post in divisional H. Q. His knowledge of languages is being made good use of there. I'm told."

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CS Padman and AH Goode

The headmaster of the Norwood Public School said of Clarrie "He was beloved by everyone. His manly character, his chivalry, his attention to duty, his consideration for others, coupled with a deep sense of his responsibility, made him a general favourite".

"THE LATE PRIVATE C. S. PADMAN." *Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)* 6 January 1917

THE LATE PRIVATE C. S. PADMAN.

Private C. S. Padman, whose death was announced yesterday, was born at Middleton on May 25, 1893. Having passed through the local school, he continued his studies at Norwood public school, at the Adelaide High school, and later at the Adelaide University. Entering the service of the Education Department, he taught at the Norwood school under Mr. F. J. Pavia for two years, and took great interest in the Kent Town Methodist Church and Sunday-school work, and captained the local tennis team. Mr. Pavia writes that "He was beloved by everybody. His manly character, his chivalry, his attention to duty, his consideration for others, coupled to a deep sense of his responsibilities, made him a general favorite." In January, 1915, he was transferred to Moonta District High School, where he speedily interested himself in religious and social circles. Enlisting in June, 1915, he embarked with the 8th Field Ambulance in November of that year, and whilst in Egypt attended the Imperial school for officers at Zeitoun, where he qualified for a commission with much credit. In June, 1916, the 8th Field Ambulance was moved to France. He applied for, and was granted, a transfer to a machine gun company a few months later, and it was while with this company that he was killed in action on November 29. His loss is sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends. He was one of three brothers on active service.

The late Private C. S. Padman. (1917, January 12)
Yorke's Peninsula Advertiser (SA : 1878 - 1922)

The late Private C. S. Padman.

UNVEILING OF PHOTOGRAPH.

At the Moonta Methodist Sunday School on Sunday afternoon last, the unveiling of a photograph of the late Pte C. S. Padman, who was superintendent of the Junior Department of the school, took place before a large number of teachers and scholars. Mr E. F. Gurner (superintendent of the school) presided. Long before the announcement of the death of Pte Padman the department decided to hang his photograph with that of Pte Reece Vercoe, who succeeded him as superintendent of the department and who is on active service, on the walls of their room. Now, instead of this being carried into effect with joy and pride of heart, it must now be hung with profound sorrow and regret. It only seems a little while since he was given a farewell at the school when every encouragement was given him for the duties which were ahead of him. The branch of service which Pte Padman connected himself with was that of the A.M.C. simply because it afforded him the opportunity of coming in close touch with the sick and wounded so as to relieve their sufferings, and what was more, impart spiritual aid and advice to those who were passing into the dark chambers of futurity. Pte Padman's death was mourned by all, but there is consolation in the fact that all the labor done by him throughout the school was not done in vain and though it seems hard to lose him in the prime of manhood. They must say as Job did of old "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Immediately after the final assembly of the school the assistant superintendent (Mr W. A. Edge) unveiled the photograph, which was draped with the Union Jack, owing to the superintendent (Mr E. F. Gurner) not being familiar with the work of Pte Padman. In performing the ceremony. Mr Edge said if Mr W. Aplin, the late superintendent, was present he would be able to pay a higher tribute to the departed soldier's sterling qualities than

he could. He admired him as a young man. He had a quiet and unassuming way of working, was not ostentatious and did not let his right hand know what his left hand doeth. He did not seek praise,

but did all work willingly as his duty. When he heard the call of service he went readily and the school had the satisfaction of knowing that he went into battle fully equipped, not only with physical armour, but also with the armour of God. The man who goes with the helmet of Salvation will always be successful even though he pays the supreme sacrifice; because, "Better the Christian, better the Soldier."

The mayor (Mr R. Learmond) heartily endorsed the remarks made by Mr Edge. From the moment Pte Padman arrived in the town until his departure to camp he had lived with him, and he could thus speak of him as a quiet man. He found him to be a gentleman, and the longer one was associated with him the higher would they think of him. Pte Padman came to his home as a stranger and never once did he regret opening his door to him. He was a conscientious and a good living young man—a character worthy of emulation by the young men, and a character which was a valuable acquisition to any town.

Rev Robinson said no one had known Pte Padman as long as he had. He was a fine young man and came from good Christian parents. It was men of Pte Padman's type who are laying their lives down for them. The motives which prompted them to go to the war were good. They loved not the pomp and glory of war, nor did the primitive instincts of the man of war appeal to their conscience, they went and did their duty in accordance with the text, "Greater love hath no man than this that he lays down his life for his friends." He expressed the hope that the sacrifices of such men are not in vain, but out of which will come a saner, wiser, and purer world. Messrs J. T. Hicks and L. Bennett also made fitting reference to the dead soldiers' splendid qualities as a man and a teacher.

In addition to grieving parents and siblings, Clarrie left his fiancé, Daisy Steadman. Daisy never married and spent every Anzac Day for the remainder of her life at Horseshoe Bay where she and Clarrie had spent time prior to his departure to the war.

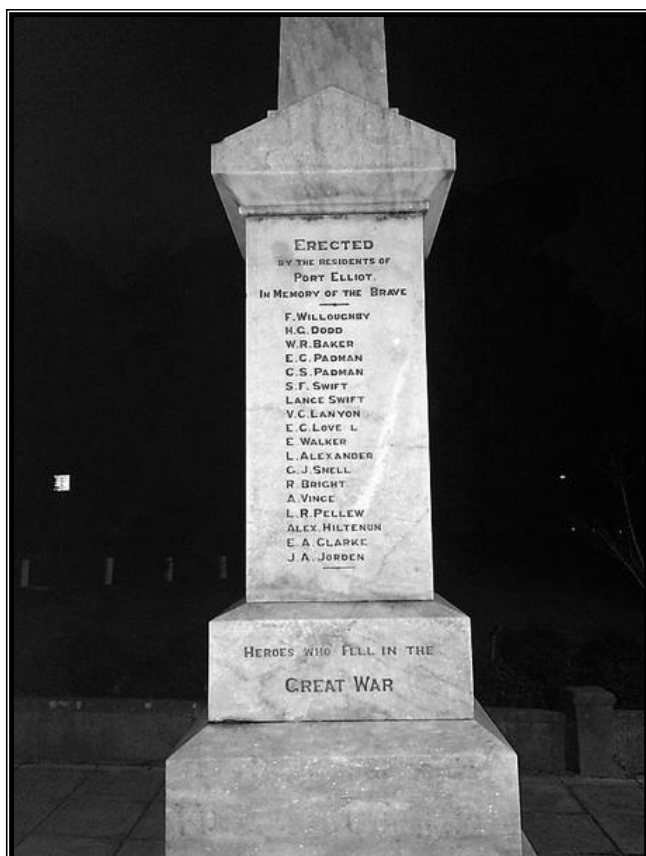
Clarrie's personal effects (Wallet, Photos, Testament, Note Book, Military Certificate, Metal Watch and Films) were returned to Australia onboard the 'Miltiades' and were received by his father on the 30th July 1917. He left an estate valued at £300.

Two of Clarrie's brothers, Vernon Ragless Padman and Eric George Padman were on active service at the time of Clarrie's death (see below for details).



CS Padman
Bancourt British Cemetery
 (Plot IV, Row K, Grave No. 1), France.

Memorials to CS Padman



Port Elliot War Memorials

Memorial plaque under a Norfolk Island pine in the Soldiers Memorial Gardens at Port Elliot
Port Elliot RSL Sub-Branch

Clarrie is also remembered on the Adelaide National War Memorial (WW1), Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour and the Adelaide University Honour Roll and at the WWI Memorial Fence, Adelaide University Oval.

Vernon Ragless Padman

Clarrie’s elder brother, Vernon Ragless Padman served in both WWI and WWII.

In 1974, Vernon Padman published *Reminiscences and History of Port Elliott and Middleton*.

He passed away in 1980, aged 89. He was buried at the Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide. His last abode was at Mannum, SA.



PADMAN, Vernon Ragless

Personal Details	Service History	Personal Stories
Service Numbers: 17418, S70157		
Enlisted: 1 September 1915		
Last Rank: Private		
Last Unit: Army Medical Corps (AIF)		
Born: Middleton, 31 July 1891		
Home Town: Not yet discovered		
Schooling: Not yet discovered		
Occupation: Warehouseman		
Died: Circumstances of death not yet discovered		
Cemetery: Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia		
Memorials: Middleton Memorial Garden*		

PADMAN, Vernon Ragless

Personal Details	Service History	Personal Stories
World War 1 Service		
1 Sep 1915: Enlisted		
23 Jun 1917: Involvement Private, SN 17418, Army Medical Corps (AIF)		
23 Jun 1917: Embarked Private, SN 17418, Army Medical Corps (AIF), HMAT Borda, Adelaide		
11 Nov 1918: Involvement Sergeant, SN 17418		
World War 2 Service		
11 Apr 1942: Involvement Private, SN S70157		
11 Apr 1942: Enlisted Adelaide, SA		
10 Oct 1945: Discharged		

Eric George Padman

Eric George Padman enlisted on the 26th April 1916 as a Private in the 50th Infantry Battalion. He rose to the rank of Lance Corporal.

Tragically for the Padman family, Eric was killed in action in Belgium during the battle known as 'Third Ypres' on the 27th September 1917, aged 21 years.



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PADMAN, Eric George



Personal Details

Service History

Personal Stories

Service Number: 2857

Enlisted: 26 April 1916

Last Rank: Lance Corporal

Last Unit: 50th Infantry Battalion

Born: Middleton, South Australia, 9 March 1896

Home Town: St Peters, Norwood Payneham St Peters, South Australia

Schooling: Middleton Public School and Victor Harbour High, South Australia

Occupation: Student at Roseworthy College, South Australia

Died: Killed in action, Belgium, 27 September 1917, aged 21 years

Cemetery: Aeroplane Cemetery

Memorials: Adelaide HB26 - Supreme Court***, Adelaide National War Memorial (WW1), Middleton Memorial Garden*

PADMAN, Eric George



Personal Details

Service History

Personal Stories

World War 1 Service

26 Apr 1916: **Enlisted**

6 Nov 1916: **Embarked** Private, SN 2857, 50th Infantry Battalion, HMAT Afric, Adelaide

6 Nov 1916: **Involvement** Private, SN 2857, 50th Infantry Battalion, Third Ypres

27 Sep 1917: **Involvement** Lance Corporal, SN 2857, 50th Infantry Battalion, Third Ypres

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