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# Charles Moore Boer War Memorial Fountain



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## Location

St. Vincent Gardens, Montague Street and St. Vincents Place SOUTH MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

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## Veterans Description for Public

The Boer War Memorial, in St. Vincent Gardens on Montague Street and St. Vincent Place, comprises of a pillar dedicated to the memory of Trooper Charles "Charlie" Moore. Moore was the first VFL/AFL footballer killed in war. Moore was 25 when he enlisted in the 4th Victorian Contingent, the Victorian Imperial Bushmen. The 631-strong unit left Melbourne on 1 May 1900, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas William Kelly, who was wounded in February 1901 and invalided to England. On 12 May, Moore was on patrol near Mt Tooberg, South Africa when he had his horse shot out from underneath him. He took cover behind the body of the fallen horse and was seriously wounded when a bullet passed through its dead body. Moore eventually killed his Boer opponent after eight shots and was crawling to safety when he was found by his comrades. He was taken to the nearby Kwaggashoek Farm but died of his wounds on 13th May 1902, aged 26.

Moore is buried in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery Somerset East, Eastern Cape, South Africa. His memorial in St Vincents Place, Albert Park, is across the road from his mother's house.

Among Moore's comrades was Corporal Harold 'Pompey' Elliot, who was awarded the DCM for the capture of a Boer patrol near Doornkloof in February 1901. As brigadier general, Elliot commanded the 15th Brigade in the First World War. Moore's comrades also included Captain Edwin Tivey, who was awarded the DSO by Edward VII for his actions in Phillipstown and rose temporarily command the Australian 5th Division in the First World War. The Victorian Bushmen lost fourteen men killed in action, fatally wounded or dead from disease.

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