



Capt. Edmund Britten Jones

Royal Army Medical Corps



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1906, 1907, 1911

(Intervarsity 1906, 1907, 1908, 1910, 1911)

Cricket Club: 1909/10 -1911/12

(Intervarsity 1910)

Other Sports: Tennis, Athletics

Sports Awards (Blue - Football 1908, Cricket 1911)

Medical Student: 1906 - 1910

MB BS (Adelaide 1910) MA (Oxon 1926) FRCP FRACP

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 information relates to the life of Sir Edmund Britten Jones who played both football and cricket for Adelaide University. It includes two published biographies. In addition, there is an additional compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

Sir Edmund Britten Jones
Kt MA (Oxon) MB BS FRCP FRACP
(1888 - 1953)

Published Biographies.

BRITTEN JONES Sir Edmund

MA (Oxon) MB BS FRCP FRACP

1888 - 1953



Edmund (Teddy) Britten Jones was born in Adelaide, the son of Edward Britten Jones, the South Australian Government Valuator, and his wife Mary. He was educated initially at St Dominic's Priory in North Adelaide and from 1899-1905 at Christian Brothers College in Adelaide. He excelled academically and at most sports. He studied medicine at the University of Adelaide and graduated in 1910 at the top of the class winning the Everard Scholarship. At the university he played tennis, cricket and competed in athletics; he was awarded a Blue for cricket. He also played league football for North Adelaide. He was the South Australian Rhodes Scholar in 1912 and, at Magdalen College, was awarded First class honours in Physiology.

Britten Jones joined the RAMC in 1914 shortly after the outbreak of the war. He was to serve in the RAMC for the next 6 years. Much of this service was in India where he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He married Hilda, daughter of Francis Fisher, an Adelaide barrister, in Bombay, India in 1915. They moved to Bangalore where in 1918 their son Richard was born.

He returned to South Australia in 1920. Initially he entered practice in Penola SA (where his daughter Peggie was born) before moving to general practice in Henley Beach (where his daughter Jocelyn was born). He lived at 343 Seaview Road and the consulting rooms, which were attached to the house, were entered from Marlborough Street. He was the doctor at Estcourt House, Tennyson, which was supported by the James Brown Memorial Trust. Estcourt House accommodated blind and other disabled adults and

children with joint tuberculosis. He was responsible, from 1921, for the long term convalescence of children with rheumatic fever. He travelled to England in 1926 and took the MRCP and was awarded the MA (Oxon). He returned to South Australia and was appointed Honorary Physician for Children at the Queen Victoria Hospital in 1927 and Honorary Physician at the Adelaide Children's Hospital in 1929. He was president of the SA Branch BMA 1927-1929 having previously been the honorary medical secretary. He was a private doctor to His Excellency the Governor of South Australia and a doctor on call for the Archbishop Room at Calvary Hospital in North Adelaide. Britten Jones re-joined the Army in WW2 and served as a lieutenant colonel in Kantara in the Middle East as Officer Commanding Medical of 2/2 AGH and was Mentioned in Despatches. Britten Jones and Hilda were enthusiastic sports persons and greatly enjoyed their membership of the Royal Adelaide Golf Club. He also was a keen enthusiast for horseracing and, in time, owned his own racing horses sadly to report only moderately successful. He was knighted for service to Medicine in 1953 and received his knighthood from the young Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace in the Coronation Year. Later that year he died at his home in North Adelaide just short of his 65th birthday.

Sources

Cassidy, R., (2007) "Sir Edmund Britten Jones MBBS (Adel) MA (Oxon) MRCP FRACP FRCP"
Henley & Grange Historical Society Journal 28
Photo; Adelaide University Archives. 1910 graduates

College Roll: Jones, Sir Edmund Britten



Qualifications: Kt (1953) MB BS Adel (1910) MA Oxon (1926) MRCP (1926) FRACP (1938) (Foundation) FRCP (1942)

Born: 8/10/1888 - Died: 30/9/1953

Biography:

Edmund Britten Jones was the son of Edward Britten Jones, a South Australian Government surveyor, and Mary (nee Kirby). A good scholar, he was top of the final year of his medical course in Adelaide in 1910. This and his all-round distinction in various other university activities, resulted in his being awarded a Rhodes scholarship in 1912. This took him to Magdalen College, Oxford (1912-14) where he obtained first-class honours in the school of physiology.

In World War I 'Teddy' (as he was generally and affectionately known) served in the RAMC for four years, mainly in India, and in Bombay in 1915 he married Hilda, the daughter of an Adelaide barrister, Francis Fisher. One son (Richard, himself in due course a Fellow of the College) and two daughters were born to the marriage. On his return to civilian life he embarked upon country general practice at Penola, a small town in the south-east of South Australia. Subsequently he practised as a family doctor at Henley Beach, a seaside suburb of Adelaide, but in 1926 he returned to England to obtain his MRCP. He also received his MA (Oxon). After that he practised in Adelaide as a much sought-after consultant physician until his death in 1953.

Teddy's main hospital appointment was as honorary physician to the Adelaide Children's Hospital (1929-47) and he never joined the honorary staff of the Adelaide Hospital (which became 'Royal' in 1939) in spite of the fact that his private practice was predominantly adult-orientated. The reasons for this decision (which Teddy mildly regretted in later life) were very personal, but the Children's Hospital certainly gained greatly as a result.

Other activities for the benefit of his colleagues and the community during those years included the presidency in 1933-34 of the South Australian branch of the BMA (after two years as its honorary medical secretary in 1927-29); participation in the establishment of the Adelaide Postgraduate School in Medicine; presidency of the Medical Board of SA (1950); and (from 1944 until his death) membership of the council of the University of Adelaide. After becoming a foundation Fellow and councillor of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1938, EBJ participated fully in the examinations and other activities (including a vice-presidency) of the College, apart from a year in the Middle East (1940-41) where he served, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, as OC Medical, 2/2 Australian General Hospital, at Kantara. He was mentioned in dispatches for his devotion to duty.

Teddy's knighthood - he received the accolade of Knight Bachelor personally in London during the Coronation Year, 1953 - was popular with all his colleagues, but whilst in London unhappily he had his first warning of cerebral vascular disease with a minor stroke. He recovered but succumbed to a massive haemorrhage at his home in Adelaide a few months later.

Sir Edmund was a very successful doctor, respected by his colleagues for his almost uncanny diagnostic acumen and his personal affability, and loved by his patients for his unfailing kindness. He remained always a devout Catholic and cared for many members of the Church, including a number of priests and the nursing sisters at Calvary Hospital in North Adelaide. He also helped and encouraged his younger colleagues in a way that was not usual amongst medical men in Adelaide in that era. As a teacher Teddy was at his best by the bedside, both with undergraduates and with family doctors who had called him in consultation. Like many other Adelaide clinicians at that time he did not publish many scientific papers. Nevertheless, it was his initiative that resulted in the Adelaide Children's Hospital starting in 1947 its own journal, which is still published at occasional intervals as a monument to his inspiration.

A keen golfer to the end, he retained a lifelong interest as well in various other sports in which he had excelled in his youth, but his abiding love was probably horse-racing, most weekly metropolitan race meetings seeing Teddy with his binoculars eagerly scanning the field. At different times he was a part-owner of several, only moderately successful, racehorses, but no matter what their form he remained his usual unruffled and whimsical self. His death at a comparatively early age was widely and deeply regretted but his influence lived on into the next generation in the hearts of many young physicians for whom he had been a shining example.

Author: EB SIMS

References: *Munk's Roll*, 5, 219; *Med J Aust*, 1954, 1, 61-3

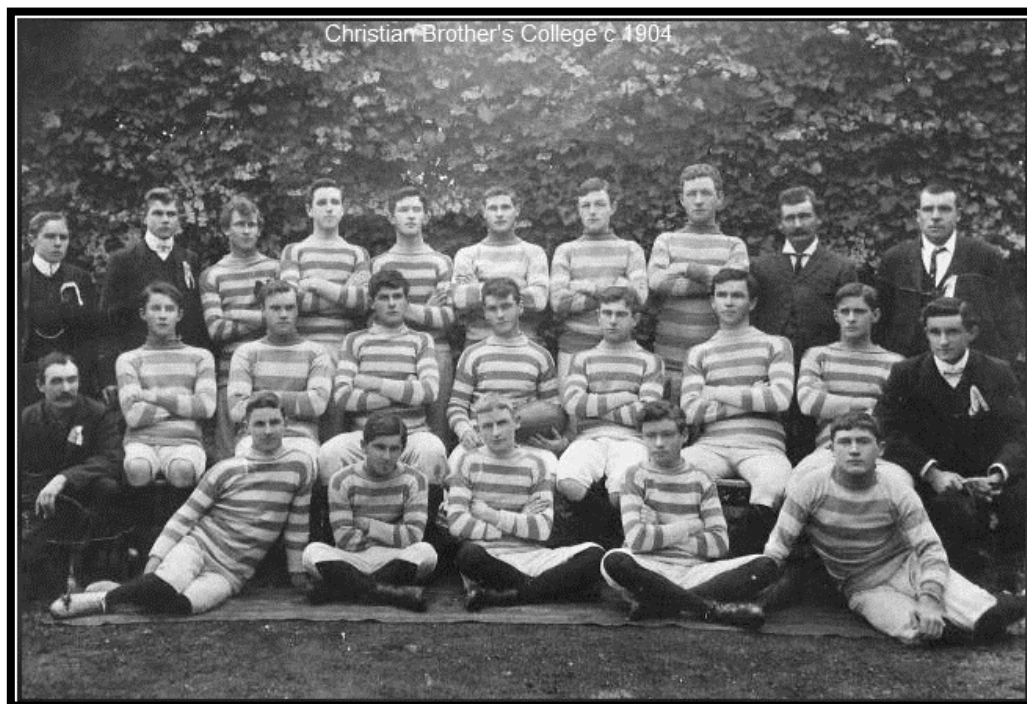
Additional Biography

Early Life – Education - Sport

Edmund “Teddy” Britten Jones was born on 8th October 1888 to Edward Britten Jones (1858 - 1933) and Mary Agnes Kirby (1854 - 1948)

His formative education was at St Dominic's Priory School - North Adelaide, Xavier College - Melbourne (1898) and then attended Christian Brothers College (CBC) - Adelaide from 1899 -1905. He passed his Junior (1903), Senior (1904) and Higher (1904 & 1904) Public Examinations. He excelled each year finishing top in the over-all Honor's List in 1903 and 9th in 1905. In addition to his fine academic record, he excelled in cricket, football, athletics (College Cup winner 1904) and handball. The football team included some great players, including the legendary Tom Leahy.

1905 C.B.C. 1st XVIII Football Team



Edmund Britten Jones (Front row: far right) Tom Leahy (Seated 3rd from left)

1905 C.B.C. 1st XVIII Football Team



Edmund Britten Jones (Front row: far right) Tom Leahy (Seated 3rd from left)

Adelaide University

Edmund enrolled in 1906 and completed his medical studies in 1910. An outstanding scholar, he was awarded the Dr. Davies Thomas Scholarship in 1908 (3rd Year) and 1909 (4th Year).

1906 Faculty of Medicine



Mounted sepia photograph. Photographer: H. Krischock. 1st row: N. Shierlaw, Catchlove, Miss M. George, Miss Delprat, Prof. Watson, Miss Delprat, Miss M. Moffat, R.A. Goode, St. John Poole, C. Yeatman, E.C. Black, S.L. Corry, E.J.R. Holder. 2nd row: J. Dyer, Thomas, J.J. O'Grady, D.M. Steele, Drew, E. Arnold, H.M. Jay, W. Ray, G.R. West, L.G. Muirhead, J. Leon, H. Powell, E.B. Jones, W.D. Rosengarten, N.E. Seppelt, W.R. Reynell, T.H. Donnelly, R. Trudinger, Everard. 3rd row: H. Elkan, C.D. Pitcher, F.E. McAree, E.H. Lewis, J.L. Jona, E.A.H. Russell, G. Harvey, W.H. Stevenson, C. Dolling, W.A.V. Drew, W. Jacobs, T.G. Fleming, M. Erichsen, R.J. Verco, L.O. Betts, L.W. Jeffries. 4th row: E.J. McGlashan, H. Fry, P.T.S. Cherry, R. Plummer, H.W.D. Stoddart, D.R.W. Cowan, Sinclair, D. Parkhouse. University Archives / Series 1151 University Photographs and Glass Slides <http://hdl.handle.net/2440/27201>

In 1910 (Final Year) on gaining his MB BS Edmund was awarded the prestigious Everard Scholarship. He was also nominated for the 1911 Rhodes Scholarship but narrowly missed out, however, nominated again the following year, he was successful.

Southern Cross (Adelaide, SA: 1889 - 1954) / Fri 16 Dec 1910

Mr. Edward Britten Jones, an old student of the Christian Brothers' College, who has brilliantly completed his course in medicine, has been awarded the Everard scholarship. He also won the Dr. Davies Thomas scholarships in 1908 and 1909. It is understood that the contest between him and Mr. C. Madigan for the Rhodes scholarship was very close, the latter just gaining the verdict.

Adelaide University Sport

At University, Edmund "Teddy" Britten Jones showed he was an outstanding all-round sportsman. As well as being an A Grade cricketer and footballer for University, playing both in regular competition and Intervarsity contests. He also excelled at handball (SA Singles & Doubles Champion), athletics (5 titles) and tennis (runner up in singles and doubles (with Charlie Dolling) in the 1908 University Tournament). He was awarded an Adelaide University Blue for football in 1908 and as an opening bowler and handy lower order batsman he was awarded a Blue for cricket in 1911 following an excellent 1910/11 season.

In 1910, the Adelaide University Cricket Club established the tradition of playing regular Intervarsity contests against Melbourne and Sydney University. The first contest was against Sydney University in Sydney. Two other members of

the 1910 Intervarsity Cricket Team, C F Drew and F N Le Messurier were fellow North Adelaide and University footballers. C.F. Drew was also in 1910 State football Team.

First Intervarsity in 1910 v Sydney University

(Held in Sydney and won by Sydney)



Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Wednesday 28 December 1910, page 8

INTER-VARSITY MATCH. SYDNEY DEFEATS ADELAIDE.

SYDNEY, December 27.
Teams representative of the Adelaide and Sydney Universities respectively commenced a match on Saturday. The home team was not strong in its composition, but it defeated the visitors by 6 wickets. Scores:—

ADELAIDE.	
First Innings.	
Drew, c. Tozer, b. McIntosh	92
Wilton, b. Massie	50
Campbell, c. Tozer, b. Stack	18
Le Messurier, l.b.w., b. Stack	13
Dolling, c. Lamrock, b. Massie	56
Davies, b. Massie	1
Rankin, c. and b. French	9
Osborne, l.b.w., b. French	0
Penny, b. Stack	17
Seppelt, c. Massie, b. Stack	0
Jones, not out	31
Sundries	30
Total	317
Bowling.—Stack, 4 for 72; Massie, 3 for 22; French, 2 for 37; McIntosh, 1 for 26.	
Second Innings.	
Davies, c. Stack, b. Massie	0
Campbell, c. Utz, b. Lamrock	9
Osborne, b. Massie	4
Dolling, c. French, b. Massie	30
Drew, c. and b. Massie	23
Wilton, c. Massie, b. French	7
Le Messurier, b. Massie	0
Jones, b. Lamrock	36
Rankin, b. McIntosh	12
Penny, c. James, b. Macintosh	0
Seppelt, not out	0
Sundries	8
Total	129
Bowling.—Massie, 5 for 46; Stack, 0 for 25; Lamrock, 2 for 22; French, 1 for 18; Broughton, 0 for 9; Macintosh, 2 for 1.	

SYDNEY.	
First Innings.	
Tozer, c. Davies, b. Wilton	110
Fisher, c. Campbell, b. Seppelt	19
Lamrock, b. Osborne	5
McIntosh, c. Jones, b. Osborne	8
Broughton, b. Wilton	26
Stack, b. Jones	73
James, b. Wilton	4
Inglis, b. Wilton	2
Massie, b. Wilton	3
Utz, not out	31
French, c. Drew, b. Jones	0
Sundries	14
Total	295
Bowling.—Wilton, 5 for 51; Jones, 2 for 97; Seppelt, 1 for 54; Osborne, 2 for 58; Penny, 0 for 21.	
Second Innings.	
Tozer, c. Campbell, b. Osborne	42
Fisher, c. and b. Seppelt	32
Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne	3
Macintosh, c. Le Messurier, b. Jones	23
Broughton, not out	23
Stack, not out	20
Sundries	13
Total for four wickets	156
Bowling.—Osborne, 2 for 24; Seppelt, 1 for 30; Jones, 1 for 50; Le Messurier, 0 for 2; Wilton, 0 for 42; Davies, 0 for 5. Sydney won by 6 wickets.	

Edmund played league football for North Adelaide from 1907 (as an 18-year-old) till 1910. This was before Adelaide University entered a team in an established South Australian football competition. While playing for North Adelaide he was selected to play for South Australia against the Victorian Football Association in 1910. He was described as “a speedy centreman”.



E.B. Jones (Standing 3rd from left) – C.F. Drew (Standing -far right)

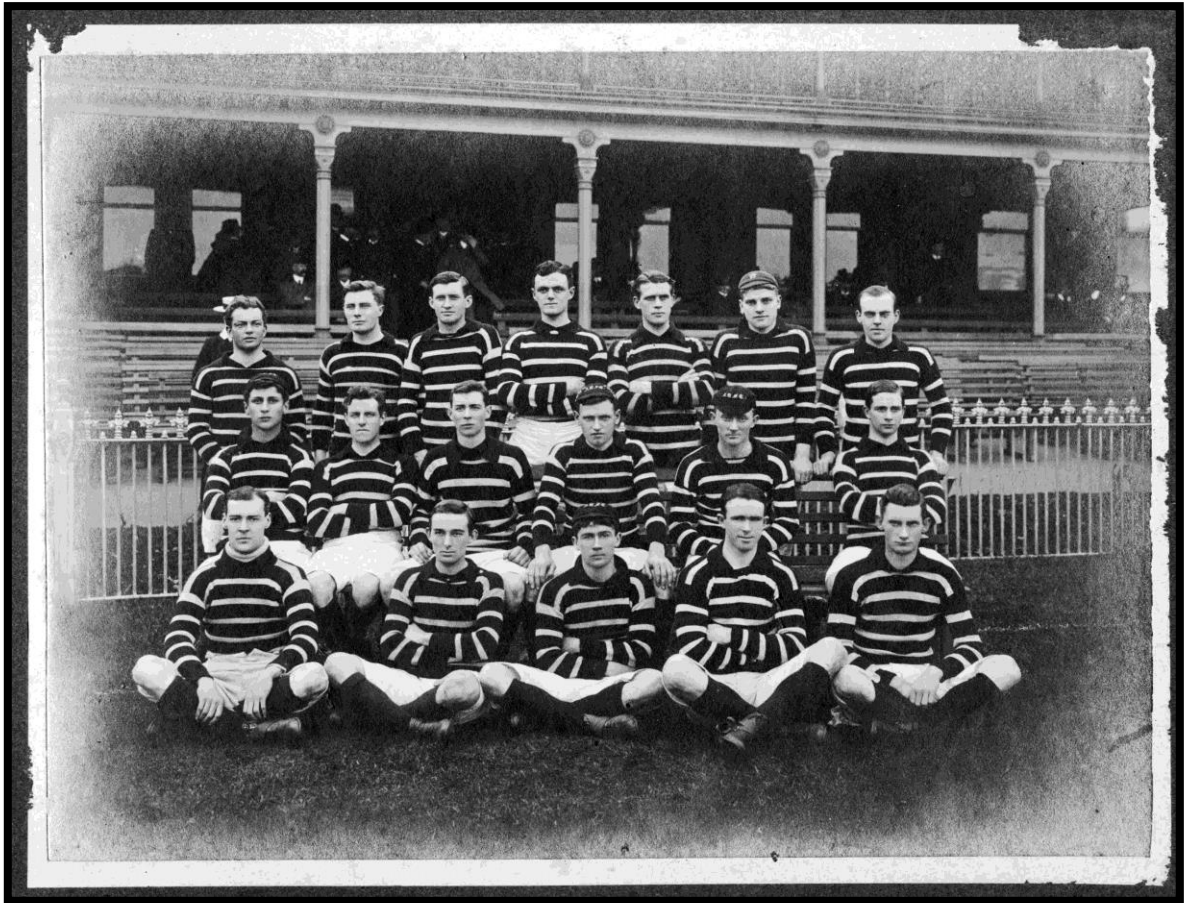
Edmund was able to play in five intervarsity football matches against Melbourne University (1906, 1907, 1908, 1910 & 1911)

1906 Intersivity Football Team



Back Row – MH Moyes, CR Doudy, LW Gill, RW Tassie, RJ Rudell, WG Reid and NE Seppelt
 Sitting – HM Muirhead, AT Jeffries, TH Donnelly (vice-capt), Stoddart (capt),
 SGL Catchlove, JSK MacLennan, SW Jeffries
 Front – CC Okely, CE Dolling, EHB Nancarrow, EB Jones and J Jona

1907 Adelaide University Intervarsity Team at the MCG



Back row: W A V Drew, L H Haslam, E L Baylis, G A Harvey, G L Catchlove, A C Wilton, D R Cowan.

Middle row: J Jona, W B Angwin, M H Moyes, T H Donnelly(capt), C E Dolling, C F Drew.

Front row: S D Ronald, E M Holder, E B Jones, H W D Stoddart, S W Jeffries.

Photograph courtesy of Tony Swain one of the authors of the book "Blood, Sweat and Fears"

1910 INTER-VARSITY TEAM

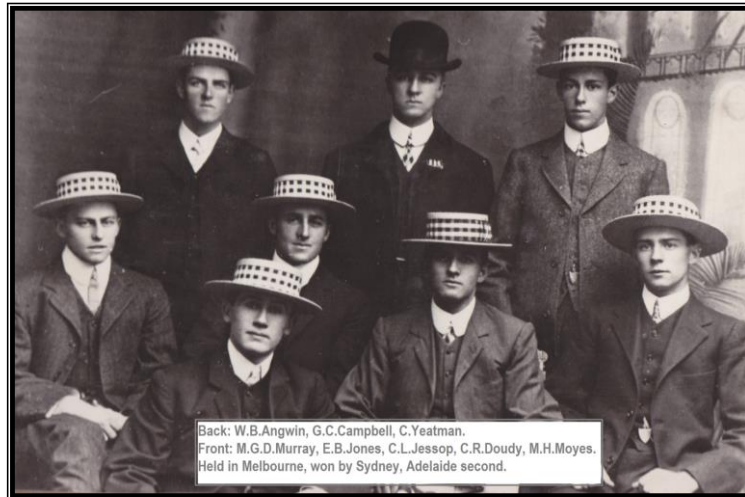


BACK ROW: Boundary Umpire, H.B. Willmore, S.W. Matters, S.W. Jeffries, J.W. Blacket, L.A. Hayward, A.C. Wilton, L.H. Haslam, Boundary Umpire.

MIDDLE ROW: L.W. Davies, O.J. Murphy, E.B. Jones (Vice-Captain), H.W.D. Stoddart (Captain), J.W. Londrigan, C.F. Drew, W.W. Cooper.

FRONT ROW: K.A. McCarthy, F.S. Smith, W. Plunkett (Central Umpire), F.N. Le Messurier, K.N. Steele.

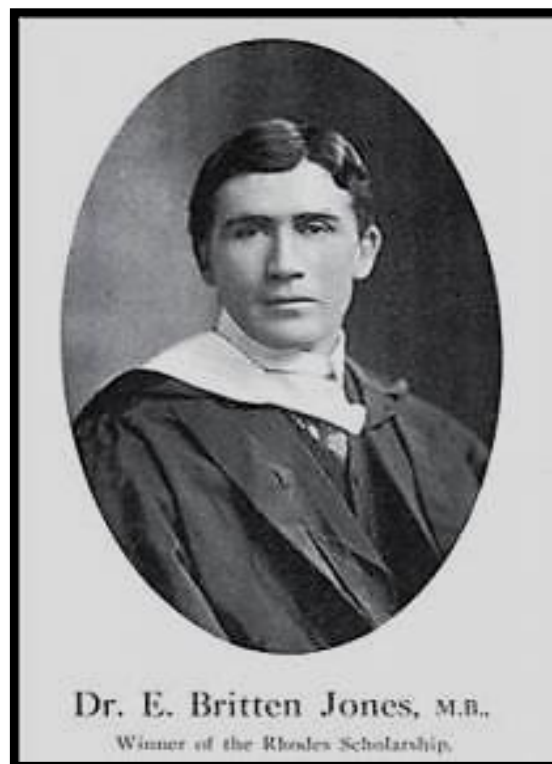
1906 Intervarsity Athletics Team



Rhodes Scholarship

(From the Adelaide Advertiser Tuesday 12 December 1911)

“THE RHODES SCHOLAR - DR E B JONES SELECTED”



“His Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the selection committee for the Rhodes scholarship at Government House on Monday morning, when three hours were occupied in selecting the Rhodes Scholar for 1912. The full committee, consisting of his Excellency the Governor (chairman) the Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way). Mr. G. J. R. Murray. K.C. Mr. J. R. Fowler, Professor Henderson, Professor Chapman, and Mr. C. R. Hodge (secretary) was present. The meeting did not conclude until about 1 o'clock, when it was announced that the successful candidate was **Dr. E. B. Jones, house surgeon at the Adelaide Hospital**, and son of Mr. E. B. Jones (Government Valuator). There were five candidates, whose qualifications made them uncommonly even in merit, and the selection was a difficult task. Dr. Jones, however, has a record of which any student might justly be proud. It is well known that he was high up in the list of candidates last year.

Scholastic Career

Mr. Edmund Britten Jones, M.B., BSc. is now 23 years old, having been born on October 8, 1888. He was educated first at St. Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide, and then for a brief term at Xavier College, Melbourne, "passing from there to Christian Brothers' College, where he remained from 1899 until 1905. In 1901 he passed in eight subjects at the Primary examination, and in 1902 and 1903 he passed the Junior public examination, the second time gaining first place in the honours list, and a £10 scholarship. In 1904 and 1905 he passed the Senior public examination and the Higher public examination respectively, being near the top of the honours list each time. He entered the University in 1906, and took the M.B., B.Sc. course. His record at the University was consistently good. He passed the first year in the first-class division, being second on the pass list for the year. The following year he failed in anatomy but passed a supplementary examination in March. In 1908 and 1909 he passed first-class, and secured first place on the list, and the Dr. Davies Thomas scholarship each year. In his graduating year (fifth) he passed second class, but was placed first on the list, and was awarded the Everard scholarship.

Sporting Achievements

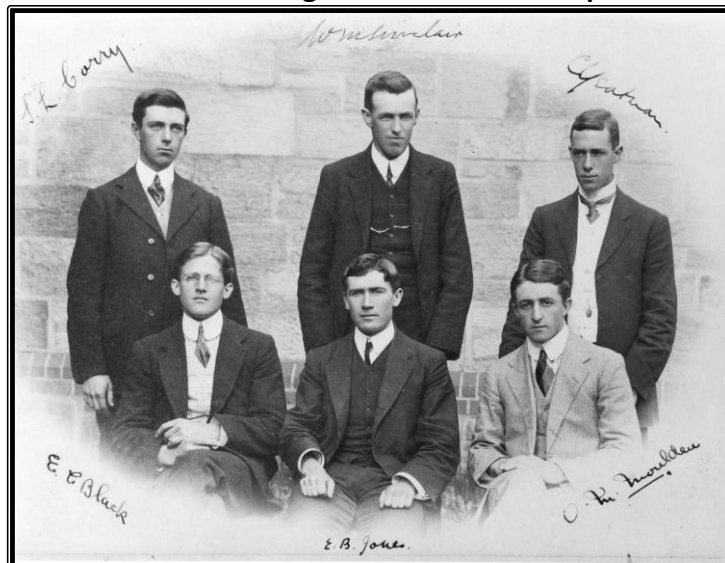
Dr. Jones was materially assisted in his candidature by his ability to fulfil the requirements in regard to outdoor sports. He has taken an interest and an active part in cricket, football, athletics, handball, and tennis. He played cricket with C.B.C. A team during the 1903-4-5 seasons, was a member of the University B team in 1909-10 and was elevated to the A team last year. He secured his blue for good all-round performances on the cricket field this year. He played football in the C.B.C. first team for four years prior to leaving that college and with the University first team in 1906-7 and 1911. He played in the inter-University football match in 1906-7, and 1910-11, and gained his football blue in 1908. He played with North Adelaide in the South Australian League in 1910. In athletics he won the CBC cup in 1905 and was member of the inter-University running team in 1906-7-10. He won five handicap races at the University sports meeting. He has been a consistently good performer at handball. He won the C.B.C. doubles championship in 1905, was the South Australian singles champion in 1907, one of the State doubles champions in 1906-7-8-9. He engaged in inter-State handball in 1907 and 1909 and assisted to win for South Australia the inter-State- doubles championship in the latter year. In tennis he was runner-up in the singles and doubles contest at the University tournament in 1908. The new Rhodes Scholar has always enjoyed popularity among his schoolmates. He was a member of the C.B.C. cricket and football team selection committee, and vice-captain of a cricket team in 1904 and 1905. At the University he has filled the following positions:-

- a member athletic committee in 1908, 1910, 1911;
 - a selector of inter-University running team, 1910;
 - a member union room committee, 1909;
 - a member football club committee, 1910;
 - a selector of inter-varsity teams in 1910;
 - vice-captain University team in 1910;
 - member football blue committee, 1910;
 - member general committee of University Sports Association;
 - member University procession committee, 1909. 1910;
 - joint secretary of University procession and concert, 1910;
 - selector delegate, and member of committee of University B cricket team, 1909, 1910;
 - committee of Medical Students' Society, 1909 and 1910;
 - secretary Medical Students' Society, 1908;
 - selection committee of North Adelaide football team, 1910;
 - committee of Christian Brothers' Old Collegians' Association. 1910;
 - house surgeon, Adelaide Hospital, 1911;
 - acting Medical Superintendent, Adelaide Hospital, April and September 1911."
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Adelaide Hospital

Graduating in 1910, his medical career began at the Adelaide Hospital and was appointed house surgeon in 1911. He was acting Medical Superintendent in April and September during the year.

1911 House Surgeons – Adelaide Hospital



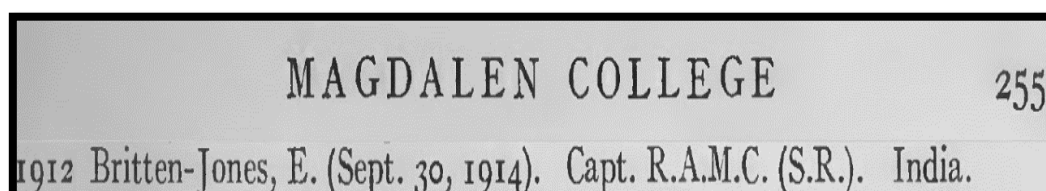
B & W Photograph. Standing: Samuel Lloyd Curry, William Malcolm Sinclair, Charleton Yeatman.

Sitting: Eustace Couper Black, Edmund Britten Jones, Owen Meredith Moulden.

After being awarded the 1912 Rhodes Scholarship he travelled to England to study at Oxford's Magdalen College (1912-1914) where he was awarded First Class Honors in Physiology.

World War I Service

In 1914, early in the course of the War, Edmund put further study and his medical career on hold and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and served (mainly in India) for 6 years and was commissioned with the rank of Captain.



First Class Cricketer

Edmund Britten Jones first class cricket career was only short (1916 -18), but successful. While serving in India with the Royal Army Medical Corps, he played two games for "the Europeans" against the Indian Team at Bombay, scoring 105 runs at 26.25 and taking 8 wickets at 16.12 (including a best 5/16).

Post WW1 and Return to Australia

Captain E. Britten-Jones was demobilised from the Royal Army Medical Corps in December 1919 and returned to Australia.

Ackgd. 28-6-20 COPY. No 12498/8 (D.M.S.I.)

Medical Department. Officers. Army Headquarters, India, Medical Branch, Simla, 3rd. May 1920.

From The Director, Medical Services in India,
To The Military Secretary to the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief Australia.

Sir,
I am directed to inform you that Captains E. Britten-Jones R.A.M.C. (S.R) and A.M. Masters R.A.M.C. (T.C.) were demobilized in India on 3rd. December 1919, and 30th. November 1919 respectively and sailed from Calcutta for Australia in S.S. Janus on 8th, December 1919.

On ceasing to perform military duty they should have signed copies of Army Form Z.22 but apparently this was not done.

I am therefore to forward copies of these forms and provided Captains E.B. Jones and A.M. Masters can be traced, to request you to have a form filled in by each of these officers and to return them to this office.

Captain E.B. Jones is a graduate of Adelaide University, 1910, and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford in 1914. He is believed to have been at Perola, South Australia in March last.

It is regretted that no indication of Captain Master's whereabouts is available but Captain Jones might have some information.

I am also to request you to let me know their present addresses, and the address of their agents or bankers,

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H.S.M. Carter
Major.
for Director, Medical Services in India.

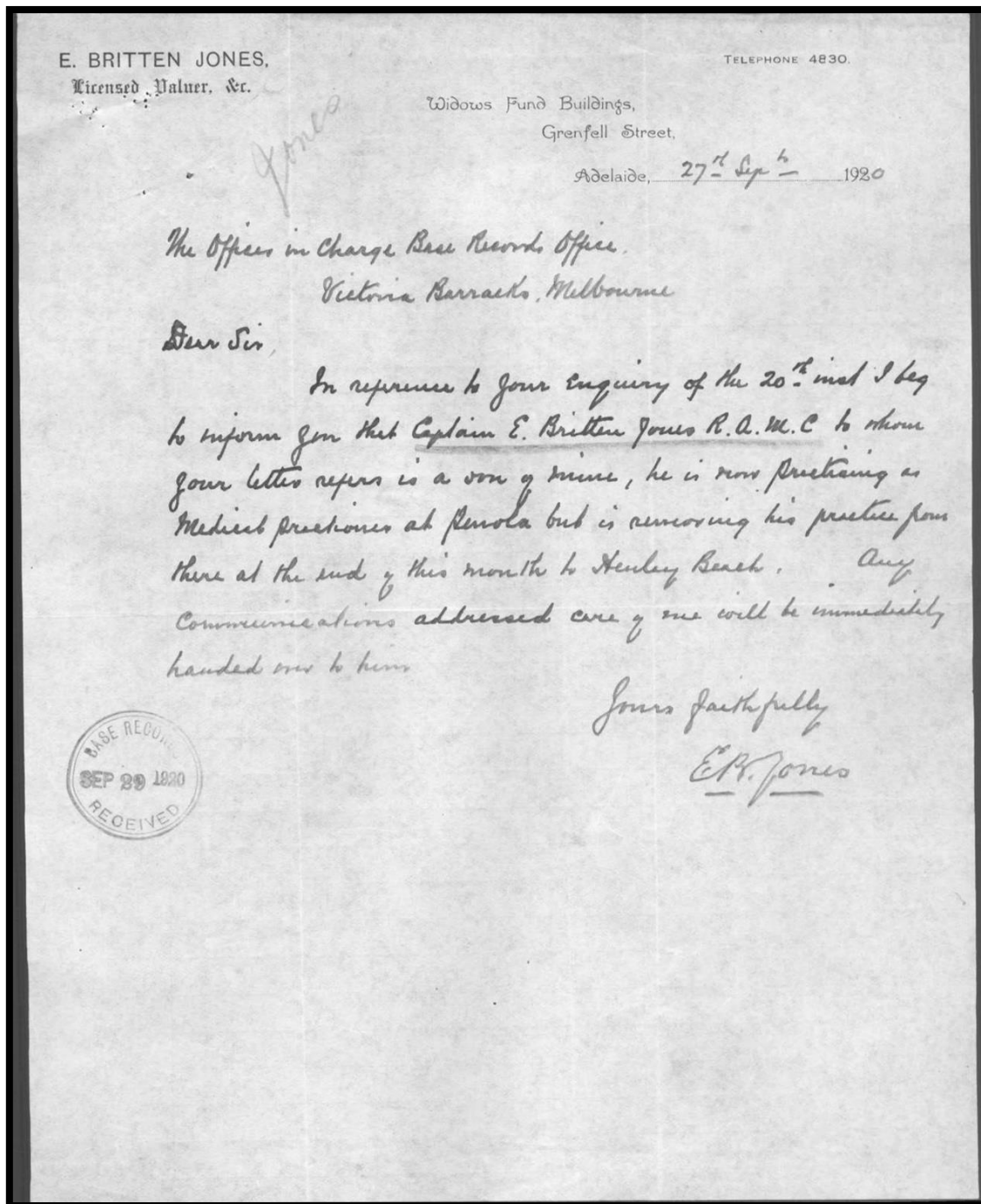
The Secretary,
Defence Department.

Transmitted. for favour of attention.
J.H. Stanling
Official Secretary to the
Governor-General
28-6-20. F.C. 30-6-20

D.M.S.I.
29-6-20 Base Records B.R. 6/7

Original on file of Capt. A.M. Masters

Letter from Edmund's Father Edward to Army Headquarters in Melbourne advising how they can contact his son.

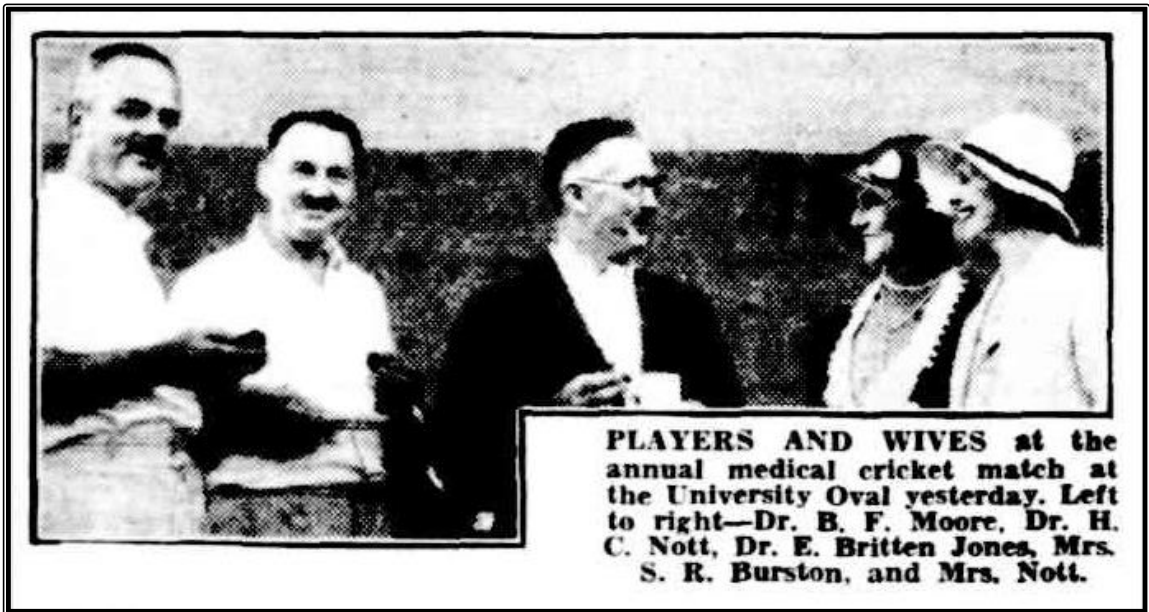


On returning to South Australia in early 1920, Edmund initially re-entered medical practice in the south-east country town of Penola, before moving back to Adelaide to a general practice at Henley Beach. He was also at that time, appointed as the attending doctor at Escourt House, Tennyson, which accommodated blind and other disabled adults and children with tuberculosis and those recovering from rheumatic fever.

He also resumed his cricket career in the early 1920's with West Torrens and played A Grade for a couple of seasons. Ironically, in March 1922 batting at number 11, he scored 60 not out for West Torrens against Adelaide University at University Oval. This is still the highest score for West Torrens by a number 11 batsman.

In 1926, he travelled to England again and took the examinations for his Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) and was awarded his MA from Oxford. He returned home in 1927 and was appointed Honorary Physician for Children at the Queen Victoria Hospital and in 1929 and received a similar appointment at the Adelaide Children's Hospital. He was President of the SA Branch of the BMA from 1927-1929. He was also private physician to the State Governor and doctor on call for the Archbishop Room at Calvary Hospital.

Edmund regularly donned the flannels for the annual cricket match between the medical students and graduates. Pictured below in 1932.




World War II


Edmund enlisted to serve in WW2 on 26th January 1940 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served in the Middle East as Commanding Medical Officer, 2/2 AGH. He was twice Mentioned in Dispatches.

World War Two Service

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
EDMUND BRITTEN JONES
SX1479



SERVICE	AUSTRALIAN ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH	08 OCTOBER 1888
PLACE OF BIRTH	ADELAIDE, SA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT	26 JANUARY 1940
LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT	NORTH ADELAIDE, SA
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	KESWICK, SA
NEXT OF KIN	JONES, HILDA
DATE OF DISCHARGE	22 DECEMBER 1941
POSTING AT DISCHARGE	A A M C 2/2 A G H



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Records at the Australian War memorial indicate that Lieutenant Colonel Britten Jones had composed a Memorandum in 1940 regarding the use of Quinine for Malaria prophylaxis.

Item details for: AWM54, 267/6/7 PART 35		Request copy
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Date registered	24 Nov 1993	

Marriage

In 1915, while serving in the RAMC in India, Edmund married Hilda Madeline Fisher, the daughter of Adelaide Lawyer Francis Fisher and granddaughter of the Hon. Joseph Fisher MLC. Hilda had travelled to England (via Marseilles) with her parents in February 1914.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924)
Thursday 26 February 1914, page 4

The following is a list of passengers booked to embark at Adelaide per R.M.S. Marmora, sailing to-day:—For London—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Taylor and infant, Miss E. Bowen, Mrs. A. McLeay and two children, Miss L. McLeay, Miss B. McLeay, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. F. C. Ward. For Gibraltar—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bagot. For Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Fisher, Miss Hilda Fisher, Mrs. Pauline Hayward, Miss D. Bidmead. For Brindisi—Dr. and Mrs. H. Swift. For Colombo—Mrs. C. F. Wreford, Miss Tremlett.

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Guy Fisher, Hilda's brother was a contemporary of Edmund at Adelaide University. They played cricket together and mixed in the same social circles. It is probable that romance blossomed in 1914 when Hilda was on holidays in England, meeting up with Edmund who was then completing his study at Oxford University. In February 1915, shortly after Edmund enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps, their engagement was announced. In September 1915, Hilda travelled to India, where Edmund was serving, for the wedding.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 6 February 1915, page 2

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LIEUT. E. BRITTEN JONES.

Whose engagement to Miss Hilda Fisher is announced in this issue.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954);
Saturday 4 September 1915, page 51

APPROACHING MARRIAGES.

The marriage of Wyndham, youngest son of Canon and Mrs. Poole, of Prospect, to Kathleen, second daughter of the late Mr. Ernest Bayer and of Mrs. Bayer, Glenelg, will be quietly celebrated on Saturday, September 11.

Miss Hilda Fisher, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fisher, Brighome, Grange, and "Pine Hill," Mount Lofty, is leaving Marseilles on September 18 by the steamer Karmala for Bombay. On her arrival her marriage with Captain E. Britten Jones, R.A.M.C., will take place at Bangalore.

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The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic. : 1864 - 1946) ;
Sat 13 Nov 1915 / Page 48 / ADELAIDE NOTES

News has been received of the marriage of Miss Hilda Fisher, younger daughter of Francis J. Fisher, of Brighouse, The Grange, and Pine Hill, Mount Lofty, South Australia, to Captain E. Britten Jones, R.A.M.C., Bangalore, son of E. Britten Jones, deputy-Surveyor-General, S.A., which took place at the Cathedral, Bombay, on Monday, October 4, the Arch-deacon of Bombay officiating at the ceremony.

Medical duties and further studies in the UK had effectively ended his cricket career, however in the years that followed Edmund and his wife Hilda were enthusiastic members of the Royal Adelaide Golf Club. Hilda, also an exceptional sportswoman, was a State tennis player and champion golfer. She was State Amateur Golf Champion nine times between 1921 - 1929.

Lady Hilda Madeline Britten-Jones

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Lady Hilda Madeline Britten-Jones (*née* Fisher) (1892-1965) was born in South Australia. She was the South Australian amateur Champion between 1921-1929.^[1] Britten-Jones represented Australia in the 1936 Tasman Cup^[2] and she was the eight time Royal Adelaide Golf Club Associate Club Champion.^{[3][4]} She was the Royal Adelaide Golf Club Associate Club Captain in 1925 and from 1930 to 1932, Associate Club President from 1930 to 1950 and was awarded Associate Honorary Life Membership in 1952.^[3] Britten-Jones was SA Ladies Golf Union President and a delegate to the Australian Ladies Golf Union between 1932 and 1935. She also played tennis for SA in 1913.^[1]

Britten-Jones Drive in the Australian Capital Territory (Division of Holt) was named in her honour.^{[1][5]}

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Lady Hilda Madeline Britten-Jones

Personal information

Full name	Lady Hilda Madeline Britten-Jones
Born	1892 <div>South Australia</div>
Died	1965 <div>Adelaide, South Australia</div>
Nationality	Australian
Spouse	Edmund Britten Jones
Career	
Status	Amateur
Achievements and awards	
Royal Adelaide Golf Club	1921, 1923, 1924, 1927, 1928,
Associate Club Champion	1929, 1933, 1936
SA Amateur Champion	1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925,
Australian Tasman Cup Team	1926, 1927, 1928, 1929
	1936

Edmund was also a very keen, but only moderately successful owner of thoroughbred racehorses. He raced 1939 Dequetteville Stakes winner, *Whimsical Lass* (In partnership with his brother-in-law Guy Fisher).



Edmund Britten Jones was knighted for services to Medicine in 1953 at Buckingham Palace by the young Queen Elizabeth II.

Southern Cross (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1954) / Fri 6 Feb 1953 / Page 7

SIR EDMUND BRITTEN JONES

SIR Edmund Britten Jones, who received his knighthood in the New Year's Honors, has been one of the leading Catholic doctors in Adelaide for a number of years.

He was educated at Xavier College (1898), and Christian Brothers' College, Adelaide (1899-1905), before studying medicine at the Adelaide University (1906-1910). He topped his final year and two years later (1912) was chosen as Rhodes Scholar.

Sir Edmund spent two years at Oxford, where he gained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1914. In 1926 he became a member of the Royal College of Physicians, London, and the same year secured his Master of Arts degree (Oxford).


Sir Edmund has been a prominent member of the British Medical Association, being President during 1933-34. He was President of the Medical Board for South Australia in 1951, and Councillor of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians for 1950-51.

Among the other offices he held with distinction were membership of the University Council and the Council of the Medical and Veterinary Institute, and an Acting Lectureship on "Medical Diseases of Children."

Sir Edmund served in World War I from 1914 to 1920 with the rank of captain in the R.A.M.C., and in World War II, 1940-41, as lieutenant-colonel in the A.A.M.C. In World War II he was twice mentioned in despatches.

He played League football for North Adelaide for four years, 1907-1910 inclusive, and district cricket for six years for University and West Torrens.

A wide circle of those who have benefited from Sir Edmund's kindness and medical skill are gratified at the honor conferred upon him.



Edmund and Hilda had three children. A son Richard Edmund Britten-Jones (1918 – 2006) was born while they were in India (Richard also became a physician – see below - Family Legacy), Miss Peggy Britten Jones (1920 - ?), Miss Jocelyn Britten Jones (1923 – 2009).

Death

While in the UK in 1953 Edmund had suffered a minor stroke and later that year, shortly after returning to Adelaide, he died at his home in North Adelaide just short of his 65th birthday. He was survived by his wife Hilda (1892 – 1965), son Richard Britten Jones, a cardiologist and two daughters, Peggy (Mrs. Tom McBride) and Jocelyn (Mrs. Alan Cherry).

A Requiem Mass was solemnised at the Calvary Hospital Chapel by the Archbishop of Adelaide Dr Matthew Beovich.

Family Legacy

Dr Richard Edmund Britten-Jones MD FRCP FRACP (1918 – 2006)



Richard Edmund Britten-Jones 2nd year med student, University of Adelaide Source Blood, Sweat and Fears III: Medical Practitioners South Australia, who Served in World War 2. Swain, Jelly, Verco, Summers. Open Books Howden, Adelaide 2019. Uploaded by Annette Summers AO RFD

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BRITTEN-JONES Richard Edmund MD FRCP FRACP

1918-2006

Richard Edmund Britten-Jones was born in Bangalore, India, on 11th June 1918. He was the son of Sir Edmund Britten-Jones, who was serving with the RAMC in India at the time, and Hilda, nee Fisher. He was educated at St Peter's College and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide, graduating in 1941. He was awarded the Everard Scholarship and the William Gardner Scholarship in surgery.

Britten-Jones enlisted in the AAMC on 29th October 1941, immediately after completing his medical degree. He was 23 years old. He was placed on full-time duty on 2nd January 1942, in Woodside Camp, SA, at the rank of captain and detached as RMO to 3rd Inf Bn. After a series of short attachments within 4 MD, he was posted to 44 Camp Hospital at Alice Springs. He volunteered for the 2/AIF, in November 1942 and was posted to 2/2nd AGH, in Queensland. He then transferred to 2/9th AGH, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 13th December 1942 until 8th June 1943. During this posting, he contracted dysentery and was hospitalised in 46 Australian Camp Hospital (ACH) for two weeks in February 1943. He was re-attached to 2/9th AGH, on 8th May 1943, for a one month, returning to Australia on 8th June 1943. He was then attached to 115 AGH at Heidelberg, VIC. Britten-Jones was sent to the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, in Parkville, VIC, which enabled him to be allocated to the 2/3rd Australian Mobile Bacterial Laboratory Unit, as a pathologist. He had several postings in 121 AGH and 118 AGH and at LHQ Medical Research Unit. Attached to 4th FdAmb he went to Jacquin Bay, New Britain, Papua, New Guinea, from the 25th August 1945 to 19th May 1946. Britten-Jones returned to 105 Military Hospital in Adelaide and was discharged from the 2/AIF, on 25th September 1946, at the rank of temporary major.

Britten-Jones returned to Adelaide, and the Adelaide hospital after his discharge. He began now his lifelong career in cardiology. He married, Adelaide Children's Hospital nurse, Ruth Morphet Gunson, in 1943. She was the second daughter of Dr John Bernard Gunson and Annie Elizabeth, nee Morphet, of North Adelaide. They were to have one daughter. His uncle, Thomas Alan Britten-Jones, was married to Ruth's elder sister Mary. Britten-Jones became a visiting medical specialist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1977. He was a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians. He was also interested in, and enjoyed, horse racing, golf, tennis and ornithology. His wife Ruth died in 1984. Richard Edmund Britten-Jones died on 5th January 2006 and was survived by his daughter and grandson.

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