



# **Gunner Henry Gordon Prest**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: 1919 - 1923 (Captain 1921 - 23)**

(Intervarsity 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923)

**Cricket Club: 1919/20 – 1925/26 (Captain 1922/3 – 1925/6)**

(Intervarsity 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925)

**Other Sports: Lacrosse, Tennis, Athletics (Official)**

**Sports Awards: Blues Football 1919 & Cricket 1920**

**Degree: MB BS (1925)**

## ***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 Henry Gordon Prest. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

# Service Records - WW1

## The AIF Project – University of NSW



### Henry Gordon PREST

Regimental number	56120
Place of birth	Port Pirie South Australia
Religion	Baptist
Occupation	Student
Address	Unley Park, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs E Prest, 9 George Street, Unley Park, South Australia
Previous military service	78th Infantry
Enlistment date	7 May 1918
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	1 to 6 (SA) Reinforcements (May-Oct 1918)
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/111/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A74 <i>Marathon</i> on 23 July 1918
Rank from Nominal Roll	Gunner
Unit from Nominal Roll	4th Division Ammunition Column
Fate	Returned to Australia 28 February 1919
Family/military connections	Brother: 17694 Pte David Howard PREST, 11th Field Ambulance, returned to Australia, 21 December 1918.

# Service Records WW1 – National Archives of Australia

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8018665>

**A 113475 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

No. 56120 98 Name {Surname PREST.  
in full {Christian Name HENRY GORDON  
Unit 8th. INF. S. U.K.  
Joined on -7 MAY 1918 10-13 Aug 1918

**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**  
You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.


1. What is your Name? Henry Gordon Prest.  
2. In or near what Town were you born? Port Pirie  
In the State or Country of South Australia  
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born.  
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 19 1/2 Years. Birth Certificate 10th January, 1899. Produced.  
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Student.  
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No  
7. Are you married, single, or widower? Single.  
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) (Mother) PREST. ELEANOR 9 GEORGE ST UNLEY PARK. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.  
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? 9 GEORGE ST UNLEY PARK. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.  
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, 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. Cadets. 4 yrs. Transferred to 78th Bn.  
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes  
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No  
13. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that an obligation will be imposed on you to support your dependants beyond an amount which together with pay would reach two shillings per day?  
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes  
15. Henry Gordon Prest. 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 twentieths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife + three fifth wife and children.  
Date - 1 JULY 1918 H. G. Prest.  
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.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

# Service Record - WWII

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A.A. Form A.200.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES

**ATTESTATION FORM**

**FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.**

Army No. 5 X 11980

Surname PREST (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names Henry Gordon

Unit A.F.M.C. Voyage only

Enlisted for service at Keswick (Place)

South Australia (State) 28<sup>th</sup> March 1941 (Date)

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Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.\*

1. What is your name? .....	1. Surname <u>PREST</u> Other names <u>Henry Gordon</u>
2. Where were you born? .....	2. In or near the town of <u>Port Pirie</u> in the state or country of <u>South Australia</u>
3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced .....	3. <u>Natural born</u>
4. What is your age and date of birth? .....	4. Age <u>42 years</u> Date of Birth <u>10-1-1899</u>
5. What is your trade or occupation? .....	5. <u>Medical Practitioner</u>
6. Are you married, single or widower? .....	6. <u>Married</u>
7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm? .....	7. <u>Yes. First A.I.F.</u>
8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship:—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister) .....	8. Name <u>Ethel Irene Prest</u> Address <u>283 Wakefield St</u> <u>Adelaide</u> Relationship <u>Wife</u>
9. What is your permanent address? .....	9. <u>283 Wakefield St</u> <u>Adelaide</u>
10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) .....	10. <u>Methodist</u>

I, Henry Gordon Prest, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to serve in the Australian Military Forces within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

Witnessed by [Signature] (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer)

H.G. Prest Signature.

\* The person will be warned that should he give false answers to any of these questions he will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Act.



## PREST, Henry Gordon



Service no 56120  
Gunner  
4th Division Ammunition Column



Born 10 January 1899 at Port Pirie, SA  
Son of Henry PREST and Eleanor nee CLARK  
of 9 George Street, Unley Park, SA  
Occupation prior to enlistment Student  
Enlisted 07 May 1918 at Adelaide, SA  
Served in France  
Returned to Australia 28 February 1919 per 'Anchises'  
Died 17 October 1989  
Aged 90 years  
Resided Rutland Avenue, Unley Park, SA  
Buried Centennial Park Cemetery Charles Newman Gardens Path CN19  
Grave G051

Courtesy of Elizabeth PUDDY AM and David Cornish

*From WW1 Pictorial Honour Roll of South Australians*



# RSL VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL

## Henry Gordon PREST

Personal Details

Service History

**Service Number:** 56120

**Enlisted:** *Not yet discovered*

**Last Rank:** Private

**Last Unit:** 1st to 6th (SA) Reinforcements

**Born:** *Not yet discovered*

**Home Town:** *Not yet discovered*

**Schooling:** *Not yet discovered*

**Occupation:** *Not yet discovered*

**Memorials:** Unley HB01 Town Hall\*

### World War 1 Service

23 Jul 1918: **Embarked** Private, SN 56120, 1st to 6th (SA) Reinforcements, HMAT Marathon, Melbourne

23 Jul 1918: **Involvement** Private, SN 56120, 1st to 6th (SA) Reinforcements



# RSL VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL

## Henry Gordon PREST

Personal Details

Service History

**Service Number:** SX11980

**Enlisted:** 28 March 1941, Keswick, SA

**Last Rank:** Lieutenant

**Born:** Port Pirie, SA, 10 January 1899

**Home Town:** Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia

### World War 2 Service

28 Mar 1941: **Involvement** Lieutenant, SN SX11980

28 Mar 1941: **Enlisted** Keswick, SA

5 Jan 1942: **Discharged**

## Published Biography

*From Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who Served in World War 1. Verco, Summers, Swain and Jelly 2014 (Revised).*



### PREST Henry Gordon (1899-1989)

**Medical Student (MB BS Adel 1925)**

Henry Gordon Prest was born in Port Pirie, South Australia on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1899 to Henry Prest and Eleanor Clark. His father was a highly regarded businessman in Port Pirie until his death in 1903. Prest was educated at Kyre College and Prince Alfred College where he excelled at sport; captained the First X1 Cricket and First XVIII Football and was also School Captain.

He studied medicine at the University of Adelaide graduating in 1925; he Captained Adelaide University A Grade Football and Cricket and was awarded a Double Blue (University of Adelaide) for cricket and football.

Prest enlisted in the AIF on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1918 in Adelaide, South Australia. He was single and a medical student at the time of his enlistment. His mother Eleanor at the time of his enlistment was living at 9 George Street, Unley Park, South Australia and was given as his next of kin. He had four years of previous cadet experience. He was recorded as five feet six inches tall, weighed 139 pounds, with a chest measurement of 33-36 inches and vision of 6/12 in both eyes. He was described as having a fair complexion with blue eyes and fair hair. He gave his religion as Baptist. He embarked on "HMT Marathon" in Melbourne on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1918. Prest disembarked in London on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1918 and allotted to the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion but subsequently transferred to the Artillery as a Gunner on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1918. He was transferred to France on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1918. He left France for England on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1919 and embarked on the "Anchises" for Australia on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1919. Prest arrived in Port Adelaide on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1919. He was discharged on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1919. He was awarded the British War Medal. He later applied for the Victory Medal but since he was not in a war zone he was deemed ineligible.

He married Ethel Irene Hunwick on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1926 in Kent Town Methodist Church. Ethel was born on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1904 in Semaphore, South Australia. Her father was Henry Charles Moore Hunwick and her mother Fanny Louise Crawley. They travelled to London where he worked at The London Hospital from 1926 – 1927 and returned to Adelaide in 1928 with a baby daughter, Elizabeth. The family moved to Jamestown for a short time and then to Wakefield St. Adelaide for 20 years. Their early residence, with surgery and waiting room attached, was later demolished to build the Wakefield Street Hospital at which time they moved across the road. A final move saw them live at Unley Rd., Malvern.

In South Australia Dr Prest maintained a career-long association with the Order of St. John from 1929 for 53 years. He had been a Member of Council and Vice President with an investiture as Commander for Service to the Order in 1965. He represented the Order as a Member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of Welfare Section of Council of the Red Cross Society, SA, Co-founder and Foundation Member and Vice-President of the Asthma Association of SA and Member of Council of Royal Flying Doctor Service.

He was also an active Medical Officer in the St Johns Brigade for 21 years, St Johns Ambulance Association for 23 years and its Chairman for 15 years.

He was active in Medical politics with the BMA (later the AMA), SA, in executive positions, Medical Defence Association (SA), Prisoners Aid Society (OARS), Committee of Management, Home for Incurables, Medical Officer for the School Health Service in his 70s and in WW2 served overseas in Palestine and promoted to the rank of Major.

His Royal Adelaide Hospital Clinical appointments included 25 years as an Honorary Anaesthetist at the RAH and he was a Foundation Member of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists.

Henry Gordon Prest died on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1989 aged 90 years. He was living in Rutland Avenue, Unley Park South Australia. His survivors include his daughter Elizabeth, a one-time Medical Practitioner and Medical Officer to Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps in South Australia, and a grandson, later a Consultant Anaesthetist and Intensivist in Adelaide.

**Sources:**

National Archives of Australia

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=8018665>

South Australian Indexes of Births Deaths and Marriages

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<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=102087944>

**Photo: Adelaide University Archives Medical Graduates 1925, Family details from daughter Dr Elizabeth Puddy**

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## Additional Biography

### Port Pirie - Early Years

Henry Gordon Prest, known as Gordon, was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1899 in Port Pirie, South Australia, to Henry, (born Feliskirk, Yorkshire, England in 1844) and Eleanor (née Clark, born Norlunga, South Australia in 1860). He had two older siblings, David Howard and Gladys Mary and then a younger brother Charles Percy. Sadly in 1903, when Gordon was only four years of age, his father passed away. He had been a highly respected businessman (Prest Brothers 1877) and noted benefactor to the Port Pirie community. Eleanor was left to raise her four children alone. The family remained in Port Pirie for several years after their loss.

Port Pirie Recorder and North Western Mail (SA : 1893 - 1918) / Sat 21 Feb 1903 / Page 3

### The Late Mr. Henry Prest.

#### HIS ILLNESS AND DEATH.

As we reported in our last, our respected old townsman, Mr. Henry Prest, died on February 17 at Stirling West, where he, with Mrs. Prest and family, was spending the summer months. Mr. Prest, who suffered from consumption from his boyhood, had complained of headache for some time prior to his decease, but otherwise was in his usual health until about ten days before that sad event, when serious symptoms manifested themselves, and he gradually relapsed into a comatose condition, in which, except during a few brief intervals, he remained until the end came at 1 o'clock on the morning of the date named. From the first his medical advisers held out little hope of his recovery, and Mr. William Bosomworth (his partner and friend from boyhood) was summoned to the bedside on the 11th. Leaving Port Pirie by the first train next morning Mr. Bosomworth got to Stirling West on Friday, and had the gratification

of being recognised by his old comrade. On Sunday night telegrams were received by Mr W. Clarke (brother-in-law) and Mr. Charles Prest (nephew), and they left by Monday morning's train, but did not reach Stirling until after the sufferer had passed away. When the mournful intelligence reached Port Pirie, flags were at once half-masted, most of the business places partially closed out of respect to deceased's memory, and many messages of condolence were despatched to the bereaved widow, for whom deep sympathy is felt. It was decided that the deceased should be buried at Port Pirie, and to that end his remains were laid in an oaken casket and put on the train, reaching here at 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Notwithstanding that only a few hours' notice could be given that the funeral would leave the Railway Station on the arrival of the train, a large concourse of people, including many who had hastened in from the country, assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a gentleman whose name is an honoured one throughout the length and breadth of the district.

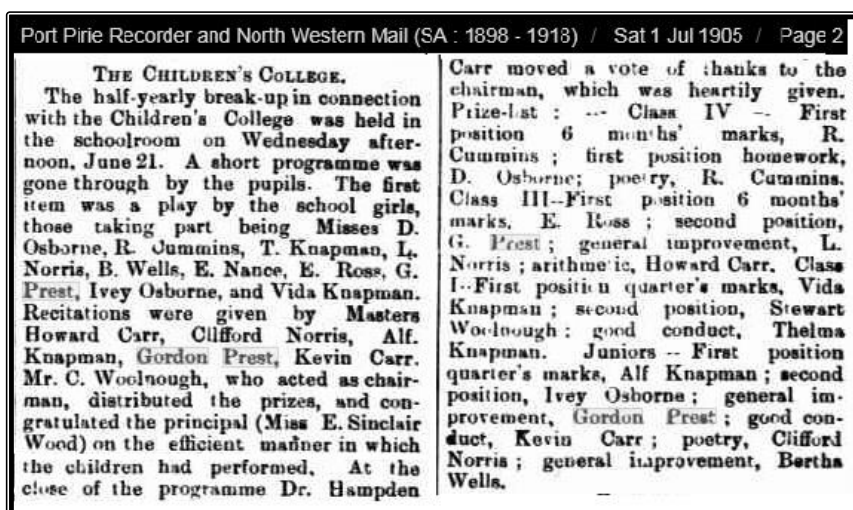
Another near tragedy occurred just before Christmas in 1903, when young Gordon survived an altercation with a pony. Fortunately, the kick to the head did not cause any lasting injury. It certainly did not blunt his intellectual capacity as he would excel academically in future years. However, he was left with a perpetual frown which no doubt was responsible for his nickname "Crusty" Prest in later years!

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) /  
Mon 14 Dec 1903

### PORT PIRIE.

December 11.—Gordon Prest, son of Mrs. Prest, of Port Pirie, met with a painful accident this afternoon, being kicked in the forehead by a pony. The accident was not witnessed by anyone, but the boy's cries were heard, and he was conveyed to his home. Dr. Hamilton attended the sufferer, and it was found necessary to put six stitches in the wound. The little fellow was doing well to-night.

Gordon's early schooling was at "The Children's College" where at the half-year breakup he received a commendation for coming in second position in Class III and for "general improvement". In addition, he had participated in the Recitals.



By 1908 Gordon had followed in the footsteps of his older brother Howard to Port Pirie West School to complete his Primary School education. In that year he received an award for "Homework".

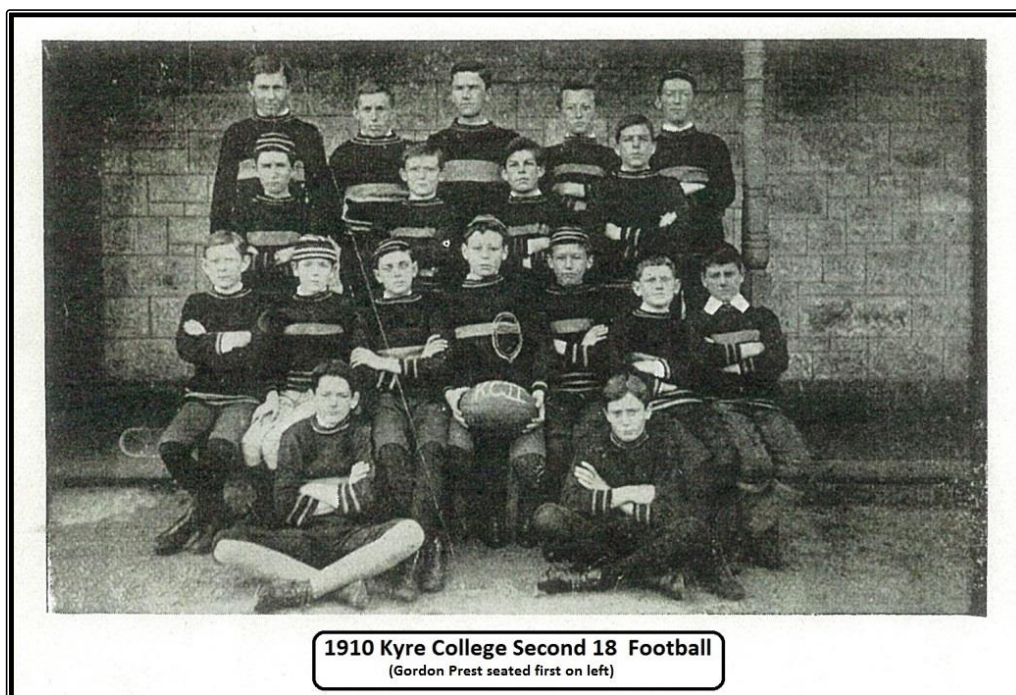
## Move to Adelaide

In 1909, the family was farewelled by the Port Pirie community when Eleanor moved the family to Adelaide for the benefit of her children's education. She had been a stalwart of the Port Pirie Township for over twenty years and was one of the founders and a Deaconess of the local Baptist Church. Gordon's father had ensured that his children would be well educated and had left funds in Trust for that purpose in his Will.

## Kyre College

From 1910 Gordon attended Kyre College which was then located at 4 Thornber Street, Unley Park . Eleanor had conveniently taken up residence in nearby George Street. A decade later, Kyre college would move to Torrens Park and evolve to become Scotch College in 1919.

In 1914 Gordon completed his Junior Public Examinations passing seven subjects and receiving second highest honours in the State for Geometry. He also played both football and cricket and was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket and 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII Football teams.





At the Kyre College Speech Day in 1910, Gordon gained mentions in the Academic Prize List (Form III) and for sport, gaining the prize for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket team Bowling. His brother Charles Percy "Peter", won a Form II Prize. Gordon's active participation in sport continued throughout his years at Kyre College and in 1914 he was on the Committee organising the annual sports day.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)  
Fri 16 Dec 1910 / Page 9 / SPEECH DAYS

**PRIZE-LIST.**

Form I.—V. M. Fairbrother, T. G. Laughton, H. D. Hittmann. Form II.—C. H. Bowen, A. Tennant, C. P. Prest, R. J. Legoe, A. Dick, A. E. Lipman. Form III.—E. R. Stacy, H. W. Kernot, D'A. W. Pratten, R. D. Bakewell, H. G. Prest, D. Stow Smith, D. H. Smith. Form IV.—C. B. Chinner, A. G. H. Sandow, A. R. Withers. Form IV.—P. W. Frost, F. A. Messent, W. V. T. Peek, E. S. Stacy, E. R. Scott. Form V.—A. J. L. Sutherland, H. W. Florey, M. M. Wauchope. Form V.—H. J. G. Nicholson, H. F. Zschorn, G. A. Crossing. Form VI.—G. D. Mudie, C. A. W. Russell. Form VI.—J. T. Ashton, H. T. Heinrich, E. F. Skewes, E. B. White. Form VI.—F. E. Williams. Special Prizes.—Gymnastics (medals presented by Messrs. Leachen), F. E. Williams, A. G. H. Sandow. Elocution (presented by Mr. Edward Reeves), winners selected by the Rev. A. Macully, M.A., L.L.B., senior J. F. Dunstan, junior R. D. Bakewell. Music (presented by Mrs. J. B. Messent), theory, F. A. Messent; progress, A. Tennant. Drawing (presented by Miss Priest), A. J. L. Sutherland, L. V. Ragless, P. W. Frost. Boarders' neatness prizes, J. S. Anderson, A. V. V. Brown, L. B. Cunningham. Mapping (presented by Mrs. H. A. Goode), P. S. Messent, K. S. Messent, K. D. Davison, S. E. Toms. Bookkeeping (presented by Major Leonard), P. W. Frost, T. W. Sinclair, J. A. G. H. Sandow. Cricket.—First eleven—Ball for best bowling average (presented by Mr. H. R. H. Weir), C. A. W. Russell; best batting average (bat presented by Messrs. Harris and Fox), P. W. Frost; fielding, A. M. Brice. Second eleven—Bowling, H. G. Prest; batting, E. R. Scott; fielding, E. B. White.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)  
Sat 29 Aug 1914

**KYRE COLLEGE SPORTS.**

The thirteenth annual athletic sports in connection with Kyre College were held on the Unley Oval on Friday afternoon. There was only a moderate attendance, but the events were well contested. Much interest was centred in the college championship, which was won by T. M. Cosh. The following acted as officials:—Judges, Dr. Scott, Messrs. R. E. P. Osborne, R. O. Fox, N. A. Webb; starters, Messrs. P. E. Gould and R. M. Dunstone; timekeepers, Messrs. F. Steward and B. W. Manning; treasurer, Mr. S. J. McPherson; committee, Messrs. H. W. L. Darby, H. W. Kernot, A. E. A. Knapman, H. G. Prest; secretary, Mr. T. M. Cosh. The results were as follow:—

Junior High Jump, under 15—W. N. White (4 ft. 5 in.), I. C. P. Prest, 2.

100 Yards Flat, under 12.—First heat—M. J. McLeay, H. A. Taylor. Second heat—V. Jervis, J. V. H. Saunders. Final—M. J. McLeay (8 yds.), H. A. Taylor (6 yds.).

Sack Race, 100 yards.—H. G. Prest (7 yds.), D. A. Peek (10 r's.), J. A. Day (20 yds.).

120 Yards Flat, under 14.—N. H. Bone (1 yd.), D. A. Peek (2 yds.), H. A. Taylor (15 yds.).

150 Yards Flat, open.—A. E. A. Knapman (5 yds.), T. M. Cosh (scr.), H. S. Messert (19 yds.).

Senior High Jump.—K. M. Vasey (6 in.), 4 ft. 2½ in., A. E. A. Knapman (5 in.), C. A. Bartlett (5 in.).

Obstacle Race, 440 yards.—A. E. A. Knapman (scr.), H. G. Prest (50 yds.), D. S. Smith (39 yds.).

## 1912 Kyre College - First Eighteen Football Team



H.G. Prest (Front Row - Second from Right)

## 1912 Kyre College – Staff and Students



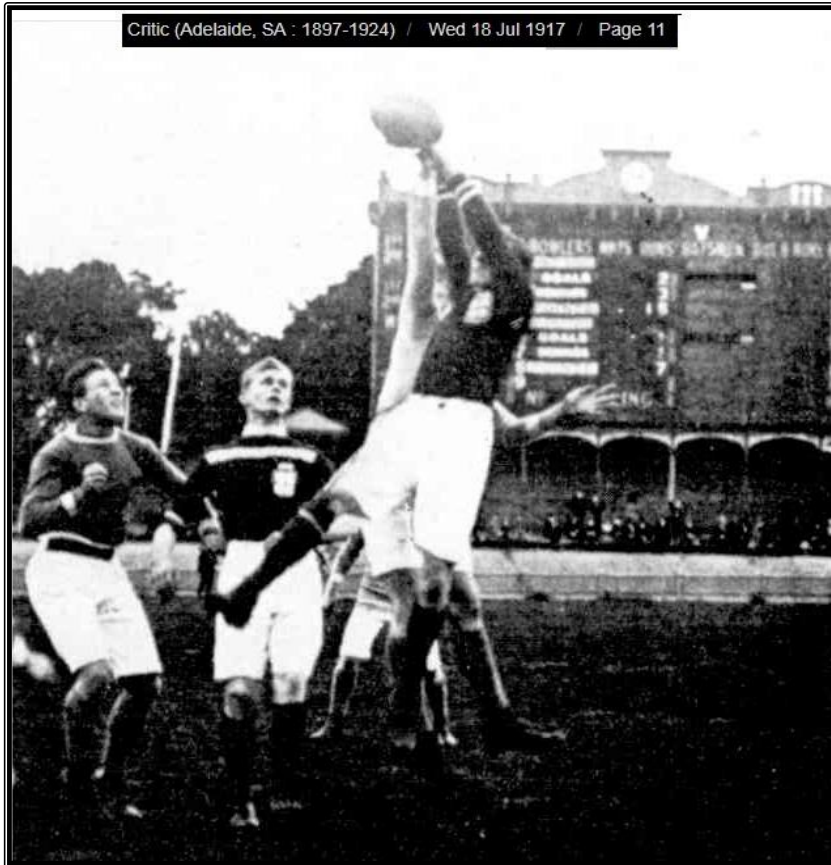
*H.G. Prest ( Second row – Third from Left)*

## Prince Alfred College

At the end of 1914, Gordon left Kyre and moved to Prince Alfred College (PAC) where from 1915 to 1917 he would complete his Secondary Education. In 1915 in 4<sup>th</sup> Form, he passed three Senior Public Examinations subjects - Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry (credit). The following year in 5<sup>th</sup> Form (University Entrance Year) he passed six subjects - English Literature, German, Arithmetic & Algebra, Geometry, Physiology and Physics. He stayed on one further year at PAC in Upper Sixth Form and passed an additional subject - Latin. It can be surmised that this subject was a prerequisite to gaining entry to study Medicine at Adelaide University.

In addition to his solid academic results at Prince Alfred College, he was showing outstanding leadership qualities and was a Prefect in 1916 and Captain of School in 1917. He played Intercollegiate matches against Saint Peter's College in the First XVIII football and First XIII cricket in all his three years at PAC and was captain of both sports in 1916 & 1917. In the Cricket "Intercols", Gordon had six innings and scored 182 runs at an average of just over 30 and picked up some wickets as an occasional bowler. In cricket, PAC won in 1915 and 1916 but lost in 1917 with the match affected by rain. In football they won with big margins in all three years, with Gordon as a rover and centreman. He was among the goal-kickers each year and high in the best players.





*Action from the 1917 Intercollegiate Football match*

## PAC Team Photos

### 1915 Intercollegiate Football Team

Critic (Adelaide, SA : 1897-1924) / Wed 21 Jul 1915 / Page 13 / College Football on Adelaide Oval Last Saturday

## College Football on Adelaide Oval Last Saturday

THE MATCH WAS WON BY PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE. SCORES—13 goals 18 behinds to 1 goal 3 behinds.

PRINCE ALFRED TEAM.



Back Row—E. Harbison, L. S. Clarkson, F. R. Hone, S. Howard, I. E. Porter, A. K. Mullner, T. W. Tassie, H. N. Cleland, L. B. Willmore.  
Front Row—H. G. Prest, F. R. Wilson, C. B. Carlin, W. E. Gray (Vice-Capt.), A. H. White (Capt.), C. C. Robinson, K. H. Taylor, J. H. Torr, M. K. May.

## 1915 Intercollegiate Cricket Team

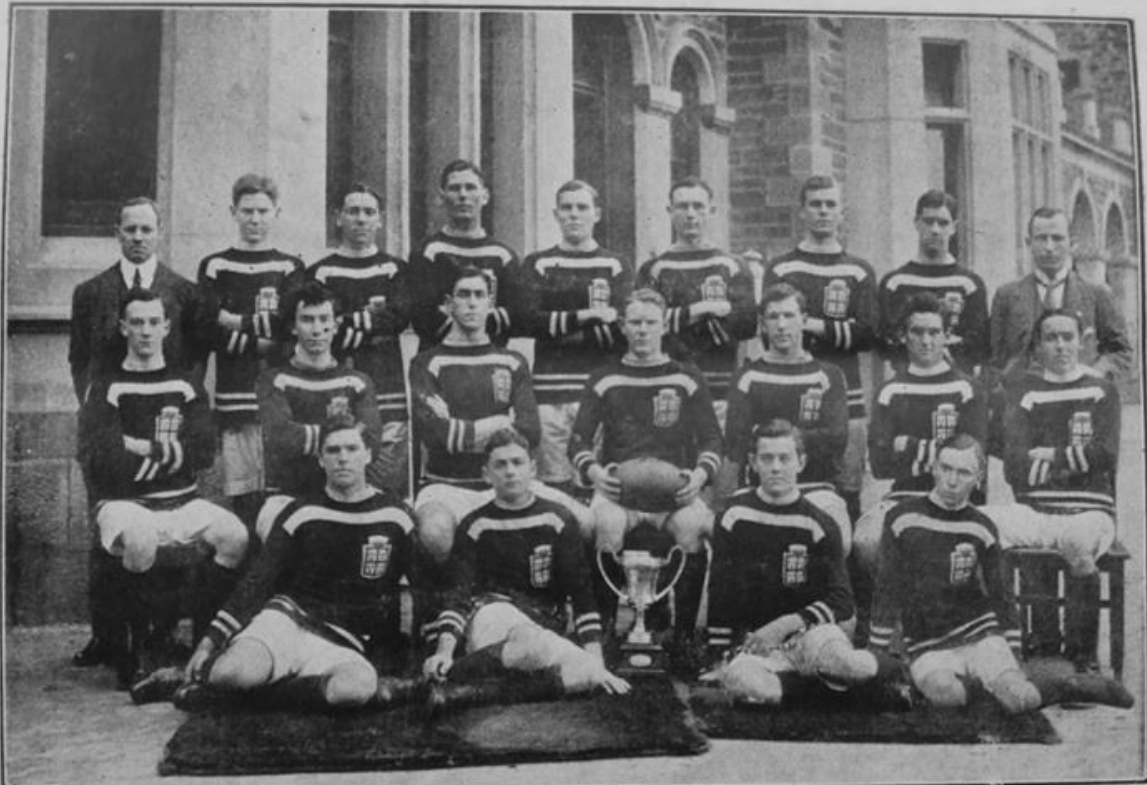
[Critic (Adelaide, SA: 1897-1924) / Wed 15 Dec 1915 / Page 14 / College Cricket.]



PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE CRICKET TEAM, 1915.

Mr. C. R. Davies, H. G. Prest, L. S. Plush, F. R. Hone, S. Howard, J. A. Vawser, E. J. Swann, Mr. F. P. Grey,  
C. C. Robinson, P. K. Mullner, W. E. Gray, L. S. Clarkson, A. H. White.

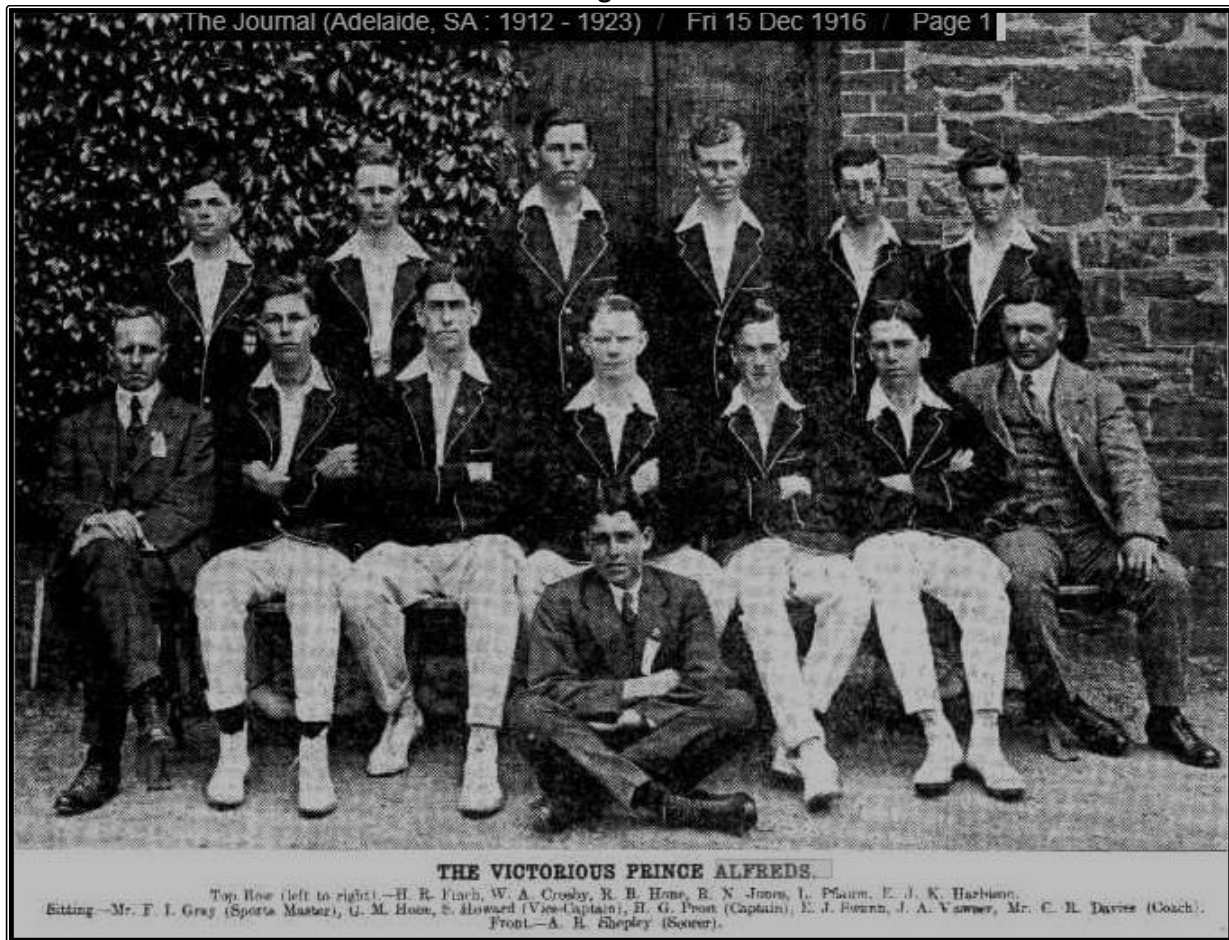
## INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL TEAM, 1916.



Back Row—F. I. Grey, Esq. (Sports Master), C. P. Prest, J. A. Vawser, R. B. Hone, H. R. Muirden, C. A. Tudor, R. N. Jones,  
D. S. Smith, G. R. Dreyer, Esq. (Coach).  
Middle Row—E. J. Swann, F. R. Wilson, S. Howard (Vice-Captain), H. G. Prest (Captain), T. W. Tassie, E. J. Harbison,  
R. M. Fowler.  
Front Row—A. F. Hobbs, H. R. Finch, R. O. Fox, F. E. Leaver.



### 1916 Intercollegiate Cricket Team



### 1917 Intercollegiate Football Team



*Gordon Prest (centre middle Row) captain*

# Prince Alfred College 1917 Intercollegiate Cricket Team

PRG 280/1/18/94

State Library of SA



Back row - R.J. Eaton, L.B. Wilson, R.S. Lee, Mr C.R. Davies (sportsmaster), C.P. Prest, W.N. White, W.A. Crosby  
Sitting - L.H. Pflaum, R.W. Jones, H.G. Prest (captain), H.R. Finch and G.M. Hone

## PREFECTS, 1916.



W. A. Crosby      H. G. Prest      R. A. Piper      E. J. Swann  
T. E. Cooper      S. Howard      W. R. Bayly, Esq.      A. F. Hobbs      M. Newbold  
(Head Prefect)      (Head Master)



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### LIST OF STUDENTS. 1918. ARTS AND SCIENCE.

Inglis, Sarah Beatrice Maud Mary  
Jenner, Ralph Lindsay  
Johnston, Benjamin George  
Kinnaid, Alexander Ross

Pope, Eric William  
Povey, Edward  
Prest, Henry Gordon  
Pritchard, Edgar William

Gordon enrolled at Adelaide University in the Arts & Science Faculty in January of 1918. However, his academic ambitions and sporting career would now be put on hold. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1918, Gordon, like many other Adelaide University students before him, enlisted to serve King and Country in the Australian Infantry Force.

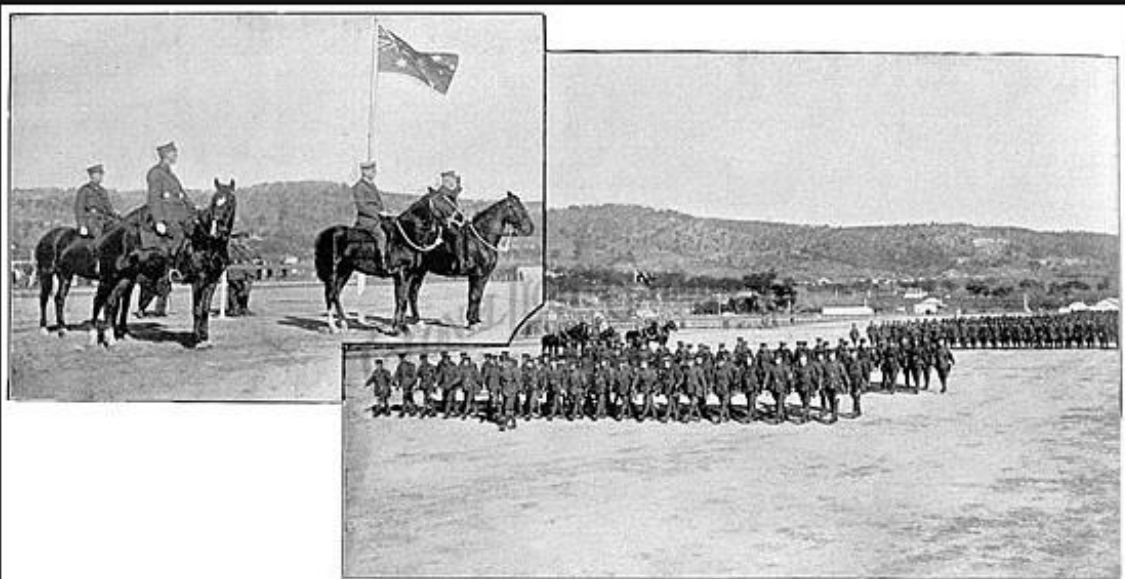
### World War I

Note: His Service Record can be viewed by accessing the link above his Attestation Form.

The hostilities in the northern hemisphere were never far removed from Gordon and his family's daily life. Even though he was safe in the classrooms and the sporting fields at PAC, during school assemblies it was common that there would be an announcement telling of another fallen old scholar. Even closer to home, older brother David Howard, who was studying Commerce part-time at the University (1912 – 1915), had enlisted in October 1916.

Gordon's Attestation Papers describe him 19 years and 11 months (sic), 5ft 6in, 139lbs, Fair complexion, Blue Eyes, Fair Hair and of Baptist Denomination. He was assigned to the B Company - Mitcham Army Camp with the rank of Private, for initial training. He already had served four years in the school cadets and more recently with the 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Citizen Force. Normally the period for basic training was twelve weeks, however with significant prior experience, Gordon was embarking for duty overseas after less than two months in camp.

### Mitcham Army Camp



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 1918 Gordon boarded the *HMAT A74 Marathon* in Melbourne bound for England.



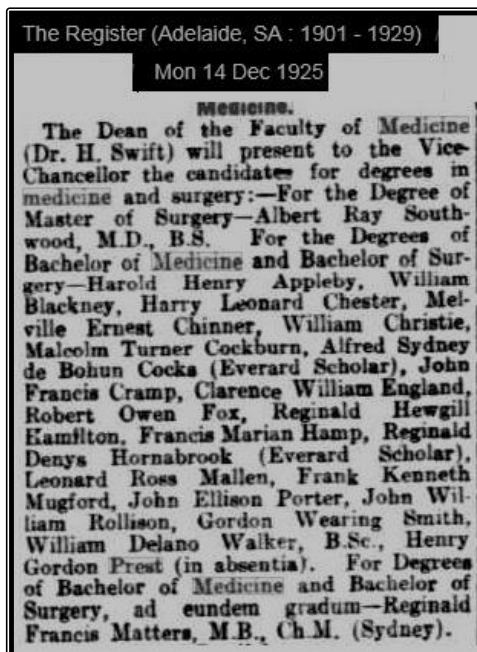
Arriving at the Port of London on 27<sup>th</sup> of September, he was transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion and into the Fovant Camp, Wiltshire, England and then on 6<sup>th</sup> of October moved to the Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery Training Camp at Heytesbury. Now with the rank of Gunner, he was shipped to France eleven days after the First Armistice on 11<sup>th</sup> of November and was posted to the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Artillery at Rouelles. It was important that the Allied Forces maintained strong positions in France in case the peace was broken. After two months of duty Gordon was transferred back to England and after a two-week furlough embarked for home from the Port of Devenport aboard the *HMAT A68 Anchises* on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 1919.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A68 ANCHISES</b></p> <p>10,046 gross tons. Speed 14 knots. Built 1911 by Workman Clarke at Belfast for the Ocean Steamship Co Ltd, London (Alfred Holt's Blue Funnel Line) Requisitioned by the Commonwealth as a troopship in 1914.</p> <p>9th - 14th August 1915 refitted at Cockatoo Island Drydock, Sydney to transport 1520 troops Carried 15th Reinforcements 4th Light horse Regiment &amp; Medical Officers from Melbourne on 14 March 1916. Troops from Adelaide 16 March 1916. From Sydney Troops &amp; Medical Officers 24 August 1916 and Melbourne August 26 1916. Further units &amp; Medical Officers embarked from Sydney on 24 January 1917. 8 August 1917 29th Reinforcements 4th Light horse Regiment &amp; Medical Officers from Sydney.</p> <p>Greater details available at Australian War Memorial webpages. (Private Roy Longmore, 3rd Reinforcements, 21st Battalion, of Bannockburn, Victoria enlisted on July 13, 1915; and he embarked from Melbourne aboard HMAT Anchises on August 26, 1915, his fame, as well as being an ANZAC, is that he died 2001 at 107 yo being the 2nd last Anzac trooper alive at the time). HMAT Anchises was released from War service 12th October 1917.</p> <p>Resumed peacetime services as a cargo vessel on the Australian run. On 23rd September 1918 she was chased by a submarine in the Atlantic and attacked with gunfire. Retaliating with extreme accuracy the Anchises drove off her attacker. She resumed commercial service on the Glasgow - Liverpool - Brisbane service during September 1922. On 27th February 1941 she was damaged and lost power following an air attack by a Focke-Wolf FW200 Condor off Bloody Foreland, Ireland. A total of 134 passengers and crew abandoned ship in six life boats whilst 33 crew members remained on board to try to sail her to Liverpool. Whilst waiting for a salvage tug she was attacked again on 28th February and sank with the loss of 12 lives. The remaining survivors were rescued by HMS Kingcup and HMCS Assiniboine. She was only 70 miles short of the Mersey Estuary</p>
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Gordon arrived back in Adelaide on 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1919 and was formally discharged on 27<sup>th</sup> of April. He had served for 356 days and overseas for 265 of them. He was issued with the British War Medal. His brother Howard who had served with the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance had returned home earlier in time for Christmas 1918. He had been invalided out after suffering numerous bouts of influenza, tonsillitis and dysentery while serving in France.

## Post WW1 and Adelaide University

Gordon did not waste much time after returning from overseas and in 1919, he re-enrolled in the Science Faculty and that year passed Physics and Biology, two compulsory subjects to gain entrance into Medicine. From 1920 until 1925 he completed his medical degree with his MBBS conferred in December 1925. He was duly registered by the Medical Board in January 1926.



Gordon was absent for the December Commemoration Ceremony, as he was in Melbourne at the time, playing in the annual Intervarsity cricket match. As captain, he no doubt felt his responsibility to the team was more important than recognition of his personal academic achievement.

## Gordon's Student Cards – Academic Record

NAME AND ADDRESS	COURSE	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MATRICULATION	SEE OTHER CARD	REGISTER NO.	GRADE				
Prest, Henry Gordon, 9 George St. Linley Park	Sc MB 1920	10/1/99	2.2.20	Registration Department 1919-	3211	1923				
SENIOR 1916. Eng Lit. Germ. Geom. Arith & Alg. Chem. Physics. 1917 Lat.										
STATUS GRANTED										
ON WAR MEMORIAL										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1918	Biology Comp	3406	2/4/	-	-	-	-			
	Chemistry		2/4/	-	-	-	-			Lat 20/- Fine 10/-
	Physics		1/5/	-	-	-	-			Enrolled 7.5.18
1919	Chemistry Comp.	Examinal Lecture worked 2.5.19.	3756	2/5/	14370.	1/4/		N19 P III		Lat 20/-
	Physics		1/5/	-	-	12/6.		N19 P III		
	Biology		2/4/	-	-	1/1/		N19 P III		
1920	First Year	7881	5/5/	Rept 9/6/9	550	9572	550	9572	116	N20 P III
	Anat Physiol									Ans 6450 20/.
	Physical Chem									Lab 9572 11/4
	Org Physic Chem									Rept 11/18
1921	Second Year	Rept 11/18	2.12.6	Rept 11/18	2.12.6	Rept 11/18	2.12.6	33450	116	N21 P III
	Anatomy Physiology									Ans 20/.
	Material Medica									Ans 11/17 12/10/

NAME AND ADDRESS									REGISTER NO.		
Prest, Henry Gordon, 11 B. B. S.		9 Leong St. Levey, R.							3211		
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS	
1922	Fourth Year N.R.	2418748	5.0.0	2418748	5.0.0	2418748	5.0.0	Med. Zool	N22 P	15-28 Sharp feet 1-15.6	
	Med. Surg. Clin. Med.										
	Path. Bacter. Public H.										
	Therap. Med. Zool.										
1923	Fifth Year	2418748	5.0.0	2418748	5.0.0	2418748	5.0.0		N23 F	Sharp feet 1-15.6 Repaid 1925	
	Med. Surg. Clin. Med. Surg.							2571 7/16	N24	2571 Cuts feet	
	Reg. Surg. Anal. Op. Surg.										
	Pathology. Obstetrics										
1924	Clinical Surgery	Supplementary						21999 8/16	M24 F		
	Therapeutics	do.							M24 PNC		
	Clinical Surgery	2nd time 23320	10/6						N24 PNC		
	Clinical Medicine	" "	10/6								
	Pathology.	" "	2.2.0								
	Adelaide Hospital	" "	2.12.6								
1925	Sixth Year	26990	5.0.0	26990	5.0.0	26990	5.0.0		N25 P	Repaid 25-28 Sharp feet 1-15.6	
	Clin. Med. Clin. Surg. For. Med.	27733	5.0.0								
	Path. Med. Ophthal. Otolary.										
	Medical Offices	27733	5.5.0								
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NAME AND ADDRESS									REGISTER NO.	
Prest Henry Gordon M.B.B.S.									3211	
COURSE	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MATRICULATION	SEE OTHER CARD					GRADE		
Post Grad.	10-1-99	2-1-0	On War Memorial					Grad.		
LEAVING										
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STATUS GRANTED										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1924	Post Graduate Anatomy	71348	5.5.0							

## Adelaide University Sport

### Football

As the men returned home from the fields of France, Belgium and other places of conflict, most sporting codes commenced some official competitions again. With his return to his academic pursuits on campus, Gordon also was soon on the football field for the University Team.

Even though Inter-Varsity matches resumed during this season, interest in football at the 'Varsity was felt to be fairly low as the Club was able to field a full team only once. Details of individual games are not known although the best players through the season were D.J.R. Sumner, T.W. Tassie, C.I. Streich, E.J.K. Harbison, G.E. Jose (vice captain), A.J. Vawser, E.H. Johncock, L.V. Pellew, A.H. White (captain and Club Secretary), K.R.H. Sinclair and H.G. Prest. The latter two players both kicked about 40 goals for the season.

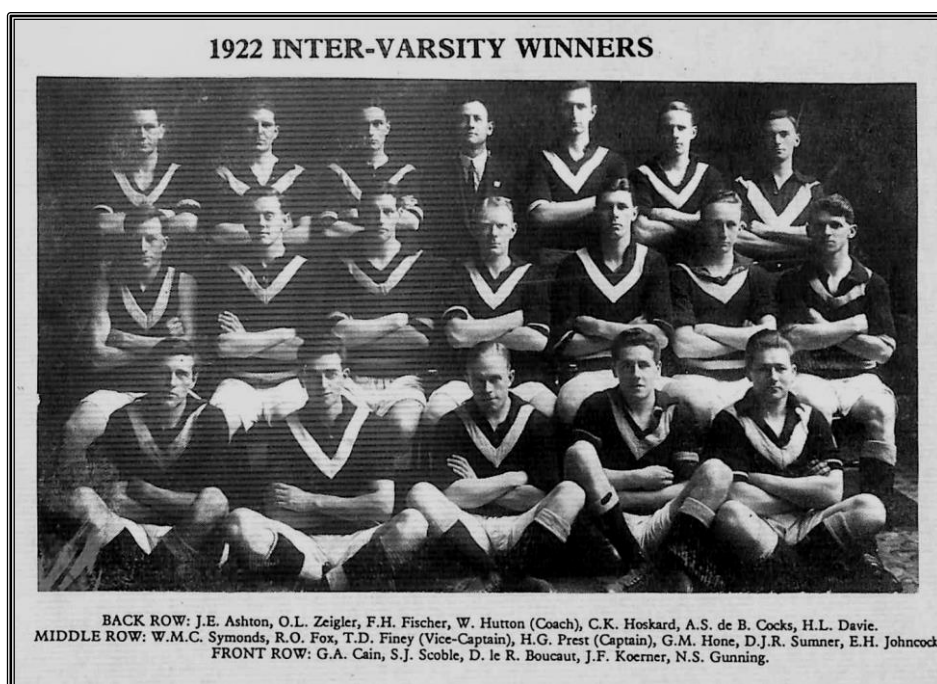


The annual Intervarsity Football contest against Melbourne resumed in late August 1919 at the end of a reasonably successful season for Gordon, having kicked 40 goals. The AUFC team was now made up of mix of hardened returned servicemen, now well into their twenties, and younger students, who by virtue of the age had escaped the perils of war.

Gordon would have a celebrated football career with the Adelaide University Football Club spanning from 1919 to 1923. He was awarded his Blue for football in 1919 and was a member of the three consecutive premierships sides of 1920, 1921 and 1922. He was captain from 1921 until 1923 and won the SA Amateur League Fairest and Most Brilliant trophy (The Naylor Medal) in 1922. Also, that year the team defeated Melbourne University for only the second time in 14 years of competition.



*H.G. Prest (Front Row – on left)*



In 1923 under his captaincy again ,the team had another good season, but only finished runners-up.



Inexplicably the Adelaide University Football Club's skipper and star player, became a "convert to Lacrosse" for the winter of 1924, however he still played football for the PAC Old Scholars in matches against the students and for the AIF Artillery team against the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. Perhaps the pressures of his medical studies may have been the reason for him giving up his football.

### **Cricket**

On the resumption of the SACA District competition in the 1919/20 season, Gordon would have been a welcome inclusion in the University cricket team. Like the football team, it was made up of a mix of those who had returned to the University to complete studies and new young students. He would be a great contributor for six and a half seasons as a consistent upper order batsman and useful change bowler. He took over the captaincy in the 1923/24 season from Lance Pellew and carried on that duty until his graduation in December 1925. When the pressures of his duties at the Adelaide Hospital affected his availability in the second half of the 1925/26 season, he handed over the captaincy to former Prince Alfred College team-mate, Douglas McKay. Gordon also was a member and captain of several successful Intervarsity teams and in December 1925, he led the Adelaide team to success in the triangular series against both Melbourne and Sydney. He was awarded a Blue for cricket in 1920 in addition to his Blue for football in 1919.

In the 1924/25 season, under Gordon's leadership the AUCC team finished fourth at the end of the regular season. It then defeated Glenelg in the Semi-final and Kensington in the Grand-final. The Sturt Club, led by Victor Richardson, had been defeated by Kensington in their Semi-final, however as they had finished minor premiers, under the rules of the day, they had the right to play off against the students for the ultimate prize in a "Challenge Final". Unfortunately for this important match, the University team would

be without its best batsman, State player Lance Gun, due to injury. This match was then delayed by a week because of inclement weather and was finally played the following Saturday (April 11<sup>th</sup>) and then concluded from 4pm on the Monday. Sturt batted first and made 250 on the Saturday and University after a good start (1 for 95), the students lost two late wickets just before stumps. On the Monday afternoon the University batsman collapsed to be 70 runs short with Gordon stranded on 16 not out.

During Gordon's time with the University Club, he was coached by the former AUCC player, Clive "Bogga" Davies, who had been a member of the Club's first side in 1908/9. He also was a master at Prince Alfred College and had been Gordon's 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket coach.

Gordon had some great performances in his career with University, but none more memorable than in the 1920/21 season. In the match against West Torrens, he made his maiden A Grade century (129), but this innings was overshadowed by team-mate Gilbert Jose's 251. However, they had figured in a massive partnership of 380 runs. This is still the record partnership for any wicket in SACA A Grade District Cricket. Sadly, Gilbert Jose, who also played for South Australia, died in Changi POW Camp during WWII.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)	
Mon 13 Dec 1920	
'VARSITY V. WEST TORRENS.	
<p>The students gave West Torrens an afternoon of leather hunting at the University Oval, notwithstanding that three of their best batsmen—Steele (captain), L. V. Pellew, and Fisher (all of the interstate team)—were absent. Jose (251) and Prest (129) were the heroes of the occasion, and when stumps were drawn the score stood at 6 for 417. Jose was in particularly fine form, and his magnificent total, which is the highest yet made by a 'Varsity participant in local A grade, was earned by brilliant play all round the wicket. Prest also made his first century in district cricket, and his display was likewise decidedly meritorious. Both players were accorded a great ovation on their retirement. Treloar contributed 16, Willing 7 not out, and Colman 5. Latterly the bowlers got back a little of their own. Astley and White failed to score, and the last 3 wickets fell with only 7 runs between them. Coombe got 3 for 51, Barrett 1 for 32, and Smith 2 for 32. Close fielding was seen. The finish of the game should be interesting. Probably 'Varsity, being especially weak on this occasion in trundling, will decide to finish their innings. Torrens may succeed in collaring the bowling and in providing fast run getting. Details:—</p>	
UNIVERSITY.	
—First Innings.—	
H. Treloar, st. Moncrie, b. Smith . . . . .	16
W. R. Colman, b. Barrett . . . . .	5
G. E. Jose, c. Nottage, b. Coombe . . . . .	251
H. G. Prest, his wkt., b. Smith . . . . .	129
C. E. Willing, not out . . . . .	7
J. F. Astley, b. Coombe . . . . .	4
A. H. White, b. Coombe . . . . .	0
T. Finney, not out . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	7
Total for 6 wickets . . . . .	417
—Bowling.—	
<p>Barrett, 1 for 32; Coombe, 3 for 51; Bartlett, 0 for 70; Smith 2 for 32; Jones, 0 for 43; Rowling, 0 for 19; Bridgman, 0 for 59; Willoughby, 0 for 32; Kilstone, 0 for 19.</p>	

Gordon was also involved in the Adelaide University Athletics Club and was a member of the Committee of the Adelaide University Sports Association from 1921 to 1925. He was also on the Council of the South Australian Amateur Athletics Association which members of the University Club had been instrumental in forming after the War. At an athletics meeting in 1919, he was reported as acting as "The Costume Steward". Gordon also played in the University's annual tennis tournament.

## Adelaide University Team Photos

### 1920 Intervarsity Cricket Team









### 1924 Inter Varsity Lacrosse

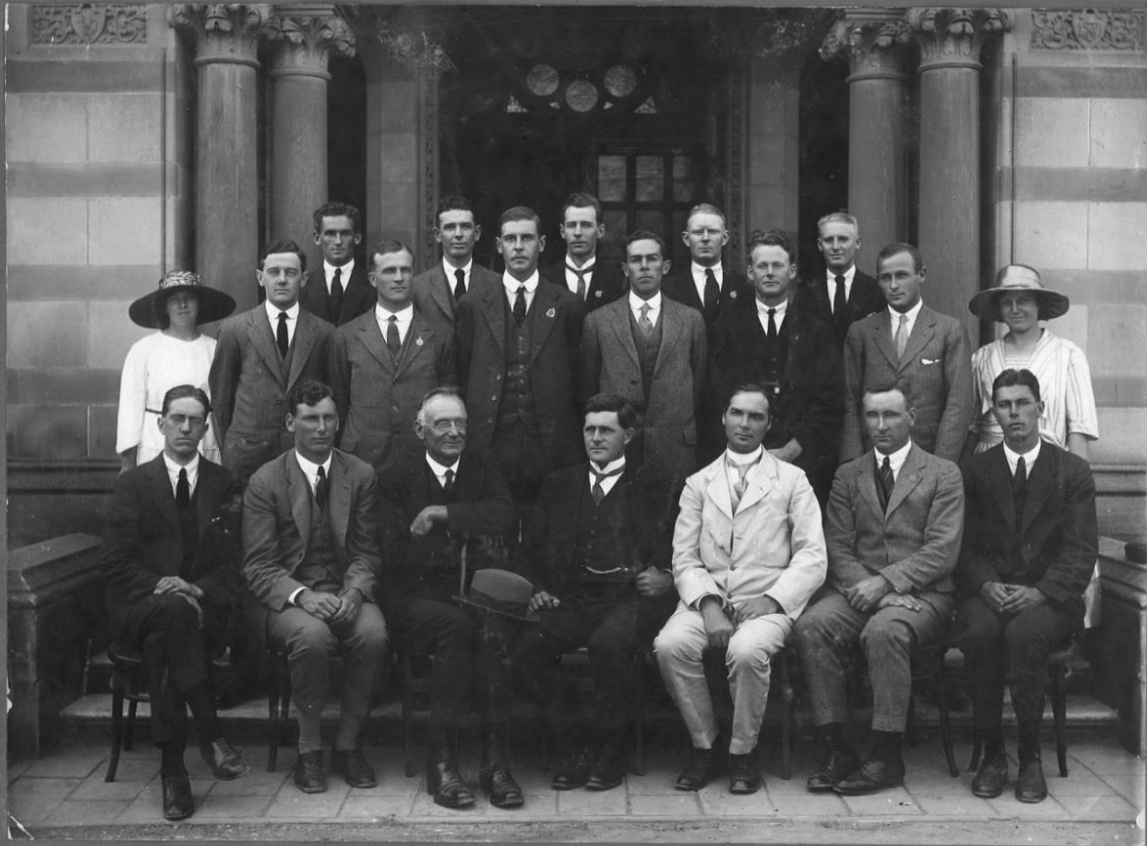


**Back row: E.J.Harbison, A.T.Harbison, H.G.Prest, B.S.Muecke, M.S.Joyner, C.J.Glover, N.H.Munday.**  
**Front row: M.L.Formby, H.M.Rees (vice capt), J.R.Gordon (capt), B.G.Johnston, L.B.Mathews.**  
**Held in Adelaide; won by Melbourne 6-3.**



# GENERAL COMMITTEE

1921-1922



Back Row:- E. J. Harbison, T. O. Mitchell, F. A. Kingston, H. G. Prest, L. V. Pellew.

Middle Row:- Miss A. Berriman, R. O. Fox, C. A. Pavy, R. W. A. Cox, H. M. Fisher, R. L. Naylor, R. R. St. C. Chamberlain, Miss L. Morris.

Front Row:- H. M. Birch, Dr. F. R. Hone (Chmn.), Professor C. O. Henderson (Vice-Pres.), R. H. Wallman (Pres.), Dr. A. J. Schulz (Vice-Pres.), D. A. Dowling (Hon. Sec.), C. M. Hone (Hon. Asst).

## Medical Career and Family

After spending time at the Adelaide hospital in the first half of 1926, Gordon was keen to travel to England to further his medical expertise. However, before hand, there was the more important task of his marriage to Ethel Irene Hunwick, known as "Rene" who he had become engaged to in December of 1924.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)

Mon 6 Sep 1926 / Page 13 / SOCIAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. M. Hunwick have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Ethel Irene, to Dr. H. Gordon Prest, at the Kent Town Methodist Church on Thursday, at 7 p.m.



*Ethel Irene Hunwick*

## PREST—HUNWICK WEDDING.

On Thursday evening, September 9, at the Kent Town Methodist Church, the marriage was celebrated of Ethel Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. M. Hunwick, East terrace, Kensington Gardens, and Dr. K. Gordon Prest, son of the late H. Prest and Mrs. Prest, of George street, Unley Park. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers in autumn colourings by the friends of the bride. Rev. Brian Wibberley officiated, and during the signing of the register Miss Ada Wordie and Mr. Gerald Healey sang a duet, "Love divine."

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming frock of white georgette embroidered with pearls, with underskirt of finely pleated georgette. The long train, caught at the shoulders with orange blossom, was of white crepe de chine, heavily patterned with opalescent sequins. The veil (that worn by her mother) was of white tulle scattered with orange blossom buds, and arranged cap fashion, caught with narrow wreaths of blossom. A sheaf of white flowers, with a touch of pink, was carried.

The first bridesmaid, Miss Audrey Sutton, wore a smart French frock with Oriental brocaded bodice, and skirt of Margot lace over silver tissue. The bodice was also yoked with the same lace, and finished at shoulder and hips with old gold floral motifs. Miss Maureen Hunwick (sister of the bride), as second bridesmaid, was frocked in shrimp pink georgette, the skirt composed of three flounces; tiny frills of Valenciennes lace trimmed the sleeves. Each wore bandeaux of apricot tulle over gold tissue, caught with posies and ribbon, and carried shower bouquets of autumn tints.

Mr. Howard Prest was best man, and Mr. E. F. W. Hunwick groomsmen.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Arcadia, the decorations being Iceland poppies and gum foliage. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. M. Hunwick received the guests, the latter smartly frocked in cinnamon marocain, made on straight lines, with box-pleated skirt. She wore a hat of cinnamon tulle, the crown completely covered with velvet leaves in autumn colourings, and carried a posy of red roses. Mrs.

H. Prest was in black marocain with front panel of black-and-white figured marocain, black hat, and carried a posy in cyclamen shade. During the evening songs were given by Miss Ada Wordie, Mr. Gerald Healey, Miss Ivy Grivell, and a recitation by Mrs. Anderson.

The bride's travelling costume was an ensemble suit of mahogany coloured cloth, the coat having brown fur collar and cuffs, and the frock a touch of suede for trimming, felt hat of lighter shade.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Prest intend leaving for England towards the end of the month.

Invited guests were:—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hunwick, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Davenport, Misses Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunwick, Miss Gladys Prest, Mr. Peter Prest, Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark, Miss A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark, Miss Stella Clark, Messrs. L. and H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Albany Bell, Mr. Malcolm Bell, Miss Sanders, Mr. R. Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Radford, Mr. and Mrs. Wrighton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Mitchell, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunstan, Mr. and Mrs. O. Hunter, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Swann, Mr. and Mrs. F. Leaver, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Sleeman, Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, Dr. and Mrs. Rupert Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Scrymgeour, Mrs. Perry, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Walsh, Messrs. L. and N. Walsh, Mr. R. Piper, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ohlstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Plush, Mr. C. Carlin, Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Haslam, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sutton, Miss Sutton, Mr. Max Sutton, Mr. H. Claridge, Miss O. Claridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. West, Miss L. West, Rev. Brian Wibberley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sinclair, Miss K. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. P. Shoobridge, Messrs. G. and I. Shoobridge, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bungey, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bennett, Mr. Norman Bennett, Mr. G. Clarke, Miss Tapson, Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. I. Stevenson, Mr. M. Brice, Miss B. Brice, Miss M. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Nock, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Horsfall, Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Hone, Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot, Dr. G. Cook, Mrs. McLeish, Drs. A. Lewis, Alan Britten Jones, W. Appleby, Blackney, Cockburn, Chester, Gordon Smith, D. Hornabrook, S. Cocks, Hamilton, Walker, Dr. and Mrs. Cramp, Dr. and Mrs. Mallan, Miss M. Rutherford, Miss G. Allnutt, Mr. D. McKay, Mr. M. Blake, Mr. M. Padman, Dr. J. Kessell, Miss E. Foiland, Mr. C. Harn, Dr. Rollison, Dr. Fox, Miss Grunike, Miss Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Swann.

Three weeks after the wedding the newlyweds were on their way to England where Gordon would undertake post-graduate study. He spent most of 1927 at London Hospital.

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#### Dr. Prest for England.

Dr. Gordon Prest yesterday embarked on the Maloja for London, where he intends to remain on post-graduate work for a year or two. As he recently married, he will no doubt do a little sight-seeing before resuming his studies, and possibly visit scenes made familiar to him during the war period. Dr. Prest captained 'Varsity both in cricket and football on many occasions, but owing to being attached to the Adelaide Hospital, which prevented his regular appearance, he resigned early last season in favour of Doug. McKay, who carried on so successfully that 'Varsity captured the pennant for the first time.



*The Prest's home in London (upper floor flat)*

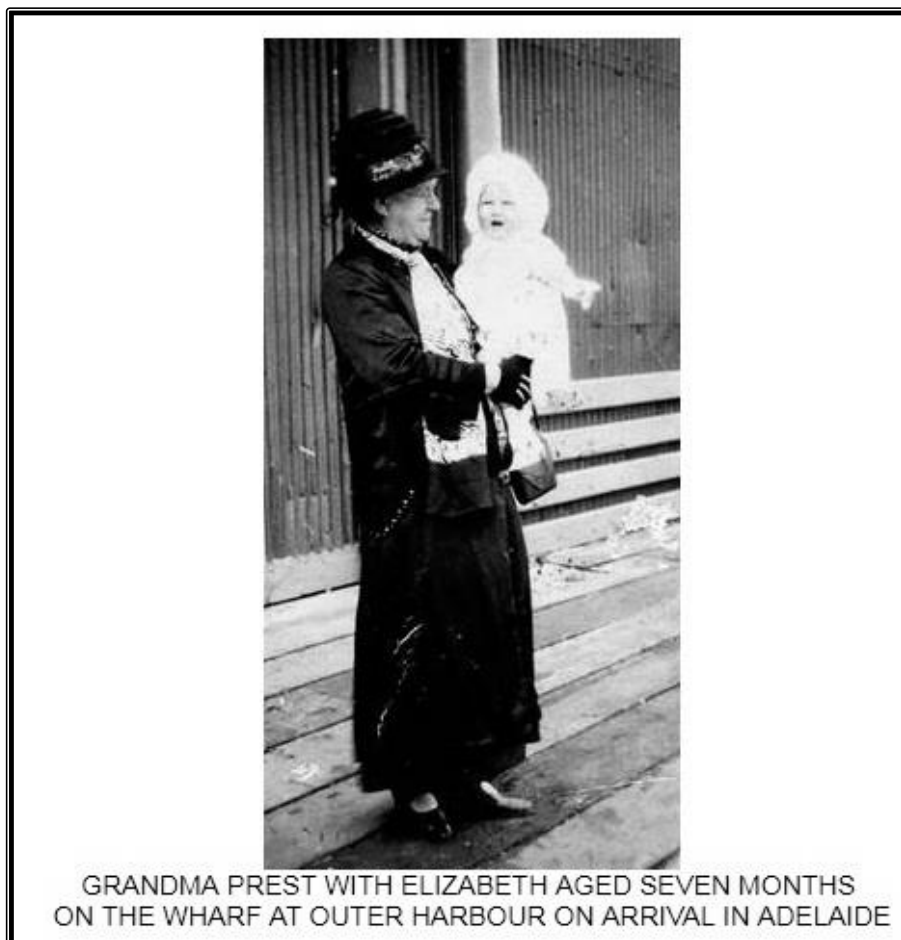
In England Gordon and Rene welcomed the arrival of daughter Elizabeth Maurine on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1927.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) / Sat 2 Jul 1927 / Page 12 / Family Notices

**BIRTHS.**

**PREST**—On the 11th May, at Lexham Gardens, London, to the wife of H. G. Prest, M.B.B.S.—a daughter (premature).

In early 1928 the Prest family were home again in South Australia and welcomed on arrival by Gordon's mother and other family members.



By the middle of 1928, the family had moved to Jamestown in the mid-north of the state as Gordon had taken up a position in general practice there with Dr E.J. Swann.

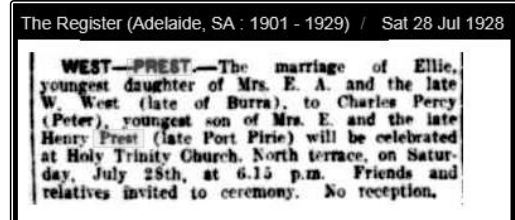
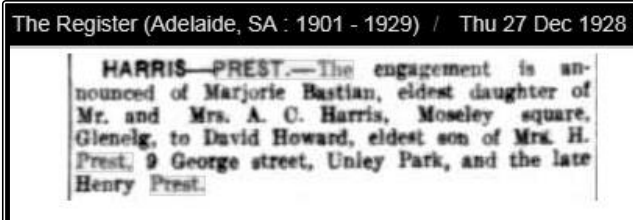
News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Mon 11 Jun 1928

**Notes From Jamestown**

Dr. and Mrs. Ian Hamilton, with their little daughter Patricia, left Jamestown on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. H. G. Prest has come to Jamestown to take the practice of Dr. Hamilton, and to enter into partnership with Dr. E. J. Swann. Dr. Prest was a well-known athlete when a student at the University of Adelaide, and belongs to a Port Pirie family.

1928 was a big year as it also saw the wedding of Gordon's younger brother, Charles Percy "Peter" to Ellie West and the engagement of older brother Howard to Marjorie Bastian. The previous year his older sister Gladys Mary, had married Frank Cornish.

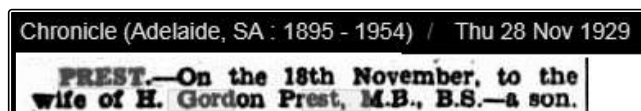




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An article published in the Port Pirie Recorder relating to Peter Prest's family history can be accessed from the above link.

The following year Gordon and Rene's second child, a son, Anthony Gordon was born on 18<sup>th</sup> of November 1929.



Gordon and Rene remained in Jamestown for several years and involved themselves in community life. Rene was reported as playing piano at the Jamestown Fair in November 1928 and by 1929, Gordon had found himself President of the local cricket club and had joined the bowling club. He also had played in tennis tournaments.

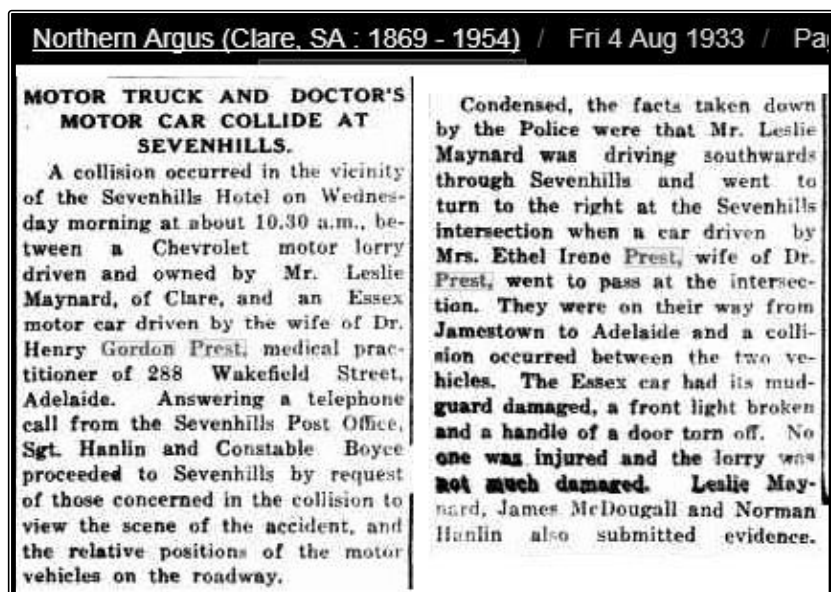
In May 1930, Gordon played in a past versus present players match of the Adelaide University Football Club

Gordon's brother Howard, married Marjorie Bastian on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1930.

In August 1932, Gordon played in an AIF golf tournament at Kooyonga Golf Club.

In September 1932, he played cricket for the Prince Alfred Old Scholars against the present students. It may be assumed that this match was a preseason warm-up, as this was the year the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association was formed with PAOC being a founding club. Gordon was elected vice-captain of the team with Len Clarkson as captain. Both in their 30's were very experienced cricketers with Len having played A Grade with Kensington and Gordon with University.

It can be assumed that Gordon and family were back living in Adelaide by 1932, however in 1933 Rene was involved in a car accident while returning to Adelaide after a visit back to Jamestown.



Living back in Adelaide in 1933, Gordon was practising at 288 Wakefield St, Adelaide with his surgery and waiting room attached to the family home. Later the family moved across the road to 283 Wakefield St and the hospital next-door extended its buildings westward.



***Daughter Elizabeth outside the family home in Wakefield St. The building in the background was demolished to make way for the first stage of the new Wakefield Hospital.***

Gordon had been associated with the St John's Ambulance Brigade since 1929 and in 1933 Dr, and Mrs. Prest joined the Hospitaller's Club which provided charitable support for the St John's Ambulance Brigade services and The Order of St John.

***Order of St. John and the St. John Ambulance Brigade – Gordon Prest's Resume***

- Maintained a career-long association with the Order of St. John for 53 years, from 1929
- An active Medical Officer for St. John Ambulance Brigade for 21 years
- Awarded Long Service medal and made District Officer
- Actively engaged in work of St. John Ambulance Association for 33 years
- Was Chairman of the Association for 15 years
- Served as a Member of St. John Council and was elected Vice President.
- Was invested as a Commander of St. John for Service to the Order (1965). (S.B.St.J. 1954, O.B.St.J. 1959)
- Representing St. John, served on the Council of the Red Cross Society, Member of Executive Committee and was Chairman of the Welfare Department
- Representing St. John, was a Co-Founder and Foundation Member and a Vice-President of the Asthma Association of South Australia (later Asthma Foundation).
- Representing St. John, was a member of the Council of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1935, Gordon and Rene's third child, Jennifer Anne was born.



### ***Summary of Gordon Prest's Medical Career***

- London Hospital 1926 – 1927, General Practitioner at Jamestown, Wakefield St Adelaide (for approximately 20 years) and Unley Rd Malvern
- Finally practised as a Medical Officer for the School Heath Service - forced to retire at age of 80!
- Served as an Honorary Anaesthetist at RAH for 25 years
- Was an Honorary Clinical Assistant to the Medical Section and Ophthalmic Department at the RAH (1930s)
- Was Medical Officer for the South Adelaide Football for a period of time

### ***2nd World War Experience***

- Served his country overseas in Palestine in WW2 and promoted to the rank of Major

### ***Medical Association Service***

- Life Member of the Australian Medical Association (previously BMA)
- Served on the council of the BMA and the Medical Defence Association
- Foundation Member of South Australian Society of Anaesthetists

### ***Other Community Service***

- President of Prisoners' Aid Society (now OARS) for 7 years
- Boy Scouts Association council in the early to mid-1930s
- Committee of Management for Home for Incurables
- A member of Rotary

Henry Gordon Prest died in Adelaide on 17 October 1989. His wife Mrs Ethel Irene Prest died in 1997.

## **Family**

Oldest daughter Elizabeth Maurine followed her father into the medical profession graduating from Adelaide University (MBBS 1951).

<http://samhs.org.au/Virtual%20Museum/Notable-individuals/puddy/Puddy.htm>

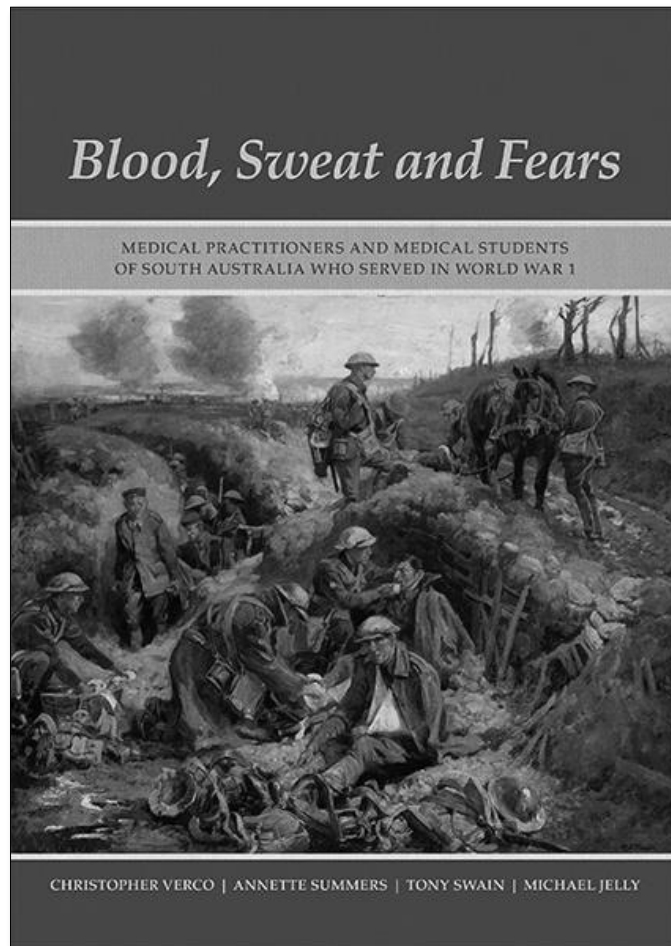
Son Anthony Gordon was a student at Prince Alfred College and left school to work on the land. He spent 50 years in the agricultural industry. Gordon was a Life Member of both the River Murray Football League and the Meningie Football Club.

Youngest Daughter Jennifer Anne also attended Adelaide University graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1957. She was a much-loved and respected schoolteacher for 26 years, primarily at Woodlands CEGGS in South Australia.

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# Henry Gordon Prest

BIRTH 10 JAN 1899 • Port Pirie, SA, Australia

DEATH 17 OCT 1989 • South Australia, Australia

1899  
(AGE)

## Birth

10 Jan 1899 • Port Pirie, SA, Australia

3 Sources

1900  
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## Birth of Brother Charles Percy "Peter" Prest (1900–1983)

14 Dec 1900 • Port Pirie, SA, Australia

1903  
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17 Feb 1903 • Stirling West, SA, Australia

1914  
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1914–1920 • Adelaide, South Australia

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Ethel Irene Hunwick (1904–1997)

1933  
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8 Nov 1933

1968  
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19 Apr 1968 • Glenelg, SA, Australia

1983  
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1983  
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9 Apr 1983 • South Australia, Australia

1989  
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## Death

17 Oct 1989 • South Australia, Australia

1 Source

## Burial

Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

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## Family

### Parents



Henry Prest

1844–1903



Eleanor Clark

1860–1933

### Siblings

### Spouse



Ethel Irene Hunwick

1904–1997