

**CAPTAIN CHARLES HERBERT CLATWORTHY**  
**Medical Officer – Aust Army Medical Corps / 2nd Tunnelling Company**

Charles Herbert Clatworthy was born on March 4, 1888 in Townsville, Queensland the son of Herbert and Alice Maud Mary (nee Hope) Clatworthy. His father came from Kent, England to Brisbane, Qld in 1881 after receiving his training as a Doctor at London University. From 1891 Herbert was a Doctor in Charters Towers where Charles early formative years were spent. About 1903 the family moved to Brisbane where he attended the Brisbane Grammar School then chose to study medicine at the University of Sydney. Results of the 1907 Degree Examinations were published in:

*The Brisbane Courier* Friday September 3, 1907:

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY  
FACULTY OF MEDICINE 2nd Degree Examinations

Pass: C.H. Clatworthy

*Article abridged*

He graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Medicine MB and further results were published in his former school's magazine:

*The Brisbane Courier* Tuesday May 16, 1911:

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The "Magazine" for April, 1911 is well up to the standard and contains much satisfactory material. The year has begun auspiciously we are told, by the gaining of many honours for the school. The Sydney University successes of old boys:—C.H. Clatworthy, 3rd Degree examination (4th year) in medicine and second degree examination (3rd year) in medicine.

*Article abridged*

In 1913 he is listed in the Electoral Roll as a medical practitioner at the Brisbane Hospital. The following year he was appointed Assistant Health Officer and but resigned five months later. News of these made the newspapers of:

*Cairns Post* Friday April 3, 1914:

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Dr C.H. Clatworthy has been appointed Assistant Health Officer with the Department of Public Health, in the removal of Dr M.W. Phipps, resigned. Dr C.H. Clatworthy was born in Townsville and educated at the Brisbane Grammar School. He graduated as MB at the Sydney University in 1911.

*The Brisbane Courier* Saturday September 26, 1914:

HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Dr Frank Elton Cox, has been appointed as assistant health officer, vice Dr C.H. Clatworthy, resigned.

He studied further attaining the degree of Master of Surgery ChM and married on October 14, 1914 to the daughter of Alexander Cumming and Nora (nee Graham) Raff with their wedding announcement appearing in:

*The Queenslander* Saturday November, 1914:

MARRIAGE

CLATWORTHY-RAFF—At St Matthew's Church, Sherwood, on the 14th October by the Rev H.R. Hobbs and F. Knight, Charles Herbert Clatworthy MB ChM, elder son of Dr and Mrs H. Clatworthy, Sydney to Stephanie Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Raff, Corinda.

He purchased a medical practice in Gladstone, Queensland and they moved there. Snippets of their life appeared in newspapers:

*Rockhampton Morning Bulletin* Wednesday December 1, 1915:

AMBULANCE EXAMINATIONS

Dr C.H. Clatworthy recently delivered a course of lectures to the male members of the Gladstone branch of the Ambulance Brigade, and intending candidates of the approaching examination are requested to hand their names to the Secretary, Mr E.J. Joyner.

*Cairns Post* March 3, 1916:

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY

Dr and Mrs C.H. Clatworthy have arrived back in Gladstone after an extended holiday in the South.

*The Brisbane Courier* Monday March 6, 1916:

#### PERSONAL

Dr and Mrs C.H. Clatworthy have arrived back in Gladstone after an extended holiday in the South (our Gladstone correspondent advised yesterday). Dr Clatworthy, of Brisbane, who was acting as locum tenens for his son, has returned to the metropolis.

*The Brisbane Courier* Friday July 20, 1917:

#### MEDICAL REFEREES

The following medical practitioners have been appointed medical referees under the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act of 1916 for the whole of the State of Queensland—Dr Charles H. Clatworthy, Gladstone;

*Article abridged*

He resigned his position as Medical Officer with the Gladstone Hospital towards the end of 1917 with farewells, tributes and tokens bestowed as he prepared to enlist for active service abroad. News of these were published in several newspapers:

*Rockhampton Morning Bulletin* Tuesday September 11, 1917:

#### GLADSTONE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of the Hospital Committee was held yesterday. The resignation of Dr C.H. Clatworthy of his position of Medical Officer was accepted with regret. Dr Clatworthy's departure from Gladstone will be genuinely regretted. He will leave for Sydney at an early date with a view to enlistment for active service.

*The Brisbane Courier* Thursday September 13, 1917:

#### GLADSTONE HOSPITAL

GLADSTONE, September 11.

At the monthly meeting of the Gladstone Hospital Committee—the resignation of Dr C.H. Clatworthy as medical officer was accepted with regret.

*Article abridged*

*The Brisbane Courier* Saturday October 6, 1917:

#### PRESENTATIONS

GLADSTONE, October 5.

A large and representative gathering assembled at the Grand Hotel on Monday afternoon to say "Good-bye" to Dr C.H. Clatworthy, who has obtained a commission in the Army Medical Corps. The mayor (Alderman J.H. Kessell) presided, and in proposing the toast of the guest, referred in high terms in the excellent work of Dr Clatworthy in Gladstone, and presented him with a case of pipes as a small token of their esteem. Dr Clatworthy, in response, paid a tribute to the work of the president of the hospital committee, Mr G.E. Alexander. Dr Clatworthy was also entertained by the members of the H.A.C.B. Society at the Club Hotel, and presented with a set of military brushes.

On November 15, 1917 he was placed as Honorary Captain with the Aust Army Medical Corps Reserve (1st Military District) until February 12, 1918 when the twenty-nine year old made application for a Commission with the A.M.C., A.I.F. Personal particulars taken show he was a qualified Doctor, married with his address given as care of A.C. Raff Esq., Corinda, Brisbane. Medical examination shows he stood 174cms (5ft 8½ins) tall, weighed 59kgs (130lbs) with a chest expansion of 84-89cms (33-35ins). Eyesight tested to good vision in both eyes. On February 15 recommendation was issued and if approved his appointment date was from February 18. His appointment appeared in the Australian Government Gazette issue No. 52 of 1918.

Attestation Forms were completed adding further information that his complexion was dark with blue eyes and had dark hair, with Church of England as his religious faith. Next-of-kin was his wife Mrs Stephanie Clatworthy care of A.C. Raff Esq, Corinda, Brisbane. In preparation for departure his Will was noted to have been lodged with his wife.

Captain Clatworthy embarked from Sydney, NSW (2nd M.D.) on March 22, 1918 on board the troopship A54 HMAT *Runic* which arrived on May 24, 1918 in England. Disembarking he reported to A.I.F. Headquarters where he was taken on strength before being sent on May 27 to the A.A.M.C. Training Depot at Parkhouse.

On June 5, 1918 he marched out for the No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott until the Captain proceeded from Folkstone to France on August 13, 1918 and attached for duty with the 2nd General Hospital at Wimereux. The following day he was posted to the 2nd Field Ambulance in the field until detached to the 1st Field Ambulance on September 13. Three days later he was detached to the 2nd Field Ambulance till October 28, 1918 when he was detached to the 2nd Tunnelling Company as temporary Medical Officer.

He was serving there when Peace was declared. On November 17, 1918 he left the 2nd Tunnelling Company and two days later was attached to the 2nd Field Ambulance until leave was granted to Paris from March 3 until March 18, 1919. Orders were received to proceed on April 4, 1919 and report to the D.M.S. in London and crossed the English Channel disembarking at Folkstone on April 6 to report to A.I.F. Headquarters. On April 30, 1919 he went for duty to the No. 1 Group camp at Deverill.

Duties were relinquished on July 31, 1919 as Medical Officer with No. 1 Group, A.I.F. Depot moving to Tidworth camp to await the ship home.

Captain Clatworthy embarked from Liverpool as Medical Officer for the voyage to Australia on August 9, 1919 on the H.T. *Ceramic*. Base Records advised his wife on September 30, 1919 that he was on his way. The ship docked in Sydney (2nd M.D.) and he proceeded by rail to Brisbane (1st M.D.) arriving on October 4, 1919. News of the arrival was reported in:

*The Courier-Mail* Monday October 6, 1919:

HOME AGAIN  
SOLDIERS BY THE CERAMIC

There was an animated scene at the Central Railway Station at 5.40 p.m. on Saturday, when a special train arrived from Sydney with 138 soldiers, 84 soldier's wives, 19 children and two sisters, all except one, having landed in Australia, by the transport *Ceramic*. There were four officers among the men, and Lieut Heron was in charge of the train. The soldiers were accorded a splendid reception being motored along Edward and Queen Streets to the Kangaroo Point Military Hospital, where tea, provided by the Red Cross awaited them.

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He appeared before the Medical Board on the evening of arrival and his Statement of Case reads:  
"No disability signed C.H. Clatworthy, Captain"

Recommendation was 'demobilise' and confirmed the next day. The Form of Commission was forwarded on October 21 and his Appointment was terminated on October 27, 1919 in Brisbane (1st M.D.). The following week this notice was placed advertising that he was now practising in conjunction with his father in Sydney:

*Sydney Morning Herald* Monday November 3, 1919:

SPECIAL ADVICE

Dr Charles H. Clatworthy has commenced Practice at Artarmon in conj. with Dr H. Clatworthy.

Professional and personal news appeared occasionally in the newspapers:

*Sydney Morning Herald* Monday December 10, 1923:

SPECIAL ADVICE

Dr CHARLES H. CLATWORTHY has Resumed Practice.

His father died at his Artarmon residence on June 21, 1926 aged 65 years.

*The Brisbane Courier* Tuesday October 23, 1928:

#### SOCIAL

Dr and Mrs C.H. Clatworthy (Sydney) are at present staying at Tewantin. At the end of the month they will spend a few days with Mr and Mrs A.C. Raff, Robert Court, before returning to Sydney.

Charles Herbert Clatworthy passed away on January 4, 1930 aged 41 years of age. Announcements, obituaries and funeral description were published in the:

*Sydney Morning Herald* Monday January 6, 1930:

#### FUNERALS

CLATWORTHY—The Funeral of the late Dr CHARLES HERBERT CLATWORTHY will leave his late residence 2 Jersey-street, Artarmon THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON at 1.45 o'clock for the Crematorium Rookwood. By road. Motor Funeral.

WOOD COFFILL LTD  
Motor Funeral Director

Monday January 6, 1930:

#### DR C.H. CLATWORTHY

Dr Charles Herbert Clatworthy, who died at Artarmon, was a native of Queensland, and received his medical education at the University of Sydney, graduating in 1911. After having served as a surgeon during the war, he purchased a practice in Gladstone, Queensland, but subsequently became a partner with his father, the late Dr Herbert Clatworthy, who practised at Artarmon. Dr Clatworthy leaves a widow and a young son and daughter. He was 41 years of age.

*The Brisbane Courier* Monday January 6, 1930:

#### OBITUARY

The death of Dr C.H. Clatworthy, late of Artarmon, Sydney, took place on Saturday evening. He was the elder son of the late Dr H. Clatworthy, who was well known in Charters Towers, Brisbane, and Sydney. Dr C.H. Clatworthy took part in the Great War in France and Belgium. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Raff, Corinda, also a son and daughter.

*Sydney Morning Herald* Tuesday January 7, 1930:

#### DR C.H. CLATWORTHY

The Funeral of Dr C.H. Clatworthy, of Artarmon, took place yesterday from his home to the Crematorium at Rookwood, the service being conducted by Canon Begbie.

The chief mourners were Messrs F. Clatworthy (brother), E. Morgan (uncle), J and K. Stack (cousins) and among the wreaths was one from the Artarmon Progress Association, of which Dr Clatworthy was a member.

The medical profession was presented by Drs F.J. Bridges, Cedric Cohen, Russel Nolan, Norman Paul, C. Read, Basil Riley, Bernard Riley, G. Arnold, Murphy, Sinclair, Hutchinson and Neil Francis, among others present being Rev. W.A. O'Neill, Captain Burch, Captain A. Barron, and Messrs F.G. Felstead, K. Robertson, D. Baxter, C. Gardiner, J. Swallow, Stewart Hooper, G. Davenport, J. Godby, Leslie Rowntree, G. Lethbridge, R. Butcher, Johntsone, S. Salinger, Simmons, J. Boyce, F. Wright, F. Musson, C. Love, H.W. Bevan, H.C. Wade, L. Gale and B. Wood.



*The Sydney Morning Herald* Thursday January 9, 1930:

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Probate Jurisdiction—In the Will of CHARLES HERBERT CLATWORTHY, formerly of Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, but lately of Artarmon Sydney in the State of New South Wales, Medical Practitioner, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days of the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted unto STEPHANIE ALEXANDRA CLATWORTHY, widow and Sole Executrix in the said Will named. All persons having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned within the said period of fourteen days and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. GALE and GALE Proctors for the Executrix, 26 Hunter-street, Sydney.

The successor to his practise was announced in the:

*Sydney Morning Herald* Saturday January 25, 1930:

SPECIAL ADVICE

Dr Basil Riley has Commenced Practice at Chatham, Jersey-road, Artarmon, a successor to the late Dr C.H. Clatworthy.

Finalisation of his Estate was advertised in the:

*Sydney Morning Herald* Friday April 11, 1930:

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Probate Jurisdiction—In the Will of CHARLES HERBERT CLATWORTHY late of Artarmon in the State of New South Wales, Medical Practitioner, deceased.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Wills, Probate and Administration Act 1898 and Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act 1918 and the Trustee or other persons having any debt or claim upon who died on or about the fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty. and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales on the tenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirty to STEPHANIE ALEXANDRA CLATWORTHY, the Executrix, therein named is hereby required to send particulars in writing of such debt or claim to the said Executrix in care of the undersigned, on or before the thirty-first day of July one thousand nine hundred and thirty at the expiration of which time the said Stephanie Alexandra Clatworthy will proceed to convey and distribute the property and assets of the said deceased, to or among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts and claims of which she then has notice. And Notice is hereby further given that the said Stephanie Alexandra Clatworthy will not be liable for the property or assets or any part of whose debt or claim she shall not have had notice at the time of such conveyance or distribution. Dated this tenth day of April, 1930. GALE and GALE Proctors for the Executrix, 26 Hunter-street, Sydney.

His widow Mrs Stephanie Clatworthy returned to reside in Brisbane and passed away in 1979.