



Capt. Geoffrey Howard Barham Black



**Played with Adelaide University
Cricket Club: 1912/13 - 1915/16 A & B Grade
Other Sports: Rifle & Rowing
Sports Awards (Blue - Rifle 1912)
Medical Student
MB BS 1916**

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 Geoffrey Howard Barham Black. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.



Geoffrey Howard BLACK

Date of birth	14 September 1893
Place of birth	Burnside, South Australia
School	St Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia
Other training	University of Adelaide, South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Medical practitioner
Address	Lower North Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs. J H Black, Stanley Street, Lower North Adelaide, South Australia
Enlistment date	7 July 1916
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	12 July 1916
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Unit name	<u>Medical Officers</u>
Embarkation details	(Sic)Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A24 <i>Benalla</i> on 9 November 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Medical Corps
Fate	Effective abroad (still overseas)
Other details	War service: France, Belgium. Gassed, Passchendaele, 28 October 1917. Arrived back in Australia, 13 December 1919.

National Archives of Australia - WW1 Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=6334407>

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT A.G. 196 4 3		C.M. Form A. 22. (Revised 1.7.14.)	
AUSTRALIAN		Medical Officer MILITARY FORCES.	
Application for a Commission in the Expeditionary Forces.			
No.		PARTICULARS	
1.	SURNAME ... Other Names (in full) ...	BLACK Geoffrey Howard Barham	
2.	Educational Qualifications ... (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.)	MB. BS. Adelaide. 1916	
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) ... (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) Present rank and corps to be stated.	Capt. A.A.M.C.	
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as Second Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) ...	—	
5.	Present Civil Employment ...	—	
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.)	Date of Birth	Age
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)	Sept 14 th 1893	22 Years 11 Months
8.	Married or Single ...	Single.	
9.	Postal Address ...	63 Stanley St. North Adelaide.	
10.	Next of Kin ...	A. Barham Black (father)	
Date 7. 8. 16		(Signature of Applicant)	
NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II, and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.			
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.			
In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.			
I, <u>C. Bennett</u> do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.			
Height 5 ft 7 1/2		Weight 10 st 12 lb.	
Chest Measurement 33-37 1/2		Eyesight 4/6 6/6	
Signature of the Examining Medical Officer.		<u>C. Bennett</u> Major	
RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.			
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)			
I recommend that the candidate above-named be appointed a <u>Captain AIF</u> in the Corps under my command, and I certify —			
1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.			
2. †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or			
†(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.			
(c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.			
On appointment the candidate will be posted to <u>N.N.C. Russell</u> Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.			
Date 8 AUG 1916		Commanding <u>PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER 4TH M. D.</u>	
RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.			
Recommended, candidate considered suitable.			
Date 10/8/16		Commandant <u>4</u> Military District.	
† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.			
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of form.			
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same day.			

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

Transferred to

D

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. _____

Rank Captain Name BLACK G. H. B.

Unit C 325^A Admc. att (1st I. A. B.)

187.

Casualty Shell Gas Wounds Severe adm 3rd Gen Hosp 31 10 17

Progressing favourably

Passed

SEVERE, ADMITTED 13.11.17 to 3rd Gen Hosp

WSML 5931/381 dated London 23/11/17

WSML 621/808 dated London 31/12 Received B.R. 25/1/18

Convalescent

Platz to Lieut per H. T. "Nestor" embarked 1/11/19

C.I.B.L. 3660/6751 did Lon. 4/11/19 Rec. B.R. 10/11/19

Duty (Medical Officer) Yes

Returned to Australia per A.

Disembarked M. D.

DATE.

PURPORT.

REF. NO.

21 NOV 1917

N. O. K. Advised in Hospital

28 NOV 1917

N. O. K. Advised progressing favourably

DEC 3 1917

M. O. K. Advised in Hospital

JAN 28 1918

N. O. K. Advised Convalescent

4.9.18

Form of Honours Received Capt B.R.M. No 33/1405

14/11/19

M. O. K. Advised Returning to Australia. Form

27.1.20

Appointment Terminated (4 M.D.)

WAR HISTORY INDEX

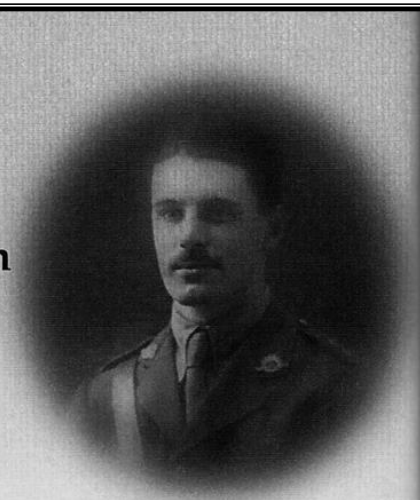


Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who Served in World War 1, C Verco, A Summers, T Swain & M Jelly. July 2014

BLACK Geoffrey Howard Barham

MB BS FRACS DOMS

1893 - 1956



Geoffrey Howard Barham Black was born at Burnside on 14th September 1893 son of Alfred Barham and Jessie Howard, nee Clark. He was educated at Mrs Hübbe's Private School at Knightsbridge (1900-1904) and, in 1905, went to St Peter's College where he won a University Bursary for Medicine at the University of Adelaide. He graduated MB BS with 2nd Class Honours in 1916. At the University he had been awarded a Rifles shooting Blue, rowed and played cricket. Black with Kyle Gault, Hugh Cairns and Albert Ray Southwood attempted to enlist soon after the outbreak of WW1 but were encouraged to complete their course.

He enlisted as a captain in the AAMC on 8th August 1916. He was single, 23 years old, of average build, 175 cm tall and weighed 69 kg and living at 26 Stanley St, North Adelaide. He disembarked in Devonport England on 28th Dec. 1916 then immediately went to France. There he served with the 1 AGH, 1st A INF Bn, 1 FdAmb, 1st Fd Arty in which he was gassed at Passchendaele on 28th Oct 1917. He was evacuated via the 3 FdAmb and then to 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth and returned to Duty on 29th January 1918. He was transferred to 3 AAH Dartford within weeks with "toxic jaundice". After recovery he returned to France now with the 3 FdAmb and 3 AGH. He was posted to AIF HQ London on 4th Nov 1918 and then granted leave and undertook post graduate study as an RMO at Queens' Hospital, Birmingham. After a year's study he embarked for Australia aboard *Nestor* on 1st November 1919. His AIF appointment was terminated on 2nd January 1920. He was issued with the British War and the Victory Medals.

Black continued his medical career on returning home to Adelaide as a specialist with prior General Practice experience. He began at the Adelaide Children's Hospital in 1920 and then to a General Practice in Snowtown, Hindmarsh. Black married Catherine Gilmore Reid at the St Peter's College Chapel on 16th February 1925. He travelled to England to undertake

Ophthalmology training at Moorfields, London, and Bristol in 1930-31. He returned to Adelaide and started a Specialist Ophthalmological Practice at 206 Nth Terrace, Adelaide from 1932. At the same time continued with honorary appointments at the Adelaide Hospital, the Adelaide Children's Hospital and the Queen's Home until 1953. He was also a contributor to the connection of rubella and congenital ocular defects in the newborn. Black continued to serve in the Inter War Service Militia from 10th January 1927; promoted to Major 1st October 1934. He also served in WW2 as DADMS and CO 3 FdAmb and promoted lieutenant colonel on the Reserve of Officers from 2nd March 1942. It is a family understanding that his command of the 3 FdAmb was terminated as he was deemed unfit to go overseas following his WW1 gassing. He was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Stannus Gunning. It was a bitter blow to Black, exacerbated by the subsequent receipt of a white feather in the mail. Black would then wear his uniform at every opportunity even when consulting to show that he had not shirked his responsibility. The family lived at 25 Northgate St, Unley Park. He played tennis until his death, was a good bridge player and a superb inventive furniture craftsman. Geoffrey Howard Barham Black died in Adelaide on 13th January 1956, survived by his wife; two daughters, Elizabeth and Nancy, sons James (Barry) and twins Andrew and Robert.

Sources:

Photo; SRSA GRG2G/5/4, Packet 2400
AWM/NAA barcodes 3086872 WW1 and S213049 WW2,
Personal correspondence from GPCAPT RBB Black (son).
MJA 1943, 2:201, 1944, 1:409, and 1946, 2:889.

Additional Biography

Geoffrey Howard Barham Black was born 14th September 1893 at Burnside, the son of Alfred Barham Black, a renowned Adelaide architect (1858 - 1933) and Jessie Howard Clark, a teacher (1868 - 1942). He had three sisters; famous artist Dorothea Foster "Dorrit" Black¹ (1891 - 1951), Helen Foster Barham Black (1897 - 1997), Mildred Rosa Barham Black (1899 - 1975). See **Appendix1**

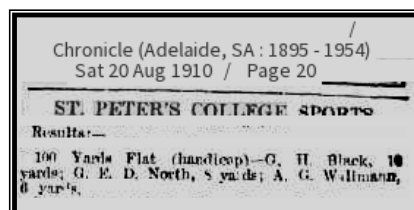


Alfred Barham Black

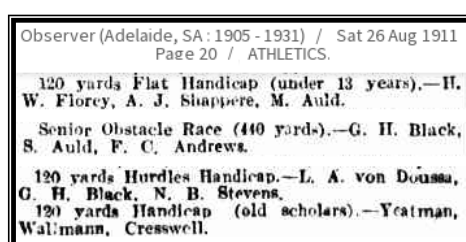
Secondary Education

Geoffrey was initially educated at Mrs. Hübbe's Private School at 28 Statenborough Street , Knightsbridge (now Leabrook). In 1905, he was then enrolled at St Peters College (SPSC 1905 - 1911). In 1908 at SPSC in Form Va, he won the Form Prize, Mathematics Prize and the Gymnasium Medal. His academic achievements in his Senior and Higher Years were outstanding resulting in him being awarded a bursary to study medicine at the University of Adelaide.

At SPSC Geoffrey showed some athletic ability and participated in the annual sports days. In 1910 won the 100 yards flat race (Handicap event).



In the 1911 Sports, he won the 440 Yards Obstacle Race and was 2nd in the 120 yards Hurdles (Handicap event). He also was awarded the 1911 Gymnasium Medal.



¹ <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/black-dorothea-foster-dorrit-5249/text8843>

Adelaide University

Having completed all the prerequisite subjects (Senior & Higher Public Exams) at St Peter's College, Geoffrey enrolled in the medical faculty at Adelaide University in 1912.

Although Black and many other medical students attempted to enlist soon after the outbreak of WW1, they were encouraged to complete their medical degrees. However, with the urgent need for doctors at the front, the University obliged by concentrating the courses with lecturers and students forgoing vacations to complete examinations two months earlier.

He completed the course within the requisite five years. With the course being compressed during the War years, his 5th Year was completed mid -1916. From those who enrolled with Geoffrey in medicine in 1912 there would be two future Rhodes Scholars. Alan Morey 1914 (also from St Peter's College) and Hugh Cairns 1917 (from Adelaide High School). Both would serve.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA: 1910-1924)
Fri 22 Nov 1912 / Page 3

MEDICAL EXAM

MASTER OF SURGERY.

Passed.—Magarey, Archibald Campbell.
M.B., B.S.

EXAMINATION RESULTS M.B., B.S.
DEGREE, NOVEMBER, 1912.

Ordinary Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:—

Pass List—In Order of Merit.

First Year (new regulations):—
First Class—Morey, Alan Wilson, and Plotz, Oscar Arnold, equal; Black, Geoffrey Howard; Cairns, Hugh William Bell.
Second Class—Southwood, Albert Ray.
Third Class—None.

Completed the First Year but unclassified—Gardner, Rita Elizabeth; Gault, Arthur Kyle.

Recommended for the Elder Prize—Morey, Alan Wilson, and Plotz, Oscar Arnold, equal.

The Register (Adelaide, SA: 1901-1929)
Fri 28 Nov 1913 / Page 7

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

EXAMINATION PASS LIST.

—Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery—

Second Year (new regulations):—First Class.
—Morey, Alan Wilson, and Plotz, Oscar Arnold, equal. Second Class.—Black, Geoffrey Howard. Third Class.—None. Completed the Second Year, but not classified.—Cairns, Hugh William Bell; Gault, Arthur Kyle; Southwood, Albert Ray. Passed in Anatomy and Physiology, thus completing the second year.—Boydson, Frank Audrey Henry. Old Regulations.—Third Class.—Burden, Clive Britten. Recommended for the Elder Prize.—Alan, Wilson Morey; Oscar, Arnold Plotz.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA: 1910-1924) / Thu 26 Nov 1914 / Page 8 /

Third Year (new regulations).

First Class.—Plotz, Oscar Arnold, and Southwood, Albert Ray, equal; Cairns, Hugh William Bell.

Second Class.—Black, Geoffrey Howard.

Recommended for the Dr. Davies Thomas Scholarship—Plotz, Oscar Arnold, and Southwood, Albert Ray, equal.

The Register (Adelaide, SA: 1901-1929)
Fri 24 Sep 1915 / Page 5

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY.

PASS LIST.—SEPTEMBER, 1915.
(All classes in order of merit.)

Third Year.—(Special) Second Class—Davies, Harold Whitridge.

Fourth Year.—First Class—Southwood, Albert Ray, and Plotz, Oscar Arnold, equal. Second Class—Burnell, Glen Howard; Black, Geoffrey Howard. Third Class—Burden, Clive Britten; Shipway, Graham Stuart.

*Recommended for the Dr. Davies Thomas scholarship.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA: 1910-1924) / Fri 7 Jul 1916 / Page 4 /

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

The result of the ordinary examination for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery held by the Adelaide University last month was as follows:—Fifth Year.—Pass List (in order of merit)—First class, none; second class, Burnell, Glen Howard; Southwood, Albert Ray; Black, Geoffrey Howard. Third class, Plotz, Oscar Arnold; Abbott, Nigel Basil; Gresley; Shipway, Graham Stuart; Burden, Clive Britten.

Immediately after graduating MBBS, Geoffrey along with many of the other new graduates, enlisted. While waiting for his commission in the AIF for overseas service with the Expeditionary Forces he gained some experience as a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital.

University Sport

At University, Geoffrey played cricket with the Adelaide University Cricket Club (AUCC) from 1912/13 until the end of the 1915/16 cricket season. A handy all-rounder, he played mainly B Grade but by the 1915/16 season was included in the A Grade team. With many players enlisting after War was declared in Europe, the 1914/15 and 1915/16 season (unofficial) saw many cricket teams having difficulty fielding full teams. Some of the University players had already embarked for overseas service or were in camp undergoing training. In the B Grade match against North Adelaide in January 1915, Geoffrey opened both the batting and bowling. The team played four men short and was comfortably beaten.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) / Tue 19 Jan 1915

B. GRADE.	
NORTH ADELAIDE VERSUS UNIVERSITY.	
UNIVERSITY.	
B. Moore, c. and b. W. G. Fulston	21
G. Black, c. Walsh, b. J. Barry	10
F. Carthew, l.b.w., b. J. Barry	4
N. Mengerson, b. W. G. Fulston	6
T. B. C. Sari, run out	1
Martin, not out	0
C. S. Padman, b. W. G. Fulston	0
Four men absent.	
Total	42
Bowling—J. Barry, three for 13; S. L. Wellington, none for 24; W. G. Fulston, three for 5; D. Butterworth, none for none.	
NORTH ADELAIDE.	
G. Roberts, c. sub., b. Mengerson	3
W. Taylor, b. Mengerson	7
K. Walsh, not out	113
S. L. Wellington, c. sub., b. Moore	35
W. G. Fulston, c. sub., b. Sari	19
E. Puddy, not out	4
Sundries	24
Total (for four wickets)	204
Bowling—Black, none for 24; Mengerson, two for 15; Sari, one for 46; Padman, none for 18; Carthew, none for 13; Moore, one for 24; Martin, none for 39.	

In 1912, Geoffrey was awarded a Blue for Rifle and was a member of the Inter-Varsity Rifle team in 1913.



Inter-Varsity Rifle Team 1913

Back: J.G.Jeffreys, A.W.Morey, A.J.K.Bake, J.A.Love.

Front: H.H.Coles (capt), P.C.A.Formachon, G.A.Lendon, G.H.Black.

Scores: Melbourne 1334; Sydney 1295; Adelaide 1198.

In 1914 and 1915, Geoffrey rowed for the Adelaide University Boat Club. The Club had been participating in rowing since the 1880s and became a founding member of the Adelaide University Sports Association in 1906.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA: 1895 - 1954) / Sat 12 Dec 1914 / Page 22 / Rowing.

HENLEY EIGHTS.

First Heat.

North Side.—Torrens R.C.—J. N. Murray (bow), 10 st. 9 lb.; W. Nation (2), 12 st. 12 lb.; H. Othams (3), 11 st. 3 lb.; C. R. Butterworth (4), 12 st. 3 lb.; P. W. Kennedy (5), 13 st. 10 lb.; J. P. Tymens (6), 11 st. 6 lb.; E. F. Doyle (7), 13 st. 9 lb.; G. A. Harrison (str.), 11 st. 12 lb.; W. S. Webb (cox.), 7 st.

South Side.—Adelaide University.—G. H. Black (bow), 10 st. 5 lb.; J. H. Hill (2), 10 st. 11 lb.; F. Williams (3), 10 st. 8 lb.; C. B. Maddern (4), 12 st.; H. W. B. Cairns (5), 11 st. 1 lb.; C. Boorn (6), 12 st. 4 lb.; C. S. Kneebone (7), 10 st. 12 lb.; D. Yates (str.), 11 st. 7 lb.; H. N. Somerville (cox.), 8 st. 10 lb.

Junior Eight—Oar Champions.

Port Adelaide News (SA: 1913 - 1933) / Fri 5 Mar 1915 / Page 1

University.—C. W. Goodman (bow), 9.11; J. A. Love (2), 10.4; G. H. Black (3), 10.0; C. Borne (4), 12.4; H. W. B. Cairns (5), 11.4; C. P. Maddern (6), 11.10; C. S. Kneebone (7), 10.8; D. Yates (stroke), 11.4; E. L. Symons (cox), 8.2 0

World War I



VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL AUSTRALIA

BLACK, Geoffrey Howard Barham

Service History

World War 1 Service

7 Jul 1916: **Enlisted** AIF WW1, Captain, SN Officer, Medical Officers, Adelaide, South Australia

21 Oct 1916: **Involvement** AIF WW1, Captain, Medical Officers, Enlistment/Embarkation WW1

21 Oct 1916: **Embarked** AIF WW1, Captain, Medical Officers, HMAT Port Melbourne, Melbourne

29 Oct 1917: **Wounded** AIF WW1, Captain, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Passchendaele, Gassed

27 Jan 1920: **Discharged** AIF WW1, Captain, Army Medical Corps (AIF)

Shortly after the 7th of July 1916 when the final fifth year MBBS examination results were published, he had enlisted and by the 8th of August had received his Commission as a Captain in the Australian Army Medical Corps. At the time of enlisting he was unmarried and was residing with his parents at 63 Stanley St, North Adelaide.

He embarked from Melbourne, on board HMAT A16 Port Melbourne on 23rd October 1916.



HMAT A16 Port Melbourne

(EMBARKED AT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, PER H.M.A.T. A16, "PORT MELBOURNE," 21st OCTOBER, 1916.)																				
BLACK, Geoffrey Howard	Captain	23	Medical practitioner	S.	Lower North Adelaide, South Australia	Mother, Mrs J. H. Black, Stanley-street, Lower North Adelaide, South Australia	C. of E.	7.7.16	..	22	6	15.10.16	19	0	12	6	6	6	3	6

After disembarking in England on 28th December 1916 at Devonport, he proceeded to France on 17th January 1917 and was posted to the 1st Australian General Hospital - 1st Australian Infantry Battalion. After a bout of influenza he returned to duty and in late March was attached to the 1st Australian Field Ambulance, supporting the 4th Australian Infantry Battalion in the field.

On the 29th October 1917, while positioned near the front-line with the 1st Field Artillery Brigade at Passchendaele, Belgium, he was gassed. After being attended by the 3rd Australian Field Ambulance and admitted to the 3rd Australian General Hospital at Boulogne, France, he was then evacuated to England to the 3rd London General Hospital, arriving 13th November 1917.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

B.R. Form No. 9.

PIP

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE, 21st November, 1917.

Dear Madam,
I regret to advise you that Captain G.H.B. Black has been reported admitted to 3rd General Hospital, Boulogne, France, 31/10/17, suffering from shell gas wounds, severe. His postal address will be:—

Captain G.H.B. Black,
Army Medical Corps,
Attached 1st Field Artillery Brigade,
Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. LEAN, Major,
(Sgd.) W. H. Osborne, Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.104/3.17.—C.2416.

By January 1917 he had returned to duty but soon after suffered "toxic jaundice" and was admitted the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartmouth. After recovering from this he returned to France with the 3rd Field Ambulance and 3rd General Hospital.

On 4th November 1918 Geoffrey received a posting to the AIF Headquarters in London and then was granted leave to undertake post graduate study as a resident medical officer at Queen's Hospital Birmingham. After completing a year there he returned to Australia and was discharged 2nd January 1920.

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Resumption of Medical Career

Geoffrey, on resuming his medical career, registered as a specialist with prior General Practice experience. After initially spending time at the Adelaide Children's Hospital, in early 1921, he then went to Snowtown following the opening of the town's new hospital. He was at Snowtown for two and a half years as their General Practitioner, but also took a wide interest in community activities. Early in 1923 Geoffrey acquired a new motor vehicle.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)
Sat 9 Dec 1922 / Page 20


**DODGE BROTHERS
MOTOR CAR**

During the month of November we delivered £40,000 worth of Dodge Brothers Motor Cars.

£425

(Five 32 x 4 Non-skid Cord Tyres and Tubes.)

WAYMOUTH MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED
42 WAYMOUTH STREET, ADELAIDE.



Motoring
The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923) / Fri 12 Jan 1923 / Page 4

REGISTRATIONS.

The following are the latest registrations of cars, lorries, &c., issued by the South Australian Registrar of Motor Vehicles (Mr. F. H. Wells):—

1524—F. Smith, Outhero toe, Corryton, 31 Maxwell.
09064—Dr. G. H. B. Black, Snowtown, 23.8 Dodge.
10450—H. L. Jessop, Waterloo st., Glenelg, 18.3 Overland.

In June 1923, Geoffrey was farewelled by the people of Snowtown, with Dr Sydney Manton Verco replacing him as the town doctor.

COUNTRY NEWS.
The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) / Thu 14 Jun 1923 / Page 11

SNOWTOWN, June 12.—A farewell smoke social was tendered to Dr. G. H. Barham Black in the Institute committee room last night. Mr. J. P. Turner presided, and referred to the keen interest Dr. Black had taken in the local hospital, and to the prominent position he had occupied in the cricket and tennis clubs during his two and a half years' residence here. Messrs. T. A. S. Hall (hospital board of management), J. W. Taylor (cricket and tennis clubs), C. H. Eyre, T. S. Kitson, D. T. Cronin, Partridge, and A. G. Opie also spoke. A presentation of an inscribed silver cigarette case was made to Dr. Black, who suitably replied. Dr. S. M. Verco, who has purchased Dr. Black's practice, was welcomed by the chairman.

In 1924, soon after Geoffrey's move from Snowtown, he and two friends embarked on a 2,500 mile motoring trip through South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, quite an adventure in those days and apart from a few punctures the vehicle proved to be very reliable.

A FINE MOTOR TRIP. TRAVELLING THROUGH THREE STATES. Instructive and Entertaining Diary.

No. II.

The following is an account of a motor tour made by Dr. G. H. Barham Black and Messrs. A. Lucas and J. R. Finlayson through parts of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. No trouble was experienced during the 2,500-miles trip, the only involuntary stops being for punctures. The three-seater gave every satisfaction. The whole trip occupied 32 days, but of this a week was spent in the south-east. The route described could, therefore, be covered comfortably in a month.

(The first article described the route traversed from Adelaide, along the Murray and the Murrumbidgee, and among the mountains to Mount Buffalo.)

In July 1925, Geoffrey married qualified massage therapist /physiotherapist, Catherine Gilmore Reid. Her mother Kate Gilmore Reid was a pioneer in the development of formal university studies for physical therapy practitioners and their registration.

MARRIAGES.

BLACK-REID.—On the 16th June, at St. Peter's College Chapel, by Rev. K. J. B. Bickersteth, Dr. Geoffrey Howard Barham Black, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barham Black, Stanley street, North Adelaide, to Catherine Gilmore, only daughter of Mrs. K. Gilmore Reid, Clifton street, Malvern.

Geoffrey, on returning to Adelaide and following his marriage to Catherine, set up home at 19 Grange Road, New Hindmarsh, where he had also established a general practice surgery. During their time there, their two daughters were born. Elizabeth "Betty" Barham Black in 1926 and Nancy Barham Black in 1928). Catherine became involved with the Bowden Free Kindergarten and served on the committee.

WOMAN'S WORLD

Conducted by "CANDIDA"



Mrs. G. H. Barham Black and her daughters Betty and Nancy, wife and children of Dr. Black, Grange road, New Hindmarsh.

—Rembrandt portrait

Geoffrey would remain in his general practitioner role at Hindmarsh until 1930. In 1931 he travelled to England where he undertook specialist training in ophthalmology at Moorfields, London and Bristol.

After spending the majority of 1930 and 1931 in England, on returning to Adelaide in early 1932, Geoffrey established a specialist ophthalmology practice at 206 North Terrace. The family moved from Hindmarsh to a home in Molesworth Street, North Adelaide.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)

Thu 4 Feb 1932 / Page 45

Dr. J. H. Barham Black, who formerly had a practice at Hindmarsh, returned by the Moldavia, which arrived at the Outer Harbor on Saturday. He was assistant surgeon on the vessel. Dr. Black had been away for eighteen months, doing further post graduate work in London. He intends to begin a practice on North terrace.

As well as his private practice, Geoffrey held consultant's positions at the Adelaide Hospital, Children's Hospital and Queen's Home until 1953. Geoffrey later worked in partnership with fellow ophthalmologist Dr Brian Formby Moore. For many years he held a number of voluntary honorary positions, including at Minda Home, the Royal Society for the Blind, the Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb and the House of Mercy (Gilberton Retreat for Women). Geoffrey and Catherine also supported many fund raising activities for these charitable institutions.

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Sat 12 Dec 1942

Institution For Blind, Deaf And Dumb

At the annual meeting of the SA Institution for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, Inc. held in the Lord Mayor's parlor yesterday, the president (Sir Lavington Bonython), in presenting the annual report, said that, if the public realised the value of the work being done by the institution, it would be availed of to a greater extent.

Sir Lavington Bonython paid a tribute to members of the teaching staff, who had undertaken many duties not associated with their own tasks so that the institution should be able to maintain its high standard. Notwithstanding the extra demands made on the public, the revenue was buoyant, and the surplus of £368 was the largest the institution had had. He also paid a tribute to Mr. William Silver, who had been a member of the board for 20 years, but owing to age was not offering his services this year. Mr. Silver had been the sheet anchor of the institution, and his work on its behalf could not be over estimated.

Officers elected:—Patron, the Governor (Sir Charles Malcolm Barclay-Harvey); patroness, Lady Muriel Barclay-Harvey; president, Sir Lavington Bonython; vice-president, Mr. K. W. Neill; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. H. A. Mahood; hon. ophthalmic surgeon, Dr. G. H. Barham Black; hon. surgeon, ear, nose and throat, Dr. W. Sangster; hon. physician and surgeon, Dr. M. E. Goode; dental surgeon, Mr. M. W. Wauchope; auditors, Messrs. R. G. Neill and H. Stevens; committee, Messrs. Duncan-Hughes, MHR, H. Bischof, C. E. Goldsmith, F. J. Brown, F. N. Simpson, J. R. Cornish, E. Anthony, MLC, F. C. Wade and T. P. Richardson; women's committee, Miss A. H. Brown, Mrs. W. S. Dean, Mrs. N. P. Owen, Mrs. J. A. Mudge, Mrs. E. A. Brummitt, Miss Colton, Mrs. Owen Crompton (hon. secretary); house committee, Messrs. H. Bischof, K. W. Neill, and F. J. Brown.

The annual Christmas party for the inmates was held at the institution at Brighton on Thursday night, and was attended by more than 300 persons.

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Royal Institution For Blind

In the 57th annual report of the Royal Institution for the Blind, Incorporated, presented at the annual meeting held at the institution, North Adelaide, yesterday afternoon, it was stated that the sales for the year totalled £22,862 and of this amount £1,324 was paid to the Federal Government in sales tax. The revenue received from sales the previous year was £20,195. A vice-president and treasurer (Mr. A. A. L. Rowley) occupied the chair.

The report said that the institution was providing education, work, and other assistance for more blind people than at any time in its existence. Subscriptions and donations received amounted to £2,063, bequests were £1,316, and the Government grant £3,050. The amount distributed among the blind was £15,298 in earnings, wage augmentations, sick pay, and pensions (not Government). This amount was a record.

Melrose house erected by public subscription to honor the memory of the late Sir John Melrose for aged blind, was fully occupied, and the board would have to consider extending it soon. Honorary medical officers had given continuous service in spite of the heavy demand made upon them by war conditions. They were:—Drs. G. Barham Black, F. Brian Moore, W. Sangster, M. Erichsen, G. F. Gregerson, K. W. Bollin, R. G. Burnard, K. F. Cooper, E. Hughes, D. K. McKenzie, O. H. Moulden, G. E. Peters, A. P. Stokes, and D. R. Wallman.

Geoffrey's father, Alfred Barham Black, was a surveyor, engineer and architect. His fine work was well represented around Adelaide. He was also very outspoken man on political matters, particularly the government's handling of the financial crisis of the early 1930s. He made regular contributions to debate in his "Letters to the Editor". Sadly in February 1933, he passed away.

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ECONOMISTS' PLAN

"FRIENDLY COMMENT"

To the Editor

Sir—I offer no carping criticism, agreeing that it is best to await the Conference's completed work, but a little friendly comment may be of use. 1. It is a sound rule for an insolvent to treat all his creditors alike; his debtors also, especially when taxpayers. 2. It is more important to preserve our local capital than to try to facilitate more borrowing in the future from London. 3. As I pointed out last year, capital is our friend, perhaps the only one to stand betwixt us and starvation. To teach that it is our enemy, by calling it "capitalism," is the worst service the extreme Labor man has yet done to all parties. Mr. Lang broke the first and third of these rules. —I am, Sir, &c.,

A. BARHAM BLACK, Medindie.

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Saturday 5 September 1931, page 18

VIEWS AND COMMENTS

MORTGAGORS RELIEF BILL

"DAMAGE TO OUR REPUTATION"

To the Editor

Sir—We all know that owing to great falls in the price of our primary products, many mortgagors are hard pressed, and hence Mr. Butler said on Monday, "I believe the solution of most of our difficulties is in the writing down of our debts." The above Bill is plainly drafted to effect this extraordinary end, and this statement was made without qualification of any sort. But where shall we find the god-like intellect qualified to deal out perfect justice on such a huge scale as setting aside every private contract between parties will involve? When Mr. Scullin explained how the conversion scheme would give us financial salvation in Australia, its chief virtue lay in leaving our capital intact; it made its cut only on interest.

Well, we have made the sacrifices and converted some 500 million pounds; but not only is the promised land yet afar, but, after facing the Financial Emergency Act and its inroads of 4/6 in the pound upon all interest on mortgages, we are more than threatened by this relief Bill (an inappropriate title!) which directs its attack on the mortgage capital. It being a poor maxim which won't work both ways, it seems but wise to ask Mr. Butler if it be fair to write down debts when produce falls in price; ought one not to write them up when produce is so high that a boom is on? Yet did he ever know it done? Both are equally interferences with private contracts, and to be fair, the rule should apply to all such.

I know of a house bought for £1,700, where £1,600 was left on loan. How could the same principles apply to this case and an ordinary one where £900 is lent on a valuation of £1,800? If the Bill becomes law, dire results will follow to many big companies. The State Bank and the thousand homes cannot escape being the cause of further very heavy losses to South Australia. If Mr. Hill desires to subsidise borrowers, it will be cheapest in the end to face the music and put up the required cash. If the cash can't be found that way, for heaven's sake don't rob mortgagors in order to find it. It can't be done without the losses receding upon the State in the long run, whilst the damage to our reputation will be irretrievable.—I am, Sir, &c.,

A. BARHAM BLACK.

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Thu 16 Feb 1933 / Page 17

MR. A. B. BLACK

Mr. Alfred Barham Black, architect, died at his home, Ettrick avenue, Medindie, early on Saturday morning. Born in 1858 at Wigtown, Scotland, and son of Mr. G. Couper Black, Procurator-Fiscal of the shire, he was educated at Edinburgh and Taunton, and took his diploma at the Crystal Palace Engineering School. Arriving in South Australia in 1877, he entered a partnership with Messrs. Beresford and Bowen, later with Mr. Hughes, and in 1910 with Mr. H. E. Fuller. One of his last undertakings before retiring from active work was as the Adelaide architect for the T. & G. Building in King William street.

In 1911 he went with his family to Europe and was made a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He was a past master, secretary, and treasurer of the Mostyn Lodge of Freemasons. In 1915 he left Adelaide with the intention of aiding in the erection of munition factories in England, but had to return owing to a severe attack of bronchitis. He married, in 1891, Miss Jessie Clark, who survives him. She was a daughter of the late Mr. John Howard Clark, a former editor of "The Register." There are four children—Dr. O. H. Barham Black (Adelaide), Miss Dorothea F. Black (Sydney), Mrs. J. R. Finlayson (Medindie), and Mrs. Norman Shaw.

Geoffrey's interest in cricket had continued on from his own playing days and was a regular attendee at Adelaide Oval and on occasions travelled interstate for the Ashes Test Matches.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) / Fri 15 Jan 1937 /

Motored Over.—Dr. and Mrs. G. Barham Black, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Colin Trevor, have returned to Adelaide from a motoring trip to Melbourne. While there they saw every ball bowled at the last Test match, and on the way back broke their journey at Lorne and Naracoorte. Apart from the cricket being so very interesting, they were amused by the huge crowds and the good humor that prevailed, even on the Saturday, when the crowd rocked with laughter at the amusing incidents which took place on the wet wicket.

In 1936 Geoffrey and Catherine purchased a new home at 25 Northgate Street, Unley Park. It would be the scene of many family and other social gatherings in future years. During the 1930s, the family had grown, with James Foster Barham "Barry" Black arriving in 1931 and twins Andrew and Robert Barham Black born in 1935.

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Late Afternoon Party.—Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Barham Black have sent out invitations to a sherry party, which will be held at their charming new home in Northgate street, Unley Park, next Wednesday.

World War II

Geoffrey had continued his military service after WW1 in the Inter-War Service Militia. The service record below shows his continuity of service as a reservist with the Australian Army Medical Corps, Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services for the 4th Military District (South Australia - Southern Command) from 1938.


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After the start of WW2, he enlisted in the Citizen Military Forces for home service, being promoted to the rank of Temporary Lieutenant Colonel. He was mobilized in October 1941 to serve again as commander of his old WW1 Unit, the 3rd Field Ambulance.

P. DATA EX DATE _____ *A.A.M.S.*

A.M. Form Mob. 1.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

MOBILIZATION ENROLMENT FORM.

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. *SR13049*

Name in full *BLACK Geoffrey Howard Barkham*

Unit *A.A.M.C. D.A.D.M.S. 4th A.L.D.*

Reported or enlisted for war service *full time duty* (Date) _____

at *Adelaide* (Place) *S.A.* (State).

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Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.

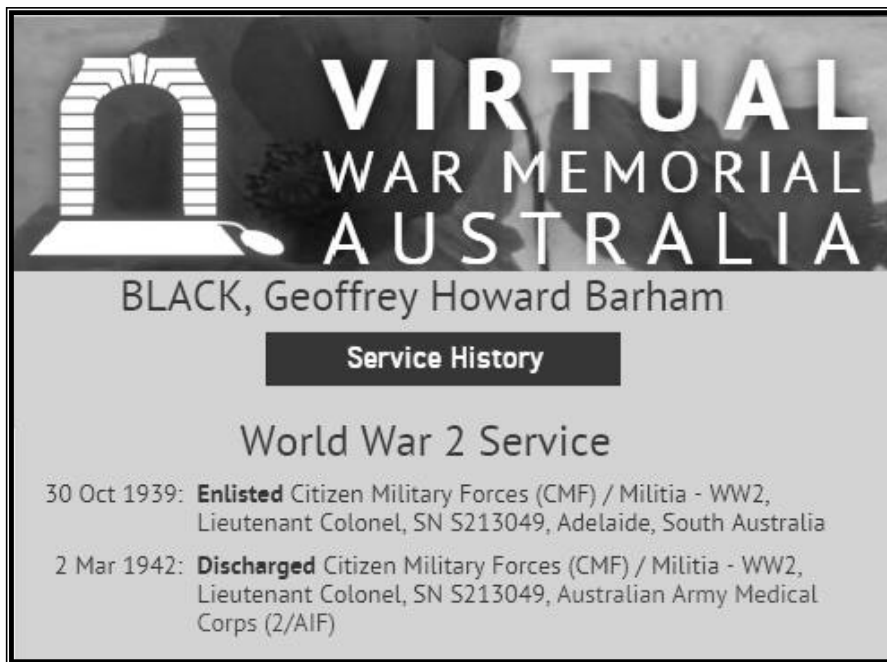
1. What is your name?	1. Surname <i>BLACK</i> (BLOCK LETTERS)
	Other names <i>Geoffrey Howard Barkham</i>
2. Where were you born?	2. In or near the town of <i>Adelaide</i> in the state or country of <i>S.A.</i>
3. Are you a British Subject?	3. <i>yes</i>
4. What is your age and date of birth?	4. Age <i>46</i> Date of birth <i>14. 9. 1898</i> <i>8700WS</i>
5. What is your trade or occupation?	5. <i>Medical Practitioner</i>
6. Are you married, single or widower?	6. <i>married</i>
7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm?	7. <i>yes. A.I.F. A.A.M.C. 1916-1917</i>
8. What is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half brother, eldest half sister).	8. Name <i>Catherine Edna Barkham</i> Address <i>25 Northgate St. Lindley Park</i> Relationship <i>Wife</i>
9. Have you ever suffered from— (i.) Fits of any kind? (ii.) Rheumatism?	9. <i>no</i> <i>no</i>
10. Have you ever been treated in an asylum for insane?	10. <i>no</i>
11. What is your permanent address?	11. <i>25 Northgate St. Lindley Park - S.A.</i>
12. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so).	12. <i>CE</i>

3. *Geoffrey Howard Barkham* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Witnessed by *J. C. Barkham* (Signature of Witness at Witnessing Office.) *8700WS* Signature.

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Geoffrey's command of the 3rd Field Ambulance was unfortunately terminated in 1942 after he was deemed unfit for overseas service, a result of his WW1 gassing. This caused a great deal of distress, which was exacerbated by receipt of a white feather in the mail, a shocking show of disrespect to an officer who had served and was exposed to mustard gas in WW1. To demonstrate he had not shirked his responsibility he wore his uniform at every opportunity and even while consulting.

The anguish on top of losing his command because of his health was further exacerbated when sadly his mother passed away in August 1942.



Geoffrey retained a military appointment when the day after he relinquished his command, he was appointed as a consultant ophthalmologist to the new 105th Australian General Hospital at Springbank which after the War became the Daw Park Repatriation General Hospital.

Geoffrey was co-author, in collaboration with Drs C.S. Swan, D.L. Tostevin, H.M. Mayo and B. F. Moore, of a paper in the Australian Journal of Medicine in 1943, reporting that Rubella suffered in early pregnancy resulted in congenital abnormalities. Dr Norman Gregg had initially reported similar finding two years earlier, after first noting an increase in congenital cataracts following the 1941 Rubella epidemic in Australia. Geoffrey, along with Drs. Swan and Tostevin, followed up some years later in 1947, when they published a further article in the Medical Journal of Australia. By now as a consultant ophthalmologist at several institutions, Geoffrey and his co-authors had now observed many more children who had been born with congenital disabilities from the dreadful effects of Rubella suffered in pregnancy. This had created a need to provide special facilities for these children. The extent of the

problem was highlighted to emphasise the need for it to become a notifiable disease and recommending the isolation of these patients from women of child bearing age. Prior to a vaccine becoming available in 1969, some mother's exposed their young daughters to children with the virus (Rubella parties) to give them immunity for their important later years.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 3 January 1947, page 5

Rubella May Be Notifiable Disease Here

WHETHER rubella should be made a notifiable disease was being reviewed by the National Health and Medical Council, the chairman of the Central Board of Health (Dr. A. R. Southwood) said today.

The advisability of making the disease notifiable is urged by Drs. Charles Swan, A. L. Tostevin, and G. H. Barham Black in this week's issue of the "Medical Journal of Australia," in which they make their final observations on congenital defects in infants following infectious diseases during pregnancy.

Their researches have shown that in a majority of cases in which it is known that the mother has had rubella (which is commonly known as German measles), the child has been born with some defect.

DEFECTS SERIOUS

The defects have included deafness and dumbness, heart disease, and cataracts.

The effect of the rubella epidemic of 1941-2 was such that most States in Australia, including South Australia, opened special kindergartens for deaf rubella children.

The South Australian rubella kindergarten in North Adelaide was opened largely as a result of money subscribed by readers of "The News."

The report in this week's journal added that until rubella was made notifiable no true assessment would be possible of the actual incidence of congenital defects following rubella in the early months of pregnancy.

Dr. Southwood said that as far as he knew, Western Australia was the only place in the world where rubella was a notifiable disease.

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Daughter Elizabeth (Betty) married Brian George Sando in 1946 and was now living in Penola. With Nancy now studying Medicine at Adelaide University and the boys all at St Peter's College, Catherine was able to be involved in many community activities. Among them, was as President of the foundation committee of St Ann's College, North Adelaide. Dr Helen Mayo, the second woman to graduate in medicine at Adelaide University was the foundation chairman of the St Ann's College Council.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Thu 27 Nov 1947 / Page 7

NEWS FOR WOMEN



AT THE GIFT GARDEN TEA at St. Ann's College, North Adelaide, yesterday, were Mrs. G. Barham Black (left), president of the foundation committee of the college, and Dr. Helen Mayo, chairman of the college council.

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People and Events

Gift Tea At College

THE president (Mrs. G. H. Barham Black) and members of the foundation committee of St. Ann's College, North Adelaide, have issued invitations for a gift garden tea at the college in Brougham place, North Adelaide, on Wednesday afternoon, November 26. There will be afternoon tea, cake, and gift stalls, and the college will be open for public inspection.

In 1948 Geoffrey's friend from Adelaide University days, Neurosurgeon and Nuffield Professor of Surgery, Oxford, Sir Hugh Cairns visited Adelaide. He had been appointed Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire in June 1946. He was the guest of the Barham Black's at Unley Park.

PROFESSOR CAIRNS KNIGHTED

Distinguished S.A. Surgeon

Professor Hugh Cairns, one of South Australia's most brilliant graduates, has been made a KBE, according to a message from London. Sir Hugh William Bell Cairns was born at Port Pirie on June 26, 1896, and was educated at Adelaide High School, at which he won an exhibition enabling him to go on to the University where he was Davies Thomas Scholar and Everard Scholar in the medical school. As an eminent surgeon he has attended many notable patients. Among his memorable calls he motored 100 miles to the deathbed of Lawrence of Arabia, fatally injured in a motor cycle accident in England.

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Sat 10 Jan 1948

Sir Hugh Cairns, president of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons and Nuffield Professor of Surgery at Oxford University, has returned to Adelaide after visiting relatives and friends in the country. He is the guest of Dr and Mrs. G. H. Barham Black at Unley Park. He will attend a civic reception in his honor on Monday and will leave for the eastern States on Tuesday. After visiting New Zealand he will return to Adelaide early in March to work and lecture.

Sir Hugh Cairns Visit to Australia - January 1948

1948 – Arriving at Parafield Airport



Dr. Barham Black, Sir Hugh Cairns and Dr. Leonard Charles Edward Lindon

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Geoffrey and Catherine welcomed many friends of their children to their Unley Park residence for social gatherings. At the end of the school year in 1949, Barry, now 18, had a group of his friends there for a pre-Christmas barbeque. His 11 year old twin brothers, Robert and Andrew joined in.



In May 1950, Barry was now at Adelaide University and in addition to studying for an engineering degree was heavily involved in athletics and rugby. The Barham Black's Unley Park address was often a venue for gatherings of his sporting associates.

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 Thu 18 May 1950 / Page 10

Mr. Barry Black has invited about 40 guests to the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. Barham Black, at Unley Park, and three large dinner parties have been arranged at different hotels by Messrs. Bill Mehan, Peter Hayward and Tom Bowen. Football, athletics and cricket are the sports clubs represented on the committee. Mrs. G. G. Brookman will be in charge of decorations and Mr. Alastair Gordon is ticket secretary.

In June 1950, Geoffrey and Catherine celebrated with their 25th wedding anniversary with extended family.

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) / Sat 17 Jun 1950 / Page 41

4 generations party

Four generations were represented at Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Barham Black's silver wedding anniversary party at the Medindie home of their daughter, Mrs. Brian Sandow, last night.

Youngest guest was three-year-old Anne Sandow, in a cream and marigold patterned wool frock.

Mrs. Black wore a frock of deep violet crepe romaine with silver buttons catching the roll-back collar and cuffs and a row of silver buttons down one side of the straight skirt.

Mrs. Sandow's frock was mushroom pink wool with Magyar sleeves and a pointed Medici collar. A folded pleat fell at one side of the skirt.

Among the 150 relatives and friends present were Mrs. Black's mother, Mrs. Gilmore Reid, in a chocolate brown frock and full length coat and matching velour hat, Mrs. E. O. Robin in a black suit and tiny turquoise beret swathed at one side with coq's feathers, Mrs. Charlton Yeatman in a garnet wool coat and matching velvet tam.

Mrs. Brian Macgrath, recently returned from England, was in a chestnut brown corduroy velvet packet suit and matching cloche with trimmed ospreys at one side.

Nancy Black was in a crushed mulberry wool frock with cap sleeves and swathed skirt. Miss Janet Vicars, of Sydney, in junior blue crepe and a buttercup yellow felt cloche bunched at one side with yellow grosgrain ribbons.

Geoffrey was well connected in South Australian cricket circles and when the 1950/51 English touring Test cricket team were given a civic reception at the Adelaide Town Hall, the Barham Blacks were among the invited guests.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Wed 25 Oct 1950 / Page 19

Civic reception to Test cricketers

More than 1,000 guests were invited to the civic reception which the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rymill) gave today for the visiting English Test cricket team in the Adelaide Town Hall.

After meeting in the Lady Mayoress' parlor, decorated with pelargoniums in the centre of the room, and two shell-shaped vases filled with pink roses and gerberas on the mantelpiece, the official party went on the stage.

Mrs. Rymill sat with Lady Bradman, Mrs. Geoffrey Angus Parsons, and Miss Katherine Rymill in the main body of the hall.

Mrs. Rymill wore a junior navy suit. The waist-fitting jacket buttoned fairly high at the neckline, and had a slightly flared peplum.

With it she wore a white hat, made of petals, and trimmed with a cluster of lilac at one side . . . she pinned a spray of lilac on her lapel.

Lady Bradman chose a leaf green woollen suit, worn with a brown grosgrain hat and brown accessories.

Miss Rymill wore a blue beret with her grey tailored suit.

Among the invited guests were Sir Arthur and Lady Barrett and their daughter, Miss Natalie Barrett, Brigadier and Mrs. A. S. Blackburn and Miss Margaret Blackburn, Brigadier and Mrs. A. R. Allen, Major and Mrs. P. H. Auld, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Begg, and Miss Janet Begg, Dr. and Mrs. G. Barham Black, Mr. and Mrs. John Angus, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beauchamp, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bridgland and Miss Margot Bridgland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butfield, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hawker, and Mrs. Neville Manning.

During that Ashes Test series, Geoffrey and Catherine, along with the twin boys, took the opportunity watch the Sydney Test match on their three week eastern states trip.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)
/ Tue 23 Jan 1951

AT CRICKET

Dr. and Mrs. G. Barham Black with their twin sons, Andrew and Robert, returned at the week-end to Unley Park. They have had a three weeks' visit to Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney (where they saw the last Test Match being played).

Sadly in September 1951, Catherine's mother passes away.

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| Friday 14 September 1951, page 13

Death Of Mrs. Gilmore Reid

The recognition and development of physiotherapy in SA as an important adjunct to medicine was due largely to the pioneering work of Mrs. Gilmore Reid, whose death occurred this week at the age of 76.

English-born, Mrs. Gilmore Reid, whose charming and gentle personality won for her a wide circle of friends in Adelaide, was the daughter of the Rev. Hugh Gilmore, an outstanding figure in the Methodist Church, who came to Australia with his family about 60 years ago. She was educated at Hardwicke College in Adelaide, and was a former president of the Old Scholars Association.

Mrs. Gilmore Reid was one of the first, if not the first, person in Adelaide to do the two-year course for the diploma of the Australian Massage Association, which subsequently became the Australian Physiotherapy Association which honored her by making her an honorary life vice-president.

UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA

Mrs. Gilmore Reid was one of the prime movers in securing the registration of masseurs, and eventually the institution of a diploma course in physiotherapy at the University of Adelaide.

During the first world war Mrs. Gilmore Reid did valuable work for returned servicemen at Keswick Barracks. She set up private practice originally in Victoria square, with Miss Kathleen Burke and Miss Bevilacqua, and when the Verco Building on North terrace was completed she transferred there and continued in practice until about six years ago.

Her only child, Mrs. G. Barham Black, also took up physiotherapy as a career.

Mrs. Gilmore Reid was one of the early members of the Lyceum Club in Adelaide and was always keenly interested in the higher education of women, particularly for the professions.

In May 1952, Catherine attended an Adelaide University Football Club fundraising function for the up and coming intervarsity football carnival.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954)
Saturday 3 May 1952, page 34

PARTY AT UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY Football Club had a fundraising party in the Refectory tonight for the inter-university football carnival, to be held in Adelaide this year. It was organised by Jim Lawrence.

Tables for bridge and canasta were well booked.

Mrs. R. G. Lawrence and Mrs. R. M. B. Laurie, with mothers of the club boys, supplied home-made supper.

Among those who reserved tables for their guests were Lady Mawson, Mrs. Chris Sangster, wife of the president of the University Football Club, Mesdames Mervyn Evans, G. Barham & Black, A. Grenfell Price, Donald Webster, J. A. Bonnin, Hugh Nield, Bob Elix Hector Brooks, Ray Hone, F. E. McLeay, D. J. Harris W. G. Duncan, Harold Linklater, F. R. Wicks, A. D. Cocks, and H. H. G. Jelli-

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Geoffrey, Catherine and their daughter Betty were among those at Adelaide Oval to watch the English touring cricket team take on South Australia in October 1954.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Sat 30 Oct 1954 / Page 13

Cricket dressing

Early showers and overcast skies caused mixed dressing at the Adelaide Oval today.

Many women played safe with suits and bright blouses.

Others wore summery cottons.

Early enthusiasts included Dr. and Mrs. G. Barham Black and their daughter, Mrs. Brian Sandow, in town from her home at Penola.

Mrs. Black wore a yellow

blouse with her muted green suit.

Major-Gen. and Mrs. G. W. Symes were nearby. Mrs. Symes wore a rich sapphire blue velour pillbox with her pastel blue suit.

Mrs. J. C. Irwin, in dark grey, and Mrs. W. W. McGregor arrived together. Mrs. McGregor wore a navy ribbed wool frock and a seven-eighth length coat and white hat.

Death

Geoffrey resided at 25 Northgate St, Unley Park until his sudden death on 13th January 1956 after suffering a stroke. He was aged 62. Along with his medical career, he also was a keen bridge player, enjoyed social tennis and watching cricket. At home, he also devoted his spare time to "superb inventive furniture making".

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OBITUARY

GEOFFREY HOWARD BARHAM BLACK

GEOFFREY HOWARD BARHAM BLACK, who died in Adelaide on January 13, 1956, was born on September 14, 1893, at Burnside, South Australia. He obtained his early education at Mrs. Hübbe's private school at Knightsbridge, and in 1905 entered Saint Peter's College from which school he won a university bursary in 1911; he commenced his medical course at the University of Adelaide in 1912, graduated M.B., B.S. in 1916, and served in the A.A.M.C. in the first world war. He came to England in 1930 and worked at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital and at Saint Bartholomew's Hospital; having obtained the D.O.M.S. in 1931, he returned to Adelaide in 1932, and gained the F.R.A.C.S. (Oph.) in 1934. He became honorary consultant in ophthalmology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

From 1942-45 he again served in the A.A.M.C., this time as a Lt.-Col. In 1943 he was joint author with C. S. Swan and others of a paper demonstrating that rubella in the first or second month of pregnancy always results in an abnormal infant, a contribution to the work on congenital defects inaugurated by Sir Norman McAlister Gregg in 1941.

bjo.bmj.com/content/bjophthalmol/40/5/320.2.full.pdf

After his death, Catherine sent the following letter to the Central Army Records Branch. In it she put in a request for Geoffrey's WW2 Service Medals which he had not previously received or applied for. Her request was on behalf of her twin sons who were now serving in the Cadets at St Peter's College.

Doc 5213049 25 Northgate St.,
Unley Park
S.A.
May 3rd 1956.

To the Officer in charge of
Central Army Recds.,
Dear Sir,

I am writing on
behalf of myself & my sons
to ask you if you will please
send me any medals which
my late husband Lt. Col. G.H.B.
BLACK was entitled to wear.
We have his service medals for
World War I - but not for
World War II as my sons are
both in their school in 1956.

2 Cavalry Corps - they naturally
would like their father's medals.
My husband, who died in
Jan. 1956, was on the Reserve
List - A.A.M.C. - He served
between the wars in Field
Ambulance - was at one stage
acting D.O.M.S. Reservoir Barracks.
He was unable because of age &
going to go with the 6th Cavalry
Field Ambulance to Korea. He was
then appointed to Reservoir Rd.
Hospital in his capacity of
ophthalmological surgeon. I
am afraid I do not know
his Reg. No.

I will be very grateful if
you will investigate the record.

3/ & inform me of the results -
Yours faithfully
Catherine G. Black.
(Mrs G. H. Barham Black.)

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Catherine Gilmore Barham Black passed away 28th March 1973 (Aged 68).

Family Legacy

Geoffrey's sister Dorothea was a renowned South Australian/Australian artist.

Dorothea Foster (Dorrit) Black was an Australian painter and printmaker of the Modernist school, known for being a pioneer of Modernism in Australia. Born: December 23, 1891, Died: September 13, 1951.



**Paintings - Dorothea (Dorrit)
Foster Black - Australian Art...**

Dorothea (Dorrit) Foster Black was born in Adelaide on 23 December 1891. She received her childhood education at the forward-thinking school of Edith Hübbe in Erindale, attending the SA School of Arts and Crafts in 1910. Dorrit's studio in Magill overlooked the Penfold vineyards, with the winery in the distance as she painted it so often, and behind, the hills face and olive trees. Between 1915-1923 Dorrit attended the Sydney Art School after which she travelled to London and Paris to study with some of the major cubist masters of the time.



On her return she became pre-eminent in the fight for modernism and for recognition of the linocut medium, and was one of the first women to direct a gallery in Australia. Black left the ranks of the Sydney modernists and resettled in Adelaide before she was tragically killed at the age of 59, driving along North Terrace, Kensington Gardens in her small fiat. Her ashes were buried in the family plot in the old Magill Cemetery, not far from her home and birthplace.

Dorrit Black was an artist of significant talent and accomplishment, one of the select group who introduced modern art from Europe to Australia, and is remembered through "Dorrit's Coffee Shop" at the Pepper Street Arts Centre, Magill.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954)
Wed 12 Sep 1951 / Page 1

AMBULANCE DELAY

Because of Adelaide's ambulance shortage, an ambulance had to be called from Prospect to pick up an injured woman at Burnside this afternoon.

Miss Dorothea Black, 59, of Romalo avenue, Magill, suffered a fractured thigh and injured shoulder when a car she was driving came into collision with another at Halstead and Burnside roads intersection.

The accident occurred about 1.30 p.m. Northern Suburbs Ambulance received a call from another ambulance station at 1.55 and reached the scene 38 minutes after the accident.

The woman was admitted to Royal Adelaide Hospital.

NEWS (ADELAIDE, SA : 1923 - 1954),
SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 1951, PAGE 4

Dorrit Black **ART**

Art-lovers were shocked to hear of the sudden, untimely death following a motor-car accident of Dorrit Black, Adelaide's first and, perhaps, least understood "modern" artist.

She, indeed, least of all, regarded herself as a "modern". Her "Group 9," of which she was founder and leader, and which exhibited regularly each year, consisted of artists who were neither extremely "modern" nor yet "traditional," and I rather feel that her real inclination was always towards the Society of Arts, of which she was a council member, rather than the Contemporary Art Society, in which she had also held office.

Her full name was Dorothea Foster Black. Trained under such outstanding teachers as Julian Ashton, Elioth Gruner, Ian McNab, Claud Flight and, in Paris, Andre Lhote and Albert Gleizes, she remained a strict follower of academic cubism, of which her "Mirmande" in the Adelaide National Gallery is an outstanding example.

Although her work has always been deeply respected by the more informed section of Adelaide artists,

she has so consistently been artistically cold-shouldered and ignored since her return here about 20 years ago that it is amazing how she maintained the courage to fight on against so much prejudice and misunderstanding.

Regarded as not sufficiently "advanced" by one section, and too "modern" by the other, it will be many years before her exceptional talent can be properly appreciated in its right perspective, as it most certainly will be.

In the meantime, those who fondly knew "Dorrit" will deeply feel the loss of a lovable friend, an active and a cultivated mind, and one whose whole life was devoted to the highest and purest concept of beauty and art, and to an extreme idealism in the field of politics—as also in the case of Milton, not an unusual mixture in an artist.—Ivor Francis.

Children

Elizabeth (Betty) Barham Black (b 1926 - d 2006) attended Walford House School. She married Brian George Sandow in 1946.

Nancy Helen (Nan) Barham Black (b1928) attended Walford House School and Adelaide University. She graduated MB.BS. in 1950, finishing in top place in her final year and was awarded the Everard Scholarship. She married Dr Robert Paton from Western Australia in 1951. She moved to W.A. and was working in the field of cancer research.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)
Thu 17 Feb 1944 / Page 2

Thornber Bursary To Unley Park Girl

It was announced yesterday that Nancy Barham Black had been nominated by the Thornber Bursary executive as winner of the Thornber Bursary.

The scholarship is awarded to the girl in the South Australian secondary girls' schools who gains the highest place in a specified group of subjects at the Leaving examination. Nancy Black is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. Barham Black of Unley Park. She passed the Leaving examination in seven subjects with four credits. She is a pupil of Walford House School.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)
/ Sat 9 Dec 1950 / Page 3

Woman Tops Medical School

For the first time in eight years, a woman student has topped the medical school at the University of Adelaide.

It was announced at the University yesterday that Nancy Helen Barham Black had gained top place in the final examinations for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine.

Miss Black, who is the second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Barham Black, Northgate street, Unley Park, recently announced her engagement to Mr. Robert Paton, of W.A., who this week passed his fifth year medicine at the University of Adelaide. Miss Black will sail for Perth this month.

Miss Black has been recommended for the Everard Scholarship for gaining top place and the Wyeth Prize for obstetrics.

Before going to the University Miss Black attended Walford House School, where she won the Thornber bursary.



Miss Nancy Barham Black

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) / Thu 12 Apr 1951 / Page 40



THE Chancellor of the University (Sir Mellis Napier) congratulates Dr. Nancy Barham Black, who had just received her medical degree at the commemoration and presentation of degrees ceremony in the Banqueting Hall last week. Other graduates await their turn.

James Foster Barham (Barry) Black (b1931) attended St Peter's College and Adelaide University where he studied Engineering, graduating in 1955 with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree. He was a fine track athlete and rugby player representing the University.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) /
Wed 16 May 1951 / Page 19

VARSITY TEAM TRAIN TONIGHT

University athletes to represent Adelaide University in the inter-varsity championships at Hobart next Tuesday and Thursday will leave Adelaide by plane on Saturday.

Australian 440 yd. champion Leon Gregory, Alastair Gordon, and Colin Cooper will assist the athletes in their final trials at the University late this afternoon.

The team is: J. D. Copley (captain), L. G. Claxton, J. F. Barham-Black, R. R. Hancock, G. Markey, B. A. Jefferies.—Old Ped.



**ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS TEAM
INTERVARSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS HOBART 1951
BACK: J.F.B.BLACK, G.B.MARNEY, B.C.JEFFRIES
FRONT: R.R.HANCOCK, J.D.COPLEY (CAPT), L.G.CLAXTON**



INTER VARSITY RUGBY 1952

Back row: A.F.Hone, C.Hui, P.A.Lawton, G.C.Reynolds, M.A.Robinson, J.G.Reid.

Middle row: J.C.D.Mill, H.W.Brett, N.C.Chisholm, J.M.Saunders, H.D.Cook, A.Bird, C.S.Ayoub.

Front row: J.F.B.Black, G.A.Gibbs, M.R.Hone (capt), J.Portus (coach), B.A.Higgins, R.G.Evans, B.C.F.Price.

Held in Melbourne, won by Queensland. Kanematsu Cup won by Adelaide.

Andrew Barham Black (b1938) twin brother of Robert, attended St Peter's College and studied medicine at Adelaide University, graduating MB.BS. in 1964 after having completed a B.Med.Sc in 1963.

Royal Australian Air Force Medical Branch

Air Cadets, Andrew and Robert were provisionally appointed to a commission with the rank of Pilot Officer in 1959. Robert would have a long and distinguished association with the RAAF.

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette (National : 1901 - 1973)

Thu 1 Oct 1959 [Issue No.60] / Page 3475 / ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Medical Branch.

The following former officer is appointed to a commission with the rank of Squadron Leader, 16th May, 1959:—R. P. V. Checcucci (0311661).

The following air cadets are provisionally appointed to a commission, 8th September, 1959, with the rank of Pilot Officer:—Andrew Barham Black (043049), Robert Barham Black (043070), Ian Holden Buttfield (043086), Robert Murray Edwards (043097), Anthony John Corin Holland (043105), Neville John Howard (043124), David Gilbert Jose (043125), Creston Ivan Magasdi (043186).

In addition to his medical career, Andrew developed an interest in ornithology after an injury curtailed his sporting career.

The following article from the Birds SA Newsletter in addition to his outstanding contribution to ornithology provides additional biographical information.

BirdLife Australia's Highest Ornithological Award J.N. Hobbs Medal 2018



Citation:

Andrew Barham Black completed formal training in medicine for his MBBS in 1963, and qualified as a Member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1967. He practised as a specialist neurologist in Adelaide with appointments at Glenside, Adelaide Children's, and The Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, at the last of which he was Head of Neurology from 1987 to 1996. In his medical career, he made significant contributions to epilepsy, publishing over 30 papers as well as over 60 conference abstracts and presentations. Andrew served on various committees of the Epilepsy Society of Australia in 1991–2005, including a term as President from 1997 to 2000. He also served the Epilepsy Association of South Australia as a committee member and/or medical advisor for over 30 years from 1976 to 2007, and as a councillor for the Phoenix Society for a similar period from 1978 to 2008.

Andrew's interest in birds commenced in the late 1960s, when a sporting injury opened up time for a 'hobby'. In 1969, he joined the South Australian Ornithological Association and is an Honorary Life Member (since 1995), having served as President in 1974–1976, 1985–1990 and again in 2004–2007. He joined the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia in 1974 (serving as President in 1980–1984) and the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union (now BirdLife Australia) in 1975. Subsequently, he served as an Executive Member of the Conservation Council of South Australia in 1977–1984, as a Councillor for the Australian Conservation Foundation in 1985–1987 and was a Member (government appointments) of the Native Vegetation Authority (1985–1995) and the Native Vegetation Council (1991–2001) in South Australia.

Conservation of habitats was a key motivation for Andrew's contributions across all these endeavours. The 1970s and 1980s were pivotal times for conservation in South Australia as extensive areas of native vegetation had already been cleared post-World War II for farming, and clearance was continuing and had to be curtailed. In that period, the focus was on securing areas of unallotted Crown Land as reserves rather than releasing them for agriculture. Andrew was prominent in delegations and meetings with government ministers that successfully lobbied to prevent

further Crown Land from being released for agriculture. Several hundred thousand hectares of uncleared Crown Land were eventually gazetted as conservation reserves.

Clearance on private land continued, and further clearance without adequate justification needed to stop. As a consequence of further lobbying, South Australia was the first state to introduce controls on clearance of native vegetation, in May 1983, at first as a regulation under the Planning Act 1982, and then with the Native Vegetation Management Act 1985. The Act required formal application, assessment and justification before permission was granted to clear native vegetation. Andrew Black served on the Native Vegetation Authority and Council, which reviewed applications and assessments for vegetation clearance, for >15 years. Around 95% of applications made between 1985 and 1991 were refused, essentially stopping broad acre clearance of native vegetation in South Australia.

It was entirely fitting that in January 2000, Andrew received an OAM in recognition of his significant service to conservation and the environment, to ornithology and to medicine, particularly in the field of epilepsy. Andrew has continued to make contributions to ornithology (as well as conservation and medicine) since then, and in late 2003 he became an Honorary Research Associate in Ornithology at the South Australian Museum. His ornithological interests lie in the history of discovery, taxonomy, conservation status, and distribution of Australian birds. Grasswrens, birds in arid regions, particularly those of South Australia, are prominent. These interests are well reflected within his numerous publications, in excess of 50, and mostly published since 2003 and culminating in the book *Grasswrens: Australian Outback Identities* in 2017 (Black & Gower 2017). His attention to historical evidence and anomalies is meticulous and his publications are well-documented and richly informative. When required, he visited interstate and overseas museums in Europe and England, or mounted field expeditions to search inland areas for elusive species, often, but not always, to unravel something about grasswrens. Australian ornithology is the beneficiary of his commitment. His knowledge of birds and their distributions in South Australia has developed to such an extent during this time that he is now one of the few ornithologists trusted with reviewing the evidence of unusual sightings of birds in South Australia for both the state government's environment department and Birds SA, where he chairs their Rare Birds Committee.

Andrew Barham Black has made significant contributions to our knowledge of Australian birds through publications and service to ornithology and conservation and is a worthy J.N. Hobbs Memorial Medalist. Importantly this contribution has been made while also making substantial contributions to medicine, and service to his profession, as a neurologist. As such, Andrew has carried on that early tradition where people formally trained in medicine, the 'medicos', often also contributed to society more broadly through their love and study of natural history. Andrew is a fitting exemplar of that ilk.

Reference Black, A. & Gower, P. (2017). *Grasswrens: Australian Outback Identities*. Axiom, Stepney, SA.

David Paton, University of Adelaide,
Philippa Horton, South Australian Museum
Penny Paton, Gilberton, South Australia

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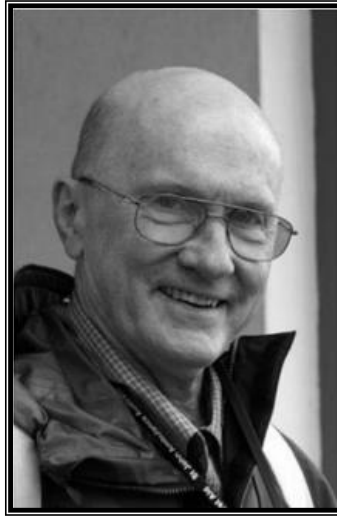
Please note Andrew Black will be presented with the JN Hobbs Medal by John Barkla, President of BirdLife Australia on our last General meeting for 2018, the November Members Night. Congratulations and well deserved Andrew, from all Birds SA members for your important contributions to Australian Ornithology.

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Robert Barham Black (b1938) twin brother of Andrew, attended St Peter's College and studied medicine at Adelaide University, graduating MBBS in 1968 and MS 1972.

Biography



Black, Robert Barham 1938- Surgeon, Teacher. AM RFD KJSJ MD MS FRACS FAMA.

Robert is a son of Geoffrey Howard Barham Black a distinguished South Australian Ophthalmologist. Father and son were educated at St Peter's College. Entering Medical School in Adelaide in 1957, he graduated MB BS in 1963. Robert has had a stellar medical career. His activities have encompassed Surgical – both Academic and Private practice, Military and Community endeavours.

For a more detailed chronicle read this citation prior to his FAMA 2007 Ship's Surgeon Polar Star, in Horta, Azores
Provided by Robert:


Robert Black MD MS FRACS FAMA, General Surgeon, graduated from Adelaide University with Tania Leonie, PSM. They married in May 1963, and have three sons, (Paul Alasdair Barham, barrister; Richard Lachlan B, singer/musician; James David B, anesthetist.), and two grandsons. After surgical training, research, and University posts (Sheffield, Perth, Adelaide, Edinburgh) he entered private practice and was appointed Senior Visiting Surgeon at RGH. He served its Board and was Chairman of its medical staff. He taught and examined students and postgraduates; dabbled in medical politics; and was appointed member (Chairman) of the Specialist Recognition Appeals Committee. He served St John Ambulance for twenty years. Commissioned in the University Squadron RAAF, he retired, with the rank of Group Captain, as SA Senior Reserve MO and Consultant to the Surgeon General. He served overseas: Malaysia, Rwanda, Bougainville, Timor; and was appointed Member (Military Division) of the Order of Australia (1996). He has been Churchwarden and/or Councillor in Anglican Churches in WA and SA. Retirement involves Legacy, RAAF Assn, the Veterans' Review Board, and PM's and State Minister's Veterans Advisory Councils. As ship's doctor he toured the Antarctic, Arctic, and places between. He sings, plays tennis enthusiastically, golf badly, and is a bridge nut.

Many Honours have been bestowed. AM For exceptional service to the RAAF Specialist service. (Previously RAAF reserve/Citizen Air Force for 46years. The Specialist Reserve was a new concept from 1981.) Reserve Force Decoration (RFD) Fellow of the Australian Medical Association (FAMA) For nine years to 2005 he was State Medical Officer for St John Ambulance SA, having joined as an undergraduate, and serving for several years before travelling. He has medals for St John (long) Service, and as a Member of the Most Venerable Order. In 2002 he was invested as a Knight (KJSJ) in the Order of St John, Knights Hospitaller. He has been a member of several professional associations, the RSL, and the RAAF Association, being elected President of the Mitcham Branch in 2014, and of the State Division in 2018. He became a Legatee (Voluntary Member) in 2005, and still serves on several Committees He joined the Board in 2008 and served as President in 2010. He chaired the National Body's Statutes Revision Committee in 2012. Legacy Week Black Tie Dinner, Adelaide, SA 2011, with Tania, 2 VC winners and Maggie Beer cooking a rations pack In full mess dress.



The four medals on his right are those earned by his father over two wars For the Adelaide City Anzac March 2019 , Dr Robert Barham Black AM MStJ RFD, Group Captain (Ret'd) and President of the RAAF Association - SA Division, led the RAAF Veterans' Contingent. Dr Black served in Butterworth (Malaysia), Rwanda, Bougainville, and East Timor. See also Thanks Digger for another image in which Group Captain Black was accompanied by Cadet Sergeant Simon Russell and Cadet Corporal Levi Schubert, from No 604 Squadron (Hampstead Barracks), Australian Air Force Cadets, who had the privilege of carrying the RAAF Ensign and RAAF Association Flag. Cadet Sergeant Kelly Parkin from No 613 Squadron (RAAF Edinburgh) carried the RAAF Banner to lead the contingent

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Name	GpCapt Robert Barham BLACK
Award	Member of the Order of Australia
Post-Nominal	AM
Date Granted	11th of June, 1996
State	SA
Suburb	UNLEY PARK
Postcode	5061
Citation	In recognition of service to the RAAF Specialist Reserve
Media Note	n/a
Announcement Event	The Queen's Birthday 1996 Honours List
Award ID	879055



The next in our series of “know your officers”

Vice Chancellor Chevalier Robert Black

AM RFD KJSJ; MBBS MS MD FRACS FAMA

Robert is a General Surgeon who retired in early 2004 from private practice, and as a Senior Visiting Surgeon to Repatriation General Hospital Daw Park. He graduated in 1963, proceeded to Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (1968) and overseas for research and a Master of Surgery thesis. He was Lecturer in Surgery in Sheffield, Senior Lecturer in Perth and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and added a Doctor of Medicine thesis in 1980. From 1981 he enjoyed a fulfilling career largely with Veterans, and their dependants.

He has been an author or co-author of publications, in subjects ranging from fungal infections, medical student assessment, breast and colon cancer, to cardio pulmonary resuscitation in a 'Black-Hawk' helicopter.

His marble was not drawn for National Service so he joined the University Squadron, was commissioned as a Pilot Officer in 1959 and promoted to Flight Lieutenant in 1963 on graduation. Returning from overseas to the RAAF Reserve, he served on bases in all Australian mainland States, and was deployed to Malaysia, Rwanda, Bougainville, and East Timor. He was promoted to Group Captain in 1990, retired at the age of 60, then re-enlisted to 65. He was Principal Reserve Medical Officer for SA in the RAAF Specialist Reserve, 1987 to 1996, Consultant Emeritus to the Surgeon General, Australian Defence Force 1999, and appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (Military Division) in 1996. For RAAF service he wears an Australian Service Medal (clasps SE Asia, and Bougainville), an Australian Active Service Medal (Rwanda and East Timor), and a Reserve Force Decoration with four clasps, (35 years service).

For nine years to 2005 he was State Medical Officer for St John Ambulance SA, having joined as an undergraduate, and serving for several years before travelling. He has medals for St John (long) Service, and as a Member of the Most Venerable Order. In 2002 he was invested as a Knight (KSJ) in the Order of St John, Knights Hospitaller, and is currently a Knight of Justice.

He has been a member of several professional associations, the RSL, and the RAAF Association, being elected President of the Mitcham Branch in 2014. He became a Legatee in 2005, still serves on a number of Committees, joined the Board in 2008 and served as President in 2010. He chaired the National Legacy's Statutes Revision Committee in 2012.

He has been appointed to Federal Ministerial Committees on Professional Services and Specialist Recognition, and to the PM's Advisory Council on ex-service matters. He was a Services Member of the Veterans' Review Board (2006-2015), a member of the Veterans' Advisory Council (SA, 2011-2013), of the Veterans Health Advisory Council (2013-2014) and Chairman of the Repat Foundation Research Grants Committee (2013-2015).

He served on the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons State Committee, and was for eight years a Member of the Court of Examiners in General Surgery. For the Australian Association of Surgeons he has been State Chairman, Federal Vice President, Distinguished Councillor and Board Member. He served on the State Council of the AMA, and for six years was the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee for Surgeons and Ophthalmologists for the Federal AMA. He was made a Fellow of the AMA in 2002.

He is a follower of sport particularly cricket, sings tenor in choirs, and plays tennis and contract Bridge with more enthusiasm than skill. He has had a number of positions including Church Warden in the Anglican Parishes of Nedlands (WA) and Hawthorn, (SA).

With the aforementioned distractions he has not been a great help around the house or in the kitchen, and would not have been able to indulge in these interesting preoccupations without the loving support of his wife Tania, and the forbearance of his three sons, Paul, barrister, Richard musician and James anaesthetist.


In retirement he did locum work as a country surgeon, and in Timor, until 2007. But of particular interest he had 4-6 week engagements between 2005 and 2009 as ship's doctor on the Polar Star, visiting Antarctica, the Arctic, the Azores and British Isles, Iceland, Greenland and Maritime Canada.

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Appendix - Family Tree




Alfred Barham Black

BIRTH 7 OCT 1858 • Wigtown, Wigtownshire
DEATH 11 FEB 1933 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

ancestry
Black / Dixon Tree










1858	Birth (AGE) 7 Oct 1858 • Wigtown, Wigtownshire 5 Sources	 George Couper Black 1819-1863
1861	Residence 3 1861 • Wigtown, Wigtownshire, Scotland 1 Source	 Ellen Foster-Barham 1822-1902
1863	Death of Father George Couper Black (1819-1863) 4 25 Apr 1863 • Wigtown, Wigtownshire, Scotland	Spouse & Children
1871	Residence 13 1871 • Westbury On Trym, Gloucestershire, England 1 Source	 Jessie Howard Clark 1868-1942
1877	Arrival 18 8 Aug 1877 • Melbourne and Sydney, Australia 1 Source	 Dorothea Dorrit Foster Black 1891-1951
1887	Death of Sister Matilda Sarah Black (1851-1887) 29 18 Dec 1887 • Gloucestershire, England	 Geoffrey Howard Barham Black 1893-1956
1891	Birth of Daughter Dorothea Dorrit Foster Black (1891-1951) 33 23 Dec 1891 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	 Helen Foster Barham Black 1897-1987
1891	Marriage 33 1891 • Unitarian Christian Church Adelaide, South Australia  (1868-1942)	 Mildred Rosa Barham Black 1899-1975
1891	Marriage 33 1891 • Unitarian Christian Church Adelaide, South Australia 1 Source	
1893	Birth of Son Geoffrey Howard Barham Black (1893-1956) 34 14 Sep 1893 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	
1897	Birth of Daughter Helen Foster Barham Black (1897-1987) 39 22 Oct 1897 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	
1899	Birth of Daughter Mildred Rosa Barham Black (1899-1975) 41 2 Dec 1899 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	
1900	Residence 42 1900 • Victoria, Australia 1 Source	
1900	Residence 42 1900 • Victoria, Australia 1 Source	
1902	Death of Mother Ellen Foster-Barham (1822-1902) 43 6 Jul 1902 • Belllyett, Burnside, South Australia, Australia	
1910	Arrival 51 22 Aug 1910 • Sydney, Australia 1 Source	
1913	Death of Sister (Susan) Helen Couper-Black (1852-1913) 54 5 May 1913 • Strand, London, England	
1916	Arrival 57 23 Mar 1916 • San Francisco, California 1 Source	
1922	Residence 64 1922 • South Australia, Australia 1 Source	
1933	Death 74 11 Feb 1933 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia 2 Sources	
	Burial Adelaide, Adelaide City, South Australia, Australia 1 Source	



Geoffrey Howard Barham Black

BIRTH 14 SEP 1893 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
DEATH 13 JAN 1956 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

ancestry
Black / Dixon Tree

1893	Birth (AGE) 14 Sep 1893 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia 3 Sources	Parents  Alfred Barham Black 1858-1933  Jessie Howard Clark 1868-1942
1897	Birth of Sister Helen Foster Barham Black (1897-1987) 4 22 Oct 1897 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	Siblings ▾
1899	Birth of Sister Mildred Rosa Barham Black (1899-1975) 6 2 Dec 1899 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	Spouse & Children  Catherine Gilmore Reid 1904-1973
1912	Residence 18 9 Sep 1912 • England 1 Source	 Elizabeth Barham Black 1926-2006
1914	Military 21 1914-1920 1 Source	 Private
1917	Marriage 24 1917-1920 • South Australia 1 Source	 Private
1925	Marriage 31 16 Jun 1925 • St Peters College, St Peters, South Australia, Australia  (1904-1973)	 Private
1926	Birth of Daughter Elizabeth Barham Black (1926-2006) 32 4 Apr 1926 • Adelaide South Australia, Australia	 Private
1933	Death of Father Alfred Barham Black (1858-1933) 39 11 Feb 1933 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	
1939	Residence 46 1939 • Mitcham, Boothby, South Australia, Australia 1 Source	
1942	Death of Mother Jessie Howard Clark (1868-1942) 48 11 Aug 1942 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	
1942	Residence 49 1942 • 206, North Terr., Adelaide, S. Australia 1 Source	
1951	Death of Sister Dorothea Dorrit Foster Black (1891-1951) 57 13 Sep 1951 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	
1956	Death 62 13 Jan 1956 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia 4 Sources	
	Burial Pasadena, Mitcham City, South Australia, Australia 1 Source	

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- birtwistlewiki.com.au/wiki/HMAT_A24_Benalla
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