



# T/Sgt Horace George Annells



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: 1908**

(Intervarsity 1908)

**Studied Arts in 1907 & 1908**

(Did not Graduate)

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<sup>1</sup> Portrait - ANNELLS, Horace George SRSA ref: GRG26/5/4/649 State Records of SA

## **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 Horace George Annells. 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=6250>




### Horace George ANNELLS

Regimental number	3588
Place of birth	Adelaide, South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Salesman
Address	Young Street, Parkside, South Australia
Marital status	Widower
Age at embarkation	28
Next of kin	Father, George Richard Annelles, 159 Young Street, Parkside, South Australia
Enlistment date	10 May 1917
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<a href="#">9th Light Horse Regiment, 32nd Reinforcement</a>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	10/14/5
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A73 <i>Commonwealth</i> on 2 November 1917
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	9th Light Horse Regiment
Fate	Returned to Australia 17 July 1919

## Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3033937>

*Artillery*

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.**

No. 3588 Name ANNELLS - HORACE GEORGE  
32/10/17 Unit 32/9<sup>th</sup> Light Horse  
Joined on 10 MAY 1917

**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your name? ... Horace George Annelles
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Parkside 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? ... 28 1/2 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Salesman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
7. Are you married? ... Widower no children
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... (FATHER) ANNELLES-GEORGE RICHARD 50 YONGE ST. PARKSIDE 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. ... 11 month Citz Force 80 Inf. Still Serving.
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 \$... per day? ... yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... yes

Horace George Annelles do solemnly declare that the above answers made by 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 10 MAY 1917 Horace G. Annelles  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* 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

Horace was born 12 Apr 1889, the youngest son of George Richard Annells and Maria Radley nee Pimlott.<sup>2</sup>

### Education

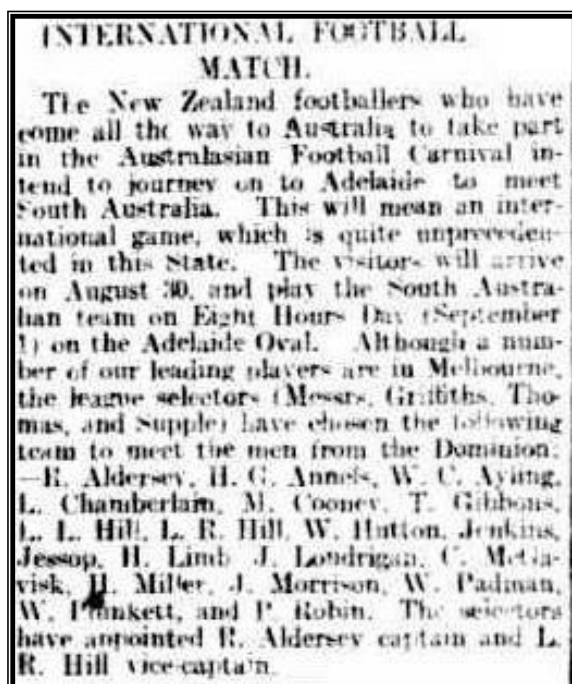
He attended Prince Alfred's College then commenced an Arts Degree at Adelaide University in 1907. Horace left University without completing his Degree.<sup>3</sup>

### Sport

In 1908 Horace played Intervarsity Football for the Adelaide University. See Team Photo below which is incorrectly labelled as HS Annells.<sup>4</sup>

In July 1908 he played Horace his first A grade game for the Sturt Football Club (player number 109 - 9 League games) and continued to play at the senior level until SAFL matches were suspended due to WWI.<sup>5</sup> "He was a brilliant high flyer who could play both ends of the ground."<sup>6</sup>

In 1908 he played football in a match between South Australia and New Zealand.



### Marriage

On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1915 Horace married Ruby Jones the daughter of Mr & Mrs JT Jones of Medindie.<sup>8</sup> Tragically Ruby died suddenly on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1917.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=102048597>

<sup>3</sup> "SPEECH DAYS." *The Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 20 December 1907: 9. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5115256>

<sup>4</sup> <http://hdl.handle.net/2440/36772>

<sup>5</sup> <http://sturtfc.com.au/history/sturt-the-numbers>

<sup>6</sup> We are Sturt, Vol 1 1901-1944

<sup>7</sup> "INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCH." *The Register* (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 22 August 1908: 5. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article60316823>

<sup>8</sup> "Family Notices" *The Mail* (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) 24 July 1915: 13. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article59396916>

## World War I

Horace enlisted in the AIF as a Private in the 9<sup>th</sup> Light Horse on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1917. He was 28.5 years old and a Salesman. Horace was described as being 6 foot 1 ¼ inches tall, 172 lbs, medium complexion with grey eyes and brown hair.

Horace embarked on board "HMAT A73 *Commonwealth*" on 2 November 1917 landing in Moascar, Egypt on 10 December 1917. All his service was in Egypt. He was promoted to Temporary Corporal on 7 June 1919 and Temporary Sergeant on 14 July 1919. He returned to Australia on the "Dunluce Castle" and was discharged on 19 September 1919.

## Family Life

Horace married Nellie Florence (the daughter of W.O. Fenwick) on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1923 and they had one daughter.<sup>9</sup>

## Career

Horace was the Manager of Gollin & Coy from 1935 until at least 1944. <sup>10</sup>Gillin and Coy were "merchants and importers".<sup>11</sup>

## Other Activities

Horace was a member of the Defence Canteens Board from 1939 and in June 1940 Horace became the Controller of the S.A. Board of the Australian Defence Canteens Service. He was Chairman of the Employment committee of the Legacy Club of Adelaide from 1934. His recreations included tennis, golf and billiards. Horace was a member of the Naval and Military Club, the Kooyonga Golf Club and Legacy.<sup>12</sup>

In 1944 he resided at 3 Aroha Terrace, Forestville, SA.<sup>13</sup>

## Death

Horace Annells of Black Forest, SA died aged 79 years on 8 July 1968, aged 79 years and is buried at Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia, Weeping Rose Gardens T1 8.<sup>14</sup>

## Who's Who in Australia, 1921-1950, 1944

[http://search.ancestry.com.au/cgi-bin/sse.dll?gl=ROOT\\_CATEGORY&gsln=Annells&gsln\\_x=XO&gss=angs-c](http://search.ancestry.com.au/cgi-bin/sse.dll?gl=ROOT_CATEGORY&gsln=Annells&gsln_x=XO&gss=angs-c) Who's Who in Australia, 1921-1950, 1944 Edn page 119



<sup>9</sup> [http://search.ancestry.com.au/cgi-bin/sse.dll?gl=ROOT\\_CATEGORY&gsln=Annells&gsln\\_x=XO&gss=angs-c](http://search.ancestry.com.au/cgi-bin/sse.dll?gl=ROOT_CATEGORY&gsln=Annells&gsln_x=XO&gss=angs-c) Who's Who in Australia, 1921-1950, 1944 Edn page 119

<sup>10</sup> ibid

<sup>11</sup> <http://archivescollection.anu.edu.au/index.php/gollin-and-company-proprietary-limited>

<sup>12</sup> [http://search.ancestry.com.au/cgi-bin/sse.dll?gl=ROOT\\_CATEGORY&gsln=Annells&gsln\\_x=XO&gss=angs-c](http://search.ancestry.com.au/cgi-bin/sse.dll?gl=ROOT_CATEGORY&gsln=Annells&gsln_x=XO&gss=angs-c) Who's Who in Australia, 1921-1950, 1944 Edn page 119

<sup>13</sup> ibid

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## Team Photo

### 1908 Adelaide University Intersarsity Football Team



<http://hdl.handle.net/2440/36772>

Type: Image  
Title: Football Team  
Issue Date: 1908  
Series/Report no.: 1151  
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Abstract: Mounted sepia photograph. Photographer: E. Ziegler, 40 Elizabeth Street, Norwood. Back row: G. Earle (boundary umpire), B. Hand (Hon. Sec.), H.V. Lampe, W.J. Ford (boundary umpire). 3rd row: H. Humphries, R.H. Begg, S.W. Jeffries, H.S. Annells, V. Cresdee, W.W. Cooper, W.B. Angwin. 2nd row: J. Jona, C.F. Drew, D.R.W. Cowan, H.W.D. Stoddart (Captain), W.A.V. Drew, A.C. Wilton, E. Holder. Front row: J.W. Blackett, R.A. Goode, H.R. Reynolds (Central umpire), L.H. Haslam, O.J. Murphy.

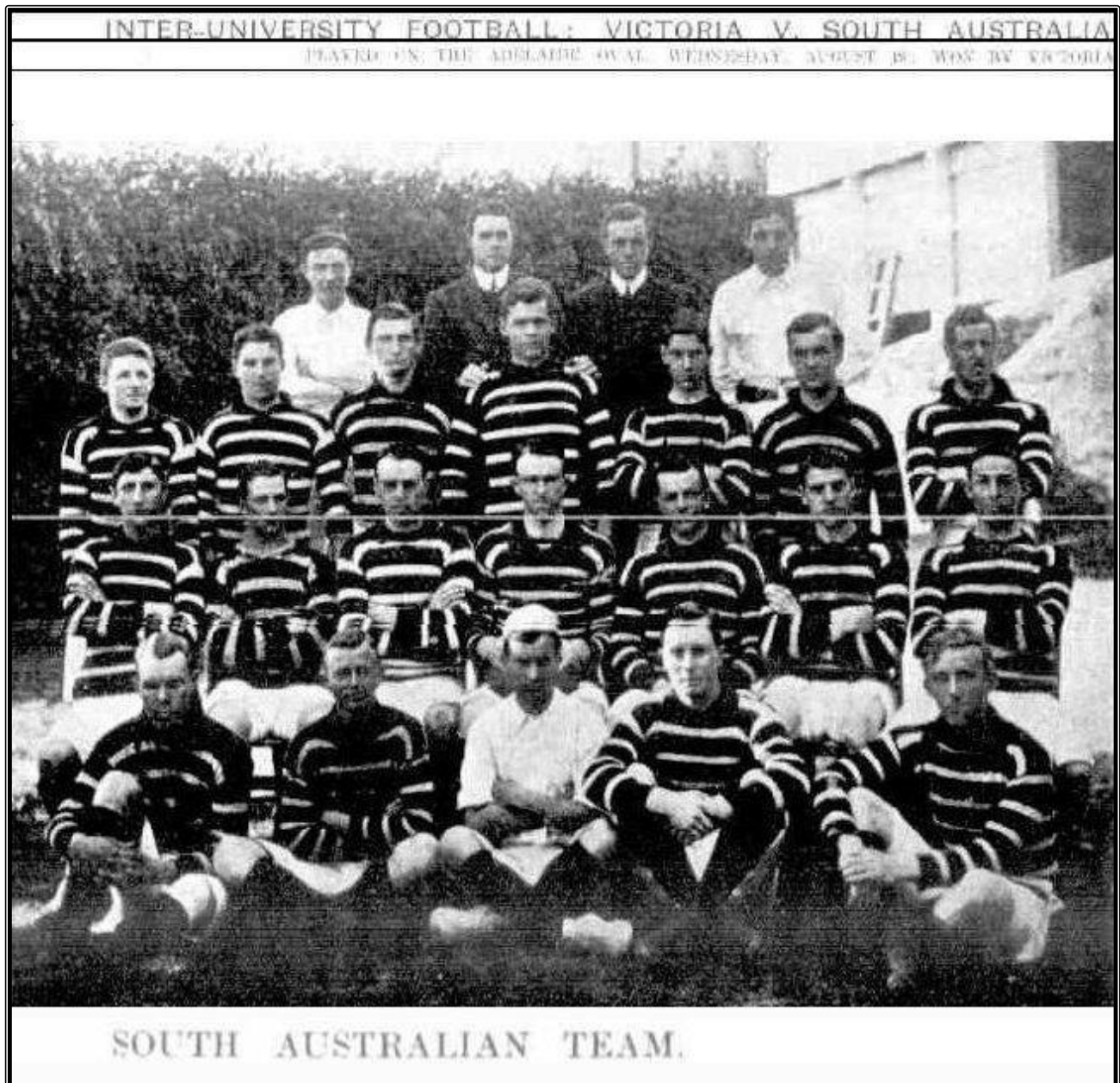
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Appears in Collections: [Series 1151 University Photographs and Glass Slides](#)

## Team Photo

### 1908 Adelaide University Intervarsity Football Team

INTER-UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL: VICTORIA V. SOUTH AUSTRALIA. (1908, August 29). *Chronicle* (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), p. 34., from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88385671>



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