



Major Charles Trevor Turner

(Awarded Military Cross & Mentioned in Despatches)



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: B Grade 1912 - 1915

Medical Student: 1910 - 1914

MBBS 1914

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 Charles Trevor Turner. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AUFC/AUCC WW1 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE



Charles Trevor TURNER

Date of birth	1 January 1889
Occupation	Medical practitioner
Enlistment date	14 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Rank from Nominal Roll	Major
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Medical Corps
Promotions	Major

Unit: Australian Army Medical Corps
Promotion date: 24 August 1917

Recommendations (Medals and Awards) Mention in Despatches

Awarded, and promulgated.
Mention in Despatches

Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 31448 (11 July 1919); 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 124 (30 October 1919).

Fate Returned to Australia 25 January 1919

Medals Military Cross

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 169
Date: 4 October 1917

Discharge date 6 May 1919

Other details Medals: Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal. Taken on strength, No. 2 Australian General Hospital, 13 August 1915; No. 3 Australian General Hospital, 6 January 1918.

Also served in World War II.

TURNER, Charles Trevor



Major
Australian Army Medical Corps

Born 02 January 1889 at Morgan, SA
Son of Charles John TURNER and Agnes Sarah Matilda nee STREET
Occupation prior to enlistment Medical Practitioner
Enlisted 14 July 1915
Mentioned in Despatches
Awarded Military Cross
Returned to Australia 25 January 1919

"Blood, Sweat and Fears"
ISBN: 978-0-64692-750-3
Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australia
who served in WW1



WW1 Service records

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=6342460>

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2. N. G. L. R. H.

C.M. Form A. 22.
(Revised T. 31/3.)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the *4th Div. A.M.C.*

No.	PARTICULARS.
1.	Surname ... TURNER Other names (in full) ... CHARLES TREVOR
2.	Educational Qualifications ... M.B. B.S.
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) ... nil.
4.	Present Civil Employment ... Home Surgeon, Adelaide Hospital
5.	Date of Birth and Age ... 1889 - January 26 Years 4 Months
6.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... British
7.	Married or Single ... Single
8.	Postal Address ... 112 Rundle St. Adelaide
9.	Next of Kin ... John

Date **May 13th 1915** (Signature of Applicant) **Charles Turner**

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of good character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Board, in accordance with the "Instructions for the Physical Examination of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth," will be substituted for this Certificate: such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, **Charles Yeaman**, do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height **5' 7"** Weight **135 lbs**
Chest Measurement **33 1/2" - 36"** Eyesight **right eye 6 by 6, left eye 6 by 6**

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer **Charles Yeaman**

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the Candidate above-named be appointed a **Captain** in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- "(a) That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, or
- "(b) That such appointment, although not within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, will be within the number of supernumerary officers permitted under C.M. Regulation 26.
- "(c) That the provisions of C.M. Reg. 60 have been fully complied with, or
- "(d) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- "(e) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 139 have been fully complied with.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to **Hospital at 234 No 2 AGH** Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date **19.5.15** Commanding Officer **W. J. P. M. D.** Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.

Recommended, candidate considered suitable **W. J. P. M. D.**

Date **20/5/15** Commanding C.M. Force **W. J. P. M. D.** Military District.

Sub-para (a) to be struck out if (b) applies; and vice versa. Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.

Seniority of Candidates to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

Department of Defence,
Ex. Min. No. 664. Melbourne, 18th August, 1915.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

APPOINTMENTS.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following appointments being made in the Australian Imperial Force, to take effect from 14th July, 1915 :—

To be Major with pay of Captain—

Honorary Major C. A. EDWARDS, Australian Army
Medical Corps Reserve.

To be Captains—

Honorary Captain H. STOKER, V.D., Australian Army
Medical Corps Reserve.

Honorary Captain C. P. W. DYRING, Australian Army
Medical Corps Reserve.

JAMES BURLEIGH BELL.

ARTHUR HUNTER POWELL.

SAMUEL CHARLES FITZPATRICK.

IVAN BLAUBAUM.

JOSEPH HORACE DOWNING.

JACK ROLAND STANLEY GROSE BEARD.

CHARLES TREVOR TURNER.

WILLIAM JAMES CONNOLLY.

WILLIAM HENRY WESTON.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL SMITH.

LESLIE ST. VINCENT WELCH.

KEITH HARVEY GRIEVE.

HORACE PERN.

G. F. PEARCE,
Minister of State for Defence.

Army Form B. 103.

Report		Place	Date	Remarks
Date	From whom received			
	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.			taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.

12	2-16	1 A.G.H.	Peri Sonceller Abscess Adm.	Heliopolis	12-2-16	R 2334 Ex 411	D.O. 2/269
18	2-16	"	To Dady	"	18-2-16	R 2003 Ex 411	D.O. 2/285
26	3/16	H. J. Ballarat	Embarked O/S Sea en	Alexandria	26/3/16	D 6572 Duplicate 1/4	
3	25/5/16	1st Purton	Taken on strength	Scrapemund	15/3/16	AC 529	D.O. 4/111
6	4/16	C. Hallarat	Embarked to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	26/3/16	D 6575	
15	9/16	C. Ballarat	Disembarked at	Marsellus	2/4/16	L 5169	
29	9/16	do	On leave to 24/9/16	In Field	10/9/16	H 26099	
29	9/16	do	Rejoined from leave	"	24/9/16	A D 7228	
27	11-17	C. Ballarat	Granted leave	do	28/4/17	A 3/7	
11	5-17	do	Sick to Hospital	Field	4/5/17	A 3/9	50 39/2142
4	5/17	25th Gen. Hook	Adm. Scabies (Stt)	Hardelet	4/5/17	AK 1152/51	
9	11-17	25th Gen. Hook	Adm. & ftd. to	Dugogue	4/5/17	AK 1153/54	

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for a second or third Section of the Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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Major ~~Grant~~ Turner b.d.

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Date	From whom received				
12	11/5/17	OC No. 2			
13	17.5.17	do	Reported for temp. duty	10/5/17	AK 7848
		do	Proceeded to Unit	17.5.17	170/40/93. B 50/20
11	10/5/17	25th Gen Hosp	Dischd. to duty A	Hardelot	10.5.17 AK 1153/42
14	25/5/17	Colt. Pion Coy B 223	REJOINED BATTALION	Field	19.5.17 A 35/2039/2409
15	5.6.17	Asst. Orders Dist 186	Awarded Military Cross	do	3.6.17 AK 1266/31
16	7/4/17	A 27/227	Promoted Major	do	24/8/17 A 1604/52
17	8/12/17	6/0 14th Bn. B 23.	Proceeded on leave to U.K.	Field	4/12/17 A 2449
18	22.12.17	-do-	REJOINED BATTALION	Field	20/12/17 A 2/51
19	12.1.18	-do-	Major Posted for duty with 2nd bus gen. Hospital	Field	6.1.18 A. 2/50
20	12.1.18	B 2/3. 3rd A. & G. Co	MAJOR TAKEN ON STRENGTH	Abbeville	10.1.18 A 20/41
21	7.10.18	Co 3rd Regt.	Major Proceeded on leave with 2nd bus gen. Hospital	do	25.10.18 C 2/51
22			Major Posted to Aust. "L. C. 2nd" Ship's Staff	25.1.19	20.15/ 24/1/19
23			Embarked England for return to Harrogate	8/1/19	

for D. Y. Records
A. H. Q. London

WJM/BS.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.,
26th October, 1917.

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Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding
hereunder copy of extract from Sixth Supplement, No.
30111 to the London Gazette, dated 1st June, 1917,
relating to the conspicuous services rendered by
your son, Captain C. T. Turner, Army Medical Corps,
(Attached 1st Pioneer Battalion)

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously
pleased to approve of the abovementioned reward for dis-
tinguished service in the Field :-

,Captain CHARLES TREVOR TURNER."

X X X X

The above has been promulgated in Common-
wealth of Australia Gazette, No.169 of 4th October, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Turner,
113 Rundle Street,
Kent Town,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.,
9th December, 1919.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from the Eighth Supplement No. 31448 to the London Gazette, dated 11th July, 1919, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by yourself whilst serving with the Australian Imperial Force.

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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

The following is a continuation of Sir D. Haig's despatch of 16th March, 1919, submitting names deserving of special mention :-

Major C. T. TURNER, M.C.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 124, dated 30th October, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

Major C.T. Turner, M.C.,
113 Rundle Street,
Kent Town,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

W.C.B.
Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Transferred to

DEFENCE
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. **Medical Officer**

A.M.C.

Rank **Captain** Name **Turner C Y.**

Unit **A.A.M.C.**

attached Helwan Convalescent Depot

Casualty

Quinsey Mied. Admitted 12/2/16 to 1st A.G. H
Helopolis

Quinsey Admitted 12/2/16 1st A.G. H. M. 64776499 D. 17/2/16 Cairo

304 to be charged 19/2/16. 1st A.G. H. to of 3 Base. duty. M. 641305755 D. 14/3/16
303 Scabies. Admitted 3.5.17 to 7th St. H

Hospital. W.S.M. 94501 8917 dated London. 10.5.17. A.D.

Help. to Aust. for H. T. "Ceramic" embarked 25/1/17

Duty.

C.I.D.L. 3197/5307, dtd. London 29/1/19 Hon. B.R. 112

"Ceramic" List 209 Duty

4th 6/3/19. C.V.R.

DATE.

PURPORT.

REF. No.

19.2.16

Not Adv. In Hosp Helopolis Sick.

5 MAY 1917

M.O.R. Advised In Hospital 3.5.17 Scabies

6-11-17.

Form of Warrant Received B.R.M. No. 17/650

1 FEB 1919

Admitted returned to Helopolis. Form

2.5.19

Appl. terminated (H.M.D.)

7.19

Military bro. in H.C. for H. T. B. R. M. No. 43/356

28.8.19

M. C. Medal received; Sent to Comd't, M.D. B.R.M. 45/226

Former War Record, A.M.C. List, dispatched

WAR HISTORY INDEX

11.10.20

Officer 4269 B.R. 750.

23/6/21.

Med. In Des. Certificate transmitted B.R.M. 43/937. (Underpatented 1/8/21)


1914/1915 Star Issued B.R.M. 43/1229



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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

A.A. Form Mob. 1
(Revised March, 1941)

MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. 538769

Surname TURNER (BLOCK CAPITALS) Christian Names Charles Trevor

Unit _____

Enlisted for war service at Mt Gambier (Place)
South Australia (State) 9th Dec. 1941 (Date)

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

1. What is your name? ...	1. Surname <u>TURNER</u> (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other names <u>Charles Trevor</u>
2. Where were you born? ...	2. In or near the town of <u>Mongan</u> In the state or country of <u>South Australia</u>
3. Are you a British Subject? ...	3. <u>yes</u>
4. What is your age and date of birth? ...	4. Age <u>52 years 11 months</u> Date of Birth <u>2/1/89</u>
5. (a) What is your normal trade or occupation? Grade if any?	5. (a) <u>San Medical Practitioner</u>
(b) Present occupation? ...	(b) _____
6. (a) Are you married, single or widower? ...	6. (a) <u>Married (4 children)</u>
(b) If married state date of marriage? ...	(b) <u>19/4/22</u>
7. (a) Have you had previous naval, military or Air Force service either in peace or war? If so, where and in what arm?	7. (a) <u>A.A.M.C. Egypt & France</u>
(b) What was the reason for your discharge? ...	(b) <u>termination of Hostilities</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>Katherine Rook Turner</u> Address <u>Well St Mt Gambier</u> <u>South Australia</u> Relationship <u>Wife</u>
9. What is your permanent address? ...	9. <u>Well St Mt Gambier</u> <u>South Australia</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>G. of C.</u>
11. Which, if any, of the following Educational Qualifications do you possess? ...	1. Certificate for entry to Secondary School <u>San. Adel.</u> 2. Intermediate <u>yes</u> 3. Leaving <u>yes</u> 4. Leaving Honours _____ 5. Technical _____ 6. University Degree <u>M.B.B.S. Adelaide 1914</u> 7. Other Diplomas _____
12. Have you ever been convicted by a Civil Court? ...	12. _____
If so—(a) What Court? ...	(a) _____
(b) for what offence? ...	(b) _____

I, Charles Trevor Turner do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Witnessed by Harrold CAPTAIN,
(Signature of Harrold Witnessing Officer.)

Signature Charles Trevor Turner

* 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.

Special Qualifications or Experience—

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, &c., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admissions to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, etc., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011 B.2069 or other document	Initials of Officer certifying to correctness of entries
Date	From whom received					
9/10/42	R.R.D.	Called up for Full Time Duty to R.R.D.				
9/10/42		for A.A.M.C. with rank of Major	28/9/42	SA L of C	Mob 3 12/42	LJJ
9/10/42	"	Commenced duty	28/9/42	"	" 12/42	LJJ
9/10/42	"	Taken on strength	28/9/42	"	" 12/42	LJJ
12/9/42	D.D.M.S.	Posted C.O. 105 A.M. Hosp.	28/9/42	"	Memo No. 32657	LJJ
14/10/42	A.R.D.	Taken off strength R.R.D. Transf. to 105 AMH	28.9.42	"	W3010 43/42	JH
7/10/42	105 AMH	Taken on strength 105 AMH as				
		Senior Surgical Officer W.E. N/650/3.	28.9.42	"	W3010 607/42	JH
6.1.43	do	Granted Rec leave 1/1/43 to 21/1/43	1.1.43	"	" 7/43	JH
16.3.44	do	INJURY - REPORT OF				
		Accidentally occurred at Adelaide	13.2.44	"	R64/213/44	JH
		condition attributed to conditions of service				
		Board of Enquiry will not be held.				
		Nature of Injury. Fractured medial Malleolus Lt. Tibia.				
16.3.44	do	Adm. 105 AMH (Fract. Medial Malleolus Lt. Tibia) Trans. to X List	14.2.44	"	R10 4/212/44	JH
16.3.44	do	Reopened Unit from Hospital (105 AMH)				
		X struck off X List	5.3.44	"	4/219/44	JH
16.3.44	do	Trans. to GDD for disposal.	6.3.44	"	4/225/44	JH
17.3.44	GDD	Taken on holding strength GDD				
		Mfm from 105 AMH for disposal.	6.3.44	"	R10 6/302/44	JH
17.3.44	do	Taken off holding strength GDD.				
		Appointment terminated last day FTD	6.3.44	"	6/271/44	JH
		Retired List HQ Memo. 7568				
25.5.44	AAMC (Inca)	Is placed on Retired List.	9.3.44	"	CAG 132A CAG 102A	JH

Published Biographies

Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who Served in World War 1, C Verco, A Summers, T Swain & M Jelly. July 2014

TURNER Charles Trevor

MC MB BS



1889 - 1977



Charles Trevor Turner was born in Morgan, SA on 2nd January 1889, the second son of Charles John Turner and Agnes Sarah Matilda, nee Street. He was educated at Perth Technical School, Western Australia. He studied medicine at the University of Adelaide and graduated MB BS in 1914.

Turner enlisted in World War I on 14th July 1915, at which time he was working at the Adelaide Hospital, and was posted to 2 AGH. He was single and his mother, of 113 Rundle Street, Kent Town, named as next of kin. He was 5ft 5ins tall, and weighed 13st. He was appointed RMO to the newly formed 1st Pioneer Battalion in Egypt on 15th March 1916. He was awarded the Military Cross on 5th June 1917 for *distinguished service in the Field* during action at Poziers, France. He was promoted major on 7th September 1917. He was posted to the 3rd AGH on 9th January 1918. He was Mentioned in Despatches. He returned to England on 8th January 1919 for return to Australia. He returned to Australia on the *Ceramic* as part of the staff on 25th January 1919. He disembarked in the Fourth Military District on 14th March 1919. His appointment was terminated on 6th May 1919. He was issued with the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and Victory Medal with Oak Leaves.

He continued in the Militia after the war. He became engaged to Katherine Rooke Page in 1919, the daughter of Seymour Rooke Page and Effie Fisher nee Beard born in Moonta on 23rd July 1896. They were married in St John's Church, Adelaide on 19th April 1922 and had four children. He was appointed as Medical Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital and was frequently called to give evidence in court or at coroner's inquiries. He was acting honorary assistant gynaecologist for 9 months whilst Dr Harold Powell was away in 1925. He was practising in Unley, South Australia in 1931. He enlisted in WW2 in Mount Gambier, South Australia and was called up for full time duty on 28th September 1942. After World War II he continued in the AAMC Reserve. Later he was practising in Mount Gambier. Turner's wife Katherine died on 1st March 1949 in Elsternwick, Victoria at the age of 52 years. Charles Trevor Turner died in Mitcham, Victoria in 1977 aged 89 years.

Sources:

National Archives of Australia
<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=1919959>
The South Australian Government Gazette 11th January 1915
Adelaide Advertiser 23rd December 1909
News 6th January 1931
Register 11th July 1922
South Australian Indexes of births deaths and Marriages
Ancestry.com
RAH Heritage Office

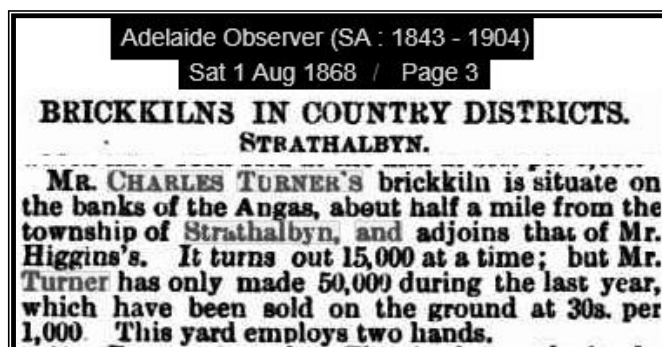
Additional Biography

Early Years

Charles Trevor Turner was born on the 2nd of January 1888 in the Riverland town of Morgan, South Australia.

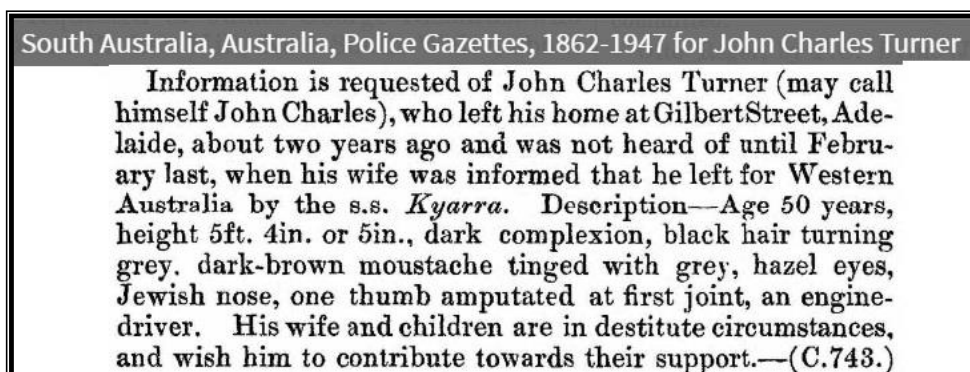


His family origins begin in England, with his grandfather, Charles (b 1827 - d 1890) emigrating from Wiltshire to South Australia with his wife Ann (née Rider b 1819 - d 1894) in the early 1850s where he set up one of the early brick kilns in the Strathalbyn area.



Charles' father, Charles John Turner (b 1855 - d 1940), known as John Turner, was born at "Littlecut Farm", Belvidere, Strathalbyn, South Australia, while his mother, Agnes Sarah Matilda Street (b 1854 - d 1935) had come to Australia from Birmingham, England. They were married in 1878 in Wentworth, New South Wales. Charles Trevor was the second youngest of their six children (3 girls and 3 Boys). (See Appendix 1)

Charles' father moved to Western Australian Goldfield's about 1903, leaving the Agnes and the family destitute back in South Australia.



Agnes also eventually moved to Western Australia with family members, and in 1909, they were living at Sandstone, near Coolgardie, where John was working in the minefields. In 1910, the family were residing at 174 Cheriton St, East Perth. By this time Charles had been attending school in Perth.

Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980 for Charles William John Turner	
Western Australia > 1909 > Coolgardie > Mount Magnet	
2676	Turner, Charles William John, Mt. Wittenoom, sheep farmer M
2677	Turner, Ellen Eliza, Mt. Wittenoom, married F
2678	Turner, Frederick, Black Range, labourer M
2679	Turner, George, Black Range, miner M
2680	Turner, John, Sandstone, miner M

Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980 for John Charles Turner	
Western Australia > 1910 > Perth > East Perth	
3057	Turner, Agnes, 174 Cheriton street, married F
3058	Turner, Albert Septimus Macedon, 40 Bronte street, carpenter M
3059	Turner, Annie, 38 Summers street, Perth, married F
3060	Turner, Charles, 38 Summers street, Perth, police constable M
3061	Turner, Gertrude May, 40 Bronte street, married F
3062	Turner, Jessie, 99 Trafalgar road, widow F
3063	Turner, John Charles, 174 Cheriton street, engine-driver M

By 1913, Agnes was living at Claisebrook Road, Perth, however her husband was not at this residence, so may have again been living in the goldfields.

Education

After moving to Western Australia, Charles attended Perth Technical School where he excelled in his final year in 1909. He made the Senior Public Examinations Honours List for English Literature and gained a Credit in Latin. The previous year he had only passed one subject, so now 20 years of age he had finally demonstrated his academic ability.

Adelaide University

Following completion of his secondary education, he decided to study medicine. At the time Western Australia did not have a medical school, so Charles came to South Australia and enrolled at the University of Adelaide. Other members of the Turner family were still residing in Adelaide.

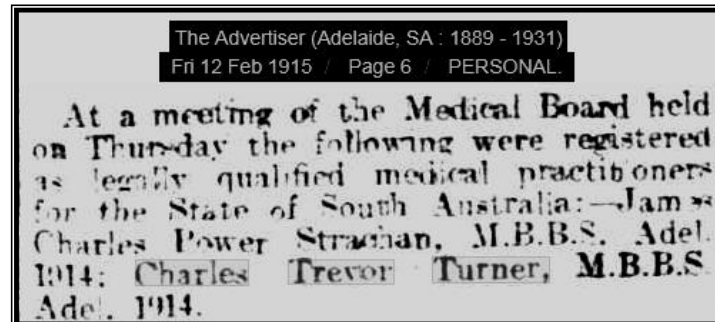
He was a brilliant medical student and topped (or equal) his year from 1910 until 1914 when he graduated. He was awarded the following prizes.

- Elder Prize (2nd Year Medicine - 1911)
- Dr Davies Thomas Scholarship (3rd Year Medicine - 1912)
- Dr Davies Thomas Scholarship (4th Year Medicine - 1913)

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)	
Fri 28 Nov 1913 / Page 7 / UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.	
New Regulations:—Fourth Year (in order of merit).—First Class.—Haste, Reginald Arthur, B.Sc., and Turner, Charles Trevor, equal. Second Class.—Wall, Frederick Lawrence; Hayward, Lancelot Alfred; Wibberley, Brian William, B.Sc. Third Class.—Gardner, Jack Forrest; Cockburn, Patrick; Beard, Jack Roland Stanley Grose; Steele, Kenneth Nugent. Recommended for the Dr. Davies Thomas Scholarship.—Reginald Arthur Haste, B.Sc., and Charles Trevor Turner, equal.	

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE	
—Fifth Year.—	
(In order of merit).	
—First Class.—	
None.	
—Second Class.—	
Haste, Reginald Arthur, B.Sc., and Turner, Charles Trevor (equal); Beard, Jack Roland Stanley Grose, and Wall, Frederick Laurence (equal); Smith, Walter Leonard.	
—Third Class.—	
Steele, Kenneth Nugent; Wibberley, Brian William, B.Sc.; George, Mildred May; Hayward, Lancelot Alfred; Williams, Arthur Evan; and Cockburn, Patrick (equal); Guymer, Ernest Albert; Strachan, James Charles Power, and Gardner, John Forrest (equal); Godfrey, Kirke Charles.	

After graduating MB BS in 1914, he was registered to practice in February 1915 and secured a position at the Adelaide Hospital.



Adelaide University Sport

While at Adelaide University Charles played football for the "Blacks" from 1912 until 1915. He was Captain of the B Grade team and a premiership player in 1914.

1914 B Grade Premiership Team



Charles Trevor Turner (Middle Row in centre)

There is no record of Charles playing cricket for Adelaide University, however he later participated in cricket matches played on University oval between the honorary medical staff and resident doctors.

Early Medical Career and World War 1 Enlistment

Following his graduation, Charles obtained a position as a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital, where he would have gained valuable experience before enlisting in May 1915. At that time, his mother was listed as his next-of-kin and residing at 113 Rundle St., Kent Town South Australia¹. He was commissioned with the rank of Captain and by August 1915 he was overseas and assigned to the 2nd Australian General Hospital located in Egypt. Soon after, in December 1915, with the Gallipoli evacuation complete, he was transferred to the newly formed 1st Pioneer Battalion as a medical officer and in March 1916, after a period of training in Egypt, was shipped out to France and was soon seeing action on the Western Front. The following excerpt from Wikipedia gives some indication of the 1st Pioneer Battalion's activity.

"After a short period of training at Serapeum, in Egypt, in late March 1916 the 1st Pioneer Battalion embarked on a troopship from the port of Alexandria, bound for Marseilles. After landing in France, they boarded a train and were subsequently transported to the Somme. From there, the 1st Pioneers moved to Armentieres where they established a camp, in an area which was dubbed a "nursery" sector by the Allies, where newly arrived units could gain their first experience of fighting on the Western Front. They subsequently entered the front line around Fleurbaix.

At Fleurbaix, the 1st Pioneers received new equipment and in late May were tasked with assisting the 2nd Australian Tunnelling Company in digging a mine towards German lines around the Cordonnerie Salient, where they were positioned opposite the 6th Bavarian Reserve Division. On the night of 30/31 May, the sector of the line the pioneers were digging under was subjected to a heavy artillery bombardment, followed by a trench raid. In the confusion that followed several of the battalion's personnel were killed or taken prisoner. One member of the battalion, Private William Cox, was subsequently nominated for a posthumous Victoria Cross for his actions during the raid, refusing to leave his pumping station despite the danger and despite already having been wounded. The award was later downgraded to a Mention in Despatches.

The battalion subsequently served on the Western Front until the end of the war in late 1918. After the battalion's introduction to trench warfare around Fleurbaix it was committed to the Battle of Pozieres in July 1916 where, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Edmund Nicholson – an artillery officer who had served at Gallipoli – they laid the form-up trench for the attack, before being committed to the capture of the village itself. The battalion's losses in its first battle amounted to 180 killed or wounded. During the next two-and-a-half years, the battalion fought in most of the main battles that the Australians fought in along the Western Front. They took part in the Battle of Mouquet Farm later in 1916, and in early 1917, they were tasked with extending a light railway system towards Fremicourt as part of preparations for the Battle of Bullecourt. Later in the year, they took part in the Third Battle of Ypres, taking part in actions around the Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde Ridge and Passchendaele. Later, around Ypres in October, the battalion worked to clear the Ypres–Zonnebeke road, which had virtually disappeared under a layer of thick mud and debris due to a prolonged artillery bombardment.

In early 1918, the Germans launched their Spring Offensive during which the 1st Pioneer Battalion, which had spent the winter around Messines, supported the 1st Division's operations around Hazebrouck in April, establishing the division's trench systems. From April 1918 until the end of the war, the battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Murdoch. After the defeat of the German offensive, a lull period followed during which the Allied armies sought to regain the initiative through a series of small scale actions dubbed peaceful penetrations, which were carried out throughout June and July 1918. During the Allied Hundred Days Offensive that was launched in August, which finally brought about an end to the war in late 1918, the pioneers took part in the Allied offensive around Amiens, supporting the capture of Lihons and then the exploitation beyond Proyart, losing around 80 casualties during the month. The following month they followed up the drive through the Somme until the 1st Division was withdrawn from the line in late September 1918. They remained out of the line until the armistice in November 1918 and did not see any further action. After the war, the battalion was disbanded in May 1919 as part of the demobilisation of the AIF and its personnel were repatriated back to Australia."

Wikipedia - 1st Pioneer Battalion

¹ Electoral Rolls still also have her living in Western Australia.

Captain Charles Trevor Turner was awarded the Military Cross in June 1917 and later in September was promoted to the rank of Major.

After returning to Australia at the end of hostilities and following his discharge in 1919, he was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital. The following articles from the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Royal Australian College of Surgeons history archives provide some information on his association with the Adelaide Hospital and his War service.

World War 1 Adelaide Hospital Dr Charles T Turner

World War 1 Medical Staff – Adelaide Hospital

Dr. Charles Trevor Turner worked at the Adelaide Hospital as a Resident Medical Officer (RMO) in 1915. In March 1916 he enlisted in the First Pioneer Battalion, Australian Imperial Force (AIF). His actions were documented and he was awarded with the Military Cross on 7th March 1917. The document citation for the Military Cross, held in the Australian War Memorial, reads in part:

At Pozieres, France, on 23rd July 1916, Captain Turner formed his Dressing station near Battn. Headquarters in Sunken Road Valley, at commencement of operations against Pozieres. The shell fire was so severe that the Battn. Headquarters were transferred to Contalmaison. Capt. Turner, however, finding he was doing most useful work, remained there during the whole operation (battle) in a hastily constructed dugout. He was thus able to attend to the many wounded men who made their way or were carried down the valley. It is stated he treated over 300 cases and did special eye work.



Military cross

He was issued with the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and Victory Medal.



1914-15 Star



British War Medal, 1914-1918



Victory Medal 1914-19

On return to Australia in 1919, Dr Turner became Medical Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital. It is generally accepted that Dr Turner gave the earliest blood transfusion in the hospital, in the mid-1920's, using a 20ml syringe with a two way stopcock. From 1925 – 1929 he was Acting Honorary Assistant Gynaecologist at the Adelaide Hospital, followed by Honorary Assistant Surgeon from 1930 – 1934.

During World War II, Dr Turner enlisted once again and commenced his service for the AIF from 1941 – 44.

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Dr Charles Trevor Turner (Major AMC AIF) completed a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide on 16 December 1914.

Dr Turner left Australia for the front during World War I. Throughout his service in the Australian Imperial Forces, Captain Charles Trevor Turner treated over 500 soldiers under severe shell fire, with a large percent requiring special eye work. He remained at the front for the whole operation in a hastily constructed dug-out.

In recognition, the Military Cross was awarded to Captain Turner for his work during the battle at Pozieres on 23 July 1916.



Military Cross awarded to
Captain C. T. Turner

In further recognition of his service for the Australian Imperial Force in an active theatre of war he was awarded the 1914-15 Star Medal, the British War Medal (for completing 28 days of mobilised service between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918), and the Victory Medal (as a recipient of the 1914-15 Star and British War Medal and for serving in active war between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918).



British War Medal, 1914-
1918



1914-1915 Star Medal



British Victory Medal 1914-
1919

On his return to South Australia, Captain Turner became Medical Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital on 10 July 1919 until he resigned to go into private practice in 1925. He became a registered Medical Practitioner on 9 September 1946 by the Medical Board of Victoria and set up his residence in Elsternwick, Victoria.

"Turner's two outstanding characteristics as Superintendent were his clinical acumen and his sharp and sarcastic tongue [...] His principal interest was in surgery and he will be remembered as the wicket-keeper for the Honorary Staff cricket team." – J. Estcourt Hughes, 1967.

Dr Turner is recognised as the first person to perform blood transfusions at the (Royal) Adelaide Hospital:

"It is generally accepted that Dr Charles Turner, [then the] Medical Superintendent, Royal Adelaide Hospital, gave the earliest transfusions in the hospital in the mid-1920s, probably 1925, using a 20mL syringe and a two way stopcock." – Dr R. W. Beal, A.M., Royal Adelaide Hospital Foundation Day Address, 12 July 1989.

◁ Australian Surgical Teams in South Vietnam, South Australian Staff, presentation to the South Australian Fellows of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) c 1967

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Tue 1 Aug 1922 / Page 1

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Killed by Falling Beam.

On Tuesday morning in Police Court No. 2 the City Coroner (Dr. Ramsay Smith) conducted an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Alfred Jasper Best, who died at the Adelaide Hospital on July 28, from injuries received on July 5 while working in a cooling tower at the works of the Adelaide Electric Supply Company. Sir Frank Moulden watched the proceedings in behalf of the company.

Joshua Best, of 30 Robert street, Adelaide, father of the deceased, identified the body as that of his son. He said deceased was 35 years of age, and resided with him.

Dr. Charles Trevor Turner, medical superintendent at the Adelaide Hospital, said Best was admitted to the Hospital and died on July 28. Death had been due to toxæmia.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) / Sat 1 Jan 1927

FOUND DROWNED.

BODY IN RIVER TORRENS.

On Thursday the assistant City Coroner (Mr. C. L. Mathews) conducted an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Albert Newstead, whose body was found in the River Torrens on Sunday afternoon.

Beatrice Catherine Graham, widow, of Hatswell-street, Hackney, said she had known the deceased for four years. She had identified the body as that of Albert Newstead, who boarded with her for three years. The deceased was in very poor health, and was a heavy drinker. During the week prior to his death he had been drinking heavily. The deceased had told her that if he found

he had anything the matter with him he would do away with himself.

Dr. Charles Trevor Turner, of Unley, said he had examined the body, which was in a state of decomposition. There were no external marks of violence. The organs generally were healthy. The lungs, however, showed signs of old healed tuberculosis. It was difficult to state the cause of death, owing to the decomposition, but the conditions were compatible with drowning.

John Farringdown, of North-terrace, Adelaide, boatman, and Water-Constable James Masson also gave evidence.

The Coroner's finding was that Albert Newstead, probably identical with Edger Walter Bertie Newstead, came to his death on or about December 15 by drowning, but there was no evidence to show how the body came to be in the water.

Death From Poisoning

Albert Ernest Hoskin, 52 years of age, baker, who was discovered in a dying condition at Parade Grounds, Adelaide, early on Thursday morning, came to his death from poisoning by his own act, according to the finding of Dr. Ramsay Smith (City Coroner) at an inquest at the Deputation Room, Education Buildings, Flinders street, this morning.

John Henry Synnott, of Rose street, Prospect, told the coroner that he was walking through Parade Grounds about 6.30 o'clock in the morning when groans attracted his attention to a man kneeling near Government House wall.

Witness said, "What is the matter? Are you ill?" He received no reply, and called a constable.

Constable Thomas George Allen said that when he made an examination about five minutes later the man appeared to be dead. Near the body were two handkerchiefs which smelt strongly of lysol. In a coat pocket was a lysol bottle.

Dr. Charles Trevor Turner, of Unley Park, said that in his opinion death was due to poisoning from carbolic acid, or some preparation from it. None of the organs was diseased.

Victor St. Clair Hoskin, of Unley (son of deceased), said that his father had lived at various places recently. He last saw him on August 30. About two and a half years ago at Berri deceased had attempted to poison himself.

Child's Death Due To Heart Failure

At an inquest yesterday into the death of Kevin James Graham, an infant, who died at Halifax street, city, on September 28, the Coroner (Mr. Blackburn) found the cause of death to be heart failure, due to the infant's thymic state.

Dr. Arthur Charles Savage said that he had examined the child when called by the parents. The only abnormality appeared to be a slightly distended stomach. The child was well nourished.

Dr. Charles Trevor Turner, of Unley road, Unley Park, said that he conducted a post-mortem examination. The thymus gland was a great deal larger than in children of a similar age. In his opinion death was due to heart failure, which was consequent upon the thymic state. In such cases death might be sudden, sometimes accompanied by convulsions. This state was assumed as the cause of death of many infants who died in the first month of their life.

Now in his 40s, as a member of the Adelaide Hospital Honorary Staff Cricket Team, Charles played in the annual matches against the resident medical staff.



DOCTORS AT PLAY

At the University Oval yesterday afternoon members of the honorary medical staff at the Adelaide Hospital played a game of cricket against the resident doctors. (1) Sir Henry Newland and Dr. D'Arcy Cowan, the opening batsmen for the honorary staff. (2) Drs. R. Magarey, H. M. Jay, C. T. Turner, and R. Burston. (3) Drs. Brian Swift and Harry C. Nott.

Krischock photo.



HONORARY STAFF MEMBERS scored a win over Adelaide Hospital House Surgeons in a cricket match on the 'Varsity Oval yesterday. Drs. C. T. Turner, I. B. Jose, and B. Swift watching their side pile up the runs. Adelaide Photos. by Krischock.

CRICKET

DOCTORS AT PLAY

At the University Oval on Wednesday afternoon, members of the honorary medical staff of the Adelaide Hospital played a cricket match against members of the resident medical staff of the hospital. Scores:—

HONORARY STAFF

B. H. Swift, c. Hurst, b. Hodby	23
H. C. Nott, b. Hughes	39
P. S. Messent, b. Hodby	7
E. E. Magarey, b. Gillett	1
H. M. Jay, c. James, b. Smith	20
C. T. Turner, c. and b. James	8
S. R. Burston, c. Verco, b. James ..	0
D. R. W. Cowan, run out	20
H. S. Newland, c. Gillett, b. Hurst ..	5
L. B. Jose, b. Hurst	1
J. B. Dawson, not out	3
F. H. Beare, stpd. Smith, b. Reilly ..	6
J. E. Beard, stpd. Smith, b. Reilly ..	0
Sundries	6

Total 139

Bowling.—Verco, none for 36; Hodby, two for 25; Gillett, one for 14; Hughes, one for 6; Smith, one for 15; Shanahan, none for 8; Hurst, two for 15; James, two for 16; Gribble, none for 6; Reilly, two for 12.

RESIDENT STAFF

A. D. Smith, b. Beare	41
J. M. Dwyer, b. Newland	4
J. E. Hughes, c. Messent, b. Jay ..	27
E. L. Verco, b. Jay	28
B. P. Gillett, l.b.w. b. Newland ..	7
L. D. Hodby, stpd. Turner, b. Jose ..	9
P. W. Shanahan, c. Messent, b. Newland	1
D. R. James, stpd. Turner, b. Jose ..	3
H. H. Hurst, c. Nott, b. Jose	0
P. J. Reilly, run out	0
A. E. Gribble, not out	1
Sundries	10

Total 131

Bowling.—H. S. Newland, three for 22; Cowan, none for 9; Magarey, none for 18; Jose, three for 24; Beare, one for 18; Jay, two for 20; Swift, none for 4; Messent, none for one.

DOCTORS AT CRICKET

Medical Officers Beat House Surgeons

HONORARY Medical Officers defeated the House Surgeons of the Adelaide Hospital on the University Oval yesterday.

L. C. E. Linden made 88 in 62 minutes for the medical officers. He hit a six and 11 fours. J. M. Dwyer made 60 for the house surgeons and as wicketkeeper stumped four batsmen and caught three. R. V. Pridmore took six wickets for 31 runs.

Scores:—

HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS	
B. H. Swift, b. Hanson	10
L. C. E. Linden, c. Dwyer, b. Pridmore ..	88
D. R. W. Cowan, st. Dwyer, b. Pridmore ..	19
H. C. Nott, st. Dwyer, b. Pridmore	0
H. M. Jay, run out	7
A. H. Jones, st. Dwyer, b. Pridmore	7
L. B. Jose, not out	30
C. T. Turner, c. Dwyer, b. Reilly	8
P. S. Messent, b. Hodby	13
K. R. Burston, st. Dwyer, b. Pridmore ..	7
A. F. Hobbs, c. Dwyer, b. Pridmore	0
Sundries	3

Total 187

Bowling

Hodby 1/31, Hansen 1/35, Pridmore 6/31. Downing 0/20, Hughes 0/24, Reilly 1/23, Nattrass 0/14.

HOUSE SURGEONS

W. L. Reid, c. Cowan, b. Jones	13
J. M. Dwyer, l.w. b. Jay	60
J. E. Hughes, b. Jay	4
L. B. Hodby, b. Jay	2
B. S. Hanson, c. Nott, b. Jay	2
R. V. Pridmore, run out	2
B. C. Downing, c. Nott, b. Jose	6
D. K. McKenzie, b. Cowan	6
K. F. Cooper, b. Cowan	0
R. H. Nattrass, c. Swift, b. Cowan	7
P. J. Reilly, not out	0
Sundries	13

Total 114

Bowling

Swift 0/11, Jay 5/42, Britten-Jones 1/9, Jose 2/16, Cowan 2/13, Messent 0/8.



J. M. Dwyer

Doctors To Play Cricket

On the University Oval today at 1.30 p.m., the annual medical cricket match will be played between members of the honorary staff and the house surgeons of the Adelaide Hospital. The teams chosen are:—

House Surgeons—Drs. R. V. Pridmore, W. L. Reid, J. M. Dwyer, R. Krantz, W. W. Jolly, S. C. Downing, R. Hinchley, W. J. Long, B. S. Hanson, S. J. Douglas, and D. K. McKenzie.

Honorary staff—Drs. S. R. Burston, N. S. Gunning, H. Jay, A. B. Jones, I. B. Jose, L. C. E. Lindon, P. S. Messent, H. C. Nott, W. A. Pryor, B. H. Swift, and C. T. Turner.

Doctors At Cricket

The annual cricket match between the honorary and house surgeons of the Adelaide Hospital was played on the University Oval yesterday afternoon. Scores:—

Honorary Surgeons.—H. C. Nott, c. Dwyer, b. Hanson, 25; B. H. Swift, c. Pellew, b. Dwyer, 4; H. M. Jay, c. Pellew, b. Hanson, 8; L. C. E. Lindon, c. Rice, b. Pellew, 1; F. H. Beare, c. and b. O'Connor, 13; C. T. Turner, c. Cleland, b. Hanson, 0; P. S. Messent, c. Hanson, b. Cleland, 14; W. Pryor, c. and b. O'Connor, 0; R. Magarey, c. and b. O'Connor, 7; A. F. Hobbs, not out, 4; sundries, 19; total (for nine wickets), 100. Bowling—Gallagher, 2 for 12; Dwyer, 1 for 24; Pellew, 1 for 16; Hanson, 3 for 6; Cleland, 1 for 5; O'Connor, 3 for 9.

House Surgeons.—L. J. Pellew, retired, 65; J. M. Dwyer, b. Nott, 20; R. J. O'Connor, b. Beare, 17; B. S. Hanson, c. Lindon, b. Beare, 0; J. D. Rice, b. Beare, 0; J. H. Gray, b. Messent, 0; W. Cleland, b. Lindon, 21; N. Bonnin, st., b. Messent, 0; W. E. Gallagher, not out, 0; J. L. Hayward, st., b. Hobbs, 1; L. A. Cock, c. Lindon, b. Hobbs, 0; sundries, 7; total, 131. Bowling—Beare, 3 for 18; Nott, 1 for 39; Messent, 2 for 9; Lindon, 1 for 4; Hobbs, 2 for 0.

In 1935 Charles accepted a position as Medical Officer at the Mount Gambier Hospital.

Executive Council last week appointed Dr. C. T. Turner medical officer at Mount Gambier Hospital in succession to Dr. C. Yeatman, who has resigned.

The following newspaper articles give some insight into Charles' interests and activities at Mount Gambier.

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954)
Sat 5 Jun 1937 / Page 1

Doctor Injured

MOUNT GAMBIER, Saturday.—Dr C. T. Turner, medical officer of the Mount Gambier Hospital, was injured, although not seriously, when his car left the Penola road and crashed into a fence this afternoon. His car was considerably damaged.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954)
Tue 12 Oct 1937 / Page 4

TURNER CUP TO W. ROWE.

Plays Good Golf in Final.

The Turner Cup, presented by Dr. C. T. Turner for the play-off among B Grade monthly medal winners, was won by W. Rowe, who defeated V. D. Gordon in the final at the week-end.

Rowe, who reduced his handicap by four strokes with a good round on Saturday, again struck form in the final, and won five up with four to play. Gordon played well in parts, but was not hitting them as well as usual. Both finalists had won two monthly medals during the season.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954)
Tue 26 Apr 1938 / Page 1

Diggers' Reunion Social.

The annual Diggers' re-union social was held in the R.S.L. clubroom last night, when a very representative gathering of returned men and visitors was present. A long toast list was enjoyed and numerous items were rendered by local artists.

In the unavoidable absence of the President of the Mount Gambier sub-branch (Mr. L. J. Laslett), Mr. A. M. Thompson presided and welcomed the gathering in a happy characteristic speech.

The following was the toast list:—
"The Day We Celebrate", Mr. A. M. Thompson; "The Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia", the Mayor (Mr. W. E. Pyne), response by Mr. C. H. Tomkins; "The Town and District", Dr. C. T. Turner, response Mr. W. E. Pyne; "The Army Navy and Air Force", Mr. C. S. Mugford, response Dr. J. R. L. Willis (navy), Dr. H. R. Hawkins (air force), Lieut. T. J. Daly (army); "The Australian Army Medical Corps and Nurses", Mr. S. H. Woods, response Dr. G. N. Lorimer; "The Visitors", Mr. G. C. Barnard, responses Messrs. A. Douglas, A. Shepherdson and the "Border Watch" representative; "The Artists", response Mr. Alf. Douglas.

Items were rendered by Messrs. J. Holland, C. S. Mugford, Alf. Douglas and W. M. D. Hunt.

At 9 o'clock the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Trumpeter J. Hannagan, and the gathering remembered fallen comrades in the usual way.

Opening Of Golf Season Soon

MOUNT GAMBIER CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

**Dr. C. T. Turner New
President**

Newly Elected Officers

After two successful years as President, Mr. E. A. Molony has retired from that position, and Dr. C. T. Turner was elected to the Presidency at the annual meeting. Mr. H. L. Noblett will again be captain this year, and with Mr. D. N. John as Secretary once more, the Club has a particularly able Executive. The complete list of officers elected is appended:—

President—Dr. C. T. Turner.
Vice-presidents—Messrs. G. P. Freeman and E. A. Molony.
Captain—Mr. H. L. Noblett.
Treasurer—Mr. D. A. Roberts.
Auditor—Mr. J. R. Dowling.
Secretary—Mr. D. N. John.

In April 1940, Charles' father John passed away, his mother Agnes had died in 1935.

TURNER.—On the 18th of April, at a private hospital, Adelaide, John Charles, relict of Sarah Matilda (Agnes) Turner, and father of Elsie (deceased), Vic. Alice, Annie, Charles Stanley (deceased), aged 86 years.

Mrs Turner also participated in community affairs and was a member of the Country Women's Association



MOUNT GAMBIER WOMEN'S DISPLAY. In connection with the Country Women's Association's Wool Exhibition in the Caledonian Hall, Mount Gambier, recently, a national costumes pageant was held. From left: Mrs. L. A. DeGaris (France), Mrs. J. H. Bark (India), Miss M. Kennedy (Norway), Mrs. S. Uphill (Germany), Mrs. Fred Mitchell (New Zealand), Miss G. Chester (Denmark), Mrs. P. Sutherland (Scotland), Mrs. H. W. Hart (Canada), Mrs. J. D. F. Harrison (England), Miss B. Reynolds (Wales), Mrs. Connegrove (Poland), Mrs. H. R. Hawkins (Holland), Miss N. Hunt (Australia), Miss Joan Sheppard (Switzerland), Mrs. H. L. K. Bartlett (Belgium), Mrs. C. T. Turner (U.S.A.), Mrs. E. Molony (Czechoslovakia).—WAGON.

Golf Season In Full Swing

FIRST STROKE ROUND

**RICHARDSON WINS WITH
NET 61**

**EQUALS PREVIOUS RECORD
BY IVO**

Under ideal weather conditions members of the Mount Gambier Golf Club played the first 18 hole stroke competition of the season at Attamurra on Saturday when a good field of 44 players took out



Dr. C. T. Turner in action. He is President of the Mount Gambier Club this season, and an enthusiastic as ever about golf and its administration.

World War II

Charles served in WW2 from December 1941 - 1944 and was called up as a surgeon at Australian Military Hospital 105 (Daw Park) for 6 months in 1942. Built by the South Australian Government as a military hospital it was planned that it would be used as a repatriation hospital after the War. Major Turner's service continued until February 1944 when he suffered a broken ankle ("attributed to conditions of service") and was placed on the retired list.

MOUNT GAMBIER AND DISTRICT.

(From our correspondent.)

MOUNT GAMBIER, Monday.

Medical Service.—Dr. C. T. Turner, who has been called up for six months' army service, left Mount Gambier on Friday. He is to be attached to the surgical staff of a military hospital. Mrs Turner is to remain in Mount Gambier for the present.

In 1944 Charles was involved in the plans for a new hospital for Mount Gambier.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954) / Thu 2 Nov 1944 / Page 3

Need Stressed For New Mt. Gambier Hospital

Detailed Evidence Given Before Public Works Committee

The urgent need for a new hospital was evident when members of the medical profession, Drs. C. T. Turner, J. R. L. Willis and C. E. King; the Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. S. C. Davis; Matron Rowe, and the Town Clerk (Mr. F. E. Sharley) gave evidence before the Public Works Standing Committee last Friday.

Plans of a three-storey building, estimated to cost £125,000 and prepared by the Architect-in-Chief, Mr. Lindsay, were on the table for inspection. The building provides accommodation for 125 beds, including a maternity wing and isolation block.

Members of the Public Works Standing Committee are Mr. A. W. Christian, M.P. (Chairman), Hon. J. L. S. Bice, M.L.C., Hon. F. J. Condon, M.L.C., Messrs. A.W. Lacey, M. R. O'Halloran, H. H. Shannon and J. Fletcher, M's P., and Mr. White (Secretary).

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954), Saturday 11 November 1944, page 3

Medical Officers Give Evidence For New Hospital

Several Alterations and Additions to Plan Suggested

The Medical Officer of the Mt. Gambier General Hospital (Dr. C. T. Turner), in giving evidence before the Public Works Standing Committee when they recently visited Mt. Gambier, generally approved of the plans for the new hospital, with a few reservations. He suggested several alterations to the X-ray department and some additions to that and the operating theatres. Dr. C. E. King and Dr. J. R. L. Willis expressed views in accordance with the plans and agreed with Dr. Turner's suggestions.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954)

Thu 17 Jan 1946 / Page 1

To Practice In Mt. Gambier

Dr. H. R. Oaten, of Penola, is leaving that town at the end of next month to work in conjunction with Dr. C. T. Turner, of Mt. Gambier. Sq/Ldr. Neal Oldfield, of Adelaide, will take over Dr. Oaten's medical practice at Penola.

The date of Dr. Oaten's entering practice here is still uncertain but it is thought he will start work at the end of February or early in March.

In 1946 Charles was facing several issues at the hospital including overcrowding for maternity patients and staff shortages.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954)

Sat 19 Jan 1946 / Page 1

Maternity Hospital Matters

Dr. C. T. Turner stated yesterday that since 4th December last there had been 9 births at the Mt. Gambier General Hospital.

He was now making arrangements so that there would be no overcrowding of maternity cases at Boringen. Up to 10 cases could be conveniently handled there, and any number exceeding 10 was treated at the General Hospital. At present there were two maternity patients in the General, and each had a baby. Dr. Turner said he had recently taken out figures from records available to him, and he was of the opinion that there were 100 patients per year of cases pertaining to pregnancy which were not revealed by the number of births recorded.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)

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WOMEN VOLUNTEER FOR HOSPITAL WORK

Staff Shortage At Mount Gambier

MT. GAMBIER, May 9.

At a meeting in the Civic Hall yesterday, 40 local women responded to an appeal by Dr. C. T. Turner to work one day a month in the hospital.

Dr. Turner said that recently 17 babies had to be quartered in a corridor, temporarily converted into a ward, because of shortage of accommodation and nurses. The normal staff of the hospital was a matron, 11 charge nurses, and 25 probationers, but it was now at the dangerous level of a matron, three nurses (who were required to teach the probationers), and 27 probationers.

There was an average of 12 maternity cases in the hospital at any one time. Five retired trained nurses living in the town came to the hospital for duty one day a week.

In 1946, the Turners moved from Mount Gambier to take over a medical practice at Elsternwick, Victoria.

Southern Cross (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1954)

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Dr. C. T. Turner left Mt. Gambier for Melbourne, after practising in Mt. Gambier for nearly 12 years.

Members of the Mount Gambier Club gathered to bid farewell to the doctor, and on a later occasion the staff of the Mount Gambier Hospital and medical officers of the town made a presentation to Dr. Turner. Other individual farewells have been accorded.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) / Wed 11 Sep 1946 /

DR. C. T. TURNER has Succeeded to the
Medical Practice of Dr. NORMAN WILSON,
of 269 Glenhuntly road, Elsternwick. LF3318.

Sadly, Charles wife, Katherine, died in March 1949. Married in 1922, they had four children: Helen (also a doctor), Rosemary, Katherine "Jane" and Charles Trevor jnr.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954)
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DEATH

TURNER—On March 1, at her home, 269 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick, Victoria, Catherine Rook, beloved wife of Charles Trevor Turner and mother of Helen, Rosemary, Jane, and Charles. Aged 52 years.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954)
Tue 1 Mar 1949 / Page 1

Death Of Mrs. C. T. Turner

Mrs. Turner, wife of Dr. C. T. Turner, died at her home, 269 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick, this morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Turner left Mt. Gambier three years ago.

Mrs. Turner was first president and one of the principal workers for the Cheer Up Hut. She was a member of the Mount Gambier Golf Club and was associated with the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund and was interested in school activities.

Sadly, Katherine had passed away only a few months before the marriage of two of her daughters.

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) / Sat 28 May 1949 / Page 33

SISTERS WED IN OLD FAMILY GOWN

Two sisters, Jane and Helen Turner, of Elsternwick, Victoria, who were married within a week of each other, both wore the wedding gown of their maternal grandmother, Mrs. S. R. Page, of North Adelaide.

IT is a lovely mellow magnolia satin gown with the tiny boned and tucked bodice and skirt flowing into a train from the fullness at the back.

Yesterday it was worn by Mrs. Page's grand-daughter, Jane, daughter of Dr. C. T. Turner, of Elsternwick, Victoria, and the late Mrs. Turner, at her marriage at St. Peter's College Chapel with well known golfer, John Wilkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkin, of Toorak.

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² John Wilkin as well as being a champion SA Golfer also captained Adelaide University Cricket Club's A Grade team in the early 1950s.

Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954), Saturday 21 May 1949, page 9

Officer from H.M.A.S. Sydney Marries

Naval uniform was worn by the bridegroom and the groomsmen at the marriage of Dr. Helen Seymour Turner, eldest daughter of Dr. C. T. Turner, Elsternwick, and the late Mrs. Turner, with Lieut. Guido James Willis, R.A.N., eldest son of Dr. J. R. L. Willis, Mount Gambler, S.A., and the late Mrs. Willis, at Christ Church, South Yarra. Archdeacon Schofield officiated.

A century-old veil of lace, held in place with a coronet of cream roses, was worn by the bride with her grandmother's gown of parchment satin, made with a square neckline and puffed sleeves, embroidered with pearls. She carried a bouquet of cream roses.

Miss June Turner attended her sister.

Lieut. Tony Lynnot, R.A.N., was best man.

The reception was held at Tudor Court, Caulfield.



Lieutenant G. J. Willis, R.A.N., and his bride, formerly Dr. Helen Turner, leaving Christ Church, South Yarra, with the bridesmaid, Miss June Turner, under a naval guard of honor after their marriage yesterday.

Death

Charles Trevor Turner died on the 28th of May 1977 at Mitcham Victoria. He was survived by his children and his second wife, Mona Hosking, who he had married shortly after Agnes' death.

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