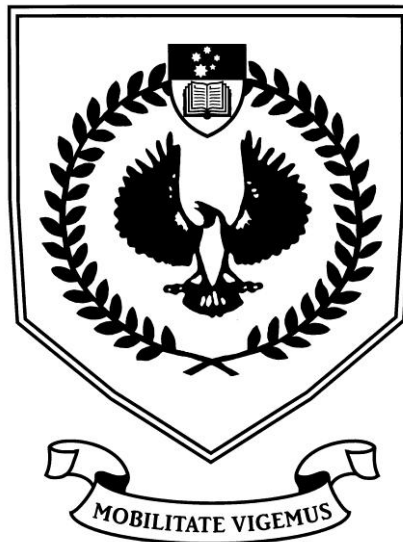




# **Captain Arthur Kyle Gault**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Cricket Club: 1915/1916 B Grade**

**Degree: MB BS (1917)**

## **Background**

***Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.***

***On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.***


***The following documentation relates to the life of Arthur Kyle Gault. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

Service Records

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/scripts/Image.asp?B=4028450>

*Duplicate*

*I certify that this is a true & correct copy of the original*

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

*(Name from C.C.)*

No. 134 Name <sup>GAULT</sup> Gault Arthur Kyle  
 Unit B Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance  
 Joined on Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1914

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**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>Gault Arthur Kyle</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of <u>Mitcham</u> in or near the Town of <u>Adelaide</u> in the County of <u>South Australia</u>
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>20 years 1 month</u>
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Medical Student</u>
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?	6. <u>No</u>
7. Are you married?	7. <u>No</u>
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)	8. <u>Arthur Henry Gault</u> <u>Loxton, Mitcham S.A.</u>
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?	9. <u>No</u>
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy?	10. <u>No</u>
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserves, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge.	11. <u>Army Medical Corps</u> <u>2 years 2 months</u>
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	12. <u>Yes</u>
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	13. <u>No</u>
14. (For married men 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?	14. _____

APPLICATION FOR WAR SERVICE LEAVE (SEAFORTHY MEMES)

APR 16 1918

A/c. No. 22311

3. Arthur Kyle Gault 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 Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1914 (Sd) Arthur Kyle Gault  
*Arthur Kyle Gault* Signature of person enlisting.

\*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Medical Officer

Returned from Australia  
With Army No 146  
Ex 146 2. 10. 17  
Ordn. Reg. No 146  
Brd. 146

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. Capt. Name GAULT Arthur Kyle  
Unit A.A.M.C  
Joined on 20th July 1917

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment

1. What is your Name? ... Arthur Kyle Gault
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... in or near the Town of Witcham in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—if the latter, papers to be shown.) ... British Born HTAO
4. What is your Age? ... 23 years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Medical Practitioner
6. Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ...
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father, B. ARTHUR HENRY GAULT, Lower Mitcham, South Australia
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with ignominy, or as Incoercible 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
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of Discharge ... 10 1/2 years A.I.F. 310 days abroad
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. ~~Have you agreed your widows with children, and widows who are the sole support of the family, under the provisions of the Soldiers' Wives' Allowance Act, 1915? Do you understand that the said Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 8/- per day?~~ ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

Arthur Kyle Gault 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 accept 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

Dat 20. 7. 17. AKyle Gault  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* This Clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 15 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

JOR no. 196/7/67  
20/7/17

C.M. Form A. 22  
(Revised 1.7.14.)

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the A.I.F.

DEFENCE  
20/3/503  
A. I. F.

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... Other names (in full)	<b>GAULT</b> ARTHUR KYLE
2.	Educational Qualifications ... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	M.B. B.S. (Adelaide)
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-pars. of C.M. Regulation 82.) Present rank and corps to be stated.</small>	1 year 107 days A.I.F. } 300 days abroad } Capt AMC Reserve
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	
5.	Present Civil Employment	Medical Practitioner
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: July 10 <sup>th</sup> 1894 Age: 23 Years — Months
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	British GAZETTED G. of A. GAZETTE. No 155 of 13.9.17
8.	Married or Single	Single
9.	Postal Address ...	Lower Mitcham S. Aus. Battalion Area.
10.	Next of Kin	Father, Capt Gault Lower Mitcham

M. P. Mitchell

Date: 20/7/17 (Signature of Applicant) Arthur Kyle Gault

**Notes**—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 Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," 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, Edward Arnold do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5ft 11 1/2 in Weight 12 st 10  
Chest Measurement 34 3/4 Eyesight 4/4

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer: Edward Arnold Capt AMC

**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 CAPTAIN AMC A.I.F. in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
- (a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or  
(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.  
(c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to AMC A.I.F. Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.  
H. H. S. Russell LIEUT. COLONEL

Date: 20 JUL 1917 Commanding PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER, 4TH. M. O. (Capt. in Corps)

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**

Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date: 20 JUL 1917 Brig-General  
Military District

† Sub-pars. not applicable to be struck out.

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Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station M. A. G. Co. Woodhull

Date 6 July 15

- 1. Unit 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Amb
- 2. Regimental No. 134
- 3. Rank Pfc.
- 4. Name Gault A. K.

- 5. Age last birthday 20 years
- 6. Enlisted { on 19 August 1414.  
at Adelanti
- 7. Former Trade or Occupation { Medical Student

8. Disability.

Bullet wound of jaw

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to general disease.

- 9. Date of origin of disability. 19 June 1915
- 10. Place of origin of disability. Gaba Ichi. Gallipoli

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

Gunby wound Half an inch below  
the outer side of R angle of mouth  
Bullet hits deeply near neighbors  
have probably in tongue muscles,  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> R. molars & lower jaw  
fractured.

12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of this disability.

Active service

(b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).

Bullet wound

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

Enter wound has healed -  
Jaw has is uniting in good position  
Still has a good deal of stiffness of neck

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused

- (a) In action? *yes no yes?*
- (b) On field service? *yes*
- (c) On duty? *no*
- (d) Off duty? *yes*

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

*no*

- If so—(a) When? *not applicable*
- (b) Where? *not applicable*
- (c) Opinion? *not applicable*

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

*no*

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

*not applicable*

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service?

*The result of a wound directly attributable to active service*

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharged as permanently unfit, or *(a) no*
- (b) Change to ~~England~~ *Australia* *(b) yes*

*J. Maynard Fisher*  
Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, *except*

Station *Helioptis, Egypt*

*Ramsay Smith*  
Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date *7/7/15*

LIEUT. COLONEL

\* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause. G.S. First Australian General Hospital

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

## Opinion of the Medical Board.

**Notes.**—(i.) Clear and decisive answers to the following questions are to be carefully filed in by the Board, as, in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.

(ii.) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

(iii.) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) climate, or (c) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to differentiate between them (see Articles 1162 and 1165, Pay Warrant, 1918).

(iv.) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.

(v.) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

20. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i.) active service, (ii.) climate, or (iii.) ordinary military service.

Active Service.

(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

Bullet wound.

21. Has the disability been aggravated by

(a) Intemperance?

no

(b) Misconduct?

no

22. Is the disability permanent?

no

23. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration?

Four months.

To be stated in months.

24. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

3/4

In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , or total incapacity.

24a. Is the man suffering from a disability which would obviously, as far as you can judge, cause him to be rejected by an Approved Society under the National Health Insurance Act?

Yes.

25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

Not advised.

26. Do the Board recommend

(a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or

(b) Change to England?

change to Australia.

Signatures:—

H.R. Maclean Major President.

Station 1. B. F. Z. Felioopolis

F. J. Whartland Capt. Members.

Date 7. 7. 15

L. Hayward Capt.

Approved.

Station Cairo

[Signature]  
Administrative Medical Officer.

Date 10 JUL 1915

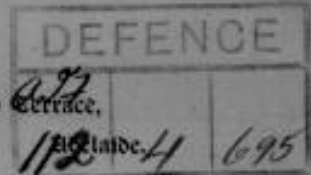
Lieut Colonel  
A. D. M. S. Australian Force





8 NORTH TERRACE—10.30 TO 11.30 A.M. OR BY APPOINTMENT.  
SUNDAYS EXCEPTED. TELEPHONE 1441.

PRIVATE RESIDENCE, LOWER MITCHAM—  
1.30 TO 3 P.M. TELEPHONE 437.  
7 TO 8 P.M.



W9624  
7/15/15

11/17 August 2, 1915.

The Minister of Defence

Dear Sir

My son's name appeared in the Casualty list, and to-day we received a cable from him saying that he was better and leaving the Hospital (Heliopolis). We would like to know whether he is going back to the Front or not, and would be glad if you could furnish us with the information.

Pte. A. H. Gault No. 134

B Section

3rd. Field Ambulance

I am yours truly

(Dr.) A. H. Gault

My son is a fourth year medical student. It is reported that fourth year students of a year's standing in the Military will receive a commission as Lieutenant, is this so? It is also said that the authorities are going to send back all 4th and 5th year's students to complete their curriculum.



FORMAL ACK.  
SENT 6/15/15

Transferred to

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9624

DISCHARGED SECTION

Service with *1st Australian General Hospital*

No. *104*

Rank *Private* Name *Gault A. K.*

Unit *3rd Field Ambulance 'B' Section*

Causality *Wounded, gunshot wound, jaw, admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital Singapore 30/8/15. O/C 1st A.H. - 1772 Dated 27/16*

Misc. No. *Wounded No 6 6557/522 4/1/15*

DATE	FORM B. 102. (continued)	PURPOSE	REF. No.
6.7.15	A. H. Gault asking Rick or wounded		
10.7.15	list of him advised		
2/8/15	A.O.R. received letter asking books & asks if returning		
13/8/15	in foreign line		
19.8.15	Reply sent to letter of 2/8/15.		751/15
22.8.15	A.O.R. asking when returning to A.S.		
26/8/15	Letter from Rick in Paris tomorrow		
20/8/15	A. H. Gault asking repeat time & Boat. The above will have		
	1/16 Discharge for 7th Aust Gen Hospital		
	Received 2nd A.H. Hospital 30/8/15		
	Case 30/15		
18.1.16	copy made for War Office		
3.12.15	Discharged		

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF  
LEAGUE SERVICE MEDAL  
APR 10 1929  
A.O. No. 323/15

WAR HISTORY INDEX  
...CX



LIST 63  
G.O. 100. 100. 100.

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Captain

Transferred to

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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name GAULT. A.K.

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Casualty \_\_\_\_\_

MORE THAN  
ONE PERIOD OF SERVICE  
SEE BELOW

A 1314/pt Gault Arthur Kyle 5th Amb.  
 B Captain Gault. A. H. A.M.C.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PURPOSE \_\_\_\_\_



ITD

Description of Gault Arthur Kyle on Enlistment.

Age 20 years 1 months  
Height 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight 155 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 37 inches  
Complexion Dark  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination Methodist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

*Vacc. 1 left arm*  
*1 Scar Right Leg inside*



Arthur Kyle GAULT

Regimental number	134
Place of birth	Mitcham South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Medical student
Address	c/o A H Gault, Lower Mitcham, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Father, A H Gault, Lower Mitcham, South Australia
Enlistment date	19 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	3rd Field Ambulance, B Squadron
AWM Embarkation Roll number	26/46/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board Transport A7 <i>Medic</i> on 20 October 1914
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Medical Corps
Fate	Returned to Australia 31 October 1917
Other details	Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

### GAULT, Arthur Kyle




Service No: 134  
Private  
3rd Field Ambulance

#### REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Born: 10 July 1894 at Mitcham  
Son of Dr. Arthur Henry & Mary Rebecca GAULT nee SCOTT  
Occupation prior to enlisting: Medical Student  
Enlisted: 19 August 1914  
Embarkation: 2 October 1914  
Age: 20 years  
Served in Gallipoli & Egypt  
Wounded 18 June 1915  
Invalided to Australia: 31 July 1915  
Discharged: 3 December 1915 as Medically unfit


Completed Studies  
Received Commission 20 July 1917  
Captain  
Australian Army Medical Corps  
Occupation prior: Medical Practitioner  
Embarkation: 8 August 1917  
Age: 23 years  
Served in England  
Returned to Australia for family reasons  
Appointment Terminated: 13 August 1918  
Died: 1955

Courtesy of Douglas Paterson  
Researching Prince Alfred College WWI Soldiers



## RSL VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL

### GAULT, Arthur Kyle



S13692

**Personal Details**

**Service Number:** 134  
**Enlisted:** *Not yet discovered*  
**Last Rank:** Captain  
**Last Unit:** Medical Officers  
**Born:** Mitcham, South Australia, 10 July 1894  
**Home Town:** Mitcham, Mitcham, South Australia  
**Schooling:** University of Adelaide  
**Occupation:** Medical Practitioner  
**Died:** Ruptured aneurysm, Mitcham, South Australia, 7 April 1955  
aged 60 years  
**Cemetery:** AIF Cemetery, West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide  
**Memorials:** University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll Mitchell Bldg\*

**Service History**

#### World War 1 Service

20 Oct 1914: **Embarked** Private, SN 134, 3rd Field Ambulance,  
HMAT Medic, Adelaide  
20 Oct 1914: **Involvement** Private, SN 134, 3rd Field Ambulance  
8 Aug 1917: **Involvement** Captain, Medical Officers  
8 Aug 1917: **Embarked** Captain, Medical Officers, HMAT Anchises,  
Sydney

## 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.

### GAULT Arthur Kyle

MB BS

1894 - 1955



Arthur Kyle Gault was born on July 10th 1894 at Mitcham South Australia. He was the son of Dr Arthur Henry Gault (1864-1917) and Mary, nee Steele. Gault's father arrived in Mitcham in 1888, aged 24, and carried out his practice from a house called "Ardmeen" on Unley Road which had five acres of gardens, a tennis court, milking cow, chickens and horse stables. It is now better known as "Lenzerheide", a popular restaurant. Gault was educated at Prince Alfred College and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide where he enjoyed lacrosse and tennis

Gault enlisted in the AIF at Morphettville on the 19th August 1914 as a 4th year Medical Student. He had previous experience of 2 years in the AMC reserve. He was 20 years of age, 5ft10ins, weighed 155lbs, of dark complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. Gault was attached to "B" Section 3 FdAmb. He went with the unit to Gallipoli where he suffered a gunshot wound to the lower jaw on 1st June 1915 at Gaba Tepe. He was admitted to 1 AGH at Heliopolis and was repatriated to Australia on 28th July 1915 weighing only 62 lbs. According to family records his return to Australia was expedited by Professor Archibald Watson. It was deemed by the Military Medical Board on the 30th November 1915 that he was permanently unfit for Military Service. He was refused a military pension and he resumed his medical studies at the University of Adelaide. However after his graduation in July 1917, Gault enlisted again as a captain in the AAMC having completed 1 year and 107 days in the AIF of which 310 days were in overseas service. He now was deemed fit for re-enlistment. He embarked

for Liverpool from Sydney 8th August 1917. He served as an MO in 2 Com Depot in Weymouth and was taken off strength in October when he requested and was granted leave to return to Australia because of the sudden death of his father. He returned to the 4th MD after Transport Duty with his appointment terminated on the 13th August 1918. Gault was issued with the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Gault took over his father's practice and in 1921 he married Ruth Hawker of Bungaree Station, Clare. His marriage to Ruth ended in divorce and he later married Evelyn. He retired suddenly in 1950. He left his assistant Dr. Ken Crafter in charge after his retirement. The practice grew to include 5 doctors, and became known as the Sturt Clinic. Eventually the practice moved into a new building next door. It was renamed "The Crafter Medical Centre in honour of Dr. Crafter". Arthur Kyle Gault died on 7th April 1955 of a ruptured aneurysm and was cremated at West Terrace Cemetery and laid to rest with his parents in Mitcham Cemetery. He was survived by his former wife Ruth Marjorie Hawker and three children Richard, Yolanda and Avril. On the corner of Belair and Angus Roads, Memorial Gardens, Hawthorn stands a "DR. A. KYLE GAULT MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN DONATED BY CITIZENS OF MITCHAM 1957."

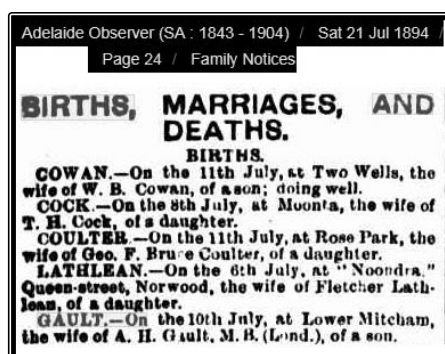
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Photo: AWM, 16073.  
Ramsey AL., Gault Family History publication, Ch2.

## Additional Biography

### Early Life

Arthur Kyle Gaunt was born 10 July 1894 at Mitcham, SA. the son of Dr Arthur Henry Gault (1864-1917) and Mary Rebecca (nee Scott) of Lower Mitcham, SA. To avoid confusion with his father he was commonly referred to as Kyle.



Kyle's father Arthur Henry Gault was born in December 1864 in Manchester, England and like his father before him had qualified as a doctor. He gained his qualification in Manchester and then undertook specialist training in London before migrating to Australia in 1888. He married Mary Rebecca Scott on 8 May 1890 in Adelaide, South Australia. He returned to London and gained his M.D. in 1900. The Gault's had four children, a son Kyle and three daughters Estelle, Maisie and Freda. The Highly respected Dr Arthur Henry Gaunt died on 28 August 1917 in Adelaide, South Australia, at the age of 52. (*See Obituary Appendix 1*)

### Education

Kyle was educated at Price Alfred College (PAC) where in 1906 he received an award for "General Proficiency" in 3rd Form. He completed his Junior Public Examinations in 1908 and 1909, Senior Public Examinations in 1910, Higher Public Exams in 1911 and was awarded the Malpas Scholarship. While at PAC he competed in Athletics. He then enrolled to studied medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1912. He completed his third year, however his study was interrupted when he enlisted in August 1914 and embarked for oversease in October. He served until being wounded at Gallipoli in June 1915 and repatriated back to Australia. After returning from overseas he completed his course and graduated MB BS in 1917.

His three sisters also attended Adelaide University - Estelle (BSc 1914, MBBS 1919), Maisie (BA 1921) and Freda (BA 1931)

### Adelaide University Sport

Kyle Gaunt was an active sportsman while at Adelaide University and at various times played cricket, lacrosse and also rowed for the boat club.

#### **Cricket**

Adelaide University Cricket Club – 1915/1916. Kyle played B Grade after returning from overseas. There is no indication that he had played before enlisting. The SACA competition was unofficial at the time after most cricket clubs had a large number of players serving overseas.

#### **Other Sports**

Lacrosse - Kyle's main sport was lacrosse and was a member of the B Grade Premiership team in 1912. After the War, although a Graduate, he returned to the AULC and played in the 1919 and 1920 Intervarsity matches. He was awarded a Lacrosse Blue in 1919.

Adelaide University Lacrosse Club - B Grade Premiers 1912



A.K. Gault - back row second from left (A W Morey's hand on his shoulder)

1919 Intersarsity



Back row: C.G. Evans (emerg.), L. Wilson, D.A. Dowling, H.M. Fisher, J.L. McGee, H.N. Rees, R. Walmsley (emerg.) Front: H.R. Othams, R.T. Grant, H.K. Pavy (capt), N.R. Bennett, A.K. Gault, K.J. Healy. Held in Melbourne, won by Melbourne 8-5



## 1920 Intersivity



Back: L.M.S.Hargrave, B.G.Johnston, G.H.Howard, G.E.Jose, H.M.Rees. Front: D.A.Dowling, K.J.Healy, A.K.Gault (vice capt), H.K.Pavy  
E.W.J.Millhouse, G.Pavy. Held in Adelaide, won by Adelaide 6-5. Opponents not stated.

### Rowing

Kyle's main summer sport before his enlistment was rowing.

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### SPORTING NEWS.

#### FORRESTER FOURS.

**Manum R.C.—B. Nichols, J. Larritt, B. Laffan,  
A. Peterson (stroke).**  
**Murray Bridge R.C.—V. L. Molloy, W. L.  
Wynne, B. B. Penny, V. Bartlett (stroke).**  
**Mercantile R.C.—J. J. Medley, A. Duryea, E. C.  
Lockwood, A. W. G. Smith (stroke).**  
**Adelaide University B.C. (No. 1)—A. K. Gault, S.  
O. Neill, H. W. B. Cairns, J. A. Love (stroke).**  
**Adelaide University B. C. (No. 2)—H. W. Nisbet.**

**The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)**

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### SPORTSMEN FOR THE FRONT.

—Patriotic Oarsmen.—

**University Club.—A. W. Morey (lieu-  
tenant 11th Royal Scots), D. A. Dowling  
(A.M.C.), C. E. Bagot (Light Horse), L.  
C. E. Lindon (Infantry), C. T. Madigan  
(Royal Engineers), P. C. A. Fornachon  
(Light Horse), W. W. Cooper (Royal En-  
gineers), Dr. J. H. Muirhead (A.M.C.), L.  
M. Gellert (3rd Light Horse), A. K. Gault  
(A.M.C.), L. R. Hylton (9th Light Horse),  
C. Bleechmore (9th Light Horse), A. B.  
Holl (10th Infantry), G. de Q. Robin (10th  
Infantry), J. M. Sinclair (10th Infantry),  
P. T. Smith (9th Light Horse), R. Bonner  
(9th Light Horse).**

## Athletics

He participated in the Adelaide University Athletics Carnival in June 1913 and finished 2nd in the Hammer Throw.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924) / Thu 26 Jun 1913 / Page 7

### UNIVERSITY SPORTS

#### ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

The annual sports meeting of the Adelaide University Sports Association was held yesterday afternoon at the University Oval. There was a large attendance of students and their friends, and the sports were well contested. The Governor and Miss Bosanquet were interested spectators.

Much excitement was shown in the competition for the cup. Messrs. I. B. Pender, E. D. Meldrum, and R. Pender were entrants in this contest, and each strenuously endeavored to win. I. B. Pender, however, was successful in carrying off the prize. He obtained the highest points in four contests, namely, 100 yards, 200 yards hurdles, broad jump, and 440 yards flat, and second place in the broad jump. Meldrum obtained second place in the first four events mentioned. R. Pender obtained third place. The cup was awarded on points—14, 8, and 3 being secured by the first, second, and third men. I. B. Pender was also the winner of the cup in 1912.

The various events on the programme resulted as under:—One-mile Handicap.—R. I. J. Grant (170 yds.), 1; D. R. Wallman (150 yds.), 2. Time, 4m. 29s. Shot Put.—V. S. Abbott, 32 ft. 9½ in. 100 Yards Champion.—M. Badger, 1; I. B. Pender, 2. Time, 10 4-5s. 220 Yards Flat.—M. Badger (scr.), 1; H. C. Thrush (10 yds.), 2. Time, 24 3-5s. One-mile Walk.—Stephens (60 yds.), 1; Blackburn (60 yds.), 2. Time, 8m. 51s. 120 Yards Hurdle Race.—Pender (5 yds. behind scr.), 1; N. B. Stevens (5 yds.), 2. Time, 16 3-5s. 820 Yards Handicap.—P. C. Spouse (90 yds.), 1; L. Pender (80 yds.), 2. Time, 1m. 57 4-5s. High Jump.—A. G. Moyes, 5 ft. 8 in. (6 in.), 1; R. Pender, 5 ft. 4 7-8 in.; 2. 75 Yards Handicap.—F. N. Le Messurier (4 yds.), 1; W. J. Close (7 yds.), 2. Time, 8s. Running Broad Jump.—I. B. Pender, 20 ft. 5½ in., 1; F. N. Le Messurier, 20 ft. 5¼ in. (6 in. handicap). 155 Yards Handicap.—Badger (2 yds.), 1; Black (40 yds.), 2. Time, 14s. 440 Yards Handicap.—Pender (scr.), 1; Verco (20 yds.), 2. Time, 52 1-5s. Mile Championship.—Strachan, 1; Othams, 2. Time, 4m. 47s. 120 Yards Hurdle Race.—Pender (20 yds. behind scratch), 1; Stevens (8 yds. behind scratch), 2. Time, 18 4-5s. Throwing the Hammer.—R. Pender (8 ft.), 1; A. K. Gault (8 ft.), 2; Distance, 67 ft. 440 Yards Hurdles.—Veitz (50 yds.), 1; R. Pender (50 yds.), 2. Time, 1m.

## Gault's Sporting Sisters for Adelaide University

All three of Kyle's sisters played tennis and hockey while completing their studies at Adelaide University.

### 1914 Intervarsity (Estelle - Blue 1914)



back row: R.E.Simon, E.M.Menz, E.H.Ayliffe, F.M.Gooding, unknown. middle row: unknown, E.R.Gault, M.M.Kimberley, M.F.Proud, H.B.M.Walter. front: R.M.Miller, K.L.Proud. held in Melbourne, won by Melbourne

### 1920 Intersivity (Maisie - Blue 1916)



Back: J.Leslie, A.Ingleby, R.Millar, M.Gault, O.Cope, J.Daw. Front: V.Macghey (vice capt), V.Stoate, A.Berriman (capt), P.Coulthard, J.Fairey.  
Held in Melbourne, won by Melbourne.

### 1930 Intersivity (Freda)



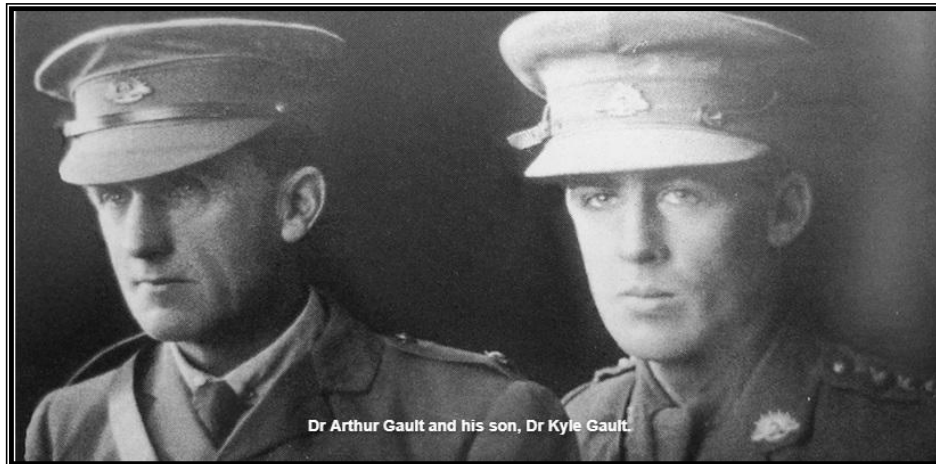
back row: S.V.Morris, P.S.Taylor, M.A.Butler, P.S.Richardson, R.Sims, F.B.Cleland.  
Front row: H.W.Fletcher, H.I.Morris, F.S.Gault (capt), E.S.Wannan, J.C.Pellew

Held in Adelaide Won by Adelaide

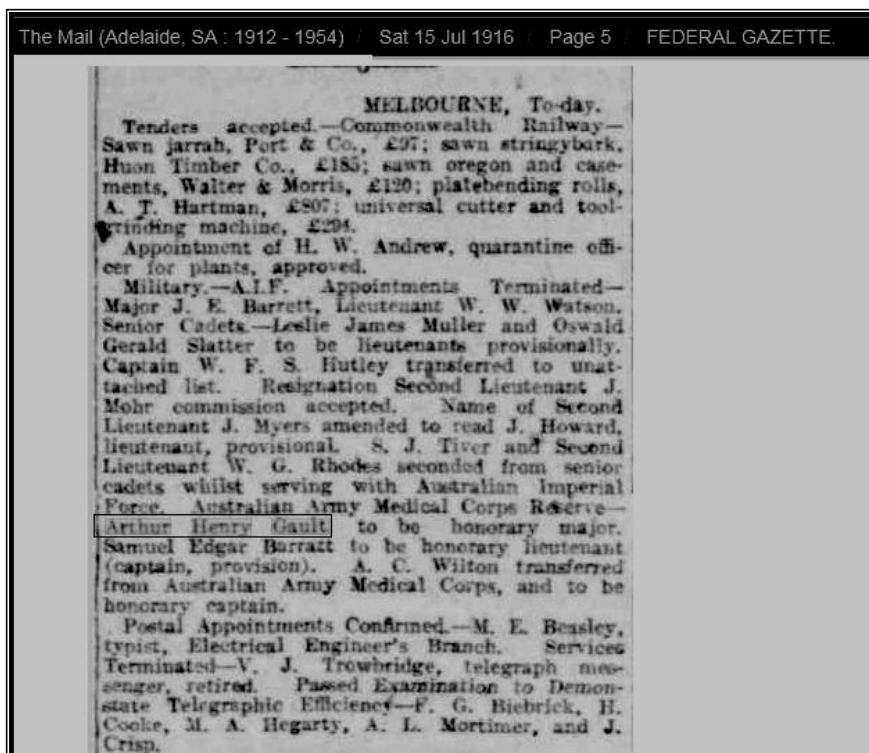
## World War I

Kyle's War service is well documented in the earlier sections of this document. Full access to his War Service records can be viewed from the following link.

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp?B=4028450>



*Kyle (left) with his father Major Arthur Gault (AAMC Reserve)*



## Professional Career

After his discharge from the AIF, Arthur went to work at his late father's, eventually taking over the practice in 1921. He continued there until his retirement in 1950. ***(See Appendix 2 for more on the Dr's Gault in Mitcham and the history of the Crafter Medical Centre)***

## Controversy

In 1938 Kyle was arrested, along with two women with "*conspiracy to procure a certain result on the young woman*". Newspaper reporting of the time was deliberately vague what this all meant but he was known for providing unofficial abortions. All three were eventually acquitted by Justice Mellis Napier.

## ALLEGED CONSPIRACY FOR ILLEGAL ACT

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

**DR. Arthur Kyle Gault, who with two women is charged with conspiracy to procure a certain event on Clarice Amy Adams, read a statement from the Criminal Court dock today.**

In the statement Gault said that he qualified in 1917, and from his experience at the Queen's Home for many years and a fairly large general practice he had acquired a considerable knowledge of women's complaints.

The accused are Arthur Kyle Gault (59), of Unley road, Lower Mitcham, medical practitioner; Mary Pahl (64), of Lambeth walk, King's Park; and Monica Grigg (45), of Mackinnon parade, Lower North Adelaide. They are charged with having at King's Park between May 11 and May 16 conspired together to procure a certain unlawful event on Clarice Amy Adams.

Each accused has pleaded not guilty. Mr. Justice Napier presided, and Mr.



MR. JUSTICE NAPIER

H. R. Chamberlain (Crown Prosecutor) conducted the Crown case. Mr. Eric Millhouse appeared for Gault, Mr. Harry Alderman, with Mr. J. F. Brazel for Pahl, and Mr. C. J. Phileox, with Mr. L. B. Mathews, for Grigg.

The first he knew about the matter which had resulted in the charge, said Gault, was when Nurse Grigg telephoned him on the Sunday evening at his home. She asked him to examine a patient at the Martini Hospital the following morning. He had known Nurse Grigg since about 1922, although he had not seen anything of her from then until a couple of years ago, when he met her at another hospital.

### MANY PATIENTS

During the past two years he had attended and treated various patients for her, Gault said. They had been for various complaints and at different hospitals, such as Parkwynd and the Memorial. He understood that she also sent patients to other doctors.

At the Martini Hospital on the Monday morning Nurse Grigg told him the girl had been irregular and should be examined. He gave her an anaesthetic as it was possible to examine much better that way than without.

He found that the girl had a minor displacement, which he corrected. He did not think she was in a certain condition. Having completed his treatment he left her, as he knew she was in capable hands. Had she been in such a condition and he had desired to perform an illegal operation he could easily have done so.

The next he knew of the matter was when he saw Det.-Sgt. Walters at the hospital. The girl Adams was there. He did not recognise her, but came to the conclusion that she was the girl he had seen on the Monday morning.

When Det. Walters said: "Did you operate on her?" he replied: "Yes, but I did nothing to be ashamed of." Miss Curtis said: "Nothing to be ashamed of; what do you mean?" He replied: "I did not do an illegal operation if that is what you infer."

### TALK WITH DETECTIVE

Continuing his statement from the dock Gault said that he asked Det. Walters to go outside because he was afraid of the effect of the interview on Nurse Pahl, who, he knew, had a very weak heart. He did not say to Walters that he knew he had done wrong or that he should not have had anything to do with her. Nor did he say: "Can you overlook it this time?"

What he did say to the detective, Gault said, was to ask him whether it was necessary to go on with the matter. He knew there could be no evidence that he had done anything unlawful, and he was afraid of the publicity. Det. Walters must have drawn a wrong inference.

He also told the detective that he had not done anything that any other doctor in Adelaide would not have done. Gault denied that he said anything about doing harm, nor did he say that the girl had been brought there for an illegal operation.

He did not intend to say anything to the detective that would lead him to believe that anything unlawful had been done.

### USUAL FEE

When he went back to the dining-room with Det. Walters the latter did not say to Miss Curtis that he (Gault) had admitted that the girl had been brought to the hospital for an illegal operation.

He received £1 4s for what he had done, which was quite a usual fee for an internal examination and treatment. He did ask Det. Walters whether he considered that he should go on with the case, and he replied that he would have to report the matter to his chief.

Gault said that he had attended other patients at the Martini Hospital, but not for the purpose of doing anything illegal.

There was no agreement between Grigg and himself, or with Pahl, that an illegal operation should be performed. He was not guilty.

Pahl and Grigg also denied the accusations.

The hearing was adjourned and the three accused were remanded on bail.

## Marriage and Family

Kyle married Ruth Hawker on 28 July 1921. Parts of Ruth's family were early settlers of the colony arriving in South Australia in 1840 although Ruth and her immediate family did come to Australia until after 1906.

Taken from: *The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) Saturday 6 August 1921 p 8 Article*

### A COUNTRY WEDDING.

#### GAULT - HAWKE

The little country church on the estate of Mr. R. M. Hawker, the old head station of Bungaree was the scene of a bright and charming wedding on Thursday, July 28.

The bride was **Ruth**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hawker, and the bridegroom **Dr. Kyle Gault**, son of the late Dr. A. H. Gault.

Being so far from town the assembled guests were mostly only near relations, but there were a few intimate friends present also.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. S. J. Bloyd.

It was indeed a happily chosen month for such a celebration, for the sun shone brightly and the air was fresh, and fragrant with the wealth of golden wattle that adorned the gates of the church drive, for wattle was the predominating note in the decorations in the church and in the path of the bridal pair as they returned from the ceremony.

The bride herself bore out this happy note of colour in her grace ful dress.

Soft white satin was the foundation, veiled in white georgette, with a handsome panel of gold and white brocade, and her exquisite train of Limerick lace was lined with palest yellow.

Her tulle veil, which fell to the full length of the train, was confined by a narrow band of gold ribbon, and caught at the sides by circlet of orange blossom.

She wore a pearl and emerald brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of white cyclamen.

A deeper tone was observed in the frocks of the bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Murray, and the tiny train bearer, Miss Phillipa McFarlane.

Miss Murray's frock was of maize georgette, with picture hat ensuite, with trailing ribbons of pastel shades, her pretty bouquet being yellow roses and maidenhair. Miss McFarlane bore the bride's train in a dainty little picture frock of yellow with white fichu, and black velvet hat with posies of blue and yellow forget-me-nots. Her black sandal shoes and white socks and lace mittens completed this picturesque little costume.

The bridegroom was ably supported by Mr. John Creswell.

After the wedding the guests were entertained at Anama, the country home of the bride's parents.

After the reception in the drawing room the company admired the many handsome presents displayed there, amongst which was particularly noted a beautiful silver tea service, with an inscription which testified to the popularity of the bride with all her father's employees.

The bride's going-away dress was a smartly tailored costume in navy blue, with fawn motoring toque embroidered in mauve and rose, and draped with long blue veil.

Mrs. Walter Hawker, the mother of the bride, wore a fawn costume with georgette vest embroidered in pale pink and blue and hat of fawn panne velvet with feather trimming.

Mrs. A. K. Gault, mother of the bridegroom, wore a grey tailored costume with black hat adorned with black ostrich feather; and Miss Gault, sister of the bridegroom, wore a navy-coat frock with henna embroidery and toque ensuite.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hawker, Mr and Mrs Michael Hawker, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hawker, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Hawker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McFarlane, Mrs. Percival Stow, Mrs. Christison, Misses Catherine, Liliast and Isabel Hawker, Miss Seymour, Mr. John Hawker.

Kyle and Ruth Gault had three children Richard born in 1922; Yolande born in 1924 and Avril born in 1927.

Kyle was a keen golfer and in 1927 (home Club - Kooyonga) went with a group of Adelaide players to Port Pirie.

Recorder (Port Pirie, SA : 1919 - 1954)  
 Tue 26 Apr 1927 / Page 3

**GOLF.**

**Visit of Adelaide Players.**

**PORT PIRIE WIN**

By "Arch Colonel."

During the week-end a match was played between Mr R. V. Thomas' team of Adelaide golfers and a team from the local club. The Adelaide players were Dr H. C. Nott, Dr C. Gurner, Dr. Kyle Gault, and Messrs Ron Thomas, J. W. Rymill, G. O'Dea, L. V. Pellew and A. B. Moulden.

In July 1930 Kyle took time off to play in the Doctor's Golf Tournament at The Royal Adelaide Golf Club (Seaton).

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) / Thu 3 Jul 1930 / Page 21

# 82 Doctors In Big Golf Tourney

## H. C. NOTT WINS SCRATCH CUP

Scores 78; Brian Swift 79

### DAWSON BEST IN HANDICAP

(BY H. T.)

**MORE** than 80 doctors took part in the annual golf tournament at Seaton last week Dr. H. C. Nott won the scratch cup presented by Dr. H. Swift with 78, Dr. Brian Swift being runner-up with 79.

In the Handicap Cup event, Dr. Dean Dawson, with an 83 less 20, was an easy winner Dr. T. G. Wilson presented the cup for this event.

Dr. Nott played excellent golf, going out in 36, but a 6 on the last green made him 42 home. Dr. Swift, who won the cup last year, also played well, being only one stroke behind.

Dr. Dawson's performance was the most surprising, his 83 being the result of a consistent round. Dr. R. J. Verco, runner-up in the handicap event, was also in surprising form.

A putting competition was won by Dr. K. S. Hetzel with a score of 34 (8)—26. Second prize went to Dr. Rupert Magarey with 35 (8)—27.

A trophy presented by Dr. C. E. C. Wilson for the best score put in by a country player was won by Dr. R. D. Bartrum with 85 (15)—80.

The annual dinner of the British Medical Association was held at the South Australian Hotel in the evening, when the trophies were presented. Scores:—

Dr. Dean Dawson, 83 (20)—63; R. J. Verco, 110 (40)—70; Gordon Craig, 81 (48)—75; D. L. Barlow, 106 (30)—75; A. Britten Jones, 101 (25)—76; H. C. Nott, 78 (1)—77; W. Gillman, 87 (10)—77; W. Hamilton, 97 (20)—77; F. H. Makin, 98 (16)—77; A. L. Tomtevin, 103 (25)—77; E. F. Gastrell, 97 (20)—77; W. A. Pyper, 88 (0)—79; F. N. LeMouurier, 104 (23)—79; L. A. Wilson, 99 (20)—79; B. H. Swift, 79 (scr.)—79; H. M. Jay, 84 (4)—80; R. D. Bartrum, 95 (15)—80; R. L. T. Grant, 120 (40)—80; K. Bolken, 111 (20)—81; R. E. Magarey, 121 (46)—81; R. F. Moore, 82 (1)—81; F. L. Wall, 98 (12)—81; J. G. Slogman, 98 (12)—81; K. K. Hetzel, 117 (35)—82; Sir Henry Newland, 107 (25)—82; T. G. Wilson, 94 (12)—82; C. E. C. Wilson, 95 (12)—83; L. H. Mallen, 91 (8)—83; G. A. Lendon, 86 (2)—83; G. H. R. Black, 102 (12)—84; H. A. McCoy, 104 (20)—84; A. F. Stokes, 101 (18)—85; A. Kyle Gault, 102 (18)—86; W. Sangster, 116 (20)—86; O. M. Moulden, 118 (20)—86; F. J. Douglas, 111 (20)—86; C. F. Drew, 99 (12)—87; G. R. West, 107 (20)—87; R. V. Matters, 109 (22)—87; G. H. Barnell, 99 (12)—87; D. R. W. Cowan, 111 (20)—88; R. H. Pomeroy, 126 (46)—88; G. H. Howard, 114 (25)—89; R. C. Plummer, 115 (25)—90; C. Gurner, 98 (8)—90; I. O. Betts, 120 (35)—91; E. F. West, 117 (25)—92; A. F. Hobbs, 122 (30)—92; R. H. Kalnes, 120 (40)—93; M. Erickson, 117 (25)—92; G. W. Smith, 100 (16)—93; R. A. Haste, 119 (25)—94; J. H. Birch, 120 (25)—95; G. Brown, 120 (30)—100; H. K. Fey, 122 (20)—102; F. W. A. Pousford, 120 (18)—102; J. H. Mulhead, 128 (26)—108; H. F. Shorney, 152 (46)—112; F. S. Meament, 102 (40)—122; A. D. Lampher, 158 (25)—123.



Dr. H. C. Nott.

Another interest of Kyle's was thoroughbred horse racing and was the owner a black filly called "Remarkable"

Dr and Mrs Kyle Gault were also very successful dog breeders of Sealyham and Kerry Blue terriers and regularly exhibited them winning many awards. However in 1932 the family had reported that one of their prize dogs had gone missing from their property in Lower Mitcham.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)  
Thu 15 Dec 1932 / Page 15

### Valuable Dog Missing

A Sealyham terrier dog valued at £60, was stolen or strayed from the home of Dr. A. Kyle Gault, Victoria avenue, Lower Mitcham, on Monday. It is of white color with a dark patch above the eyes, and the hair is cut short on the head and neck.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Thu 26 Sep 1935 / Page 5 / Two Kerry Blue Terriers Will Spend 60 Days on Island

## Two Kerry Blue Terriers Will Spend 60 Days on Island

PAT and Nora had many friends to meet them at No. 2 Quay, Port Adelaide, today when they arrived in the motor ship Stirlingshire after a pleasant voyage from Liverpool. But they were not allowed to set foot on shore, and had to be carried to a launch to convey them to the temporary home on Torrens Island.

Pat and Nora have come to South Australia to pioneer the Kerry blue terrier breed. They have shaggy, blue-grey hair, the body of an airedale (on a smaller scale), and the square jaw of the Irish terrier. They are said to be one of the best utility dogs in the world, and have a reputation for fighting, in spite of their usually docile outlook on life.

The dogs were bought in England by Dr. A. Kyle Gault, of Lower Mitcham, to extend the breed to South Australia. Dr. Gault believes that there is only one other of the breed in the State, and probably Australia.

Pat and Nora will spend 60 days at the quarantine station on Torrens Island before being taken to Dr. Gault's home. A quarantine regulation made it necessary for the dogs to be carried from the ship to the launch, as they were not to set foot in Australia until their quarantine term was served.

A parcel of prize certificates, text books, and pedigrees accompanied Pat and Nora, who come from the finest strain in the United Kingdom.

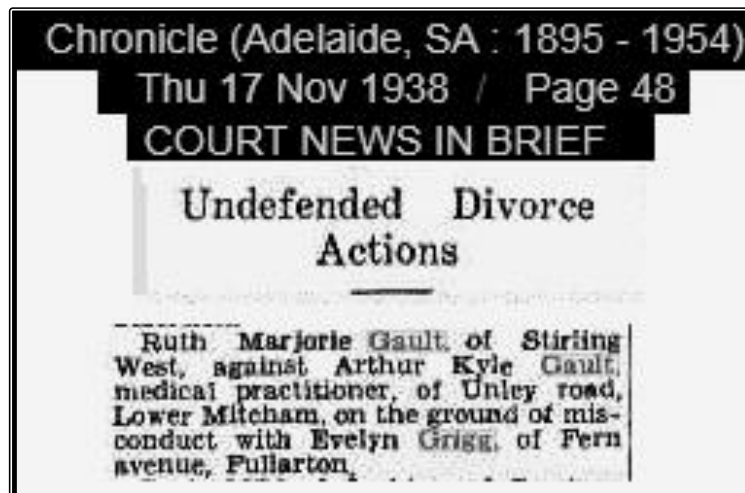
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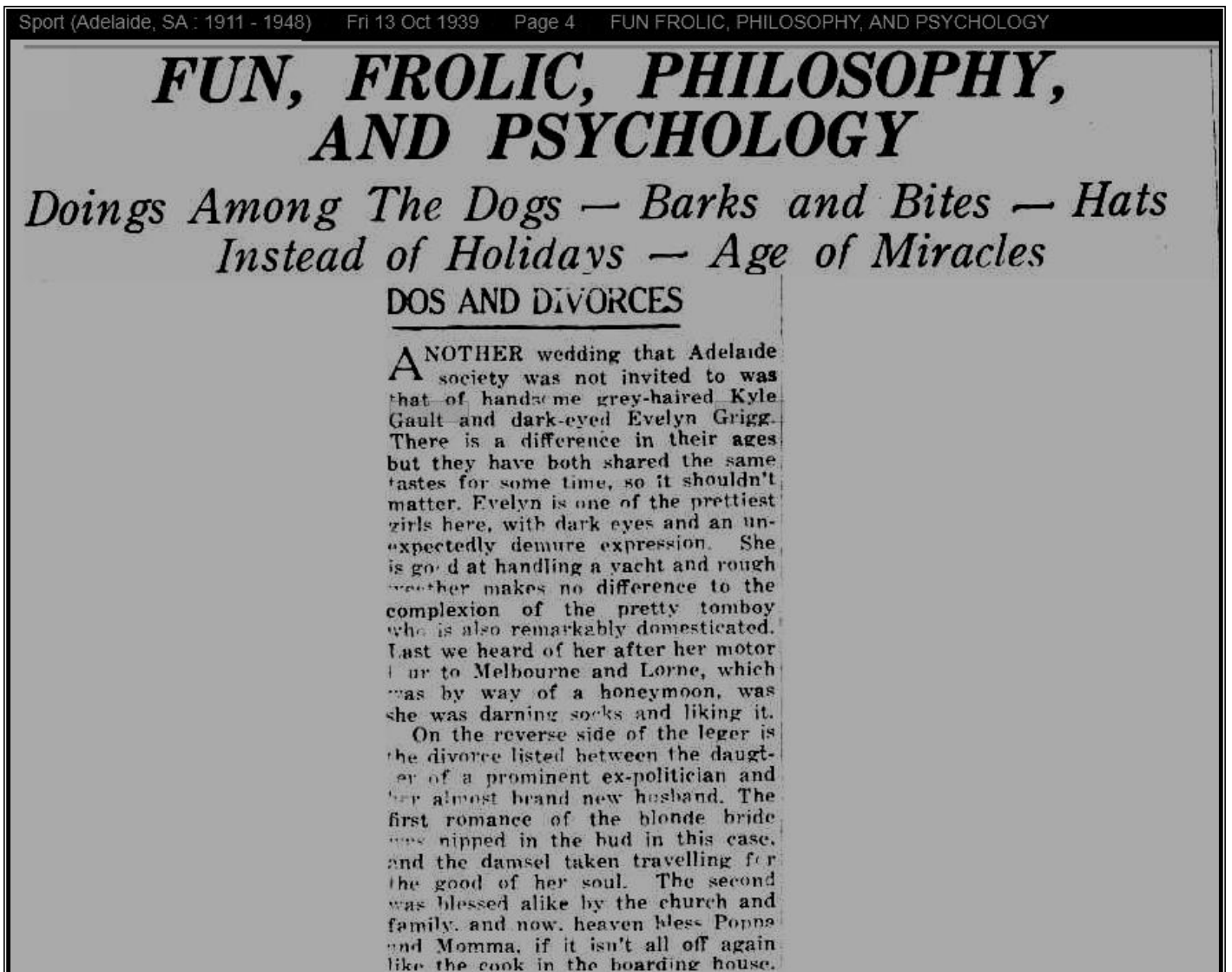
Dr. A. K. GAULT of Lower Mitcham, examining Dunloe-Underbridge Nora and Dunloe-Underbridge Patrick, two Kerry blue terriers, held by Miss E. Grigg. They reached Port Adelaide in the Stirlingshire today, and will have to spend 60 days in quarantine.



Unfortunately after 17 years of marriage, Ruth sued for an “undefended” divorce in November 1938 against Arthur on the grounds of “misconduct with Evelyn Grigg”.



Kyle, now 44 years of age, married his co-respondent the 29 year old Evelyn Grigg in October the following year.



Kyle was also a member of the Royal SA Yacht Squadron with his boat "Warrigal"

## Yacht Squadron's 60-Mile Race

By F.R.D.

It is expected that 12 yachts will compete for the Orontes Cup to be sailed over a course of 60 miles tomorrow. This will be one of the principal events of the Royal SA Yacht Squadron.

The probable starters are:—Nautilus (W. La Verco), M. Celeste (A. Jordan), Ingrid (H. A. Badenoch), Lakatos (W. Ayliffe), Warrigal (Dr. Kyle Gault), Seasalter (M. Warnecke), Nerida (C. P. Haselgrove), Argo (K. Baker and D. O'Malley), Lucretia (T. Hardy), Norallie (G. I. R. Whiting), Wyrana (C. W. Houlgrave), and Vamp (Dr. P. G. L. Hursey).

By 1950 his former wife Ruth was living at Medindie and became an author of several children's books. Their daughter Yolande had moved to Melbourne where she was a medical almoner while the other daughter, Averil had qualified as a physiotherapist in 1949 at the University of Adelaide. Kyle and Ruth's son Richard had attended Queen's College and St Peter's College and at 18 years of age enlisted in the RAAF in WW2 serving for six years. After the War he settled in Papua New Guinea where he set up successful businesses. After retiring in 1993 he returned to Queensland (see Appendix 3)

### WOMAN AUTHORESS.

Miss Ruth Hawker of Anama, was the first grand child of the Hon. G. C. Hawker to be married in St. Michael's, Bungaree, the church built by her grandfather. She was married to Capt. Kyle Gault in 1921. Mrs. Gault has just had two children's books published under her maiden name by the Oxford University Press, Melbourne.

Both books are founded on fact, one an episode of her childhood, the other on life on an Australian sheep station of two English children rescued from the Blitz. The books are called "Treasure at Prince's Point," and "Two New Australians".

Mrs. Gault is busy on a sequel to the latter, one of several the publishers have contracted with her to write this year. Mrs. Gault lives at Medindie. Of her two daughters Yolande is a medical almoner in Melbourne, and Averil, who has just got her physiotherapy diploma at the Adelaide University.





EVIE HAYES (above), star of the long-running musical comedy, "Annie Get Your Gun," was in Adelaide today, staying at the home of Dr and Mrs. A. Kyle Gault, of Lower Mitcham.

She is on her way to Perth for the opening of the show on Easter Monday. After six weeks in Perth the company will re-appear in Adelaide for a fortnight. The cast has just completed a season in Brisbane.

At Dr Gault's home today she made friends with their pet terrier, Chloë.

American entertainer Evie Hayes was a house guest of Dr Kyle Gault in 1950 while appearing in the musical "Annie Get Your Gun". Choosing to reside in Australia she became an early legend of Australian television. (See Appendix 4)

Dr Arthur Kyle Gault over his long professional career performed many community roles including that of honorary surgeon to the Shelter for Girls at Mitcham and was widely respected by his patients and the people of the district. A voluminous number of family notices published in Adelaide's newspapers over more than thirty years at times of joy and sadness are testimony to this. Although somewhat controversially involved in court cases involving probable abortions a more contemporary view of his actions would be perhaps more accepting.

On 7<sup>th</sup> April 1955 Kyle suffered a ruptured aneurysm and died. He was subsequently interred in the AIF Cemetery West Terrace Adelaide.

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## Appendix 1- Obituary for Kyle's father Dr Arthur Henry Gault

### **DR. ARTHUR HENRY GAULT - Physician, Preacher, Patriot.**

Dr. Arthur Henry Gault passed away at his residence, Lower Mitcham, on the afternoon of August 28. He was born at York Place, Manchester, in 1864, and was educated at Alderley Edge School. At the age of thirteen he entered the Manchester Grammar School, subsequently pursued medical studies at Owen's College, Manchester, and took the degrees of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P., and M.B. (London). After a year as house physician in the Manchester Infirmary he obtained the appointment of house surgeon of the infirmary at Ashton-under-Lyne.

He arrived in Adelaide in 1888, took up his residence in Mitcham, where he had lived and practised ever since, and became an active worker in connection with the Church in that suburb. He went to England in 1900, and gained his M.D. (London). Before returning to South Australia he devoted himself to a special study of tuberculosis in all its branches, visiting the chief sanatoria on the Continent and in Great Britain. Later he acquired the site on which he built the Nunyara Sanatorium at Belair, in which institution his specialized knowledge found a successful field. He was one of the senior honorary physicians of the Adelaide Hospital, and had only recently been appointed for a further term of three years. Owing to the shortage of medical men owing to the war, Dr. Gault had an exceptionally busy time; for apart from his own large connection he undertook the work of other practitioners who were on active service. Although he had been in indifferent health it was not until a few days before his death that he took to his bed. The deceased has left a widow, a son and three daughters.

His only son (Captain Kyle Gault), who recently successfully passed his medical examination, and gained the degree of M.B., is on his way to the front. Early in the war he served as a private in the A.M.C. on Gallipoli, where he received a wound, from which he has since recovered.

### **The Rev. C. H. Ingamells' Testimony.**

Dr. Gault has been for many years a most acceptable local preacher in connection with our Church, and held many important offices in connection with the Conference. Among other positions was that of a member of the medical board for the examination of candidates for the ministry and of supernumerary ministers. A kindly and thoroughly liberal man, Dr. Gault always manifested a deep interest in his Church—especially on its spiritual and educational side. He thoroughly understood the "inwardness" of the Church's work, and his devotion and unselfish zeal in its advancement were constantly manifest. The deceased gentleman was connected with the various Conference committees, and felt an especial concern in the activities of the Methodist Ladies' College, giving the committee, of which he was a member, the benefit of his medical and scholastic knowledge, and being an enthusiastic supporter of the institution from its inception.

The Funeral Service. Military honours were accorded the funeral of Surgeon-Major A. H. Gault, on a grey day, Thursday, August 30. A gun-carriage, which conveyed the coffin, was draped with the Union Jack and drawn by six horses, from his late residence, Lower Mitcham, to the Mitcham Cemetery. Before the funeral left the house, a service was conducted by the Revs. C. H. Ingamells and A. R. Edgerley. A firing party was provided from the Mitcham Camp. The funeral was largely attended by ministerial friends, practitioners of the medical profession, of commerce, and of the working classes. There were others to whom the Doctor had ministered in times of affliction. Many floral tributes were sent, and the "cortege" was a 16ng one. At the graveside the Rev. Henry Howard, assisted by the Revs. W. Jeffries and W. J. Walker, conducted an impressive service. The Bounding - of "The Last Post" and the firing of three volleys, concluded the proceedings at the grave.

## **The Rev. Henry Howard's Tribute.**

Mr. Howard, speaking under great emotion, said:— The man whose mortal remains we are laying to rest this afternoon amid the quiet beauty of the scenes he knew and loved so well, was of a singularly retiring and unobtrusive disposition. But though there was nothing of a pushful or aggressive character<sup>^</sup> in his nature, he possessed those sterling qualities which enabled him to win his way upward and prevail and to make for himself an honoured place among the most capable and trusted members of the great profession to which he had consecrated his life. I use the Word "consecrated" in regard to him with its deepest possible connotation, because no man ever took his work more seriously or sacredly as a ministry to which he was called of God and ordained than did Dr. Gault.

Thus it was that the profession and practice of medicine in his hands became a great and solemn trust, to be administered with fidelity, tho he guarded from desecration, and to be conscientiously worked towards the holiest ends. He maintained it the topmost level all those great traditions of the profession which the higher spirits of the medical fraternity delight to honour—traditions which never permit considerations of personal gain to weigh for a single moment against the claims of suffering humanity, but which bring the most advanced skill and the most potent virtues of medicine as swiftly and ungrudgingly to the bedside of the cottage home as to the sick chamber of the wealthiest and noblest of the land. It was this unswerving loyalty to his high calling which ever led him to think of himself last and which has really cost him his life. It is but a fitting thing that he should thus be buried, with full military honours, for he has as truly sacrificed his life for his country as any hero who has perished at the front. Equally fitting is it that he should be laid to rest among the foot-hills that knew him so well, and that now fold to their bosom the human-hearted main who passed through them so often by night and day, in summer heat and winter cold, on his mission of healing and help. Thus, amid the homesteads of the people in whose hearts by his unselfish service he has made for himself an abiding place, we lay the familiar form to rest.

We shall miss him in a thousand ways—his brightness, his buoyancy, his fine sense of humour, all that went to make up his winsome personality, these have passed and left the earth a poorer place in which to live. But how they will miss him in the home circle, so suddenly and sadly bereaved, we dare not think. "When, too, we think of the soldier-son so far away from home, and we gather round the fire-Bide in our homes to-night, with all our loved ones safe about us, shall we not pray that God may take both him and them each by the hand and lead them all along the way they have to go, till by and bye His love shall set them by their dear one's side again! And in this sure and certain hope we leave him in the Father's tender keeping: "Until the trump of God be heard, Until the ancient graves be stirred, And with the great commanding word Our Lord shall come. O blessed hope! with this elate Let not our hearts be desolate, But strong in faith, in patience wait "Until He come!"

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## Appendix 2 - The Doctor's Gault and Crafter Medical Centre Mitcham

(A Ward in the Mitcham Council area is named after the "Doctors Gault")

### Gault Ward



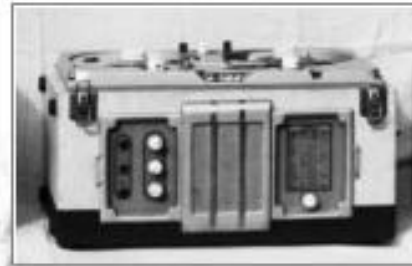
Dr Arthur Gault at the wheel and Dr F Steele-Scott beside him on the 'New Orleans' c1901

#### The Doctors Gault

The ward was named after doctors, (father and son) who were well known all over the district for several generations. Dr Arthur Gault (1864 – 1917) was Health Inspector for Council and established 'Nunyara Sanatorium' in 1902 for consumptive patients. He suffered from animal allergies and when he travelled to England in 1901 imported the first car in the district, a New Orleans. His son Kyle had a number of baby boys named after him in the district even though he swore like a trooper and unofficially carried out abortions. The doctors lived at 'Ardmeen' now the Lenzerheide Restaurant.



Mrs Mary Gault at 'Ardmeen'



Tape recorder and radio receiver built by Ferry at Clapham about 1954



L Foureur demonstrating the making of Apple Cider c1910

JH Foureur and company made aerated waters, cordials, 'non-intoxicating tonics', oils and cider in the Clapham/Lower Mitcham area from 1894 until 1935 when the business was sold to Williams Beverages.

Crafter Medical Centre has been in existence in one form or another for over 125 years at this site and was the first medical practice in the district. It was founded by Dr Arthur Henry Gault (1864-1917) who practised from his home "Ardmeen" at 146 Belair Road Hawthorn (currently the site of the award winning Lenzerheide Restaurant) in 1890.

Arthur emigrated to Australia in 1888 from Manchester, looking for a better climate as he was a chronic asthmatic. He was engaged to Mary Scott from Castleberg, County Tyrone in Ulster, Northern Ireland, and Mary followed soon after. They married in 1889 and built their home at Hawthorn, calling it Ardmeen from the name of her family home in Ireland. Dr Gault built a sanatorium at Belair in 1902 for sufferers of tuberculosis and called it Nunyara, an Aboriginal term meaning 'place of healing'. Arthur and Mary had four children Ruth, Maisie, Freda and Arthur Kyle. All four were to take degrees at Adelaide University, Ruth and Kyle became Doctors of Medicine. Dr Arthur Gault succumbed to pneumonia and died in 1917 at the age of 53 at Ardmeen.

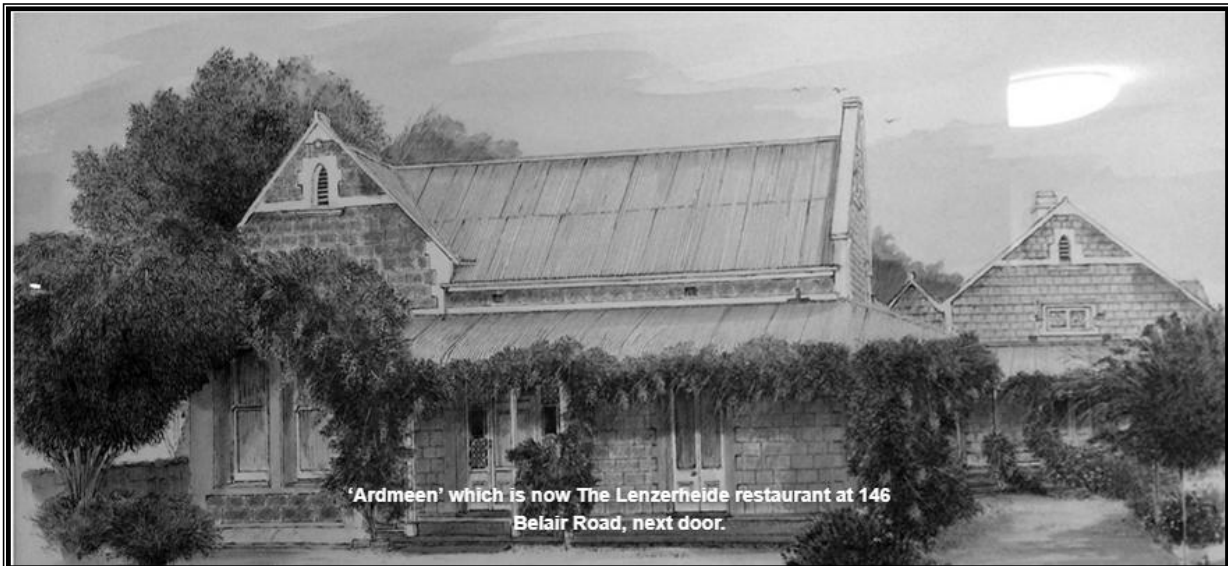
Arthur Kyle had joined the army in his second year of Medicine at Adelaide University. He was shot in the cheek at Gallipoli and would most certainly have died, had he not been discovered amongst the wounded by Professor Watson, then a Professor of Medicine at Adelaide University. He was nursed back to health in Australia and completed his medical degree. Kyle then set sail back to England intending to continue active service. When he arrived in England however, he was informed of his father's death and decided to return to Adelaide to continue the family practice.

In 1950 Dr Ken Crafter joined Kyle Gault whose medical practice was now well established in the Mitcham area. Kyle Gault left the practice soon after and Dr Crafter continued to care for the Mitcham community, slowly enlarging the practice with the addition of new doctors. Dr Crafter was a past president of the Australian Medical Association and a visiting medical officer at the newly established Flinders University School of Medicine.

The new Medical Centre was built on the site of the old Gault tennis court and became known as the Sturt Clinic. Five other doctors joined the practice here with Dr Ken Crafter. They were Drs Clive Auricht, Dick Hodgson, Jim Evans, Val Nicholls and Andrew Ramsay.

This group of six doctors carried on until 1975 when the eventually disbanded and the building sold to make way for the new group of doctors in 1975. The new group changed the name of the clinic to The Crafter Medical Centre in honour of Dr Ken Crafter and his contribution to general practice. Drs Bill Chapman, Andrew Ramsay, Ross Williams and Maurice Dowell purchased the building, along with the two Drs. Luke who continue to practice in the back half of the building as dentists. Since that time, the practice has steadily grown. In 2009/2010 the doctors at Crafter Medical Centre took further space in the adjacent shops on Belair Road. This has allowed further expansion of the practice as a teaching and training practice for general practitioners and medical students from Flinders University, continuing the proud tradition that Dr Crafter established.

Find out more about Dr Arthur Gault and the history of the area at the Mitcham Council website.



## Appendix 3 - Richard Kyle Gault

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#### Richard Kyle Gault: Ros Gault



Richard Kyle Gault (known to all in PNG as "Dick" Gault) was born at Ardmee, 146 Belair Road, Hawthorn (Lower Mitcham), South Australia, to Dr Arthur Kyle Gault ("Kyle") and Ruth Marjorie Hawker. He was the eldest of three children, having 2 sisters, Yolande and Averil. Both his grandfathers were Doctors of Medicine (Grandfather Walter Hawker practicing for a week then having to take up his share of the Bungaree Station pastoral estate, Anama) and he lived in the home that included his grandfather's and father's medical practice in the North Wing, five acres of gardens, a tennis court, milking cow, chickens and horse stables. Dick attended the private prep school in Adelaide, Queens College and was a boarder of

Saint Peter's College for his primary and secondary schooling.

In his early teens, Dick's parents divorced. The social stigma of such an event in the early 1930s, in a small close community, was profound, as was the emotional effect of a split life. His father, Kyle, was a workaholic doctor, whom he loved dearly and he spent time with him on his patient rounds, preparing medication, making pills and in a little spare time, sailing on his father's yacht. At his father's home, he was dearly loved by and loved his nanny, Nellie Slocombe, and cook, Dot Applebee. In boarding school holidays he also spent time with his mother and sisters, either at *Derrymor*, his grandfather Walter Hawker's summer home in the Adelaide Hills or at *Anama*, the sheep station near Clare.

After finishing school, he worked briefly for Austral Elevator Company in Adelaide and, showing good aptitude with the machinery, was offered a training course in England. This was not to be due to the war breaking out.

The involvement of Australia in WWII saw Dick enlist at the age of 18 in the RAAF on 20 May 1941 and he was proud of the fact that his number was 39424 (low in the series issued, representing early enlistment). Dick served his country for just short of six years (discharging at age 23 on 26 February 1946) at air force bases at Laverton, Point Cook, Pt Pirie, Hamilton, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Pearce, at *Yannarie Station*, far northern WA, conducting armament instruction, bombing and air gunnery training, repair and salvage. He also served overseas as a Leading Aircraftman in 61 Operational Base Unit, performing Japanese air surveillance at Tarakan and Morotai (Indonesia, then Dutch territory<sup>1</sup>) and Tawi Tawi Island (Philippines). It will come as no surprise to anyone that his family knew very little of Dick's war service and were told by him as children and teenagers that he had served as a "cook". They knew this wasn't true, because he didn't care for cooking and "couldn't boil water without burning it" !

Upon discharging in Brisbane off the US *Stamford Victory* from Tarakan, Dick spent some time buying and selling war surplus including trucks and boats in Queensland and Northern Territory.

In his travels he heard that there was work in the Territory of Papua New Guinea (TPNG) and so hopped on the first ship carrying civilians heading to TPNG. Here began an adventurous and rewarding 45-46 years of Dick's life. In Manus he worked for the US Vanil Corporation, supervising the loading of war equipment being returned to the US. At one stage, he salvaged war surplus barges, etc., in Manus and sold them at a profit. With his RAAF



experience and life-long interest in aircraft, Dick also had a job as Manager of Mandated Airlines, based in Lae.

Before long he headed to Rabaul on the island of New Britain and started a number of entrepreneurial vocations, including a construction/building company (building the Shell Co. Managers' house, houses in Bay Road, the family home on the plantation and in town, etc.), and leasing and operating the plantation *Toriu* where he even had a trade store and sewed up "lap laps" for sale! Dick also worked for Burns Philip stevedoring for a shilling a day! All Dick's skills were self-taught or gathered on the job.



At about this point in time he met and fell in love with Joyce Beryl Barry. Dick had bid for and won a contract to construct a large freezer for Anderson's butchery where Joyce was the Manager. Needless to say, Joyce was the "absolute love of Dick's life", completing his circle of happiness. She was his North, his South, his East and his West. They married in Sydney in December 1955, having the wedding reception at Alan and Jenny Anderson's home, *Warana*. Returning to Rabaul, they lived initially in Bay Road in one of the houses Dick built, then bought *Warenvula* Plantation from Mrs Bignell (of the hotel fame), cleared the bush to build a house and plant cocoa and coconuts.

*Warenvula* was approximately an hour's drive from Rabaul and half an hour from Kokopo, on the lower reaches of the Warengoi River and overlooked the sea of the St George's Channel. Joyce was renowned for her charity work, magnificent garden and spectacular entertaining. Dick and Joyce's three children Richard, Rosalind and Roland were all born at Vunapope Hospital in Kokopo with Dr Hubert Lunger in attendance and the family lived a fantastic life on the plantation, until a kerosene refrigerator malfunctioned and burnt the house down in 1973.

In an unconfirmed sequence of events, Dick built and operated a desiccated coconut factory at Rapopo that also produced coir fibre mattress material. He financed a team of men escaping the ravages of war in Yugoslavia (Bruno Tasic, Emile and Steve) as crocodile shooters. He traded crocodile skins, troccus and green snail shells (for buttons) so successfully to Paris and Japan that he opened a trading office in Tokyo in the early 1960s. Dick continued to buy and sell scrap metal (WWII surplus) under licence for over 30 years.

The sedate life of the planter was not for Dick and with his keen interest in machinery he went into the heavy equipment contracting, saw milling, timber exporting and veneer manufacturing businesses. In 1966 he purchased two Japanese 120-foot fishing boats to start a tuna fishing business. This venture didn't get off the ground, but the boats were put to good transport use in the logging business. The *New Britain Queen* (named after Joyce) went up on a reef off Cape Lambert one wild stormy night with Ian MacDougall at the helm. The last time the *New Britain Princess* was seen, a tourist visiting Rabaul sighted a wreck on a beach at G&M Slipway and identified it as a WWII wreck! Sometime in the 60s, Dick expanded into Bougainville, opening a sawmill on Aropa Plantation and soft drink factory in Kieta, and owned a block of residential units on the foreshore of Kieta. Dick also imported balsa seed from Ecuador (planting a stand of trees on *Warenvula* and shared seed with DAL Kerevat) and was instrumental in (inadvertently) starting the now booming balsa business in PNG.

From the 1970s to his departure from PNG upon the sale of his business interests in 1993, Dick's core business was sawmilling and export logging. Prior to PNG's independence, the uncertainty created by the Australian Government and the UN for foreigners wanting to remain in the country saw Dick pursue a sawmilling venture in Fiji and for many years a "family home", that we never lived in, existed in Suva. When TPNG gained independence, both Dick and Joyce were amongst the first naturalised citizens, considering PNG "home". They had no assets outside the country. Over the years some business ventures failed, there were tough times and good times. But Dick

would soldier on; come what may, putting in the hard yards to provide for his family.

In business, Dick was a self-propelled, sole operator, what he would call a "self-starter". He admired and encouraged entrepreneurial spirit. He was one of the hardest working men in the islands. His day would start at 5.00am (and earlier) and end at 6.00pm, six days a week covering thousands of kilometres a year from home to the sawmill, town and the plantation (an hour's car journey each way), sometimes 2 and 3 times a day. Half a Sunday was generally billing and correspondence day. How mobile phones would have changed that! Dick had no formal training in business procedures and many could testify to machinery being operated on the "smell of an oily rag" and to within an inch of its life, and beyond! Who could ever forget that sight of a single cab vehicle moving along the Kokopo Road that was barely distinguishable as a vehicle because it was so laden down with sawn timber from the Warengoi sawmill for the sales yard in Rabaul!

Dick was proudly an elected member of the Committees of the peak timber bodies of Papua New Guinea: The Forest Industries Association and the Forest Industry Council in the 1970s and early 1980s, at a time when the industry was well regulated. He represented PNG on several trade missions internationally. His knowledge of the forest species of PNG was extensive. And he sustainably logged the same valley for his Warengoi sawmill (which is still known today by the locals as "Dick's place") for over 30 years.

Dick was brought up to be a "perfect gentleman", still thanking the nurses for their care the day before he passed away, despite hardly being able to speak. Dick had a community spirit serving on the timber industry boards, Rabaul Town Council for a term, providing machinery/labour gratis to create school and club playgrounds and free timber/material for many charitable causes.

Dick was selfless (never spent a cent on himself), kind and worked for and loved his family, including providing the best education for his children, he could. He treasured his friendships, and although he didn't have time for many close friends in PNG, with his 'retirement' to Australia, formed and maintained many special affinities.

Dick's health was remarkable. Between 2008 and 2009 Dick spent only a few nights in hospital. 2010 was not such a good year. The breathlessness increased markedly and on 26 May, Dick returned from pruning lantana off the driveway (having walked a kilometre) and proceeded to have what we can only assume was a TIA (stroke). A short visit to Murwillumbah hospital for 11 days in December to get assessed for oxygen assistance and the treatment of a urinary tract infection was over on 22 December and Dick spent Christmas and his last days at home in his bed surrounded by the family who loved him and whom he loved (at least the ones who made it across the causeway before we were landlocked once again!).

Dick would want me to thank once again from the bottom of his heart, all those who touched his life.

Richard Kyle Gault (Snr)/Dick was Number 1 and One in a Trillion.

1. Dick, in amazement, received a few Guilders a month from Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherland for defending her territory!

## Australian Dictionary of Biography

### Hayes, Vina Evelyn (Evie) (1912–1988)

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Vina Evelyn (Evie) Hayes (1912–1988), entertainer, was born on 1 June 1912 in Seattle, Washington, United States of America, daughter of George Hayes, stage mechanist, and his wife Eva, a soubrette. Evelyn's childhood was spent on the theatre circuit; her stage début, aged 4, was singing and dancing in a Christmas show. She took acting classes, toured the West Coast vaudeville summer circuits under the care of her mother, and appeared as an extra in Hollywood films, gaining a small role in Warner Brothers' *Hold Everything* (1930) and making several musical shorts.

After touring with Georges Carpentier's revue company, Hayes moved in 1934 to New York, where she worked as a 'song plugger' at Irving Berlin's music publishing house and sang on radio and in nightclubs. Will Mahoney soon engaged her as his leading lady for a variety tour of the United Kingdom and Europe and, now known as Evie, she sang for the British Broadcasting Corporation, appeared in cabaret and cut her first records. On 26 March 1938 at the register office, Westminster, London, Evie and Will were married. It was Mahoney's third marriage; he was 44 years old and she was 25.

While on their honeymoon, Mahoney and Hayes travelled to Australia to appear on the Tivoli variety circuit. The Melbourne première of their revue, *Why Be Serious?*, on 22 August was (the Age declared) a 'triumph'. They toured Australasia for several years. In 1943–48 Mahoney managed the Cremorne Theatre, Brisbane, and with Hayes presented revues, pantomimes and musicals that proved immensely popular with Australian and American troops. They raised £500,000 for war charities.

Though not a conventional beauty, Hayes possessed a vivacious charm, an affable American accent and a singing style that ranged from sultry to strident. In 1947 she won the coveted lead role, originally played by Ethel Merman, in *Annie Get Your Gun*, which opened at His Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne. This was the first large-scale new musical staged in Australia after the war; at the end of its marathon three-and-a-half-year tour, Hayes visited the USA and underwent plastic surgery to reshape her nose. She returned to Melbourne in 1952 for a brief revival of *Annie*, then starred in *Kiss Me, Kate*, a revival of *Oklahoma!* and, in 1953, another Merman show, *Call Me Madam*.

From 1958 Hayes appeared regularly on television; she worked as a compère, singer, comedian and commercial presenter on Graham Kennedy's 'In Melbourne Tonight'. In 1963 she took the title role in the Australian musical *Mata Hari, the Flame of Istanbul*, at the Bowl Music Hall, and three years later toured as Mrs Brice in *Funny Girl*. After Mahoney's death in 1967, she established a talent school for children, which led in 1971 to new prominence as a judge on Channel 10's 'Young Talent Time'. Her warmth and gentle encouragement endeared her to a rising generation of performers.

In 1969 Hayes was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, but she persisted with teaching, television and speaking engagements. On 26–27 October 1988 she sang in a World Expo '88 variety concert at the Lyric Theatre, Brisbane. Eight weeks later, on 26 December 1988, Evie Hayes died at South Caulfield, Melbourne; she was buried in Melbourne general cemetery.

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## Biography - Evie Hayes (Wikipedia)

Born in [Seattle](#), she appeared on stage from an early age and worked steadily in vaudeville, radio and nightclubs. She was leading lady for [Will Mahoney](#), in his tour of the United Kingdom and Europe and sang for the [BBC](#) appeared in cabaret and made her own recordings, she later married Mahoney, in 1938, in [Westminster, London](#) The couple moved to Australia to appear on the Tivoli variety circuit, and proved very popular, eventually deciding to stay in the country permanently. They appeared in the film [Come Up Smiling](#) (1939), managed the Cremorne Theatre in Brisbane, presenting everything from revues, pantomimes and musicals and entertained the American and Australasian troops and raising funds for the

war effort. On television since its inception, she appeared as a Compere, Singer, Comedian and a Commercial presenter on the [Graham Kennedy](#) show *IMT*. Despite being diagnosed with [MS](#) in 1969, she continued her career<sup>[2]</sup> and notable also for theatre an early role saw Evie Hayes playing the lead role in the Australian production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, which ran for more than three years. She later appeared regularly on television, including as a judge on *Young Talent Time*, having opened her own talent school, as well as acting in productions of *Funny Girl*, *Kiss me Kate* a revival of *Oklahoma* and *Call Me Madam*. She died of a heart attack, early in the morning of 26 December 1988, in [Melbourne, Victoria](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

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