



## **A/Cpl. Harry Clifford Thrush**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: A Grade (1913-1915)**

**Cricket Club: A Grade (1912/13-1915/16)**

**Degree – BA (1915)**

## ***Background***

***Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind this 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 Harry Clifford Thrush. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

***(Those men who enlisted, but either because of cessation of hostilities or other reasons did not serve overseas are still included in the list of AUFC & AUCC players recognised as serving their Country. Our men who enlisted later in 1918 were not to know that Germany would surrender on 11th November 1918 and so their courage and commitment to serve should still be recognised.)***

# Service Record

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*To REPORT TO ENROLLING OFFICER, ADELAIDE, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1918.*

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**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES!**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

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

No. *S 15349* Name { Surname *THRUSH*  
in full { Christian Name *HARRY CLIFFORD*

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Joined on *22<sup>nd</sup> June, 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.

- What is your Name? ... *Harry Clifford Thrush*
- In or near what Town were you born? ... *Adelaide*  
In the State or Country of *South Australia*
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... *Natural Born*
- What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) ... *25 1/2 years*  
*March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893*
- What is your Trade or Calling? ... *Minister of Religion*
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... *No*
- Are you married, single, or widower? ... *Single Married*  
*Wife Constance Marjorie*  
*FATHER THRUSH, HARRY, MRS*  
*GURNEY KENSINGTON ROAD*  
*ROSE PARK SOUTH AUSTRALIA*
- Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... *7<sup>th</sup> KENSIN*  
*MOUNT GAMBIER*  
*SOUTH AUSTRALIA*
- What is your permanent address in Australia? ...
- 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 ...
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ...
- (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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per day? ...
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ...

13a. (i.) Consumption or Tubercular Disease, or Chronic Cough? ... *no*  
(ii.) Fits of any kind? ... *no*  
(iii.) Rheumatism or Asthma? ... *no*  
(iv.) Mental or Nervous Disease? ... *no*  
(v.) Has any member of your family suffered from any of the above diseases? If so, state particulars ... *no*

10. *Yes 2 years College Cadets*  
Have you ever suffered from?

11. *Yes*

12. *no*

13. *Yes*

14. *Yes*

3, *Harry Clifford Thrush* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than ~~two-fifths~~ *three-fifths* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife~~ *wife and children*.

Date *22<sup>nd</sup> June 1918*

*H.C. Thrush*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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## Biography

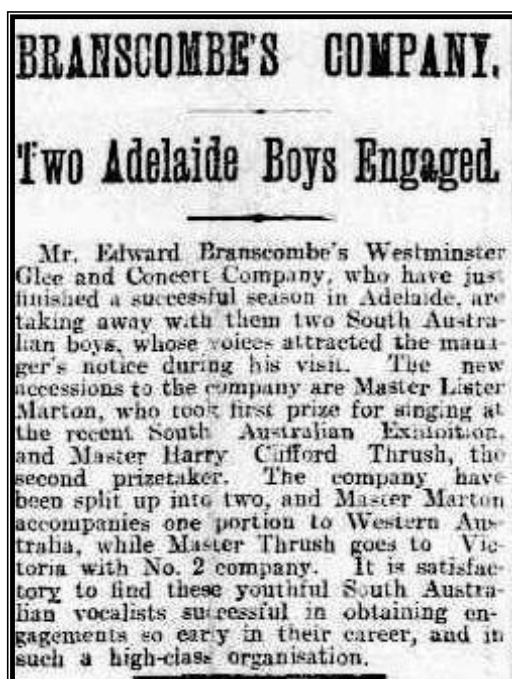
### Early Life

Harry Clifford Thrush was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1893, in Adelaide, South Australia, the son of Harry Thrush (Snr.) and Sarah Frearson. He was known as Clifford or Cliff Thrush and his two siblings, Annie Vera Thrush (born 1895) and Albert Reginald (born 1900) were also known by their second names. Harry Clifford Thrush was baptised at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Adelaide, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1893. Cliff's father, Harry Thrush Snr., was a Sadler at 73 Pirie Street, Adelaide. He was a member of the St John's Choir for more than 30 years and he loved football, following Norwood all his life.

### Schooling

Cliff commenced his schooling at the Pulteney Street School (later Pulteney Grammar School) and later attended St Peter's College, Adelaide. Cliff also was a member of the St John's Choir from at least 1904 and possessed a clear treble voice.

In April 1905, aged 12 years, Cliff competed in the Adelaide Exhibition, Musical Competition and came equal second in the Boy's Section. He passed the Primary Division, Music Theory examination in June 1905, under teacher, Miss Bosch. As a result of his success at the Adelaide Exhibition Musical Competition, Cliff was selected to join Mr. Edward Branscombe's Westminster Glee and Concert Company. The newspaper article below states that Cliff was to go with the No. 2 company to Victoria, but another article states that Cliff was only engaged for 4-5 weeks and was to go to Western Australia.



Cliff passed the Junior Division Music Theory examinations in November 1906; at this stage he was at St Peter's College but was still being taught by Miss Bosch.

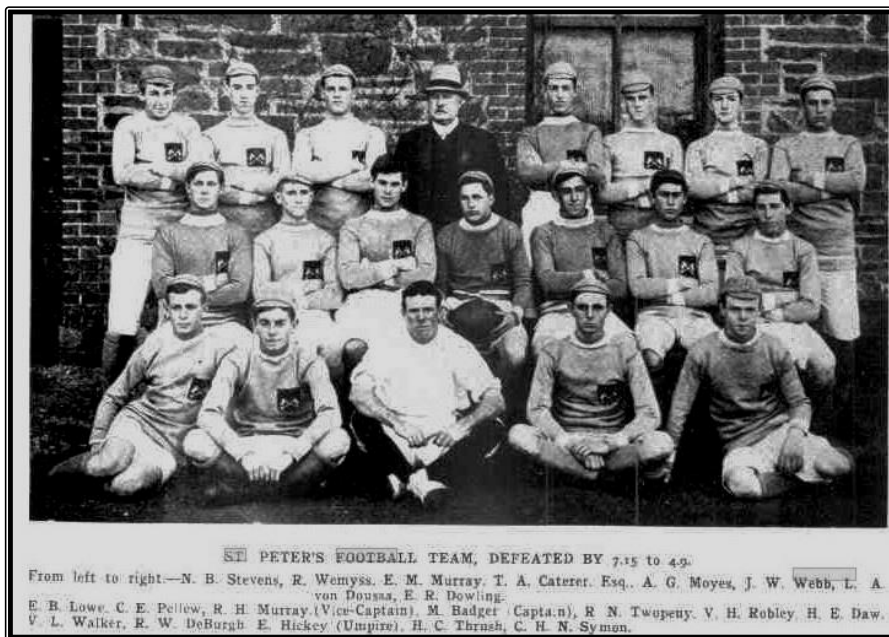
In 1908, Cliff competed in heats of the Junior Championship at the St Peter's College Annual Swimming Carnival. In August 1909, he was second in the College Cup (220 Yards Flat Handicap) and third in the 120 Yards Hurdles Handicap at the St Peter's College Athletics contest.

Cliff and his sister Miss Vera Thrush sang a duet at the President's Reception at the Esperanto Congress in Adelaide in October 1911.

Showing his sporting versatility, in July 1911, Cliff was a member of the St Peter's College Inter-Collegiate Football team who played against Prince Alfred College and in August that year Cliff was third in the 440 yards handicap at

the St Peter's College Sports. Cliff also played cricket for St Peter's in the SACA B Grade competition in the 1911/12 season.

### Inter-collegiate Football 1911 - St. Peter's College Team v Prince Alfred College



### St Peter's College 1st X1 Cricket Team v Linden Park SACA B Grade 1911/12

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922)	
Mon 27 Nov 1911 / Page 4 / CRICKET.	
<b>B GRADE.</b>	
<b>S.P.S.C. VERSUS LINDEN PARK.</b>	
<b>ST. PETER'S COLLEGE.</b>	
First Innings.	
H. C. Thrush, b. Cook	9
P. H. Auld, c. Bond, b. Cook	4
H. O. Hopkins, c. G. Ryan, b. N. Collins	28
P. G. Moyes, c. sub., b. J. S. Ryan	47
C. E. Pellew, c. sub., b. Gibbons	30
C. H. Symon, b. Gibbons	27
H. E. Daw, c. sub., b. Gibbons	9
W. K. Riley, c. J. S. Ryan, b. Gibbons	2
B. T. Taylor, l.b.w., b. J. S. Ryan	0
R. N. Twopenny, not out	0
Jose, absent	0
Extras	16
Total	173
Bowling.—J. D. Ryan, none for 8; Cook, two for 56; A. Collins, none for 29; Gibbons, four for 35; J. S. Ryan, two for 19; W. Collins, one for 15.	
<b>LINDEN PARK.</b>	
First Innings.	
Linn, c. Auld, b. Riley	6
G. Ryan, c. Thrush, b. Moyes	6
Gibbons, c. Thrush, b. Pellew	5
A. Collins, b. Twopenny	11
J. S. Ryan, b. Pellew	0
N. Collins, not out	17
Cook, c. Moyes, b. Taylor	6
Bond, b. Taylor	1
Cosgrove, absent	0
Heitmann, absent	0
Ryan, absent	0
Extras	3
Total	55
Bowling.—Moyes, one for 13; Pellew, two for 12; Riley, one for 12; Twopenny, one for 12; Taylor, two for 4.	

### St. Peter's College Sports 1911



H. C. Whittle winning the 440 yards handicap from J. R. Moore and H. C. Thrush.



## Adelaide University

Cliff commenced studying for his Bachelor of Arts at Adelaide University in 1912 and gained his BA Degree in December 1915.

## University Sport

### Athletics

Cliff competed in 75 yards flat race at the University Athletic Club Sports in June 1912. In 1913 he was second in the 220 yards flat race.

### Cricket

Cliff (a batsman) played cricket for Adelaide University from 1912/13 to 1915/16. He played most of his games in B Grade with an occasional match the A Grade. He made 43 runs in the first innings of a B Grade match in February 1914 against West Torrens, top scoring for University in an innings of 144. In the 1913/14 and 1914/15 season he managed four A Grade games with a top score of 21 in a match against Sturt in January 1916.

## STURT VERSUS UNIVERSITY.

Sound scoring was a feature of the game which began between Sturt and University on the Unley Oval. Notwithstanding the oppressively hot weather several of the batsmen hit out vigorously. Pellew, who opened for University with Northey, scored 58, including nine fours, in 40 minutes. He hit out fearlessly, punishing the bowling severely with his leg strokes, which accounted for most of his runs. His partner made only eight while Pellew made 46. When Northey was caught by McKay, the score was 54. The partnership lasted 25 minutes. Another fine performance was that of Willamore, who scored 36 in 44 minutes. Some of University's best men, including the Steele Brothers, Taylor, Limb, and Moyes, were absent. Limb was absent owing to indisposition, and the students played one man short. For their nine wickets they showed a total of 198, which took 133 minutes to compile. Shortly after 5 o'clock the home team went to the creases. Gray and Zachorn opened the innings, and after an hour and ten minutes' play the partnership yielded the century. Zachorn made 60 and Gray 40. The former's tally included one six, and there was a good sprinkling of 4's in each man's score. Zachorn took 35 minutes to make 50. When play was adjourned until Saturday next Gray's total was unchanged, and Zachorn was 61. Scores:—

### UNIVERSITY.

#### First Innings.

C. E. Pellew, c. Selth, b. Hower .. .. .	58
J. D. Northey, c. McKay, b. Hower .. .	8
H. B. Willamore, c. Parkes, b. Barrett ..	36
E. M. Weatherill, c. Selth, b. Barrett ..	0
W. J. Price, l.b.w., b. McKay .. .. .	10
H. L. Rayner, c. Munday, b. Price .. .	21
A. Mander, run out .. .. .	14
H. C. Thrush, run out .. .. .	21
C. Richards, not out .. .. .	20
L. J. Hurley, b. McKay .. .. .	0
A. Limb (absent) .. .. .	0
Sundries (byes 7, leg-bye 1, no-balls 2) .. .. .	10
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>198</b>

#### Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.
W. D. Price .. .. .	11	0	1	65
W. S. Hower .. .. .	12	2	2	42
J. J. Barrett .. .. .	7	1	2	31
H. J. McKay .. .. .	9	2	2	41
E. Gray .. .. .	2	0	0	9

Price and McKay each bowled one no-ball.

### STURT.

E. Gray, not out .. .. .	40
P. W. Zachorn, not out .. .. .	61
Byes 5, leg-byes 2, no-balls 3 .. .. .	10

**Total (for no wickets) .. .. . 111**

**Bowling.—Willamore, none for 51; Mander, none for 12; Pellew, none for 24; Rayner, none for 14; Price, none for 1.**

The game between University and Sturt was concluded on the Unley Oval on Saturday afternoon. Zachorn and Gray continued from the previous Saturday, and the latter added five to his score before he was clean bowled by Willamore. Munday was not long at the creases. He was caught by Rayner off Pellew when he had scored one. Richardson scored 54, and presented a bright exhibition of batting, including nine fours. Selth held his wicket for 23 minutes, and scored 17 before he was caught in slips. The bulk of the wickets were obtained by Pellew who secured five at an average of under 12. The other wickets were obtained by Willamore and Price with two for 144 and one for 6 respectively. At 5.20 the students again went to the creases, and opened with Limb and Price. A "rot" soon set in, W. D. Price (Sturt) capturing three wickets in one over. Those who fell were W. J. Price, Thrush, and Mander. Pellew next went to the wicket, and played to the finish with 23 not out. The Sturt team gained a victory by 86 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

### UNIVERSITY.

**First Innings .. .. . 198**

#### Second Innings.

W. J. Price, b. Price .. .. .	6
C. Thrush, b. Price .. .. .	0
A. Mander, b. Price .. .. .	2
A. Limb, c. Gray, b. Hower .. .. .	24
E. M. Weatherill, b. Price .. .. .	9
C. Richards, not out .. .. .	0
C. E. Pellew, not out .. .. .	25
Sundries .. .. .	2
<b>Total (for five wickets) .. .. .</b>	<b>68</b>

#### Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.
W. D. Price .. .. .	10	—	4	37
W. S. Hower .. .. .	7	1	1	26
J. J. Barrett .. .. .	2	—	—	3

### STURT.

#### First Innings.

E. Gray, b. Willamore .. .. .	45
P. Zachorn, c. and b. Willamore .. .	98
F. K. Gould, c. Price, b. Pellew .. .	15
W. J. Munday, c. Rayner, b. Pellew ..	1
J. J. Barrett, c. Weatherill, b. Pellew ..	3
W. D. Price, run out .. .. .	13
W. Hower, b. Pellew .. .. .	3
R. Selth, c. Thrush, b. Pellew .. .. .	17
B. Richardson, run out .. .. .	54
W. Parkes, c. Northey, b. Price .. .	6
H. McKay, not out .. .. .	10
Sundries .. .. .	19
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>284</b>

#### Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.
H. Willamore .. .. .	29	3	2	114
Pellew .. .. .	27	9	5	59
Rayner .. .. .	9	—	—	33
Mander .. .. .	14	2	—	35
Price .. .. .	3.3	—	—	6
Hurley .. .. .	3	—	—	13
Weatherill .. .. .	4	2	—	5

**Willamore and Pellew bowled 2 no-balls.**

## CRICKET.

### UNIVERSITY VERSUS NORTH ADELAIDE.

The match between North Adelaide and University on the students' ground on Saturday opened sensationally. Phillips, who captained the northerners, won the toss, but his side's innings lasted only 46 minutes, and the score totalled 21. North Adelaide were two men short, and Phillips obviously made a mistake in deciding to bat. Willmore, the University captain, bowled well, and he and Moyes accounted for the opposing team. Willmore captured five wickets at a cost of 12 runs, and Moyes took two for 12. One batsman was run out, and two being absent, the team was then accounted for. Moyes and Rayner, opening for University, knocked off the North Adelaide score three times over before the first wicket fell; indeed, Moyes, with 73 to his credit, trebled the North Adelaide's total himself. Moyes was very free, and hit up his 73 in 25 minutes, 40 of the runs coming from boundary strokes. Rayner was much slower and while his partner was getting three-quarters of a century, Rayner hit up only 11. There was a humorous incident while the inter-State man was batting. Moyes drove a ball to mid-on, and all being well he should have got one run for it. A toy poodle ran on the ground, however, picked up the ball, and dashed over the boundary with Seager, of North Adelaide, in pursuit. Moyes got four for the stroke. Rayner ran to 82 before he was caught by Chinner off his own delivery—a particularly good catch. Rayner gave three chances to stump and one to catch, the first two chances being when he was 11. Willmore put up a ball to Sorrell when he was 12, but his account was not closed until he reached 52. He batted freely and well. Limb, playing his first game this season, was only half an hour hitting up 24. He struck four fours and gave no chances. After the dismissal of these batsmen University tailed off. From four for 253 their record went off to nine for 272. L. H. Chinner (five for 49) bowled remarkably well for North Adelaide, and deserved his success. Scores:—

#### NORTH ADELAIDE.

F. Sorrell, b. Willmore .. .. .	0
C. Seager, c. Jose, b. Moyes .. .	7
L. B. Lewis, run out .. .	0
E. L. Phillips, c. Shanasy, b. Willmore .. .	8
W. Stewart, c. Willmore, b. Moyes .. .	6
L. H. Chinner, st. Limb, b. Willmore .. .	3
A. Ambler, b. Willmore .. .	0
W. G. Fulston, st. Limb, b. Willmore .. .	0
W. Taylor, not out .. .	0
S. Clutterbuck, absent .. .	0
G. O. Roberts, absent .. .	0
<b>Total .. .</b>	<b>24</b>

#### Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. G. Moyes .. .	7.3	2	12	2
H. Willmore .. .	7	—	12	5

#### UNIVERSITY.

A. G. Moyes, c. Sorrell, b. Lewis .. .	73
H. L. Rayner, c. and b. Chinner .. .	82
L. B. Jose, c. and b. Fulston .. .	0
H. B. Willmore, b. Chinner .. .	52
A. Limb, b. Chinner .. .	24
L. A. Mander, c. and b. Chinner .. .	17
D. Northey, b. Phillips .. .	3
H. C. Thrush, b. Chinner .. .	11
W. B. Shanasy, not out .. .	5
A. B. Russell, c. Chinner, b. Phillips .. .	1
Sundries .. .	4

**Total (for 9 wickets) .. . 272**

**Bowling**—F. A. Sorrell, none for 49; L. A. Phillips, two for 55; L. B. Lewis, none for 37; W. G. Fulston, one for 30; W. Stewart, none for 28; L. H. Chinner, five for 49.

## Football

Cliff played football for Adelaide University A Grade in 1913-1915 and he was a member of the 1914 Intervarsity Football team who played Melbourne University in August that year.

### 1914 – Adelaide University Football Team



*H.C. Thrush – Front Row – Second from Right*

## Theological College

While still at Adelaide University, Cliff commenced studying at St Barnabas' Theological College in 1913.

### St Barnabas' Theological College – Approx 1913



*Back, l-r: A.L.Bullbeck; H.C.Thrush; E.T.Wyllie; L.B.Riley.*  
*Front, l-r: G.T.Shetliffe; R.V.S.Adams; Rev. W.Wragge (Warden); Rev. H.N. Drummond.*



## Pre-War Career

In January 1916, Cliff was appointed as curate to the Ven. Archdeacon Samwell at Mt Gambier in the south east of South Australia.

The Rev. H. C. Thrush, B.A., Th.L., son of Mr. H. Thrush, Rose Park, who has been appointed curate to the Ven. Archdeacon Samwell at Mount Gambier, has had a successful scholastic career. His primary education was obtained at the Pulteney Street School, and later at St. Peter's College. He afterwards became a student at St. Barnabas' Theological College, and an undergraduate of the Adelaide University, which conferred the degree of B.A. on him at the last commemoration. At the recent examination of the Australian College of Theology he gained first place in the second class honours list for diploma of licentiate of theology, and was highly commended by the examiners for his papers. Mr. Thrush possesses considerable musical attainments.

In September 1916 Cliff became engaged to Constance, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Middleton, of Montrose, Knightsbridge. Cliff was ordained into the priesthood by the Bishop of Adelaide, Right Rev. Dr. Thomas, on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1917

—The Rev. H. C. Thrush, B.A.—  
The Rev. H. C. Thrush, B.A., of Mount Gambier, will be ordained to the priesthood in St. Peter's Cathedral on the second Sunday in Lent. Mr. Thrush is the son of Mr. H. Thrush, of Rose Park, and was licensed as curate to Archdeacon Samwell on his ordination as deacon last year.

## World War I

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1918, Cliff enlisted, aged 24 years and four months. He was described as 5'7½", with a medium complexion, brown eyes and brown hair. Cliff had been a cadet for two years while at St Peter's College.

COMMONWEALTH		OF AUSTRALIA.	
<p>South Australian State Recruiting Committee.</p> <p>26th June, 1918.</p> <p>From Recruiting Officer, MOUNT GAMBIER.</p> <p>To The Enrolling Officer, Recruiting Depot, ADELAIDE.</p> <p>Re- H. C. THRUSH.</p> <p>This man, who is the assistant Minister of the Church of England, has been trying for some time to enlist, having just obtained the consent of the Bishop, he at once presented himself, passed and was enlisted. As he had just been appointed to the charge of a Parish, it will be necessary for him to make some arrangements in connection with the same, but before doing so, he wants to pass the final examination in Adelaide which he intends doing on the 10th July, and if passed, wants a few weeks to complete his arrangements, which it would be no use his doing if he failed to pass, I therefore granted him leave until the 10.7.18. on the understanding that you would grant him the additional leave after passing the final examination, had this not been done, he probably would have been unable to enlist. Only one Rail-warrant will be issued, as he will not return to Mount Gambier, when once sent to Adelaide, which is his home.</p> <p>RECEIVED 27 JUN 1918 RECRUITING DEPOT.</p> <p>F. H. Howland, Col. Recruiting Officer.</p>			

On enlistment, Cliff's father was listed as his next-of-kin, however one of the "arrangements" that Cliff made between enlisting and entering camp, was to marry Constance Marjorie Middleton on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1918 at St Matthew's Church of England Church, Marryatville, SA. Thus his next-of-kin was altered to show Constance Thrush of Gurney Road, Rose Park, Adelaide in that role.

From 11<sup>th</sup> of September, when he arrived in camp, to 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1918, Cliff was a private in B Coy. He then transferred to "Butler's Rifles". Cliff was briefly an acting Corporal before being discharged on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1918, due to the cessation of hostilities. Cliff did not serve overseas.

### **Post-War Career and Family Life**

In December 1918, the Bishop of Adelaide appointed the Rev. Clifford Thrush, B.A., Th.L., to the charge of the St Mary's Penola, Kalangadoo and Coonawarra Churches. In 1920, Cliff was central umpire at several local football matches.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1920, Cliff and Constance's daughter, Ann Christobel Thrush, was born at the Rectory at Penola.

Cliff accepted role at St Stephen's, Willunga, in July 1921. His area of responsibility included Aldinga, Noarlunga and McLaren Vale.

### **Laying the foundation stone of St. Stephen's Church of England Parish Hall, Willunga November 20th, 1924.**



*L-r: Fred Self, Joe Leaker, Gilbert Hunt, Rev. Nutter Thomas, Rev. Thrush,  
Captain Malpas, Charlie Lipson.*

Cliff's sister Vera married Harold Gard. The couple both sang in the grand opera in Adelaide in 1924 before departing for Europe to further their musical careers. Vera continued to sing under the name of Miss Vera Thrush. Their son

Alfred Harold Brentnall "Alf" Gard served as a fighter pilot in WW2 and became a legendary all-round sporting commentator for the ABC (primarily horse racing). Alf also had a good singing voice.

Miss Thrush's father had a very fine voice, and the elder brother, now the Rev. Clifford Thrush, who toured with the Branscombe Westminster singers, was very well known as a boy musician. "Mr. Branscombe offered to take him to England, where he would have been educated at Eton," said Miss Thrush, "but my mother thought at 12 he needed a home upbringing, and refused the offer. The other brother, Reginlad, is well known, too. Our parents, all being musical, have given us all their help and encouragement.

In October 1925, the Bishop of Adelaide appointed Cliff to St Augustine's, Renmark and the following summary of Cliff's life was published in 'The Register' in January 1926.

#### Anglican.

Mr. Thrush, who is a son of Mr. H. Thrush, Rose Park, had a brilliant academic career. He was educated at Pulteney Street School and St. Peter's College. He afterwards became a student at St. Barnabas' College, and the Adelaide University. He secured his B.A. degree in December, 1915, and a few weeks later gained first place in the second class honour list for the L.Th. diploma at the Australian College of Theology, and was highly commended for his papers. He also has considerable musical ability. His

first appointment was as curate to the late Archdeacon Samwell, at Mount Gambier. He was ordained in March, 1917, and returned to the sphere of work. He enlisted for active service in June, 1918, and was retained in camp until the close of hostilities. For three years he acted as priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Church, Penola, and in 1921 became rector of St. Stephen's Church, Willunga, where he rendered acceptable service for nearly five years. Appreciative references to his work there were made at a farewell social held this week, prior to his departure for Renmark.

In July 1926, Cliff's father (Harry Thrush) was one of the choristers who took part in the St Peter's Cathedral Jubilee Services. Harry, at the age of 11, had sung the first solo at the opening of the Cathedral in 1876. Harry was described as the father of "the well-known soprano, Miss Vera Thrush, and the Rev. H.C. Thrush (of Renmark), and the Rev. A.R. Thrush (of St Barnabas College)."

While at Renmark in 1927, Cliff acted as a supervisor for University Public Examinations and he gave the address on ANZAC Day in 1928. In May 1928 the Thrush family had a holiday in Adelaide.

In June 1928 Cliff was appointed the Rector at St Cuthbert's Church, Prospect. He was farewelled from Renmark by about 80 soldiers in the Renmark RSA (sic) club rooms and at a social at the institute at Renmark. He took up his role at St Cuthbert's in late August 1928.

## Rev. H. C. Thrush Appointed.

The Rev. Harry Clifford Thrush, B.A., Th.L., rector of St. Augustine's, Renmark, has accepted the living of St. Cuthbert's Church, Prospect, in succession to the Rev. W. H. Johnson, dean-elect of Newcastle. This is a recognition of the services of a priest well known for his devoted work in several country districts in the Diocese of Adelaide. As a boy Mr. Thrush was a leader in the choir of St. John's Church, Halifax street, and ever since he has been known for his musical gifts. He was educated at St. Peter's College, and at the Adelaide University, graduated in arts in 1915. He did his theological course at St. Barnabus's College, and secured his diploma as a Licentiate of Theology of the Australian College of Theology, being second on the list for Australia. He was ordained deacon in 1915, and priest in 1917 by the Bishop of Adelaide, and served as curate of Christ Church, Mount Gambier. At the end of his curacy he joined the A.I.F., but the war ended before he was able to leave Australia. He was then appointed priest in charge of Penola, and later rector of Willunga. In 1926 he was appointed priest in charge of Renmark, with the Berri Mission attached. So successful was his ministry that within six months Renmark was raised to the status of a parish, and the Bishop was able to institute Mr. Thrush as rector. He now comes to one of the most important churches in the diocese, which is noted for the number of men and young people connected with it, and for its splendid band of women workers. The patronage committee of St. Cuthbert's feels that the new rector has the gifts of spiritual leadership, energy, and devotion as well as decided pastoral gifts which will enable him to build on the foundation so successfully laid by his immediate predecessors Archdeacon Moyes and the Rev. W. H. Johnson.





By October 1928, Cliff was president of the St Cuthbert's (Church of England) Football team.

**St Cuthbert's (Church of England) Football Team  
1928 Premiers –A Division No 2, United Church Football Association**



**ST. CUTHBERT'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) FOOTBALL TEAM.—Premiers of A division, No. 2, United Church Football Association.**  
Back Row—E. Allen (committee), H. Adey, F. Adamson, T. Galloway, M. Robinson, R. Hughes, G. Miller (timekeeper).  
Third Row—M. Banyer (goal umpire), K. Carter, L. Wisdom, V. Sims, M. Berry, M. Hopgood, W. Hassam, M. Haskard (trainer).  
Second Row—E. Stevens (honorary secretary), H. Collins (committee), L. Rowe (captain), Rev. H. C. Thrush (president), C. Almond (vice-captain), T. Lashmar (committee), L. Burt (coach).  
Front Row—F. Hardwick, L. de Young, G. Lines, S. Newberry, D. Hall.

*H.C. Thrush – Second Row – Fourth from Left*

In October 1928, Cliff's wife Constance was reported to be seriously ill in Adelaide and she remained in poor health for the rest of her life. On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1929, Cliff's car was stolen; the car was recovered in New South Wales in August 1929.

**MOTOR CAR STOLEN**

**RECOVERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Between 4 and 5 p.m. on June 27 a five-seater Morris Cowley motor car owned by the Rev. H. C. Thrush, of Prospect, was stolen from the corner of Hill and Barnard streets, North Adelaide. The car is valued at £100. The Detective Office received a communication from the Newcastle police yesterday that Edward Bray and Walter George Smart had been arrested on several charges at Muswellbrook, and that they had Mr. Thrush's car in their possession.

Cliff was principal preacher at the St Peter's and Prince Alfred Collegiate Old Boys Week in July 1929.

In March 1930, Cliff became the first President of the newly formed SA Badminton Association.

Cliff was also the Chairman of the Babies' Home Walkerville, a role he held for many years.

For the Convention of Anglican Clergymen held in Adelaide in May 1931, Cliff was the secretary to the committee and a member of the sports committee with A.E. Kain and C.H. Williams.

The Thrush family went to Renmark for their holidays in June 1933 and September 1936.

### **St Ninian's Choir, Prospect North - 1935**



#### ***H.C. Thrush – Centre Row – Third from Left***

In November 1933, Cliff was the preacher at the Pulteney Old Scholars annual service and in September 1934, he presented the prizes at the Pulteney School Sports. In May 1938, Cliff was the preacher at the service to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Pulteney Street School.

A portrait of Cliff and Constance's daughter Christobel appeared in the 'News' in September 1938, she was then aged 18 years.



### Church of England Synod – September 1938



**H.C. Thrush – Far Right**

## World War II

In January 1940, Cliff was appointed a Chaplain in the Army Chaplains' Department for the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District (SA and Broken Hill).

Tragically for Cliff and Christobel, Constance passed away on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1940 aged just 47 years. Constance was buried at the North Road Cemetery (Nailsworth). The Thrush family were living at 2 Ballville Street, Prospect at the time of Constance's death.



Cliff was appointed Chaplain (Fourth Class) to the Royal Australian Air Force from the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1940. There was further sadness for the Thrush family when Cliff's father, Harry, passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1941, at his residence at 107 Sydenham Road, Norwood, aged 76.

Cliff's WWII records are not yet open to the public, but he was absent from St Cuthbert's on military duty from August 1941. He officiated at a funeral at the West Terrace Cemetery in November 1941. Cliff was in London before 1943, as he was photographed singing with the RAAF Glee Club, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 1943. The RAAF Glee Club was formed by an RAAF Chaplain, Squadron Leader Gordon Wood on board a ship which brought Australian airmen to England in 1942. Members of the Club were photographed broadcasting in the weekly series "Britain Sings" in the BBC's Empire Services.



*H.C. Thrush – Second from Left*

*Left to right: 413150 Pilot Officer Frank Walker of Wellington, NSW; Sqn. Ldr. H. C. Thrush of Adelaide, SA; Sqn. Ldr. G. Wood; 409597 Pilot Officer L. Roper of Bentleigh, Vic; 412396 Sergeant Pilot C. Byrnes of Moree, NSW; 401317 Sergeant Observer C. Notman of Skipton, Vic; 408511 Pilot Officer D. Pile of Camberwell, Vic.*



The Glee party performed at Australian House, London on Australia Day (26<sup>th</sup> January 1943) and “their songs were received with great enthusiasm by the audience”.

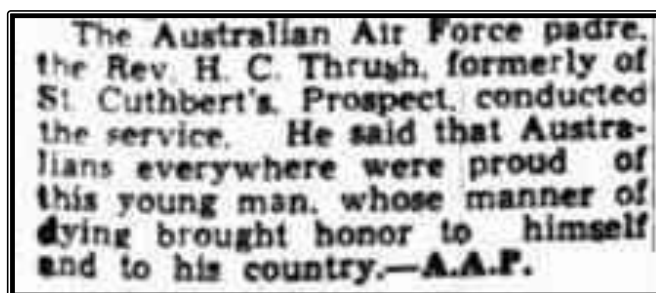
**Group portrait of eight RAAF members of a Glee Party  
performing at a concert at Australia House, London on Australia Day 1943**



***H.C. Thrush – Third from Left (including the pianist)***

*Identified from left to right: pianist 416307 Pilot Officer (PO) Hamilton Roland Dacre Budd) from Broken Hill, NSW (died 1 August 1943 on operations over the Atlantic Ocean); 413150 PO Frank Sutton Walker (observer) from Wellington, NSW; Squadron Leader (Sqn Ldr) Harry Clifford Thrush (chaplain) from Adelaide, South Australia; Sqn Ldr Gordon Gladstone Wood (chaplain) from Wellington, NSW who conducted the choir (died 18 June 1944 in UK); 412396 Sergeant (Sgt) Charles Keith Byrnes (pilot) from Moree, NSW; 401317 Sgt George Claud Notman (observer) from Skipton, Victoria; 408511 PO Donald Zalva Pile (pilot) from Melbourne, Victoria (died 26 October 1943 in Scotland); and 409597 PO Leslie Walter Roper (pilot) from Melbourne (died 4 September 1943 on operations over Germany).*

In February 1943, Cliff conducted the funeral service for Flight Sergeant R.H. Middleton, the first member of the RAAF to be awarded the Victoria Cross.



On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1944, Cliff was among the performers who sang for the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester at the Boomerang Club in London.

Cliff married Adelaide doctor, Captain Alfreda Krichauff of the Royal Army Medical Corps in the UK prior to his return to Adelaide in September 1945.

## Doctor Married

**CAPTAIN** Alfreda Thrush—South Australians will remember her as **Alfreda Krichauff**—hopes to be back in Adelaide before Christmas to join her husband, Chaplain H. C. Thrush, R.A.A.F., who came home this week after more than three years overseas.

It is eight years since his medico bride left for England, after beginning her medical studies at Adelaide University, to complete her degree at London University.

She joined the Royal Army Medical Corps on the outbreak of war, was stationed near London first, then went to India on duty for a year. She married Chaplain Thrush on her return to London.

In March 1945, a stone from the tomb of St Cuthbert within Durham Cathedral, was unveiled at St Cuthbert's Church, Prospect. The stone had been given to the Prospect church at Cliff's request.

## HISTORIC STONE FOR ST. CUTHBERT'S Unveiling Ceremony On Tuesday

At the request last year of the Rev. H. C. Thrush, senior chaplain with the RAAF in England, where he has spent four years, a stone taken from the tomb of St. Cuthbert within Durham Cathedral was given by the Dean and Chapter of Durham to the Church of St. Cuthbert, Prospect, to provide a direct, historic and tangible link between that church and the tomb of its patron saint, a native of Northumbria, who died in 687.

The stone has been fitted into the wall immediately outside the sanctuary rail in the chancel at St. Cuthbert's and it will be unveiled and blessed by the Bishop of Adelaide (Right Rev B. P. Robin) on Tuesday evening, when a service of evensong will be conducted by the choir. The Bishop will preach.

The Mayor of Prospect (Mr. R. T. Mellor) and councillors and a representative of the historical section of the Royal Geographical Society will be present. The acting rector of St. Cuthbert's is the Rev. N. M. Clout.

## September 1945 – Airmen returning from WWII



*H.C. Thrush – Front Row – Third from Left*

### Post WWII

After the War, Cliff returned to his pre-war role at St Cuthbert's Church and as Chairman of the Walkerville Babies' Home.

Cliff's daughter, Christobel married Warrant Officer William Russell Swanson (RAAF), the twin son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Swanson, of Hyde Park at St Cuthbert's Church, Prospect on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1945. Her Uncle, the Rev. A.R. Thrush officiated.

In February 1947, Cliff had the honour of christening his first grandchild, Carolyn Ann Swanson, the daughter of Christobel and Russell Swanson.



In October 1947, Cliff was present when the Prospect branch of the Air Force Association was inaugurated and he conducted the service at the State War Memorial in Adelaide on Air Force Day (the anniversary of the Battle of Britain) in September 1948. In May 1950, Cliff conducted Evensong at the centenary of his former parish church at Willunga. By 1954, Cliff has been at St Cuthbert's for 26 years.

It is possible that Cliff continued to serve at St Cuthbert's until 1960 when he was aged 67.

Cliff and Alfreda travelled to Europe. They returned to Australia departing from Rotterdam and arriving at Freemantle, Western Australia on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 1961, onboard the *Tönsberg*. Their address in South Australia was 39 Wattlebury Road, Lower Mitcham.

Cliff's mother, Sarah, passed away in 1968.

## Death

Harry Clifford Thrush passed away on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1975, aged 82. He was cremated at Centennial Park, Adelaide on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1975 and his memorial is at the North Road Cemetery, Nailsworth, SA. His last abode was at Mitcham.



Alfreda Wilma (or Wilhemina) Thrush passed away on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 1987, aged 82. She was cremated at Centennial Park on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 1987. Her last abode was Unit 4, 7 Kirkdale Ave., Hazelwood Park, SA.

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