



# **Sgt. Kingsley Bernard Parham**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club – A Grade (1914)**

**Student – Bachelor of Arts**

## **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 Kingsley Bernard Parham. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=233125>



### Kingsley Bernard PARHAM

Regimental number	34301
Place of birth	Gawler South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	School teacher
Address	Willaston, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Father, Samuel J Parham, Willaston, South Australia
Enlistment date	27 September 1916
Rank on enlistment	Gunner
Unit name	Field Artillery Brigade, March 1917 Reinforcements
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/128/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A74 <i>Marathon</i> on 10 May 1917
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A11 <i>Ascanius</i> on 11 May 1917
Rank from Nominal Roll	Sergeant
Unit from Nominal Roll	6th Field Artillery Brigade
Fate	Returned to Australia 22 July 1919

**Service Record**

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8007092>

DENTAL "A" CLASS

A

183771

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

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

No. 34301 Name PARHAM KINGSLEY BERNARD  
 Unit 6 F.A. Brigade 16th REINFORCEMENT  
 Joined on SEP 27 1916

**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment**

1. What is your Name? Kingsley Bernard Parham  
 2. In the Parish of St. Pauls in or near the Town of Gawler in the County of South Australia  
 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born  
 4. What is your Age? 23 1/2 Years  
 5. What is your Trade or Calling? School Teacher  
 6. Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No  
 7. Are you married? No  
 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) FATHER SAMUEL JAMES PARHAM, 277 GARDNER STREET, MILDURAH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No  
 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? No  
 11. 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 No  
 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes  
 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No  
 14. (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 to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 6/- per day? No  
 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Kingsley Bernard Parham do solemnly declare that the above answers made 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 of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date SEP 27 1916 Signature of Person Enlisted Kingsley B. Parham

\* This Clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age  
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

## Biography

### Early Life

Kingsley Bernard Parham was born on the 24th of May 1893 at Brompton Park, SA the son of Samuel James Parham and Mary Elizabeth "Bessie" Riggs (SA Birth Registration 522/390). He was the second son in a family of seven children.



SAM & BESSIE PARHAM with children LEONARD & STELLA



ANDREW & AMELIA RIGGS and FAMILY - TAKEN ABOUT 1903

**Back Row L-R:** Lily Riggs, Mervyn Parham, Charles Riggs, Stella Parham, Kingsley Parham;

**Second Row:** Sam Worden, Lionel Worden, Annie Worden, Emma Dawe, Doris Dawe, Louis Dawe, Henry Allen Riggs, Alice Henwood;

**Third Row:** Elsie Riggs, Frank William Riggs, Priscilla Gill (Mrs. Frank Riggs), Melior Gwen Riggs (on mother's lap), Andrew Riggs, Leonard Dawe, Amelia Riggs (wife of Andrew), Samuel Parham, Dorothy Parham, Bessie Parham, Mavis Parham (in front of mother),

Neva Jane McDonald, Allan Claude McDonald (on mother's lap):

**Front Row:** Cyril Worden, Keith McDonald, Flora McDonald, Oswald Parham, Lilian Parham, Frank Ross McDonald.

**About 1903 - K.B. Parham – Back Row – Far Right**

## Education

### Gawler Public Primary & High School

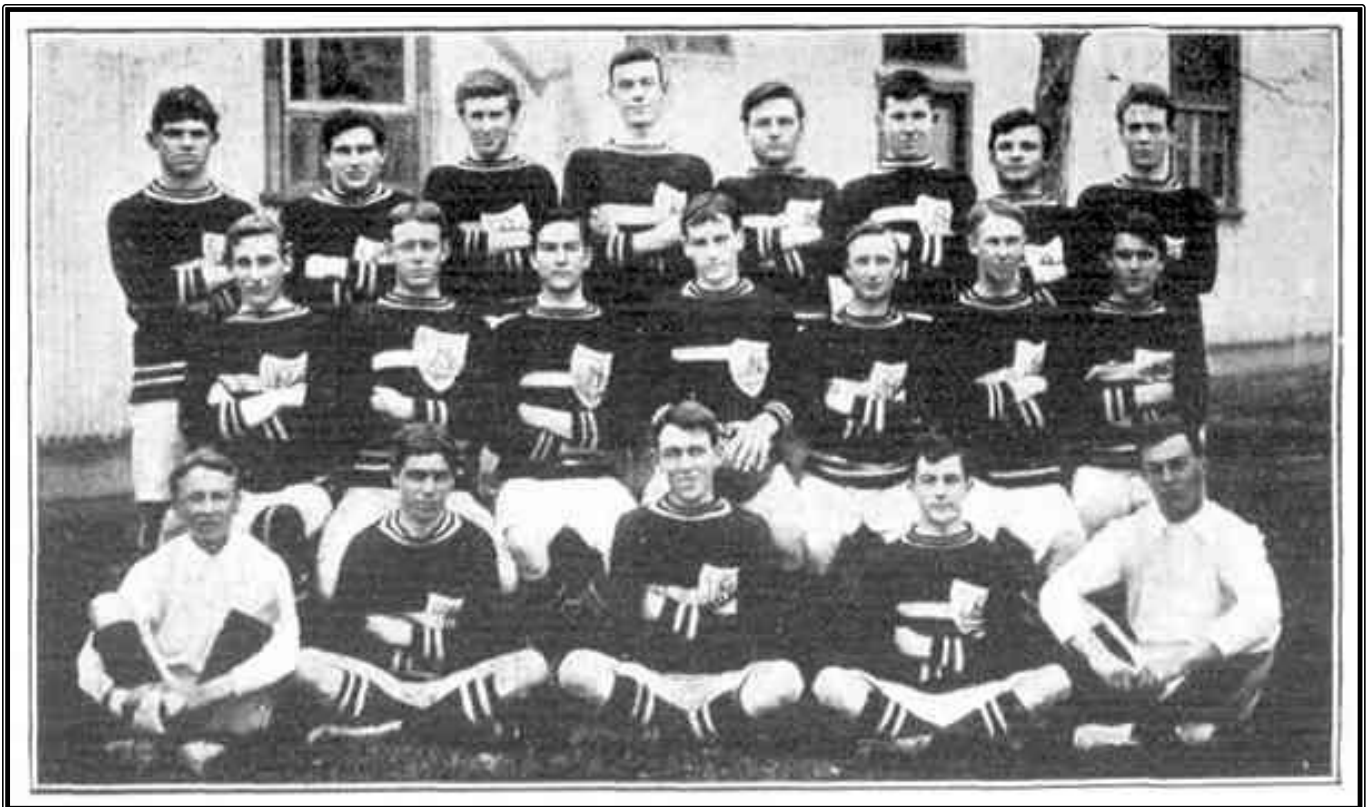
Kingsley attended Gawler public School where he passed his Primary Examinations in 1908. He then attended Gawler High School from 1909. He played cricket for Gawler High School in 1909 taking 3 for 9 (hat trick) in one game. In December 1909, Kingsley passed his Junior Examinations and in January 1910, he passed the Pupil Teacher Entrance Examination to Adelaide High School and was appointed a Senior Monitor at Gawler.

### Adelaide High School

As a Pupil Teacher, he attended Adelaide High School (AHS) from 1911. While at AHS, Kingsley passed the Senior Public Examination subjects in 1912 and 1913. Kingsley also passed subjects at the School of Arts during the period 1911 to 1913. In March 1913, Kingsley was promoted from Junior Teacher (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) to Junior Teacher (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) at Gawler.

He played in the AHS First Eighteen football team in 1911 and 1912. Kingsley played against the Ballarat High School (1911), Melbourne Continuation School (1911) and against the Past AHS students (1911 & 1912).

### 1911 Adelaide High School – First Eighteen Football Team



*Top Row (L-R) E Johncock, K Parham, A Limb, C Boorn, H Buzacott, S O'Neill, E Haese, J Keipert  
Middle Row (L-R) C Holten, E Broadbent, R Thomas, L Carthew (c), C Mugford (v-c), C Orr, T Williams  
Front Row (L-R) N Somerville, J Johncock, S Tiver, S Oliver, S Pearce*

### Adelaide University

After spending a year teaching at Gawler, Kingsley gained entry to the Teachers' Training College in 1914. Kingsley was able to commence studies part-time towards a Bachelor of Arts degree at Adelaide University. He passed one subject (Education) that year.

## University Sport

Kingsley played A Grade football for the Adelaide University Football Club in 1914.

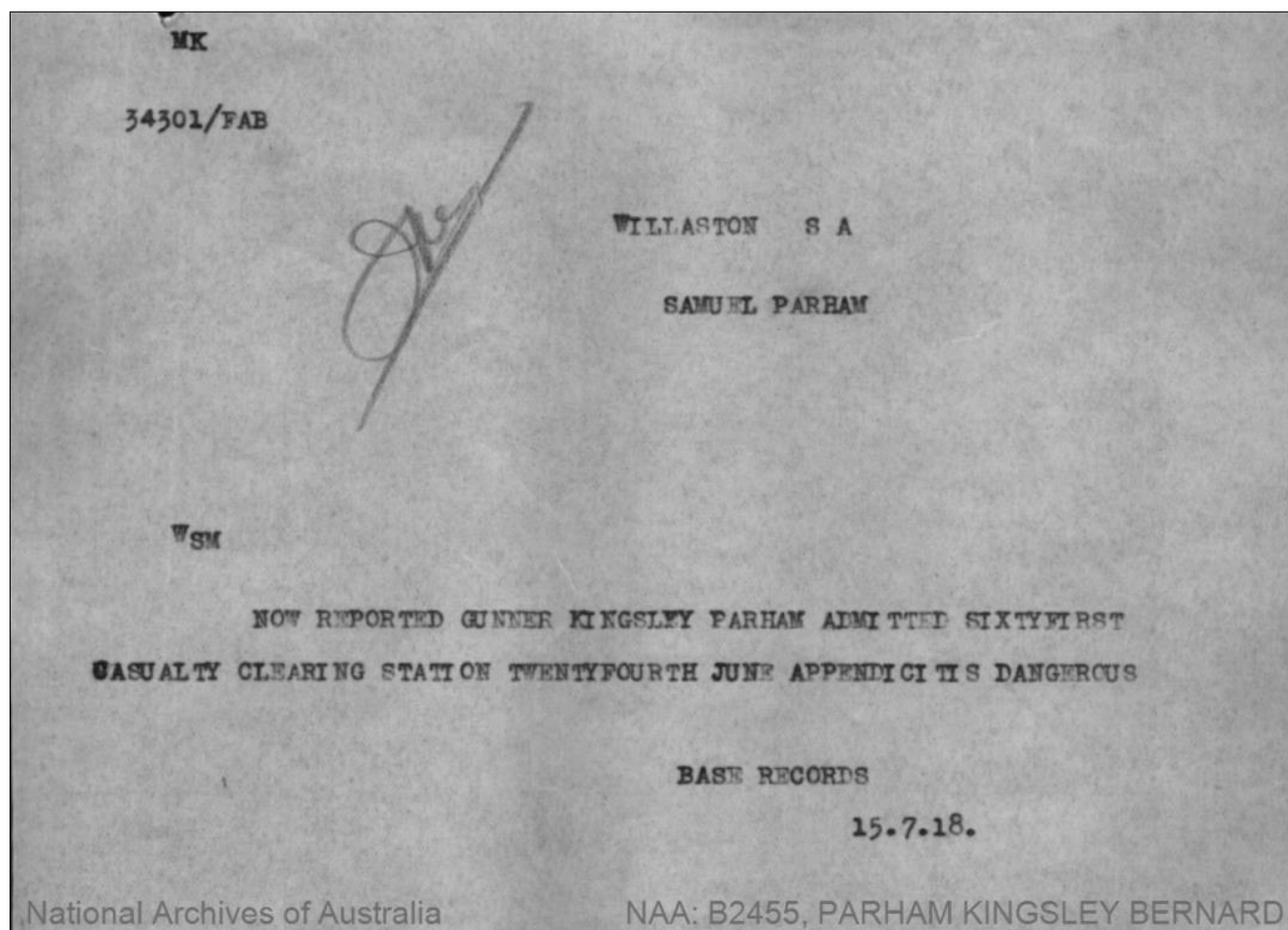
## Early Career

In December 1914, Kingsley received an Education Department appointment to Port Pirie and was there for the 1915 school year. In January 1916 he was appointed to the Parkside School in Adelaide.

## World War I

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1916 Kingsley enlisted (SN 34301). He was 23 years and 7 months old, 5'6", 152 lbs, with a fresh complexion, grey eyes and dark brown hair. His father Samuel James Parham of Willaston was listed as his next of kin. He enlisted as a Private but then attended N.C.O. School at the Mitcham Camp. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 1917 he was appointed a Gunner in the 15<sup>th</sup> reinforcement of the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1917 he left Australia, departing from Melbourne onboard the HMAT A11 *Ascanius* and disembarked at Devonport, England on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1917. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1917 he proceeded overseas to France. His time at the front-line with the 17<sup>th</sup> Battery Field Artillery was interrupted with admissions to hospital with furunculosis (boils) and influenza. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1918, Kingsley was invalided to the UK having suffered from appendicitis and reported to be dangerously ill.



In October 1918, after recovering, he was sent to the School of Instruction at Tidsworth, UK. In February 1919 he was appointed to the AIF Depot in the UK where he was promoted to Temporary Corporal and then to Temporary

Sergeant. Kingsley was promoted to ER-Sergeant on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1919. He returned to Australia on the *Ulysses*, departing from England on 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 1919 and arriving on 30<sup>th</sup> of August 1919.

### Post-War

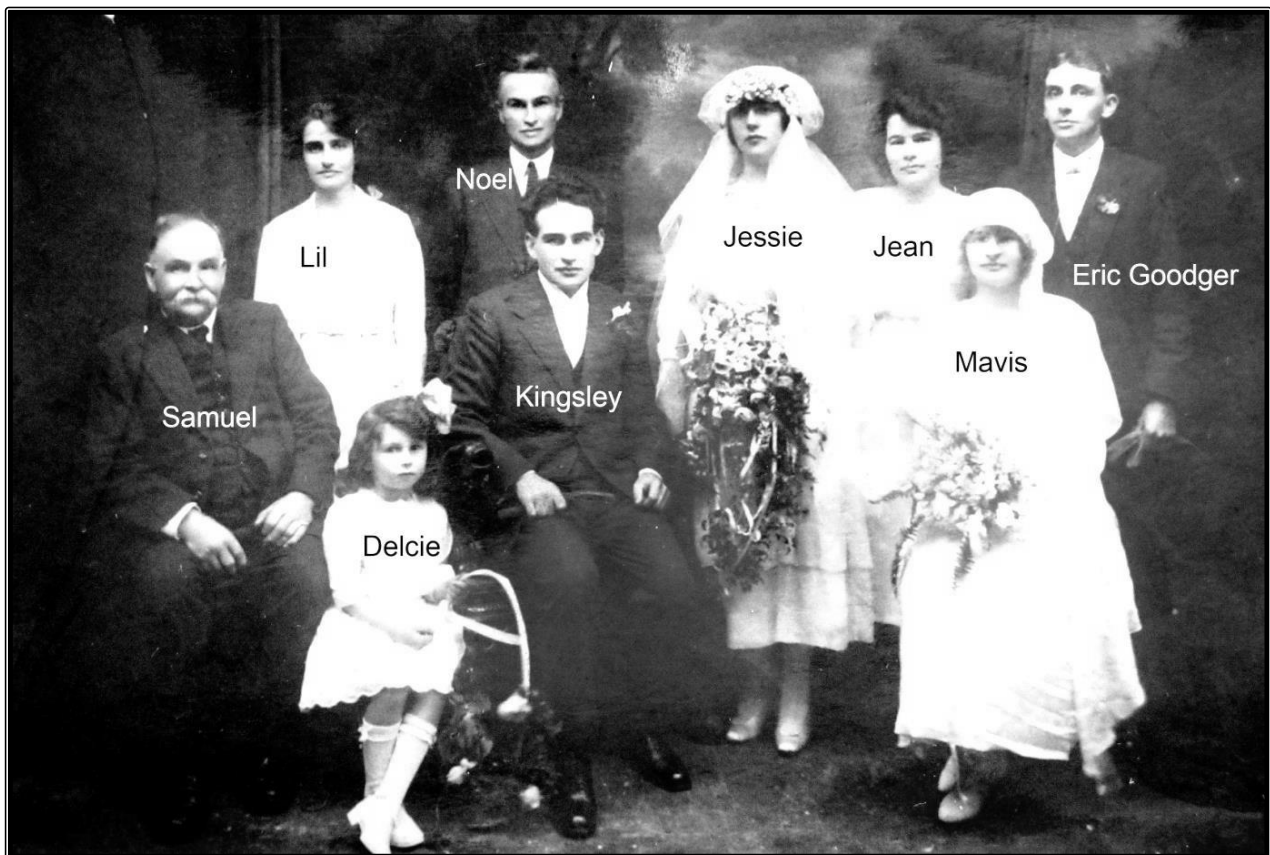
Kingsley does not appear to have returned to teaching after the war. Shortly after he returned to Australia, he moved to Melbourne and was briefly in partnership with Gerald Grant Francis and John William Dockett, as real estate agents, at 450 Chapel St, South Yarra, trading as G.G. Francis and Co. The partnership was dissolved on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1920.

By 1922, Kingsley was living at Whitehorse Road, Tunstall, Vic and his occupation was listed as grocer in the census of that time.

Sadly, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1923, Kingsley's mother passed away aged 57 years.

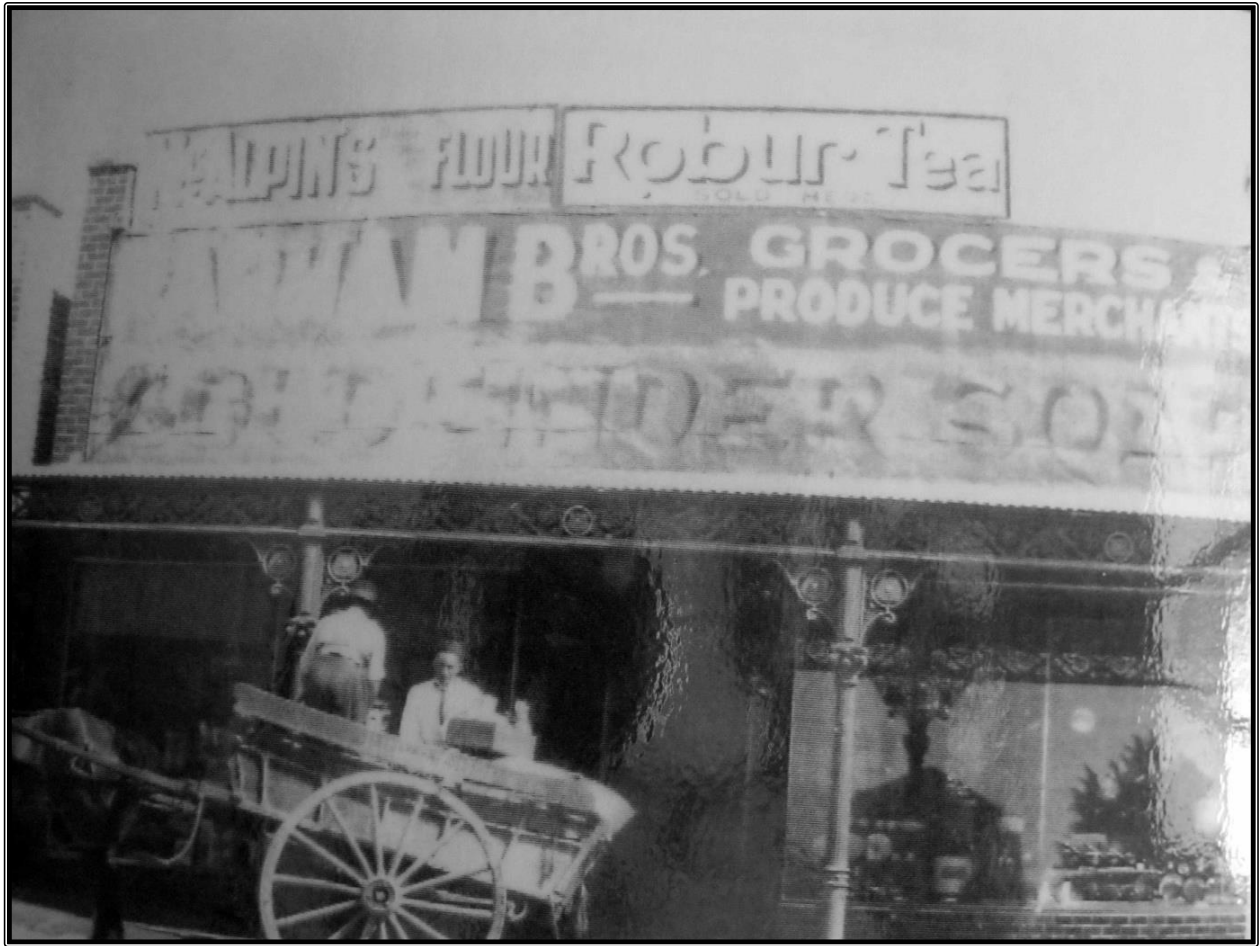
On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1923 Kingsley married Jessie Beaton the third daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. D. Beaton of Glasgow, Scotland. The wedding was held back in South Australia at the Gawler River Methodist Church.

**PARHAM—BEATON.—On the 5th July, at Gawler River Methodist Church, by Rev. L. D. Rooney, Kingsley Bernard, second son of Mr. S. J. and late Mrs. Parham, of Gawler River, to Jessie, third daughter of Mrs. and the late D. Beaton, of Glasgow, Scotland. 198dx/**



**1923 – Parham – Beaton Wedding**

By 1924 Kingsley was a grocer at Mitcham, Victoria and had been joined by his brother Oswald Noel (Noel). They were operating a business known as "Parham Bros", Grocers and produce Merchants.



*1925 – Parham Bros, Mitcham, Victoria*

Kingsley and Jessie had one child, a son, Jack born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1925.

At some stage between 1925 and 1928 the brothers moved to Altona and by September 1928, Kingsley was a Vice-President of the Altona Trader's Association. From 1928 to 1936 there are references in the newspapers to Parham's Hall and Parham's A.B.C. Cafe. Various activities including Methodist Church services and social dances were held at Parham's Hall. In 1930 Kingsley's business was advertised as the Esplanade Emporium, Altona.



*A.B.C. Cafe, Altona*

*Intersection of Pier Street and the Esplanade in the late 1920s*

In May 1928 Kingsley competed in a billiards tournament.

**BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.**  
During the past few weeks a billiard tournament has been in course of progress. On Monday evening there were four left in to compete in the semi-final. The first of the games resulted in K. B. Parham defeating Bert Beaton by a very narrow margin. On Tuesday evening K. B. Parham and Fred Inglis met in the semi-final. A very good game, in which both players showed form, was won by Inglis by ten. On Wednesday evening the final match was played between A. Laird and Fred Inglis, and after another good game Freddie vanquished Archie by a narrow margin.

In February 1931 Kingsley's store was visited by a 3-foot-long tiger snake.

**"WARE SNAKES :**  
On Wednesday afternoon Mr. K. B. Parham, of Pier Street, noticed a 3 foot tiger snake rambling in front of his premises in Pier Street. "His snakeship" was probably feeling the stress of the summer weather and maybe had decided to call on K.B.P. for an ice-cream or a cool thirst-quencher. At first sight Mr. Parham started to wonder if there was any snake juice in his drinks, and in settling that question to his satisfaction he demolished two broom handles over the back of his visitor, and finally dispatched it to its "happy hunting grounds," per medium of a hefty full-sized brick. Residents should bear in mind, that the mating season is near at hand, and be on the lookout for any of the reptiles.

As a prominent local businessman, Kingsley donated a set of silver spoons in a case as a trophy to the Altona Amateur Cycling Club in 1931 and gave a trophy to the Western Golf Club in 1934. In 1936, Kingsley's brother, Noel, had moved to Footscray and his occupation was "Traveller" (Company Sales Representative).

Sadly, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1945, Kingsley's father, Samuel James Parham of Allenby Gardens passed away aged 83. He was buried at the Stonehill Methodist Cemetery, Gawler River.

Kingsley was by 1945, a Justice of the Peace and heard local cases in the 1945-47. From 1946 to 1951 the local papers for the Altona area frequently contained advertisements for K.B. Parham Grocery & General Store Pier Street, Altona (216 Pier St).

**K. B. Parham**  
Grocery and General Store  
—  
DAILY DELIVERY.  
—  
Pier Street, Altona

By 1949, Kingsley and Jessie's son Jack was a qualified mechanic.

Kingsley and Jessie attended the Victory ball at Altona in August 1949. In September 1950 Kingsley was among the Altona residents deputised to oppose the transfer of some land to the Williamstown Council and in November 1951

he supported the Independent candidate, EW "Bill" Ward for the Altona Riding elections. In the 1954 Electoral Rolls Kingsley (aged 61) was described as a storekeeper.

It was moved: "That the meeting of ratepayers of Altona riding oppose the proposal to transfer to Williamstown that portion of land east and north or Kororoit Creek which is unjust and will not only seriously embarrass the shire, but will completely ruin the prospects of Altona riding for many years to come. That a deputation to the Minister for Public Works should be submitted as to why the area in question should not be annexed to the city of Williamstown."

This was carried amid acclamation, there being about 3 dissentients.

It was further resolved that the Minister should be asked to receive a deputation on additional evidence.

The following Altona residents will attend the deputation:— Messrs. F. Rush, H. Kim, G. King, G. Irwin, K. B. Parham, Ford and Murphy (head teacher of Altona State School).

Mover and seconder of the first motion were Mr. C. McDonald of Blyth St. and Mrs. McMillan of Romawi St., and of the second motion, Messrs. A. Jobling and A. J. Robinson.

## Death

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1956, Kingsley passed away aged 63. Jessie passed away on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1977 and is buried at the Altona Memorial Park.

**PARHAM.** — On March 1 (suddenly), at 38 Rose street, Altona, Kingsley Bernard Parham, beloved husband of Jessie, loved father of Jack, father-in-law of Sue, grandfather of David and Allan, brother of Noel, Stella (Mrs. Perkins), Lil (Mrs. F. L. Marsh, S.A.), Mavis (Mrs. Piggott, S.A.), and Jean (Mrs. Williamson, S.A.), late 63 Battn. 1st A.I.F., aged 63 years. —In God's care.

*Profile Compiled by: Beth Filmer AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee*

## Sources and Acknowledgements:

The AIF Project <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/>  
RSL Virtual War Memorial <https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/>  
The National Archives of Australia <http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/>  
Australian War Memorial <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/>  
The Adelaide University <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/records/archives/>  
The National Library of Australia <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>  
(Trove Newspaper articles tagged – Kingsley Bernard Parham)  
SA Genealogy <https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>  
Ancestry.com.au – Parham – Beaton Wedding Photo, Electoral Roll  
State Library of South Australia  
Adelaide High School Magazines  
<https://sarcib.ww1.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/enquirer/mary-elizabeth-parham>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altona,\\_Victoria#/media/File:Altona1920.gif](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altona,_Victoria#/media/File:Altona1920.gif)  
Rob O'Shannassy AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee Researcher