



Lieut. Lancelot Carthew MM

Military Medal



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1914 & 1915

(Intervarsity Football 1914)

and

Cricket Club: 1914/15

Sports Awards: 1914 Blue for Football

Student Teacher when enlisted for WWI

Degree - BA (1932)

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 Lancelot Carthew. 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=48170>



Lancelot CARTHEW	
Regimental number	10762
Place of birth	Scotts Creek, South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Student
Address	Stott's Creek, South Australia
Marital status	No
Age at embarkation	22
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs S A Carthew, Stott's Creek, South Australia
Enlistment date	7 September 1915
Rank on enlistment	Gunner
Unit name	Field Artillery Brigade 6, Reinforcement 2
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/34/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A19 <i>Afric</i> on 5 January 1916
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	6th Field Artillery Brigade
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Military Medal
	Recommendation date: 15 September 1917
Fate	Effective abroad (still overseas)
Medals	Military Medal 'On the 14th September, 1917, at ZILLEBEKE, the 18th Battery position was heavily shelled from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. with 5.9" and 8". At 3.36 p.m. an ammunition dump alongside No. 1 gun was hit and it and the gun pit caught fire. These men [8360 M.A. COCKER, 8381 D.D. BRADBURY, (8381) Lt E.J. SHEPHERD, (10762) Lt L. CARTHEW] on Lieutenant DODD calling for a party rushed out of the shelter trench in the face of the heavy fire and with water from adjacent shell holes succeeded in putting it out. Later the pit was again hit and it and the ammunition and an adjacent pit caught fire. These men again went out with Lieutenant DODD in the face of the shelling and succeeded in saving the guns and ammunition. They displayed great gallantry and determination in the face of very considerable danger.' Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 31 Date: 7 March 1918
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: Military Medal, British War Medal, Victory Medal

RSL Virtual Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/149585>

Service number 10762, Gunner, 6th Field Artillery Brigade , AIF WW1

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/549968>

Service number S75466, Lieutenant Colonel, Born 25 Apr 1893, Died 10 Feb 1967

Biography

World War I:

Enlisted in Scotts Creek, South Australia 7th September 1915

Service number 10762

2nd Reinforcements, 6th Field Artillery Brigade

Awarded the Military Medal 6th October 1917

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette:
7 March 1918 - Page 399, position 105

London Gazette:
19 November 1917 - Page 11974, position 6

World War II:

Enlisted in Mount Gambier, South Australia 15th April 1942

Service number S75466

9th Battalion South Australia Volunteer Defence Corps (VDC)

Retired 14th February 1946

Personal:

Attended The University of Adelaide, completing a Bachelor of Arts.

Played for Sturt in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL), debuting 31st July 1920 in round 12 as the 220th senior player of the club.

Married Doris Cleggett in 1923

WWI Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3215390>

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 10762 ^{2nd. Reinf's} ^{6th. Field Art'y Bde.} Name GARTHEN, Lancelot (1717)
 Unit F.A. REINFORCEMENTS
 Joined on 7.9.15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your Name? ... 1. Lancelot Garthen
- In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Scotts Creek
 in the County of South Australia
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. N.B.
- What is your age? ... 4. 22 yrs. 4m
- What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Not Lancer
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No
- Are you married? ... 7. No
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. 1 Mother) Sarah Ann Garthen
Scotts Creek
South Australia
- Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. 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? ... 10. 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 ... 11. Yes, University Rifle Club 4 months
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. 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? ... 14. _____
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

Lancelot Garthen 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 and children

Date 7 1915 Signature of Person Enlisted, L. Garthen

* 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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Biography:

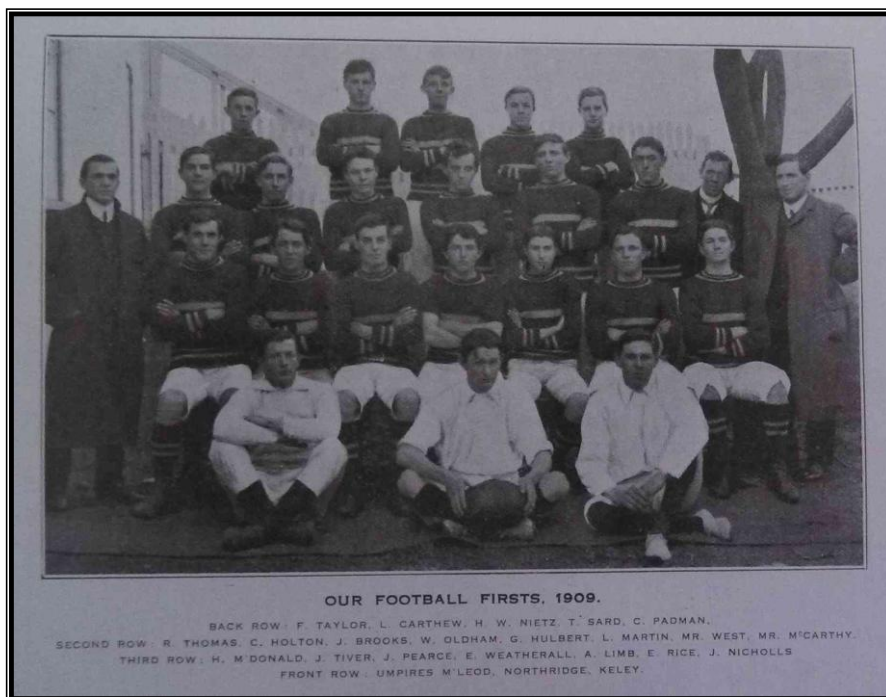
Early Life

Lancelot was born in 1893, the son of Stephen Pellew Carthew and Sarah Ann Mackereth.ⁱⁱ He had four brothers Stephen, Sydney, George, and John and four sisters Mrs. Norris (of Adelaide), Mrs. J. McNamara (of Blackwood) and Misses Stella and Ada Carthew (per his father's headstone at Scott Creek Cemetery).ⁱⁱⁱ

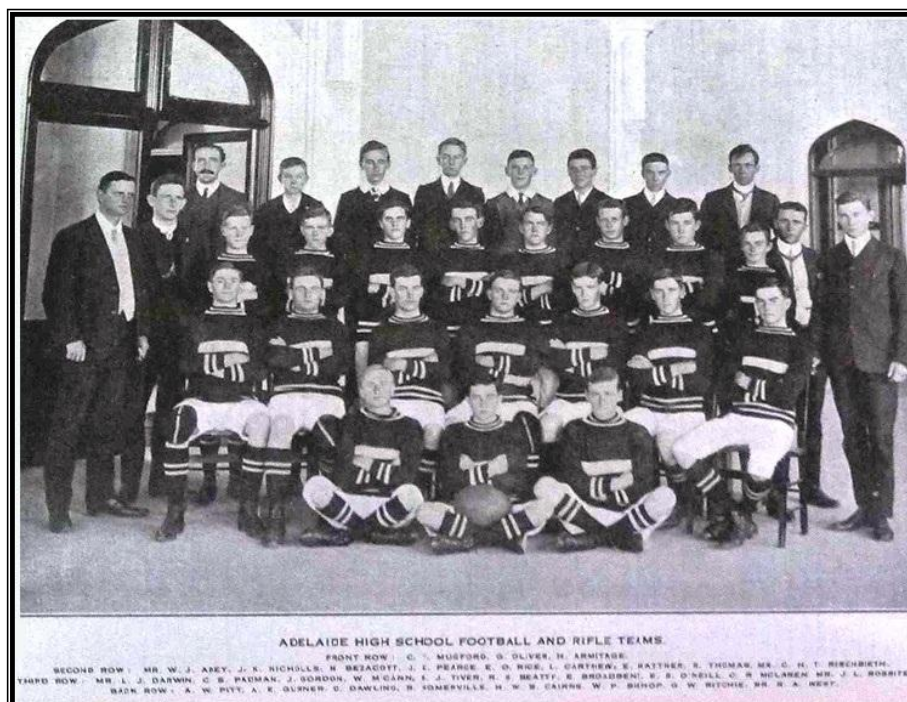
Education

Lance attended Adelaide High School where he completed his Primary Public Exams in 1909 and Junior Public Exams in 1910. In the Senior Public Exams in 1911 he passed seven subjects and was mentioned in the General Honor List.. While at Adelaide High School he demonstrated excellent sporting attributes playing both football and cricket. He captained the football team in 1911.

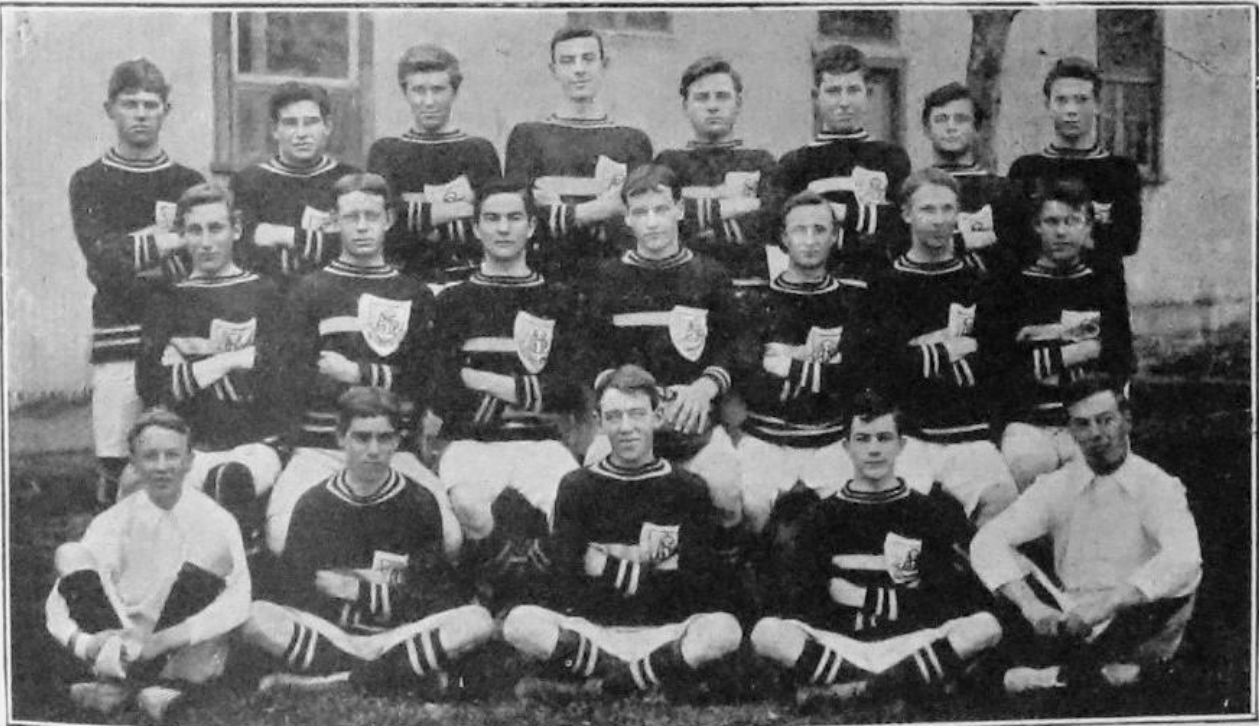
Adelaide High School 1st Football Team 1909



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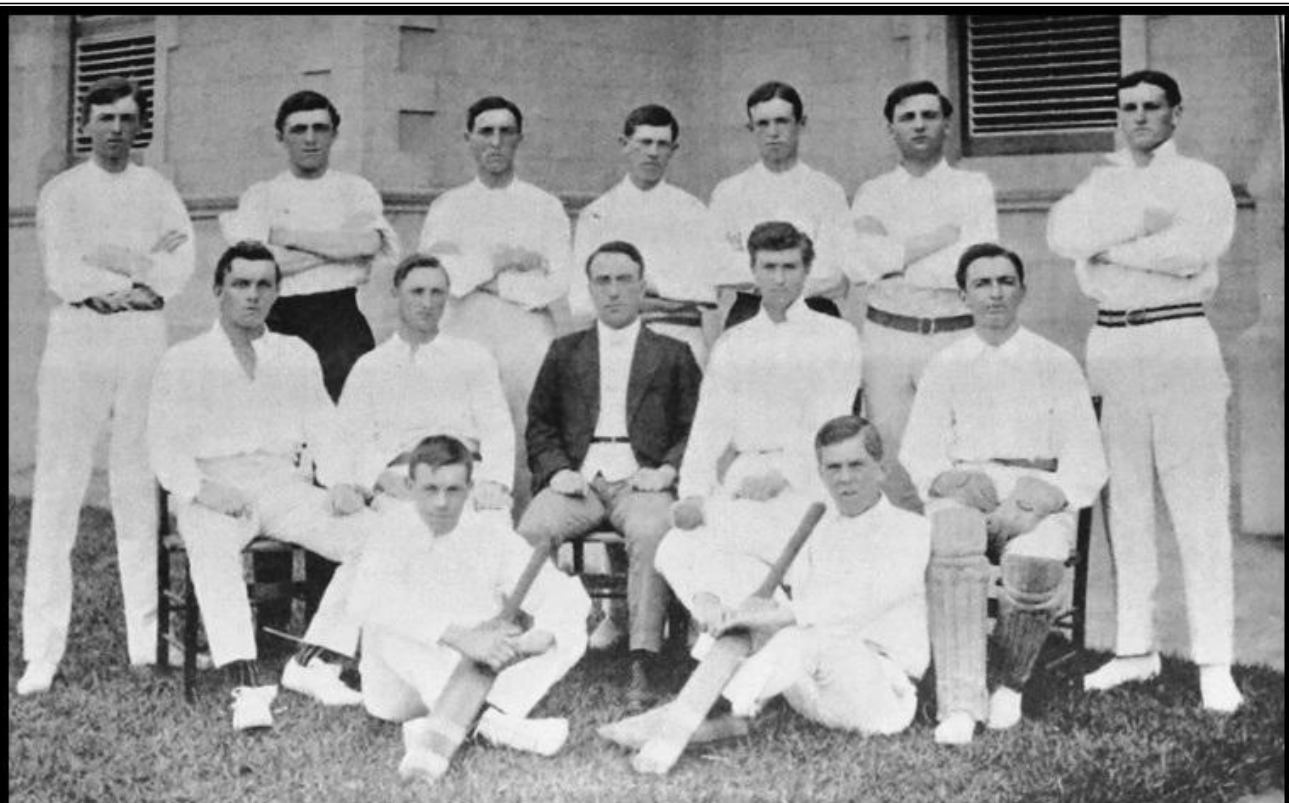
Adelaide High School 1st Football Team 1911



ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM.

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): E. JOHNCOCK, K. PARHAM, A. LIMB, C. BOORN, H. BUZACOTT, S. O'NEILL, E. HAESE, J. KEIPERT,
MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): C. HOLTEN, E. BROADBENT, R. THOMAS, L. CARTHEW (CAPT.), C. MUGFORD (VICE-CAPT.), C. ORR,
T. WILLIAMS.
FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): N. SOMERVILLE, J. JOHNCOCK, S. TIVER, S. OLIVER, J. PEARCE.

Adelaide High School 1st XI Cricket Team 1910



ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CRICKET ELEVEN.

STANDING (LEFT TO RIGHT) G. RICHARDS, L. THOMAS, E. MATYNER, R. BOWLING, C. GURNER, H. BUZACOTT, L. CARTHEW,
SITTING (LEFT TO RIGHT) E. RICE, C. MUGFORD (VICE-CAPT.), MR E. ALLEN (CRICKET MASTER), A. LIMB (CAPT.), E. SHEPHERD, J. BLACKET, J. GORDON.

Adelaide High School 1st XI Cricket Team 1911



Adelaide University

After High School he began studying to become a Teacher at the Teachers Training College and completed subjects at the Adelaide School of Arts and Adelaide University.

Adelaide University Sports

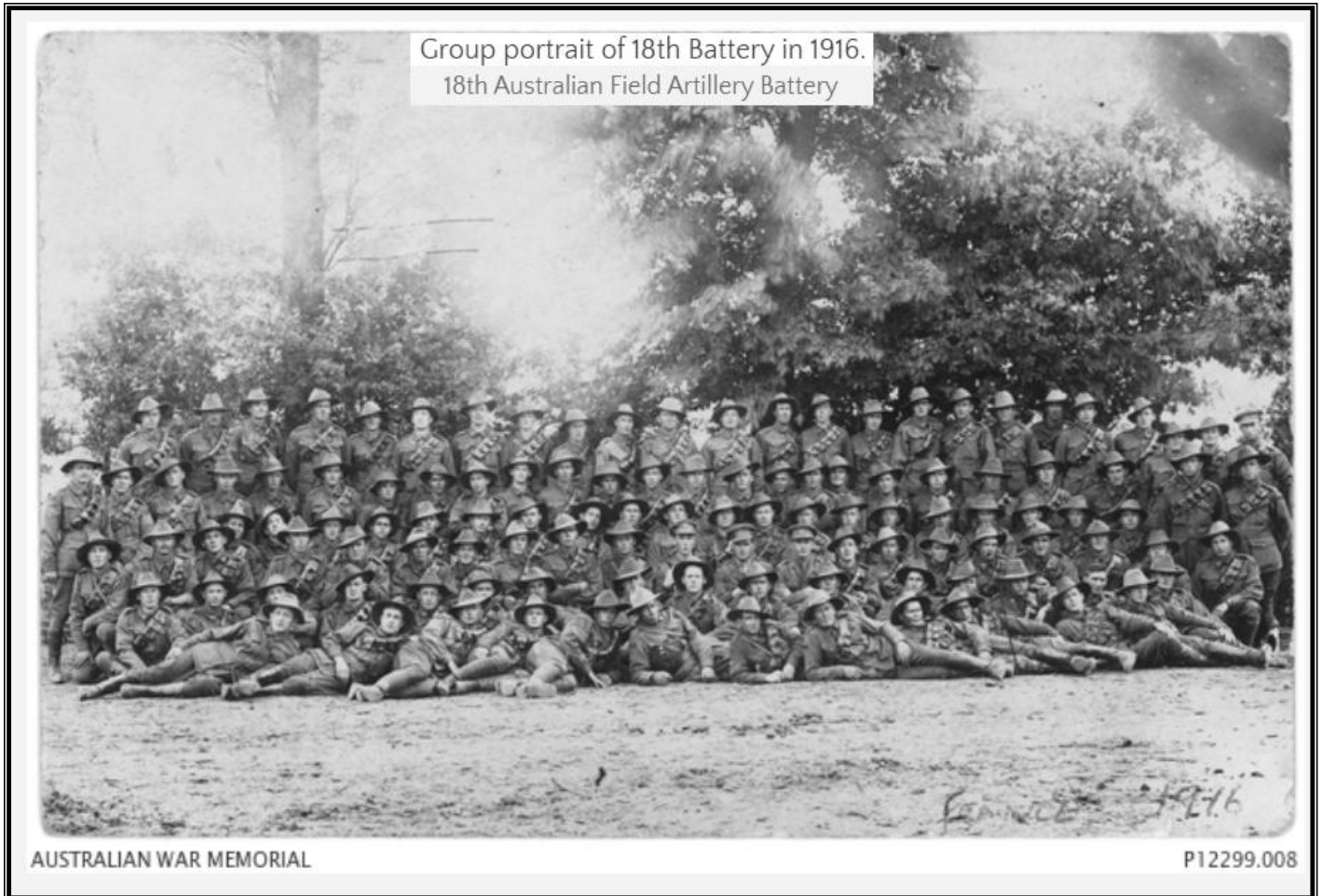
Lance played both Football (1914 & 1915) and Cricket (1914/15) for Adelaide University. He played in the 1914 Intersarsity Football match against Melbourne University and gained a Blue for Football.^{iv} Lance was also a member of the Adelaide University Rifle Club.^v



World War I

Lance enlisted on 7 September 1915 as a Gunner in the Field Artillery Brigade. He was a 22 year old student and was described as 5 foot 10 inches high with a medium complexion, blue eyes and dark hair. Lance embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A19 *Afric* on 5 January 1916.

His service was on the Western Front.



10762 Bdr Lancelot Carthew (2nd Row from back 6th on Left)

He received the Military Medal for action at Zillebeke on 14 September 1917 for "great gallantry and determination in the face of very considerable danger". Lance saw the matter quite differently and he described the incident as follows, in a letter to the students at Adelaide High School.

"Thank you very much for the congratulations; in my case were hardly deserved, as I did nothing at all extraordinary - the only thing was that there happened to be an officer nearby. You see, our gun post was set on fire by a shell from Fritz, and as we had some stuff in it we dashed out to the rescue. The fire was put out and the gun and ammunition saved, and I got my things, so everything was all right. He was putting over some 8-inch stuff at the time, so it was a foolish thing to do; however we all got out of it, so was quite all right. Yes, I know sergeant Bradbury. He was at the school the first year I was there. I knew him then. At present he is away from the battery pretty ill with dysentery. All the same, you can cut the hero rot out, as there was nothing heroic about it - more of an impulse than anything - to be heroic a thing must be deliberate in my estimation, and that was anything but deliberate."^{vi}

He returned to South Australia on the Nestor on 12 December 1919.

Post War Studies

Lance recommenced his studies at Adelaide University in 1920 and gained a Division III pass in Physics I in November 1920^{vii}. He was President of the Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association in 1920^{viii}

Sport

Lance played football for Sturt from 1920, commencing in the B grade and becoming the 220th A grade player for Sturt when he played his first game on 31 July 1920.^{ix} He played 14 matches for Sturt in 1920-1921.^x

Marriage and Family

Lance married Doris Cleggett on 26th December 1923 at Christ Church.^{xi} Lance and Doris's first child (a son, Brian) was born on 3rd November 1924.^{xii} Their daughter was born in 1924,^{xiii} followed by a son (Lancelot George) who tragically lived only 13 months^{xiv} and finally a son (John) in 1929.^{xv}

Career

Lance was Headmaster of five schools throughout a teaching career that spanned over 30 years.

- 1923-25 Burra High School.^{xvi}
- 1926-36 Gladstone High School.^{xvii}
- 1937-38 Mt Barker High School^{xviii}
- 1939-51 Mt Gambier High School.^{xix}
- 1952-55 (Second Term) Port Pirie High School.^{xx}
- 1955-58 Unley High School^{xxi}



1951 - Photograph of Mr Carthew, Headmaster of the Mount Gambier High School^{xxii}

Other Activities

Lance was actively involved in the communities where he was Headmaster including being Captain of the Koorunga Football team and the Koorunga Cricket Club 1925 . A member of the Koorunga Tennis and Burra Golf Clubs. Secretary of the local RS&SI League.^{xxiii}

Further Studies

Lance graduated with a BA from Adelaide University in 1932.

World War II Service

Lance served in the 9th Battalion South Australian Volunteer Defence Corp (VDC) from 15th April 1942 to 14 February 1946. The DVC was modelled on the British Home Guard.

Death

Lance died at the Blackwood Community Hospital on Feb. 10, 1967 and is buried in Centennial Park Cemetery, Plot: RSL, Wall 126, Niche B002^{xxiv}.

Family Legacy (Sons)

Brian Carthew (b 1924 - d 1997) attended Adelaide University and graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree (Mining). He was employed by B.H.P. in Broken Hill after graduation.

John Carthew (b 1929 - d 2019) also studied at Adelaide University earning a Bachelor of Engineering degree (Mining) in 1952. In the 1970s he was the Superintendent of Collieries, Queensland Coal Mining Company Ltd. He was a member of the Panel of the Warden's Enquiry into the accident at the KIANGA NO. 1.UNDERGROUND MINE ON SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER, 1975. There had been 13 fatalities.

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