

# Pte. Gilbert Edgar Jose



**Played with Adelaide University** 



Football Club 1918 & 1919

and

Cricket Club A grade - 1919/20 to 1922/23

**Intervarsity Cricket 1920, 1921, 1922** 

Cricket Blue (1920)

**Degree obtained MBBS (1922)** 

## **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 Gilbert Edgar Jose. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

(Those men who enlisted, but either because of cessation of hostilities or other reasons did not serve overseas are still included in the list of AUFC & AUCC players recognised as serving their Country. Our men who enlisted later in 1918 were not to know that Germany would surrender on 11th November 1918 and so their courage and commitment to serve should still be recognised.)

## **Biography**

#### **Early Life**

Gilbert's father, George Herbert Jose, came to Australia in 1888, he married Clara Ellen Sturt (d.1925) in 1890 and went with her to China as a lay missionary next year. Gilbert Edgar Jose was born in Taichow, China, on 1 November 1898. Gilbert's family left China in 1899 and father, George was the Davis Chinese scholar at Oxford in 1900 and in 1903. George then brought the family to Adelaide where he had charge of several churches until in 1906 he was appointed rector of Christ Church, North Adelaide, where he remained until 1933.

#### Schooling

Gilbert commenced his schooling at the Queen's School, North Adelaide and was there in 1908. By 1911 Gilbert was at St. Peter's College, Adelaide, where he passed his Primary Examinations. Gilbert went on to pass his Junior Public Examinations in 1913, followed by his Senior and Higher Public Examinations (1914-1916). Gilbert competed in the St Peter's Sports (1913-1917) and the Intercollegiate Sports v PAC (1913-17). In 1917 he won the Broad Jump in both the afore-mentioned competitions.

In 1912 Gilbert played for the Old Boys in a cricket match against the present boys at Queen's School. From 1913-1917 Gilbert represented St Peter's College at Cricket, Football and Tennis, both in local competitions and Inter-Collegiate matches. In 1917 he was captain of both the Intercollegiate Football and Cricket teams. Gilbert was presented a cricket bat by his Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Galway) in recognition of his score of 96, the best batting performance in the 1917 match against the Prince Alfred College team.

Gilbert was a member of the St Peter's Cadets and was appointed as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Senior Cadets in August 1916.

#### 1915 St Peter's Football Team



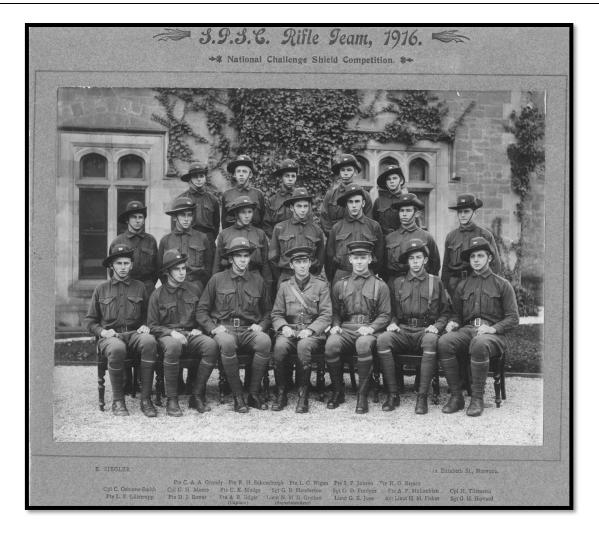
#### 1916 St Peter's Cricket Team



The headmaster of St. Peter's College, Mr. T. Ainslie Caterer and members of the cricket team. This is the St Peter's College team which played Prince Alfred College in December 1916. Those appearing are (back row left to right) - G.B. Addison, R. Hylton, T.A. Caterer, G.B. Henderson, G. Hardy, J.D. Hayward. (front row I to r) - G. Gregerson, L.V. Pellew, G.E. Jose, A. Tennard, H.W. Florey.

1916 St Peter's Tennis Team - G.E. Jose





Lieut. G. E. Jose (Seated 3<sup>rd</sup> from right)

#### University

Gilbert commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1918. His MB BS was conferred in December 1922. After graduation he began his medical career at the Adelaide Hospital.

#### **University Sport**

#### Cricket

Gilbert played A grade cricket for the University for the seasons 1919/20 to 1922/23. He was a member of the 1920, 1921 and 1922 Intervarsity Cricket Teams. He was awarded a Blue for Cricket in 1920. In the 1920/21 season Gilbert topped the University Batting Averages, scoring 807 runs in seven innings for an average of 115.29. In the 1923/24 season he topped both the batting aggregate and averages. He also won the SACA batting award.

During Gilbert's great season in 1920/21, he made the four consecutive scores of 100<sup>1</sup> or more for University:

- 251 in Round 5 v West Torrens
- Round 6 was abandoned
- He was unavailable to play in Round 7 when playing for South Australia
- 203 in Rd 8 v Adelaide
- 123 in Round 9 v West Torrens
- 152 in Round 10 v Glenelg

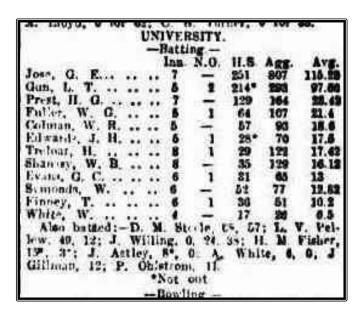
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gilbert Jose's four centuries in a single season was a AUCC record until broken in season 2019/20 by Samuel Kerber who made five centuries.

While making the two double centuries, he also figured in record partnerships for AUCC for the 3rd and 4th wicket. Significantly these two partnership records will have their 100-year anniversary in the 2020/21 season, as will his score of 251, which is also currently the highest score recorded by an AUCC player in 1st Grade cricket!

Record partnership for the 3rd Wicket - 345 - (18th December 1920)
Gilbert E Jose (251) & H Gordon Prest (129) v West Torrens @ University Oval

R Record partnership for the 4th Wicket - 328 *(26th Feb 1921)* Lance T Gun (214no) & Gilbert E Jose (208) v Adelaide @ University Oval

1920/21 Season Batting Statistics



Photos

1920 Adelaide University Intervarsity Cricket Team



## **1921 Intervarsity Cricket Team**

(Held in Adelaide - won by Sydney)



Back row: J.Howlett (caretaker), W.M.C.Symonds, W.R.G.Colman, L.T.Gun, A.B.Barker, R.T.Smith, E.J.K Harbison, J.C. Haines (scorer) Front row: J.F.Astley, L.V.Pellew (vice capt), G.E.Jose (capt), H.M.Fisher, T.D.Finey

## 1922 Adelaide University Intervarsity Cricket Team

(Held in Adelaide - won by Melbourne)



Back: R.T.Smith, A.B.Barker, J.C.Haines (scorer), E.J.Harbison, R.V.Pridmore.

Front: J.F. Astley, H.M.Fisher, H.G. Prest (vice-capt), L.V.Pellew(capt), G.E. Jose, T.D.Finey, L.T.Gun.

#### **Football**

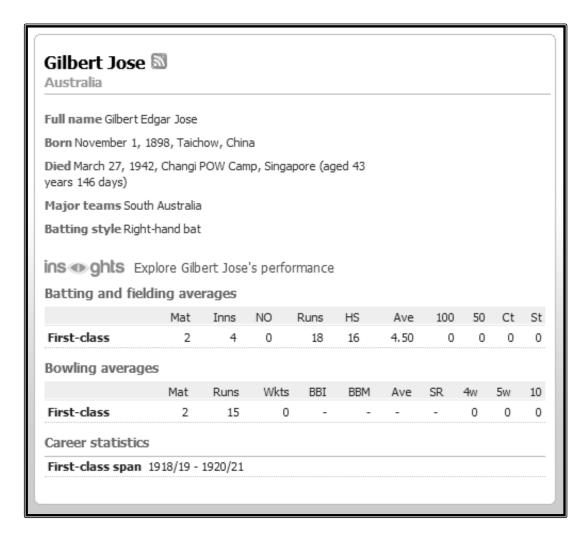
In 1918, Gilbert played football for Adelaide University in the Patriotic match against a Combined Colleges side. In 1919, Gilbert was Vice Captain of the University team in the Adelaide Football Association but was unavailable to play in the 1919 Intervarsity Match against Melbourne.

#### World War I

Like his two elder brothers, Gilbert, enlisted for service in WWI, however he was still in the Depot when the hostilities ceased on 11 November 1918 and therefore did not serve overseas. His service record for WWI has been amalgamated with his WWII record (which is not currently available digitally). Gilbert's eldest brother, Sir Ivan Bede Jose (born13 February 1893), was a Medical Officer in the AIF in WWI (was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded The Military Cross), served in the RAAF during WWII, and received his knighthood in 1956. Tragically, Gilbert's other brother Wilfrid Oswald Jose, (Born 25-3-1895), was killed in action at Noreuil, France on 2-4-1917, aged 22.

#### **First Class Cricket**

While playing A grade for the Adelaide University Cricket Club, Gilbert was twice selected to represent South Australia. He made his first-class debut for South Australia in the 1918/19 season against Victoria at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. He scored "a pair" - run out without scoring in the first innings and bowled for 0 by Ted McDonald in his second innings. Although he only batted in the lower order, Jose was not called on to bowl in the match. His second first-class appearance came in 1920/21, at the Adelaide Oval, against the touring MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club). He came in at six in the batting order and scored 16 in his first innings. Promoted up the order to five in the second innings, Jose scored just two.



#### **SA Team v MCC**

March 1921

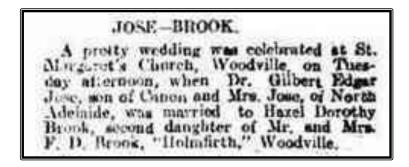


Back row L-R: Sydney W. Smith (umpire) Laurence Power, Albert Ambler, Arthur Richardson, John Murray, Eustace Loveridge, McKenzie (12th man), Gordon Harris, George A. Hele (umpire).

Seated L-R: Gilbert Jose, Percy Rundell, Andrew Smith (captain), Robert Moroney, Norman Williams. Front: Adams (scorer).

### **Family and Career**

Gilbert married Hazel Dorothy Brook on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1924. Shortly after their marriage they travelled to England where Gilbert gained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh).

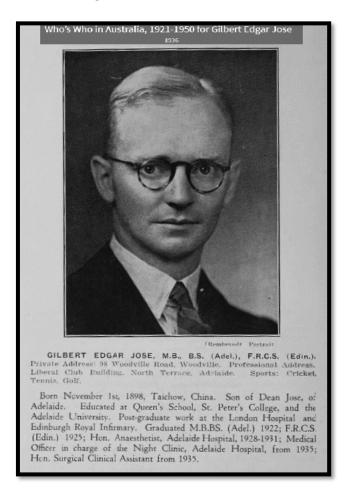


Gilbert and Dorothy had two sons, Geoffrey Alan (born 18<sup>th</sup> April 1925) and Anthony Douglas (born approx. 1929). Shortly after the birth of his first son, Gilbert's mother passed away (1925). Tragically, Gilbert's wife Hazel Dorothy passed away on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1930, aged just 28.

In December 1933, Gilbert became engaged to Mary Muecke and they married on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1934 at Christ Church, North Adelaide.



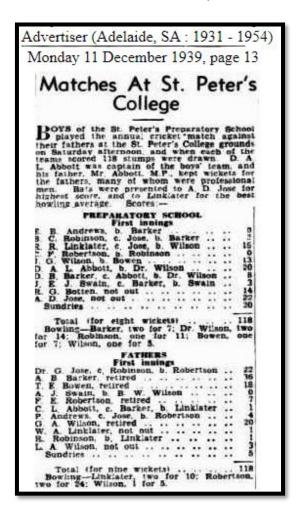
From June 1925 to March 1928, Gilbert held the position of Officer of Health for the district of Onkaparinga. In 1926 he was patron of the Woodside Football Club. In 1934 Gilbert was ill and had a period in hospital. By 1936 both Gilbert's sons (Geoffrey and Tony) were at School at St Peter's. Mary Jose was described as interested in her home and garden and her other activities included golf and tennis.



In 1937, Gilbert was appointed as an honorary medical assistant at the Adelaide Hospital, Surgical Section. In May 1937 Gilbert sold his property at 93 Woodville Road, Woodville.

In 1938 Gilbert and Mary had a son, David Gilbert. The following year he was appointed as an honorary clinical assistant to the Surgical Section of the Adelaide Hospital.

In December 1939, Gilbert played in a Father and Son Cricket match, with his son Tony playing for the Sons.



#### World War II

Gilbert enlisted on 31 October 1940 and in December honorary Captain G.E. Jose appointed from the A.A.M.C. Reserve of Officers to be a Major. In September 1941, Sir Trent Champion de Crespigny, with Dr. F. S. Hone and Dr. Gilbert Jose, left by the express for Melbourne to attend a conference of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

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**Gilbert Edgar Jose** 

Service Number: SX11028

Rank: Major

Unit: 10 Australian General Hospital

Service: Australian Army

Conflict / Operation: Second World War, 1939-1945 Conflict eligibility date: Second World War, 1939-1947

Date of death: 27 March 1942

Place of death: Malaya Cause of death: Illness

Source: AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2nd AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military

Force)

JOSE Gilbert Edgar MB BS FRCS FRACS

1898-1942

Gilbert Edgar Jose was born, on 1st November 1898, in Taichow, China. He was the son of the Very Reverend George Herbert Jose and Clara Ellen, nee Sturt, of Adelaide. He had two brothers Ivan and Oswald both of whom served in World War 1 where Ivan won a Military Cross. Oswald was killed in action in 1917. Jose was educated at St Peter's College and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide, graduating in 1922. He obtained his Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Jose was a first-class cricketer who played for South Australia. He married Hazel Dorothy Brook, the daughter of Frederick Dyson Brook and Elizabeth Ann, nee Blewett, on 29th April 1924, at St Margaret' Church, Woodville, SA. He travelled to England for postgraduate study and obtained his FRCS in 1925. He returned to Adelaide as an honorary anaesthetist at the Adelaide Hospital from 1928 to 1931. His wife, Hazel, died in Adelaide on 29th December 1930. He remarried Mary Muecke, the daughter of Andrew Percy Muecke and Ethel Eunice, nee Braund, on 4th April 1934, in Christ Church, North Adelaide, SA. He was the MO in charge of the night clinic at the Adelaide Hospital and an honorary clinical assistant, from 1935 until he enlisted in WW2.

Jose enlisted in the AIF, on 31st October 1941, in Adelaide and posted as a major to 10 AGH which was sent to Singapore with 8 Div where the Japanese captured it. Gilbert Edgar Jose died of illness while a prisoner in Changi on or about 27th March 1942. His wife Mary and his son survived him.

Source

Blood, Sweat and Fears III: Medical Practitioners South Australia, who Served in World War 2.

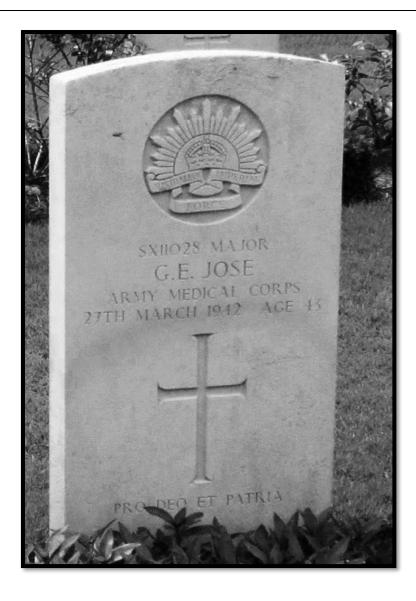
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in 1941 Gilbert was posted overseas. He was in charge of the hospital on the racecourse in Singapore and was seen a couple of days before the fall of Singapore (8 to 15 February 1942). His last letter to his wife was dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 1942. He was reported missing in action and subsequently reported to have died of dysentery on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1942 while a POW of the Japanese.

Gilbert is buried at the Kranji Military Cemetery, Singapore.



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## Private Casualty his youngest son, Maj. Gilbert Edgar Jose, is "missing, believed killed." Maj Jose was seen a few days before the fall of Singapore. where he was one of the medical officers in charge of a hospital on the racecourse. He was born on November 1, 1898, at Taichow. He was born on China, and was educa ed a: Queen's College, St. Peter's Coilege, and Adelaide University Maj. did post-graduate work at the London Hospital, and the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and was engaged at the Adelaide Hospital burgh Royal from 1928 to 1935. His degrees were MD. BS 'Adel | 1922. and PRCS (Edin) 1925. Maj Jose was romineut in sporting circles. chiefly cricket, and captained many teams at St. Peter's College Later he played for South Australia in interstate cricket matches He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Hazel Brook, who died in 1930 There were two sons by that marriage—Mr. Geoffrey Jose, who is now a medical student at Adelaide University, and Anthony, who is s reter's College still attending in 1934 Maj Jose married Miss Mary Muecke, daughter of Mr An-drew Muecke, of North Afriaide, and there is one son, David, aged four Dean Jose's eldest son, Dr. Jose, MC, is a surgeon in the RAAP (South Australia) His other son.

## **Family Legacy**

#### **Geoffrey Alan Jose**

Gilbert's eldest son Geoffrey Alan won the Dr Davies Thomas Scholarship in 1945 while in the third year of his medical degree at Adelaide University.

Lt. Wilfred Jose, was killed in the last war in 1918, when he was a member of the 50th Battalion

http://www.surgeons.org/member-services/in-memoriam/geoffrey-jose/

Orthopaedic surgeon 16 April 1925-23 February 2009

Geoff Alan Jose was born in North Adelaide, a member of a distinguished Adelaide medical family. His father Gilbert Jose a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons tragically died in Changi prisoner of war camp in 1942. His uncle Sir Ivan Jose was Chief Surgeon at the Royal Adelaide Hospital for many years, while his brother Tony a Rhodes Scholar after training in UK, and became Head of Cardiology at University of California, Los Angeles.

Geoffrey was educated at St Peters College where he excelled at athletics (his record in the 100 metre hurdles was only broken about 10 years ago). He also represented his school and university at cricket.

He enrolled in the Medical School of the University of Adelaide in 1943 and qualified in 1948 after topping his class in 2nd and 5th years. After graduation and a year in a resident post at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, he entered general practice in Glenelg working with Dr's Eric Swan and Malcolm Sarre for four years, during which time he sat and passed the Primary FRACS in 1954. He then commenced surgical training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the following year went to England (as a ships doctor) to continue orthopaedic training at Richmond Surrey and Royal National Orthopaedics Hospital where he worked with the late John Lahz (past President of the Australian Orthopaedic Association).

In 1957 he passed the FRCS Edinburgh and later the same year the MCh (Ortho) at Liverpool. In 1958 he returned to Adelaide to join EF West and WJ Betts (both past Presidents of the Australian Orthopaedic Association) in the Q3 Orthopaedic Unit of the RAH and in their private practice in North Adelaide. He succeeded Bill Betts as Head of Unit in 1972 and remained in that position until he retired from public hospital work in 1978.

He was SA State Chair of the Australian Orthopaedic Association from 1973-1975. He continued his private practice in North Adelaide until 1999 doing medical legal work only after 1994. He had an excellent result from heart bypass surgery in 1990 and enjoyed reasonably good health until the last few months of his life.

He will be remembered for the technical excellence of his surgery which involved all aspects of orthopaedics and for his clear and concise medical letters and reports.

Tom Stevenson FRACS

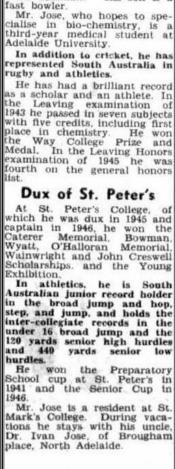
#### **Anthony Douglas Jose**

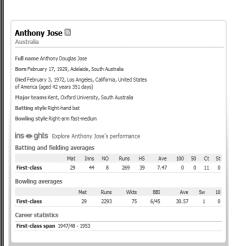
Gilbert's second son Anthony Douglas "Tony" Jose won the Rhodes Scholarship for 1949 while in the third year of his medical degree at Adelaide University. Tony played cricket and Intervarsity Cricket for Adelaide University and first-class cricket for South Australia, Oxford University and Kent. Tony became Head of Cardiology at University of California, Los Angeles. Sadly, he died in Los Angeles in 1972 at only 43 years of age.

State batsman.

His son is a







#### **David Gilbert Jose**

Gilbert's youngest son, David Gilbert Jose, MB BS Adel. (1963) MRACP FRACP.

- After graduation, Dr David Gilbert Jose was a Senior Research Fellow at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. In 1967, he collected blood samples from children at Cherbourg and Yarrabah as part of a child health survey. Portions of these samples were forwarded to Bob Kirk for serum protein and red cell enzyme testing, as were samples from many other locations throughout Queensland, during 1969. Kirk shared the results of these tests with Jose, as well as samples from his collection. He was the author of many medical reports/papers including:
- "Report on Health of Aboriginal Children on Queensland Settlements and Missions, 1967-69', published 1969.
- "Humoral and Cellular Immune Responses to Streptococci, Influenza and Other Antigens in Australian Aboriginal School Children' published 1970
- 'Growth and Nutrition in Aboriginal Infants and Preschool Children', published 1975.
- "Therapy with Parents Lymphocyte Transfer Factor in Children with Infection and Malnutrition', Published 1976.
- On the teaching and research staff of the University of Melbourne in 1990
- In addition to his medical books, David also published the book 'Letters from Malaya: 1941 1942 Gilbert E. Jose. Jose, Gilbert Edgar, 1898-1942.' In 1996.

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