



# **Capt. Leslie James Keipert**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club – B Grade (1915)**

**Degree – MB BS (1918)**

## **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 Leslie James Keipert. 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.)***

# Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7368883>

A.M. Form A. 5 (a).

**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

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

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name {Surname KEIPERT  
in full {Christian Name LESLIE JAMES

Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Joined on 18 JUN 1918

**DISCHARGED**

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

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

- What is your Name? Leslie James Keipert
- In or near what Town were you born? Laura  
In the State or Country of SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- Are you a natural-born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural. Born
- it is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 28 1/2 years.  
16th May 1895.
- it is your Trade or Calling? Medical Student. 5th year
- you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? NO
- you married, single, or widower? Single.  
(Father) KEIPERT, HENRY JOHN.  
LAURA.  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
- is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) KYRE AVENUE, KINGSWOOD  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
- answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will.
- it is your permanent address in Australia? SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
- you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge Simon 6. 4 yrs. Citizen Mpy. 1168.  
AIE. H.S. 50 days. War Service
- you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes.
- you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service? If so, on what grounds? NO
- you ever suffered from:—  
1. consumption, tubercular disease, or chronic cough? NO  
2. Fits of any kind? NO  
3. Rheumatism or asthma? NO  
4. Mental or nervous disease? NO  
5. Has any member of your family suffered from any of the above diseases? If so, state particulars. NO
- (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you undertake that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per day? Yes.
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes.

3. Leslie James Keipert. do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 18 JUN 1918 Signature of Person Enlisted. L. J. Keipert

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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## RSL Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/797204>

### KEIPERT, Leslie James

**Service Number:** Officer

**Enlisted:** 18 June 1918

**Last Rank:** Captain

**Last Unit:** Not yet discovered

**Born:** Laura, South Australia , 16 May 1895

**Home Town:** Not yet discovered

**Schooling:** Adelaide Technical High School, University of Adelaide

**Occupation:** Doctor

**Died:** Melbourne, Australia, 8 March 1942, aged 46 years, cause of death not yet discovered

**Cemetery:** Not yet discovered

**Memorials:**

### World War 1 Service

**18 Jun 1918:** Enlisted AIF WW1, Captain, SN Officer



## Published Biography

Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who Served in World War 1,  
C Verco, A Summers, T Swain & M Jelly. July 1914

### KEIPERT Leslie James

MB BS

1895 - 1942



Leslie James Keipert was born in 16th May 1895 in Laura, South Australia (see note) to Heinrich Johann Keipert, born in Zweibrucken Bavaria, and Esther Louisa, nee Harry. He was one of eight children, four brothers and three sisters. He was educated at Laura High School and won an Exhibition in December 1908 to attend Adelaide High School. He studied medicine at the University of Adelaide and graduated in 1918.

Keipert enlisted in the AIF on 18th June 1918 when he was waiting for his final year medical results. His father (now called Henry John) was given as his next of kin and living in Laura. He had eight years of service experience in the cadet and citizen forces. He was living in Kyre Avenue, Kingswood. He was 23 years old and single and was 5ft 10ins tall, and weighed 155lbs with fair hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. He was not called up for duty and his enlistment was terminated on 18th November 1918 after 50 days of war service. His appointment as an officer terminated on 6th August 1919.

Keipert was married to Annie (Juddy) Charlotte Browning, daughter of Mr W. Browning, of North Carlton, Victoria in Maitland, South Australia on 15th September 1919. He moved to Victoria and had a practice in Rupanyup, Victoria. Leslie James Keipert died in Melbourne on 8th March 1942. He was survived by his wife and his son James, a medical student, and his daughter Lesley.

*Note: Several records incorrectly state Keipert was born in Laura Queensland.*

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Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-1885  
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Photo: Adelaide University Archives; Medical Graduates 1918.

## Additional Biography

### Early Life

Leslie James (Jim) Keipert was born of the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1895 to Henry John Keipert and Esther Louisa Harry, at Laura, SA. He was one of eight children. Henry Keipert was the manager of the iron foundry of Messrs, T. Forsaith & Co, Laura for about seven years then he entered business on his own account.

### Schooling

Jim commenced his schooling at Laura Public School and was in Fourth Class in 1905. He performed in the Public-School Concert in 1906 and competed in the Under 12's at the Laura Show. Jim passed his Primary Examinations in

1908 and was awarded an exhibition to High School. Jim played football for the Laura Ramblers Junior team in 1909 and passed his Junior Examinations in six subjects that year. Jim passed his Senior Examinations, coming 24<sup>th</sup> on the honours list, in 1911.

Jim completed his final year of schooling at Adelaide High School. He played football for the Present Team in the Past v Present match in August 1912 and passed his Higher Public Examination coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the honours list.

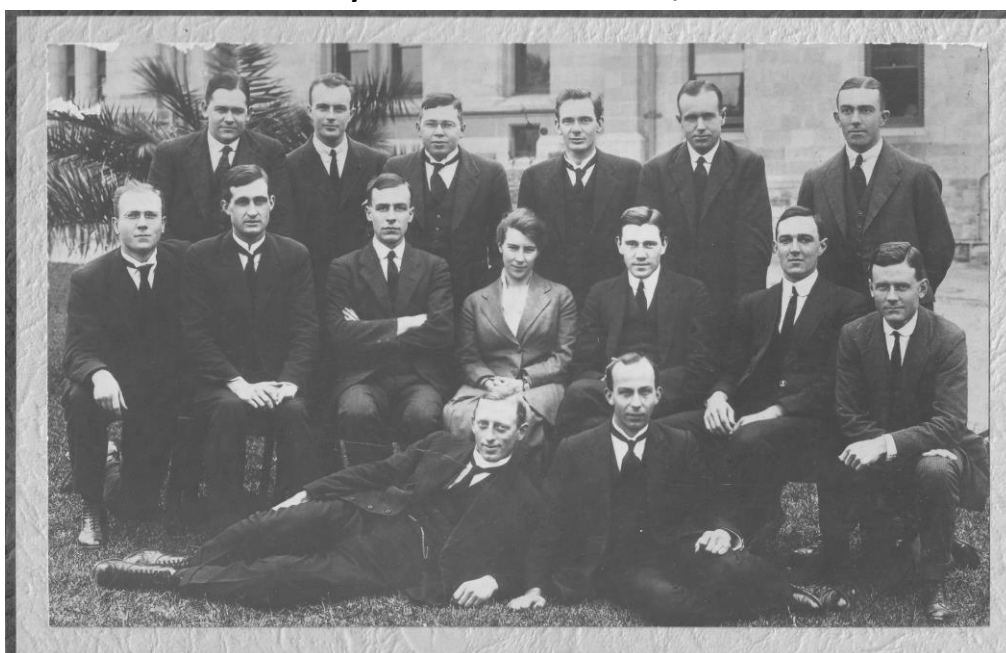
### 1911 First Eighteen Football Team



### University

Jim commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1913 and passed his first year with 1<sup>st</sup> class honours. He passed his final year of medicine in November 1918.

### Faculty of Medicine Graduates, 1918



*Standing – Left to Right- J. McNeil, W.K. Collins, H.R. Pomroy, R. Cilento, C. Gurner, K.W. Bollen,*  
*Sitting – Left to Right J. Keipert, B. Shanasy (non-graduate), L.A. Wilson, P. McGlew, D.R. Wallmann, P.S. Messent, R.L.T. Grant,*  
*Front (left to right): W. Webb (non-graduate), L.W. Linn*

## University Sport

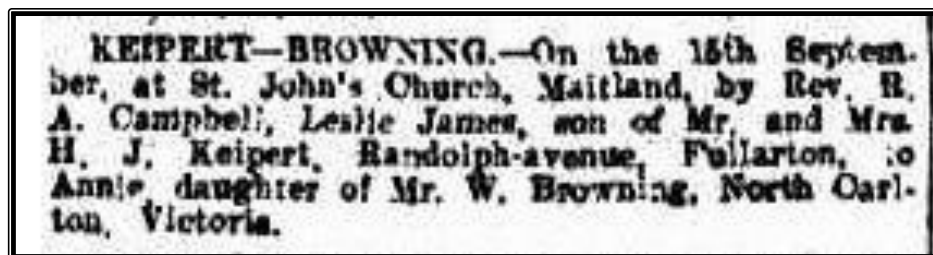
Jim played a football for Laura in a match in early June 1915, he also played B Grade football for Adelaide University in 1915.

## World War I

Jim enlisted on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1918 (under M.O. 210 of 25 May 1918, AIF Standing Order 4.a.) and was still in Australia when hostilities ceased. His appointment in the AIF was not terminated until 6<sup>th</sup> August 1919.

## Career & Family Life

In 1919 Jim commenced practice at Ardrossan on Yorke Peninsula, SA and he married Annie Charlotte (Juddy) Browning at St John's Church, Maitland on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1919.



While at Ardrossan, Jim played cricket for the local club and Jim and Juddy's daughter Lesley Yvonne Keipert was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1920. By November 1920 the family had moved to Freeling where Jim played tennis for the local team. In February 1922, while at Freeling, Jim purchased a 23.8 Dodge.

Jim purchased a practice at Rupauyup near Horsham, Victoria in mid 1922 and his son James Ashton Keipert was born at Stawell, Victoria on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1922. Once again, Jim joined the local tennis team and was president of the club in 1926. While at Rupauyup Jim also took up golf.

In 1925 Jim's father died at Fullarton, aged 72, having been a resident of Laura, SA for over 47 years. Jim's mother died six years later in 1931.

In September 1934 the family spent the School Holidays at the Royal Terminus Hotel, Brighton Beach, Victoria. In April 1941 daughter, Lesley, was awarded her Bachelor of Science from the University of Melbourne. Lesley later married Edward Elsdon Murray Falloon, a dentist, and had at least two children.

## Death

Tragically on the 8th March 1942 at Hamilton Russell House, of Rupanyun (near Horsham), Leslie James Keipert aged 46 years. Juddy died on 18 Mar 1967 at Armadale, Victoria having been a widow for 25 years.

## Legacy

Jim and Juddy's son, James, was undertaking studies in medicine when his father died. James' MB BS from the University of Melbourne was conferred in March 1945 and James served some of his early medical career at Horsham before becoming a renowned paediatrician and dermatologist at the Melbourne Children's Hospital and elsewhere (see below).



# Keipert, James Ashton

## Date and place of birth

31 December 1922, Stawell, Victoria

## University attended

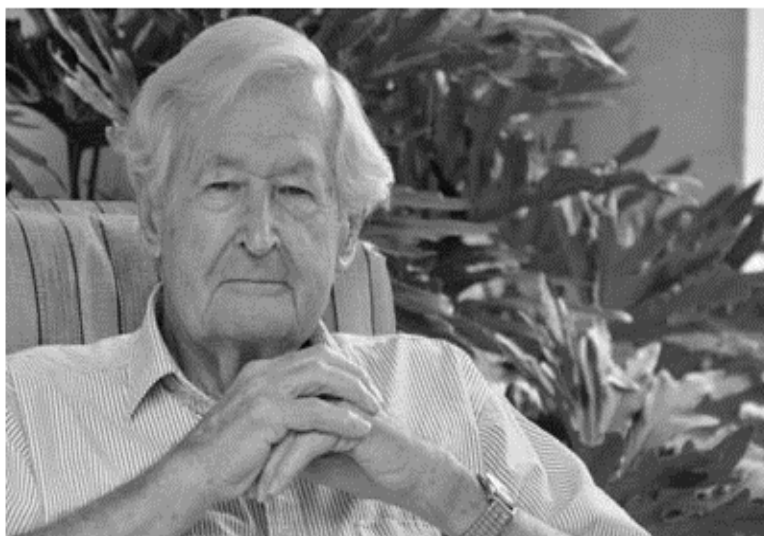
The University of Melbourne, 1940 - 1945

## Qualifications

MB, BS Melbourne 1945

DCH London 1961

MRCP Ed. 1962 FRCP Ed. 1978



## Positions held at The Royal Children's Hospital

- 1947 - 1948 RMO
- 1963 - 1968 Assistant Physician
- 1968 - 1970 Senior Assistant Physician
- 1970 - 1987 Physician
- 1971 Acting Neonatal Paediatrician
- 1964 - 1984 Physician Dermatology Clinic

## Positions held elsewhere

- 1945 - 1946 RMO Royal Melbourne Hospital
- 1946 - 1947 Senior RMO Horsham Base Hospital
- 1947- 1948 RMO The Royal Women's Hospital
- 1950 - 1960 Partner, The Clinic Footscray
- 1956 - 1958 Honorary Assistant Paediatrician, Footscray and District Hospital
- 1958 - 1960 Acting Honorary Paediatrician, Footscray & District Hospital
- 1960 - 1961 Honorary Paediatrician, Footscray & District Hospital
- 1962 Consultant Paediatrician (Locum) Farnborough Hospital, Kent U.K.
- 1962 Consultant Paediatrician (Locum) Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup U.K.
- 1962 - 1964 Clinical Assistant, Diabetic & Metabolic Unit, Alfred Hospital
- 1963 - 1969 Assistant Paediatrician, Alfred Hospital
- 1962 - 1966 Honorary Paediatrician, Box Hill & District Hospital
- 1964 - 1970 Honorary Paediatrician, Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
- 1970 - 1987 Paediatrician, Communication Disorders Clinic, Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital
- 1974 - 1987 Senior Associate, Department of Paediatrics, The University of Melbourne
- 1978 - 1987 Consultant Paediatrician, Early Childhood Development Programme, The Department of Health, Melbourne

For further details of James career see:

[http://www.rch.org.au/alumni/alumni\\_profiles/Keipert,\\_James\\_Ashton/](http://www.rch.org.au/alumni/alumni_profiles/Keipert,_James_Ashton/)



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