

Capt. Harold Powell Military Cross



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: A & B Grade (1908/09 - 1912/13)

B Grade Vice-Captain (1909/10)

Degree – MB BS (1913)

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 Harold Powell. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AUFC/AUCC WW1 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The AIF Project

https://aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=244514



Harold POWELL

Date of birth 29 September 1886

Place of birth Hawker South Australia

Religion Church of England

Occupation Medical practitioner

Address Malvern, South Australia

Marital status Married

Age at embarkation 29

Next of kin Wife, Mrs E Powell, 57 Cheltenham Street, Malvern, South Australia

Enlistment date 1 December 1915

Rank on enlistment Captain

Unit name Medical Officers

Embarkation details Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board RMS Osterley on 15 January 1916

Rank from Nominal Roll Captain

Unit from Nominal Roll Australian Army Medical Corps

Promotions Captain

Unit: MED

Promotion date: 1 December 1915

Fate Returned to Australia 13 March 1918

Medals Military Cross

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continually working under heavy fire and the most adverse conditions, with complete disregard for his personal safety. As Medical Officer he is invaluable to his battalion, not only in regard to his assistance in keeping the men medically and physically fit, but by his example of coolness, courage and good humour,

when under fire.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 219

Date: 20 December 1917

Service Record

https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8019785

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12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	12,
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	13. 10
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by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing a the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limit	nd hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces
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Date lovember 8th 1915	H. Powell
	Signature of person enlisted.
* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried	d men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

RSL Virtual War Memorial

https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/127662

POWELL, Harold

Service number Officer, Captain, 3rd Australian General Hospital, AIF WW1, Born 29 Sep 1886, Died 9 Jul 1963

Service Number: Officer

Enlisted: 3 November 1915, South Australia

Last Rank: Captain

Last Unit: 3rd Australian General Hospital

Born: Wilpena, South Australia, 29 September 1886

Home Town: Malvern, Unley, South Australia
Schooling: University of Adelaide (MBBS)

Occupation: Medical Practitioner

Died: Largs Bay, South Australia, 9 July 1963, aged 76 years, cause of death not yet discovered

Cemetery: Not yet discovered

Memorials: University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll Mitchell Bldg*

World War 1 Service

3 Nov 1915: Enlisted AIF WW1, South Australia

Involvement AIF WW1, Captain, SN Officer, Medical Officers,

22 Dec 1915: Enlistment/Embarkation WW1

22 Dec 1915: Embarked AIF WW1, Captain, SN Officer, Medical Officers, HMAT Kanowna, Sydney

12 Oct 1916: Transferred AIF WW1, Captain, 50th Infantry Battalion

3 Oct 1917: Transferred AIF WW1, Captain, 3rd Australian General Hospital

22 Apr 1918: Discharged AIF WW1

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

POWELL Harold

MC MB BS

1886 - 1963

Harold Powell was born on 29th September 1886 at Wilpena near Hawker South Australia, son of Charles Bendin Powell and his wife Mary Ann nee Ward, and grandson of Charles Powell who had landed at Kangaroo Island South Australia in 1836. He was educated at St Peter's College and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide and graduated in 1913. He married Mary Elizabeth Milne on 8th October 1914.

Powell enlisted in Adelaide on the 8th November 1915 when he was 29 years, 5ft 10ins tall, weighing 10st 11lbs, of dark complexion with grey eyes and dark brown hair. He nominated his wife of 57 Cheltenham St, Malvern South Australia as next of kin. He was commissioned in December 1915 and posted to 4 FdAmb and sailed for Egypt on the Kanowna in December 1915. He joined the unit in Egypt in February 1916, and went with it to France in June. The 4 Div did not take part in the Battle of Fromelles, but moved to the Somme in August 1916 to relieve 1 Div. where their objective was to capture Mouquet Farm; after six successive night attacks they failed to take the Farm. Their losses were 4649 men, and the FdAmb was swamped with casualties. Powell was transferred to 50 Bn as RMO in December 1916. He remained with the Bn until October 1917 and was awarded the Military Cross in August 1917. The citation refers to 'his complete disregard for his personal safety working under heavy fire and the most adverse conditions', but it does not identify a particular action in which he showed his 'conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty'. He suffered concussion from a shell burst in September 1917, and was evacuated to



England. After recovering he was posted to 3 AGH at Abbeville with the temporary rank of major. He was admitted to hospital with pleurisy in January 1918, and again evacuated to England, where he was admitted to 3 LGH. He returned to Australia in March 1918 with his appointment terminated on the 26th October 1918. Harold Powell was issued with the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Powell settled in Largs Bay, and in 1920 was commissioned as a surgeon lieutenant in the RAN Brigade (SA). He was appointed MO to St Margaret's Convalescent Hospital in, Semaphore in 1933. Harold Powell died on 9th July 1963. Both of Harold Powell's brothers and one of his sisters served in WW1. Henry Arthur Powell served at Gallipoli, and in France as CO of 2 AGH. Charles Baxter Powell served as a trooper in 9 LHR and was killed in action at Bir el Abd in August 1916. He is buried in the Kantara War Memorial Cemetery. Edith Mabel Powell served as a Nursing Sister on the *Karoola* and at Auxiliary Hospitals in London. She returned to Australia in March 1919.

Sources:

http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp?B=8019785 Photo; Adelaide University Archives 1913 Graduates Likeman R., 'No time for Regrets: Doctors of the Western Front', in Press, Rosenberg Press, 2013. The Register 22 Dec 1903 The Register Adelaide 12 June 1918 The Chronicle Adelaide 13 September 1934 Barrier Miner Broken Hill 18 May 1920 Ancestry.com

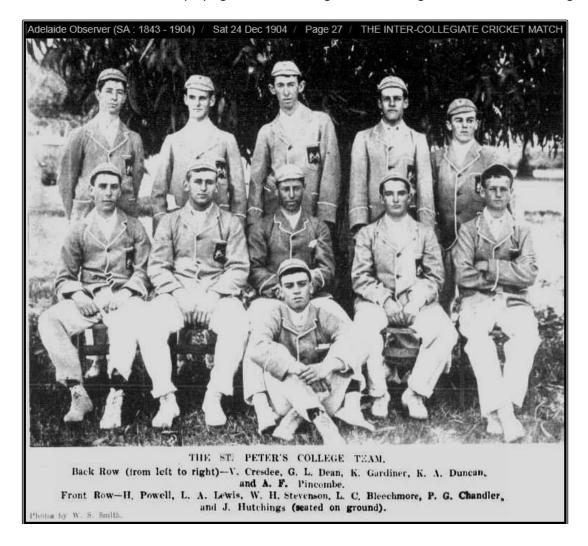
Additional Biography

Early Life

Harold Powell was born on the 29th of September 1886, at Wilpena, SA, the son of Charles Bendin Powell and Mary Ann Ward. Harold's father was working for Mr George Marchant at Wilpena from 1857 to 1892, rising from a boy about the station to the position of manager. The family then moved to a property at Coromandel Valley for 16 years before moving to Adelaide. Charles and Mary had ten children and Harold was the youngest.

Schooling

Harold attended St Peter's College, Adelaide where he passed his Primary Examinations in 1902, Junior Examinations in 1903, three Senior Examination subjects in 1904 and six Senior Examination subjects in 1905. He was a member of the 1st XI cricket team in 1904 and 1905 playing in the intercollegiate matches against Prince Alfred College.



Adelaide University

Harold commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1907 and graduated MB BS in 1913.

University Sport

Cricket

Harold was a member of the very first Adelaide University Cricket Club team and played from 1908/09 to 1912/13 seasons. It was first proposed in 1897 by Adelaide University graduate and lawyer William Magarey for an Adelaide University team to play in the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) A-Grade competition. However, it was not until the 1908/9 season that this eventually was approved by the SACA. The first team was largely composed of former Prince Alfred and St Peter's College old scholars. Former Prince Alfred College captain, Charles Dolling who had already played for Sturt, East Torrens and Adelaide A-Grade clubs and had been an established member of the State team since 1905/6 season, was selected as captain. He headed a very formidable line up of students much to the angst of the other clubs who had now lost many of their fine young players.

The AUCC team lined up to play Glenelg, the other new club in the competition, for their first match in 1908/09. The University Oval and wicket was not available at this time and they would have to play all their games away or on neutral grounds in that first season.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA: 1889 - 1931), Monday 5 October 1908, page 11

GLENELG VERSUS UNIVERSITY.

The match between the Gleneig and I niversity teams, begun on Saturday after. mon on the Gleneig Oval, was of especial interest, as both teams made their initial appearance in A grade cricket. wicket was somewhat dead, but will improve under the influence of warmer we The University captain (C. E. ther. Dolling) won the to-s and elected to bat H. Rankin and G. C. Campbell were the first hatsmen, the bowlers being J. Lay-cock and F. T. Hack (captain of Glenelg). cock and F. T. Hack (captain of Gleneig). The duty of wicket-keeping was entrusted to C. Keanneally, and he carried it out well. The first wicket to fall was Campbell's, his stumps being scattered by Laycock after he had compiled 27 runs out of a total of 45, Dolling made things merry by opening his account with a boundary lift. With the score at 53 Rankin was run out. Drew followed, and helped Dolling to increase the total to 165. W. A. V. Drew soon fell a victim to Laycock's bowling. With the victim to Laycock's bowling. With the score at 177 Wilton became associated with Dolling, who had collared the bowling, and was giving a masterly exhibition At this stage Dolling passed of batting. the century, and received an ovation. bringing his total to 112, and with the total at 201 he gave the wicketkeeper a chance, which was accepted. Included in his score were 15 boundary hits, and the seven bowlers who were tried received the same impartial treatment from him. and Davies remained not out with 21 and 27 to their credit respectively. UNIVERSITY. Rankin, rm . Keanneally, b. Drew, Total (for five wickets)

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA: 1889 - 1931), Monday 12 October 1908, page 9 (10)

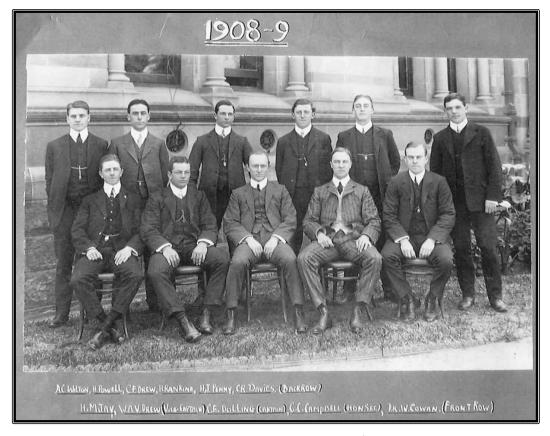
GLENELG AND UNIVERSITY DRAW.

The University eleven, who had lost five wickets for 230 runs on the Glenelg Oval on the previous Saturday, declared their in-nings closed. F. T. Hack and H. Candy ovened the innings for the seasiders, but after a few runs had been made Candy was cleverly eaught by Jay off the bowling of Davis. D. McRae stepped into the vacant crease, and after compaling Il he fell a M. Incobs (a tieclong victim to Cowan. College batsman) and Hack then became associated, and runs came freely from the bat of the former. On reaching 60 Jacobs was smartly caught by Wilton. stumps were drawn Glenelg had lost five wickets for 210 runs, and the game ended in a draw in favor of Glenelg. The chief feature of the game was the good fielding of the University men. Scores:-

First stinings.	
GLENELG.	-gma
J. T. Hack, b. Dolling	17
II. Candy, c. Jay, b. Davis	2
W Jacobs, c. Wilton, b. Rankin	60
O McRae stpd. Campbell, b. Cowan	11
P. Laycock, c Jay, b. Penay	11
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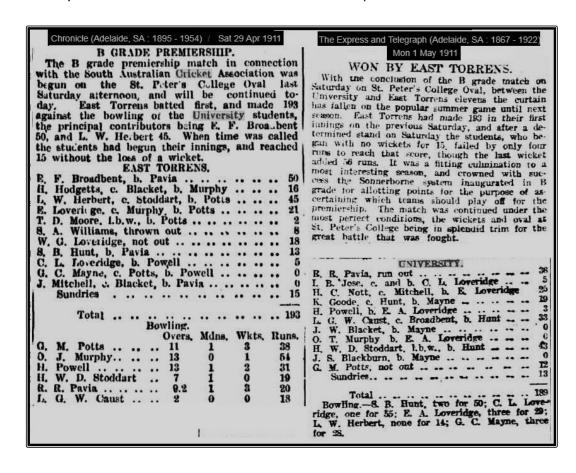
1908/09 - The First Adelaide University A Grade Cricket Team



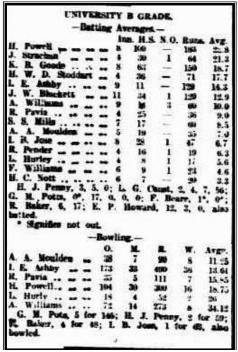
H Powell - Back Row - Far Left

In the 1909/10 season, Harold became the Vice Captain of the B Grade team but played at least one A Grade game as he bowled 17 overs, 7 maidens, conceding 42 runs for one wicket in the A Grade competition that season.

In the 1910/11 season, Harold was in the B Grade team which lost the premiership to East Torrens by only 4 runs. It was only the second year that the AUCC had a side in the B Grade Competition.



Harold played the 1911/12 season in the B Grade and made a centaury in one match before Christmas and took five wickets for 20 against North Adelaide in December 1911 and five for 20 against PAC in March 1912. He topped the Adelaide University B Grade batting for the 1911/12 season.

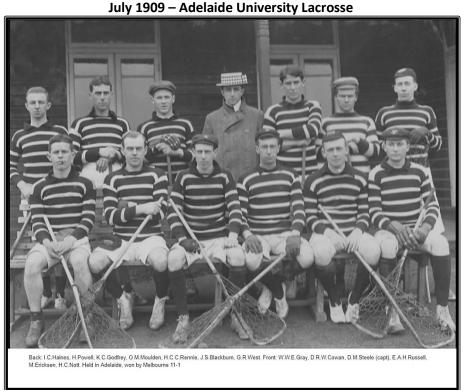


1911/12 Season

Harold also played some matches in the A Grade in the 1912/13 season.

Lacrosse

Harold commenced his Lacrosse career with Adelaide University playing A Grade in the 1909 season. He represented University in the A Grade from 1909-1911. In 1911 the Harold was part of the team who lost the A Grade Premiership to Sturt. Harold played Intervarsity Lacrosse for Adelaide University in 1910 and 1911. In 1913 and 1914 He also played B Grade Lacrosse for East Torrens.



H Powell – Back Row – Far left

1910 - Adelaide University Intervarsity Lacrosse



H Powell – Middle Row – Third from Left

1911 – Adelaide University Intervarsity Lacrosse



Back: E.R.Lawrie, J.S.Verco, H.Powell, A.L.Pinch, L.G.Tassie, S.E.Holder, J.L.Kneebone.
Front: C.Yeatman, H.C.Nott (sec), G.C.Campbell (capt), E.A.H.Russell (vice capt), H.C.Rennie.
Held in Melbourne, won by Adelaide 11-5

World War I

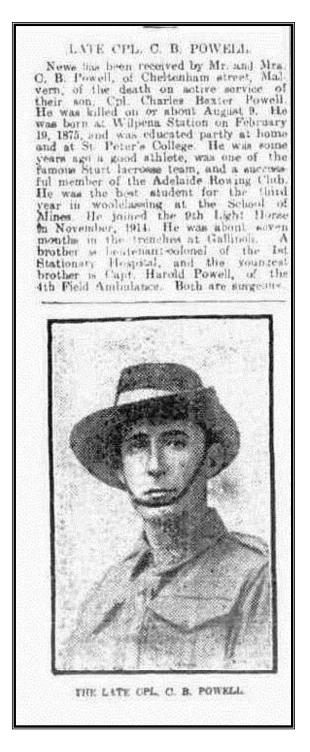
On the 8th of October 1914, Harold married Mary Elizabeth Milne, the daughter of Mr. John Milne, of Blackwood, at St John's Church, Coromandel Valley.

Harold was appointed honorary assistant medical officer to the Queen's Home, Rose Park in August 1915.

Harold enlisted in November 1915 and was in Egypt by 1916 so was not in Australia when his daughter, Kathleen Mary Powell, was born on the 3rd of April 1916.

Harold's war service is well documented in the 'Blood Sweat and Fears" biography above.

Harold's brothers, Dr Henry Arthur Powell (born 1868) and Charles Baxter Powell (born 1875) and his sister Edith Mabel Powell (born 1884) also served in WWI. Tragically for the Powell family, Corporal Charles Baxter Powell died on active service on or about the 9th of August 1916.



In November 1917, Harold was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

Capt. HAROLD POWELL, A.M.C.—For examinaous gallinery and devotion to duty in continually working under heavy fire and the most adverse conditions, with complete disregard for his personal safety. As medical officer he is invaluable to his battalion, not only in regard to his assistance in keeping the men medically and physically fit, but by his example and coolness, soourage, and good humour when under fire.

Harold returned to Australian in March 1918, and at a meeting of the Australian Comfort Fund, he 'emphasised the continued need for socks, so the suffering from trench feet might be lessened'.

Post War Career & Family Life

On the 28th of February 1919, Harold and Mary's second daughter Elizabeth Powell, was born. In September 1919, the family was living at Hall Street, Semaphore and Harold registered a 22.5 Ford. Harold was appointed surgeon-lieutenant in the Royal Australian Naval Brigade (South Australia) in May 1920.

By 1922, the family were living at 377 Military Road, Largs Bay and in August that year Harold registered a 23.8 Dodge. Harold included attending the horse races among his interests.

Harold's mother (Mary) passed away in October 1930 aged 85. She was survived by her husband Charles, then aged 90. He passed away in September 1934, aged 94.

Harold and Mary's youngest daughter, Elizabeth Powell, became engaged to Mr. William James Morish, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H.Morish, of Valmai Avenue, King's Park in February 1940. They married on the 29th of June 1940.

In May 1940, Miss Kathleen Mary Powell became engaged to Mr. Ernest Charles Phillipson, only son of Mrs. Ernest Phillipson, of Glenelg, and the late Mr. Phillipson. The couple were married in July 1940.

In 1940, Harold had the misfortune to be the driver in a car accident which resulted in the death of a 59-year-old woman.

Faulty Look-Out A faulty look-out by the driver and the victim was found by the City Coroner to have been the apparent cause of the death of Anna Louise Coppi cause married woman, 59, of Seventh street, Bowden, on August 17, when she was struck by a car driven by Dr. Harold Powell of Military road, Large Bay, Powell, of Military road, along the Port road, Hindmarsh Dr. Powell said that he was driving along the road at a speed of 28 to 30 an hour when he felt a bump in front of his car, and glass from windscreen flew in all directions. from the It as a moonlight night, and there He pulled up and traffic about. went back to see what had happened the He examined woman, peared to be dead. His car was under and he could not account for not having seen the woman. Finding that death had been due to fractured skull and other injuries the Coroner said there was nothing to show that Dr. Powell had driven at an unreasonable speed, or that his car had not been under proper control the circumstances, he did not think necessary to take further action.

Harold gave great service to the Port Adelaide district and from 1933 was the long serving medical officer of St. Margaret's Convalescent Hospital on Military Rd at Semaphore. He was still associated with the Hospital in 1953. Harold had also been instrumental in establishing the Le Fevre Community Hospital in 1950.

Death

Mary Elizabeth Powell passed away on the 29th of March 1955. Dr Harold Powell passed away on the 9th of July 1963, aged 77, at Largs Bay, South Australia, and is buried at Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

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