



L-Cpl. Guy Fisher



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: 1909/10 - 1911/12 A & B Grade

Other Sports: Tennis, Athletics

Sports Awards: (Blue: Tennis 1913)

Law Student: 1909 - 1914

Final Certificate in Law: 1920

Admitted to the Bar: (24 April 1920)

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 Guy Fisher. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.




Guy FISHER

Regimental number	33
Date of birth	5 November 1890
Place of birth	Adelaide, South Australia
School	Queen Adelaide and Geelong State Schools, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Law clerk
Address	2 Commercial Road, Hyde Park, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	24
Next of kin	Father, F J Fisher, Mt Lofty, South Australia
Enlistment date	19 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<u>10th Battalion, A Company</u>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board Transport A11 <i>Ascanius</i> on 20 October 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lance Corporal
Unit from Nominal Roll	10th Battalion
Fate	Discharged 2 January 1916
Discharge date	--/05/1919
Other details	War service: Egypt, Gallipoli, India. Wounded 25 April 1915; invalided to England. Received a commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery; sent to India. Arrived back in Australia, December 1919.

Service Records

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3900417>

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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 33. Name FISHER Guy
 Unit A. Coy. 10th Batt A.I.F.
 Joined on 19th August 1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your Name? ... FISHER Guy
- In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... near the Town of Adelaide 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.) ... Yes N.B.
- What is your age? ... 24
- What is your trade or calling? ... Law Clerk
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, to whom, and for what period? ... No
- Are you married? ... No
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father (J. G. Fisher)
Mt. Lofty
- 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 ... Engs. Mcclellan Rifles
- 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 and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... No

I, Guy Fisher, 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 19.8.14 Guy Fisher
 Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/8.14—G.10220. *This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

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Description of Fisher Guy on Enlistment.

Age 24 years months
Height 5 feet 10½ inches
Weight 135 lbs.
Chest Measurement 34½ inches
Complexion Fresh
Eyes Blue
Hair Brown
Religious Denomination C. of E.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Nac

Sgt. A. B. Nott Capt.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 19. 8. 14

Place Forphettville

H. C. Nott Capt.
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

to 10th battalion A. I. F., A. Coy.

Date 28/9/14

Place Forphettville

Sgt. Shuehén
Commanding 10th Battalion A.I.F.

(Capt. H.C. Nott the examining medical officer was a fellow Adelaide University cricketer and captain of Guy Fisher's tennis team)

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 10th BATTALION A.I.F.
 Regimental No. 33 Rank Private Name FISHER, Guy.
 Enlisted (a) 19/8/14 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	Embarked to join M.E.F. Gallipoli per IONIAN" Ex	Alexandria	2/3/15	
2/5/15 O.C.Btn	"B.WOUND RIGHT ELBOW"	Gallipoli	27/4/15	M.F.C.1282 & 1290 A.F.B.213. Ords 8/72.
22/4/15 1st Aust Gen Hosp	Admitted ex GASCON"	Cairo	29/4/15	Nom Roll.
15/5/15 2nd Aust Gen Hosp	Transferred to Conv Camp	Helouan	15/5/15	A36.
31/5/15 Conv Camp	Admitted	" "	13/5/15	A36. C971.
31/5/15 " "	Discharged to Duty	" "	27/5/15	A36.C971.
20/6/15 O.C.Btn	Rejoined Unit	Gallipoli	17/6/15	B213. Ords 79/9285.
4/7/15 " "	Appointed L/Corporal	" "	29/6/15	B213. 9/1810-30/1149.
28/8/15 " "	Sick to Hospital	" "	28/8/15	B213.Ords 41/2379.

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

[P.T.O.]

No. 2 GENERAL HOSPITAL

Australian Imperial Force.

001370

No. 192

Medical Officer i/c Major Jackson

#33

Rank Pte Name Fisher G

Regt. 10th

Ward A Block Age 24

Nationality

Religion C8

Admitted 30-4-15

Discharged 13-1-15

Disease Wound Elbow G.S.W.

Result Healed

Operation and Anaesthetic

Result

Assistant Surgeon

Sister in Charge

C.A. Carpenter

Medical Officer in Charge

W.C. Gray Major

Remarks

Secretary and Registrar

M.J.G. Jones


Date

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Mount Lofy. South. Aust.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form A. 24, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
29/8/15	2nd Flid Ambulance	"DYSENTRY" Admitted	Gallipoli	28/8/15	C3166
29/8/15	" "	Transferred to Cas Clr Station	" "	28/8/15	C3166.
29/8/15	1st Cas Clr Station	"DYSENTRY" Admitted	" "	25/8/15	C3153.
29/8/15	" "	Transferred to -----	Mudros	25/8/15	C3153.
29/8/15	"IONIAN"	"DYSENTRY" Admitted	Gallipoli	29/8/15	A7639.
19/15	" "	Disembarked at ---	Malta	1/9/15	A9634.
4/9/15	St Georges	" DYSENTRY" Admitted	" "	4/9/15	C3652. Ords 66.
18/9/15	" "	"DEBILITY" Admitted	" "	18/9/15	C3788. Ords 68.
14/9/15	"H.S. Mass-illa"	Embarked for England	" "	14/9/15	P938.Ords 72.
23/9/15	Docting Amb Hqs	Dysentery Admitted	Church Lane, 23/9/15		P492.C-Ords 64
4/12/15	O.C.Btn	Transferred to Super'y Rank List	Mudros	1/12/15	B213. Ords 2/595.
16/5/16	A.I.F.H'qrs	Dis'ed from A.I.Forces Granted Comission Imp Army	England	8/1/16	AP.8798.Ords by Brig Gen Sir Newton Moore.K.G.M.G.A.I.F. U.K.2/1/16a W.O.1 T.B.91/1 Artillery 1908 A.G.6 Ords 6/A/

..... Capt.
G.O. Australian Records Section.
3rd Echelon G.H.Q., E.E.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL  EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Certificate of Discharge of No. 33. (Rank) Lance/Corporal

(Name) FISHER, Guy.
 (Regiment or Corps) 10th Infantry Battalion.
 born at or near the Town of Adelaide, South Australia.
 in the State or County of _____
 Attested at Morphetville, S. Australia. on the
19th August. 1914. for the 10th Infantry
Battalion. Regiment or Corps at the age of 24 years.

He is discharged in consequence of appointment to commission
in the Royal Garrison Artillery.
W.O. letter 91/Artillery/1908(A.G.6.)8.1.16.

Service towards completion of engagement } 1 year 137 days Medals } _____
 and } _____
 Service Abroad _____ years _____ days Decorations } _____

Signature of Officer Commanding Regiment or Corps. _____
 Place London.
 Date 2nd January. 1916.

Discharge confirmed at London.
 Signature _____
 Date 2nd January. 1916.

Signed, NEWTON J. MOORE,
 General.
 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (UNITED KINGDOM)
 2nd January. 1916.

S.H. 752/45/A.

Savoy House,

Strand,

13th. Jan., 1916.

No.33 Lance Corp. Guy Fisher,
10th. Battalion, A. I. F.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that you have been appointed to a Second Lieutenancy (on probation) in the Royal Garrison Artillery, Special Reserve, and have been attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery, Sheerness. You should join there for duty after you have provided your uniform and equipment. You should acquaint the Officer Commanding the unit to which you are posted, at least twenty-four hours in advance, of the date on which you propose to join.

You should draw your outfit allowance from the regimental agents, Messrs. Cox & Co., 16 Charing Cross, S. W., to whom you should at once communicate your address, and keep them informed of any change of address.

You should complete the attached Next-of-Kin form and return it to the Secretary, War Office, London.

Your discharge from the Australian Imperial Force is to be carried out as from the 2nd. January, 1916.

By taking your discharge in England you forfeit all claim to a free passage to Australia now or at any time hereafter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

a/Staff Captain
for Colonel
Commanding Australian Troops in England.

N. W. 127

The Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne,
presents his compliments to The Secretary, War Office, and with
reference to the services of (Regt. No.)...33.....(Rank).L/Corporal
(Name) . FISHER Guy.....(Unit) .10th Battalion.....A.I.F.
who subsequently served as an Officer in the Imperial Army.....
requests that this Department may be informed below what war medals
the...War Office..... will be in a position to administer.

A.M.P. Chambers, King William Street, Adelaide, South Australia.

entitled him to the award of :-

1. ~~A... 1914/15. Star. Issued by this Dept.~~
2. ... British War Medal
3. ... Victory Medal...

NA 1. Has been issued by Defense Dept Melbourne.
No. 2 & 3 to be administered by the War Office.

.....Major.....

Officer i/c Base Records.

From

To

Regt. No. (Rank) (Name) (Unit)
 who formerly served as Regt. No. 33 (Rank) L/Cpl. (Unit) 10th Battalion IF.
 in respect of services with the qualified

For the award of :-

1.
2.
3.

Which will be administered by this Department.

Date

Biography

Family and Early Years

Guy Fisher was born on the 5th November 1890 in Adelaide to Francis "Frank" Joseph and Ella Matilda Fisher (nee Sellar). His father Frank (1859 - 1930) was a well known Adelaide solicitor who was a founding partner of the legal firm Fisher, Power and Jeffries in 1885, a firm that still continues today as Fisher Jeffries and operates throughout Australia and internationally.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)

Sat 24 Dec 1927 / Page 47

MR. F. J. FISHER.

Mr. Francis Joseph Fisher, of Grange, who died on Tuesday, was the elder son of Mr. Joseph Fisher, of Fisher-street, Fullarton, who came to South Australia with his parents in the early days of the province. The father was not only a prominent business man in Adelaide, but for many years was a well-known member of the Legislative Council. Mr. Frank Fisher was born in Adelaide in 1859, and qualified as a solicitor. After completing his articles he practised his profession at first in conjunction with his brother-in-law, Mr. W. Culross. Of late years the firm has been Fisher, Power, and Jeffries. He married the daughter of Mr. Sellar, of Melbourne. He left a widow, one son (Mr. Guy Fisher, of Mount Lofty), two daughters (Mrs. Britten Jones, of North Adelaide, and Mrs. R. G. Warden, of Mount Barker). Mr. Harold Fisher, president of the Cricket Association, is a brother. Mr. Frank Fisher, who was very highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends, lived at Mount Lofty for a number of years, and later went to the Grange, where he took a great delight in his garden. He was interested in all manly sports. He was for years a member of the Royal Adelaide Golf Club at Seaton, and assisted to form the Grange Golf Club. The Grange Public School benefited by his generosity, and that of his wife. Mr. Fisher enjoyed fairly good health, and was in the city last Friday.

Frank Fisher Obituary

Guy's grandfather was the Hon. Joseph Fisher M.L.C. (1834-1907), accountant and parliamentarian (1868-70 represented Sturt in the House of Assembly and 1873-81 sat in the Legislative Council), proprietor and commercial manager of the *Register* and *Observer* (1853 - 1865), twenty-five years was vice-president of the South Australian Cricketing Association, directorships included the Bank of Adelaide, the Port Adelaide Dock Co., the South Australian Gas Co. as well as insurance, pastoral and mortgage firms and left £1000 to the University of Adelaide to provide for the Joseph Fisher medal and every alternate year a lecture in commerce.



Hon. Joseph Fisher M.L.C.



*Family Photograph c 1907 at the Fisher family home "Woodfield" Fullarton (State Library of SA - Searcy Collection)
Joseph Fisher (front row 4th from Right), Frank Fisher (front Row 2nd from Left), Guy Fisher (2nd row 2nd from right)*



Joseph Fisher in the gardens of "Woodfield" the family home on "Fisher St", Fullarton. c1900 (Photo - State library of SA)

Education and School Sport

Guy Fisher completed his Junior Examinations over two years 1904 - 1905 (3 subjects & 7 subjects) and his Senior Examinations in 1905 (5 subjects) at Queen's School North Adelaide. He participated in the school athletics coming second in the school cup 150 yards event in 1906 and was a regular member of the cricket team and produced good all-round performances in both 1905 and 1906. To complete his education the



*Queen's School Photograph c 1902
Guy Fisher (12 years of age) circled standing & W. O. Jose circled sitting front row - both enlisted together in August 1914
(State Library of SA B29751 Acre 951 Collection)*

family sent him off to Geelong Grammar School where he spent a further 2 years before returning to Adelaide in 1909 and enrolling at Adelaide University to study law.

Adelaide University and Sport

With a strong family influence Guy Fisher was destined to study law and in 1909 he enrolled in the Law Faculty. Rather than choosing to complete the degree course full-time he chose the alternative pathway into the profession. This required the completion of four years of articles and completing prescribe courses part time at Adelaide University and passing examinations in these subjects. After two years of study, in 1911 he was articled to his father's firm, Fisher & Powers.

Guy was very active with sporting pursuits while at University as an active member of the cricket, tennis and athletics clubs.

Cricket

A handy all-rounder on the cricket field he played mainly B-Grade but filled in occasionally for the A-Grade.

He remained a keen follower of cricket for all his life. His Uncle, Harold Fisher was President of the South Australian Cricket Association from 1924 - 1929 and also a member of the Australia Cricket Board of Control.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)

Mon 6 Dec 1909 / Page 10 / CRICKET.

ADELAIDE VERSUS UNIVERSITY.

Won by Adelaide by 9 runs.
University.

J. Blacket, b. McCarron	27
G. M. Potts, run out	0
R. Pavia, b. Campbell	52
H. C. Nott, c. Wayne, b. Campbell	18
L. W. Davies, c. Campbell, b. Ardill	14
A. W. Jones, c. McCarron, b. Wayne	40
K. Goode, c. Wayne, b. V. Stephens	28
R. Stoddart, c. and b. Wayne	14
G. Fisher, c. Pickup, b. C. Wohlenberg	41
W. J. Rollison, b. V. Stephens	4
E. Allen, not out	0
Extras	17

Total 256

Bowling.—E. McCarron, one for 70; L. Wayne two for 37; H. R. Dawkins, none for 13; A. Wohlenberg, one for 41; V. Stephens, two for 32; J. Ardill, one for 32; C. Campbell, two for 15.

Adelaide.

First innings	264
Second Innings.	
E. McCarron, c. Fisher, b. Nott	34
E. Tuckey, c. and b. Jones	6
J. Pickup, not out	14
H. R. Dawkins, not out	5
Extras	10

Total (for two wickets) 67

Bowling.—A. W. Jones, one for 19; R. Stoddart, none for 27; H. Nott, one for 8; G. Fisher, none for 3.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)

Mon 28 Nov 1910 / Page 12 / CRICKET.

WEST TORRENS WEST VERSUS UNIVERSITY.

West Torrens West.

F. T. Kennedy, b. Stoddart	10
A. Lawrie, c. Fisher, b. Marshall	14
H. Webb, c. Blacket, b. Stoddart	0
H. L. Morris, c. Stoddart, b. Marshall	7
H. Henwood, b. Fisher	0
H. Jones, c. Blackburn, b. Pavia	12
H. J. Dav, c. Melbourne, b. Potts	33
R. Barbour, b. Pavia	5
D. Fielder, l.b.w., b. Potts	1
C. Fowleraker, not out	6
J. Thompson, b. Fisher	19
Sundries	9

Total 116

Bowling.—H. W. Stoddart two for 18, A. Marshall two for 25, R. R. Pavia two for 27, G. Potts two for 25, Ronald none for 6, G. Fisher two for 5.

University.

R. R. Pavia, b. Thompson	13
H. W. D. Stoddart, not out	71
G. Fisher, b. Thompson	44
O. H. Pinch, c. Fielder, b. Thompson	0
A. S. Blackburn, run out	21
Sundries	14

Total (for four wickets) 168

Athletics

In athletics at University he competed mainly as a middle distance runner and finished third in the annual carnival at Adelaide Oval in 1909. In this event the lightly framed Fisher had lead all the way only to be



overtaken at the remaining few yards. Fisher also involved himself with social activities and was secretary for the organisation of the Athletics Club Ball.

Tennis

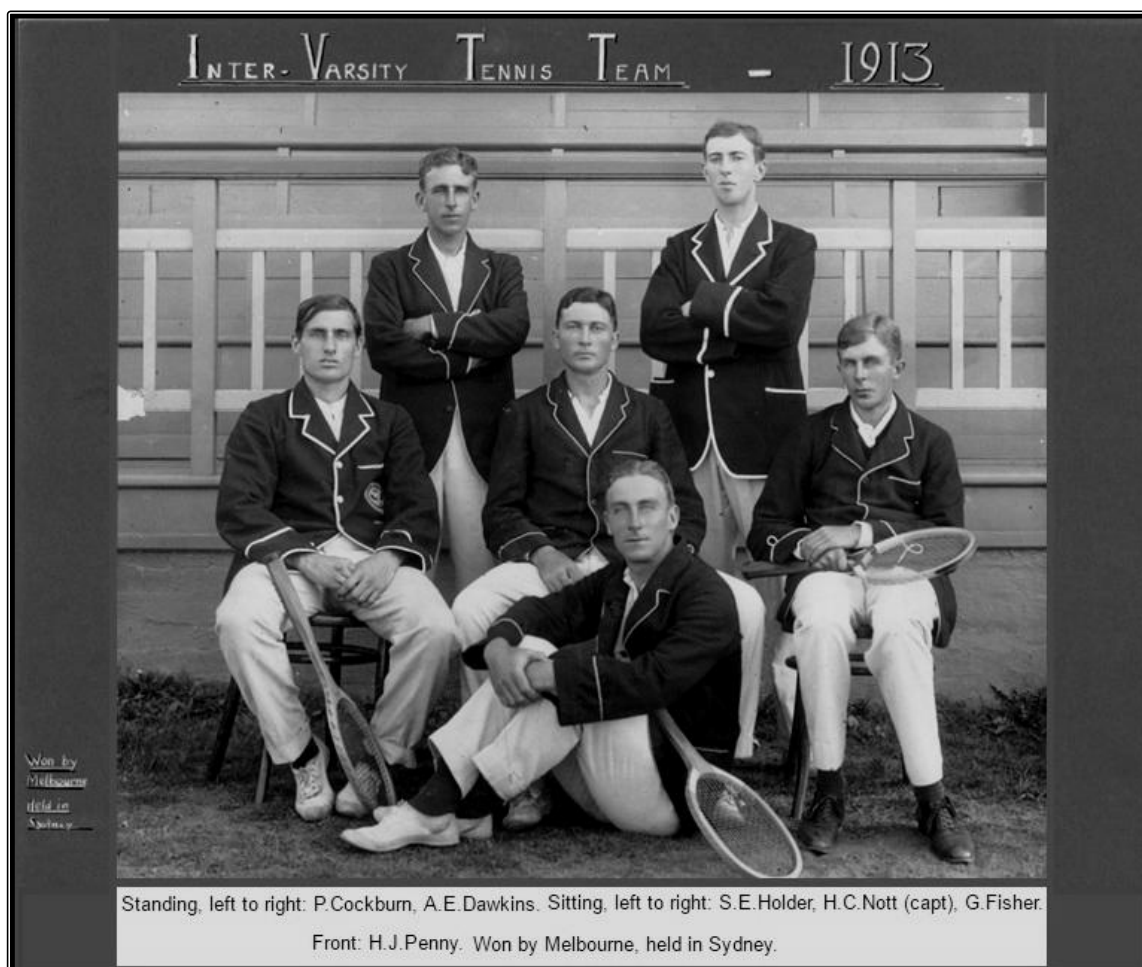
It was however at tennis that he would shine and he developed a life-long passion for the game. He represented Adelaide University in the Inter-Varsity contests and contested the State Championships. In 1914 he was the State Mixed Doubles Champion.





Inter-Varsity Tennis 1912

Back row, left to right: G. Fisher, S. E. Holder, P. Cockburn.
Front row, left to right: M. Giles, H. Nott (captain), J. F. Gardner. Won by Melbourne, held in Melbourne.



INTER-VARSITY TENNIS TEAM - 1913

Won by
Melbourne
held in
Sydney

Standing, left to right: P. Cockburn, A. E. Dawkins. Sitting, left to right: S. E. Holder, H. C. Nott (capt), G. Fisher.
Front: H. J. Penny. Won by Melbourne, held in Sydney.

War Service

Fisher enlisted on 19th August 1914 which was shortly after the outbreak of War on 28th July 1914. Amongst others who volunteered at the same time were a group of friends who had been together at Queen's School and the University of Adelaide. They were among the first South Australians to volunteer. His enlistment number was "33" and given the rank of Private.

The famous photograph below that includes Guy Fisher was featured in a seven page essay titled **'The Flowers of the Forest'**, which describes the experiences of 10 soldiers from No. 1 Section, No. 1 Platoon, A Co, 10th Battalion from South Australia who enlisted in 1914. It describes how seven of the 10 died, either at the landing at Anzac Cove on April 25, 1915, or subsequently as a result of their war experiences, and the post-war lives of the three survivors from the group. Includes a photograph of the group without Angus Smith, who is absent.



The ten who enlisted (and their enlistment number) were:

No. 31 **Arthur Seaforth Blackburn VC** was born at Woodville on 25 November 1892. He received the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery during the operations at Pozieres in France. At 0530 on 23 July 1916 'he was directed with 50 men to drive the enemy from a strong point. By dogged determination he eventually captured their trench after personally leading four separate parties of bombers against it, many of whom became casualties. In face of fierce opposition he captured 250 yards of trench. Then after crawling forward with a sergeant [**Sgt Inwood KIA**] to reconnoitre, he returned, attacked, and seized another 120 yards of trench, establishing communication with the battalion on his left' (**London Gazette**, 9 September 1916). Blackburn returned to Australia on 3 December 1916. He again enlisted in World War Two and served in the Middle East before being posted to Java to take command. Blackburn was captured by the Japanese and became a prisoner of war. He survived the war and retired in South Australia, dying on 24 November 1960. Blackburn is buried in West Terrace Cemetery.

No. 33 **Guy Fisher**, a law clerk, was born at Adelaide on 5 November 1890. He was wounded in action on 27 April 1915 and returned to Australia. Fisher died at Mt Lofty on 27 August 1968.

Private Guy Fisher was wounded in the right elbow at Gallipoli on the first day, was taken to hospital in Cairo but returned to his unit in June 1915. Later he was invalided to England where he joined the Royal Garrison Artillery and, as a captain, served in that unit in India and Mesopotamia.

After the war he took a keen interest in the welfare of ex-servicemen as one of the first trustees of the Distressed Soldiers and Sailors Fund. He was president of the 10th Btn 1938-40, and was the first life member of the RSL. He became the senior partner in the legal firm of Fisher, Jeffries and Co, which his father had founded in 1885. He was an enthusiastic tennis player, and an ardent follower of cricket, golf and horse-racing. A gregarious, well-known and popular figure, he died on 27th August, 1968.

Guy Fisher had this photograph mounted by his bathroom mirror, and shaved in front of it every day.

No. 38 **Wilfred Oswald Jose** was born in China and was killed in action in France on 3 April 1917.

No. 40 **Francis Herbert Stokes**, a clerk, was born at North Adelaide on 13 June 1890. He was killed in action at Gallipoli on 27 April 1915.

No. 41a **Eric Douglas Meldrum**, a civil servant, was born on 23 August 1892 in Tasmania. He received a shrapnel wound which fractured his left forearm at Gallipoli. Meldrum returned to Australia but committed suicide at Balaklava on 8 April 1922.

No. 47 **Thomas Anderson Whyte** was born in Unley. He was wounded on 25 April 1915 and died of his wounds on ***H.M.T. Gascon***. He was buried at sea.

No. 159 **John Rutherford Gordon** was born at Gilberton on 18 June 1895. After Gallipoli he returned to Australia medically unfit in April 1916. On 1 May 1917 he enlisted in the Australian Flying corps and served in France.

No. 268 **Malcolm Teesdale Smith**, a clerk, was born in 1890 in Tasmania. He was killed in action on 27 April 1915 at Gallipoli.

No. 638 **Philip de Quetteville Robin** was born at Norwood on 19 August 1884. A bank teller, he was killed in action on 25 April 1915 at Gallipoli.

No. 1040 **Angus Archer Smith**, a butcher, was born in New South Wales. He received a shrapnel wound to the head on 9 October 1915 at Gallipoli. He was discharged in April 1916

(SLSA reference D 7219 (T) from "The Flowers of the Forrest" Creator: Bruce Gordon 1995)

Private Guy Fisher embarked for overseas service in March 1915 and was wounded on landing at Gallipoli on the 27th April 1915. A few days later the seriousness of the wound required him to be evacuated to Cairo. After recovering, he rejoined his Unit and was promoted to Lance corporal, however after repeated attacks of dysentery he was eventually in December 1916 invalided out to England. There he applied to join the Royal Garrison Artillery and was later discharged from the Australian Infantry Forces. In January 1916 received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant (Temporary). He was later promoted to Captain and served in Mesopotamia and India .



Members of the Royal Garrison Artillery in Action

In April 1916 while Guy Fisher and many of his fellow Adelaide University law student were serving overseas, members of the legal profession in Adelaide were actively working to protect the rights of those undergraduate law clerks who had enlisted. C.H.Powers to whom Guy had been articled to was taking up the cause.

Landmark Order by Chief Justice Murray and Justice Gordon

Guy Fisher was one of many articled clerks completing their law studies at Adelaide university who had volunteered for service during the Great War. It was some consolation to these men that Mr Powers of Fisher & Powers to whom Guy was articled to made an application that he be exempted from a rule that prohibited law clerks from any other business other than his articles. He had already completed three years of articles and attended all lectures up until his time of enlistment. The Justices ruled that time "in the trenches" would be recognised as having served in the profession. This decision paved the way for all those who served to be given continuity of the time as articled clerks making their final pathway to admission to the Bar after the War deservedly more straightforward.

Wed 5 Apr 1916

LAW CLERK WARRIORS**PRAISED BY CHIEF JUSTICE****EXEMPTIONS FOR WAR**

Instead of studying law, as required by their articles, a number of law clerks are practising war. Three of these patriotic defenders of civilisation were mentioned yesterday at the Full Court, when applications were made before their Honors Chief Justice Murray and Mr. Justice Gordon for their exemption from rule 4. This states that an articled clerk shall not employ himself in any business other than that of his articles.

Mr. Powers made an application on behalf of Mr. Guy Fisher, of the firm of Messrs. Fisher & Powers. He said the applicant enlisted in the 10th Battalion and was wounded at Gallipoli. He was sent to England as an invalid. He afterwards joined the Royal Garrison Artillery and would shortly be sent to the front again. Mr. Fisher had served three years of his articles, and had attended all the lectures, excepting those of the third term.

The Chief Justice said that the court was satisfied that the case came within the spirit of all previous applications. Service in the trenches had been recognised by the court as equivalent to service in the profession, but an order to that effect had never previously been made. The application would be granted.

Life After the War

Returning to Australia in December 1919, Guy Fisher very soon married English born Alice Squires on the 12 Apr 1920 at St Mary Magdalene Church, Adelaide. He had met her in Cambridge during "May Week". She happened to be the grand-daughter of Sir Charles Todd (of Overland Telegraph fame) and was there assisting in the War effort.

Critic (Adelaide, SA : 1897-1924)

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FISHER—SQUIRES.

St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Moore Street, was the scene of a quiet wedding on April 12, when the marriage of Alice Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Squires, of Cambridge, England, and grand-daughter of the late Sir Charles Todd, to Guy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frances J. Fisher, of "Brighouse," Grange, was celebrated. The Ven. Archdeacon Hornabrook officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Rev. F. G. Masters, of St. Kilda, Melbourne, was charmingly frocked in pale grey georgette, relieved with pale blue, pretty grey hat en suite, with feather of pale blue. Her cousin, Miss Alice Masters, as bridesmaid, was in dainty white net frock over pale blue silk, prettily frilled; a becoming cap of white net with touch of pale blue, and she carried a posy of pale pink roses. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. J. Lindon, as best man. A reception after the ceremony was held at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Charles Todd, Wayville, only relatives being present.

Alice Squires' wedding party [B 69996/72] • Photograph



Portrait of the members of the Alice Squires / Guy Fisher wedding party. The bridesmaid is Alice Masters, the best man Jack Linden (James Homery Linden, surname not easy to decipher, but confirmed by information supplied). ©1920

Shortly after his wedding he was admitted to the Bar (20th April 1920) following the granting of his Final Certificate in Law.

In addition to his Law Practice as a senior partner in the law firm founded by his father (Fisher & Jeffries), Guy continued his enthusiastic interest in sport, playing competitive lawn tennis well into his 50's in veterans tournaments and socially. His involvement in tennis administration was primarily as a State selector for many years.



Representing South Australia in tennis early 1920s

Other Interests

Guy also played social golf following his family long association with the Royal Adelaide Golf Club. He had a successful interest in the "Sport of Kings" and owned thoroughbred horses in partnership with his brother-in-law Edmund Britten Jones who had married his sister Hilda Madeline Fisher (a State Amateur Golf Champion 1921-1929 and a State Tennis Player).

In public life, Guy Fisher was President of the 10th Battalion A.I.F. Club (1938 -1940) and was made the first Life Members of the RSL. He was always had been dedicated to the welfare of less fortunate servicemen and their families. He and his wife were very prominent in the Adelaide social and charity scene with involvement with the Red Cross, Stirling District Hospital, Mothers and Babies Health Association and their place of worship The Church of Epiphany at Crafers. Their home, Pine Hill) at 32 Birch Road Stirling, was the setting for many garden parties and dances for charitable and social occasions.

Guy was not a high profile lawyer in Adelaide as very little is reported in the news of the day concerning his professional activities. It is ironic though that the most publicised legal case of his career concerned him as an unsecured creditor in one of Adelaide's most notable fraud cases. The case involved Harry Hoggetts who was a member of the Adelaide Club and especially well known in SACA cricketing circles for enticing Don Bradman to Adelaide to work in his share broking firm.

from The Australian Dictionary of Biography - H.W. Hodgetts

"H. W. Hodgetts & Co, the share-broking firm was a flourishing business and had many clients in the Adelaide establishment and sporting community. Harry was active on many sporting, educational, religious and charitable bodies, socially prominent and considered to be solidly respectable. Perhaps best known for in 1934 while a member of the Australian cricket board of control, contracting to employ the New South Wales batsman (Sir) Donald Bradman, who agreed to make himself available for the Kensington Club, South Australian and Australian teams.

Company losses from a Broken Hill agent's business failure and from speculation in wheat futures hit Hodgetts heavily. By 1941 additional losses, including those from underwriting the float of Hotel Darwin Ltd, compounded his problems. He borrowed clients' scrip to secure advances and pawned his Adelaide Club debentures, but interest payments and bankers' demands were pressing. From 1942 Federal wartime controls over stock exchange transactions (against which he had lobbied as a committee-member of the exchange) denied him opportunities to trade out of his difficulties.

On 2 June 1945 Hodgetts advised the exchange that he could not meet his commitments; an examination showed his estate deficiency to be £82,854. The collapse shocked Adelaide: the two hundred and thirty-eight unsecured creditors included the solicitor Guy Fisher (£34,567), the test cricketer [Arthur Richardson](#) who lost his life savings, the retired governor-general [Lord Gowrie](#), Bradman and other well-known people.

Hodgetts, once a dapper dresser but now shabbier, with 'iron-grey hair and tired features', pleaded guilty in September to false pretences and fraudulent conversion. Even the funds of the Royal Institution for the Blind, of which he was honorary treasurer, had been misappropriated. The judge found that a 'disastrous combination of embarrassing difficulties' had led him to succumb to temptation. On being sentenced to five years imprisonment, Hodgetts wept.

The State government expedited legislation requiring sharebrokers to establish trust funds, keep proper books and produce audited accounts. Hodgetts's downfall prompted questions about the way in which Bradman immediately set up business on his own account, although he had a seat on the Stock Exchange and was not Hodgetts's partner."

Guy Fisher was immensely proud of his service to the empire in WW1 and also his wide contribution to the community during his lifetime. He was proud to wear his war medals at every opportune occasion.



In 1967, the year before his death, the Australian Government instituted the Gallipoli Lapel Badge, and Guy Fisher requested this as an addition to his WW1 medals which included the 1914/15 Star (Gallipoli Star), British War medal and Victory medal.

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED

Pine Hill,
Mount Lofty,
29th March, 1967.

Date _____

Officer-in-Charge,
Central Army Records Office,
"A" Block,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE.
VICTORIA.

Dear Sir,

I am a Gallipoli veteran and wish to apply for the Gallipoli Lapel Badge, particulars are as follows:

Full name: Guy Fisher,

Address: Pine Hill, Mount Lofty, South Australia.

Regimental No. 33

Unit: 10th Battalion. A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

.....*Guy Fisher*.....

The year before Guy Fisher died he contacted the Australian Army Record Office to apply for his Gallipoli Lapel Badge.

Guy and Alice Fisher had a son and three daughters. The eldest, Francis Robert (Bob) Fisher AO, QC, LLB. became a prominent Adelaide barrister and Federal Court Judge.

Guy Fisher died on the 27th August 1968 and was survived by his wife and four children. Alice passed away in 1970 and both their cremated remains were interred at Centennial Park Cemetery, Pasadena, Adelaide. Memorial Plaques were placed by family members in 1970 in the grounds of the Church of the Epiphany, Crafers.

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