



Capt. Alan Reid Bean



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: 1912/13 - 1915/16 B Grade

Degree: MB BS (1917)

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 Alan Reid Bean. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AIF Project Record

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=17343>



Place of birth	Melbourne, Victoria
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Medical practitioner
Address	Goodwood Park, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs G A Bean, 10 Lana Avenue, Goodwood Park, South Australia
Enlistment date	14 February 1918
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	14 March 1918
Place of enlistment	South Australia
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Unit name	Medical Officers
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A18 <i>Wiltshire</i> on 10 June 1918
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Medical Corps
Fate	Returned to Australia 27 March 1920
Discharge date	19 June 1920
Other details	Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

RSL Virtual Memorial Record

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/355543>

Captain
Medical Officers
Australian Army
Born 9 Mar 1895

BEAN, Alan Reid

Last Rank: Captain

Last Unit: Medical Officers

Born: Essendon, Victoria, 9 March 1895

Home Town: Goodwood, Unley, South Australia

Schooling: Midland Junction State School, University of Adelaide

Occupation: Medical Practitioner (Police Surgeon)

Died: Western Australia, 21 March 1958, aged 63 years, cause of death not yet discovered

Cemetery: Fremantle Cemetery, W.A.
Presbyterian Monumental EE 0061 - site expired 02 July 2012

Memorials: Goodwood HB2 Presbyterian Church*, University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll Mitchell Bldg*, Unley HB01 Town Hall*

World War 1 Service

21 Mar 1918: Involvement Captain, Medical Officers

21 Mar 1918: Embarked Captain, Medical Officers, HMAT Persic, Sydney

Biography

Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who Served in World War 1, C Verco, A Summers, T Swain & M Jelly. July 2014

BEAN Alan Reid

MB BS

1895 - 1958

Alan Reid Bean was born on the 9th March 1895 at Moonee Ponds, Victoria. His parents moved to Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. There are records of his marks at the Kalgoorlie Central State School. He was later educated at Scotch College, Cranbourne, Western Australia. He studied medicine at the University of Adelaide and graduated in 1917. The Chancellor, in presenting the degrees, congratulated the candidates, and particularly the medical graduates who, he stated, had all volunteered for active service. He then became a RMO at the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

Bean enlisted in Adelaide on 14th February 1918; he stated he had 7 months prior service in the AAMC Reserve. He was single living at the home of his Mother, Mrs G A Bean, at 10 Lanor Ave, Goodwood Park. He was 23 years, 5ft 11ins, 136 lbs, auburn hair, fair complexion and grey eyes. He embarked on the 23rd March 1918 via the 2 MD Melbourne from Sydney in HMAT *Persic* as a captain AAMC reinforcements. From here his deployments in the north of France included 13 FdAmb, 12 FdAmb, 48 Bn, 46 Bn and 2 AGH. His appointment in the AIF was terminated on the 19th June 1920. Bean was issued with the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Bean went to the Sheffield Infirmary to work for one year with Sir Ernest Finch after the war. He returned to Adelaide, but footloose, he travelled to Perth with his sister, first to Brookton for 6 months, then to Bruce Rock, 250 km east of Perth, in the wheat belt. Here he stayed 8 years and helped build a Hospital. He married Alison Stuart daughter of Graham Stuart on the 9th November 1925, and they had two sons and a daughter. Education was soon considered critical and in 1930 the family moved to Fremantle. Here he did locum work and another son was born. Later that year he was appointed Medical Officer at the Fremantle Prison and was the Fremantle Police Doctor. He also purchased, and worked for many years, in private practice close to the Fremantle Hospital. The family lived in the Prison Doctor's Residence. He held these positions at his death on the 21st March 1958.

Sources:

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=3061045...>

Personal correspondence from granddaughter.

NLA.


Photo SLSA: GRG26_5_4_01422

The Advertiser 27 July 1916

Note – See the additional biographical details below regarding Alan's wife's name

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3061045>

AUSTRALIAN			MILITARY FORCES.	
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.				

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. Captain Name { Surname BEAN.
in full { Christian Name ALAN REID
Unit A.A.M.C.
Joined on 14 Feb. 1918

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.
You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>Alan Reid Bean</u>
2. In or near what Town were you born?	2. <u>Melbourne, the A.C.</u> In or near the Town of In the State or Country of <u>Victoria.</u>
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)	3. <u>Natural Born.</u>
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated)	4. <u>23 years: Born 9th March 1895.</u>
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. <u>Medical Practitioner.</u>
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?	6. <u>No.</u>
7. Are you married, single, or widower?	7. <u>Single.</u>
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) <small>The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will.</small>	8. <u>Mother, Mrs G.A. Bean</u> <u>10 Lano Avenue</u> <u>Goodwood Park,</u> <u>S.A.</u>
9. What is your permanent address in Australia?	9. <u>10 Lano Avenue</u> <u>Goodwood Park.</u> <u>South Aust.</u>
10. 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	10. <u>7 months A.A.M.C. Reserve</u>
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	11. <u>Yes.</u>
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	12. <u>No.</u>
13. (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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per day?	13. <u>Yes.</u>
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever?	14. <u>Yes.</u>

I, Alan Reid Bean 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.*†

Date March 14, 1918

A.R.Bean
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.
D.349/4.17.—C.2214.—20M.

Biography – Additional Details

Early Life

Alan Reid Bean was born 9th March 1895 at Essendon, Victoria, the son of George Alfred Bean and Amelia Florence Bean nee Davey. Alan's father was an accountant with the Lands Department and a well known cricketer.

Alan's siblings were Edgar Layton (Ted) Bean (born 1893, Moonee Ponds, Victoria) and Hilda Florence Bean (born 1897, Adelaide, Victoria).

By late 1903 the family had moved to Kalgoorlie, WA where George was briefly in the firm Bean and Shaw, he later commenced working for Dalgetys.

Education

Alan attended the Kalgoorlie Central State School and later Scotch College, WA. He commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1912 and graduated MB BS in 1917.

Adelaide University Sports

Alan had cricket in his blood. His father George and uncle Ernie were prominent cricketers with the North Melbourne Cricket Club. Uncle Ernie played first class cricket for Victoria and later became a long serving administrator and Australian Test Selector. Despite the cricket heritage, Alan however only managed to play B grade cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club for the 1912/13 to 1915/16 seasons. He did manage to play a match or two alongside his brother Edgar (Ted). In the match in January 1913 against Sturt he was involved in a run-out with his brother. In November 1916 Alan took 2 wickets for University B Grade against the St Peter's College team that include Howard Florey.

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)	
Mon 13 Jan 1913 / Page 2 / CRICKET	
UNIVERSITY V. STURT.	
University	74
STURT.	
First innings	213
UNIVERSITY	
—Second Innings.—	
Coust, b. Barrett	0
Stevens, b. Barrett	7
Wilson, b. Barrett	0
Richards, l.b.w., b. Barrett	50
Timcke, c. Bailey, b. Barrett	2
Moore, l.b.w., b. Swann	0
Ferrachon, b. James	5
F. Bean, b. Gray	19
A. Bean, run out	7
McGee, b. Barrett	0
Black, not out	4
Extras	12
Total	100
—Bowling.—	
Barrett, 5 for 13.	
Swann, 2 for 12.	
James, 1 for 11.	
Gray, 1 for 11.	

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)	
Mon 29 Nov 1915 / Page 8	
B GRADE.	
UNIVERSITY V. S.P.S.C.	
—S.P.S.C.—	
Auld, b. Giffillan	0
Astley, c. Rayner, b. Black	0
L. V. Pellew, b. Wilson	28
Tennant, c. sub., b. Black	104
Gregerson, l.b.w., b. North	31
Florey, c. Rayner, b. Mengerson	24
Hall, c. sub., b. Bean	15
Colley, l.b.w., b. Bean	3
Hill-Smith, c. and b. Rayner	8
E. L. Pellew, b. Black	6
Owen Smyth, not out	3
Extras	33
Total	245
Bowling.—Giffillan 1 for 29, Black 3 for 24, Mengerson 1 for 27, Wilson 1 for 17, Bean 2 for 24, Rayner 1 for 37, North 1 for 18.	
University, first innings, 150.	
—Second Innings.—	
McIlbourne, b. Astley	0
North, l.b.w., b. Owen Smyth	0
Mengerson, b. Owen Smyth	2
Rayner, b. Owen Smyth	0
Giffillan, c., b. E. L. Pellew	14
Jose, c. Florey, b. Hill-Smith	3
Jansney, l.b.w., b. Hill-Smith	0
Black, not out	3
Bean, b. E. L. Pellew	0
Extras	11
Total	33
Bowling.—Owen Smyth, 3 for 1; Astley, 1 for 14; Hill Smith, 2 for 0; E. L. Pellew, 2 for 6.	
S.P.S.C. won on the first innings by 82.	

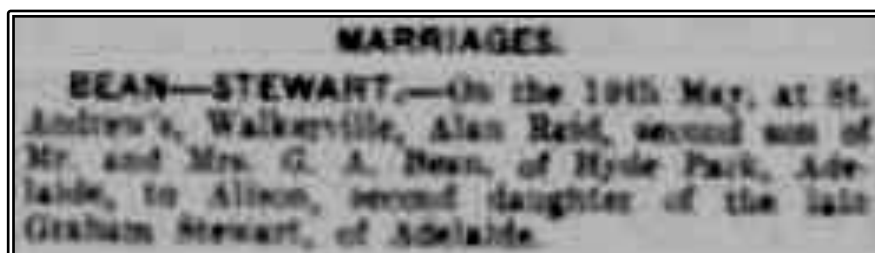
Alan's WWI service is well described in the 'Blood, Sweat and Tears' biography above.

In January 1919 Capt. Alan Reid Bean was recommended for the Award "Mentioned in Despatches" however there is no record that it was granted or reasons for it.

Schedule No. (See last blank)		Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
[M1707] W10713/31107 1000m 12/16 rpt G & S R. 688. Form W. 3121/4		A. A. U. C.		Brigade. 4th Australian	Division. Australian.	Corps.	Date of Recommendation. 1st January 1919.	
Division.		Corps.		Army.				
12th Aust. F18 Ambulance.		Captain. Alan Reid <u>BEAN</u>		Colonel, A.D.S. 4th Australian Division.		Major General, COMMANDING, 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.		
Date Received. Date Passed						Ment. Col. C.O. 12th Australian Field Ambulance.		
						RECEIVED IN DESPATCHES.		

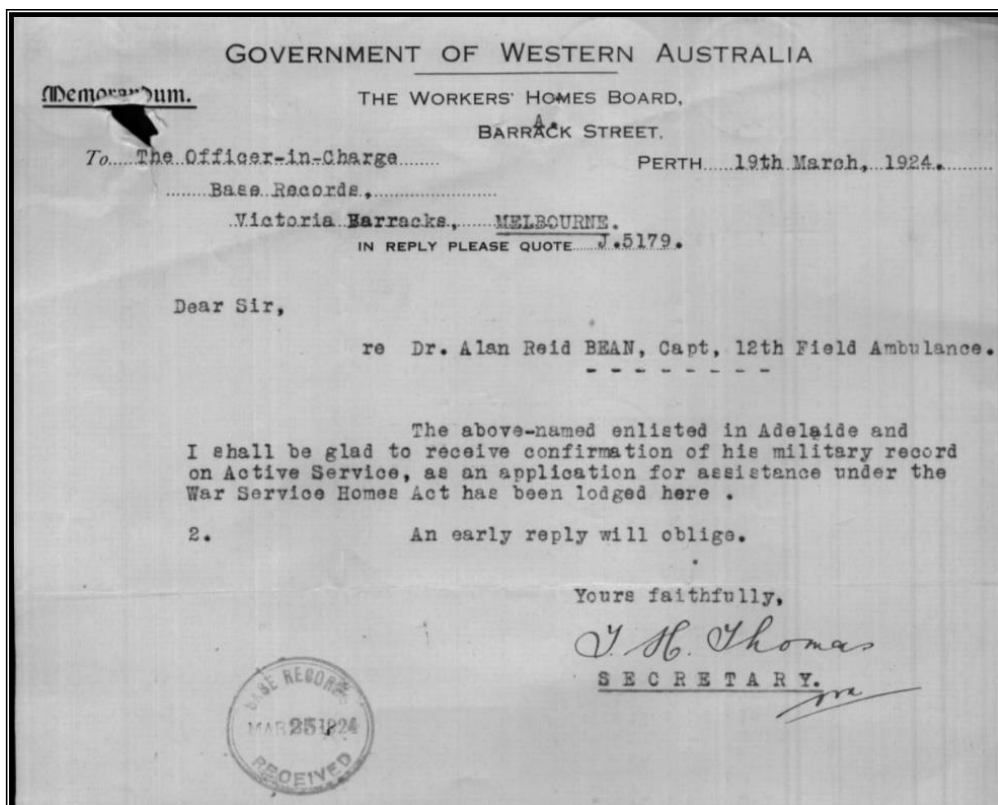
Family Life

The 'Blood, Sweat and Tears' biography states that Alan married Alison Stuart on 9 November 1965, however research shows that Alan married Alison Stewart on 19th May 1923 at St Andrew's, Walkerville, SA.



Alan and Alison had three children who were born at Bruce Rock, WA (sons Edgar Stewart Bean, born in 1924 and Alan Graham Stewart (Graham) Bean in 1926 and a daughter Merrill Stewart Bean born in 1928. A further son, Maxwell Pemberton Stewart Bean was born in 1931 in Perth.

In 1924 Allan applied for a War Service Home Loan.



Other Information

While at Bruce Rock, Alan acted as a JP, was on the Hospital Committee, played for the local cricket club and was active in the RSL.

The Bean's lived at 165 Walcott Street, North Perth in 1931 and at 20 The Terrace, Fremantle from at least 1936.

Alan enlisted during WWII with Service Number - W3609. His WWII record is not yet digitised. As Alan's name continued to appear in WA newspapers throughout 1939-45, it would appear that his service was within Australia.

Alan's father passed away on the 18th December 1941 and his mother passed away May 1943. They are both buried at the Mitcham General Cemetery, Old Belair Road, Mitcham, SA.

In August 1946 Dr Frank H Ebell joined Alan in a practice at 111 South Terrace, Fremantle.

Alan and Alison's son Edgar Stewart (Garry) Bean completed one year of medicine at the WA University then transferred to Adelaide University and was registered as a qualified medical practitioner on 1 September 1947.

Alan and Alison's second son, Graham Bean, became engaged to Helen Meredith Pearson in January 1951. The couple married in June 1952 at Sty Luke's Church, Mosman Park and moved to Melbourne.

Alan and Alison travelled to the UK in 1951 returning onboard the Orion which arrived in Fremantle on the 22nd November 1951.

Garry Bean undertook post graduate studies in Adelaide in 1952. He married Barbara Charlotte Hoar the daughter of Mrs R L S Hoar of Hawthorn and the late Mr Hoar. He practiced medicine in WA.

Death

Alan died on 31 March 1958 in Perth and is buried at the Fremantle Cemetery.

Legacy

Alison, Merrill and Maxwell moved to 29 Mc Neill Street after Alan's death. Merrill was a typist and Maxwell a student in 1958. Alison, Merrill and Maxwell were at the Mc Neill Street address until at least 1963.

Alison Stewart Bean died on the 8th September 1965 and was buried at the Fremantle Cemetery, WA.

Graham and Helen later moved back to WA and Graham was a Civil Servant. Graham died on the 7th July 1999, aged 72 and was buried at the Fremantle Cemetery, WA.

In 1980 Maxwell was living at Hancock Street, Doubleview, WA. He died on the 2nd December 2004 and was buried at the Fremantle Cemetery, WA.

Edgar Steward (Garry) Bean, MBBS FRACP (born 05.06.1924) moved from WA to Southern Sydney, NSW. He died peacefully on the 3rd March 2012, aged 87. He was the beloved husband of 58 years of Barbara Charlotte, father of Penelope (deceased), Jeremy, Andrew, Jonathan and Richard, father-in-law of Gill, Deirdre, Stacie and Eve and loving grandfather of Lily; Stephanie and William; Jordan, Madeleine, Nathanael and Annalise; Gabriel, Claudia and Hamish.

Profile Compiled by: Beth Filmer

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