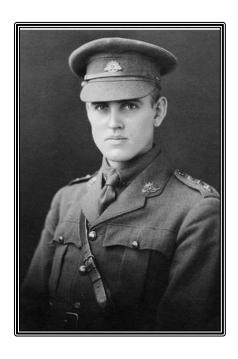


Capt. John Newton Webb



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1913 - 1914

Cricket Club: 1912/13 - 1914/15 B Grade

MBBS (Adelaide 1917) DPH (London 1920)

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of John Newton Webb. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AUFC/AUCC WW1 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The AIF Project - University of NSW



John Newton WEBB

Place of birth Melbourne Victoria

Religion Presbyterian

Occupation Medical practitioner

Address North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia

Marital status Single Age at embarkation 24

Next of kin Mother, Mrs F Webb, Trinity Rectory, North Terrace, Adelaide,

South Australia

Enlistment date 12 February 1918

Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll 12 January 1918

Rank on enlistment Captain

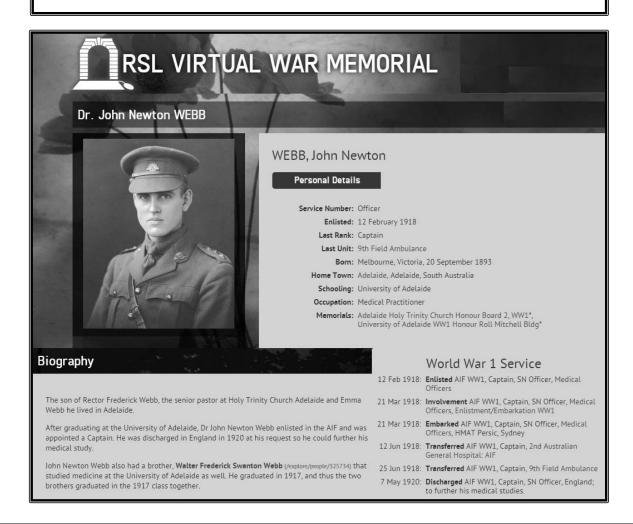
Unit name Medical Officers

Embarkation details Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT

A18 Wiltshire on 10 June 1918

Rank from Nominal Roll Captain

Unit from Nominal Roll Australian Army Medical Corps
Fate Effective abroad (still overseas)



WW1 Service Records

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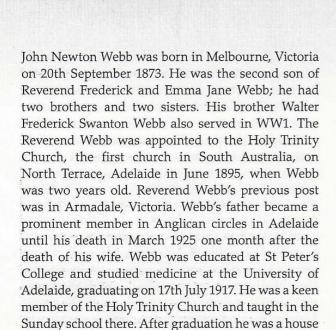
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WEBB John Newton

MB BS DPH

1893 - 1980



Webb joined the AAMC Reserve on 1st August 1917, following his medical registration and was posted to 7 AGH. He enlisted into the AIF on 12th January 1918 as a captain; he was single and living with his parents in Trinity Rectory, North Terrace Adelaide, South Australia. His mother was nominated as his next of kin. Military records incorrectly recorded his father as Frank Webb. He was described as 24 years and five months old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighed 140lbs, with fair complexion, blue eyes and brown hair and limited French. He embarked on *Persic* in Sydney on 21st March 1918 and disembarked in London on 24th May 1918. Webb proceeded to France via Folkestone on 12th Jun 1918. He was attached to 2 AGH initially but subsequently in June 1918 proceeded to 9 FdAmb.

surgeon at the Adelaide Hospital before enlisting in

the AIF five months later.



Webb was living in Melbourne with his sister when his father died in 1925. He was resident at 226 North Road, Brighton, Victoria, in 1939 when he wrote to the War Office saying that he had lost his medals and his Returned Soldiers Badge, and had them replaced at his expense for 13 shillings and nine pence. He did not appear to have married. John Newton Webb died in Alphington, Victoria in 1980, aged 86 years.

accepted lightly and he made several declarations

confirming that he would return to South Australia

after his course was completed. He was issued with

the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Sources:

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Additional Biography

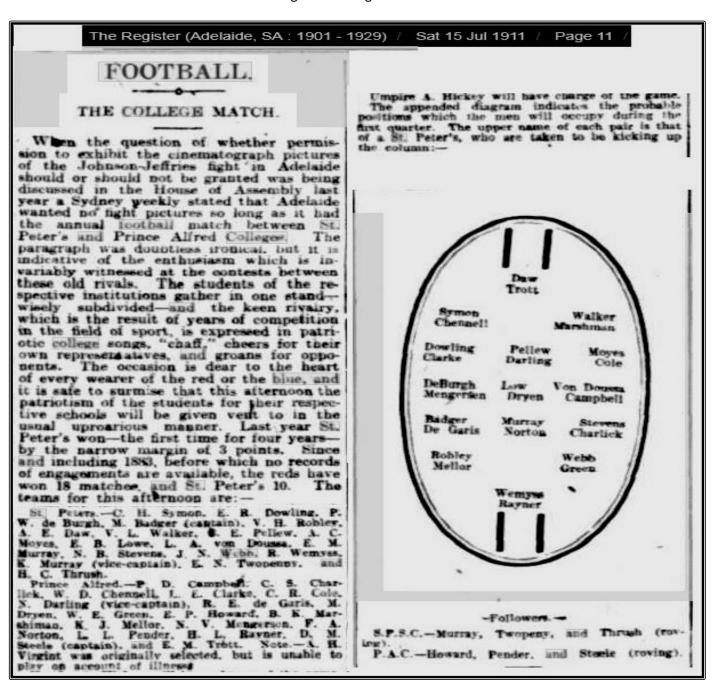
John Newton Webb was born on the 20th of September 1893, to the Reverend Frederick Webb and Emma Jane (née Barnes). John's father was an Anglican Minister who had come to Adelaide from Armadale, Victoria, two years earlier, after being appointed to Holy Trinity Church, North Terrace, Adelaide. He had an older brother Walter, an older sister Victoria and a younger brother and sister Arthur and Dorothy.

Education

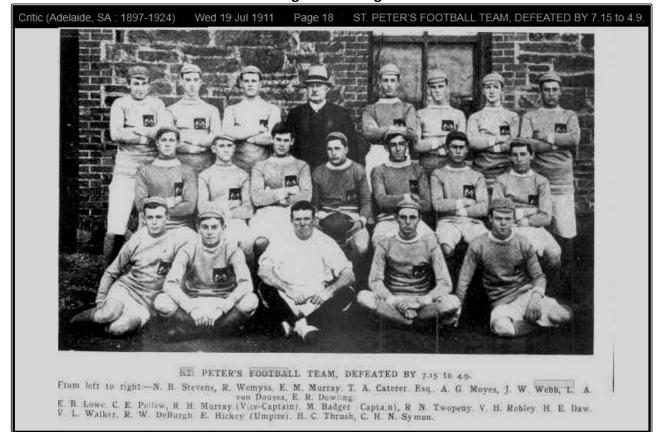
John and his brothers would all attend St Peters College and the University of Adelaide and become doctors. John attended the University from 1912 - 1917, Walter from 1911 - 1914 and 1916 - 1918 and Arthur from 1916 - 1922. Walter had enlisted in November 1914 after completing his 3rd year examinations and served in Egypt with the 1st Australian General Hospital. Walter then returned to Adelaide and was discharged in July 1915 to complete his studies. After finishing the 1918 year he then travelled to Scotland and completed his medical and surgical qualifications in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Sport at St Peters College

John was a member of the 1911 St Peter's College Intercollegiate football team.



1911 St Peter's College Intercollegiate Football Team



Sport at Adelaide University

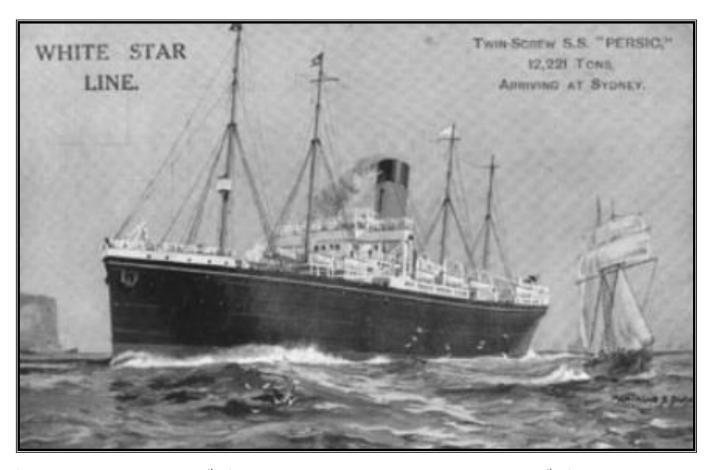
At Adelaide University he played football in 1913 and 1914 and was a member of the 1914 B Grade Premiership team playing alongside his older brother Walter.



John is in the back row and is 3rd player from the right (in a hooped jumper)

War service

After graduating MBBS in July 1917 and with only two month's experience as house surgeon at the Adelaide Hospital, John joined the Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC) Reserve in August and was assigned to the 7th Australian General Hospital (AGH) at Keswick South Australia. Following enlisting for service abroad in January 1918, John received a commission (with the rank of Captain). He then embarked from Sydney on the 21st of March 1918, aboard the *A34 HMAT Persic* arriving in London after 2 months at sea. The *SS Persic* had been seconded as a troop carrier for the duration of the War from the White Star Line (also owner of the *Titanic* 1911-1912)



After arriving in London on the 25th of May 1918, John then proceeded to France on the 12th of June 1918 and was assigned to the 2AGH based at Wimereaux on the northern coast of France. Shortly thereafter he was transferred to the 9th Field Ambulance.



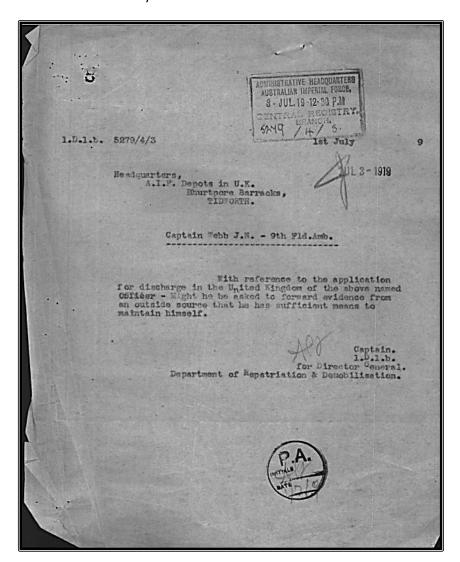


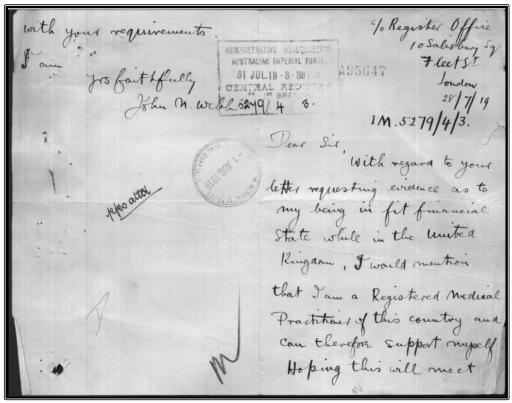


John remained in France for the course of hostilities and after the Armistice. In April 1919, he returned to England (via Folkestone) and reported to AIF Headquarters London. He then took extended periods of leave without pay.

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John resigned his commission in June 1920 to undertake a Diploma in Public Health at the University College London. To be discharged from service, prior to returning to Australia, required him to meet certain stringent requirements including a guarantee a return to Australia by the end of 1921.





STATUTORY DEGLARATION.

I. JOHN HENTON THES formerly of North Terrace, Adelaide
in the State of South Australia, Medical Practioner, at present
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Army Medical Corps as a Captain do solemnly and sincerely declare as
follows:-

- 1. That I am at present undergoing a course of study of Public Health at University College, London and am desirous of completing the course before 31st December 1921.
- 2. That I am still a member of the ust. Imperial Porce.
- 3. That I am desirous of obtaining my discharge from service with the aust. Imperial Perce as aforesaid to enable me to pursue my studies.
- 4. That I intend and hereby undertake and agree that I will on sompletion of much course of studies return to my former residence in South Australia aforesaid and in any event to depart from England on route for Australia on or before the Slat seconder 1931.
- 5. That my father is at present resident in South Austrelia and is by profession a Clergyson and all my interests and istate are centred in the State of South Australia.
- 6. That I am in a position to obtain means whereby I shall be able to maintain and support nguelf during the time that I propose to remain in England and until I return to Australia.

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Director-General, Repatriation & Demobilisation, 54, Victoria Street, S.W.

Reference your D.D. 5265 of 22.5.19.

Herewith please find application from Captain J.N. Webb for educational leave, to be followed by discharge in United Kingdom. This officer wishes to obtain the Diploma of Public Health which entails a nine months course and, in view of the present need for medical officers who possess this Diploma, it is recommended that :-

- Captain Webb be granted leave on full pay, plus subsistence, from date to 31.10.19.
- 2. Discharge in U.K. on 1.11.19.
- 3. He is not called upon to refund under ruling of 12.5.19.

Captain Webb's services are not required in connection with the return of troops to Australia and his written promise to return within 18 months from 1.6.19 is attached.

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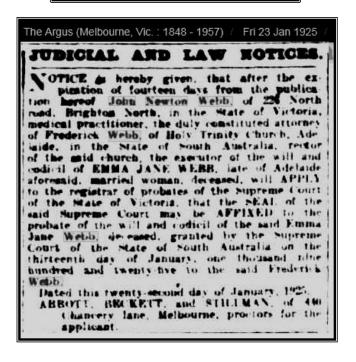
After the War and Professional Career

John was awarded the British War medal and Victory Medal and returned to Australia after completing his Diploma of Public Health in London in 1920. Although registered to practice in South Australia in 1922, he moved to Victoria and settled in the Melbourne suburb of Elsternwick and registered as a Medical Practitioner there.

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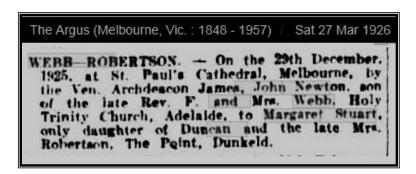
John's Mother passed away in September 1924, returning on a sea voyage from overseas after a nine-month holiday to England and the Continent with her husband Frederick. In January 1925, John was appointed the executor for her estate. By that stage he was living at 226 North Rd., North Brighton.

The Register (Adelaide, SA: 1901 - 1929) Tue 30 Sep 1924 The announcement has been received by cable of the death at sea of Mrs. Emma Jane Webb, wife of Rev. Frederick Webb, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Mrs. Webb left Adelaide in company with her husband on January 10 for a trip to England and the Continent. They had visited the old country. France, and a number of other places on the Continent, and left England on September 13 for home. Mrs. Webb was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this State. For many years she had manifested a keen interest in different organizations, and in the religious life of Holy Trinity Church. In addition to the husband the following lamily survive:-Dr. John Webb (Melbourne), Dr. Walter Webb (West Croydon), Dr. Arthur Webb (Kapunda), Miss Victoria Webb (who is with her brother in Mel-bourne), Mrs. E. Keele (nee Miss Doro-thy Webb, Lockleys).





In December 1925, John Newton Webb married Margaret Stuart Robertson



John still practiced at Elsternwick for several years but by 1927 he and Margaret had set up a new medical practice at 226 North Road, North Brighton.





226 North Rd, North Brighton, Victoria

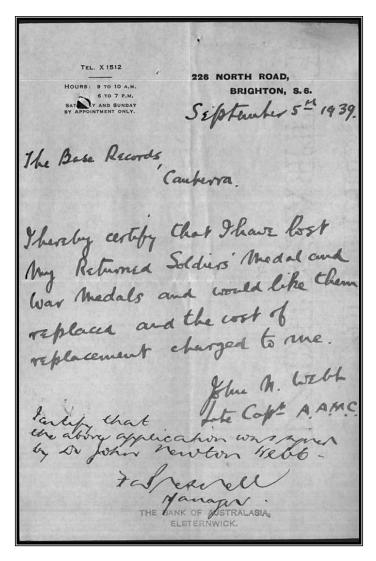
John practiced at North Brighton for many years (1927 - 1954) and was a well-respected member of the community. He attended to their medical care and in times of need helped in other areas. He acted as the Executor for the Estate of Annie Wardrop, who lived in an adjacent street and probably had been a long-time patient.

> The Age (Melbourne, Vic.: 1854 - 1954) / Sat 20 Aug 1932 / of Barkly-street, Footscray, wish to der their sincere THANKS for the many trail tributes, letters, cards, telegrams and tender their sincere THANKS for the many floral tributes, letters, cards, telegrams and expressions of sympathy during their recent and nurses at 59 Cole-street, Elwood, also Dr. Webb, of Jorth-road, Brighton, and Dr. Costello, of Footscray, for their very kind attention 20 Blackwood-street, Yarraville,

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848 - 1957) / Fri 24 Nov 1939 WARDROP Deceased ANNIE Next of Kin and 1928, notice is hereby Trustee Act en that all persons having claims against the 72 Landcox Wardrop. late of Annie the State of East. in twenty-sixth who died on the 1939, and probate of whose seventeenth day of November. granted on Webb, of 226 1939, to John Newton North Brighton, fil the said State, medical will. the executor appointed by such required to SEND PARTICULARS in to the undersigned solicitors CLAIMS **Nuch** address hereunder given on or first day of February, 1960, and notice that date the after that proceed to distribute the assets of the said Annie come to decensed. which shall have Wardrop. his hands or possession amongst the persons enhaving regard only to the claims titled thereto, of which he shall then have had notice, and will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof person of whose claum he so distributed to any shall not then have had notice Dated this twenty-third day of November, 1939. JOHN W. McCOMAS & Co., 450 Collins street, solicitors for the executor.

Melbourne,

In 1939, John contacted Australian Army Base Records for replacements of his War and Returned Soldiers Medals.



By 1954 John and Margaret had moved to a townhouse at 1 Fairlie Crt, Anderson St, South Yarra, where they resided until 1967. At that time John was still registered as a doctor and apparently practising.



1 Fairlie Crt., South Yarra

Sadly, John's wife Margaret, passed away in 1967 aged 77. After her death, John moved to a unit at 201 Orrong Rd., Toorak. A year later and now 74 years of age, he retired from medical practice, however he continued to maintain his registration in Victoria until his death over a decade later.

Name:	Margaret Stuart Webb
Birth Year:	abt 1890
Age:	77
Death Place:	Victoria
Father's name:	Dunc Robertson
Mother's name:	Ann Sinclair
Registration Year:	1967
Registration Place:	Victoria
Registration Number:	8673

In his final years John moved to another unit at 724 Orrong Rd, Malvern and finally to a care facility in Alphington, Victoria. John Newton Webb passed away in 1980 aged 86 and was laid to rest at Springvale Botanical Cemetery. From the historical family records available, John and Margaret Webb did not appear to have any children.

Dr John Newton Webb BIRTH 20 Sep 1893 Melbourne, Melbourne City, Victoria, Australia DEATH 5 May 1980 (aged 86) Alphington, Darebin City, Victoria, Australia BURIAL Springvale Botanical Cemetery Springvale, Greater Dandenong City, Victoria, Australia MEMORIAL ID 182170527 · View Source



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