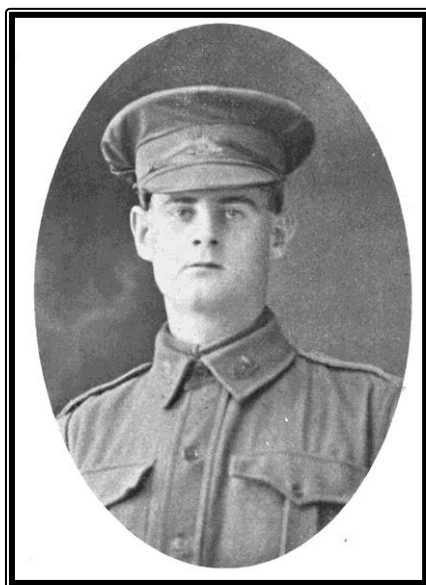




Pte. Charles Vincent Rice North



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: A Grade 1915

and

Cricket Club: 1915/16

Degree: LLB (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 Charles Vincent Rice North. 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=225283>



Charles Vincent Rice NORTH

Regimental number	12652
Place of birth	Rockhampton, Queensland
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Articled law clerk
Address	Watson Avenue, Rose Park, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs B North, Watson Avenue, Rose Park, South Australia
Previous military service	78th Infantry
Enlistment date	24 January 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	11th Field Ambulance
AWM Embarkation Roll number	26/54/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A29 <i>Suevic</i> on 31 May 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	11th Field Ambulance
Fate	Returned to Australia 25 August 1917
Miscellaneous information from	Parents: James Frank and Bridget NORTH
cemetery records	
Other details	Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal
Date of death	20 May 1928
Age at death	29
Place of burial	West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia

Service Record

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1 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

MAJOR, CAMP COMMANDANT.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 12652 Name NORTH Charles Vincent Rice XI FIELD AMBULANCE. A.A.M.

Unit 2ND DEPOT BATTALION

Joined on JAN 17 1916 JAN 24 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Charles Vincent Rice North

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Rockhampton in or near the Town of Rockhampton in the County of Queensland

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Yes

4. What is your age? 18 3/4

5. What is your trade or calling? Liberal Labor

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) Robert North, 1000 North Brisbane, 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 Yes, Senior Cadet 489 Sea, 11/26/1915

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, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 8/- per day? Yes

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Charles Vincent Rice North 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 allow 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 JAN 24 1916 Signature of Person Enlisted. C. V. Rice North

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

RSL Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/269895>

NORTH, Charles Vincent Rice

Service Number: 12652

Last Rank: Private

Last Unit: 11th Field Ambulance

Occupation: Clerk

Memorials: Adelaide HB26 - Supreme Court***, Rose Park M To the Fallen - Burnside District*, University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll Mitchell Bldg*

World War 1 Service

30 Jun 1916: Embarked Private, SN 12652, 11th Field Ambulance, HMAT Berrima, Melbourne

30 Jun 1916: Involvement Private, SN 12652, 11th Field Ambulance

Biography

Early Life

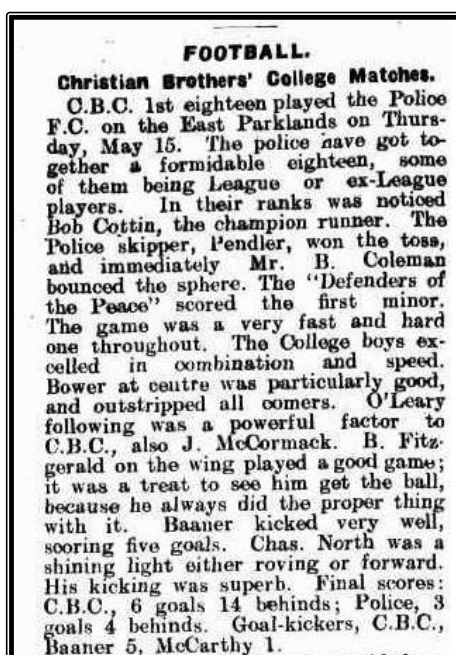
Charles Vincent Rice North was born in Rockhampton, Queensland in 1897, the son of James Frank North and Bridget Rice (Qld Birth Registration C10147). Charles was one of four children; his siblings were Clair Frank Rice North (born 1895), Cecil Joseph Rice North (born 1899) and Clara.

James F North moved the family from Queensland to South Australia and became licensee of the Metropolitan Hotel, Grote Street in June 1899 and was later the licensee of the Crown and Sceptre Hotel in King William Street.

Schooling

Charles attended Christian Brothers College, Adelaide and passed his Junior Examinations in December 1911 and has Senior Examinations in December 1913.

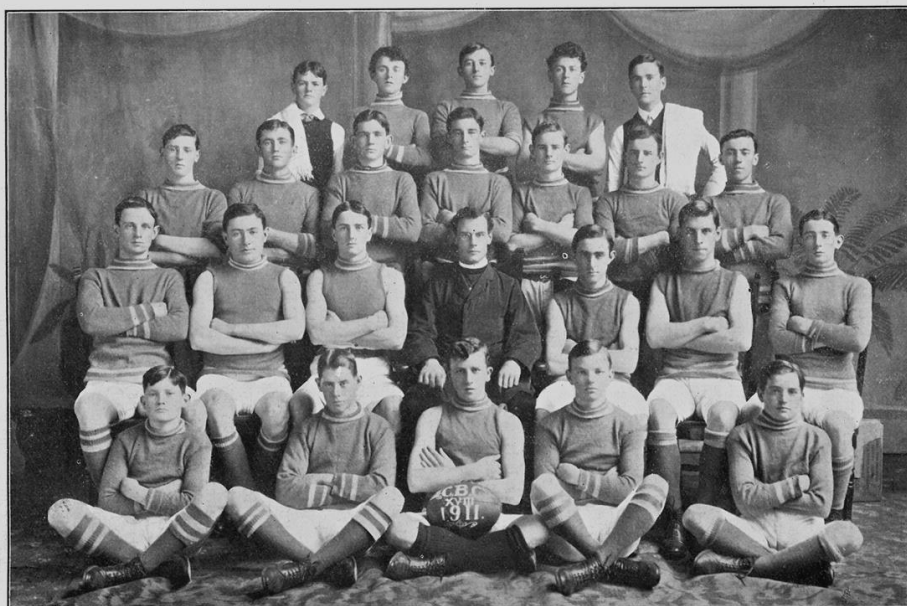
Charles played football and cricket for CBC in both 1911-1913 and competed in the CBS Sports.



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First XVIII.

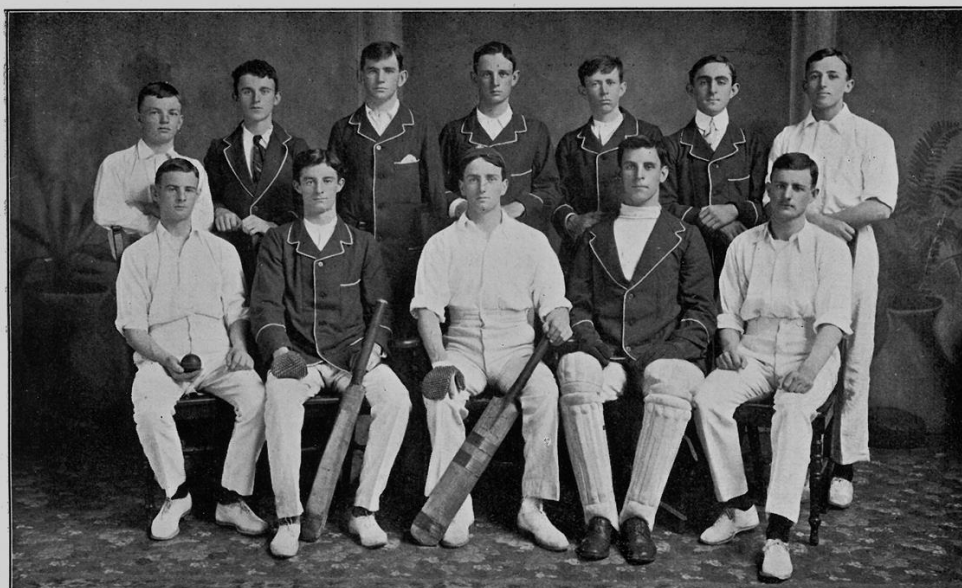
Top Row—J. Wallace, J. Power, N. Vowles, S. Smith, F. Lee.
 Second Row—W. Hayes, P. Tomney, M. Kenny, P. Kenny, C. North, F. North, W. Mowbray.
 Sitting—D. O'Leary (Captain 1912), J. McCormack, N. Heenan (Captain 1911), Rev. Bro. Kent, L. Nelson, G. Dare, J. Spain.
 Front Row—J. Spain, C. Huckvale, A. Fogarty, J. Sullivan, B. McCarthy.

Charles North – Middle Row Third from Right & Frank North Second from Right

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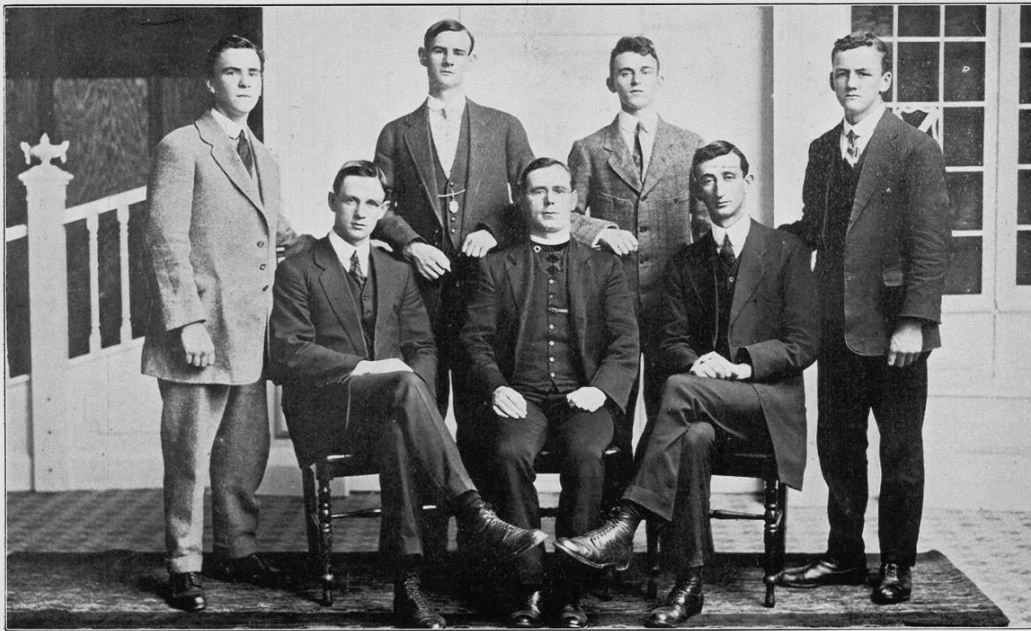
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 C. North, P. Kenny, N. Heenan (Captain), G. Dare, F. North.

Charles North – Front Row – Left with Frank North Front Row - Right

1912-13 CBC Sports Committee

SPORTS COMMITTEE.

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Top Row—F. Lee, C. North, J. Power, V. Moriarty.
Sitting—D. O'Leary, Rev. Bro. Foley, G. O'Leary.

Charles North Top Row – Second from Left

Adelaide University

Charles commenced studying law at Adelaide University in 1914 and passed examinations in 1914 and 1915. In January 1916 Charles enlisted and served in WWI, he recommenced University studies in 1918 having been discharged as medically unfit after overseas service. Charles gained his LLB in 1918.

University Sport

Football

Charles played football for Adelaide University A Grade football team in 1915.

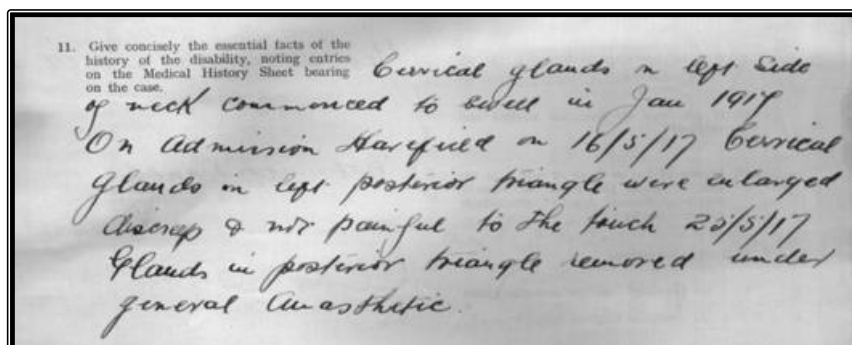
Cricket

Charles played cricket for Adelaide University in the 1915/16 season.

World War I

Charles enlisted as a Private in the 11th Field Ambulance on the 24th of January 1916 (SN 12652). He was an articled clerk, 18 years and 3 months old, 5'9¾", 148 lbs, with a fresh complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. His mother, Bridget was named as his next of kin on one of his attestation papers and his father James Frank on another copy of the papers; both were of Watson Street, Rose Park. Charles had been a Cadet in the 78th Area for four years and in the Citizens Forces for 6 months. He was entrained on the 28th of June 1916 and embarked onboard the *HMAT Berrima* from Melbourne.

Charles was taken on strength on the 28th of August 1916 and preceded to France via Southampton on the 26th of November 1916. On the 19th of April 1917 Charles was admitted to the Grove Military Hospital suffering from Adenitis neck. An operation was performed on Charles' neck and after the wounds healed Charles was considered medically unfit for service. He returned to Australia on the 25th of August 1917 and was discharged on 30th November 1917.



The following was published in the C.B.C. Annual (1914-16), 'Personal Pars'

Private Charlie North when last heard of was in Salisbury Plains. Writing to Mr. J. O'Hare he said that there had been quite a reunion of old C.B.C. boys at the Lark Hill Camp on the night of September 6th. Amongst those present were **Sergeant Neville Heenan**, **Quartermaster-Sergeant Jim Dowling** and **Garnet O'Connell**. In Charlie's company there are about a dozen old C.B.C. boys. He met another old College mate in the person of **J. Goodfellow**, who is attached to the Army Service.

Charles' diary, documenting the sea voyage from Melbourne on the transport ship *SS Berrima*, dated the 4th of July 27 August 1916 and his discharge certificate, dated 30th of November 1917 are held at the Australian War Memorial.

Both Charles' brothers served in WWI. Elder brother Clair Frank Rice North (SN 35214) was a Gunner in the Field Artillery. Younger brother, Cecil Joseph Rice North (SN 7530) enlisted in the 26th reinforcement of the 10th Battalion and was tragically killed in action on the 4th of June 1918 (aged 19) and is buried in the Borre British Cemetery, France.

Career & Family Life

Charles was admitted to the bar in April 1919, he was referred to as C.V. Rice North for all legal related matters.

Mr. C. V. Rice North was among the many young men who were admitted to the Bar last week as barristers, solicitors, attorneys, and proctors. Educated at Christian Brothers, his career at the University has been very creditable. He has also been connected with the Law Debating Society, and during 1918 was a member of the committee. A clear, forceful, and at times eloquent speaker, there is every probability of a successful career before him in his profession. He has served his articles with Mr. A. J. McLachlan, and has made use of the many opportunities of getting a good practical training in the legal work. A member of the A.I.F., he has been on active service for some time, but returned at the end of 1917, and completed his course at the University last year.

Charles was actively involved in the CBC Old Collegians Association and was a Vice president from 1919.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Christian Brothers Old Collegians' Association was held at the college, Wakefield street, Adelaide, on Monday evening. The President (Capt. S. A. White) occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The report, which was adopted, stated that during the ensuing year the golden jubilee of the Christian Brothers would be celebrated, and that an appeal was being made throughout Australia for funds to clear off the debt of £15,000 on the Novitiate and Training College at Strathfield. Officers elected:—President, Col. J. C. F. Slane, D.S.O., V.D.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. von der Borch, D. F. Brazel, P. E. O'Leary, and C. V. R. North; Secretary, Mr. T. F. O'Neill; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. J. Sullivan; Treasurer, Mr. H. P. O'Brien; Committee, Messrs. J. O'Loughlin, R. Kelly, T. Gason, J. J. O'Neill, F. Doherty, C. McHugh, F. Smith, J. Power, and F. Molloy.

From September 1919 to 1924, Charles practiced at Yorketown on Southern Yorke Peninsula. In December 1919 he purchased a 22.5 Ford. While at Yorketown Charles played cricket for the local team. He was a member of the Yorketown Branch of the Liberal Union, President of the S.Y.P. Jockey Club (1920) and involved in the RSL. Charles was involved in fundraising to ensure the deficit relating to the Yorketown Soldiers' Memorial Oval was cleared. Charles was also appointed to the Yorketown Repatriation Committee.

S Y.P. Cricket Association.					
SEASON 1919-20.					
PREMIERSHIP TABLE.					
	Pld	W	L	D	Pts
Sunbury	12	8	3	1	17
Edithburgh	12	7	5	0	14
Yorketown	12	4	8	1	9
Oaklands	12	4	8	0	8
AVERAGES.					
— Batting —					
	I.	N.O.	H.S.	R.	Avg
G. Rohrig, S	8		121	416	52.
H. Middleton, E	10	1	95	426	42.6
C Ebert, O	12	1	127	341	31.
E. Bartram, Y	8	1	75	268	29.7
R. Newbold, S	11	1	100	264	26.4
P MacFarlane, Y	12	1	66	263	23.9
F. Slade, S	5	1	35	66	23.
S. Woods, Y	12	1	108	238	21.8
C. Grant, E	7		89	149	21.2
A. Newbold, S	12		92	232	19.3
C. V. R. North, Y	6	2	36	75	18.7
E. Henschke, E	12	1	44	203	18.4
O. P. Jung, O	11	1	82	158	15.8
E. Aldenhoven, E	12		45	181	15.
E. Anderson, O	12		67	179	14.9
C. Nancarrow, O	6		20	89	14.8
A. Bartram, O	6	1	45	74	14.8
H. MacFarlane, Y	12		39	166	13.8
H. Williams, E	9	1	34	111	13.8
E. E. Lloyd, O	9	1	34	111	13.8
G. Elliott, E	9	1	48	95	11.8
W. Hayes, S	7	2	19	54	10.8
P. Hayes, S	11		32	113	10.2
R. Robinson, O	6	2	11	40	10.
— Bowling —					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg
G. Rohrig, S	63	3	191	33	5.7
E. Aldenhoven, S	63	9	180	24	7.5
H. Middleton, E	81	8	239	27	8.8
E. Henschke, E	136	25	301	31	8.8
E. E. Lloyd, O	67	6	240	26	9.2
G. Elliott, E	45	5	151	16	9.4
A. Newbold, S	51	6	185	19	9.7
P. Hayes, S	55	10	119	12	9.9
G. Nankivell, O	31	3	142	12	11.8
C. V. R. North, Y	41	2	179	14	12.7
E. Aldenhoven, E	82	4	281	26	12.5
R. Newbold, S	87	5	273	17	16.
O. P. Jung, O	66	11	204	12	17.
E. Bartram, Y	99	14	350	20	17.5
P. MacFarlane, Y	45	3	239	11	21.7
H. MacFarlane, Y	90	1	501	21	23.8

On the 12th of May 1920, Charles married Margaret Mary (Rita) Breheny (SA Marriage Registration 283/698).

NORTH-BREHENY.—On the 12th May, at St. Lawrence's Church, North Adelaide, by the Rev. Father M. Doyle, O.P., Charles Vincent Rice, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. North, Watson avenue, Rose Park, to Margaret Mary (Rita), Breheny, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Breheny, Banabool, North Adelaide.

On the 31st of March 1921, Charles and Rita's son Charles Leo (Charles Leo Rice) North was born followed by their daughter Rita Bridget Rice (Biddy) North on the 16th of August 1923.

From January 1922 until June 1923 Charles was in partnership with William Raymond Kelly at Yorketown.

Mr. C. V. Rice North,
SOLICITOR,
Announces that he has taken
Mr. W. R. Kelly, LL.B.,
into PARTNERSHIP, and they
will PRACTISE at YORKE-
TOWN under the Style of
NORTH & KELLY,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.

LEGAL NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT the partnership heretofore
subsisting between CHARLES VIN-
CENT RICE NORTH and WILLIAM
RAYMOND KELLY carrying on
business together at Yorketown in the
State of South Australia as Barristers
Solicitors Attorneys and Proctors
under style or firm of "NORTH AND
KELLY" was dissolved on the 1st
day of May 1923 AND NOTICE is
further given that the business has
from that date and will in future be
carried on by the said William Ray-
mond Kelly in his own name at
Yorketown aforesaid
DATED this 30th day of May 1923
CHARLES VINCENT RICE NORTH
WILLIAM RAYMOND KELLY

Charles and his family returned to Adelaide and Charles practised at Kither's Building, King William Street.

In April 1926 the right to nominate a scholar to be entitled to the Old Collegians' Scholarship was secured by Mr. C. V. R. North.

Charles' father died in 1926 aged 66 years.

Charles maintained a connection with Yorketown and sometimes visited to attend the Yorketown Races. In March 1927 he acted as a Judge at the S.Y.P Racing Club meeting.

Death

Tragically Charles died on the 20th of May 1928 aged 30 years; he was buried at the West Terrace Cemetery Catholic Section. He left his widow and two children. His estate was valued at £1,304.

NORTH.—On May 20, at 55 Boston avenue, Rose Park, Charles Vincent Rice, dearly be-
loved husband of Margaret Mary North and
second son of Mrs. B. and the late Mr. J. F.
North. Aged 30 years. Requiescat in pace.

Mr. C. V. R. North, whose death occurred on Sunday after a fortnight's illness, was a native of Queensland, but was brought to this State while he was a small child. He was educated at the Christian Brothers' College and the Adelaide University. He joined the 11th Field Ambulance and went to the war in June, 1915, and returned wounded late in 1917. He was admitted to the bar in April, 1919, and began practice at Yorketown the same year. In 1921 he entered into partnership with Mr. R. W. Kelly, now S.M., at Yorketown. The following year he came to Adelaide and took up the practice of his profession. He had a wide circle of friends, and at the time of his death was a vice-president of the Christian Brothers' Old Collegians' Association. Mr. North, who was 31 years of age, leaves a widow and two children—a boy aged eight years and a girl aged five.

Legacy

Charles and Rita's son Charles Leo Rice North attended CBC and completed his Leaving Examinations in 1937. He then commenced studying for the priesthood. Charles passed away in Fitzroy, Victoria in 1960, aged 39.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE, ROSTREVOR

EX-STUDENTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD.

Five ex-students of Christian Brothers' College, Rostrevor, will commence their studies for the Priesthood this year.

John Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Savage, of 4 Godfrey Terrace, Leabrook, left last week to join the Sacred Heart Fathers at Douglas Park. George Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Norman, of Hardy's Road, Underdale, left on Monday last with Laurie Smith to join the Passionist Fathers, St. Ives, Sydney. At the end of the month three others will leave to commence their studies for the Archdiocese. John O'Donohue, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Donohue, of 26 Randolph Street, Henley Park, goes to Corpus Christi College, Werribee. Kevin Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kelly, of Red Hill, and Owen Farrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Farrell, of 195 Glen Osmond Road, Mawsonville, go to Springwood.

Charles North, son of Mrs. C. V. R. North, of 55 Watson Avenue, Rose Park, entered the Novitiate of the Christian Brothers at Strathfield in December. L. Murphy, of Semaphore, will shortly join him. D. O'Donoghue, of Thebarton, and a former pupil of C.B.C., Wakefield Street, has also gone to Strathfield.

Charles and Rita's daughter Biddy attended Loreto College and Adelaide University. Biddy gained her LLB in 1945. She was actively involved in Aquinas College fundraising events.

Biddy and her mother went on pilgrimage in 1948 (they were living at 11 Barton Terrace, North Adelaide).

After Rome the party will go to Florence (staying two nights), Nice (two nights), Lourdes (five nights), Lisbon (five nights, including a two-day stay at Fatima, the Portuguese Lourdes), and London (10 days). The pilgrimage concludes in London on July 29.

After that private groups have booked with Thomas Cook & Son, who organised the pilgrimage in conjunction with the Pontifical Mission Aid Society, to visit Oberammergau, in Bavaria, for the famous Passion Play, which is presented from May to September every 10 years.

Biddy became engaged to Brian Moroney in December 1951.

In February 1953 Mrs M.M. North and her daughter Biddy moved from Glenelg to Mills Terrace, North Adelaide.

New Woman Lawyer

The only woman to obtain her degree of Bachelor of Laws this year, Miss Rita B. R. North, who is 22, gained second-class passes in both the subjects required to complete her degree. The only other successful student in one of the subjects—law relating to companies, partnership, bankruptcy, and divorce—was the Rhodes Scholar, Mr W. A. N. Wells.

Miss North is the only daughter of Mrs M. M. North, of North Adelaide, and the late Mr C. V. R. North, who was a well-known Adelaide lawyer. She was articled to Mr Kevin Ward, of Ward, Molison, Litchfield and Ward.

Miss North, who was educated at Loreto Convent, is the 24th woman to graduate in law at the University of Adelaide, although several of them are not practising. Another woman will apply for admission to the Bar with Miss North on December 14. She is Mrs R. Levy, who obtained her degree in Western Australia and served her articles in Adelaide.



Miss North

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