

Capt. John Eric McGlashan (Military Cross)



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1906 v Scotch (Melbourne) & 1907

Degree – MB BS (1909)

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 John Eric McGlashan. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

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The AIF Project

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John Eric McGLASHAN

Place of birth Orroroo, South Australia

Religion Church of England
Occupation Medical practitioner

Address Booleroo Centre, South Australia

Marital status Married
Age at embarkation 29
Height 5' 8"
Weight 140 lbs

Next of kin Wife, Mrs M B McGlashan, c/o Gavin Gardner, Royal Exchange, King

William Street, Adelaide, South Australia

Previous military service Served in the Australian Army Medical Corps (Reserve).

Enlistment date 1 August 1916

Rank on enlistment Captain

Unit name Medical Officers

Embarkation details Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A60

Aeneas on 30 September 1916

Rank from Nominal Roll Captain

Unit from Nominal Roll Australian Army Medical Corps
Fate Returned to Australia 20 April 1919

Medals Military Cross

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the evacuation of wounded during an attack. He visited his various posts under heavy shell and machine gun fire, and was largely responsible for

the successful evacuation of the wounded.' Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 23

Date: 12 February 1919

Discharge date 8 August 1919

Other details War service: Western Front

Medals: Military Cross, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Sources NAA: B2455, McGLASHAN John Eric

Service Record

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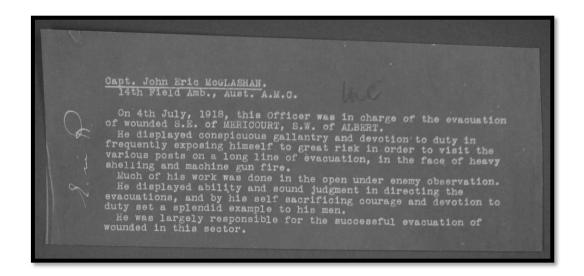
Captain John Eric McGlashan

Rank Captain

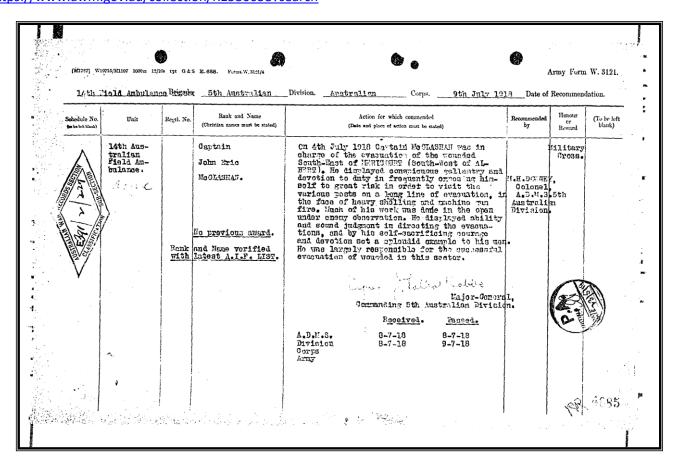
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Conflict/Operation First World War, 1914-1918

Recommendation Military Cross

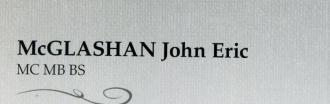


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Published Biography

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 2014



1888 - 1942

John Eric "Ricky" McGlashan was born at Orroroo, SA on the 31st August 1888. He was the eldest son of John McGlashan of Salisbury. He was educated at Carrieton Public School and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide graduating in 1909. He married Mary Beatrice Gardner on 16th February 1915 at the St Peter's College Chapel. He took up a general practice at Booleroo Centre, South Australia.

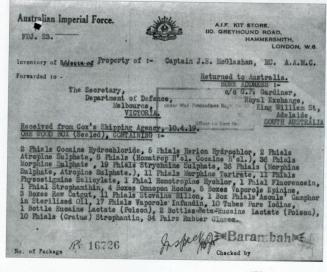
McGlashan enlisted in the AAMC on the 17th April 1916. He was 29 years old, with his wife named as next of kin. He had previous experience in the AAMC Reserve. He was 5ft 8ins tall, weighed 140lbs, with a ruddy complexion, brown hair and eyes. He embarked from Melbourne on the 11th September 1916 and arrived in Plymouth, England on the 26th October and was posted to 3 AAH. He spent most of April 1917 in France, with 2 AGH, seconded to 32 Stationary Hospital until September, then in October to 14 FdAmb. He was detached to 56 Bn for a month in February 1918. At Mericourt on the Somme in July he was awarded the Military Cross because *'he visited his*

various posts under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and was largely responsible for the successful evacuation of the wounded, in the open under the observation of the enemy' He was granted study leave from March to June 1919, with return to Australia in June 1919 onboard the Boonah. His appointment was terminated on the 8th August. He was issued with the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After the war McGlashan returned to Adelaide and moved to Perth in 1924. He took positions as a dermatologist at the Perth Hospital and Children's Hospital. John Eric McGlashan died in Perth on 16th October 1942 of a ruptured aortic aneurism. He was survived by his wife, Mary.

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Published Biography (continued)

Australian Doctors on the Western Front By Robert Likeman CSM

McGLASHAN, John Eric, MC,

Captain (1888-1942). MB BS Adel 1909.

McGlashan was born in Orroroo, SA, son of businessman John McGlashan and his wife Emma Maria Whitford. After graduation McGlashan entered general practice in Orroroo. In 1915 he married Mary Beatrice Gardner in Adelaide, and in August 1916 volunteered for the AIF. He sailed from Melbourne in September and reached Plymouth in October. After a short attachment to the AAMC Trg Depot at Parkhouse he was posted to 3 AAH at Dartford. In April 1917 he was selected as one of the Australian MOs to be seconded to the RAMC, which was critically short of doctors at this time, and was posted to 32 SH at Wimereux. He was released in June and returned to England for a short time In July he was sent back to France to 2 AGH, and soon found himself detached back to 32 SH. In October 1917 he was posted to 10 Fd Amb, but was detached once again this time to 3 CCS (Canadian). He returned to 10 Fd Amb in November. In February 1918 he was posted as RMO of 56 Bn, but the next month was transferred to 14 Fd Amb. He was awarded the MC in July 1918 for conduct at Méricourt on the Somme: He visited his various posts under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and was largely responsible for the successful evacuation of the wounded. In September 1918 McGlashan was moved again and posted to 2 ACCS. In March 1919 he was granted three months' study leave, but this was cut short in April and he was returned to Australia. McGlashan went back to his practice in Orroroo, but in 1924 moved to Claremont, WA. He became a dermatologist at the Perth Public Hospital and the Perth Children's Hospital. He died in Perth in 1942.

McGlashan's brother, Sgt Robert McGlashan, served at Gallipoli with 27 Bn and on the Western Front, and was wounded in November 1916. In WW2 McGlashan's son, Capt John Gardner McGlashan, served in the SW Pacific with the AAMC from 1942–45. He was Chief Medical Officer for the NT from 1946–48 and an MLC from 1947–48. In 1948 he was appointed Chief Medical Officer for Perth. He died in 1980.



John Eric McGlashan

Additional Biography

Early Life

John Eric (Ricky) McGlashan was born at Orroroo, SA on the 31st of August 1888, the son of John McGlashan and Emma Maria Whitford.

Schooling

Ricky attended Carrieton Public School where he passed his Primary Examinations in 1902, Junior Examinations in 1903 (coming fourth in the Special Honours list and sixth in the Senior Honours list for Latin) and Senior Examinations in 1904 (coming seventh in the Special Honours list). He was captain of the football team and a tennis player. In March 1905 he passed his Higher Public examinations.

THE COUNTRY. A PROMISING STUDENT. Clarendon, March 20. Master Eric McGlashan, a pupil of the al public school, has this week been enrolled as a student in the undergraduate course of the Adelaide Medical School, and has thus passed direct from the primary school to the University. He attended the Carrieton public school for eight years, and while there he passed the junior and senior examinations, being placed fourth in the bonor list in the former. As he was too young to enter the University he followed his teacher to Clarendon, where last November he passed the higher public examinations and qualified for the medical course, taking seventh position in the honor list. He will be greatly missed as captain of the school football club and also as a tennis player.

University

Ricky commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in March 1905. In 1907 he won the Dr. Davies Thomas Scholarship (student of the third year). His MB BS was conferred in December 1909.

University Sport

Ricky was the reserve for the Adelaide University football team in their match against Melbourne Scotch in July 1906 and played for the Club in the Adelaide and Suburban Association competition in 1907.

Career

In January 1910 Dr J.E. McGlashan was appointed a Resident Medical Officer at the Adelaide Hospital. In February 1911 Ricky left Adelaide to reside at Hammond, near Orroroo in the mid north of SA. He later moved to Booleroo Centre.

In January 1914, "John Eric McGlashan, M.B., B.S., Booleroo Centre, South Australia, elder son of J. M. McGlashan, Salisbury, S.A.," became engaged "to Mary Beatrice Gardner, B. A., third daughter of Gavin F. Gardner, St. Peter's, S.A.". In February 1914 he left SA to complete further studies in London.

Dr. John E. McGlashan, of Booleroo Centre, left by the Melbourne express on Tuesday to join the steamer Telamen, ir which ne will journey to England as ship's surgeon. He proposes to undergo a special course of study in London before returning to South Australia.

After returning from his studies in London, Ricky married Mary Beatrice Gardner on the 18th of February 1915. Mary had graduated from Adelaide University with a B.A. in 1909.



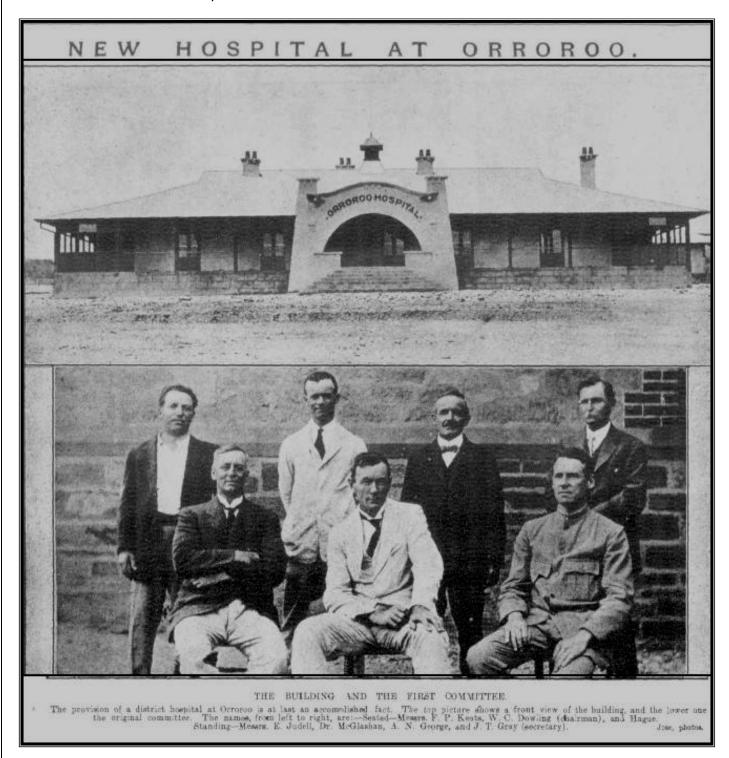
World War I

Ricky joined the A.A.M.C Reserve in September 1915. In September 1916 he travelled to Melbourne to embark for the front. On the 12th of November 1916, Ricky and Mary's son John Gardner McGlashan was born. Ricky's career in WWI is detailed in the Biography above. In September 1918, Ricky was awarded the Military Cross He returned to Australia in June 1919.



On his return from the war Ricky purchased an 8/9 Clement Bayard motor vehicle.

Ricky and Mary then moved to Orroroo where Ricky was instrumental in the building of the local hospital and an active member of the community.



Dr J.E. McGlashan - Standing - second from left

Ricky and Mary's second son, Gavin, was born on the 21st of July 1921.

While at Orroroo, Ricky played golf, tennis, cricket and bridge and was Honorary Clerk of Scales for Orroroo Jockey Club. Ricky was also involved in the local RSL. In November 1922 Ricky purchased a 16.9 Hupmobile.

In October 1924 the family moved to Western Australia. Details of their farewell from Orroroo are in the newspaper

Orroroo Says Farewell to Dr. McGlashan.

FAREWELL.

The diggers assembled a few nights ago.

upon giving a farewell Intent smoke-oh!

To Dr. McGlashan, who's off to the West.

For Mac is a digger as well as the rest

Dinky di, dinky di, That's why we unitedly bade him good-bye.

We opened proceedings with smoking

and chat Of people, and places, and stunts,

and all that; It proved such a session of peace and accord.

We almost forgot the good things on the board

Dinky di, dinky di,

Yet diggers are said to be chronicly dry.

With President Symes in the chair we were set,

He has such an air of hail fellowwell-met;

Though modest enough in regard to his skill.

It's a queer sort of chair that old Symo can't fill.

Dinky di, dinky di, He's some "Glaxo" infant, we cannot deny.

We ate and we drank of good things for awhile,

And business went on in a sociable style;

Then up got our chairman and asked us to sing

That time honoured chorus of "God save the King!

Dinky di, dinky di,

King George might have knighted us had he been nigh.

Our President's speech led the way for some more,

The speakers would number at least half a score;

"Doc" modestly smiled at each pat on the back,

There's no sort of swank in our friend Dr. Mac.

Dinky di, dinky di, The diggers approve him and that is just why.

We drank to the health of our guest

and his wife, And wished them good health and success all through life;

A neat presentation was made toward the end,

By way of a token from friends to a friend.

a friend.

Dinky di, dinky di,

Then Dr. McGlashan arose to reply.

Expressing his thanks for the gift and

Mac. spoke of regrets at his leaving

the north; Yet things might be worse, for he knew in this case,

He left a good digger to fill up his place.

Dinky di, dinky di, That meant Dr. Sweeney, between you and I.

Though we made no fuss or display it is true.

Good fellowship reigned at our little

To finish the function all merry and

We sang "Auld Lang Syne" in the old-fashioned way.

Dinky di, dinky di,

That's how we wished Dr. McGlashan good-bye! -ANON.

R.S.A. SAY FAREWELL TO DR. McGLASHAN.

A grand smoke social was tendered by the local branch of the Returned Soldiers to Dr. McGlashan, who is leaving this State for Western Aus-Notwithstanding the fact of a wet night, the diggers came along to give a hand-shake to their comrade and bid him God-speed.

The former part of the evening was spent at the Institute, where diggers enjoyed themselves until 9.45, going then to Mrs. Raison's Cafe, where supper was tastefully arranged, making a fitting finish to the evening's

program.
The President, Mr. Symes, spoke at length on the good work generally of our comrade in the district, wishing him and his good lady and family nothing but the best in their new sphere. Other speakers were: Messrs. Field, Kimber, Giles, Smith. Adamson, Moody, Medlin, Miller, Forbes, and Dr. J. Sweeney. The latter referred to Dr. McGlashan as the consulting doctor of the North. As a man and comrade, he felt he could not be replaced. As a doctor, the district and State also was losing one of its best and most skilled physicians

Dr. McGlashan, in replying, stated after thanking comrades for all the good things said about him, that he was sorry to leave the North, and he had been in it all his life and he knew that he would be sorry ever after for the step taken, for the call of the North was strong upon him. Nevertheless, he must forge ahead; to stay in one place there was the danger one day of waking up, and of finding the train had gone and you were left. He was not satisfied to remain stagnant; he, while he was yet young,

stagnant; he, while he was yet young, must climb the ladder. He congratulated the local branch on its increase in membership (financial) from 19 in February to 45 now. This has ever been a live branch. He could not understand any soldier standing aloof from his association when his country, now, in peace, as in war, needed his support. His comrades who are less fortunate than he; his dead pal's widow, the children, mothers and sisters who need help and who demand our support. All the men who have come back maimed and have paid beyond their knowing for duty to their coun-try. The fight for the digger has not yet finished, while remains one, who has borne arms or who has been effected by the war, who needs our support.

At this stage, the President, on behalf of the comrades of the R.S.A., presented Dr. McGlashan with a case

of pipes.

Dr. Sweeney, on behalf of the juvenile members, presented our guest with a consignment of cigars. Mr. Forbes, as a token of esteem, furnished the doctor with a packet of woodbines and something to preserve that Kruschen feeling.

Dr. Mc., in thanking members, said he had been taken unawares in regard to the presentations, but sincerely thanked members for their kind

thought.

Apologies were read for the following members: Messrs. Clarke, Carl-

son. Judell, Marshall, and Meill.
"Auld Lang Syne" was sung with
fervour, but minus talent, which did
not daunt the digger.

FAREWELL DINNER.

On Tuesday evening a farewell dinner was tendered Dr. J. E. McGlashan at the Commercial Hotel, Orroroo, by the members of the Orroroo Bridge Club. Mr. F. P. Keats presided and the gathering was representative of the district. The guest who has been resident in Orroroo for the past five years, took over the practice from Dr. Rex Plummer, at the time the hospital was being

built, and there is no doubt but that much of the popularity and good work of that institution is due to Dr. Mc-Glashan. Few medical men in the country have had such a big district to cover and there is little doubt but that his five years' residence in the Orroroo district have been severe and strenuous. He leaves to take over a practice at Cottesloe, W.A., and the regrets at his departure are universal and genuine. Following the toast of "The King," the club's president referred to their loss at the doctor's departure, and he was supported by many speakers who paid tribute to the guest's very fine services. The Rev. R. M. Dunn, Th.L., in making

The Rev. R. M. Dunn, Th.L., in making the presentation on behalf of the members assured the guest that he was and would always be held in the very highest estimation and he trusted that the presentation of a handsome smoker's companion, suitably engraved would remind him of his many friends and admirers he was leaving behind.

The guest feelingly responded. It was only at the eleventh hour that he realised the wrench of severing his acquaintance with so many good friends. But he was leaving Orroroo with an easy mind, inasmuch that he knew his successor to be a man whose first thought was the welfare of those under his care. Dr. Sweeney needed no eulogy from him—he had been in their midst for over four years, and his friends and admirers were legion. (Applause.) He wished the members of the Bridge Club everything good, and he hoped to be able to drop in for a rubber some day in the future. (Ap-

plause.)

Dr. J. A. Love (Booleroo Centre) proposed the "Orroroo Bridge Club," to which Rev. Father Morrisey (Pekina) responded. "Sporting Bodies," was very ably handled by Mr. M. P. Daly, (Eurelia) who wasn't too certain, but that to be a doctor wasn't an even higher honor than being a Member of Parliament. Mr. E. G. Field responded to the toast, and referred to the keen interest tackn by the guest in golf, cricket and tennis. "Our Host and Hostess," was proposed by Mr. R. A. Hughes, and never was a toast more deserved, for Mr. and Mrs. Coats left nothing undone, and the arrangements and catering were excellent. Mr. Coats responded.

Western Australia

In November 1924 Ricky commenced a practice at Leake Street, Cottesloe, WA.

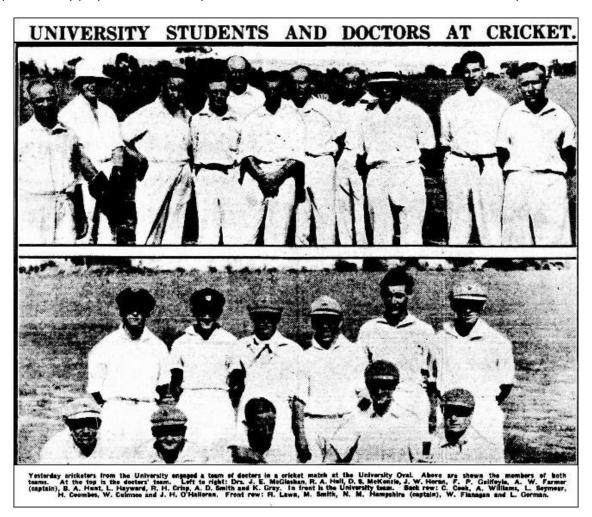
In September 1926, Dr. J. E. McGlashan of 248 St George's Terrace, purchased one of the latest Model 503 Fiat cars.

1926 Fiat 503



In December 1928 Ricky left for Vienna to undertake further studies. In April 1929, his wife, left to meet him in London. The couple returned to WA in July 1929 after a holiday trip abroad. In August 1929 Dr. J. E. McGlashan, of Perth, purchased a Fiat six saloon (the third Fiat owned by Dr. McGlashan).

In January 1931 Ricky played in a University Students versus Doctors Cricket match on University Oval, Perth.



"Ricky" McGlashan – Top Photo – Far Left.

In December 1932 Ricky and Mary left Perth on a five-week trip to Noumea by the 'Oronsay". In August 1933, Dr. John Eric McGlashan of 17 Thompson Road, Claremont, purchased a Triumph, Super 9.



1933 Triumph Super 9

In April 1935 Dr. J. E. McGlashan and Dr. G. R.Troup left Perth by the 'Manoora" for Melbourne, where they joined the 'Mariposa' on their way to America. They expected to be away for about five months undertaking post graduate studies. In August 1935, Mary sailed to Colombo to meet Ricky, who was returning from London. They arrived back in Perth in late September and Ricky resumed his practice at Shell House.

In May 1938 Ricky and Mary travelled aboard the 'Strathallan' on a holiday trip to Colombo.

Ricky and Mary's elder son, John Gardner McGlashan, attended Adelaide University and qualified MB BS in 1942. He played cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club (1937/38 -1940/41) and Intervarsity Cricket in December 1938.

In April 1940, Dr. J. E. McGlashan returned to Perth after a four weeks' visit to Sydney and Melbourne. He was accompanied by Mrs. McGlashan.

In December 1940 Ricky was joined in partnership with Dr Hamish Macmillan. Ricky was on the honorary medical staff of the Perth Hospital and the Children's Hospital as a consultant Dermatologist.

Ricky did not serve in WWII but his sons John Gardner (SN - SX20957, enlisted 3 August 1942, Wayville, SA, Captain) and Gavin (SN - WX27106 21 July 1942, Fremantle, WA, Sergeant) both served.

Death

Ricky passed away on 16th October 1942, aged 54. He was cremated at Karrakatta Cemetery; his last abode had been at Claremont. He was survived by his wife, Mary, and sons, John and Gavin.

Mary Beatrice McGlashan died on 24 Apr 1979, Perth, Western Australia, age 91 years.

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