

GATLIFF, C. E.

Charles Edwin Gatliff came from a prominent and well-respected Carlton family. Born in 1883 to John Henry (1848-1935) and Emma (née McLean) Gatliff (1859-1948), Charles was the oldest of the five Gatliff men who enlisted in the AIF and who are listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

His father worked for the Commercial Bank of Australia 1880-1912, in both country and city branches. He was Manager of the Carlton Branch 1895-1910 and the family of nine sons and two daughters lived above the premises at 259-261 Lygon Street. It is likely that the family attended St Jude's during this time.

JH Gatliff is listed as one of two auditors at the St Jude's Annual General Meeting in 1904. He was also a keen naturalist and renowned conchologist, describing 93 new genera and species of marine molluscs. After he died, his collection was purchased by the National Museum of Victoria.

Educated at Central College, Carlton, Charles Edwin and his older brother Ernest Henry joined the 6th Battalion, Australian Commonwealth Horse and served in the South African Boer War, 1899-1902. Charles married Lilian Fanny Willder in 1913.

AIF Project Entry

Charles Edwin GATLIFF

Date of birth	22 November 1882
Place of birth	St Kilda, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Business manager
Address	58 Tivoli Road, South Yarra, Victoria.
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	32.4
Height	5' 5.5"
Weight	144 lbs
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs L.F. Gatliff, c/o Mrs Willder, 58 Tivoli Road, South Yarra, Victoria.
Previous military service	Served in the Boer War, South Africa; member, Great Western Rifle Club, Rutherglen Rifle Club, City of Melbourne Rifle Club.
Enlistment date	17 April 1915
Rank on enlistment	Lieutenant
Unit name	4th Light Horse Regiment, 12th Reinforcement.

AWM Embarkation Roll number	10/9/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A40 <i>Ceramic</i> on 23 November 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	4th Light Horse Regiment
Promotions	Captain Unit: 5th Division Artillery Promotion date: 10 January 1918
Fate	Returned to Australia 9 August 1918
Discharge date	13 January 1919.
Other details	War service: Egypt, Western Front Commenced return to Australia on board HT <i>Arawa</i> , 9 August 1918; appointment terminated (Discharged: medically unfit: varicose veins, neurosis of spine), Melbourne, 13 January 1919. Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.
Date of death	1 January 1959.
Age at death	73.

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For more information on JH Gatliff, see:
Brian J. Smith, 'Gatliff, John Henry (1848–1935)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/gatliff-john-henry-6287/text10839>, published first in hardcopy 1981, accessed online 1 October 2023.