



2nd Lieut. Ern Harry Johncock



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1919 - 1922

(IV 1920, 1921 & 1922)

Other Sports: Rowing

Sports Awards: Blue Football (1920)

Student: Arts 1915 & 1919 - 1924, 1926 & 1929

B.A. (1923), M.A. (1924), Dip. Ed. (1929)

High School Headmaster & Inspector

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 Ern Harry Johncock. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.



Ern Harry JOHNCOCK

Regimental number	1518
Place of birth	Balhannah South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Student
Address	Balhannah, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Martha Johncock, Balhannah, South Australia
Enlistment date	14 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	32nd Battalion, 1st Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/49/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A2 <i>Geelong</i> on 18 November 1915
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	2nd Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	32nd Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 28 February 1919
Date of death	26 November 1943

32nd Australian Infantry Battalion

Collection type	Unit
Title	32nd Australian Infantry Battalion
Category	Unit

The 32nd Battalion was raised as part of the 8th Brigade at Mitcham, on the outskirts of Adelaide, on 9 August 1915. Only two companies were raised from South Australian enlistees - another two were formed in Western Australia and joined the battalion at the end of September. The battalion sailed from Adelaide on 18 November 1915.

The 8th Brigade joined the newly raised 5th Australian Division in Egypt, and proceeded to France, destined for the Western Front, in June 1916. The 32nd Battalion fought its first major battle at Fromelles on 19 July 1916, having only entered the front-line trenches 3 days previously. The attack was a disastrous introduction to battle for the 32nd - 'it suffered 718 casualties, almost 75 per cent of the battalion's total strength, but closer to 90 per cent of its actual fighting strength. Although it still spent periods in the front line, the 32nd played no major offensive role for the rest of the year.

In early 1917, the German Army withdrew to the Hindenburg Line allowing the British front to be advanced and the 32nd Battalion participated in the follow-up operations. The battalion subsequently missed the heavy fighting to breach the Hindenburg Line during the second battle of Bullecourt as the 8th Brigade was deployed to protect the division's flank. The only large battle in 1917 in which the 32nd Battalion played a major role was Polygon Wood, fought in the Ypres sector in Belgium on 26 September.

Unlike some AIF battalions, the 32nd had a relatively quiet time during the German Spring Offensive of 1918 as the 5th Division was largely kept in reserve. The Allies launched their own offensive with the battle of Amiens on 8 August, in which the 32nd Battalion participated. It was subsequently involved in the operations that continued to press the retreating Germans through August and into September. The 32nd fought its last major action of the war between 29 September and 1 October when the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions and two American divisions attacked the Hindenburg Line across the top of the 6-kilometre-long St Quentin Canal tunnel; the canal was a major obstacle in the German defensive scheme.

 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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* 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.

Description of Ernest Harry Johncock on Enlistment.

Age 20 years 6 months
 Height 5 feet 9 inches
 Weight 176 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 37 1/2 inches
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination Ch of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

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

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

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 2 - 7 - 15

Place KESWICK

Corbie
Fitbourne } CAPTAIN
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 1st RFL 32nd Bt A.I.F.

Date 16/8/15

Place Cheltenham

DMR Coghill Lieut.-Col.,
 Commanding 32nd Btln. A.I.F.
 Commanding 32nd Btln. A.I.F.

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8th A. M. 2010
15/8
1.2.16

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Reinforce 32nd Batt. A.F.

Ental No. 1518 Rank Private Name Ernest Harry Johncock

ated (a) 14/7/15 Terms of Service (a) and 4 months after Service reckons from (a) 14/7/15.

Date of promotion to present rank 16/6/15 Date of appointment to lance rank 16/6/15 Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. 16/6/15

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked	Adelaide	18/1/15	
		Disembarked ex H.M.A.T. Goolong	Suez	13/12/15	
1					
2	CO Battal B.O. 124	Reverts to Lance Corporal	Somalia	1/2/16	A.P. 3347 Pt II No 10/502
3	CO Battal A.F. B213	Taken on strength 19th Coy	Del. el. Keliir	1/3/16	A.P. 4736 Pt II No 12/598
4	CO Battal A.F. B213	Reverts to ranks	Del. el. Keliir	1/3/16	A.P. 4736 Pt II No 12/625
5	CO B213	Promoted Corporal vice Emory promoted	Ferry Post	26/5/16	A.P. 2620 9/34/2911
6		EMRk to join R.E.F. Alexandria 17/6/16			
7		OC, Trps Disemb. ex Transylvania			
		Marseilles 23.6.16			
9	2CCSII adm. - L.H. & forearm to 15000	France	20/7/16	A.P. 9517	C152 212 13/6/16

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

[P.T.O.]

15/8

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
11	23/7/16	Adm. L. forearm	France	23/7/16	A.P. 2041 9/25/4123
10	26/7/16	3 Cpl	do	21/7/16	A.P. 29 9/25/4245
8		CO 7th CO Bn B 13. WOUNDED	France	20-7-16	A.P. 1802 D.O. 46
13	25/6/16	Adm. L. forearm	France	25/6/16	A.P. 2041 9/25/4123
13	19/9/16	Embarked (France)	England	19/9/16	A.P. 2681 10029/580E
14	23/9/16	Marched in flow England	England	17/9/16	A.P. 682
15	do	do	do	21/9/16	A.P. 682
16	29/9/16	Rejoined Bn	Field	24/9/16	A.P. 472 9/25/580E
17	13/10/16	on command sniping school	do	6/10/16	A.P. 2500 9/25/580E
18	20/10/16	Detached at 1st Army School	do	16/10/16	A.P. 2594 9/25/580E
19	27/10/16	To be Sgt vice Cuts wounded supernumerary	do	19/10/16	A.P. 9448 9/25/580E
20	24/11/16	Rejoined Bn	do	23/11/16	A.P. 11399
21	10/12/16	Adm. L. forearm	do	10/12/16	A.P. 2594 9/25/580E
21	15/12/16	Wounded in action (Indochina)	Field	9/12/16	A.P. 2594 9/25/580E

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Sheet 2

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Regiment or Corps 22nd Bn S.A. 168th Regt.

Regimental No. 1018 Rank Sgt Name Johncock Lt. Ernest Harry

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion } _____ Date of appointment } _____ Numerical position on }
to present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (d) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
22/9/16	57 th Dub.	Adm. - gpm head	Field	9/12/16	PA 838/04
11	Adm. - gpm head	Adm. Brookman Head	Woodlitch	24/7/16	ER 923 PA 3426
21/12/16	22 gpm	206 Capt. - gpm head	Camiers	27/12/16	PA 764/10
25/30/12/16	6 C.D.	205 C.D. - gpm head	Elaples	30/12/16	PA 764/21
26	29/3	Discharged to Base - fit	Cayeaux	29/3/17	PA 55/502/36 PA 42/18
27	21/3/17	Marched in ex C.D.	Elaples	29/3/17	PA 57/13 DO 16/2347
28	14/4/17	do	do	7/4/17	ES 7/15
29	12/4/17	Rejoined Unit ex wounded	Field	12/4/17	EG 16 DO 18/2085
30	29/5/17	To attend No 2 Officers Cadet Bn, Pembroke College, Cambridge, continuing until 1/6/17	do	-	PA 1349/15
31	7/6/17	Detached at Officers' Hospital, Hospital placed on supernumerary list	do	2/6/17	EG 24 DO 26/3537

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

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Date	From whom received				
11.6.17	No 2 Officers Cadet Bn	Sgt M. In from 32 nd Bn	Cambridge	7.6.17	L.R. 3820. D.O. 47E. 27.6.17. AIF 186.
6.8.17	1 st East 54	Cadet. Adm. (N.Y.D. et Cadet Bn)	do	6.8.17	H.R. 178
25.9.17	1 st East 54	Cadet adm (N.Y.D. discharged)	Cambridge	6.8.17	
	A.I.F. 1st 54.	Sgt. Having qualified for commission in Infantry as 4pp. 2/11 in A.I.F. posted to General Inf Bn.		3.11.17	DO 84E 15.11.17.
20/11/17	WAA 8.	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE	Southampton	19/11/17	C.R. 4309 2/3. DO 9/E 29/11/17.
21/11/17	5.4.210	Marched in from England	France	20/11/17	PA 12709
27/11/17	do	Marched out to Unit	do	27/11/17	PA 12822
4/12/17	32 Bn 52/3	Taken on strength	Field	9/2/17	EG 60 DO 52/632
4/2/18	do	Sgt. Small, 8mm School (Lewis Gun)	do	10/2/18	EG 60
2/2/18	do	Rejoined Unit ex School	do	20/2/18	EG 61
12/3/18	A.I.F. 1st 306	To be Lieut.	do	4/3/18	EG 63 DO 13/1080. EG 65 DO 150/1918
12.7.18	do 365	Seconded for duty as Bombing Officer with 8 P.M.	do	16.6.18	H.K. 280/67 DO 13/1080
21/6/18	80 Bn 52/3	Attached as Bombing Officer	do	18/6/18	EG 77 DO 1/10
27.9.18	"	Lt. Bank on leave	do	11.9.18	EG 91 DO 13/1080
11.10.18	"	Rejoined above	do	11.10.18	EG 92 DO 13/1080

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number

Casualty Form - Active Service.Regiment or Corps *8th Air Bde 1918*Rank *Lieut* Surname *Johncock* Christian Name *Ernest Harry*

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b)

or Corps Trade and rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked ...			
11.10.18	<i>W 68/198 8th Air Bde</i>	<i>Relinquished appt. as Bombing officer & atd to 32nd Battalion</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>16.10.18</i>	<i>at 3226/198 B.213 63/193</i>
12/0/8	<i>32 Bn B.213</i>	<i>Lt Reported Bn from Sealed list taken on strength</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>4/10/18</i>	<i>Eg 94 D.O. 44/5622(193)</i>
1-2-19	<i>32 Bn B.213</i>	<i>M/o To Base for R.T.A.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>29.1.19</i>	<i>D.O. 35 Eg 110</i>
3.1.19	<i>Col Potone</i>	<i>Lt Disembarked. To report Hqrs London</i>	<i>Potone</i>	<i>3.1.19</i>	<i>LX 3506</i>

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(b) Signaller, Shooting-Squad, &c.

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Date	From whom received				
13.2.19	<i>Demob Dep.</i>	<i>Lt. Instructed to proceed Eng. to 1st Bn & Bde to await Early Repat.</i>		<i>7.2.19</i>	<i>Ch 4308/19/18.</i>
<i>1918</i>		<i>Emb from Australia Returned To Australia per Anthesis Doverport</i>		<i>18.11.18 1.2.19 38.2.19</i>	<i>Home. Roll.</i>
	<i>Lt. Dep.</i>	<i>Disembarked</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>11.4.19</i>	<i>Home. Roll.</i>
32nd Bn Lieut.		<i>Proc to England 31/1/19 (Duty) (ex A.C.S.) Boulogne.</i>			<i>D.O. 68/219 44.44/450 L.S.</i>

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No.

Rank

Name

Unit

201 Casualty

1578 Sgt (E79032) Johncock E. E.
 32 Batt
 Wounded bibl 272/6781 P 8th London 10/8/16
 L.S.W. Forearm iot foot (mild) admitted 2/7/16 to 3rd Canadian
 Gen Hosp iotml 124/67981 F Rec 14/8/16
 Wounded 2nd Occasion. bibl 882/79032 D London 30/12/16. E.H.
 24.9.16 Referred to from Wounded in the First Day, O.P. 56/1 D. 10.10.16
 Delg. to Aust. per H. J. Anclines embarked 28.2.19 } R. L.
 C. I. B. 53286, 5396, did London 5/3/19 Rec B. 4.3.19 }

DATE.

Returned to Australia per A. Indian 17/2/17
 D. embarked 4th M. D. 10/4/19

PURPORT.

REF. NO.

17.8.16.

19 AUG 1916

3 JAN 1917

N of Kin advised Wounded.

N. O. K. Advised in Hospital

N. O. K. Advised ... unded Second occasion.

14.2.19

14 MAR 1919

Form of Commem. to not B. K. M. No. 31/300.

N. O. K. Advised Returning to Australia, Form

8.6.19

21.1.19

Appl terminated (H/12)

War Record, R. M. F. List, Despatched

C. M. Form 7 Returned to Unit Daag. 4th M. D. 7/2/690

WAR HISTORY INDEX

1914/1915 Star issued. P. R. M. 43/1229/32/2 M



LIST.

D. J. 1/8.18. - C. 9442 - 10m.

Letter from Ern's Sister to A.I.F. Enquiring about his health while completing officer training in Cambridge, England.

~~Journal~~
Sir

Oct 12 1917

I have been advised by private
"a 9 night" or anonymous letter
that, 151st Sgt. C.H. Johnson - 32nd T.F.
who is a cadet at
Corpus Christi College
Cambridge
Eng.

who admitted to the
1st Eastern General Hospital
at the beginning of August -
would you be good enough
to advise me the nature
of his illness.

Thanking you

Miss J. Cible Mc. Sharpe

A.P.O.

Adelaide



OCT 13 1917

OCT 14 1917

Would you also be good enough to
 supply the name of ^{the} other Australian
 who entered Corpus Christie
 College - in June of this year
 A.D.

GKS. 27401 19th October 1917.

Dear Madam,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 12th instant, I have to state, no recent report to any effect has been received regarding No. 1518 Sergeant E. H. Johncock, 32nd Battalion.

Cases of minor indisposition unlikely to develop seriously are not reported to this Office by cable; they are usually embodied in Hospital Lists which come to hand by mail.

The Department is unable to furnish the name of the other Australian soldier whom you state entered Corpus Christie College in June.

Any cable reports which may come to hand will be promptly transmitted to next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

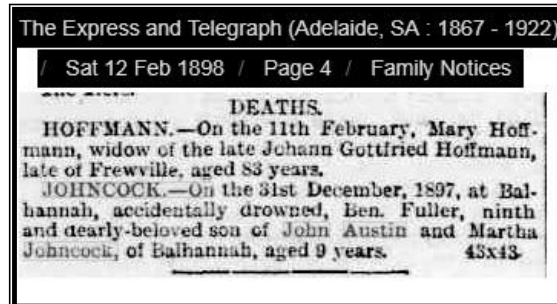
Major,
 Officer i/c ^{Base} Records.

Miss E. McSharpe,
 C. P. C.,
 ADELAIDE, S.A.

Biography

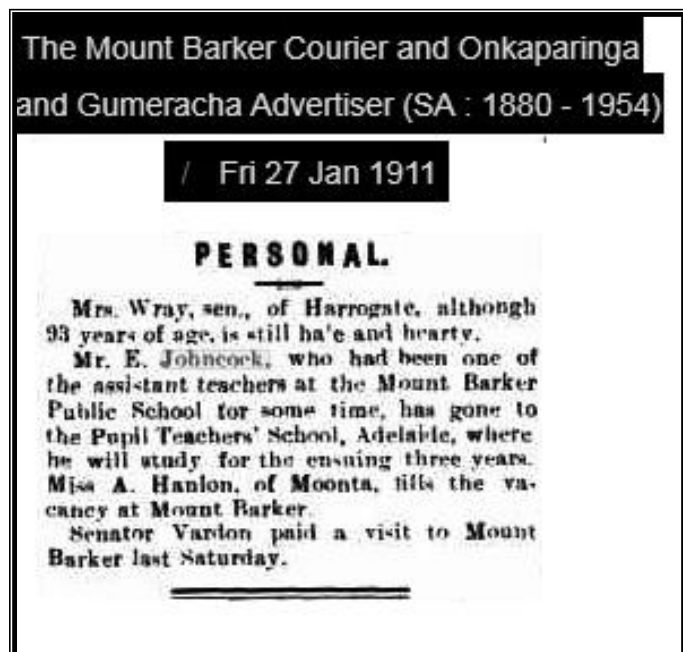
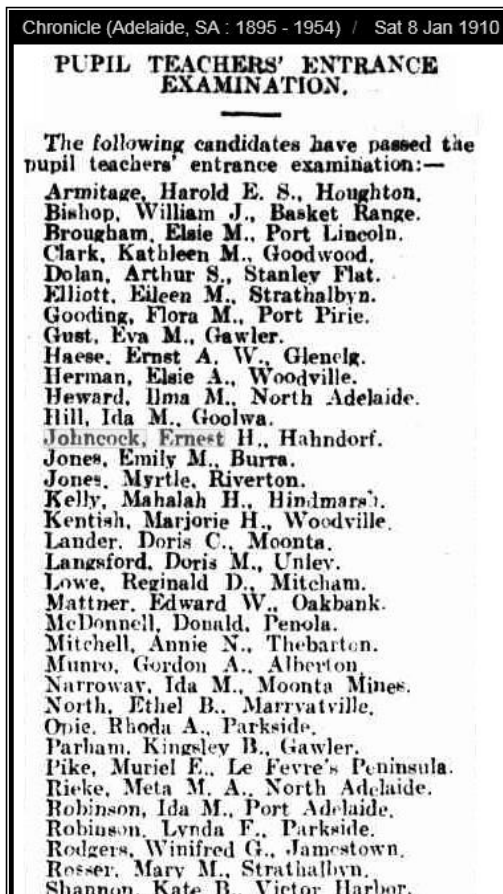
Family and Early Years

Ern Harry (Ern) Johncock was the youngest of thirteen children of John Austin Johncock (1844-1930) and Martha (1851-1942) née Fuller. He was born at Balhannah on the 29th of December 1894. The Johncock family were early pioneers of the district and were involved in all manners of community activities, church (St Thomas' Anglican Church), sporting, social and cultural gatherings. His father in addition to farm work and bringing up his large family was a member of the Balhannah Rifles, a local militia group formed in 1860. It was a hard country life for the family and at the time of Ern's birth three of their children had already not survived childhood. Tragedy soon struck again when his older brother Ben (9) was tragically drowned in the Onkaparinga River after slipping from the slippery bank.



Early Education - Pupil Teacher - School Sport

It was important for John and Martha that all their children were well educated. Ern's early schooling was at Balhannah State School and Mount Barker High School. At an early age he showed an interest in becoming a teacher following on in the footsteps of his older brother and sister, Charles Fuller Johncock and Edith Alice Johncock. In 1910, he was appointed by the Education Department as a Senior Monitor at the Mount Barker Public School. In 1911, having already passed the entrance examination the previous year, he enrolled at Adelaide High School (formally the Pupil Teachers' School). In his youth he had played sport for the local football teams, playing juniors with Mt Barker and seniors for Onkaparinga.

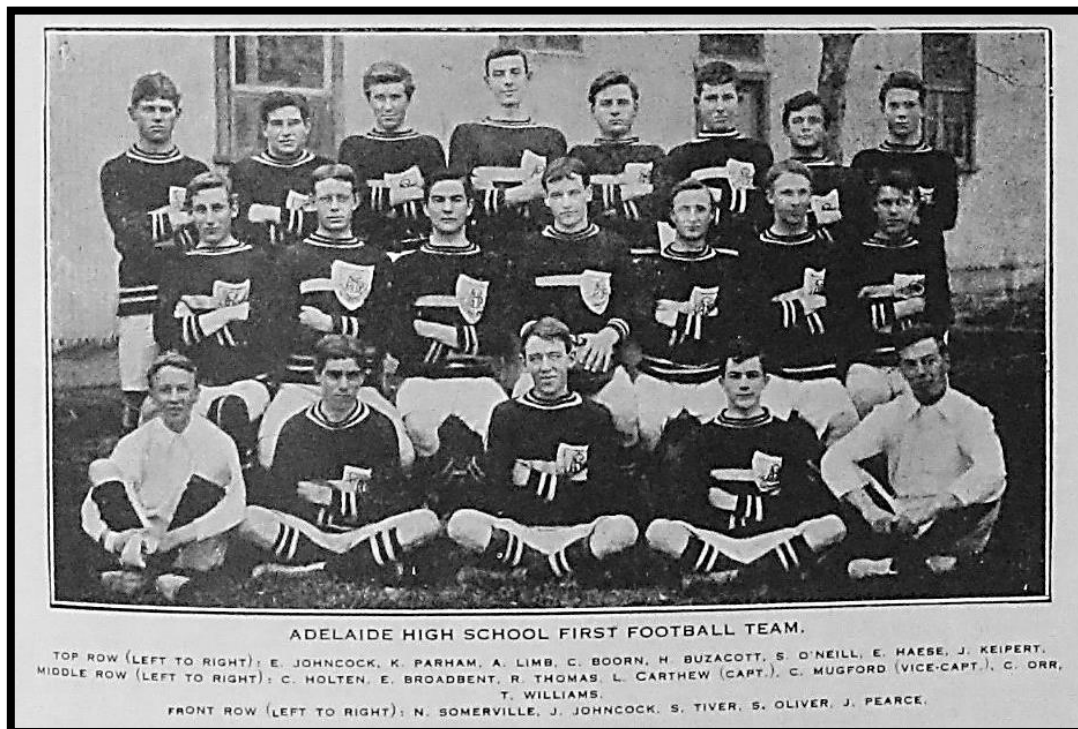


Adelaide High School

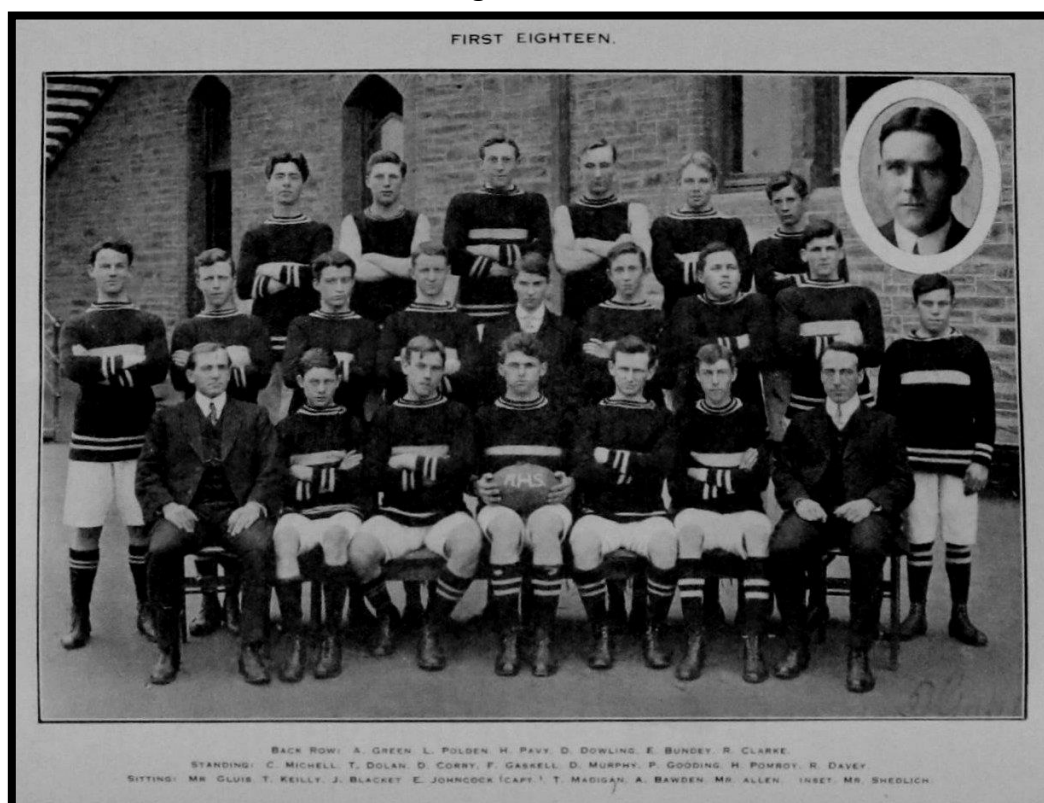
Ern attended Adelaide High School from 1911 until 1913 in the capacity as a junior teacher. While there he completed his Senior Public and Higher Year examinations qualifying for entrance to Adelaide University. In addition, he passed subjects at the Adelaide School of Art and by March 1913 he had been promoted to a 3rd grade junior teacher position at the school.

While at Adelaide High School he played football for the 1st XV111 for 3 years and 1st X1 cricket in 1912 and 1913. In an unusual situation in 1911 both he and his nephew (John Arthur Johncock - son of older brother Charles) were in the same football team. In his final year he was captain of the team and also a Prefect. He was awarded the Rossiter Prize for outstanding sporting achievement in his final year.

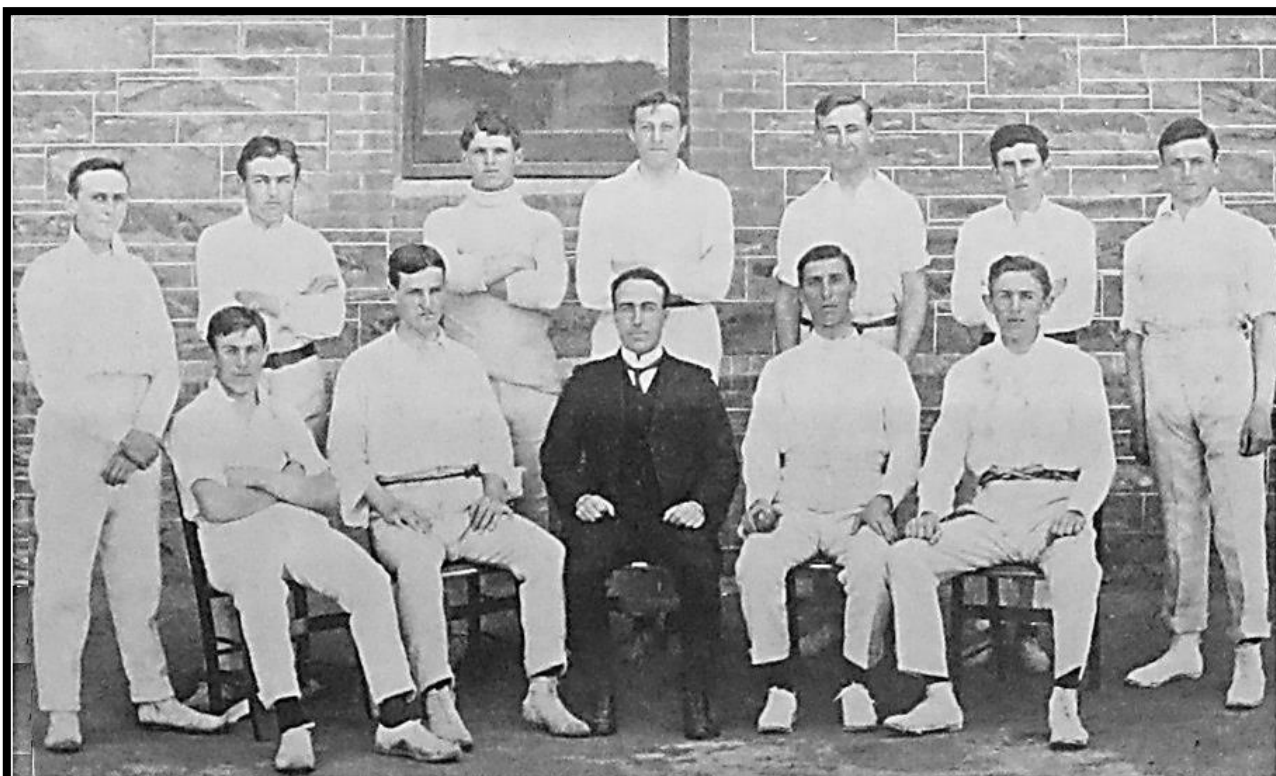
1911 First Eighteen Football Team



1913 First Eighteen Football Team



1912 Cricket Team

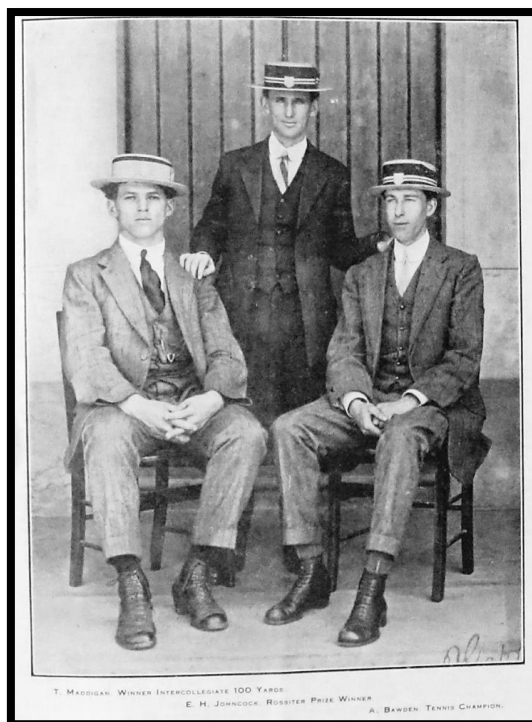


STANDING: E. L. GOODEN, G. EATON, E. H. JOHNCOCK, H. PAVY, D. A. DOWLING, R. SMITH, H. E. S. ARMITAGE.
SITTING: J. BLACKET, L. CARTHEW (VICE-CAPTAIN), MR. ALLEN (CRICKET MASTER), E. W. MATTHNER (CAPTAIN), C. RICHARDS.

SCHOOL PREFECTS FOR 1913.



F. GASKELL, E. H. JOHNCOCK, H. K. PAVY, H. W. BROADBENT, A. E. H. WATSON,
L. J. BURNS, D. A. DOWLING, L. G. KEIPERT (HEAD-PREFECT), D. J. MURPHY, H. R. POMROY.



(L - R) Ern Johncock (Rossiter Prize Winner), Thomas Maddigan (Winner Intercollegiate 100Yds), Albert Bawden 1913 (School Tennis Champion)

After completion of his Higher Year at Adelaide High School he received a promotion to 4th Grade junior teaching position and received a posting in 1914 to Murray Bridge High School (Continuation School) which had only been established the previous year. While there he also played a season of football for the local Murray Bridge team. It was his intention to enroll at Adelaide University in 1915 and at the end of the year he was farewelled at a school social gathering.

Adelaide University Enrollment

Ern enrolled in the Arts Faculty at Adelaide University in 1915, however, with the outbreak of hostilities and Australia's commitment increasing, like many fellow students, he answered the call to serve. He had already had military training having served for 4 years in school cadets and local Infantry (74th, 76th and 79th Military Units).

Norwood Football Club

After returning to the city from Murray Bridge in 1915, he was recruited by the Norwood Football Club. A number of their players had already enlisted and departed for overseas duty. After playing 7 league matches for the league side his time with Norwood ended, playing his final game on July 3rd, 1915. Like many others who served, it is unknown what the course of his league football career may have taken.

PLAYERS - JOHNCOCK, Ernest

Ernest JOHNCOCK

STATISTICS

Guernsey Number: 7

Career: 1915

NFC Games: 7

NFC Goals: 0

Debut: v North Adelaide (Norwood) 1st May 1915

Finale: v West Torrens (Norwood) 3rd July 1915

Ernest Johncock played at a time when Norwood struggled to win games. They finished seventh in 1915, a year in which many players enlisted in the armed forces, winning only three games.

In a game against West Torrens in May, 1915, he missed a simple chance at goal and in the same match was disallowed what the reporter described as a, "brilliant mark."

Johncock enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in July 1915 and served in France. He was eventually discharged in 1919 after being promoted to Lieutenant

B Ridge June 2014

FOOTBALL.

By Follower.

League Games Last Saturday.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fnl.	Pts.
South	2.3	4.2	7.8	7.9	51
West	1.3	2.6	2.7	5.10	40
Norwood	2.0	5.0	6.1	7.4	46
Torrens	1.5	3.7	4.10	5.10	40
Port	1.1	4.12	5.13	9.15	60
Sturt	0.5	0.7	2.12	2.12	21

League Premiership Scoring List.

	Scores.			Points.			Prem.
	W.	L.	D.	W.	L.	Pts.	
Port Adelaide ..	7	—	1	538	361	16	
South Adelaide ..	5	2	1	404	360	11	
North Adelaide ..	4	3	—	342	304	8	
West Adelaide ..	3	5	—	361	390	6	
Sturt	3	5	—	382	485	6	
Norwood	2	6	—	330	445	4	
West Torrens ..	2	5	—	291	302	4	

Position of clubs last year:—Port, North, Sturt, Torrens, West, South, and Norwood.

Personal Comments.

E. Suhard and C. Knaggs were not included in the Norwood eighteen. The vacancies were filled by the Rev. C. J. Perry and R. Dugan, who rendered useful service. Dugan was previously in the South Adelaide team. E. Johncock played his last game on Saturday prior to enlisting. G. Stephens (half-forward) and S. White (rover) attracted much attention. Again and again they figured prominently in aggressive movements, and the Torrens backs were hard put to it to keep them out. White kicked two goals, and Stephens contributed one sixer. For the visitors Incoll (in goal) effected several smart saves. The attempts of the red-and-blues to score were often checked by the excellent marking of Marsh, Strugnell, and Curnow. Miller worked hard in attack and defence. Merit was also evident on the part of Johnson and Smith, who were conspicuous for long runs.

War Service

His call to serve King and Country in WW1 interrupted his football and his university studies when he enlisted in July 1915. embarked for overseas service on board HMAT A2 *Geelong* on 18 November 1915. Before departing he attended an assembly at Adelaide High School.

Enlisting on 14th July 1915, he is described as standing 5ft 9in (175cm) and 176lbs (80kg). With the rank of Private he was assigned to the newly formed A.I.F. 32nd Battalion, 1st Reinforcements and attended the Cheltenham Racecourse Camp for initial training. In November his Unit embarked for overseas service from Port Adelaide and arrived at Ismailia, Egypt on the Suez Canal in February. By July 1916 he had been promoted to the rank of Corporal and after arriving in France at the southern port of Marseilles, was soon seeing action at the Front in the North of France.

On the 20th July Ern received a gunshot wound to the forearm and was evacuated to the 3rd Canadian General Hospital near Boulogne.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
 Base Records Office, A.I.F.
 Victoria Barracks,
 MELBOURNE. 19th August 1916

Dear Madam,
 I now beg to advise you that information has been received to the effect that No. 1518 Corporal E. H. Johncock, is now in the 3rd Canadian General Hospital, 21/8/16, suffering from gunshot wound forearm 1st. foot mild.
 His present address will therefore be:—
 No. 1518 Corporal E. H. Johncock,
 Wounded. 32nd Australian Infantry,
 C/o Australian Imperial Force Headquarters,
 150 Horseferry Road,
 Westminster, LONDON. S.W.
 Any further particulars coming to hand will be promptly transmitted.
 Mrs M. Johncock,
 HALLAMSTAD S.A.

Yours faithfully,
 J. H. IRWIN.
 Major.
 Officer i/c Base Records

To allow time for full recovery he was furloughed to England for several weeks. He rejoined his Unit in September 1916 at Etaples, France and after time in the field was seconded to the Western Front sniping school "On Command" and a promotion to the rank of Sergeant. While recuperating Ern wrote home:

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA: 1910 - 1924) / Tue 12 Sep 1916 / Page 8 / GIVING FRITZ "BEANS"

GIVING FRITZ "BEANS."

Corporal Ernest H. Johncock writes to his brother at Ballhannah from a hospital in Boulogne as follows:—Just at present I am situated as per above. It's just great to be on a nice soft bunk and to have nothing to do but ask for what you want. Some change after the field. The hospital people are just all right, and we are being treated gloriously. I am in a Canadian hospital, but the majority of the fellows are Australians, although I do not know one of them. However, one soon makes friends.

I am not badly damaged. I have a slight hit on my left forearm which is nearly right now, and a barbed wire puncture on my right foot, which inflamed considerably and prevented any walking. I guess I'll be out in a couple of days.

We moved into the firing line on the 18th, and old Fritz was bombarding "billy ho" out of us, but as long as we kept well under cover we were as safe as houses.

The noise was pretty nerve-shattering, but I had become well accustomed to it having been on guard for four days right in the midst of our batteries. The German trenches were about 150 yards away and with the aid of a periscope I could see them and the lines of barbed wire which looked formidable. Our artillery was shelling "beans" into Fritz and we were given the tip that we had to hop over the parapet as soon as their defences were smashed up. On the 19th all was ready and we prepared for the charge. We hopped over at 6 p.m. I was in the second wave and we got a taste of "fair dinkum" war. Although it was our first action, not one of our boys flinched but went over the parapet as cheerfully as to a picnic. The ground was absolutely swept with a veritable tornado of shrapnel and machine gun bullets. I got my first hit in our own barbed-wire, and the puncture in the foot in the Germans', but didn't notice them. Their machine gunners continued to pluck at us until we were about ten yards off when they hopped up crying "Mercy, Kamerad." Some got it and some didn't. We bayoneted some and I had a flying shot at one as he bolted, but must have missed him, dropped two of my hand grenades into a dug-out full of them, but didn't stop to investigate the result. Most of them had left for home before we got over. They don't like bayonets, ours at all events.

We got over into their third line of defence which consisted of a little trench about four feet wide and three deep, and was about half full of muddy water. We at once set to work to put up some sort of a parapet but it was rather heart-breaking for we only carried two sand-bags each and they weren't much protection against high explosive shells that would shift a four foot depth of earth.

We were working up to our knees in mud and almost every rifle was muddied and unfit for use. However, more sand-bags came over and we consolidated into a fairly strong position. And not too soon for we had just completed when Fritz sent over a hail of shrapnel, high explosive, and big bombs, which did little damage. My arm grew numb and useless at about midnight, so I made back for the dressing station and got back safely. Then my foot became too painful to walk on, and I've been carried since then. There is no necessity for me to enlarge on the horror of it all, the smashed up men, the sufferings of the wounded, and all that, but it is hell sure; that comfortable place cannot be worse. The Germans are the most treacherous and cringing beggars imaginable. They worked their machine guns until we were right upon them when they jumped up and asked for mercy. If they spied a wounded man trying to drag himself into a shell hole, or some cover, they at once turned a machine gun on him. One of them asked one of our officers for a drink of water, and when it was proffered, drew a revolver and fired at him. Luckily he missed. He is now where he'll need a lot of water to keep himself cool. These are just a few incidents. Some of them are brave, though. Our boys were pretty hard hit, but we have the satisfaction of knowing we dislodged them from a position they have held immovably for 12 months. I had a letter from you the day before I went in. It was jolly cheery, too. A fellow doesn't feel too game when he knows what he is going into. It's all rubbish about going mad and seeing red. I was a wee bit hysterical once when a lad was killed just ahead of me, but otherwise had all my senses right through. A fellow will kill his enemy willingly when he's seen them smash up one of his comrades."

By November Ern had rejoined the 32nd Battalion in the field and in December 1916 was wounded for a second time. This time he received a wound to the head and was evacuated to the 22nd General Hospital Carriers, France. He was then repatriated to the Brook General War Hospital near London.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

W.B.

Base Records Office,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. 3rd Jan., 1917.

Dear Madam,

I now beg to advise you that No. 1518 Sergeant E.H. Johncock, 32nd Battalion, has been reported wounded, 2nd occasion, the nature of which and the name of the hospital to which he has been admitted are not at present known here, but on receipt of later information you will be promptly notified. It is not stated as being serious and in the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that all wounded are progressing satisfactorily.

It should be clearly understood that if no further advice is received this Department has no later information to give.

Letters should be addressed as under:—

WOUNDED Regimental Number, Rank and Name,
Unit,
Australian Imperial Force,
C/o A. I. F. Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road,
Westminster, LONDON. S.W.

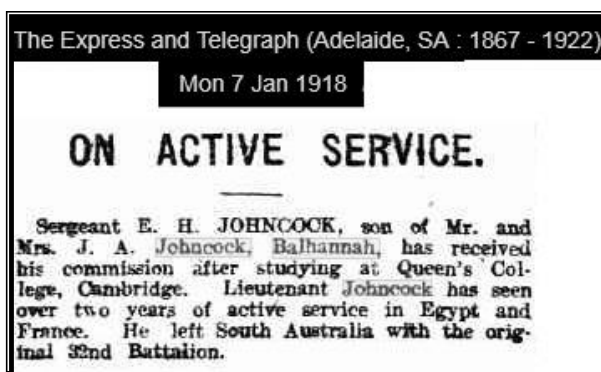
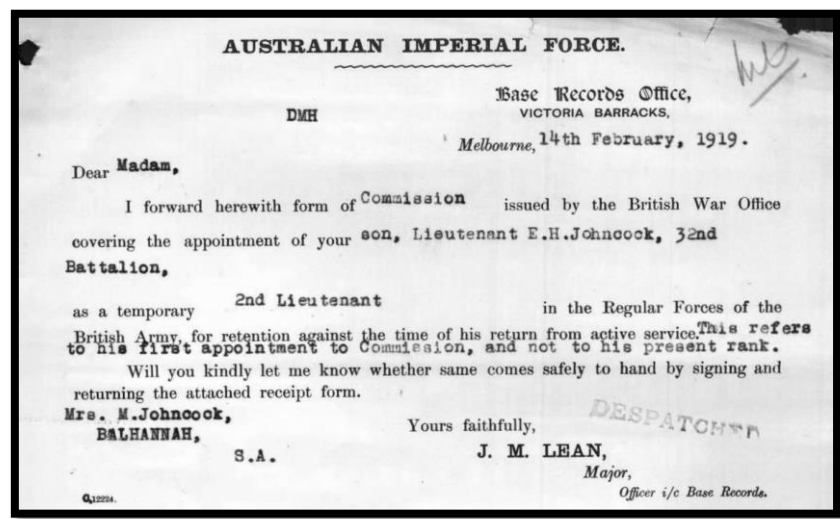
The word WOUNDED must be written prominently in red ink.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Johncock,
BALLHANNAH. S.A.

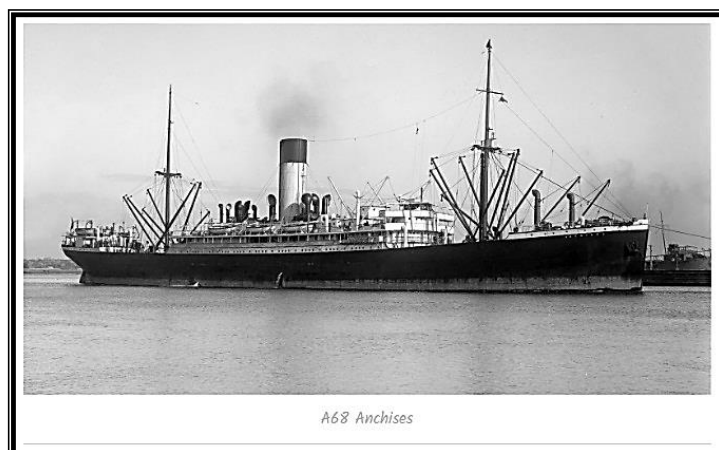
J. M. LEAN.
Major,
Officer i/o Base Records.

By April 1917, after four months recovering, Ern rejoined the 32nd Battalion and was back in France. A month later in May 1917 he was transferred back to England to attend Officer Training School at Pembroke College, Cambridge. The high number of officer casualties at the front lines had required a continual influx of replacements and Cambridge University was the location one of the foremost British Officer Training Schools. By November 1917 he had completed his training and qualified for a Commission.



Returning to France at the northern port of Havre later that month, Ern was back in the field again and soon assigned to a small arms training camp (Lewis Gun). Soon after he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and in June 1918 was seconded to the 8th Brigade as a Bombing Officer on the front lines. In September he returned to the UK on leave and on returning to France in October rejoined the 32nd Battalion.

After the Armistice he remained in France until January 1919 and then on to England to await his return to Australia. He boarded the troop carrier HMAT (A68) Anchises at the port of Devonport, England on the 8th of February for the long two-month journey home. He arrived back at Port Adelaide and disembarked on the 10th April 1919 and was discharged on the 5th June 1919.



Adelaide University Enrollment and Football (Adelaide University Football Club)

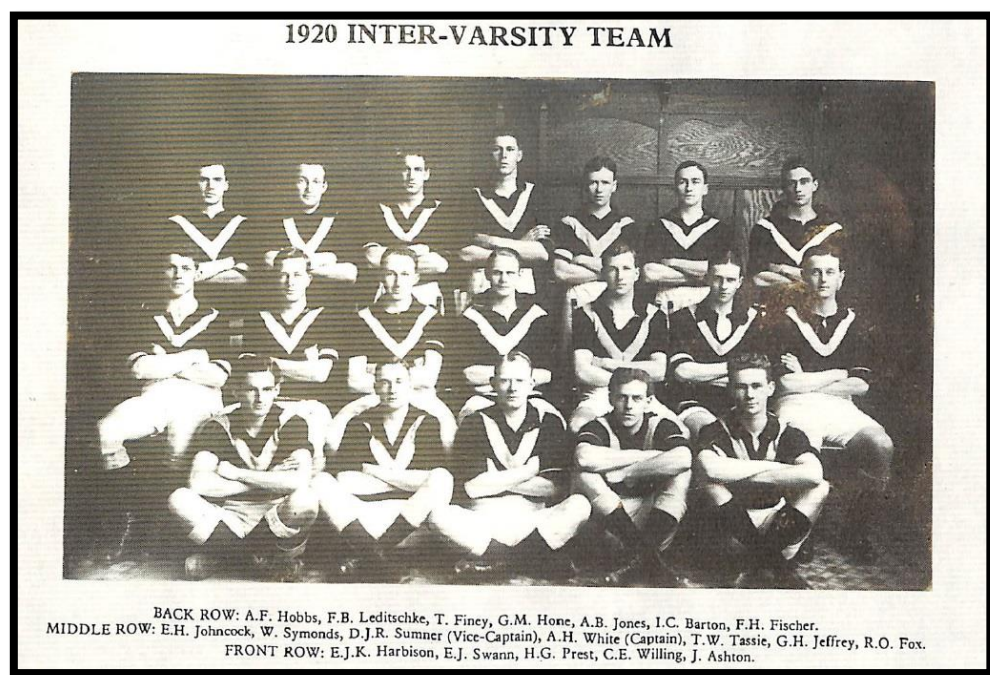
Almost immediately on his return in 1919, Ern enrolled at the University Teachers' Training College and also enrolled for subjects in the Arts Faculty at the University of Adelaide. He gained a Division 1 Pass in Education and Division 2 Pass in 1st year Science. He also gained a Teachers' Primary Certificate in the Art Examination conducted by the Education Department.

By July Ern was back playing football, this time with the Adelaide University team and the following month travelled with the team to Melbourne for the resumption of the Intervarsity contests after a 5-year lapse. In September the University team lost to Semaphore Central in the Grand Final.



1919 AUFC IV Team - Ern Johncock is first on the left - standing

From 1920 until 1923 Ern completed subjects for his Bachelor of Arts degree in a part time capacity while also teaching at Adelaide High School. In 1922 he was also assisting with the school Cadet Corps. Continued playing football for the Blacks, he was consistently one of their best players and in 1920 was awarded an Adelaide University Sports Blue.



In August 1922 he was a member of the victorious Adelaide University team which defeated Melbourne at the Adelaide University Oval.



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.

His final match for Adelaide University was in September 1922 when the Blacks defeated rivals Semaphore Central in the A1 Amateur League Grand Final.

The Premiership match against Semaphore Central was very close with Varsity winning by eleven points, 9.9 to 8.4. Best players in this game were W.M.C. Symonds, A.S. de B. Cocks, H.G. Prest, D.J.R. Sumner, C.K. Haskard, T.D. Finey and E.H. Johncock, with goals being scored by D.J.R. Sumner, N.S. Gunning, W.M.C. Symonds, C. Koerner and Hone. It was noted in the *Adelaide University Magazine* that this match was poorly patronised by the students in general.

H.G. Prest had an outstanding season and won the Naylor Medal which was awarded to the fairest and best player in Amateur League. Other players who performed consistently well were H.L. Davie, D.J.R. Sumner, W.M.C. Symonds, C.E. Willing, G.M. Hone, T.D. Finey and A.S. de B. Cocks, with the most prolific goal scorer being D.J.R. Sumner.

Marriage and Family Loss

Ern married Lorna Maud Bertram (1896 - 1973) in May 1920 at St. Columbas Church, Hawthorn, SA. Shortly after this joyous occasion, the family however, was saddened when his sister Edith passed away at Yorktown, SA. As an older sister (and a teacher), Ern was the very special youngest baby in the family. Shortly after Ern enlisted and had embarked for overseas service in WW1, she had given birth to a boy in December 1915 and named him Ernest John (1915 - 2000). He was no doubt named after her youngest brother.

Rising in the Teaching Profession

In 1923 at 28 years of age, it appears Ern did not play football at all. Married life, teaching and university studies to complete his arts degree part time, were dominating his life. In December that year, Ernest Harry Johncock was presented with his B.A. Degree at the University of Adelaide Commemoration Ceremony. Also, the same month he received notice that he was to be appointed as a Senior Master at Unley High School for 1924.

Ern remained at Unley High School as a Senior Master and Sports Master until the end of 1926. While there, he had continued his studies and in 1924 had completed the requirements and received his Master of Arts Degree. It was back to his old school in 1927 after being appointed to Adelaide High School as a Senior Master. He completed his Diploma in Education (Dip. Ed.) at the University of Adelaide in 1929. In addition to his teaching and studies, he was very much involved in the extracurricular activities which Adelaide High School paid great importance to. Their motto "Non scholae sed vitae" – "Not only for school, but for life" - is indicative of their aim to produce well rounded scholars and future leaders. Ern during his 5 years there, at various times was Sports Master, coached the football team and was rowing coach (he had rowed for Adelaide University before the War). He also regularly donned the old football boots and played for the past scholars against the present students in the annual football match.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)
Thu 12 Jul 1928

Football.

Several well-known football players, including W. Symonds (Norwood wing man), and K. Jackson, played for the old boys, and that side had the advantage throughout the game. The teams were:—

Present.—G. Phillips (captain), F. Gale (vice-captain), F. Errey, N. Cromer, M. Lane, C. Jones, G. Downs, F. Welch, D. Henwood, D. Forder, W. Melbourne, R. Brechin, B. McGuffie, G. Young, G. Rowell, T. Wright, B. Stafford, and A. Cranston.

Past.—C. Gregory (captain), W. Symonds, K. Jackson, A. Vawden, E. H. Johncock, H. K. Rabone, A. Smith, W. Marder, E. Frich, Severn, E. Moore, T. Phyllis, G. Hutchinson, R. Neill, G. Fuller, E. Rudd, O. Koch, and T. Ryan.

In the first quarter the play was fairly even, although the old scholars secured a substantial lead with 5.5 to 2.2. The present boys fought hard in the second term, and put on 1.6 to their opponents' six points, and the half-time scores were:—Past, 5.11; Present, 3.8. After the interval, the old students played with more combination, and scored three goals quickly, before the heavy rain made the ground slippery and spoilt the play. The third quarter scores were:—8.14 to 5.10. Both sides put on four goals during the last term, the final scores being 12.15 to 9.10.

The best players were:—Past—Symonds, Jackson, Rabone, Marder, and Johncock. Present—Gale, Cromer, Errey, Brechin, and McGuffie. Goalkickers:—Past—Marder and Jackson (3), Neill (2), Symonds, Gregory, Fuller, and Koch (each 1).

In 1926 his mother and father celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

"A DIAMOND WEDDING. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johncock, who recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding, have resided at Balhannah during their married life. Mr. Johncock arrived from England in the *Norman* on March 5, 1855. He was born at Sandgate, England, and on October 3, 1866 was married to Miss Martha Fuller at the residence of Mrs. Knight, Langhorne's Creek by the Rev. Henry Howitt. Mr. and Mrs. Johncock both enjoy fair health. They have eight sons and daughters, namely Messrs. Charles F. Johncock of Clare, William G. Johncock of Narridy, John A. Johncock of Netherton, James P. Johncock of Balhannah, George J. Johncock of Balhannah, Allan S. Johncock of Barmera, Mrs. A. Hennington of Dalebank, and Mr. E.H. Johncock of Clarence Park. There are 25 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Two sons and two grandsons saw active service at the war."

The Advertiser Adelaide, Tuesday 16 November 1926"



Ern's father John Austin Johncock passed away in 1930, however his mother lived a further 12 years passing away in 1942. In 1933 she and some other local Balhannah residents had documented the history of the area in interviews with the Adelaide Chronicle Newspaper in September 1933.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) / Thu 5 Oct 1933

THE STORY OF BALHANNAH

THOSE WHO TOLD THE TALE

These four old residents of Balhannah—Messdames A. Tidemann and J. Johncock, Mr. J. C. Grashy, and Counsellor H. A. Spoehr—told the story of early Balhannah, which was published in "The Chronicle" last week. They have spent their lives in the hills township. Mrs. Johncock was acquainted with its founder, the picturesque James Turnbull Thomson.

The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga
and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA : 1880 - 1954) / Thu 16 Apr 1942

OBITUARY

Mrs. M. Johncock.—At Balhannah, on Friday last, the death occurred of Mrs. M. Johncock, widow of Mr. J. A. Johncock, for many years a resident of Balhannah. The late lady was an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Four sons acted as bearers, this being the mother's wish. The funeral service, held in St. Thomas' church, was largely attended. The burial took place in the church cemetery.

In 1932, Ern received a promotion to Headmaster at Murray Bridge High School where he had previously been in 1914. Remarkably by now there were four members of the family who were headmasters in Education Department Schools. They were oldest brother Charles and his nephews John and Percy in addition to himself. Ern's stay at Murray Bridge was short lived when in 1933 a vacancy occurred in the Education Department for an Inspector of Schools (Northern District) and he was appointed. He took over from Mr. Dinning who then replaced him at Murray Bridge High School. In 1949, Dinning would become Headmaster at Adelaide High School. The Director of Education at the time of Johncock's promotion was Mr W J Adey who had been headmaster at Adelaide High School when Ern had been a pupil teacher before the War and then a teacher there after the War.

Laura Standard and Crystal Brook Courier
(SA : 1917 - 1948) / Fri 27 Jan 1933

Back To School.

Teachers of all primary schools of the State Education Department will resume duties after the Christmas vacation on Tuesday next, when all pupils will be expected to be present. Several changes in district staff appointments have been made in Northern schools. Inspector Dinning, who was appointed inspector of the Northern District in July, has resigned from the inspectorial staff and will be succeeded by Mr. Johncock, formerly head teacher of Murray Bridge High School. Mr. Dinning, prior to being promoted to inspectorial staff, was head teacher of the Kadina High School, has accepted the position of head teacher of Murray Bridge High School. Mr. Reg Cole, B.A., an ex-Laurite, son of Mr. W. J. C. Cole, is head teacher of Kadina High School.

Laura Standard and Crystal Brook Courier

Fri 2 Jun 1939

BOOLEROO CENTRE NEWS

School of Method.

At a school of method held at Booleroo Centre recently Inspector E. Johncock M.A. Department of Education arranged a most interesting and instructive programme. Outstanding items in the programme were Aims of Education by the District Inspector, Observation of Classwork at Arwakurra School in charge of Mr. J. Myatt. Observation of Classwork at Yandiah School in charge of Mr. D. Stirling, Blackboard Sketching by Mr. Stirling, Drawing by District Inspector, Geography by Mr. Hauser, Observation of Classwork at Booleroo Centre School (Mr. Marks and Miss Coles), Physical Training (Mr. Tucker) Manual Work (Mr. Turner), Use of Cinema in Schools (Mr. R. Edwards), Composition (District Inspector), Physical Training (Mr. Carman), Poetry (District Inspector), Mr. Johncock was the recipient of a crystal salad bowl presented by the teachers in recognition of the advantages placed at the disposal of the teachers due to the school of method organized by the District Inspector.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Wed 30 Jan 1935 / Page 1 / School Inspectors Meet in Annual Conference Today

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THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS to give consideration to the curriculum and syllabus for the ensuing year was held at the Education Department today. Back Row (left to right)—Miss A. L. Mielhke, Messrs. W. V. Leach, E. H. Johncock, L. G. W. Caust, P. J. Rofe, I. Y. Daly, G. S. McDonald, J. H. Williams, M. J. Gerlach, Dr. A. J. Schulz, Messrs. H. E. Flint, L. H. Jefferies, F. J. Gartrell. Sitting (left to right)—Misses E. M. Simpson, E. Campbell, Dr. C. Davey, Messrs. E. C. Higginbottom, W. T. Martin, E. Allen, A. G. Edquist, W. J. Adey (Director of Education), A. W. Pitt, Dr. C. Fenner, and Mr. H. C. Hosking.

1935 Ern Johncock (Standing 3rd from left)



1938 Ern Johncock (Standing 5th from left)

Ern was a very well respected and hardworking Inspector of Schools constantly travelling to the mid and upper northern areas of the State from their home in Clarence Park. In 1939 he and Lorna are recorded as then living at Quorn, north of Port Augusta where they remained until shortly before Ern's untimely ill-health when they moved back to Adelaide.

Quorn Mercury (SA : 1895 - 1954)
Fri 29 Oct 1943 /

Valedictory

MR & MRS. E. H. JOHNCOCK

Quorn is losing many valuable residents of late, not the least of whom are Mr and Mrs E. H. Johncock, who last week departed for the city. Mr Johncock has for the past seven years occupied the position of Inspector of Schools in the Northern District, in the course of his duties he made a host of friends from Tarcoola to Alice Springs, and teachers and pupils, particularly in the isolated outback schools, are lamenting the loss of a valued friend and mentor. Mr Johncock fully understood the peculiar problems of outback education and his welcome cheery presence will be missed in many out-of-the-way corners in the north. For the past year he has suffered ill-health, and as was feared, he has been compelled to relinquish the arduous responsibilities of his vast inspectorate and undertake lighter duties. During their residence, Mr and Mrs Johncock were valued citizens of Quorn, taking an active part in social and sporting matters, while Mr Johncock (who held commissioned rank in the last war) was a member of the R.S.L. and also did valuable work for the Schools' Exhibition prior to its closing down owing to the war. Mrs Johncock was an active member of local patriotic societies and the Hospital Auxiliary.

Ern and his wife had been a well-respected member of the local community. Sadly, his death at only 48 years of age occurred on the 26th November 1943. He was survived by Lorna who died in 1973. They had no children.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954)
Sat 27 Nov 1943 / Page 4 / Family Notices

JOHNCOCK.—On November 26, at 44 Denning street, Hawthorn, Ernest Harry (late Inspector of schools and 32nd Bat., 1st A.I.F.), very dear husband of Lorna. Aged 48 years

Passing of Mr. E. H. Johncock

FAR NORTHERN INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
FOR 11 YEARS.

Mr. Ernest Harry Johncock, who died in the city on Friday last at the age of 48, will be mourned by a wide circle of friends throughout the State. Always cheerful, courteous and helpful, his was a personality whose charm of manner brought brightness and encouragement to teacher, friend and scholar. Illness compelled his departure from the North a short time ago, and hopes were cherished that an improvement in health would ultimately enable him to return to Quorn and complete his term in the Far Northern Inspectorate. The late Mr. Johncock joined the Education Department as a junior teacher at the age of 17. He enlisted for service in the Great War, where he served with distinction, and on his return he entered the Teachers' College, and then the Adelaide University, where he graduated M.A. He was a senior master at the Adelaide High School and headmaster at the Murray Bridge High School. He was first appointed inspector in the Far North in 1933, and made Quorn his headquarters. In the limited time at his disposal Mr. Johncock took an interest in local affairs. He had a deep affection for the back country, its people and its scenery, and had an abiding interest in its welfare. He is survived by a widow, to whom the sympathy of all is extended in her bereavement.

Quorn Mercury (SA : 1895 - 1954) / Fri 3 Dec 1943

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) / Mon 29 Nov 1943

Late Mr. E. H. Johncock

Mr. Ernest Harry Johncock, who died on Friday at the age of 48, was an inspector in the Education Department, in which he served from when he became a junior teacher at 17. On his return from the Great War he went to the Teachers' College, and then to the Adelaide University, where he graduated MA. He was a senior master at the Adelaide High School and headmaster at the Murray Bridge High School. He was first appointed inspector in the Far North in 1933.

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