

GREY William Charles
MB.BS
1875-1930



William Charles Grey was born 27th March 1875 at Balaklava South Australia. He was son of Mr C S Grey of Balaklava. He was educated at Prince Alfred College. Grey went on to the University of Adelaide to study medicine from 1894-1898 but his university study was interrupted. It was reported at his death that he was a veteran of the South African War and this may have been the cause of the delay of his studies. There is no record in the NAA of him enlisting for the Boer War. Nevertheless he continued his medical studies at the University of Adelaide and went on to complete them at Sydney in 1901, likely as a result of the Adelaide Hospital Row.

Grey is another example of Adelaide University students forced to complete their medical studies either in Sydney or Melbourne who did not return to South Australia. In 1903 Grey was in Western Australia and appointed public vaccinator in Bulong a now abandoned gold field town. In 1905 he and his wife, Louse Fanny, had a son in Boulder City Kalgoorlie Western Australia. However, in 1911 he was in Rookwood, Western Sydney, NSW where he had started medical practice and living at "Bonarty" Victoria Ave Rookwood, Lidcombe NSW

Grey enlisted in the AIF on 24th November 1914 in the 2nd MD and left Australia on the Kyarra on 28th November 1914. He was 39yrs old, 5ft 8ins tall, 15st 7lbs, 40-45ins chest with his wife as NOK. On enlistment he was appointed Major with 2nd AGH. He was then seconded for duty as Commanding Officer Mena Convalescent Depot.

Grey was promoted to LTCOL on 1st January 1916 and took command of the 3rd Auxiliary Hospital In July 1916 he was in hospital at Ras et Tin. His service commitment was completed in November 1916 and was returned to Australia on the 'Wiltshire' with his appointment terminated on the 17th January 1917. He was issued the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After Grey returned to Australia he resumed his medical practice in Rookwood NSW in the 2nd MD. Later he moved to 57 Dudley Street Lidcombe. William Charles Grey died on 12th March 1930 in Lidcombe.

Sources:

Photo: PAC Collection

National Archives

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=4711320>

Trove

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/4966754?searchTerm=WilliamCharlesGrey&searchLimits=>