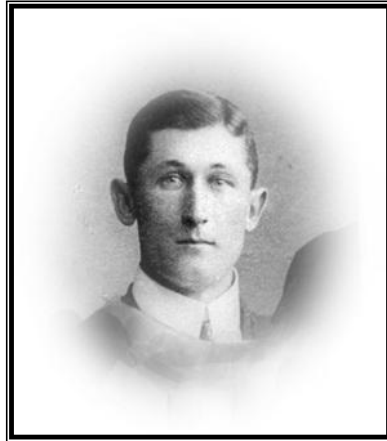




## **Capt. Dean Dawson**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: Intervarsity Football**

**1904 (Captain) & 1905 (Captain)**

**AU v Combined Colleges Aug 1905**

**Degree: MBBS (1905)**

## ***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 Dean Dawson. 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=75243>



### Dean DAWSON

Occupation	Medical practitioner
Address	Port Pirie, South Australia
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	34
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs L M Dawson, Port Pirie, South Australia
Previous military service	Australian Army Medical Corps
Enlistment date	26 August 1915
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Unit name	1 Australian General Hospital 1-6 Special Reinforcements
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A71 <i>Nestor</i> on 11 October 1915

Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll) see other

Occupation	Medical practitioner
Address	Port Pirie, South Australia
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	34
Next of kin	Wife, L M Dawson, Port Pirie, South Australia
Enlistment date	26 August 1915
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Unit name	<u>Medical Officers</u>
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Vic, on board H.M.A.T. A45 <i>Hessen</i> on 2 February 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	Army Mobile Veterinary Corps (sic) - <i>Australian Army Medical Corps</i>
Fate	Returned to Australia 9 September 1916

# Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3493117>

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT		2nd A.G.H.		C.M. Form A 22 (Revised 1.5.13.)	
A.G. 42 684		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.					
Application for a Commission in the <u>A.I.F.</u>					
No.	Particulars.				
1.	Surname ... <u>DAWSON</u> Other names (in full) ... <u>DEAN</u>				
2.	Educational Qualifications ... <u>M.B. &amp; B.S.</u>				
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) ... <u>Medical Officer of Training Area (P.A.)</u> (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 60.) If serving, present rank and corps to be stated. <u>1 year rank No. Captain.</u>				
4.	Present Civil Employment ... <u>Medical Practitioner</u>				
5.	Date of Birth and Age ... <u>13.3.1881</u> <u>34 Years</u> <u>4 Months</u>				
6.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <u>British</u>				
7.	Married or Single ... <u>Married</u>				
8.	Postal Address ... <u>Port Pirie S.A.</u>				
9.	Next of Kin ... <u>Wife Anna H Dawson</u>				
Date ... (Signature of Applicant) ...					
NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.					
In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Board, in accordance with the "Instructions for the Physical Examination of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.					
I, <u>Leslie G. Tassie</u> do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.					
Height		<u>5ft 9 inches</u>		Weight	
Chest Measurement		<u>34"-39"</u>		Eyesight	
				<u>6/6 in each eye</u>	
Signature of the Examining Medical Officer <u>Leslie G. Tassie</u>					
RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.					
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)					
I recommend that the candidate above-named be appointed a <u>Captain</u> in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—					
1. (a) That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, or					
(b) That such appointment, although not within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, will be within the number of supernumerary officers permitted under C.M. Regulation 56.					
2. (a) That the provisions of C.M.R. 60 have been fully complied with, or					
(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or					
(c) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 139 have been fully complied with.					
On appointment the candidate will be posted to <u>2nd General Hospital</u> <u>Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &amp;c.</u>					
Date <u>18.7.15</u> Commanding <u>A.G.H.</u> <u>Regt. or Corps.</u>					
RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.					
Recommended, candidate considered suitable.					
Date <u>17.7.15</u> Commanding C.M. Forces <u>4</u> Military District.					
* Sub-para. (a) to be struck out if (b) applies, and vice versa. † Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.					
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.					
Seniority of Candidates to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.					
C.4001. <u>Base Records</u>					

## Published Biography

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

### DAWSON Dean

MB BS

1881 - 1939

Dean Dawson was born at Gumeracha, SA on 13th March 1881. He was the third son and fifth child of Henry Dawson, a farmer, and Mary, nee Lillecrapp. He was educated at Prince Alfred College and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide graduating in 1905. He was an athletic man, playing football, cricket and lacrosse. In 1901 Dean joined the Norwood Football Club and was a renowned and successful player for the club. He was a house surgeon at the Adelaide hospital in 1906. He married Eulalie Burnard, also a medical graduate, and younger sister of Renfrey Gershom Burnard. She died in childbirth in 1907. After the death of his wife he took up a practice in Laura where he met and married his second wife Lorna Muriel Deeley. They were married on 4th August 1909. He moved to a practice in Port Pirie in July 1911, where his first two children were born.

Dawson enlisted in the AIF on 15th July 1915 for one years' service. He had previously had 12 months service as a captain in the AAMC Reserve at the Port Pirie Training Area. He was described as 5ft 9ins tall weighing 11st 6lbs, and was able to ride. He was initially posted to the 2 AGH in Egypt and was taken on strength on the 9th September 1915. He then proceeded to 1 AGH at the Heliopolis Red Cross Hospital in Cairo on 30th September 1915. He was posted for duty to 1 FdAmb in France on 1st August 1916. He returned to Australia on the *Kanowna* from Southampton for completion of his 12 months service on 23rd September 1916. His appointment was terminated on 20th November 1916, with the following warning; *"This Officer should be informed that the termination of his appointment in AIF does not*

*relieve him from duty when required."* His appointment in the AAMC Reserve was also terminated. Dawson had some concerns with the return of his personal effects from the AIF and engaged in several letters with the military to recover his belongings. He was issued the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Dawson went back to Port Pirie for two more years on his return from the war. During this time he was involved in an inquest of a Mrs Fletcher, who died as a result of domestic violence, from Port Pirie on 21st November 1916 and was reported in the *Adelaide Advertiser* the following day. *"Dr Dean Dawson said the woman had a deep cut extending from the back of the neck and continuing towards the left ear. Her condition was serious from loss of blood and shock. Immediate attendance on the spot might have given her a chance"*. He moved back to Adelaide with his family in 1919, and set up a practice at Clarence Park and North Terrace, Adelaide. He then moved with his wife to Mount Lofty where, after a year's illness, he died on 18th March 1939 aged 58 years. He was buried at Mitcham Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Lorna and their four children, two sons and two daughters. His wife lived until the 9th December 1971.

#### Sources:

The Adelaide Advertiser Monday 20th March 1939, p15.

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article74405379>

The Adelaide Advertiser 22nd November 1916.

National Archives

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp?B=3493117>

Photo: Adelaide University Archives; 1905 Graduates

Person Family Records

Note: Newspaper articles at the time of Dr Eulalie Dawson's (Burnard) death state that she passed away after an operation relating to an abscess on her spine.

## Additional Biography

### Early Life

Dean Dawson was born at Gumeracha, South Australia on 13th March 1881. He was the third son and fifth child of Henry Dawson, a farmer, and Mary, née Lillecrapp.

### Schooling

He was educated at Prince Alfred College from 1892. In 1894 he passed his preliminary examinations. He competed in the PAC Sports winning the 130 yards Medley race in 1896. In 1900 he was second in the 440 yards flat at the Intercollegiate Sports.

He played Intercollegiate Cricket for PAC against St Peter's College in 1895 & 1896 and 1900. In 1900 his outstanding batting with 83 in the 1st innings and 87 in the 2nd innings resulted in him winning the Silver Medal for Cricket and a Cricket Bat presented by J Langley. He also played Intercollegiate Football for PAC v St Peter's in 1896.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900)	
Wednesday 5 December 1900, page 3	
INTERCOLLEGIATE	
CRICKET.	
PRINCE ALFRED V. ST. PETER'S.	
EASY WIN FOR THE REDS.	
Scores:—	
PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE.	
First Innings.	
J. A. Raws, b. Thomas .. .. .	49
D. Dawson, b. Laycock .. .. .	83
H. Kirkwood, b. Pile .. .. .	84
V. Drew, b. Parker .. .. .	87
L. R. Hill, c. Parker, b. N. Campbell .. .. .	89
A. R. Noltemius, b. Parker .. .. .	1
W. Hower, c. Flood, b. Laycock .. .. .	3
L. T. Cowan, b. Parker .. .. .	6
C. P. Latty, c. and b. Parker .. .. .	2
W. Moffatt, not out .. .. .	11
W. Christoph, b. Laycock .. .. .	1
Byes 5, leg-bye 1, no ball 1 .. .. .	9
Total .. .. .	350
The wickets fell thus:—	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
79 187 219 280 283 290 310 325 349 360	
Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Thomas .. .. .	33 2 93 1
Laycock .. .. .	32 3 88 2
Parker .. .. .	29 2 46 4
Pile .. .. .	16 2 52 1
Flood .. .. .	6 — 28 —
N. Campbell .. .. .	6 1 27 1
G. Campbell .. .. .	5 — 20 —
Parker bowled one no-ball.	
ST. PETER'S.	
First Innings.	
J. G. Duncan-Hughes, c. Kirkwood, b. Christoph .. .. .	16
C. L. Hawkes, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	9
E. F. Parker, run out .. .. .	76
C. R. Jennings, c. and b. Christoph .. .. .	6
N. Campbell, b. Christoph .. .. .	15
E. Lewis, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	107
G. K. Thomas, b. Hill .. .. .	32
G. C. Campbell, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	46
J. Laycock, b. Dawson .. .. .	20
J. W. Flood, not out .. .. .	6
J. H. Pile, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	5
Byes 10, no-balls 2, wides 3 .. .. .	15
Total .. .. .	345
The wickets fell thus:—	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
29 48 48 76 130 198 281 320 338 345	
Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Kirkwood .. .. .	41 3 8 4
Hower .. .. .	29 3 52 —
Christoph .. .. .	21 4 80 3
Dawson .. .. .	17 4 40 1
Hill .. .. .	15 1 28 1
Noltemius .. .. .	3 — 13 —
Raws .. .. .	6 1 18 —
Kirkwood, Dawson, and Hill bowled 1 wide each, while Hower and Christoph each bowled a no-ball.	
PRINCE ALFRED.	
Second Innings.	
W. Moffat, run out .. .. .	0
W. Hower, b. Thomas .. .. .	7
H. Kirkwood, c. Pile, b. Parker .. .. .	10
L. R. Hill, c. Jennings, b. Laycock .. .. .	29
D. Dawson, c. Hawkes, b. Thomas .. .. .	87
J. Raws, b. Thomas .. .. .	17
V. Drew, b. Laycock .. .. .	22
A. R. Noltemius, c. Flood, b. Thomas .. .. .	13
L. Cowan, b. Pile .. .. .	37
C. P. Latty, b. Laycock .. .. .	42
W. Christoph, not out .. .. .	14
Sundries .. .. .	20
Total .. .. .	298
Grand total .. .. .	
658	
The wickets fell thus:—	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
7 16 36 106 152 162 190 192 273 298	
Bowling Analysis.	
Balls. Mds. Wkts. Runs.	
Laycock .. .. .	108 8 3 58
Parker .. .. .	105 6 1 58
Thomas .. .. .	198 7 4 94
Pile .. .. .	84 3 1 21
Flood .. .. .	18 1 — 9
Lewis .. .. .	42 2 — 14
N. Campbell .. .. .	54 1 — 28
Laycock bowled 2 wides, and Pile and Campbell 1 wide each.	
ST. PETER'S.	
First Innings .. .. .	
345	
Second Innings.	
E. Parker, c. Hill, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	6
C. Jennings, c. Hill, b. Christoph .. .. .	6
N. Campbell, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	7
G. K. Thomas, run out .. .. .	7
E. Lewis, c. Dawson, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	4
J. G. Duncan-Hughes, b. Dawson .. .. .	41
G. C. Campbell, c. Dawson, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	17
J. Laycock, c. Hill, b. Christoph .. .. .	27
C. L. Hawkes, b. Kirkwood .. .. .	2
J. W. Flood, c. Drew, b. Dawson .. .. .	18
J. H. Pile, not out .. .. .	12
Sundries—Byes 2, leg-byes 4, wide 1 .. .. .	7
Total .. .. .	154
Grand total .. .. .	
499	
The wickets fell thus:—	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
9 15 19 30 34 61 111 123 125 154	
Bowling Analysis.	
Balls. Mds. Wkts. Runs.	
Kirkwood .. .. .	174 11 5 63
Christoph .. .. .	120 7 2 20
Hower .. .. .	36 2 — 16
Dawson .. .. .	54 2 2 32
Hill .. .. .	18 — — 8
Christoph bowled one wide.	
RECORD OF MATCHES.	
Played, 24. St. Peter's, 12; Prince Alfred, 9;	
drawn, 2.	

In 1900 Dean passed his Senior Public Examinations.

While at College he was a member of the Iroquios Lacrosse team (1897-1900) and was part of the premiership winning teams of 1899 and 1900. In July 1900 he represented South Australia in a winning Lacrosse match against Victoria.

### **Adelaide University**

Dean commenced studying medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1901, winning the Dr Davies Scholarship in Third Year (1903) and graduating MB BS in 1905. Dean was a candidate for the 1895 Rhodes Scholarship which was awarded to Roy Lister Robinson.

#### **1905 – Medical Graduates**



***D Dawson (second from left) E Burnard (seated wearing mortarboard)***

***Photograph of R.D.Russell, A.Curtis, R.D.Brummitt, A.Brady, D.Dawson, E.Burnard, W.M.Hunn, J.V.McAee***

#### **Adelaide University 1905 - STUDENTS' PROGRAMME**

***(VERSE on Dean Dawson)***

***—Dawson, Dean (Ta Ra Ra).—  
Dean Dawson what do you here,  
Tis no place for a Dean we fear.  
You should rightly be in Church—  
Not leave your dear flock in the lurch.  
To Ra. Ra.  
You second name gives you the right  
To stay out very late at night:  
For Dawson's whisky, so they say,  
Affects most people in that way.  
Ta Ra Ra, & c. .***

### **Other Sporting Teams**

Throughout his university years, Dean continued to play sport including cricket for the Waverley team<sup>1</sup>. He showed good form in January 1901, making 111 in a match against Mitcham and winning the highest batting average for Waverley in the 1901/02 season. Between 1899/1900 and 1904/05 seasons he periodically played A Grade cricket for East Torrens scoring 335 runs at an average of 23.93 with a highest score of 88 not out.

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<sup>1</sup> Although University had cricket teams playing in regular matches from the early 1880s until the turn of the century, by 1901, the Club seems to have disappeared from the local competitions.

**Dean DAWSON** was born at Gumeracha on 13 March 1881. At Prince Alfred College he was in the First XI in 1895, 1896 and 1900. During this period he also played for the Waverley club at St Peters. Some had suggested that there were better players in the area's junior teams than sometimes turned out for East Torrens. The sentiment prompted the scheduling of a match between East Torrens and XI selected Juniors in 1898-99. Dawson, who was included in the Juniors team, proved a point by scoring 206 and sharing a partnership of 222 for the eighth wicket with EJ Paton. He scored 56\* in a trial match for East Torrens against Magill but was something of a failure when included in the team in 1899-00. In minor matches in 1900-01 he again scored freely, scoring 156 for Gumeracha against Kooyama and 111 for Waverley against Mitcham, which was the first of five centuries for the club in the four seasons while he was completing a Diploma of Medicine at Adelaide University. While resident surgeon at Royal Adelaide Hospital, Dawson briefly returned to A Grade SACA matches for Adelaide in 1906-07 before taking up a practice at Laura. In 1909-10 he scored 193 for Laura against Wirrabara. For a time he practiced at Port Pirie. During his stay he played an innings of 191 for Caledonian against YMA in 115 minutes in a Port Pirie CA match in 1913-14. Dawson lived at Mount Lofty after the First World War. He died at Adelaide on 18 March 1939. In his youth, Dawson was an outstanding all-round sportsman, representing South Australia at lacrosse in 1901 before turning to football. Particularly renowned for his long kicking, he played for Norwood from 1903 to 1906 and also represented the state. The scorers box at University Oval is named in his honour.

*From "Parade to Paradise" - 101 Seasons of East Torrens Cricket and Cricketers 1897-98 - 2002-03; Peter Herbert and Geoff Sando*

He also continued to play lacrosse for Iroquios and the South Australian team in 1901 and football for Norwood from 1901-1906.

## Adelaide University Sport

### Cricket

Although playing for East Torrens at the time, Dean appeared for an Adelaide University team which played against his old school on the PAC ground. The strong PAC team thrashed University, however Dean top scored with 27 and took 2 wickets.

P.A.C. VERSUS UNIVERSITY.	
On Wednesday afternoon the Adelaide University cricket eleven played a match against the Prince Alfred first eleven on the college grounds.	
Scores:-	
P.A.C.	
H. W. D. Stoddart, b. Dawson .. .. .	10
R. Middleton, b. Nesbit .. .. .	34
G. P. Goode, b. Dawson .. .. .	6
H. Rankine, b. Plummer .. .. .	12
C. F. Drew, not out .. .. .	61
R. F. Osborne, run out .. .. .	11
C. E. Dolling, not out .. .. .	63
Sundries .. .. .	4
Total for five wickets .. .. .	201
Steele, none for 49; Dawson, two for 47; Nesbit, for 23; L. Cowan, none for 19; V. McAree, none for 18; F. McAree, none for 2.	
UNIVERSITY	
W. A. V. Drew, c. Seppelt, b. Stoddart .. .. .	11
R. Brummitt, b. Dolling .. .. .	1
E. Chapple, b. Stoddart .. .. .	0
L. T. Cowan, b. Dolling .. .. .	0
R. G. Plummer, b. Dolling .. .. .	1
D. Dawson, b. Stoddart .. .. .	27
V. McAree, c. Steele, b. Dolling .. .. .	2
F. McAree, c. Dolling, b. Stoddart .. .. .	2
D. Cowan, not out .. .. .	1
D. M. Steele, b. Dolling .. .. .	10
W. J. Nesbit, b. Dolling .. .. .	0
Sundry .. .. .	1
Total .. .. .	56
Dolling, six for 30; Stoddart, for for 25.	

## Lacrosse

In 1903 Dean played Lacrosse for the Adelaide University Lacrosse Club.

## Football

Dean was already an established league football player with the Norwood Football Club and had played in their 1901 Premiership. It was not surprising that in 1904 Dean was chosen to captain the Adelaide University Football team in the first Intervarsity match played on Adelaide Oval against Melbourne University.

The interstate University football match that happened on Saturday at the Adelaide Oval was made miserable by the weather. The S.A. team, who had the services of Newland, Drew, and Dean Dawson, played in gloves. Both teams worked hard, and S.A. went ahead 15 points in the first quarter. By half-time the Vic's had lessened their opponents' lead by 4 points, and in the third quarter ran away with them, so that at the beginning of the last quarter the scores were: Vic. 6-4, S.A. 3-6. The last 25 minutes produced some exciting play, but the scores were not affected to any great extent, and the finish found Vic. the winning team by 6-5 to 4-9. Newland and Moore, of South Australia, played so well that the onlookers were almost compensated for having to allow torrents of rain to roll down their necks.

Critic (Adelaide, SA : 1897-1924) 31 August 1904

### 1904 INTER-VARSITY TEAM



BACK ROW: D. Cowan, R.J. Verco, C.R. Doudy, H.M. Muirhead, C.P. Latty, R.J. Plummer, T.H. Donnelly.  
MIDDLE ROW: R. Goode, W.R. Reynell, P.M. Newland, D. Dawson (Captain), L. Cowan, S. Catchlove, C.R. Cudmore.  
FRONT ROW: W. Angwin, W.V. Drew, C.L. Jessop (Secretary), J.D. Moore.

**D Dawson (Captain) – Middle row – Fourth from Left**

In 1905 Dean also played several matches for University; in July against the visiting Wesley College team and in September against Melbourne University in Melbourne.

## League Football Career - Norwood Football Club

In 1901 Dean joined the Norwood Football Club and was a renowned and successful player for the club. He was a forward noted for his kicking and in particular, long place kicks. He played in the 1901 and 1904 premierships and was appointed captain in 1906. Unfortunately he contracted a very bad cold and was unable to play in the 1906 premiership match, his absence being considered by many to be a factor in Norwood's defeat on the day. Dean's kicking prowess was still being commented upon long after his career and the highest praise for younger footballers was to have their kicking described as 'Dean Dawson like'.

[http://www.redlegsmuseum.com.au/ON\\_FIELD/PLAYERS/DAWSONDean.aspx](http://www.redlegsmuseum.com.au/ON_FIELD/PLAYERS/DAWSONDean.aspx)

### Dean DAWSON

#### STATISTICS

Guernsey Number:

Career: 1901 to 1906

NFC Games: 80

NFC Goals: 36

Debut: v Sturt (Norwood) 4th May 1901

Finale: v Sturt (Jubilee) 3rd September 1906

Norwood Captain: 1906

Premierships: 1901, 1904



*Dean Dawson was born at Gumeracha on 13 March 1881. He commenced playing for Norwood in 1901 while studying medicine at the University of Adelaide. Dawson was an outstanding all round sportsman who played football, cricket and lacrosse during his student days.*

*In his first year at Norwood, Dawson won the most promising junior award which was followed by the best forward award in 1902.*

*Dawson was a forward noted for his kicking and in particular, long place kicks. He played in the 1901 and 1904 premierships and was appointed captain in 1906 when Phil Newland was ruled out for the season due to injury.*

*In 1906, Norwood lost the first game of the season but went on to record 12 consecutive victories until the preliminary final against North Adelaide to decide who would play off against minor premiers Port Adelaide. Dawson was named in the side but was a late withdrawal due to a "very bad cold". Norwood lost the final and newspaper reports suggested that Dawson's absence as captain and leading forward was a major factor in the team's defeat. The Chronicle 15 Sept 1906 reported "...after the display by Norwood against North Adelaide the majority of spectators left the ground convinced that one man, by his absence, had in some measure contributed to the downfall of the red and blues. I refer to Dean Dawson"*

*Dawson graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1905 as a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery. In December 1906 he was appointed as a general practitioner in the town of Laura in the mid-north of South Australia. In March 1907 he married Miss Eulalie Burnard but sadly his new wife died in September of the same year.*

*Dawson later remarried and continued to practice in the mid-north of the state. In 1915 he was appointed as a Captain in the AIF and served as a Medical Officer at Heliopolis in Egypt until his twelve month commission was terminated in 1916. It appears that he did not resume playing football after leaving Norwood but he did play cricket in the mid-north competitions.*

*Dr Dean Dawson died in Adelaide aged 58 on 21 March 1939.*

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## Pre War Career and Family Life

Dean was a house surgeon at the Adelaide hospital in 1906. In addition to playing football for Norwood he played for South Australia in a match against Broken Hill. He played cricket for the Adelaide Cricket Club in the first half of the 1906/07 season.

In December 1906, Dean took up a practice at Laura in the mid north of South Australia and became engaged to Dr Eulalie (Lullie) Barnard. He commenced playing cricket for Laura in the second half of the 1906/07 season.

In March 1907, Dean married Eulalie Barnard (also a 1905 Medical Graduate), the daughter of Mr RT Barnard (Head Master of the Flinders Street School) and a younger sister of Dr Renfrey Gershom Barnard. Dean and Eulalie moved to Laura to work with Dean.

### *Critic (Adelaide, SA : 1897-1924) - 27 March 1907*

A very quiet wedding was celebrated on Saturday afternoon at "Sunnybrae," Beaumont, the residence of the bride's parents, when Dr. Eulalie Barnard was married to Dr. Dean Dawson, of Laura. The Rev. Vivian Roberts officiated. The bride, who looked charming, wore dainty white muslin frock, trimmed with lace, and her mother's bridal veil. She carried a pretty posy of roses. Miss Muriel Plummer was bridesmaid, in simple white muslin frock and pink hat: pink bouquet to match. Dr. Alfred Randall was best man. Mrs.

Tragically Eulalie passed away in September 1907, aged 23 and having been married and resident in Laura for just over 5 months.

### *The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 6 September 1907*

Dr. Eulalie Dawson died at the North Adelaide Private Hospital on Thursday night. She was the daughter of Mr. R. T. Barnard, the head master of the Flinders Street Public School, and had a brilliant scholastic career. Before she was 12 years of age she won a bursary, and went to the Advanced School for Girls, where she ultimately became dux. From there she proceeded to the University of Adelaide and took the medical course. She passed year after year with high honours, and in 1905 graduated M.B., B.S., and took first-class honours. Last March Dr. Barnard was married to Dr. Dean Dawson, who had also secured his degree in 1905. They went to live at Laura, but a few weeks ago an operation on Mrs. Dawson for a spinal trouble became necessary. This, however, did not prove beneficial, and for some time her condition had been regarded as hopeless. Dr. Eulalie Dawson, who was only 23 years of age, was beloved by every one who knew her, and numerous friends will regret that so accomplished a lady has passed away.

### *The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 6 September 1907*

**DAWSON.**—On the 5th September, at the North Adelaide Hospital, Eulalie, the dearly beloved wife of Dr. Dean Dawson, of Laura. 249-50

After the death of his wife Dean returned to Laura accompanied by his sister, Bessie, who acted as his housekeeper. Dean continued to play cricket winning the Batting Average for Laura in the 1908/09 season. In 1908 he was a judge at the Laura Jockey Club. He played for and coached the Laura Football Club in the 1909 season.

Dean became engaged to Lorna Muriel Deeley, the daughter of Mr CE Deeley, of Glenelg in April 1909 and they married on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1909 at Trinity Church and honeymooned in Melbourne.

***Quiz (Adelaide, SA : 1900 - 1909) 30 April 1909***

An engagement recently announced in Adelaide, which will interest many ex South Australians, in this State, is that of Dr. Dean Dawson, of Laura, S.A., to Miss Lorna Deeley, second daughter of the late well-known share-broker, Mr. C. E. Deeley, of Glenelg.

The couple's first child, a daughter (Lorna Dean Dawson) was born at Laura in July 1910.

In July 1911, after nearly five years at Laura, Dean took over the practice of Dr Harris at Port Pirie, South Australia.

***The Laura Standard (SA : 1889 - 1917) 28 July 1911***

Dr. Dean Dawson, who has practised his profession in Laura for nearly five years, will leave to-morrow for Port Pirie, where he purposes taking over the practise recently conducted by the late Dr. Harris. Dr. and Mrs. Dawson have made many friends during their residence here, and their departure will be very much regretted.

Dean and Lorna's second child, a son, Geoffrey Dean Dawson was born in February 1912 at Port Pirie followed two years later in February 1914 by the birth of a daughter, Mary Josephine Dawson (known as Josephine).

Dean was elected to the committee of the new newly formed Port Pirie Golf Club in July 1912 and in April 1913 he was Vice Captain of the Port Pirie Tennis Club. In August 1914 Dean was appointed medical officer (Hon Captain) in the AAMC Reserve for the Port Pirie training Area and for the 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry.

## **World War I**

Dean enlisted in the AIF on 15th July 1915 for one years' service. He was described as 5ft 9ins tall, weighing 11st 6lbs, and was able to ride.

***The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 29 July 1915***

Dr. Dean Dawson, of Port Pirie, is leaving for Melbourne this week, where he will embark for Egypt, having received an appointment in one of the general hospitals.

Dr. Dean Dawson, of Port Pirie, sailed from Melbourne on August 26 for the 2nd Australian General Hospital, Ghezireh, Egypt. During his absence Mrs. Dawson will reside at Henley Beach.

He was initially posted to the 2nd Australian General Hospital (2 AGH) in Egypt and was taken on strength on the 9th September 1915.



He then proceeded to 1 AGH at the Heliopolis Red Cross Hospital in Cairo on 30th September 1915. He was posted for duty to 1 Field Ambulance in France on 1st August 1916.

He returned to Australia on the Hospital Ship "Kanowna" from Southampton on 23rd September 1916. His appointment was terminated on 20th November 1916, with the following warning;

"This Officer should be informed that the termination of his appointment in AIF does not relieve him from duty when required."

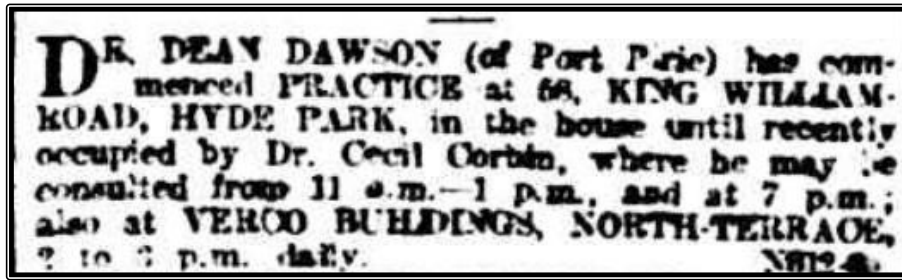
His appointment in the AAMC Reserve was also terminated.

Dean had some concerns with the return of his personal effects from the AIF and engaged in several letters with the military to recover his belongings. He was issued the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

## **Post War Career and Family Life**

Dean went back to Port Pirie for two more years on his return from the war. He moved back to Adelaide with his family in late 1918, and set up a practice at Hyde Park and North Terrace, Adelaide.

*The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 9 November 1918*



Dean and Lorna's fourth child, a son, Michael Dean Dawson was born at Hyde Park in late March 1920.

In April 1925 Dean and Lorna travelled to England onboard the 'Mongolia' and after a few weeks in London they were motoring in Scotland in late July. They returned to Australia by the 'Narkunda' which left England on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1925.

In addition to their home at Hyde Park, by 1927, the couple had purchased a house (sometimes referred to as a cottage) at Mt Lofty where the family often stayed in the summer. The house at Mt Lofty was also used by visiting family and as a short term rental for other holiday makers.

Dean continued his sporting activities, in December 1927 he competed in a tennis tournament at the Kensington Gardens Tennis Club and he played golf competing in the 'Father and Son' competition at Kooyonga (with Geoffrey in 1929 and with Michael in 1935). Dean's name also appeared regularly in the annual Doctor's Golf Tournament, winning the handicap competition in June 1930 and in the former AIF members Golf Days.

In June 1935, Dean became the Vice-President of the newly formed Rotary Club at Unley.

Unfortunately Dean became ill and he and Lorna moved to their home at Mt Lofty. He was in hospital, but was said to be making good progress in October 1938, when his son, Geoffrey, was returning to Australia.

*The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 20 October 1938*



## Death

After a year's illness, Dean died on 18th March 1939 aged 58 years, survived by his wife Lorna and their four children. He was buried at Mitcham Cemetery. At the time, his son, Michael, was playing cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club and the team wore black arm bands as a mark of respect on the Saturday after Dean's death.

**OBITUARY**  
**DR. DEAN DAWSON**

**Famous Norwood Footballer**  
Dr. Dean Dawson, of Mount Lofty, died on Saturday at the age of 58. He had been in ill-health for about twelve months. His funeral yesterday at the Mitcham Cemetery was attended by many doctors and former footballers.

After graduating in 1905 from Adelaide University, Dr. Dawson went to Port Pirie in 1907 to establish a practice. He returned to Adelaide after an absence of many years and began practice in Unley. He was exceedingly popular in his profession.

Dr. Dawson played with the Norwood Football Club from 1903 to 1906, and earned a reputation as a half-forward, and for swift passing and long kicking. In a memorable match between Norwood and Port Adelaide at the Alberton Oval about 25 years ago, he averted defeat with a magnificent kick for goal from near the centre line as the final bell was rung. Again in a match on the Adelaide Oval, the crowd laughed when he prepared to take a place kick 70 yards from the goal. The laughter changed to delight when the ball soared above the full back's hands midway between the goal posts. He played for South Australia in interstate matches. He was also an interstate lacrosse player.

Dr. Dawson is survived by his wife and two sons and two daughters. One of the sons, M. D. Dawson, plays for the University cricket team, and, as a mark of respect, the University side wore black armbands on Saturday.

When the scoreboard at Adelaide University Oval was refurbished many years later it was named the Dean Dawson Memorial Scorers' Box in honour of the first Intervarsity Football captain. The Scorers' Box was opened in October 1958 by Mrs Dawson, the widow of Dean Dawson, in October.

**"DR. D. DAWSON DIES IN HOSPITAL"**

*News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) 18 March 1939*

**DR. D. DAWSON DIES  
IN HOSPITAL**

**Former State Champion**  
Football lost a link with the past by the death today of Dr. Dean Dawson. He played for Norwood and for the State in the seasons from 1903 to 1907, and was ranked as one of the greatest kicks ever seen in Adelaide.

Regret at the death of Dr. Dawson was expressed by many Norwood veterans. In more than one instance they recalled a feat of his at Alberton when playing in a match against Port. Then with Norwood a goal behind, he placed a rain-soaked ball 50 yards out from the goalposts, and scored full points.

Dr. Dawson played at full forward and at half-forward for Norwood.

Aged 58, his death occurred in a private hospital in Adelaide. His funeral will leave Mount Lofty at 4 p.m. tomorrow for the Mitcham Cemetery.

**DEATH OF DR. DEAN DAWSON**

***Was Prominent Cricketer  
In Pirie***

Regret was expressed by the older generation of Pirieans yesterday at the death in Adelaide of Dr. Dean Dawson at the age of 58.

Dr. Dawson, in addition to being a fine footballer in his day, was also a keen cricketer. An old sportsman said that he did not play the winter game in Pirie, but wielded the bat to some effect as a player for Pirie and Caledonian teams.

Mr. Alf. Welsby, sen., recalled last night a memorable occasion when Dr. Dawson scored 185 one afternoon in a Pirie match. It was a most brilliant innings, and created a scoring record which stood for many years.

He also recalled the famous place-kick of more than 70 yd. in Adelaide when Dr. Dawson was playing with Norwood. The day was wet and the ball sodden, he said, but the footballer hitched up his shorts, as was his habit, and sent the ball soaring through, amazing the crowd.

Veterans here are unanimous in saying that Dean Dawson was a fine sportsman both on and off the field.

## Family Legacy

### *Lorna Muriel Dawson (née Deeley)*

Dean's widow (Lorna) moved from Mt Lofty and was resident at Wellington Square, North Adelaide in 1942. She passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1971, aged 87.

### *Lorna Dean Dawson (later Walsh)*

Dean and Lorna's eldest child, Miss Lorna Dawson was a keen amateur actress who then began acting professionally, moving to Melbourne then Sydney and finally to London to further her career.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954),  
Tuesday 26 February 1935, page 6

**Praise For Adelaide Actress**

MELBOURNE dramatic critics speak in complimentary terms of the acting of Miss Lorna Dawson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean Dawson, of King William road, Hyde Park, who is in the cast of "Sweet Aloes," the new production at the Comedy Theatre.

One critic writes:—"A word of appreciation is due to Miss Dawson, of Adelaide, who, except for a small part in 'Old Folks at Home' had never before played a prominent role on the professional stage. Her lines as Lady Farrington were spoken exceptionally well, in contrast with the dialogue of principals earlier in the play."

Others spoke of her poise and understanding of the part.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Tue 2 Jul 1935

MISS Lorna Dawson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean Dawson, of King William road, Hyde Park, who created such a favorable impression in Sydney when she played the leading role in "The Dominant Sex," has scored a further success in "Within the Law," which is having a brief run there.

She played the part of the girl who was the real thief, but allowed another to suffer imprisonment. A Sydney critic wrote of her work that it was "the most brilliant piece of emotional acting seen in Sydney for years."

Miss Dawson will return to Adelaide on Saturday, July 13, and will spend seven or eight weeks with her parents before sailing for England to gain further experience.

She has been at home for only two weeks in 2½ years. Her mother has invited several of her friends to a sherry party on July 20.

In January 1936 Lorna became engaged to John Anthony Walsh, a Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy and the son of Mrs and the late Mr Richard Walsh of Toowoomba, Queensland. At the time the engagement was announced, John was with the HMAS Sydney. He returned to Australia with the HMAS Sydney, via Adelaide, in August 1936 having spent three years stationed with the British Fleet in the Mediterranean. Lorna returned from London in January 1937 and in May 1937 she married Lieutenant-Commander John Anthony Walsh at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Dean having the honour of giving away the bride. Lorna and John Walsh had a son Nicholas John Dean Walsh. Lorna passed away in 1962 in Victoria.

### ***Geoffrey Dean Dawson***

Both Dean's sons attended St Peter's College, Adelaide.

In June 1937, eldest son, Geoffrey Dean Dawson, was awarded a Bachelor of Engineering and Diploma of Applied Science from the University of Adelaide. He then travelled to the UK to further his career, working with Vickers Limited at Weybridge on the technical staff for the construction of aeroplanes.

Geoffrey joined the RAAF during WWII. In January 1941 he was a Squadron-Leader and married Miss Suzanne Riddiford, the elder daughter of Mrs G Riddiford of Grange Road, Toorak, Melbourne. Geoffrey and Suzanne had a son, Jonathan, born in late November 1941 and daughters, Belinda and Sarah. After WWII, Geoffrey and his family were living in Melbourne. Geoffrey passed away on the 8th January 2003 and is buried at Cheltenham New Cemetery, Victoria.

### ***Mary Josephine Dawson (later Cowan)***

On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1942, Josephine married Lieutenant Ronald William Trafford Cowan of the AIF in a simple ceremony in Adelaide. In 1946 the Cowan's moved to Melbourne when Ronald was appointed warden of Trinity College, Melbourne University.

The couple had two sons and two daughters. Both sons enrolled at Trinity and both daughters at Janet Clarke Hall, University of Melbourne. At the time of Josephine's death on 30 June 2007 her son Mr Bill Cowan was Board Chairman of Trinity College.

"The College records with regret the death on 30 June of Mrs Mary Josephine Cowan, widow of the third Warden of the College, Ronald W T Cowan, and mother of the current Board Chairman, Mr Bill Cowan". The Trinity College eNewsletter of July 2007 described Josephine as "a gracious lady".

### ***Michael Dean Dawson***

In December 1937, second son, Michael Dean Dawson, was playing cricket for St Peter's and was described as 'a young batsman of class ... (who) hits the ball with plenty of power'. Later in December that year Michael travelled with his mother (Lorna) to the South Island of New Zealand before he returned to Sydney and Lorna travelled on the England to visit Geoffrey. Lorna returned to Australia in late May 1938.

Michael studied medicine at the University of Adelaide graduating MB BS in 1942. He played cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1943 he was appointed Surgeon Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy. He served on the Torrens, Australia and the Cerberus. He was mentioned in dispatches for service in HMAS Australia at Leyte Gulf in October 1944. His appointment was terminated in September 1946.

Michael married Miss Mary Helen Wishart, of Toorak, Victoria at St John's Church, Toorak in September 1950. The couple was to take up residence at Strathalbyn, South Australia. They had at least two children a daughter born in October 1951 and a son born in November 1952.

Michael passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1988 and his last abode was at Stirling, South Australia.

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