



Cpl. Charles Samuel Mugford



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: B Grade (1913)

Football Club: A Grade (1913)

Arts Student (1913 - 1914)

School Teacher and Head Master

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 Charles Samuel Mugford. 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=216822>




Charles Samuel MUGFORD

Regimental number	2913
Place of birth	Gladstone South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	School teacher
Address	Strathburn, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs C Mugford, Strathburn, South Australia
Enlistment date	3 June 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	10th Battalion, 9th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A15 <i>Star Of England</i> on 21 September 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	10th Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 22 May 1919
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Plaque in South Australian Garden of Remembrance
Date of death	20 May 1953

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7981980>

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No 2912 Name MUGFORD Charles Samuel
Unit 5th Group, 6th Inf TRANSFERRED TO 4th Batt
W Joined on 3/6/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Charles Samuel Mugford
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Gladstone in the County of South Aust
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown) ... NB
4. What is your age? ... 21 8/12 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... School-Teacher
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Methodist Parsonage, 61 South Terrace, Adelaide, S. Aust. (Mother) Mrs Blanche Mugford, Strathalbyn, South Australia
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with ignominy, or as incorrigible 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? ... No
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 ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
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? ... yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against Smallpox and Enteric Fever? ... yes

Charles Samuel Mugford 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.

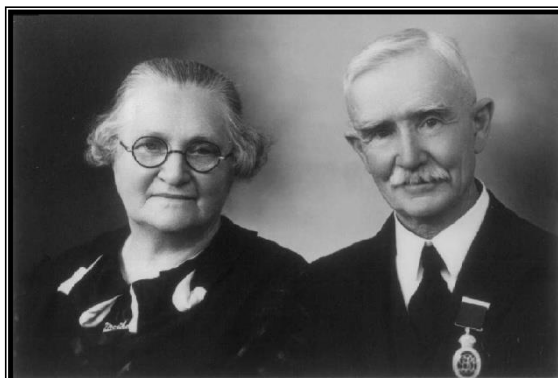
Date May 26th - 1915 Chas. S. Mugford
Signature of Person enlisted.

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

Biography

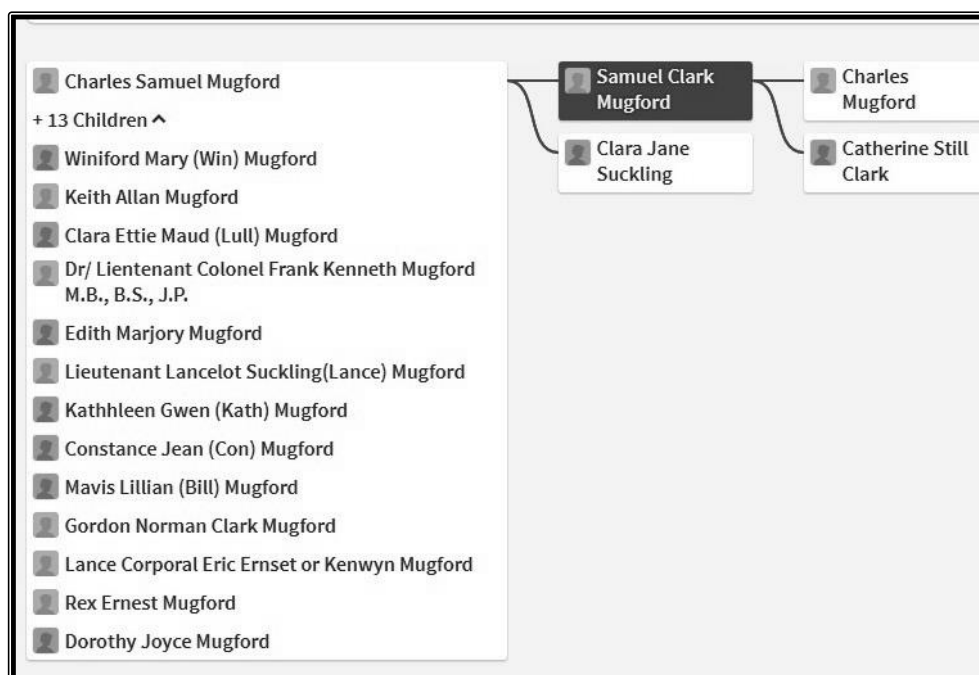
Early Life

Charles Samuel Mugford was born on the 24th of September 1893, the first child of Samuel Clark Mugford and Clara Jane Suckling at Gladstone, SA. Charles' father was a Methodist Minister.



Reverend Samuel Clark and Clara Jane Mugford

Samuel and Clara had fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, they were 1893 Charles Samuel, 1895 Winifred Mary, 1896 Keith Alan, 1898 Clara Etty Maud, 1899 Frank Kenneth, 1901 Edith Marjory, 1903 Lancelot Suckling, 1905 Kathleen Gwen, 1907 Constance Jean, 1909 Mavis Lillian, 1911 Gordon Norman Clark, 1914 Eric Kenwyn, 1914 Rex Ernest, 1916 Dorothy Joyce



When Charles Samuel Mugford was born on 24 September 1893 in Gladstone, South Australia, his father, Samuel, was 31 and his mother, Clara, was 22. He married Pauline Somers Neate on 15 April 1922. They had three children during their marriage. He died on 20 May 1953 in Clapham, South Australia, at the age of 59.



Charles' mother, Clara Suckling, was one of the earliest scholars at the Sturt Street School in Adelaide and eight of her children would also attend the school. Six of Clara's sons became teachers and the other son, Frank, became a doctor. Charles would become a teacher at the Sturt Street School prior to WWI and his brother Lance was in his ninth year as a demonstration teacher at the school in 1933.

Schooling

Charles' early schooling was probably conducted at a number of schools as his father moved frequently to undertake his role as a Minister.

In 1905 Charles was at the Sturt Street School and from 1907- 09 he was at Prince Alfred College. He passed his Primary Examinations in 1907 and his junior Examinations in 1908. Charles competed in the Senior Obstacle Race at the PAC Sports in August. 1909.

Charles passed his Senior Examinations in 1909 but the newspaper article giving the results did not list the school. A later entry in the Adelaide High School Magazine states that Charles was at AHS from 1909-1911, so he may have moved to AHS for the final term of 1909. Charles passed further Senior Examinations in December 1910 and 1911 (gaining Honours in Arithmetic and Algebra in 1911). Charles passed School of Arts/Education Department examinations in June 1911 and August 1912.

The move to Adelaide High School (formally The Pupil Teacher School prior to 1908) was an indication of Charles' desire to become a teacher. Adelaide High School was where promising students gained some teaching experience while also completing their secondary education. The best would then go on to the Teachers Training College.

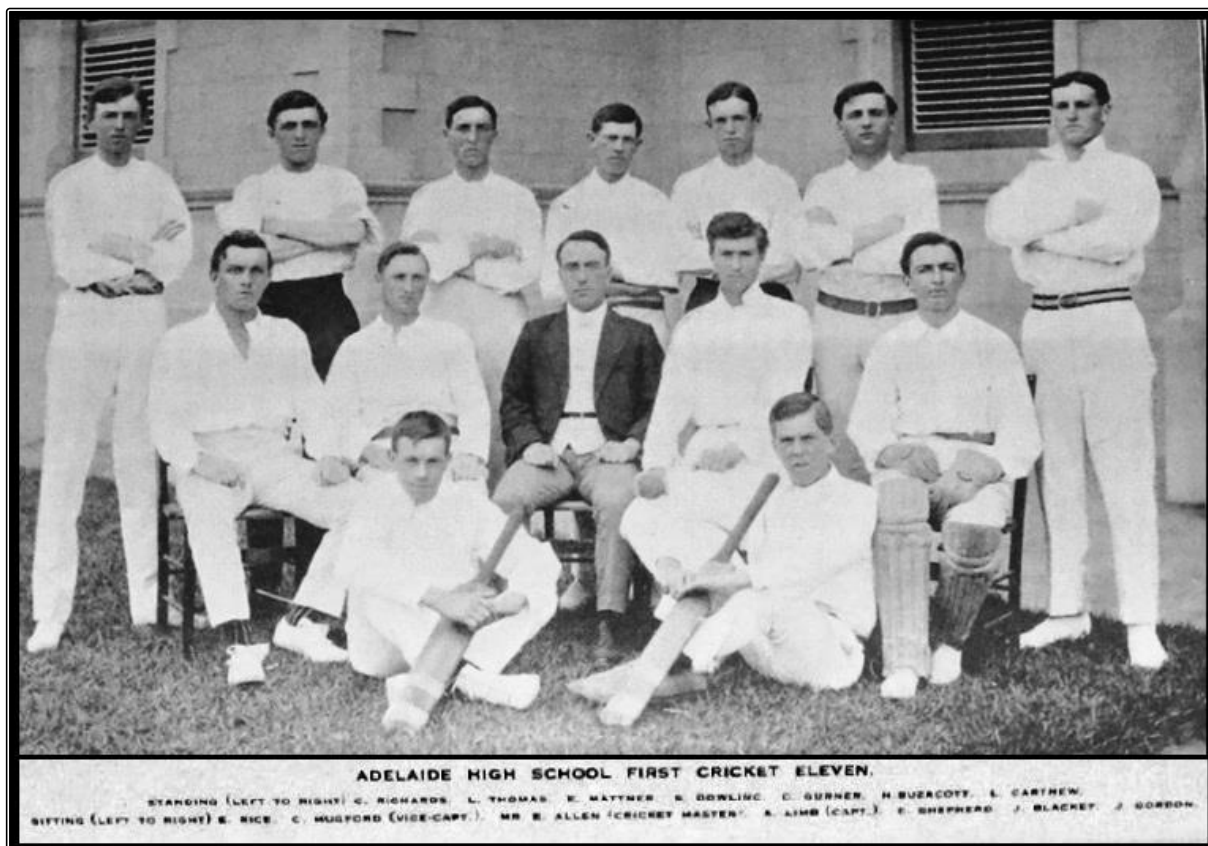
Charles was a member of the AHS Football First Eighteen (1910 & 1911) and Cricket First Eleven (1911).

1910 Adelaide High School Football and Rifle Teams



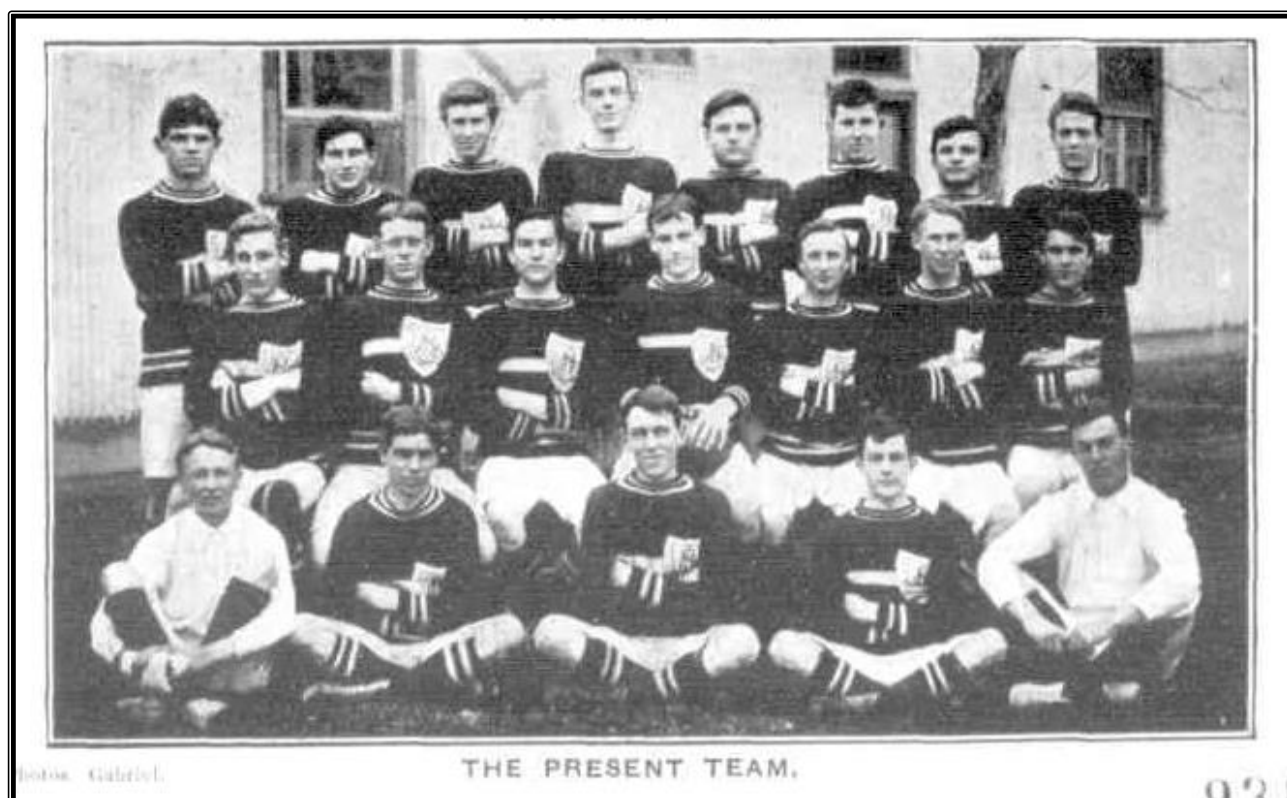
C.S. Mugford - Front Row – At Left

1911 - Adelaide High School – First Cricket Eleven



C.S. Mugford – Middle Row – Second from Left

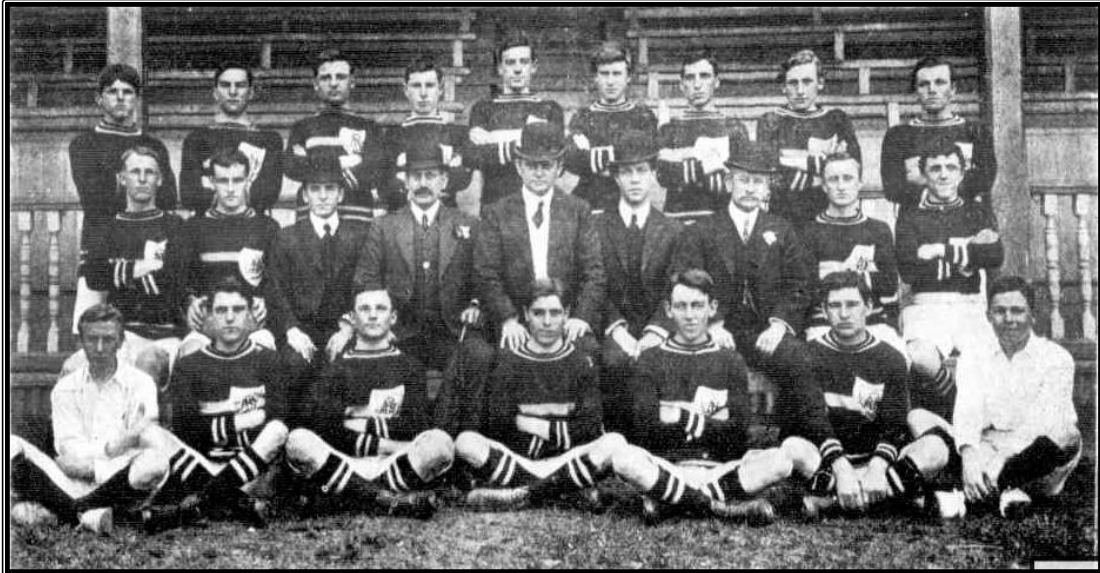
Adelaide High School – Past v Present – August 1911



C.S. Mugford – Middle Row – Third from Right

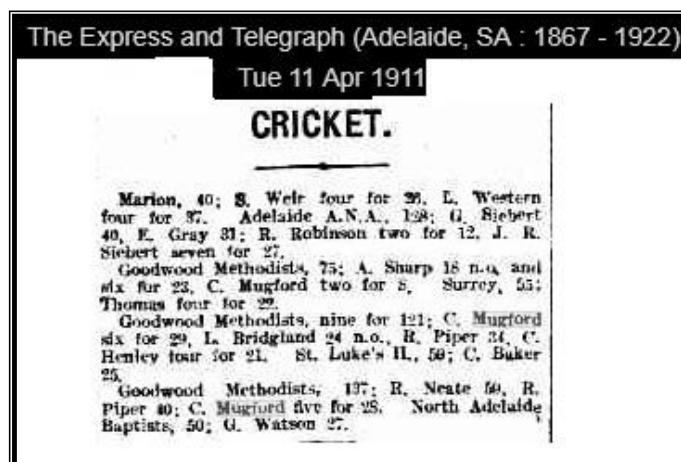
Top Row: E Johncock, K Parham, A Limb, C Boorn, H Buzacott, S O'Neill, E Haese, J Keipert
M Row: C Holten, E Broadbent, R Thomas, L Carthew (capt), C Mugford (vice-capt), C Orr, T Williams
Front Row: N Somerville, J Johncock, S Tiver, S Oliver, S Pearce

Adelaide High School v Melbourne Continuation School – September 1911



C.S Mugford – Middle Row – Second from Right

The Reverend Samuel Clark Mugford was the Methodist Minister at Goodwood from 1907 until the Autumn of 1911. He was then transferred to Gawler West. Charles had played cricket for the church team, presumably when not playing with the Adelaide High School team. His future brother-in-law Ralph Neate who he knew from Sturt Street School also played for the church team.



Younger Sister Edith had an unfortunate accident in August 1912 falling from a railway bridge and fracturing her hip.



Education Department Appointments

Charles was appointed as a junior teacher to the Sturt Street School in 1912 and by January 1913 he had completed his Monitors Examinations. In January 1914, Charles was appointed as an Assistant Teacher to Hindmarsh School and later in August 1914, Charles was transferred as an Assistant Teacher at Gawler.

Teachers Training College and University of Adelaide

Charles was sent to Teachers Training College in 1913 and passed the Adelaide University subject, 'Education'. He was also enrolled that the University in 1914 but did not complete any subjects. It was the policy of the Education Department to select the most promising junior teachers who had completed four years (3 years at Adelaide High School and 1 year of Practical Teaching at a school) and send them to the Teacher Training College for a one-year course where they would complete professional subjects, do more practical teaching and have limited access to University of Adelaide subjects.

The Education Department had in 1907 taken control of teacher training away from the Adelaide University. Under this scheme, student teachers paid no fees, received a small allowance and in an arrangement with Adelaide University, had still some limited access to take University subjects relevant to Teaching such as Education and Psychology. On completion of their total of five years of teacher training they were bonded to the Education Department for several years with the majority having to serve time in country schools.

University Sport

In 1913 Charles played in the SACA B Grade Cricket team for University at the end of the 1912/13 season. That seemed to be the only outing with University as he was back playing with Goodwood Methodist the following season.

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954)	
Sat 5 Apr 1913	
UNIVERSITY V. ADELAIDE.	
UNIVERSITY.	
First Innings.	
Marshall, b. Bartlett	0
Hurley, b. Whiting	4
Badger, c. Kellett, b. Whiting	17
Richards, run out	0
Limb, c. Bartlett, b. Whiting	23
Pavia, c. Dawkins, b. Bartlett	21
Cole, run out	47
Davenport, c. Halifax, b. Du Rieu	12
Fornachon, b. Du Rieu	0
Mugford, b. Whiting	7
Howard, c. Halifax, b. Whiting	23
Extras	14
Total	168
Bowling—Bartlett, 2 for 52; Whiting, 5 for 60;	
Du Rieu, 2 for 36; Dawkins, 0 for 6.	
ADELAIDE.	
Bartlett, run out	38
Du Rieu, l.b.w., b. Marshall	7
Whiting, c. Mugford, b. Howard	22
Martin, l.b.w., b. Pavia	32
Robertson, b. Pavia	16
Halifax, b. Pavia	18
Dawkins, b. Pavia	70
S. Kelly, b. Fornachon	7
Tonkin, not out	28
Keppel, b. Fornachon	4
Extras	20
Total	282
Bowling—Howard, 1 for 79; Marshall, 1 for 43;	
Pavia, 5 for 60; Hurley, 0 for 23; Fornachon,	
2 for 42; Cole, 0 for 19.	

In the winter he played football for University in the Amateur League. He also represented the PAC Old Boys in the Past v Present football match in July 1913.

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)	
Sat 21 Jun 1913	
—Amateur League.—	
St. Francis v. University (on 'Varsity Oval, 1.45 p.m.).—'Varsity (from)—Badger, Blacket (captain), Cole, Duce, Hayward, Hurley, Jose, Kain, Limb, Northey, Mugford, Rice, Perreos, Phillips, Rollison, Stevens, Thrush, Webb, and Williams (2).	

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) / Tue 8 Jul 1913 / F	
P.A.C., PAST VERSUS PRESENT.	
The annual match between the past and present scholars of Prince Alfred College will be played on the College Oval this afternoon. The old scholars' team will be as follows:—J. Blacket, C. R. Cole, E. P. Howard, K. N. Steele, C. S. Mugford, E. Mellor, D. L. Prest, F. Cooper, J. H. Cooper, D. C. Craven, R. G. Thomson, H. W. Kelly, J. McNeil, F. Pearce, H. B. Tobin, T. D. Campbell, R. Pender, and R. Battye.	

World War I

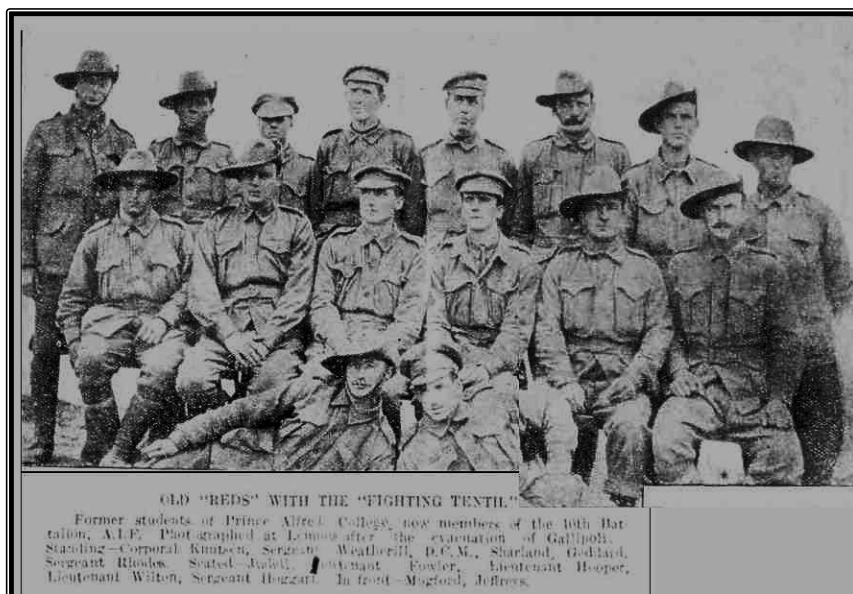
On the 3rd of June 1915 Charles enlisted. He was 21 years and 8 months old, 5'4", 123 lbs, with a fair complexion, blue eyes and very fair hair (SN 2913). On the 21st of September 1915, Charles embarked from Adelaide and arrived in Mudros, on the island of Lemnos on 29th of November 1915. The 10th Battalion had been decimated at Gallipoli

and evacuated to Lemnos. Charles was a member of the 10th Battalion, 9th Reinforcements. From there he embarked on the 'Seaug Bee' arriving in Alexandria, Egypt on 25th of December 1915 and was taken on strength with the 10th Battalion. After service in Egypt, which would have primarily been 3 months of training, Charles left Alexandria on 27th March 1916 and arrived in Marseilles, France on the 3rd of April 1916.

In September 1916 Charles was ill with influenza and was sent to hospital in Boulogne. He returned to the field at Etaples and was taken on strength with the 32nd Battalion. In November 1916, Charles was again hospitalised, this time with Trench Feet, a common affliction in the wet conditions. He was returned to the UK and was in hospital at Taplow, Buckinghamshire. After recovering and a period of furlough, Charles transferred to the 70th Battalion on the 23rd of March 1917. He remained in the UK for a time, possibly for training and on 23rd September 1917, he was appointed Lance Corporal. On the 10th of October 1917, Charles arrived back in France.

From the 7th of December 1917 to 17th of January 1918 Charles was at the Instructional School and from 23rd of April 1918 to 27th of July 1918, Charles was on detachment to the 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters. He was again detached to Brigade Headquarters from 28 September 1918. Charles returned to England in December 1918 and he was promoted to Corporal in January. On 16th of July 1919, Charles returned to Australia on the 'Durham' departing from Liverpool, he was discharged on the 9th of September 1919.

April 1916 – Old "Reds" with the "Fighting Tenth"



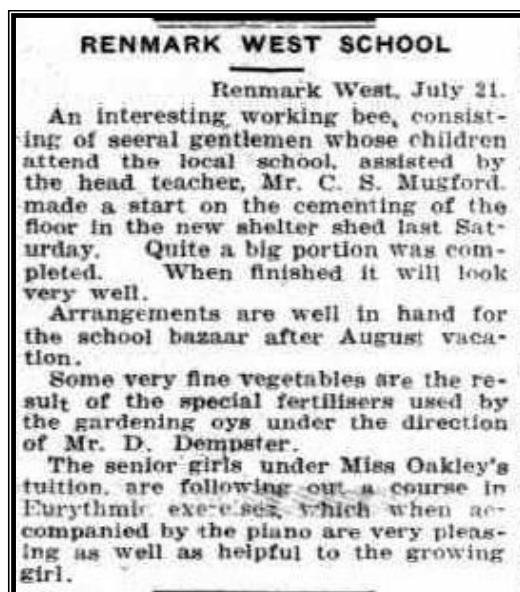
C.S. Mugford Front Row – Left

Professional Career

Charles returned to primary school teaching after WWI. He had the following appointments:

- Mount Gambier (1920)
- Mintaro (1921 – May 1924)
- Renmark West – (May 1924 – December 1926)
- Clare (January 1927- August 1929)
- Wallaroo (September 1929 – May 1935)
- Pennington (May 1935 – October 1937)
- Mt Gambier (October 1937 – December 1939)
- Colonel Light Gardens (January 1940 - April 1941)
- Port Pirie (May 1941 – May 1945)
- Westbourne Park (May 1945 - Retired due to ill health 1951)

Charles, when Head Teacher at Renmark West School, was a member of the Renmark Institute Committee and involved with the Workers' Educational Association (W.E.A.). These were different times and in July 1925 Charles was involved in cementing the floor of the new shelter shed at the Renmark West School. He was also involved in organising fundraising through school fetes. He arranged end of year concerts, Arbor Days, and encouraged children to improve their prospects by taking up remunerative hobbies.



At Clare, Charles was involved in organising the Clare and District Schools' Exhibition in 1929. In August 1929 the people of Clare gave a public farewell to Charles and JHK Phillips (the article below has been edited to focus on Charles's portion of the farewell).



At Wallaroo, Charles organised Visiting Days and School Concerts. His active involvement in the community is best described by the farewells given to the family by the School, RSA, the Methodist Church and the Cricket Club.

<p>FAREWELLS TO MR MUGFORD.</p> <p>Mr C. E. Mugford, the present head teacher of the Wallaroo public school, has been transferred to Pennington, and opportunity was taken to say farewell to him at the school on Thursday, 16th inst.</p> <p>The whole school assembled in the yard at the morning recess bell, and Mr C. Moyle, on behalf of the children and teachers, expressed regret at Mr Mugford's departure, and hoped that he and Mrs Mugford would spend as enjoyable and successful a time at Pennington as they had experienced at Wallaroo. A presentation of an electric kettle was then made by one of the scholars, after which Airie Bowman, on behalf of the Junior Red Cross, thanked Mr Mugford for his assistance as patron.</p> <p>In reply, Mr Mugford thanked the children and staff for their gift, and said how much he regretted leaving the school, through which some children had passed from the lowest grades up to the High School during his term as head teacher. After three hearty cheers had been given, the classes were dismissed to recess.</p> <p>Subsequently Mr and Mrs Mugford were entertained at morning tea by the staff of the school, when further reference was made to their departure.</p>	<p>Members of the R.S.A. said farewell to Comrade C. S. Mugford at the club on Monday night. Mr A. M. Thomas presided. Felicitations were expressed by various members, and Mr Mugford was made the recipient of a tobacco pouch. Mr Mugford responded, and a happy evening closed with supper.</p> <p>At the Methodist church, on Wednesday night, a social evening was tendered Mr and Mrs Mugford, who have served in various capacities in the church. Rev. H. White presided. Items were rendered by Miss Jean Rowe and Mrs J. D. Phillips, solos; Mrs Sweet and Miss A. Brown, duet; and Miss N. Dohnt, recital. Mr A. Chandler voiced the appreciation of the trust, Mr P. D. Anderson and Mr F. G. F. Smith spoke for the circuit stewards, Mr W. F. Bowering for the choir, Messrs R. C. Tonkin and C. Weidenbach for the Sunday school, and Mrs White for the guild. Mrs Harman, for the guild, presented Mrs Mugford with a brass vase. Mr Bowering handed to Mr Mugford (for the choir) and Mr P. D. Anderson (for the church) valuable volumes, whilst Mr J. Davies gave to Mr and Mrs Mugford a personal gift, a beautiful chair, and to baby Mugford a swing. The evening closed with a tasty supper.</p>
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Charles was at Pennington for Arbor Day in July 1935 and he thanked the Woodville Council for supplying trees for the students to plant. He remained at the school until October 1937. A farewell social was held to mark his transfer.

Shortly after his arrival at Mt Gambier, Charles was involved in a two week teacher's refresher course. During his term as headmaster at Mount Gambier Primary, the school had two visits from the SA Governor. The first visit was by Governor and Lady Dugan in June 1938 and the second by Governor and Lady Muriel Barclay-Harvey in November 1939. The School also celebrated Arbor Day and in April 1939 Rotarians visited the School during Youth Week. Charles remained at the school until December 1939. Charles was farewelled at the School Break-Up Function. He was described as being a father figure to the student and a 'big brother' to the teaching staff.



The Governor walking through the guard of honour formed by the Primary School Band (Headmaster - Mr. C. S. Mugford - right).



June 1938 – The Governor at the Primary School with headmaster, C.S. Mugford (Left)



AT THE MOUNT GAMBIER PRIMARY SCHOOL on Wednesday, members of the Fife and Drum Band formed a guard of honor for the Governor. With His Excellency is the Headmaster, Mr. C.S. Mugford (left).

November 1939 – C.S. Mugford and the Governor

Charles was headmaster at Colonel Light Gardens from January 1940 to April 1941. After Easter, Charles moved to be headmaster at Pirie Primary School and was at Port Pirie for four years.

IMPRESSED WITH SCHOOL

New Pirie Headmaster Begins Duty

MR. C. S. Mugford, who yesterday began duty as headmaster of Pirie School, had visited Pirie previously, as a member of Wallaroo Methodist Choir, to take part in musical competitions.

He stated that he had received a favorable impression of the school and pupils and was delighted with the library.

Mr. Mugford said that he came from Colonel Light Gardens School. It was a coincidence that Mr. W. S. Coombe and Mr. W. R. G. Sharp, who had preceded him in Pirie, also came from Colonel Light Gardens. If, he added, he had consulted departmental records he would have realised months ago that he would probably succeed Mr. Sharp here.

In a resume of his experience in charge of schools Mr. Mugford said that he had been at Pennington, Mount Gambier, Wallaroo, and Colonel Light Gardens. He spent nearly six years at Wallaroo and while stationed there made his first trip to Pirie.

Likes Music And Cricket

He came here as a member of Wallaroo Methodist Choir to take part in musical competition and had enjoyed the experience. While on Yorke Peninsula, he said, he played cricket every season. The peninsula he had found a home of cricket.

This is the first season he has not played, and the only reason is that he regards himself as in the veteran stage. He retains a deep interest in the game, and it was with pleasure that he found Mr. E. W. Golding (one of his teachers) was president of Pirie District Association.

Pirie School, continued Mr. Mugford, was well equipped, but it needed renovation. He knew of the persistent efforts of the school committee to have it kept in order and of the improvements due to its persistence.

The school library had delighted him. It was one of the aids to education to which he attached importance and he desired a room and equipment for it.

Well-Conducted Children

Regarding the children attending the school, Mr. Mugford was enthusiastic. He said that they were well dressed and well conducted.

He expected to be happy in Pirie for he knew of the friendliness for which the North was noted. He had heard just the opposite characteristic attributed to the South, but that was not his opinion, for he had had four pleasant years at Mount Gambier.

Mr. and Mrs. Mugford have five children. The eldest son has been left in Adelaide, where he is employed in the Savings Bank. The others, three of whom are boys and one a girl, have come to Pirie. One is attending the high school and the three others are at the primary school.

The family is living in what is known as the departmental residence, the house at Risdon Park which had been occupied by Mr. Sharp.

MR. MUGFORD SAYS FAREWELL

Popular Head of Pirie School Going To Adelaide

One of the most popular headmasters of Pirie School to pass on from here in many years, Mr. C. S. Mugford said farewell to his staff and scholars yesterday afternoon at the break-up for the terminal holidays. He will leave at the week-end to take over his new charge at Westbourne Park School, Adelaide, and takes with him the goodwill of all connected with the school and more than one town organisation.

To the children assembled in the grounds Mr. Mugford left his farewell message. He thanked them for their loyalty and the many little courtesies he had experienced during his four years and one month here. The staff had been everything that a staff should be, and no matter where he went in the course of his duty he would never wish to work with such a fine body of children and colleagues.

On behalf of the whole school personnel Mr. D. J. Frick (chief assistant) made a presentation of a wallet of notes to the departing headmaster, who was given three ringing cheers as he stepped down.

PLANS UNFINISHED

Interviewed, Mr. Mugford said that he was genuinely sorry to leave Pirie and its people, for he had enjoyed every day of his stay here. "I have been here four years and one month," he said, "and would have been quite content to stay here had not the present opportunity come along. I believe that my term is a length record for the better part of 20 years."

"I had many plans for the betterment of the school and its grounds, and I am regretful that I shall not be here to see them brought to fruition. The school committee has been able to accomplish much, and it has done a wonderful job."

"Pirie has suited me, and you may rest assured that I shall boost the old town wherever I go."

TRIBUTE FROM CHURCHES

At the close of the religious instruction period at the school members of Pirie Ministers' Fraternal assembled in the headmaster's office to bid him farewell. At the request of Rev. D. W. Annear Rev. L. W. Brook asked Mr. Mugford to accept the fraternal's gratitude for his sympathetic attitude and courtesy toward the clergymen who had visited the school regularly. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Mugford all the best in their new home.

Charles then moved to the Westbourne Park School from May 1945 to December 1946. He was headmaster at Westbourne Park when the Hutley Memorial Library was opened in late 1946.



C.S. Mugford – Back Row – Fourth from Left (incorrectly labelled S.C. Mugford)

Family Life



On the 15th of April 1922, Charles (aged 28) had married Pauline Somers Neate (aged 24), the daughter of Mr & Mrs Ralph Neate, at the Methodist Church, Goodwood (SA Marriage Registration 291/174).

Charles' father Samuel had been Minister at Goodwood Methodist and known the Neate family through a common association with the Church. Pauline's brother Ralph had been a student at Sturt Street School with Charles, and both played for the Goodwood Methodist church cricket team was another family connection.

The couple commenced their married life at Mintaro. Their first child, a son, David Charles Mugford, was born at the Memorial Hospital, Adelaide on the 23rd of April 1923. A second son, Ralph Clark Mugford was born on the 6th of May 1925 when the couple were based at Renmark. A third son, Donald Frank was born at the Clare and District Hospital on 30th of December 1928. When Charles was teaching at Wallaroo, the couple's only daughter, Helen, who was born at the Rose Park Private Hospital on the 22nd of January 1933. The final member of the family, a son, Brian John was born at the Wallaroo Public Hospital on the 24th of March 1935.

Charles and Pauline were married by Charles' father, who by January 1938 had officiated at the marriages of 11 of his 14 children.

HAS MARRIED 11 OF HIS 14 CHILDREN

State Record of Clergyman At Kensington

The Rev. C. S. Mugford, a Methodist minister, of Kensington road, Kensington, has married 11 of his 14 sons and daughters—a record that is believed to be unprecedented in South Australia. Six of Mr. Mugford's seven sons are school teachers, and the other is a doctor. All the sons, in addition to his seven daughters, are still living.

Mr. Mugford, who served in the Education Department as a teacher at Bowmans and near Ororoo for four years before entering the ministry 49 years ago, is now in his seventy-sixth year.

At his home today he said that he felt as well as he ever did, and he attributed this to his participation in sport. He played cricket and was a rifle shot in his younger days, and played tennis until he was nearly 70. He is now a playing member of the Marnatville Bowling Club.

"All this has helped to keep me young," said Mr. Mugford. He married the eleventh of his children on Saturday night. "I suppose they do not feel so nervous when I perform the ceremony for them," he said with a smile.

His three children who have not yet asked him to officiate at such a ceremony are his twin sons, Messrs. Reg and Eric Mugford, 23, and Miss Joyce

Mugford, who is 21. Mr. Reg Mugford is head teacher at the Kalyon School, near Karoonda, and Mr. Eric Mugford is head teacher at the Lake Wangary School, near Port Lincoln.

The other sons are Dr. Frank K. Mugford, of Adelaide; Messrs. Charles Mugford, headmaster of the Mount Gambier School; Keith Mugford, head teacher of Kapunda School; Lance Mugford, assistant teacher at the Goodwood Central School; and Gordon Mugford, head teacher at the Gawler River School.

The daughters are Mesdames R. East (Tusmore), F. Koerner (Tusmore), R. Coker (Salisbury), C. McIntyre (Salisbury), A. Bird (Grange), K. D. Arnold (Brighton), and Miss J. Mugford (Kensington). His wife is still living.

Mr. Mugford, who was born at Sheoak Log, South Australia, served as a chaplain while on home service during the war.

In April 1939 Charles and Pauline's eldest son commenced duties with the Savings Bank of South Australia.

Charles' mother, Clara passed away in 1938, and his father died in July 1942. Sadly his brother, Keith Alan Mugford, died 1949, age 53. At that time Charles and Pauline were living at 302 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park. Their eldest son, David, became engaged in 1949 and married in August that year. Second son, Ralph Clark married in 1951.

Cricket

After playing cricket during his student years, then from 1920 to 1940, Charles was also a valued member of many local cricket teams. On his first appointment to Mt Gambier, he played for Yahl, he bowled effective left-hand breaks and took 7 for 26 in a match against Mt Gambier. At Mintaro, he was selected to play in a Mid North Association match against Kapunda. In the Summer of 1928, in addition to regular season matches for Clare, Charles played for the 'Returned Soldiers' team as part of the ANZAC Day commemorations.

Charles was active in the administrative side of sport, while at Clare he was on the Management Committee of the ANZAC Day Sports and on the Sports Committee for the Back to Clare celebrations. Charles arrived in Wallaroo at the

beginning of the 1929/30 cricket season and by the 1930/31 season he was captain of the Wallaroo Team, he also captained the Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association team.

FAREWELL TO MR MUGFORD.

The wind-up social of the Wallaroo Cricket Club was held in the Soldiers' club rooms on Wednesday, May 1st, and was presided over by Mr J. K. Probert in the absence of Mr J. Herbert (president). The senior team's averages were read by Mr M. Bidstrup. Mr Probert gave a resume of the club's financial activities during the past season, and Mr C. Tonkin, on behalf of the club, said a few words of farewell to Mr C. S. Mugford, the captain of the team, who is leaving the district. He was presented with an engraved inkstand, from the club members, who sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." Messrs Davey, Moyle, Pengelley and Bidstrup also added words of farewell.

Mr J. Pearce on behalf of Mrs Pearce, presented H. Pedder with a trophy for the best all-round performance in the senior team; and Mr Probert presented G. Pedder with a trophy donated by Mr D. Kerr, for the most improved "B" grade player. During the pasty supper there was community singing, which concluded with Auld Lang Syne.

On Wednesday afternoon, in the parish hall, the Mothers' Club and the School Committee arranged a farewell gathering in honor of Mr and Mrs C. S. Mugford. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery. A program contributed to by Mrs V. Bowen (overture), Mrs and Miss Smith (duet), Mrs Knuckey and Miss J. Rowe (vocal solos), and Misses Lethbridge and Banks (recitals) together with a competition won by Mrs Hannan (tearing out a paper elephant) made the afternoon quite enjoyable. Prior to a dainty afternoon tea, Rev. R. Woodger (chairman of School Committee) presented Mr and Mrs Mugford with a beautiful travelling rug, and expressed the regret of all at their departure from the Wallaroo school. Mr Mugford, in responding, thanked all for their gift, and referred to the happy relationship ever existing between them and the community. The gathering closed with Auld Lang Syne.

A POPULAR CAPTAIN.

"Old Cricketer" writes:—May I be permitted to add my word of farewell to the many which have been said to the captain of our Y.P.C.A. cricket team, Mr C. S. Mugford, on his departure from Wallaroo, and to wish him success in his new appointment. I am indebted to our friend "Spenny" for the following figures of Mr Mugford's cricket during his six seasons with the team. He made his first appearance against Woodlands in 1929, and since then he has rarely missed a match. He has captained the team for four seasons, and has twice led them as far as the challenge game; but has never been fortunate enough to be on the winning side. Whilst his personal success has perhaps not been commensurate with his skill, he has, as his figures will show, proved a valuable member of the team. In batting he has played 66 innings, 10 not outs, for 810 runs, average 14.46; and has taken 126 wickets at an average of 16.52; the number of wickets being greater than those taken by any other bowler in the team over a similar period. Like most of his contemporaries, he suffered at times at the hands of his fieldsmen, but always played the game in the best possible spirit, and never complained or "growled" at the unfortunate "butterfingers," neither did he ever show resentment at an umpire's decision. Quiet and unassuming in his personality, he was always quick to congratulate a victorious opponent, generous in conceding any point which might arise in argument, and (a valuable asset this) always punctual in attendance at matches, whilst his luck in winning the toss was more than average. Long may it continue. Blessed with a large amount of enthusiasm for the game, Mr Mugford will no doubt next season continue to lure unfortunate batsmen to their doom with the left-handed spinners, and perhaps show some budding Grimmett that he still has the ability to "score a few." Let us hope so.

On his second placement at Mt Gambier Charles played for the Kookaburras and by October 1938 his son David was playing in the same team.

KOOKABURRAS	
First Innings	214
Second Innings.	
G. Lord, not out	2
R. Marks, not out	4
Total (for no wicket)	6
Bowling:—L. Plate 0 for 1, D. Read 0 for 5.	
OLD SCHOLARS	
First Innings.	
J. B. Ascione, b Moody	7
F. Williams, c Lord, b MacIntosh	13
E. Aston, c Lord, b Moody . . .	3
L. Hill, lbw, b Battye	2
J. Barry, c and b C. Mugford . .	19
Read, c Battye, b Turner	13
L. Plate, c Lord, b C. Mugford . .	0
M. McKenney, c Battye, b C. Mugford	3
L. McKenney, stpd. Lord, b Mugford	2
L. Laidlaw, c D. Mugford, b C. Mugford	0
L. Talbot, not out	0
Sundries	9
Total	71
Bowling:—MacIntosh, 1 for 19; M. Moody, 2 for 12; W. Battye, 1 for 20; C. Mugford, 5 for 9; T. Turner, 1 for 2.	

When the family left Mt Gambier in early 1940 it was a great loss to local cricket. Charles' performances were detailed in a newspaper article (below). Charles had turned 46 in September 1939. This may have been the end of Charles' cricket career as he said in April 1941 that he did not play in the 1940/41 season. At Port Pirie, Charles took up golf.

Loss To Local Cricket

C. S. Mugford's Performances

Cricketers throughout Mount Gambier will regret to hear of the early departure of C. S. Mugford, Kookaburras' fine left arm bowler. Mugford arrived in Mount Gambier in 1937 and played his first match with Kookaburras against Old Scholars when he secured 4 for 16, his other performances during the 1937-8 season being 4 for 67, 1 for 51, 3 for 48, 3 for 21, and 0 for 20. His slow left arm bowling made a great impression with local cricketers and he showed excellent form last season when he secured 27 wickets at an average of 13.1, his best performances being 5 for 3 against Old Scholars in the first match of the season, 4 for 14 against Glencoe, 4 for 35 against O.B. Flat, and 3 for 61 against Old Scholars in the semi-final.

The left hander has again been in fine form this season, his best performances being 6 for 45 against Kookaburras and 5 for 23 against Old Scholars. His services will be badly missed by Kookaburras. Had Mugford been a younger man he would certainly have played for Mount Gambier in intertown cricket. His performances for the Kookaburras are as follows:—

BOWLING				
		wkts.	runs	aver
1937-8	16	250	15.6
1938-9	27	353	13.1
1939-40	13	142	10.9
		56	745	13.3

With the bat Mugford scored 72 runs in 23 innings (nine times not out) with 13 his highest score. His dogged batting was invaluable on a number of occasions.

Other Interests

Further Education

While at Clare, Charles undertook further studies, passing Adelaide University examinations in Geometrical Drawing Grade II (1926), Economic History (1927), Economics (1928) and School of Arts and Crafts examination in Perspective Grade I (1928).

Church and Choir

Charles had a fine bass voice and had trained musically in his student years. Over the years he was involved with several choirs. In 1922, as a member of an Adelaide Choral Society, performed in Frederick H Cohen's, "The Rose Maiden", in the Adelaide Town Hall.

Charles attended the Clare Methodist Church and became involved in church and local choirs. He was a member of the Clare Coral Society and gave a successful rendering of 'The Glory of the Sea' at the concert for the Back to Clare celebrations in 1928. Charles was Superintendant of the Methodist Sunday School at Clare. At Wallaroo Charles was a member of the Methodist Choir.

Returned Soldiers Association

Charles was an active member of the Returned Soldiers Association. While at Clare he was nominated to represent the RSL on the Clare Soldiers' Memorial Park Trust. In April 1929 he was one of just over 100 men who attended the

district reunion held at Gladstone. Charles, who was a vice-president of the Clare Sub-Branch, was given a wallet in recognition of his service when he departed from Clare. While in Mt Gambier, Charles attended the reunion social in 1938 and 1939. He played in the Diggers' cricket match, representing Mt Gambier against Kalangadoo.

DIGGERS' CRICKET MATCH.
Mount Gambier V. Kalangadoo.
The Mount Gambier Sub-Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. has accepted a challenge from the Kalangadoo Sub-Branch for a cricket match. The game will be played on Frew Park on Saturday next, April 28. Play will commence at 2 p.m. sharp. Players the requested to be on the ground at 1.45 p.m.
The following have been selected to represent Mount Gambier :-W. J. Patterson (Captain), L. Carthew, H. G. Colebatch, W. G. Janeway, J. R. Holland, C. S. Mugford, L. G. Norman, F. E. Sharley, J. G. Steele, C. T. Turner, J. R. L. Willis. Reserves—G. C. Barnard, A. M. Thompson, and S. Hyde.

At Port Pirie Charles was at the ANZAC memorial service in 1941 and was on the Sports Committee for the Patriotic Carnival in late 1941.

Death

A newspaper report in November 1949 stated that Charles had a bad breakdown in health and was at Daws Road Hospital. The report below stated that he had retired voluntarily from the Education Department in 1951 due to illness.

Charles passed away on the 20th of May 1953, aged 57, (SA Death Registration 797/2533) at his residence at 12 Catherine Street, Clapham. He was interred at the Centennial Park Cemetery, SA.

Pauline passed away on 17th March 1979 and her ashes were interred at Charles' grave site. She had been living at Victor Harbor.

Former Pirie Master Dies In Adelaide
The death occurred in Adelaide on Wednesday of Mr. Charles Samuel Mugford, a former headmaster of Port Pirie School. He was here about 10 years ago. A member of the original 10th Battalion, A.I.F., Mr. Mugford had suffered much illness in the closing years of his life, and he retired voluntarily from the Education Department two years ago on that account. He has left a widow, four sons, and one daughter.
Mr. C. S. McKinnon (present headmaster of Pirie School) said yesterday that he was saddened deeply by the news. He and Mr. Mugford had gone through college together, had fought together in "The Tenth," and had never been separated by far since World War I.
"I deplore the passing of a dear friend and a gentleman," he said.

CRICKET NOTES.
By "Short Slip"
My notes this week open with a note of sadness for to those of us who knew him, the passing of our old friend and cricket comrade Charlie Mugford, has left a feeling of loss. "Charlie" as many of his fellow-players called him, was a delightful companion on the cricket field and to have him in the side always assured one of a pleasant day's cricket if not always a successful one. In other walks of life also he showed the friendly and kindly spirit and his passing leaves us with many happy memories of days in the sun. During his six seasons with the Wallaroo club he played 54 innings for 652 and with a highest score of 55 and 7 not outs, average 13.87. His slow left arm bowling always dangerous, and accurate, accounted for 112 wickets at a cost of 17.22 runs each. As a captain he always got the best from his colleagues and had their goodwill at all times. Hail and farewell old friend, it mattered not, did you win or lose, you always "played the game."

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