



# **Cpl. Norman Stannus Gunning**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: 1922-1926 (Vice Captain 1926)**

**Intervarsity 1922-1926**

**Sports Awards: Blue Football 1923**

**Degree: MB BS (1926)**

## ***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 Norman Stannus Gunning. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=121464>



### Norman Stannus GUNNING

Regimental number	2089
Place of birth	Renmark South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Wheelwright
Address	Maitland, Yorke Peninsula, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Helen Amelia Gunning, Maitland, Yorke Peninsula, South Australia
Enlistment date	21 February 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	43rd Battalion, 3rd Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/60/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A68 <i>Anchises</i> on 28 August 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Corporal
Unit from Nominal Roll	43rd Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 4 July 1919
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

## RSL Virtual Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/174677>

### GUNNING, Norman Stannus

**Service Number:** 2089

**Last Rank:** Corporal

**Last Unit:** 43rd Infantry Battalion

**Occupation:** Doctor

**Cemetery:** Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia

### World War 1 Service

**28 Aug 1916:** Embarked Private, SN 2089, 43rd Infantry Battalion, HMAT Anchises, Adelaide

**28 Aug 1916:** Involvement Private, SN 2089, 43rd Infantry Battalion

**11 Nov 1918:** Involvement Corporal, SN 2089, 43rd Infantry Battalion

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/565898>

### GUNNING, Norman Stannus

**Service Number:** S35727

**Last Rank:** Lieutenant Colonel

**Born:** Renmark, SA, 13 December 1895

**Home Town:** Rose Park, South Australia

### World War 2 Service

**3 Sep 1939:** Involvement Lieutenant Colonel, SN S35727

**13 Feb 1944:** Discharged

# Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=4380174>

**A** 181003 **ALIAN** **MILITARY FORCES.**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD**

Name GUNNING NORMAN STANNUS  
Unit 2ND BATTALION AIR 3/4th Inf Battalion  
Joined on FEB 21 1916

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

What is your Name? ... 1. Norman Stannus Gunning

In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of ... in or  
near the Town of Renmark  
in the County of South Australia

Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. Yes

What is your age? ... 4. 20 3/4 yrs

What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Wheelwright

Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No

Are you married? ... 7. No

Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. MOTHER Mrs HELEN AMELIA GUNNING  
MAITLAND Y.P.  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. No

Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? ... 10. No

Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... 11. 33 days C Troop 24 L.A. Maitland

Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. Yes

Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. No

(For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 8/- per day? ... 14. Yes

Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

I, Norman Stannus Gunning do solemnly declare that the above answers made 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 \* † wife and children

Date FEB 21 1916 N S Gunning  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

## Service Record WWII

<http://www.ww2roll.gov.au/Veteran.aspx?ServiceId=A&VeteranId=710093>

### Service Record

Name	GUNNING, NORMAN STANNUS
Service	Australian Army
Service Number	S35727
Date of Birth	13 Dec 1895
Place of Birth	REMARK, SA
Date of Enlistment	Unknown
Locality on Enlistment	ROSE PARK, SA
Place of Enlistment	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Next of Kin	GUNNING, MURIEL
Date of Discharge	13 Feb 1944
Rank	Lieutenant Colonel
Posting at Discharge	3 FIELD AMBULANCE
WW2 Honours and Gallantry	None for display
Prisoner of War	No

## World War Two Service



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
NORMAN STANNUS GUNNING  
S35727**

<b>SERVICE</b>	AUSTRALIAN ARMY
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	13 DECEMBER 1895
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	REMARK, SA
<b>LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT</b>	ROSE PARK, SA
<b>PLACE OF ENLISTMENT</b>	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
<b>NEXT OF KIN</b>	GUNNING, MURIEL
<b>DATE OF DISCHARGE</b>	13 FEBRUARY 1944
<b>POSTING AT DISCHARGE</b>	3 FIELD AMBULANCE



**Australian Government  
Department of Veterans' Affairs**



### NORMAN STANNUS GUNNING

1895-1964

Norman Stannus Gunning died on July 18, 1964. He was born in Renmark, South Australia, on December 13, 1895. He spent his youth in Maitland, South Australia, where he became friendly with Lionel Betts who at that time was in general practice in that town. This friendship was later to become an important factor in the development of Norman Gunning's career.

After leaving school he became an apprentice blacksmith and wheelwright and he did this work for a few years until he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces for Overseas Service in 1916. He served in France with the 43rd Battalion as an infantryman and signaller, being discharged at the end of the war. He had always been interested in the practice of medicine and, upon his discharge, decided to study medicine. He had first to do preliminary studies to reach matriculation stage, which he did, and he finally graduated in Adelaide in 1926. Gunning was a very good student and never had any trouble in passing examinations. After graduation he carried on general practice for about six years. However, his interest always lay in surgery, particularly in orthopaedic surgery, and in 1933 he gave up general practice and went to the United Kingdom for postgraduate study. He



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gained his Fellowship in Edinburgh and did the M.Ch.Orth. course in Liverpool, obtaining this degree in 1934. Later, in 1948, he was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons by examination in orthopaedic surgery.

After his return from England he practised orthopaedic surgery. He held positions at both the Adelaide Children's Hospital and the Royal Adelaide Hospital and carried on a large consultant practice. He was particularly outstanding in his speciality. In addition to a wide knowledge and experience, he possessed very good judgement, and as a surgeon was meticulous in every detail. He was interested in all facets of orthopaedics, but perhaps his greatest interest lay in the correction of foot deformities in adults and in the study of low back pain and sciatica. In this latter he was inclined to be conservative in his approach, but did not hesitate to perform surgery when he considered that it was indicated. He presented a number of original papers and contributed to the discussions at the annual meetings of the Australian Orthopaedic Association, which he rarely missed.

Norman Gunning served in both world wars. In 1941 and 1942 he was Commanding Officer of the 3rd Field Ambulance which served in New Guinea. After returning from New Guinea he continued to work as an orthopaedic surgeon in the Repatriation Hospital for a number of years. Many ex-servicemen are grateful for his skilled care and consideration.

He possessed an unusual personality which made him extremely popular with his colleagues and friends. His life was devoted to his work and his family. Of his three talented daughters, the eldest graduated in medicine, topping her final year, and now practises as a specialist anaesthetist in Adelaide. To his devoted wife, Muriel, and his three daughters, we offer our deepest sympathy in their loss.

E. F. W.

## Additional Biography

### Early Life

Norman was born at Renmark, SA, on the 13 December 1895, the son of Arthur Stannus Gunning and Helen Amelia Jarrett.<sup>i</sup> He spent his early years at Maitland where his Father was the Head Teacher. Norman's grandfather (Dr A.T. Gunning) was the first Doctor at Naracoorte, SA.<sup>ii</sup>

Norman's name first appears in the local newspapers winning prizes at the Maitland Show.<sup>iii</sup> After leaving school Norman became a Blacksmith and Wheelwright.

### World War I

Norman enlisted in the 43 Battalion, on the 21st February 1916, aged 20. He was described as 5' 5¼", 122 lbs and with blue eyes and brown hair. Norman embarked from Adelaide on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1916 and disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1916. Norman attended Signalling School and qualified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Instructor. On the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Norman was promoted Corporal and remained in England in various roles until 1918. On the 19<sup>th</sup> June 1918 Norman landed at Havre, France and was taken on strength with the 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He returned to Australia on the "Wiltshire" on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1919.

### Post WWI

Norman returned to schooling after the War and passed his Senior Exams in 1920.<sup>iv</sup>

### Adelaide University

Norman commenced studying Medicine at Adelaide University in 1921. He graduated MB BS in December 1926.<sup>v</sup>

#### *Adelaide University Student and Staff Cards*

NAME and ADDRESS	COURSE	DATE of Birth	DATE of Matriculation	DECEASED	Register No.	Grade			
Gunning, Norman Stannus M.B.B.S.	M.S.	13.12.06	6.3.22	1926	3797	UN. G. GRAD.			
LEAVING									
LEAVING HONOURS									
STATUS GRANTED									
S. MCD. 2014									
Year	Subject	Receipt	First Term	Second Term	Receipt	Third Term	Exam.	Result	Remarks
1926	M.S. Part II	142800	15.15.0						



NAME AND ADDRESS <b>Gunning, Norman Stannus</b>		DECEASED		186 Stanley St. 84 McKinnon Parade N. Ad.		REGISTER NO. 3797				
COURSE <b>M.B.S.</b>	DATE OF BIRTH 13/12/1906	DATE OF MATRICULATION 6.3.22		Repatriation 1922 50 Beverington Rd., GLENUNGABAY N.S.W. 11/1/30						
SENIOR 1920 Eng. Lat. Lr. A & A. Geom. Physiol										
See New Card System.										
STATUS GRANTED										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1921	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup> yr	9595	2.2.0	11076	2.2.0	12356	2.2.0		N21 P1	6.9.25
	Chemistry 1 <sup>st</sup> yr	"	2.2.0	"	2.2.0	"	2.2.0		N21 P2	
	Physics 1 <sup>st</sup> yr	"	2.2.0	"	2.2.0	"	2.2.0		N21 P3	
1922	Second Year N.R.	Repat 18725	5.0.0	Repat 1692	5.0.0	Repat 17593	5.0.0	Repat 18725	N22 P	15.6.25
	Anat. Histol. Org.	"	2.2.0	"	2.2.0	"	2.2.0			15.7.25
	Physiol & Bio C. Zool	"	10.0	"	10.0	"	10.0			10.9.25
	Physical Chem	"	10.0	"	10.0	"	10.0			18.8.25
1923	Third Year	Repat 19795	5.0.0	Repat 21554	5.0.0	Repat 21554	5.0.0		N23 P	19.11.25
	Anat. Physiol & Biochem	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Histol. Med. Med. & Pharm.	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
1924	Fourth Year	Repat 24157	5.0.0	Repat 24157	5.0.0	Repat 26108	5.0.0		N24 P	19.11.25
	Med. Surg. Clin. Med. Clin. Surg.	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Therap. Path. & Bact. Pres. Med.	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Medical Zoology	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25

NAME AND ADDRESS <b>Gunning, Norman Stannus</b>		DECEASED		186 Stanley St. N. Ad.		REGISTER NO. 3797				
Repatriation 1922 50 Beverington Rd., GLENUNGABAY N.S.W. 11/1/30										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1924	Hospital Fees	Repat 24157	4.14.6	Repat 24157	5.0.0	Repat 26108	5.0.0		N25 P	19.11.25
1925	Fifth Year	Repat 27798	5.0.0	Repat 27798	5.0.0	Repat 30670	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Med. Surg. Clin. Med. Clin. Surg.	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Reg. Surg. Anat. Oper. Surg.	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Pathol. Obstetrics & Gynaec.	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Adelaide Hospital	Repat 27791	5.12.6	Repat 27791	5.0.0	Repat 30670	5.0.0			19.11.25
1926	Sixth Year	Repat 32869	1.0.0	Repat 32869	5.0.0	Repat 32869	5.0.0		N26 P	19.11.25
	Clin. Med. Clin. Surg.	32869	1.0.0	32869	5.0.0	32869	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Forensic Med. Psych. Med.	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Ophth. Otol. Med. Ethics	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Adelaide Hospital	Repat 32869	5.0.0	Repat 32869	5.0.0	Repat 32869	5.0.0			19.11.25
	Anaesthetics	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0	"	5.0.0			19.11.25
M.B.S. degree conferred Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 1926										

## University Sport

### Football

"Dr Gunning commenced at the Blacks in 1922. An outstanding player, either at full forward or full back, he played Intersociety football throughout his Blacks' playing career (1922-1926), was vice-captain of the club in 1926, represented the State in the inaugural state amateur game in 1925, and again in 1926, and received a Blue in 1923<sup>vi</sup> followed by an Australian 'Blue' in 1926. Dr Gunning served as club Secretary in 1923 and 1924, followed by President from 1937 until 1946. He was an inaugural inductee to life membership at the Blacks in 1952 and his name is ascribed to the A grade best and fairest medal."<sup>vii</sup>

Norman was a member of the 1922 A Grade Premiership team, the first post war Amateur League premiership for the Blacks.<sup>viii</sup> Norman was an inaugural inductee to the AUFC Hall of Fame (2012).

## 1922 INTER-VARSITY WINNERS



BACK ROW: J.E. Ashton, O.L. Zeigler, F.H. Fischer, W. Hutton (Coach), C.K. Hoskard, A.S. de B. Cocks, H.L. Davie.  
MIDDLE ROW: W.M.C. Symonds, R.O. Fox, T.D. Finey (Vice-Captain), H.G. Prest (Captain), G.M. Hone, D.J.R. Sumner, E.H. Johncock  
FRONT ROW: G.A. Cain, S.J. Scoble, D. le R. Boucaut, J.F. Koerner, N.S. Gunning.

## Adelaide Inter-Varsity Football Team, 1923

ADELAIDE 5 GOALS 15 BEHINDS v. MELBOURNE 14 GOALS 12 BEHINDS  
RUNNERS-UP S.A. AMATEUR LEAGUE.



E. ZIEGLER

K. M. Bennett W. Sparks

W. R. James R. Treloar

N. A. Gunning A. S. de B. Cocks

G. R. Fisher N. H. Stuart

T. D. Finey

W. Hutton B. S. Hanson

M. G. Prest

S. Lewis F. W. Wagner

F. H. Fischer J. Koerner

L. S. Walsh R. C. Walsh

D. le R. Boucaut

F. L. Collison

42 Elizabeth Street, Norwood.

## 1925 AUFC 'A' TEAM



BACK ROW: F.L. Collison, D.K. McKenzie, W.C. Alexander, B.W. Hone, L.D. Hodby, W.R. James, L.N. Allen, T.K. Moorhouse, H. Lloyd, J. Davis (Trainer).  
 MIDDLE ROW: E.N. Howard, L.S. Walsh, S.H. Lewis, H.L. Davie, T.D. Finney (Captain), D.G. McKay (Vice-Captain), N.S. Gunning, D. le R. Boucaut, J.H. James.  
 FRONT ROW: F.W. Wagner, B.S. Hanson.

## STATE TEAM

M.C.G. 1925



Back Row: Robertson, C.Grundel, J.Stacey, J.McGregor, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Third Row: \_\_\_\_\_, L. Walsh, \_\_\_\_\_, J.Wadham, N.Gunning  
 Second Row: \_\_\_\_\_, J.Koerner, \_\_\_\_\_, L.Mayfield, \_\_\_\_\_, H.Krome, C.Trelax, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Front Row: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, J.Jay (capt.), H.Millard (Manager), B.Donnell (Vice Capt.), \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_



## 1926 AUCC TEAM v PAC

UNIVERSITY.



Varsity, of the Amateur League, who beat P.A.C. Old Boys on May 8:—Front Row—C. E. Willing, L. S. Walsh, A. E. Treloar, and B. S. Hanson. Middle Row—L. N. Allen, N. S. Gunning, D. G. McKay (vice-captain), T. D. Finey (captain), D. K. McKenzie, and D. L. Boycaut. Back Row—N. A. Walsh, F. W. Wagner, W. R. James, A. D. Smith, H. Wilson (trainer), C. B. Sangster, B. W. Hone, W. C. Alexander, and R. Boeker. Photo., Payne.

v PAOC 8/5/76

## 1926 Adelaide University Intervarsity Team

INTER-UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAMS



ADLAIDE TEAM Back Row: D. L. H. Boucaut, W. H. Baker, W. Davis, B. S. Hanson, W. H. James. Middle Row: L. N. Allen, A. W. Finney, A. D. Smith, B. W. Hone, C. B. Sangster, F. H. Finlayson. Sitting: N. A. Walsh, D. G. McKay (captain), S. N. McKay (coach), N. S. Gunning (vice-captain), L. S. Walsh, F. H. Boeker. Front Row: A. E. Treloar, J. Quinn (captain), S. Williams.

**Norman Gunning – Seated – Fourth from Left**



Although Norman was a keen cricketer and had played for North Adelaide in the SACA B Grade competition, while at studying medicine, he apparently did not play for the Adelaide University Cricket Club.

## Career

Norman was appointed as a Medical Officer at the Adelaide Hospital in January 1927.<sup>ix</sup> In November 1927 he commenced practicing in Kapunda, SA.<sup>x</sup> Norman played cricket for Kapunda in the Barossa and Light Association<sup>xi</sup> and was vice-captain of both the local cricket and football teams. In July 1928, "Capt. N. S. Gunning, of the Army Medical Corps, who is attached to 3rd Light Horse,... passed in subjects A and B for confirmation in provisional rank." In August 1928 Norman was appointed Medical Officer to the hospital at Mackie, Queensland. The esteem of the Kapunda community for Dr Gunning can be seen in the *Kapunda Herald* article below.

FAREWELL TO DR. N. S. GUNNING" *Kapunda Herald* (SA : 1878 - 1951) 16 August 1929: 2. Web. 6 May 2017

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article108313592>

Kapunda Herald (SA : 1878 - 1951), Friday 16 August 1929, page 2

### FAREWELL TO DR. N. S. GUNNING

A farewell social and dance was tendered to Dr. N. S. Gunning in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, and a most successful function resulted. There was a very large attendance, all sections of the community being represented. Dr. Gunning has been assistant to Dr. J. Riddell for the past two years, and during that time has entered into the sporting and social life of the town, and has won the esteem of the residents in that respect, as well as in his profession. He is leaving for Mackay (Queensland), where he has been appointed medical officer of the hospital. The arrangements for Wednesday evening's function were carried out by the football and cricket clubs. The main hall was devoted to dancing, music for which was provided by Miss L. Newman, A.L.C.M., while cards were played on the stage. During an interval in the dancing, the opportunity was taken of bidding Dr. Gunning farewell and of making him a presentation.

The Mayor (Mr. T. S. Davie) speaking on behalf of the town and Hospital Board, said he could not express too highly the opinion held by the residents in respect to Dr. Gunning. He had taken part in the sporting field, and during his stay here had won the esteem of all the residents. They appreciated the interest he had taken in sport, as his example had been an incentive to the young men to enter whole-heartedly into their games. He had also won the esteem of the hospital staff, and the confidence of the patients by his kindness and skill. He wished to express the appreciation felt by the townspeople of Dr. Gunning during his sojourn here, and to wish him every success in the future.

Dr. J. Riddell, in supporting the Mayor's remarks, said he had been more closely associated with Dr. Gunning than anyone else in the town, and he could not speak too highly of him as a man and a sportsman. Prior to Dr. Gunning's arrival in Kapunda, he had been recommended by one of Adelaide's leading surgeons as a conscientious professional man, and that opinion had been fulfilled. Although Dr. Gunning was a keen sportsman, he had never neglected his work. He always put that first, and when it was finished he looked for his sport and enjoyed it. Their guest had "kicked off" from scratch, and had won high honours in his profession, and there was no doubt he would be a credit to it. He went to the war as a private, and when he came back he got right down to the gruesome task of studying for a doctor. That showed the strong character of the man. He was most conscientious and ambitious, and he was going away to gain further knowledge. Mrs. Riddell had asked him to voice the great pleasure it had been to have Dr. Gunning in their home, where he had always been a gentleman. He had much pleasure in wishing Dr. Gunning every success in his future career.

Mr. C. H. Branson, president of both the football and cricket clubs, said it was with the deepest regret they had heard of Dr. Gunning's departure. Ever since his arrival in the town he had been a playing member of both clubs. There was no need for him to remind them of what he had done for the football team, as they all knew that. He was one of the best defenders the local football club had ever had, and that was saying a lot. As a cricketer he had played some fine innings during the past two seasons. As vice-captain of both clubs he had also done excellent work. Mr. Branson also paid a

tribute to Dr. Gunning as a medical man, and said that one old resident had, during the recent illness of the King, told him that he was sure if Dr. Gunning could attend His Majesty he would soon have him about again. That only showed what the public thought of their guest as a doctor. On behalf of his many friends in Kapunda, he then asked Dr. Gunning to accept a gold wristlet watch as a token of the high esteem in which he was held, and hoped it would serve as a reminder of his stay in Kapunda.

All those present then stood and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Dr. Gunning, in replying, said in moments like that one "needed minnies." It had been a pleasure to him being in Kapunda. He was pleased to come here for many reasons, and for the same reasons he now regretted leaving. It had been a pleasure to live in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Riddell, who had always treated him as one of themselves. He had been fortunate to act as assistant to such a clever surgeon and physician as

Dr. Riddell was acknowledged everywhere to be. He had entered into the social life of the town in order to do what he could to assist in such matters. Perhaps he had a natural bent for sport, and it had been a very great pleasure to have played in such good football and cricket clubs as they had in Kapunda. It was with deep regret that he was leaving just at the present time, as he would have liked to have stayed for the football finals, but that was impossible. He thanked them sincerely for their good wishes and also for their presentation.

Supper was then served, and dancing resumed.



Norman returned to South Australia in July 1930.<sup>xii</sup>

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August 1930 Norman (aged 34) married Muriel Marjory Price (aged 25), the daughter of Athelston George Price, at St Peter's Cathedral Adelaide (SA Marriage Registration 324/448).<sup>xiii</sup>

In August 1933 Norman and Muriel left for England on an 18-month trip. The object of the trips was to enable Norman to undertake further study in British and Continental schools.<sup>xiv</sup> The trip also included some holidaying as Norman was in Malta in January 1934.<sup>xv</sup> The couple returned to Adelaide in March 1935.

"Dr. N. S. Gunning, an Adelaide surgeon, is returning to Adelaide in the Moreton Bay after 18 months in England, during which he obtained his F.R.C.S., at Edinburgh, and the mastership in surgery of Liverpool University, specialising in orthopaedics. He is accompanied by his wife. The Moreton Bay reached Fremantle today."<sup>xvi</sup> Norman immediately returned to his role with the A.A.M.C. as the *Kapunda Herald* states, on 5 April 1935, "Dr. N. S. Gunning, who recently returned from England, visited Kapunda on Sunday. Dr. Gunning has been in camp as medical officer with the Light Horse at Salisbury."<sup>xvii</sup>

In addition to his other interests, Norman was Hon Doctor for the Norwood Football Club,<sup>xviii</sup> he played golf and tennis and regularly attended performances at the Repertory Theatre.<sup>xix</sup>

Norman was an Honorary Demonstrator in the Adelaide University Department of Anatomy in 1935, 1936 and 1938 and a Temporary Assistant in the same Department in 1936.

*GUNNING, Norman Stannus, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.)*  
*M.Ch. (Orth.) (Liv.)*  
*Born 13.12.96*

1. Honorary Demonstrator in Anatomy  
(a) appointed 1935. D. 1/19/35  
(b) Re-appointed for 1936. D. 1/36.  
(c) " " 1938. D. 1/38.

2. Temporary Assistant in the Department of Anatomy  
(a) Appointed to assist in the teaching of Anatomy in Dr. Mead's absence during the first two terms of 1936.  
Honorarium, £100. D. 2/8/35. App<sup>t</sup> continued over 3rd term, £50.

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Norman and Muriel had three daughters, Julianne (b 1933), Rosney (b 1935) and Shelley (b 1937).

From 1938-1941, Norman is referred to as being of Kensington Road, Rose Park. In August 1940 Norman became a clinical assistant to the orthopaedic section at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.<sup>xx</sup>

## World War II

Norman enlisted in WWII. In May 1939 he was promoted from Captain to Major<sup>xxi</sup> and in October 1941 he was appointed as temporary lieutenant-colonel to command a Cavalry Field Ambulance.<sup>xxii</sup> In March 1941 he became the

Deputy Police Medical Officer in the absence of Dr A.W. Welch on military duty.<sup>xxiii</sup> Norman served in New Guinea. On the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1942 he took over from Brennan as the ADMS (Assistant Director Medical Services) of the New Guinea Forces.<sup>xxiv</sup> In October 1943 Norman had Consulting Rooms at Lister House, North Terrace.

## Post WWI

After WWII, Norman was appointed as an honorary clinical assistant to the Orthopaedics department at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.<sup>xxv</sup> In December 1945 he was present at the opening of the L.O. Betts Memorial Room at Estcourt House, Grange (see below).<sup>xxvi</sup>



In 1949 Norman bought land near Naracoorte, SA. In May 1950 he became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Dr and Mrs N. Stannus Gunning appeared frequently in the social pages particularly during the period when their three daughters were “coming out” and turning twenty-one.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1956, Lieutenant Colonel S35727 Norman Stannus Gunning, Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (Medical) (now Retired List) was awarded the Australian Efficiency Decoration,<sup>xxvii</sup> awarded to part-time officers after twenty years of service (not necessarily continuous) as an efficient and thoroughly capable officer.

## Death

Dr Norman Stannus Gunning died on the 18th July 1964 (aged 68); his last abode had been at Glenunga. (SA Death Registration 976/6863).

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