



Pte. Leonard Charles Edward Lindon



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1916 & 1919

Cricket Club: B Grade 1913/14

(Club Secretary 1916/17 and 1917/18)

Sports Awards: 1914 Blue for Boat

Degree: MB BS (1919), MS (1923)

Rhodes Scholar 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 Leonard Charles Edward Lindon. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=176882>



Leonard Charles Edward LINDON

Regimental number	2307
Place of birth	North Adelaide South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	University student
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Mary Ellen Lindon, c/o Mrs H S Newland, Strangways Terrace, North Adelaide, South Australia
Enlistment date	13 February 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	Australian Stationary Hospital 1, Reinforcement 5
AWM Embarkation Roll number	26/70/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A20 <i>Hororata</i> on 20 April 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	1st Stationary Hospital
Fate	Returned to Australia 3 March 1916

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8203796>

A 22177 ITALIAN		RETURN TO AUSTRALIA Per MILITARY FORCES.	
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.			
ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.			
No. <u>2204</u>	Name <u>LINDON: Leonard Charles Edward</u>	Unit <u>1st Stationary Hospital (5th Reinforcements)</u>	
Pay and Service from <u>13th February 1915</u>			
Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.			
1. What is your Name? ...	1. <u>Leonard Charles Edward Lindon</u>	2. In the Parish of ...	in or
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...	near the Town of <u>Nth Adelaide</u>	in the County of <u>S. Australia</u>	
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ...	3. <u>N: B</u>	4. <u>19 yrs</u>	
4. What is your age? ...	5. <u>Student Adel Un.</u>	6. <u>No</u>	
5. What is your trade or calling? ...	7. <u>No</u>	8. (Mother) <u>Mary Ellen Lindon</u>	
6. Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ...	9. <u>No</u>	10. <u>No</u>	
7. Are you married? ...	11. <u>78 Inf. Has during</u>	12. <u>Yes</u>	
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...	13. <u>No</u>	14. <u>Are you willing to be inoculated against Smallpox, Enteric</u>	
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?			
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy?			
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ...			
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?			
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?			
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service?			
I, <u>Leonard Charles Edward Lindon</u> 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 <u>Feb 8th 15</u>	Signature of person enlisted. <u>L.C.E. Lindon</u>		

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Published Biographies

Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who served in World War 1.

Verco, Summers, Swain and Jelly 2014.

LINDON Sir Leonard Charles Edward

MS MB FRCS FRACS

1896 - 1978



Leonard Charles Edward Lindon was born on 8th February 1896 in North Adelaide. He was the second son of James Hemery Lindon and his wife Mary Ellen, nee Cockburn. His father had founded the Queen's School in North Adelaide. Lindon was educated at Geelong Grammar School, St Peter's College and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide. He played cricket and tennis and rowed for his school and university. He entered the University of Adelaide as a medical student in 1914 but was to interrupt his studies to serve overseas with the AIF.

Lindon joined the Army on the 13th February 1915 as a private soldier. He had already joined 78 Infantry P Company reserve unit 6 months earlier. He was 19 years old, 5ft 7ins tall and weighed 154lbs. He joined 1ASH and served on Lemnos in Jun 1915 and with the same unit at Gallipoli. His brother in law, Major Henry Simpson Newland, who had married Lindon's older sister Mary, also served with this unit. Lindon was admitted with influenza and subsequently troubled with a whitlow during his service overseas. He returned to Australia on the *Argyllshire* working as a medical orderly/nurse. He transferred to 4MD and was discharged to complete his medical studies on 3rd March 1916. He was issued with the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal

Lindon resumed his medical course on return to Adelaide and graduated MB BS in 1919. Lindon studied for his MS in 1923. He was awarded a Rhodes scholarship in 1918 which he took up in 1920 at Balliol College. His time in Oxford overlapped with that of his colleague and Rhodes Scholar predecessor Hugh Cairns who was to have a great influence over him and his choice of career. At Oxford he, like Cairns, worked with the great neurophysiologist, Charles Sherrington. He married Jean Monteith Marten, the only daughter of Dr and Mrs R Humphrey Marten of North Adelaide on 12th December 1921 in Brompton

England. He took the FRCS in 1922 and returned to Adelaide as a general surgeon in association with his father-in-law and brother-in-law, Henry Newland. He was appointed honorary assistant surgeon at the Adelaide Hospital in 1925 and subsequently at the Adelaide Children's Hospital. He travelled overseas in 1929 where he spent time at the London Hospital with his colleague Cairns who was establishing neurosurgical services there, and visited neurosurgical centres elsewhere in Britain and Paris before spending time in Boston studying with famed neurosurgeon Harvey Cushing. He returned to Adelaide to establish a neurosurgical unit and drew up farsighted plans for this. He was appointed an honorary surgeon at the Adelaide Hospital in 1931 and, although this was a general surgical appointment he was able to concentrate on neurosurgery. He was to re-join the Army in WW2 and served in the Middle East as lieutenant colonel with 2/2 AGH. He served as a surgeon/neurosurgeon. After WW2 he held various appointments at the University of Adelaide, the SA branch of the BMA and the RACS (vice-president 1956-1958 and president 1959-1961). He was knighted in 1964. Predeceased by his wife in 1974 Sir Leonard Charles Edward Lindon died on 28th August 1978 in North Adelaide. He was survived by his daughter and two sons.

Sources:

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp?B=8203796>
Simpson D., "Neurosurgery in the age of Cushing: the achievement of Leonard Lindon" ANZ J Surg 82(2012) 311-317, 2012

Fraenkel G.J., 'Lindon, Sir Leonard Charles Edward (1896-1978)', Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/lindon-sir-leonard-charles-edward-10832/text19219>,

The Mail Adelaide 17th December 1921

Australian Dictionary of Biography

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/lindon-sir-leonard-charles-edward-10832>

Biography - Sir Leonard Charles Edward Lindon by G. J. Fraenkel

Sir Leonard Charles Edward Lindon (1896-1978), neurosurgeon, was born on 8 February 1896 in North Adelaide, second son of James Hemery Lindon (d.1897), a schoolmaster from England, and his Queensland-born wife Mary Ellen Cockburn, née Mayne, grand-daughter of W. C. Mayne. James Lindon had founded Queen's School, North Adelaide. Leonard was educated at Geelong Church of England Grammar School, Victoria, the Collegiate School of St Peter, Adelaide, and (on a scholarship) the University of Adelaide (M.B., 1919; M.S., 1923). On 11 March 1915 he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force; he served with the 1st Australian Stationary Hospital in the Gallipoli campaign, but was sent home in March 1916 and discharged to resume his medical studies.

Lindon won a Rhodes scholarship in 1918 which he took up in 1920. His time at Balliol College, Oxford, overlapped that of (Sir) Hugh Cairns who later influenced him greatly. Lindon worked as a house-surgeon at the Radcliffe Infirmary and was elected a fellow of the Royal colleges of Surgeons (England and Edinburgh, 1922). On 12 December 1921 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London, he married Jean Monteith Marten whose father had built up Adelaide's largest medical practice and occasionally performed brain surgery. In 1923 Lindon returned home. He assisted his father-in-law and brother-in-law, (Sir) Henry Newland, and developed interests in tuberculosis and neurological surgery.

In 1929-30 Lindon studied neurosurgery, with Harvey Cushing at Boston, United States of America, and Cairns in London. He published twenty articles, eleven on neurosurgery, which were characterized by a self-criticism unusual in that period. Keeping abreast of international developments by reading and travelling, he depended on general surgery for his living and practised at the Children's Hospital and the (Royal) Adelaide Hospital. At the latter institution he established a neurosurgical clinic in 1931 and was among the first in Australia to obtain X-rays of blood vessels in the brain. In 1940 he helped to found the Society of Australasian Neurological Surgeons. Lindon held various offices in the University of Adelaide, the South Australian branch of the British (later Australian) Medical Association and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (vice-president 1956-58, president 1959-61).

As lieutenant colonel, Australian Army Medical Corps, A.I.F., he served in the Middle East in 1940-41 and had charge of the neurosurgical centre at the 2nd/2nd Australian General Hospital. For this work he was mentioned in dispatches. Back in Adelaide, he performed part-time military duties in 1942.

Following his retirement from the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1951, Lindon maintained his practice. In 1964 he was knighted. The modesty so prominent in his publications was not always apparent in his conduct, but he avoided controversy. He rowed in his youth, played cricket and tennis, and took golfing holidays with his friends. Troubled by arthritis, he gave up neurosurgery in 1971. After his wife's death in 1974, his health deteriorated. Survived by his daughter and two sons, he died on 28 August 1978 in North Adelaide and was cremated. His portrait (1964) by Rex Bramleigh is held by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Melbourne.

Citation details

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<http://samhs.org.au/Virtual%20Museum/Notable-individuals/Leonard-Lindon/Leonard%20Lindon%20.html>

Sir Leonard Charles Edward Lindon

The instruments shown below (sic – see website for photographs) were photographed with the kind permission of Mrs Mary Lindon, Sir Leonard's daughter in law. She also provided records and information on Sir Leonard's life. The suggestion that Mrs. Lindon be contacted was made by Professor Donald Simpson.

Sir Leonard was born as second son of J. H. Lindon, headmaster of Queen's College School in Adelaide. His early education was at Geelong Grammar School and later at St. Peters College Adelaide. He was a first-class sportsman and achiever, having won the Old Geelong Grammarian's prize and topping the South Australian Senior University examination.

He commenced his medical studies in 1914 but these were interrupted by the war (1915-1916) while he served in the Middle East. He was recalled to Adelaide to complete his medical course. He topped the final exam, was awarded the Everard scholarship and became a Rhodes Scholar. He studied physiology at Oxford and gained his clinical experience at the Guys and the London Hospitals. He became a Fellow of the London, and Edinburgh Colleges of Surgeons.

He returned to Adelaide in 1923 and practiced medicine and surgery at the rooms of Dr. Humphrey Marten, a leading physician who generously helped many other young professionals such as Drs Gilbert, and Simpson-Newland (All 3 were later knighted). He was an Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the RAH and ACH. He was elected a Fellow of the Australian College of Surgeons.

His major interest was Neurosurgery and with the support of the State Government in 1929 he visited neurosurgical centres in Europe and the USA, working with such eminent persons Sir Hugh Cairns in Oxford, and Harvey Cushing in Boston. On his return he established the first Neurosurgical Clinic in S.A. He pioneered cerebral angiography, and was the first in Australia to successfully to treat an aneurysm of the internal carotid artery. It is likely that he was the first to perform a Leucotomy in 1946. With Dr. L. O. Betts he established surgery on prolapsed intervertebral discs.

His liaison with the military continued, and in 1939 he served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Middle East, becoming the Commanding Officer of the first Australian Neurosurgical Unit. He was mentioned in dispatches. He continued this connection for most of his life gaining many military honours.

His College activities involved Chairmanship of the College of Examiners and membership of the College Council. He became vice president and president (1959-1961).

His association with the Medical School was close. He was president of the student society, lecturer and examiner in surgery and tutor to St. Marks College. He loved teaching and was a supportive chief. The discussions during ward rounds and at home influenced many students and family members. His operative expertise was shared with others as he was keen to teach operative surgery. One surgeon remembers Sir Leonard helping him with a sympathectomy during his internship year.

Additional Biography

The published biographies above provide many details of Leonard's life and career. The additional details below will include sporting and academic achievements and family life including photographs and newspaper articles.

Early Life

Leonard Charles Edward Lindon was born on 8th February 1896 in North Adelaide, the youngest child and second son of four children born to parents James Hemery Linden, a schoolmaster from England and Mary Ellen Cockburn, nee Mayne who was his Queensland-born wife. His siblings included brother James Hemery, born in 1886, and sisters; Ellen Mary, born in 1887 and Lucy, born in 1891 who were all born in College Town, near Norwood.

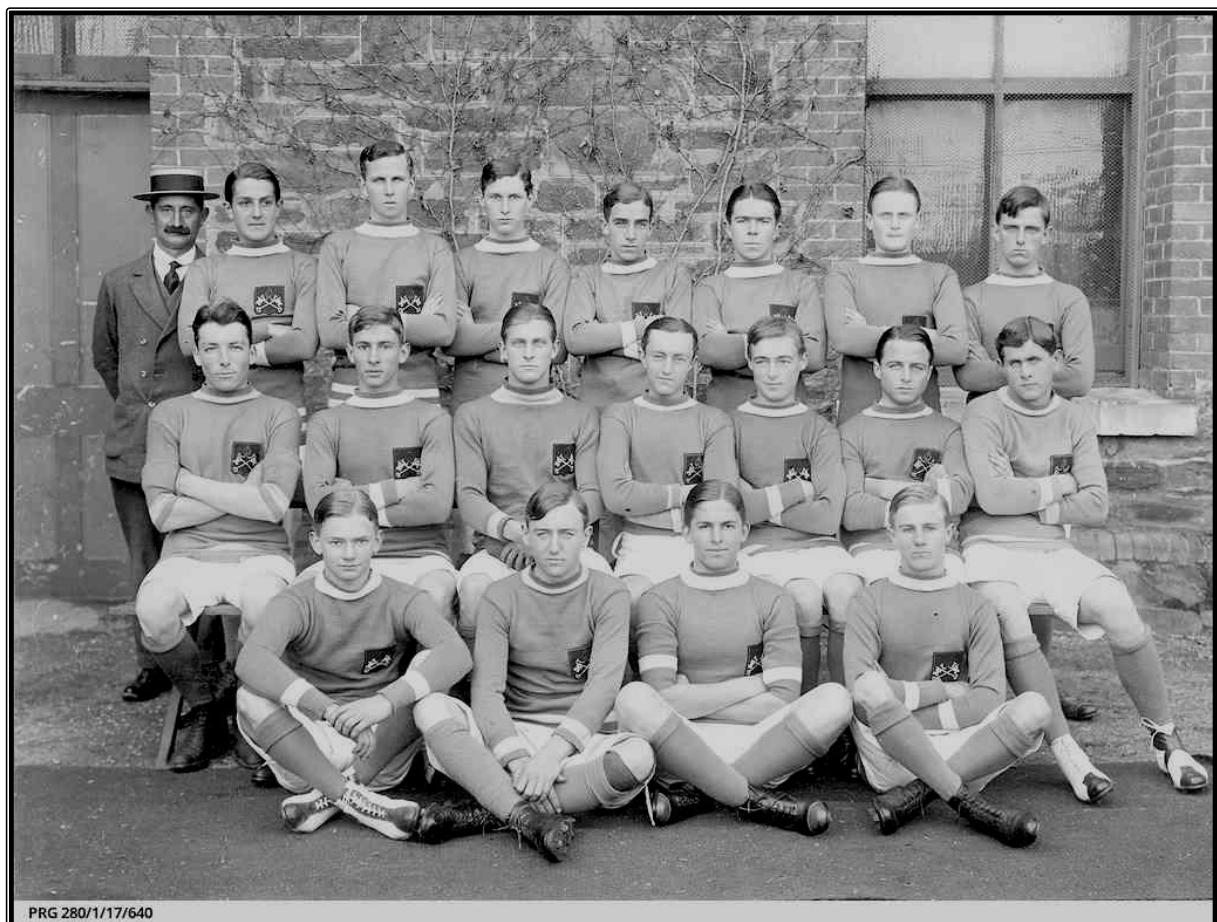
Leonard's father James Hemery Lindon was Headmaster of Queen's College School in North Adelaide. His father had founded Queen's School.

James Hemery Lindon died in June 1897 aged only 41 years, Leonard was 11 years old at that time.

Schooling

Leonard attended Geelong Grammar School, Victoria (1905-1911) and St Peter's College, Adelaide (1912-13). He was a first-class sportsman and high achiever, having won the Old Geelong Grammarian's prize and topping the South Australian Senior University examination. His extensive academic and sporting achievements during his schooling are detailed in the newspaper article below when he won the Rhodes Scholarship.

1913 Saint Peter's College Football Team



LCE Lindon – Front Row Second from Right

*Back row: Mr. F. A. Wyatt (sports master), C. C. Hayward, G. M. Muirhead, S. A. Fullerton,
D. W. B. Middleton, R. B. Coulte, R. G. Horwood and C. A. L. Greig.*

*Middle row: C. E. Bagot, W. O. Jose (vice-captain), E. B. Lowe (captain), W. N. Riley,
W. R. G. Colman, W. H. D. Stewart, and C. H. Fuller.*

Front row: G. E. Jose, R. L. Bennett, L. C. E. Lindon and L. R. Pellew.

December 1913 - St Peter's College Cricket Team



*Back row - L.C.E. Lindon, E.B. Lowe, T.A. Caterer, A.P. James, D.W.B. Middleton, R.G. Horwood.
Middle Row - R.L. Bennett, W.N. Riley, W.O. Jose, H.O. Hopkins, D.E. Colley.
Front - W.R.G. Colman, L.R. Pellew.*

Adelaide University

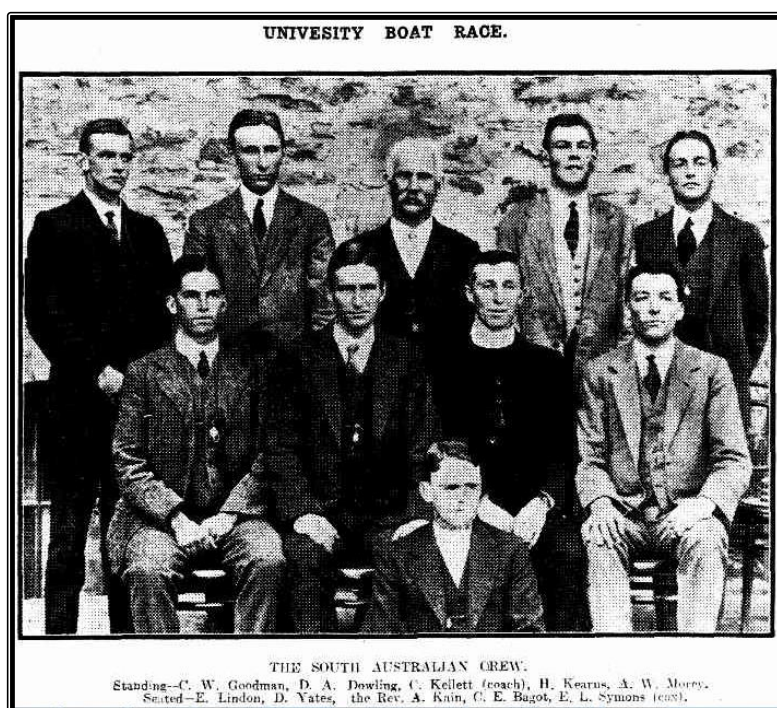
Leonard commenced studying Arts and Science subjects at Adelaide University in 1913 while he was in his final at St Peter's College. In 1914 he passed first year medicine.

University Sport

Boat (Rowing)

Leonard rowed for Adelaide University in 1914 and represented the University at the Intervarsity that year. He was awarded a Blue for Boat in 1914.

1914 – Adelaide University Intervarsity Boat Crew



*THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CREW.
Standing—C. W. Goodman, D. A. Dowling, C. Kellett (coach), H. Kearns, A. W. Morris.
Seated—E. Lindon, D. Yates, the Rev. A. Kain, C. E. Bagot, E. L. Symons (cox).*

LCE Lindon – Seated – Far Left

1914 – Intervarsity Eight – Adelaide University



A Good Record.

Among the many fine standards of recruiting set by various clubs and associations, few can surpass the splendid example of the 1914 Adelaide Inter-Varsity Boat Crew. Their record is given below, and speaks for itself. Stroke—D. Yates (Captain), now in camp. 7—L. C. Lindon, now in the A.M.C., attached to No. 1 General Hospital at Lemnos. 5—C. E. Bagot, had completed his first year engineering course when he enlisted in the 3rd Light Horse. Died of wounds received in action at Gallipoli on November 9th. 4—D. A. Dowling, attached to the Army Medical Corps at Lemnos. 3—H. W. Cairns, also in the A.M.C., attached to No. 2 General Hospital at Lemnos, in charge of the X Rays department. 2—A. W. Morey, the well-known Rhodes Scholar, who is a first lieutenant in the 11th Royal Scots Fusiliers, and has received the coveted Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in France, where he was wounded. 1—C. W. Goodman (Vice-Captain and Honorary Secretary, first lieutenant in the Australian Engineers now attached to the staff at Kewick Military Headquarters. Emergency—C. S. Kneebone, now in camp. The only two members of the crew who have not enlisted are Coxswain E. L. Symons, who must first complete his medical course, before being allowed to accept a commission, and the Rev. A. E. Kain, a well-known footballer, who has not yet been able to don khaki.

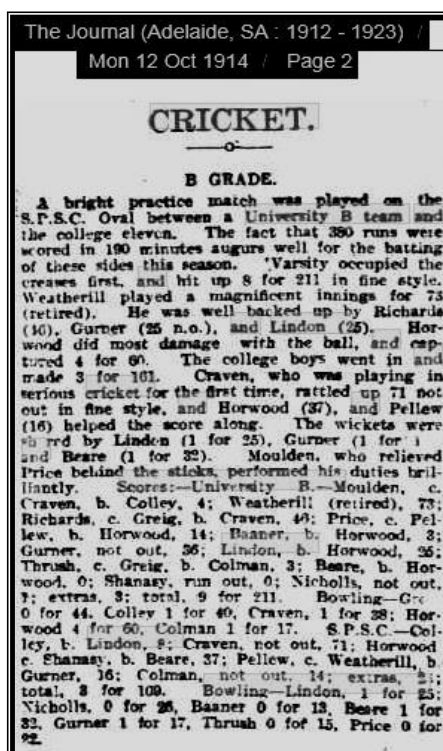
LCE Lindon – Position 7 – Third from Right

Cricket

After playing in the Intercollegiate match for St Peter's College in December 1913, Leonard then played some B grade cricket for Adelaide University in the new year. He was obviously a handy young player, picking up a five-wicket haul in his first game for University against Gilberton. It is likely had the War not intervene he would have been in line for promotion during the following seasons.

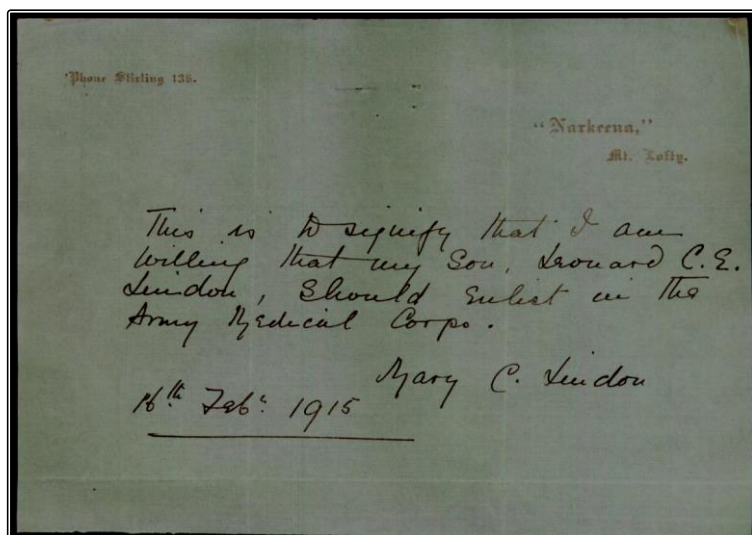
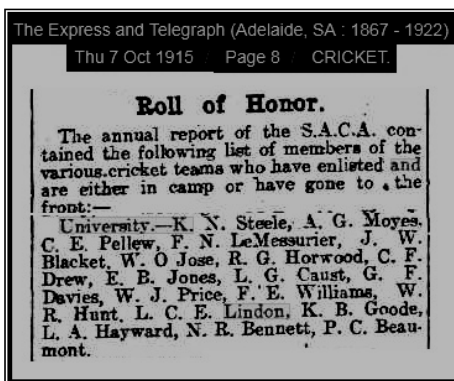
The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)	
Mon 2 Feb 1914 / Page 6	
GILBERTON VERSUS UNIVERSITY.	
Played on the University Oval.	
GILBERTON.	
First Innings.	
Pratten, c. and b. Hurley	6
Searge, b. Ashby	11
Chittleborough, c. and b. Ashby	34
Wellington, c. Badger, b. Lindon	18
Dowling, not out	108
Roberts, l.b.w., b. Hurley	92
Taylor, l.b.w., b. Lindon	4
Bickle, b. Lindon	2
Griggs, c. Thrush, b. Lindon	10
Butterworth, c. Thrush, b. Lindon	0
Brown, not out	1
Total	307
Bowling.—Hurley, three for 37; Ashby, two for 76; Lindon, four for 69; Davenport, none for 12; Barbour, none for 31; Thrush, none for 12; Nietz, none for 20.	
Second Innings.	
Brown, b. Beare	4
Searge, not out	20
Roberts, b. Lindon	20
Wellington, not out	8
Griggs, b. Beare	4
Pratten, c. sub., b. Badger	22
Chittleborough, c. Lindon, b. Badger	5
Sundries	19
Total for five wickets	112
Bowling.—Thrush, none for 11; Beare, two for 17; Badger, two for 17; Bean, none for 7; Martin, none for 13; Hurley, none for 22; Nietz, none for 6; Lindon, one for 1.	
UNIVERSITY.	
First Innings.	
Ashby, run out	77
Barbour, run out	35
Hurley, b. Pratten	5
Lindon, c. Roberts, b. Chittleborough	18
Thrush, c. Butterworth, b. Wellington	24
Badger, c. Dowling, b. Bickle	8
Davenport, b. Bickle	6
Martin, not out	6
Bean, b. Bickle	2
Nietz, c. Brown, b. Bickle	0
Sundries	14
Total	219
Bowling.—Bickle, four for 49; Wellington, two for 67; Pratten, one for 31; Butterworth, none for 20; Chittleborough, one for 19; Dowling, none for 9; Roberts, none for 2.	

At the start of the 1914/15 season in October 1914, Leonard played in a practice match for the University B Grade team against his old school, however he did not play any further matches prior to his enlistment.



World War I

The Annual Report of the SACA in October 1915 recognised the 19 Adelaide University Cricketers who had already enlisted for Service.



Leonard Charles Edward Lindon enlisted in the Army at Keswick on 8 February 1915, the day of his 19th birthday, whilst studying Medicine at Adelaide University. He already had been serving for six months with the 78th Infantry (Adelaide Rifles) F Company. Leonard was described as having fair complexion, brown eyes and fair hair. He had his mother's permission to enlist. He was first appointed to Australian Army Medical Corps Base Depot at Oaklands. He was posted to the 1st Australian Stationary Hospital, 5th Reinforcements and joined the Unit at Lemnos on 20 April 1915 as part of the Gallipoli campaign. His next of kin was his mother Mary Ellen Lindon and it appears that she was living with his sister Mrs Ellen Mary Newland of Strangways Terrace, North Adelaide, wife of Sir Henry Simpson Newland. Sir Henry was a prominent surgeon in Adelaide and served with the Australian Imperial Force in Egypt, Lemnos, Gallipoli and France.

Leonard's next of kin was advised on 3 March 1916 that he was going to leave the theatre of war. The military records dated 5 March 1916 show that "*Medical Student to be returned to Australia*", with an expected date of return 28 March 1916. He was returned to Australia via Ismailia, part way along the Suez Canal, on *H.T. Argyllshire*. It appears that on the return voyage to Australia he was undertaking "*Nursing and Messing duties*" and arrived in Melbourne on 30 March 1916.

Leonard was discharged from the Army on 18 April 1916 to continue his Medical studies and was described by the Army as having "*good character*".

Leonard must have been an avid photographer. There is a collection of negatives and prints, taken during Leonard's War service, as a Medical Orderly around 1916, and as a Surgeon from 1940 to 1942. There is also a collection of 179 photos from an album created by L.C.E. Lindon, with the inscription inside the front cover '**L.C.E. Lindon - Balliol College - 1920**'.

The State Library of South Australia holds a collection of photographs belonging to LCE Lindon and relating to his active service (see <https://collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/resource/PRG+1506/11/1-92>).

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **101 STATIONARY HOSPITAL**

Regimental No. **2307** Rank **Private** Name **LINDON, L.C.E.**

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

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

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Date	From whom received	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.
19.6.15	No 1 Sty.	proceeded to join M.E.F.		Gallipoli	13.6.15	Reinfo rcemnet B 213 D/O 14/68.
31.7.15	do	Admitted No 1 Sty Infl'		Lemnos	31.7.15	C 2777 D/O 14/69.
14.8.15	do	Discharged to Unit		do	13.8.15	C 2933 D/O 16/114.
5.12.15	do	Admitted Whitlow		Anzac	26.11.15	
		Discharged to unit		do	4.12.15	C 5034
17.12.15	Anzac Base	Trans to Lowland C.Hosp		Mudros.W	13.12.15	A.P.2225 Class"A"
13.1.16	do	To South Pier For H.Ship		do	17.12.15	R 314.
13.1.16	do	From S.S.Saturnia Class"A"		do	21.12.15	L 314.
3.3.16	"Argyll-shire"	To Australia Nursing and Mess Duties		Suez	3.3.16	127,3,29
5.3.16	1st.Sty	Medical Student to return to Australia		Ismailia	28.2.16	CR 120/2

Cyril S. Griffiths
Major
O.C. Australian Records Section,
3rd Echelon G.H.Q., E.E.F.

(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., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

[P.T.O.]

Extract from Military records showing his return to Australia

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RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED 29th June 1967
Date 4 JUL 1967

The Officer-in-Charge,
Central Army Records Office,
"A" Block,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply for the Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Lapel Badge.

I served in the Gallipoli Campaign, between April 25, 1915, and January 8, 1916, and forward the following particulars:-

SURNAME: LINDON.
CHRISTIAN NAMES: Leonard Charles Edward.
ADDRESS: 222 Brougham Place.
North Adelaide - S.A.
SERVICE NO.: 2307. RANK: PTE.
UNIT: 1st Australian Stationary Hospital.

Yours faithfully,
Leonard Ch. Lindon.

(86)

Lindon's application for a Commemorative Medallion

While serving at the 1st Australian Stationary Hospital Leonard was vice-captain of the hospital's cricket and football teams.

No.1 A.S.H. Football team 9/1/16



PRG 1506/11/2

LCE Lindon - probably Middle Row - Third from Left

(2) POST CARD. PRG 1506/11/2

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FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Aug. 8. Buckton.
C.A. Williams
R. B. Newman
J.M.D. Newbery.
Wood 13. Car.
H.B. Newman's.
P.P. Wheeler
W.H. Stokes
J.R. Dutton,
L.C.E. London
E.R. Tuck
J.H. Williams
J. J. Kelly
B. R. Newman
J. H. Williams
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Leonard's elder brother, James Hemery Lindon, was a civil engineer. He enlisted for WWI and serves in the 3rd Pioneer Battalion. He rose to the rank of Captain and was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross

A black and white photograph of a man in a military uniform standing in front of a large, dense bush. He is wearing a peaked cap, a tunic with a belt, and breeches with puttees. He has his hands clasped in front of him.

LCE Lindon

University (post WWI service)

Leonard was recalled from War service in 1916 and returned to Adelaide to complete his Medical course. He passed second, third and fourth year, first class, coming 3rd, 2nd and 1st respectively on the lists in those years. He was awarded a Davies-Thomas Scholarship in 1918 the Everard scholarship in 1919. He graduated with degrees of M.B.B.S. (1919) and M.S. (1923). He was on the committee of the University Medical Society in 1919.

He was selected the 1918 Rhodes Scholar (1918 scholarship was not awarded until July 1919 due to the War) and did not take up the scholarship until 1920

Illustrated articles in the newspapers showed portraits of Leonard in uniform.

THE RHODES SCHOLAR

MR. L. C. E. LINDON.

The Rhodes scholar for 1918 was chosen on Monday. Mr. L. C. E. Lindon, a fifth-year medical student, son of the late Mr. J. H. Lindon, who was one of the masters at St. Peter's College, was chosen. He will proceed to Oxford University, and will be in residence there in January, 1920. The Rhodes Selection Committee, consisting of his Excellency the Governor (who presided), Sir George Murray, Sir J. C. Verco, Mr. J. R. Fowler, Professor Henderson, Professor Naylor, and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. R. Hodges) met at Government House, and the nine applications received were considered. Each of the applicants was interviewed. The meeting began at 10.30 a.m., and did not conclude until nearly 1 o'clock, when it was announced that the choice had fallen upon Mr. Lindon. The biographical particulars and qualifications submitted to the committee concerning Mr. Lindon were as follows:—

Leonard Charles Edward Lindon, of 3, Brougham-place, North Adelaide, S.A., born February 8, 1896.

Education.—Geelong Grammar School (1905-1911).—Prizes won:—1906, form II., English, Latin, French, mathematics; 1907, form IV., English, Latin, French, mathematics, Greek; 1908, lower V., Latin; 1909, upper V., Latin, Greek; 1910, lower VI., English, science, drawing, geography, Old Geelong Grammarians' prize for dux of lower VI.; Public examinations:—1910, Melbourne Junior Public, 5 subjects, 2 credits; 1911, Melbourne Junior Public, 6 subjects, 5 credits. St. Peter's College (1912-13).—Prizes won:—1912, form VI. B, Greek, third place in form; 1913, form VI. A, chemistry, third place in form. **Scholarships:**—1912, Westminster; 1913, Bowdler. **Examinations:**—1912, Adelaide Senior P., 7 subjects, 3 credits, 6th on honor list; 1913, Adelaide Higher P., 4 subjects, eligible for bursary, Adelaide University (1914-1919).—**Medical student:** 1914, first year 1st class, 2nd on list; 1915, on active service; 1916, second year, 1st class, 3rd on list; 1917, third year, 1st class, 2nd on list; 1918, fourth year, 1st class, 1st on list. Davies Thomas scholarship; 1916, awarded Government bursary, resigned by Mr. Rayner.

Pondness for and success in mainly outdoor sports:—Geelong Grammar School (1905-1911).—1905-1906, played in XI. and XVIII. for junior school; 1907-1911, played cricket, football, rowing, swimming; 1908 won junior gymnasium handicap; 1909, won junior gymnasium championship; 1911, school XI., second XVIII., and eight; 1907-1911, won eight swimming prizes. St. Peter's College (1912-1913).—1912, stroked school four at Henley on Torrens; played matches for school XI. and XVIII.; second in school swimming championship. St. Peter's College:—1913, school XI. and XVIII., in district matches represented south district in XI., XVIII., rowing, tennis, gymnasium. University (1914-1919).—1914, February, rowed (7) in junior eight; June, rowed (7) in inter-Varsity, awarded full blue; July, stroked of medical crew; winner of Tyas Cup; played in "B" team cricket; 1915, played in XI. and XVIII. of No. 1A Stationary Hospital on active service; 1916, 1917, 1918—Played in University XI. and XVIII.; 1919, stroked University dash eight; played in XVIII.

Leadership, Popularity, &c.—Geelong Grammar School—1909, 1910, captain of junior (under 15), XI., and XVIII. St. Peter's College.—1912, corporals senior cadets; 1913, school prefect; senior sergeant, senior cadets. On active service—1915, vice-captain of No. 1A Stationary Hospital football and cricket teams. Adelaide University—1916, hon. secretary boat club, committeeman of Sports Association; 1917, captain of the boat club; hon. secretary Sports Association, hon. secretary of cricket club; 1918, captain of boat club (to July); hon. secretary Sports Association, hon. secretary cricket club, hon. secretary Medical Students' Society; 1919, committeeman of boat club, and of Medical Students' Society.

Rhodes Scholar 1918



LCE Lindon

University Sport (post WWI service)

Boat (Rowing)

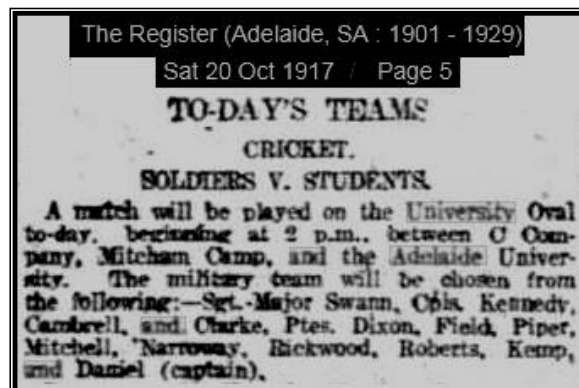
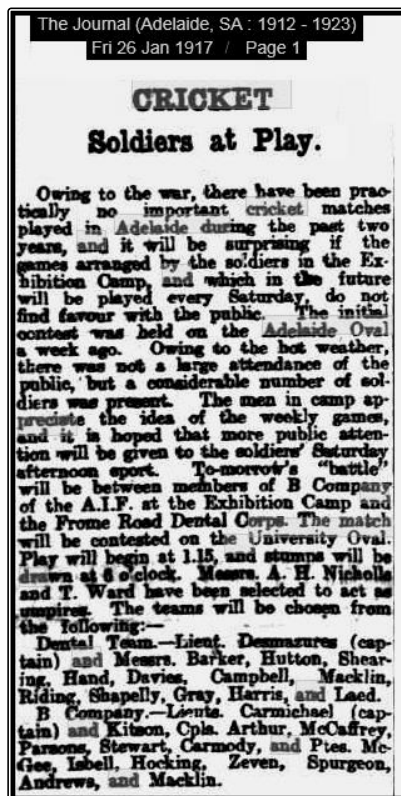
Leonard was honorary secretary of the Boat Club in 1916, Captain of the Boat Club in 1917 and 1918 and on the committee of the Boat Club in 1919. He was stroke for the University dash eight in 1919.

Cricket

On his return from overseas Leonard renewed his association with the AUCC and was honorary secretary of the Cricket Club in 1917/18 & 1918/19.

Although the SACA had suspended all District Cricket competitions the University still made their oval available and prepared wickets for the military to play matches between various corps who were still based in Adelaide. The Adelaide University students also at times formed a team and played several matches against a team from the Mitcham Camp. Leonard probably played in some of these games.

Although there is little known about the activities of the Club during the summers of 1916/17 and 1917/1918 as the honorary secretary of the Cricket Club during these years Leonard would have been involved in the organisation of the "patriotic" and other student matches on University Oval.



When the War ended on 11th November, the SACA along with the seven other District Clubs started to program some matches in what was to be the last of the unofficial competitions. Initially, University were not able to form a team as many of the former players had not yet been repatriated home. Also, it was in the exam and holiday period. Although Leonard was still at University completing his medical degree he was permitted to play with the North Adelaide Cricket Club. His cricket ability was demonstrated by the fact that Leonard was frequently selected to play A Grade for North Adelaide (now Prospect District Cricket Club) in the 1919/20 season and after he returned from overseas in 1923. After the 1924/25 season with North Adelaide Cricket Club his medical career forced his retirement from cricket apart for social fixtures between the sections of the medical profession.

Football

Leonard played football for Adelaide University in a match against St Peter's College in 1916. He represented the Adelaide University Football Club from 1916 to 1919.

Sports Association

Leonard was a committeeman for the Adelaide University Sports Association in 1916 and the honorary secretary in 1917 and 1918.

Leonard was a Field Judge at the St Peter's College Sports in May 1918.

Career and Family Life

In 1920 Leonard took up his Rhodes Scholarship and travelled to England to study at Balliol College, Oxford. He studied physiology at Oxford University and gained his clinical experience at the Guys and the London Hospitals. By December 1922, Leonard had passed all the examinations to be admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.



Jean Lindon - Leonard's wife

On 12 December 1921 he married Jean Monteith Marten at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London. Her father, Dr R.H. Marten, had built up Adelaide's largest medical practice.

The couple honeymooned in Devonshire.



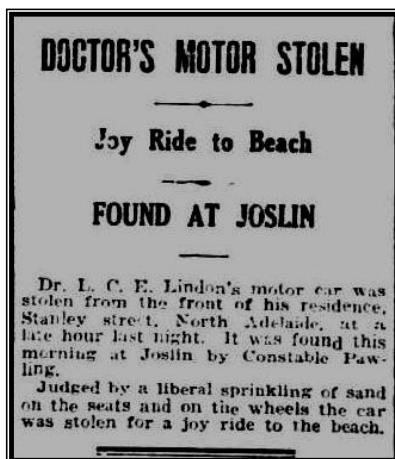
Leonard and Jean returned to Australia onboard the 'Ormonde', arriving on Monday the 12th of February 1923. They initially took up residence with Jean's parents at Brougham Place, North Adelaide.

Leonard was registered as a qualified medical practitioner by the South Australian Medical Board in March 1923. In March 1923, the couple took a house at 239 Stanley Street, North Adelaide.

Leonard practised Medicine and Surgery at the rooms of Dr. Humphrey Marten (his father-in-law) a leading Adelaide physician who generously helped many other young doctors.

Leonard returned to playing cricket and represented North Adelaide in the A Grade competition in the 1923/24 and 1924/25 season. He also at times played in annual matches where the Adelaide University graduates played against the current students.

In April 1923 Leonard registered an 18.2 Essex motor car. His address at the time was 171 North Terrace, Adelaide. This was probably the car that was stolen in January 1924 and later recovered at Joslin.



Leonard and Jean's son, John Leonard Henry Lindon, was born on the 29th of February 1924 in Adelaide, SA. Their second son, Marten Edward Lindon was born on the 28th of February 1929.

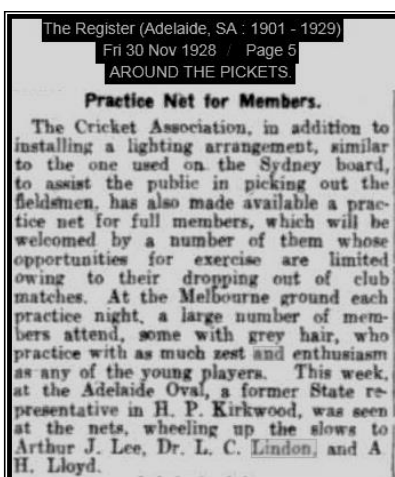
In November 1924, Leonard attended the first annual dinner of the recently formed Oxford and Cambridge Association of South Australia.

Leonard competed in the Men's Doubles Handicap (Class 2) at the Tennis Championships in South Australia in March 1925. His doubles partner was fellow doctor Ivan Bede Jose.

Leonard was appointed an honorary assistant surgeon at the Adelaide and Children's Hospital in 1925 and elected a Fellow of the Australian College of Surgeons.

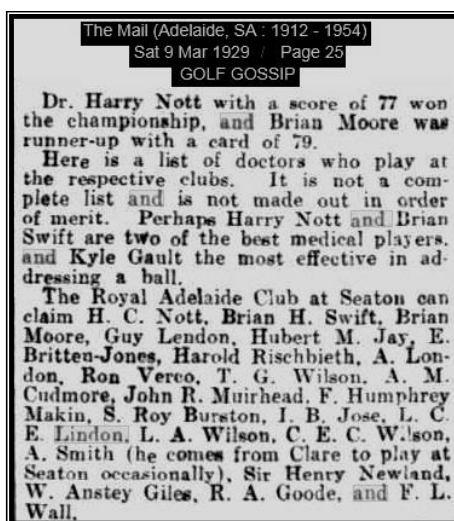
In May 1927 he became a member of the staff at the St Mark's College, Adelaide (a university residential college in Adelaide).

In November 1928 he was seen practicing at the Adelaide Oval nets, no doubt in preparation for an up-and-coming social match against the students.



In December 1928 Leonard was appointed an honorary demonstrator in anatomy at the University of Adelaide.

In 1929 he was mentioned as one of many doctors who were members of the Royal Adelaide Golf Club.



His major interest was Neurosurgery and with the support of the State Government in 1929 he visited Neurosurgical centres in Europe and the USA, working with such eminent persons as Sir Hugh Cairns in Oxford, and Harvey Cushing in Boston. On the 22nd of August 1929 the Lindon's departed onboard the 'Oronsay' sailing for London on the 22nd of August 1928. They stayed at the King's Court Hotel, London.

On the 24th of May 1930, the Lindon family departed from London, England on the 24th of May 1930 onboard the 'Oronsay', arriving at Fremantle, Australia on the 24th of June 1930. On his return Leonard established the first Neurosurgical Clinic in South Australia.

AH427	Lindon	Dr. L.	c/o Bank of Adelaide, 11, Lenden-	1st	Adelaide	Medical	34		
	do	Mrs.	hall Street, E.C.	"	do	Practitioner.	33		
	do	Master J.	-do-	"	do			5	
	do	Master M.	-do-	"	do			1	



1930 – John and Marten Lindon

Leonard maintained an interest in cricket, and he played in a match at 'Varsity Oval representing the Medical Officers of the Adelaide Hospital in a match against the house surgeons in November 1930.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 20 November 1930



LCE Lindon - Left

On the 19th of December 1931, Leonard and Jean’s daughter, Jennifer (Jenny) Lucy Anne Lindon was born. In October 1932 the Lindon family moved from Brougham Place, North Adelaide to 8 Prospect Road, Fitzroy.

Leonard was President of the Adelaide University Cricket Club for three seasons from 1932/33 - 1934/35. He was the 51st president of the British Medical Association (SA Branch) from 1934 to 1935.

The Lindon family often stayed at Victor Harbour in the January school holidays and they later purchased a holiday cottage at Aldgate.

On the 18th of April 1935 the Lindon family left for England onboard the “Orama” arriving in late May 1935. They made the Aban Court Hotel at South Kensington their headquarters. They departed from London, England on the 26th of October 1935 onboard the “Orford”. The passenger list for this trip incorrectly records Master ME Lindon as the older of the couple’s two sons.

1035	Lindon	Mr L.C.E.	o/o Bank of Adelaide, 11, Leaden-	"	Adelaide	Surgeon	39			
	do	Mrs J.H.	hall St., E.C.	"	do	Home duties	38			
	do	Master M.E.	-do-	"	do				6	
	do	Master J.L.A.	-do-	"	do				3	

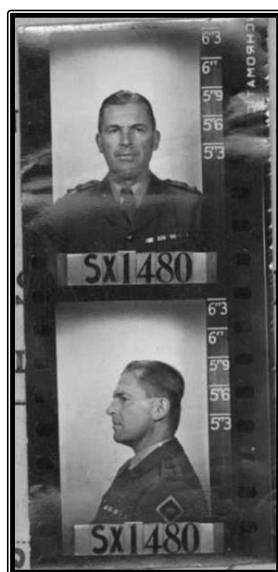
In December 1936, Leonard was a member of the selection committee for the Rhodes Scholarship.



1936 - LCE Lindon – Third from Left

World War II

Leonard's service with the military was re-activated in World War II. He enlisted on the 16th of October 1939 (SN SX1480). He was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel and was called up on the 20th of March 1940.



1941 – LCE Lindon

In 1939 he served as a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Australian Army Medical Corps, A.I.F in the Middle East, in 1940 and 1941 becoming the Commanding Officer of the first Australian Neurosurgical Unit at the 2nd/2nd Australian General Hospital. He returned to Australia on the 2/2 Hospital Ship arriving in Adelaide on the 29th of November 1941. He was in the Suez Canal zone for a year and eight months.

Leonard was 'Mentioned in Despatches' for gallant and distinguished service in the Middle East from July 1941-October 1941. His appointment was terminated on 22nd December 1941. Back in Adelaide, Leonard was a member of the Militia and attended camps. He was on medical boards on a regular basis from 1942 through to 1947.

Leonard and Jean's elder son, John, served in the RAAF during WWII (Service Number – 417386). He was a Flight Lieutenant, enlisting on the 25th of April 1942 and he was discharged on the 2nd of October 1945. His service record is not yet open to the public.



Leonard Lindon on board ship
 (Source: Lindon (Family), c. 1915-1925, Manuscript, PRG 1506/10/48)

Who's Who in Australia (1944) provides the following summary relating to Leonard.

LINDON, Leonard Charles Edward, M.S., F.R.C.S. Eng. & Edin., F.R.A.C.S., Lt.-Col., Hon. Surgeon & Neuro Surgeon, Roy. Adel. Hosp.; Assoc. Lecturer, Surgery, Adel. Univ.; son of late J. H. Lindon, Adel., S.A.; b. Feb. 8, 1896, Adel.; ed. Geelong Gram. Sch., St. Peter's Coll., Adel., Adel. & Oxford Univs.; Rhodes Scholar; member, B.M.A. & Pres. S.A. branch, 1934-35; A.I.F., private, 1914-16; Lieut.-Col. A.A.M.C., A.I.F., 1939-41; despatches; m. Dec. 12, 1921, Jean, d. late Dr. Humphrey Marten, 2 s., 1 d.; recreations, cricket, tennis, golf, gardening; club, Adelaide; address, 188 North Tce., Adel., S.A.

Post-World War II

January 1948



Arrival of Sir Hugh William Bell Cairns at Parafield Airport
On the left of Sir Hugh Cairns is Dr. Barham Black. On his right is Dr. Leonard Charles Edward Lindon, also University of Adelaide graduate (MBBS) 1919 and (MS)1923.

In March 1948, Leonard's mother, Mary Ellen Cockburn Lindon died in her 85th year.

On the 17th of August 1948, Leonard and Jean's elder son John married Miss Frances Hope Harris, the daughter of Mr RH Harris of Boston, USA at the Geelong Grammar School Chapel, Victoria.

In September 1949, Leonard and Jean and their daughter, Jenny travelled to Melbourne where they boarded the 'Strathedea' bound for England. Leonard was to visit neuro-surgical centres in England. He returned to Australia onboard the 'Orcades' which departed from London on the 16th of December 1949 and arrived at Fremantle on the 7th of January 1950. Jean returned to Australia onboard the 'Orantes' departing on the 27th of April 1950 and arriving in Fremantle on the 23rd of May 1950.

Leonard was active with the South Australian branch of the British (later Australian) Medical Association and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. His College activities involved Chairmanship of the College of Examiners and membership of the College Council. He became Vice-President and President (1959 to 1961).

He enjoyed a close association with the Medical School, holding various offices in the University of Adelaide. Leonard was President of the student society, lecturer and examiner in Surgery and tutor to St. Marks College.

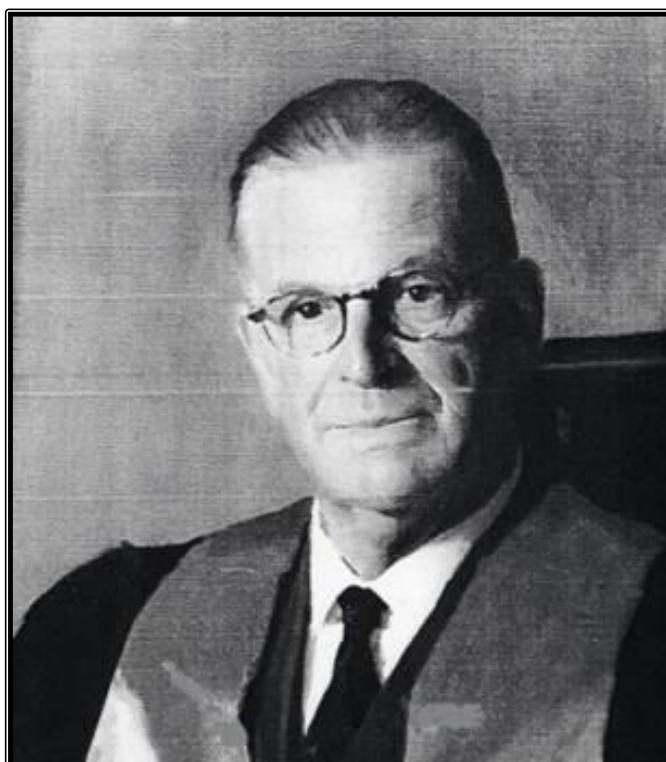
Following his retirement from the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1951, Lindon maintained his practice. In 1964 he was knighted. Troubled by arthritis, he gave up neurosurgery in 1971.

Leonard and Jean's sons, John and Marten, both studied medicine at The University of Adelaide graduating MB BS in 1952 and 1953 respectively. John and Frances lived at Fitzroy in 1952 and Aldgate in 1954 and had three children, Helen Jean (b 1950), Leonard (b 1952) and George Marten (b December 1954). Marten commenced practice at Tanunda in February 1954.

Leonard and Jean's daughter Jenny was a second-year student trainee at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in September 1952 when she became engaged to Dr Robin Burston the son of Major Gen Sir Samuel Burston and Lady Burston of Melbourne. Jenny and Robin married at the St Peter's College Chapel on the 7th of February 1953.

On the 20th of November 1953, Leonard and Jean's younger son, Marten married Mary, the daughter of Mr and Mrs FR Cornish of Aldgate.

Leonard's portrait by Rex Bramleigh (1964) is held by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Melbourne.



LCE Lindon

Jenny and Robin Burston had a daughter, Jennifer Robyn Burston, who tragically died on the 30th of December 1963, aged just 7 weeks.

Death

After his wife's death in 1974, Leonard's health deteriorated. Survived by his daughter and two sons, he died on 28 August 1978 in North Adelaide and was cremated.

Family

John Leonard Henry Lindon died on the 6th of July 1994, aged 70 years, he is buried at the Robe Cemetery, Robe, SA.

Jennifer (Jenny) Lucy Anne Burston died on the 18th of March 2014, aged 82. She had previously lived at Myrtle Bank. She was cremated at the Enfield Cemetery and her ashes were interred at the West Terrace Cemetery.

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