



**Lieut. William Russell Goodwin
Colman**
(Military Cross)



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: A Grade 1915

(Intervarsity 1921)

Cricket Club: B Grade (1914/15)

A Grade (1919/20-1921/22)

(Intervarsity 1921)

Sports Awards: Blue Football (1921) & Cricket (1922)

Degree: BE (1922)

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 William Russell Goodwin Colman. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=59105>




William Russell G COLMAN

Regimental number	2552
Place of birth	Woodville, South Australia
Religion	Congregational
Occupation	Student
Address	Upper Sturt, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Father, William Edward Colman, Upper Sturt, South Australia
Enlistment date	2 August 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	26 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Acting Sergeant
Unit name	27th Battalion, 6th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/44/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A24 <i>Benalla</i> on 27 October 1915
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	27th Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 28 February 1919
Medals	Military Cross 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In broad daylight he led his men across the open, entered the enemy line, and captured some 800 yards of trench, together with 20 prisoners, inflicting considerable losses on the enemy. The success of this operation was due to his courage and initiative.' Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 23 Date: 12 February 1919
Other details	Medals: Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Service Record

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AUSTRALIAN  **MILITARY FORCES.**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 2552 Name COLMAN William Russell Goodwin 6th Reinforcements, 27th Battalion
Unit 6/27 Inf.
Joined on _____

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... William Russell Goodwin Colman
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Woodville in the County of SA Aust.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... N.B.
4. What is your age? ... 18 3/12 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Student
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... NO
7. Are you married? ... NO
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... (Father) Mr William Edward Colman, 44 P.O. Adelaide, S.A.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... NO
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? ... NO
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... Senior Cadets 1st Servicing
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... NO
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

William Russell Goodwin Colman do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date 26-9-15 WRG Colman
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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Biography

Early Life

William Russell Goodwin Colman (known as Russell and as "Joe") was born on the 10th Of April 1897 at Woodville, South Australia, the only child of William Edward Colman and Alice Louisa Waters. He was baptised at St. Margaret's, Woodville, SA on the 29th May 1897. Tragically, Alice passed away on the 15th October 1899 aged 27 years and 4 months. Joe's father was a clerk in the accounts branch of the Post Office. William Snr had played A Grade Cricket for North Adelaide and an uncle Robert William Waters played with Port Adelaide.

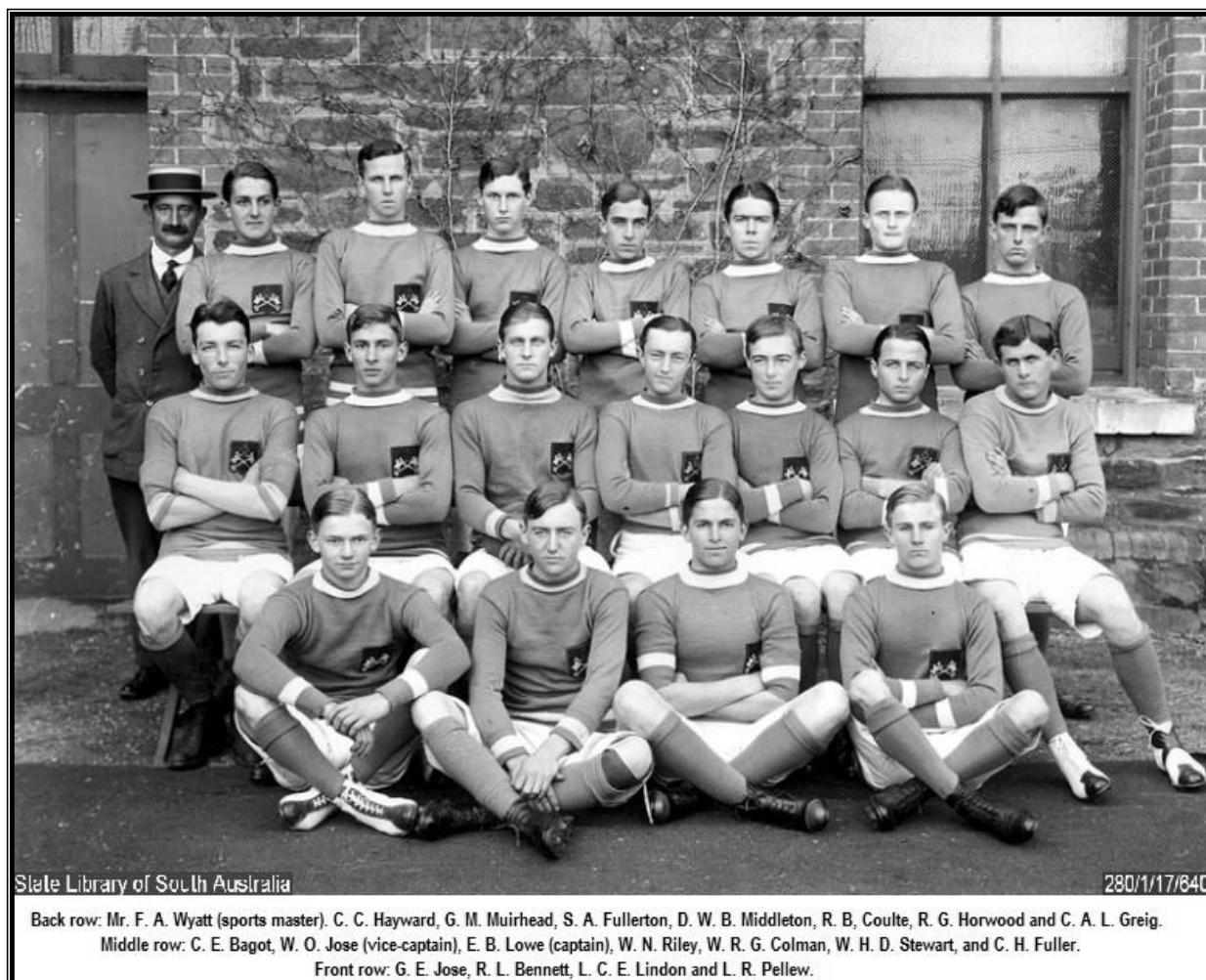
Schooling

Joe was at the Pulteney Street School in 1910 when he passed his Primary Examinations and he was awarded a scholarship to attend St Peter's College, Adelaide.

While at St Peter's, Joe passed his Junior Examinations in December 1911 and Senior Examinations in December 1912 and five subjects in the Higher Public Examinations in December 1913. Joe was awarded a government bursary in December 1913.

Joe played both football and cricket for St Peter's College. He was a member of the Inter-collegiate Football team who played Prince Alfred College in July 1913. He played cricket for St Peter's in the SACA B Grade competition in the 1913/14 season and was a member of the Inter-collegiate Cricket team who defeated PAC in December 1913.

July 1913 Inter-collegiate Football Team



WRG Colman – Middle Row – Third from Right

December 1913 Inter-collegiate Cricket Team



Members of Saint Peter's College cricket team, Adelaide. This is the team that played Prince Alfred College in December 1913. Those appearing are: Back row (left to right) - L.C.E. Lindon, E.B. Lowe, T.A. Caterer, A.P. James, D.W.B. Middleton, R.G. Horwood. Middle Row (l to r) - R.L. Bennett, W.N. Riley, W.O. Jose, H.O. Hopkins, D.E. Colley. Front (l to r) - W.R.G. Colman, L.R. Pellew.

W.R.G. Colman – Front Row – Left

July 1914 Inter-collegiate Football Team



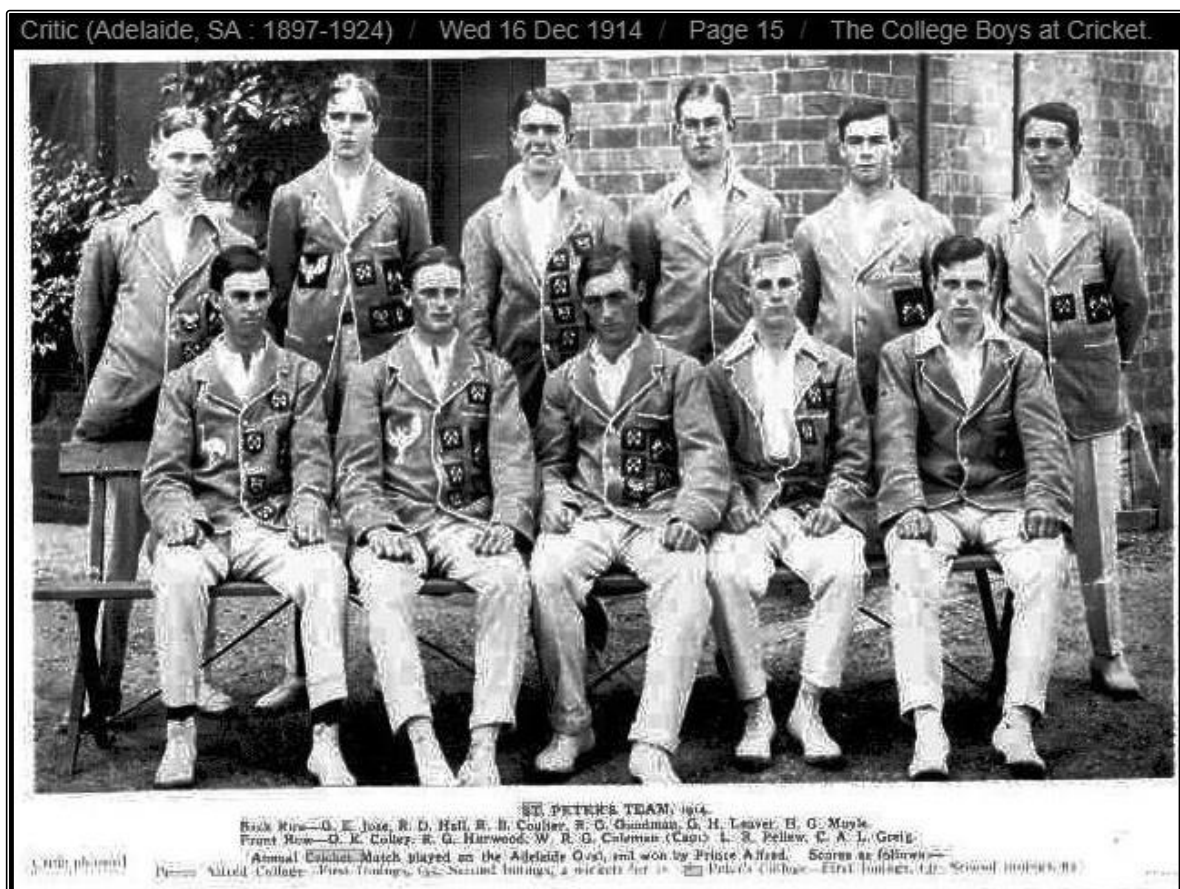
WRG Colman (Vice-Captain) – Middle Row – Third from Left

*Back Row. W. H. Craven, R.G. Goodman, O. E. Colley, H.O. Killicoat, Mr. T.A. Caterer (Sports Master), P.A. Jennings, R.D. Hall and E.P. Hill
Middle Row. C.A.L. Greig, L.R. Pellew, W.R.G. Colman, W.H.D. Stewart (Captain), R.B. Coulter, R.G. Horwood, and G.E. Jose.
Seated in front. C. Roberts, K.G. Matheson, and G.L. Rutter*

In 1914 Joe was a member of the committee which organised the St Peter's College Sports and the Inter-collegiate Sports. He represented St Peter's at Inter-collegiate football (Vice-Captain), lawn tennis and cricket (Captain). In the St Peter's School Magazine (1914) Joe's critique as a footballer was as follows:

W. R. G. Colman (Vice-Capt.).—A splendid battler, who is seldom beaten for the ball. His ground work is always a feature, and he generally sends the ball forward with a long punt. A safe mark, and keeps cool.

December 1914 Inter-Collegiate Cricket Team



WRG Colman Captain – Front Row - Third from Left

Joe played SACA B Grade cricket for St Peters in the first half of the 1914/15 cricket season. In one match against Adelaide in December 1914 he made 47 runs and took 4 for 37.

He was third on the General Honours List in the Higher Public Examinations and was awarded the Angas Engineering exhibition and a government bursary in December 1914. In March 1915 he passed Senior English Literature.

Pre War University

Joe commenced studying at Adelaide University in 1915 but did not complete any subjects that year as he enlisted for WWI in July 1915, aged 18 years and 3 months.

Pre War University Sport

Cricket

Joe played B Grade Cricket for Adelaide University in the second half of the 1914/15 season. In the last match of the season in April, he was the team's highest scorer and the grade's third highest scorer for an individual innings, scoring 56 not out.

Football

Joe was a back for Adelaide University A grade in the 1915 season. Due to the high proportion of Amateur League players enlisting, the 1915 season was curtailed and finished in August 1915. As Joe had not left for the front he was able to play in the semi-final which University lost to Semaphore Central.

Rowing

Joe was also a member of the Adelaide University Boat Club as he was listed on the Oarsmen's roll of honour in August 1915.

World War I

W.R.G. Colman in camp at Helipolis, Egypt in 1916 (*Colman family*)



Joe signed his attestation papers on the 26th July 1915 but is officially considered to have enlisted on the 2nd of August 1915 (SN 2552). He had his father's permission to enlist. Joe was 5'7" tall, weighed 154 lbs and had a fair complexion, blue eyes and fair hair.

Joe embarked from Adelaide as an Acting Sergeant on the HMAT "Benalla" on the 27th October 1915. They dropped anchor at Port Tewfik in Egypt near Suez on 20th November 1915, where they conducted further training, re-organised and paused as the AIF extracted from Gallipoli and returned to Egypt.

Joe spent most of January 1916 at the No 2 General Hospital AIF, Ghezirch, Egypt with paralysis of the right side of the face. On the 28th March 1916 he was reverted to a Corporal for failing to obey orders and in April 1916 he reverted to the rank of Private at Estaples, France.

On the 29th June 1916 Joe was wounded in action while in France and was taken to the No 3 Stat. Hospital, Bologne, France and then on the HS 'Jan Breydel' for England. He has received a gunshot wound to the face and in England he was at Edmonton Military Hospital England. He was discharged from hospital on furlough on the 31st August 1916.

On the 20th September 1916 Joe was with the 7th Training Btn. He contracted the mumps in November 1916 and was at the Parkhurst Hospital then the Fargo Hospital before rejoining the 7th Training Btn. at Rolleston.

On the 4th February 1917 Joe proceeded overseas to France and he was made a Lance Corporal on the 15th March 1917 then a Corporal on the 16th July 1917. On the 1st August 1917 Joe was transferred to the Officer Training Corps and was promoted to 2nd lieutenant on the 9th November 1917. On the 14th December 1917 Joe proceeded overseas to France and he was in Belgium by the 19th December 1917. He was promoted to Lieutenant on the 23rd April 1918, a day later he was wounded in action but remained on duty.

During fighting near Villers Bretonneux on the 8th July 1918 (known as the 'Peaceful Penetration'), "In broad daylight he led his men across the open, entered the enemy lines, and captured some 800 yards of trench, together with 20 prisoners, inflicting considerable losses on the enemy. The success of the operation was due to his courage and initiative."

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
8th July, 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION, JULY 8, 1918.

At 10 a.m. to-day the 27th Battalion sent out a strong patrol under Lieut. W. R. G. Colman, 27th Battalion. This party entered the enemy's trench at C.36.b.9.1. and moved in a north-easterly direction. At the same time a second patrol left our block at P.31.b.3.9. and moved in a south-westerly direction.

The first party surprised an enemy post, capturing 13 prisoners (265 R.I.R.), 1 heavy M.G., and killing 6 Germans. This length of trench was captured by 10.40 a.m., and then occupied by a Company of 27th Battalion. A block was established at P.21.b.05.35.

At 12.16 p.m. to-day the same two parties under Lieut. Colman, entered the enemy's trench south of the road at O.36.d.95.99. and worked along the trench in a south-westerly direction. This part of the trench was cleared very quickly. Four prisoners (97 I.R.) were captured, and 1 L.M.G. The enemy trench running from the road at P.31.c.05.95., to O.36.d.8.4., to O.36.d.5.4., was then occupied without opposition, and the newly captured trenches in O.36.d. occupied with one Company of 27th Battalion.

A post was established along the northern side of the railway at O.36.d.25.30.

Enemy Infantry showed no fight and there was no hostile artillery or machine gun fire. Late in the afternoon the enemy started sniping at a distance of 1,000 yards.

The trenches captured were in fair condition, and though very shallow in parts, still serve a very good continuous line with a good field of fire.

The whole operation was carried out with exceptional skill, daring and promptness, and reflected the greatest credit on all who took part.

There were no casualties on our side.

Man. A. Wisdon,
Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

As a result on the 31st July 1918 Joe was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty."

Lt. William Russell Goodwin COLMAN.
27th Bn., Aust. I. F.

For skilful and fearless leadership in handling a delicate and intricate operation N.E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the morning of 8th July, 1918.

In broad daylight this Officer led his men across the open, entered the enemy line and compelled the enemy to surrender.

He exploited the success and captured between 800 and 1,000 yards of trench together with about 20 prisoners, at the same time inflicting losses on the enemy.

The plans and minor details of the operation were originated and put into execution by him, the success thereof being entirely due to his personal courage and sound judgment.

AWM

D.B.

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4780.

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"THE SECRETARY."



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.,

MELBOURNE, 4th March, 1919.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from
Fourth Supplement No. **30915**, to the "London Gazette,"
dated **24th September, 1918**, relating to the conspicuous
services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian
Imperial Force.

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of
the above award to the undermentioned officer, in recognition of his
gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:—

Lieutenant WILLIAM RUSSELL GOODWIN COLMAN.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In broad day-
light he led his men across the open, entered the enemy line, and cap-
tured some 800 yards of trench, together with 20 prisoners, inflicting
considerable losses on the enemy. The success of the operation was due
to his courage and initiative."

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The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia
Gazette," No. 23, dated 12th February, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

W.E. Colman, Esq.,
Cashiers Branch,
General Post Office,
Adelaide,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

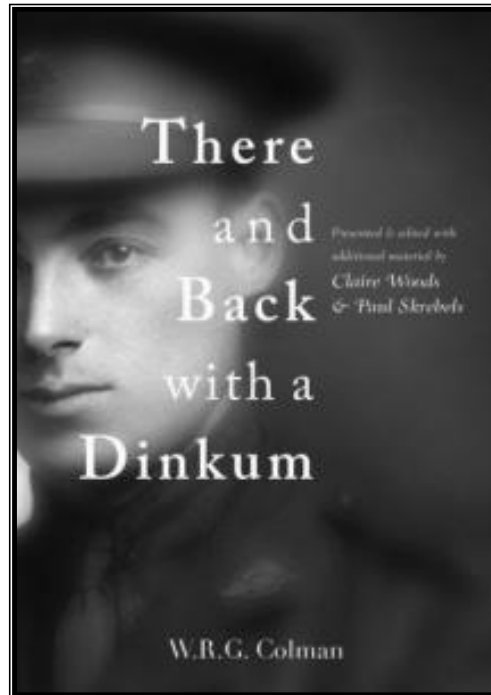
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Captain,
for Officer i/c Base Records.

From the 20th July to 2nd August 1918 Joe was at the Army Rest Camp and on the 24th August 1918 proceeded to England on leave. From 26th October to 9th November 1918 he was in Paris on leave. On the 26th January 1919, Joe embarked to England for RTA (return to Australia) he was demobilised on the 13th February 1919.

On the 28th February 1919 Joe returned to Australia on the 'Anchises' and disembarked at Adelaide on the 16th April 1919.

In November 2013 the book 'There and Back with a Dinkum' (Paperback ISBN: 9781925003604) by W.R.G. Colman, edited by Claire Woods and Paul Skrebels was published. In the persona of his narrator, John Carlton, Colman journeys from schoolboy cricket captain in Adelaide to infantry officer on the Western Front, where he is twice wounded and awarded the Military Cross for gallantry. A thoughtful and intelligent writer, he tells what it means to be a civilian in a soldier's world.

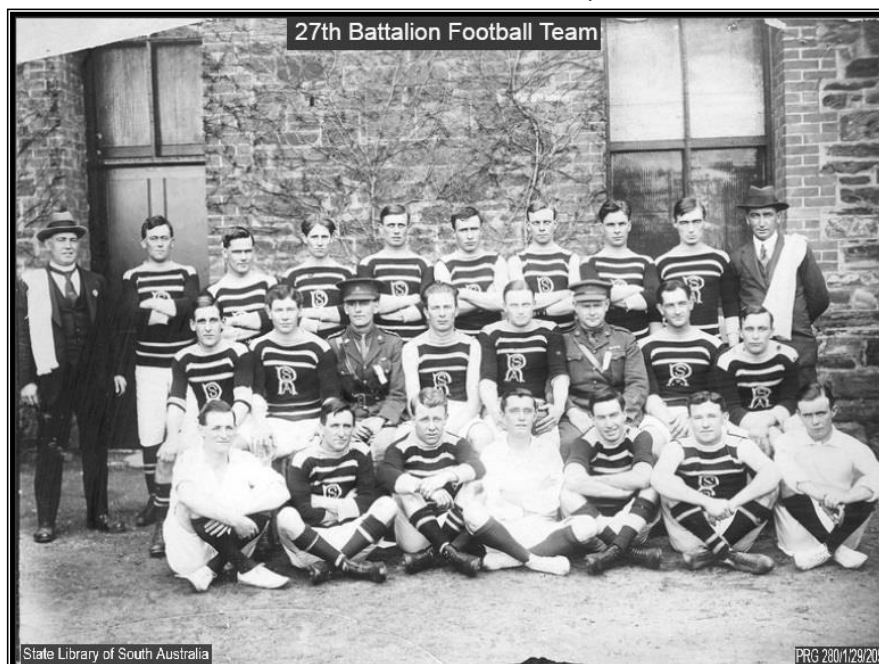


Post War University

On his return to Australia Joe returned to studying engineering at Adelaide University and at the School of Mines.

In July 1919 before a crowd of 35,000 Joe represented the 27th Battalion in a football match against the 10th Battalion.

Members of the 27th Battalion Football Team which defeated the 10th Battalion Team 10 goals 5 to 4 goals 5 on Adelaide Oval in front of a crowd of 35,001



W.R.G. Colman Back row 2nd on right

In March 1920 he competed in the mixed doubles handicap at the South Australian Open Tennis Championships in Adelaide.

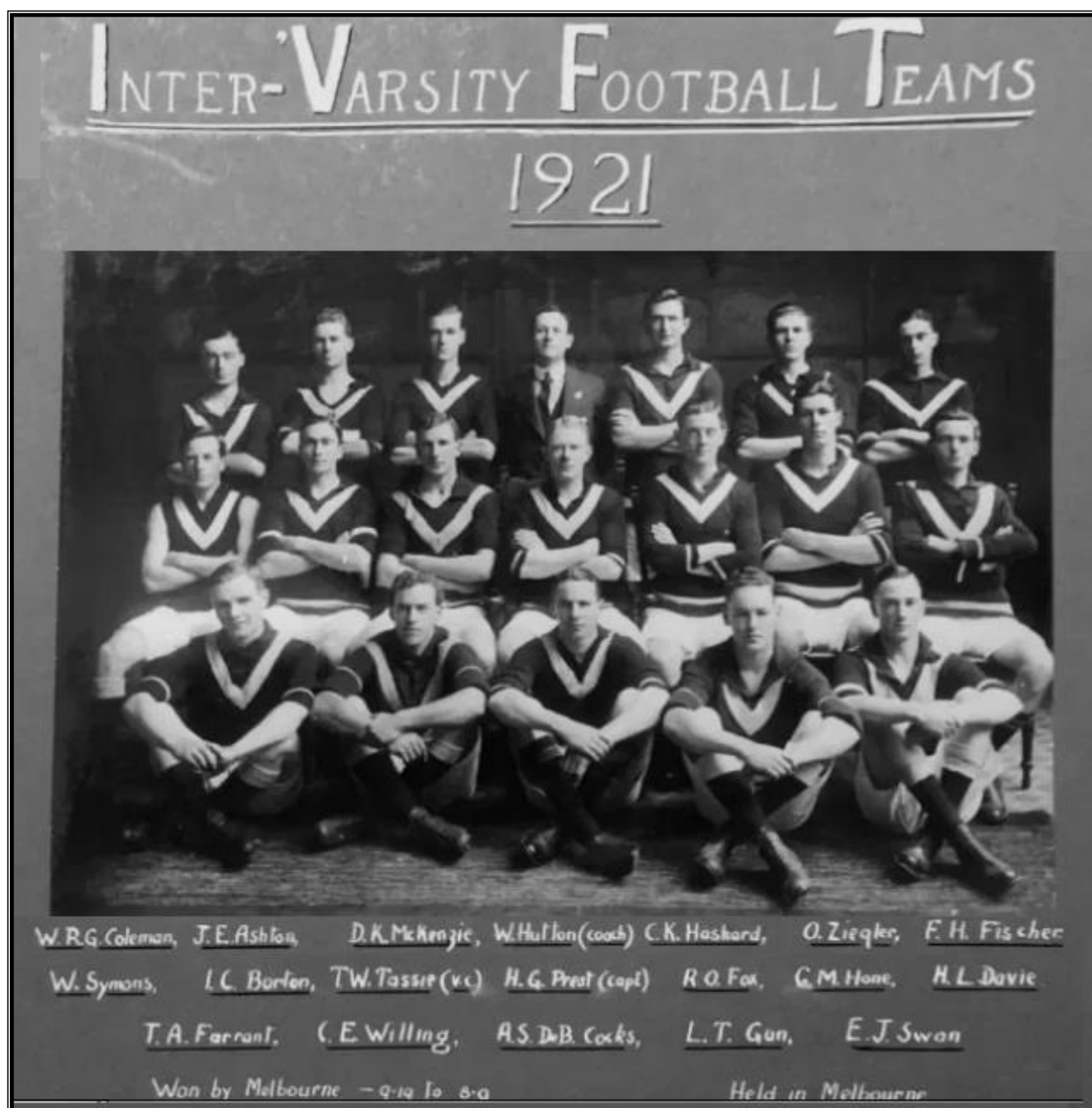
At the School of Mines he passed such subjects as Assaying I and Machine Designs. In May 1921 Joe was awarded a bursary from the Mining and Metallurgical Bursaries Fund. In December 1921 he completed the necessary examination to gain a fellowship diploma from the Department of Mining and in December 1922, he completed the necessary practical work he was awarded the Fellowship Diploma. He completed the practical work at Broken Hill.

He gained his Bachelor of Engineering in December 1922.

Post War University Sport

Football

Joe may have played some B Grade matched for Adelaide University in 1920. He played Intervarsity football for Adelaide University in 1921 and was awarded a Blue for football in 1921.



W.R.G. Colman – Back Row – 1st on Left

Cricket

Joe played A Grade cricket for Adelaide University in the 1919/20 to 1921/22 seasons. In December 1921 Joe played Intersarsity cricket for Adelaide University. He scored 18 runs in the first innings of the match. He was awarded a Blue for Cricket in 1922 making him a Double Blue.

December 1921 – Adelaide University Intersarsity Team



W.R.G. Colman – Back Row – Third from Left

Career & Family Life

On the 7th January 1922, Joe married Mary Winifred Dick, the daughter of John Dick at the Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide. They had a son who was born in late 1923 or early 1924 (Grahame Russell) and a second son born on the 20th August 1926 (Geoffrey William).

Joe and Mary lived at Broken Hill. Joe was awarded his Victory Medal at the Anzac Commemorations at Broken Hill in 1922. He joined the RSL Cricket team then in September 1923 the St Peter's Cricket Club at Broken Hill. Joe represented the Barrier District Cricket League in a match against the Gawler Association at Gawler, SA in April 1924, East Torrens in Broken Hill in January 1925 and the SA Association in March 1926. In late September or early October 1926 the family left Broken Hill.

On the 5th October 1926 Joe departed Brisbane onboard the 'Marella' bound for Singapore. In a letter to the secretary of the Barrier District Cricket League in January 1927 Joe stated that he was in good health and settling down in his new surroundings.

Joe was working at Pungah, Siam (Thailand). It is unclear when the family joined him but it appears that Joe later moved to a position in the Federal Malay States (FMS, Malaysia). In 1929, Mary and the two boys (aged 6 and 2) returned to Australia from Singapore. They arrived in Fremantle, WA on the 15th July 1929.

Their country of residence and their intended future country of residence were both recorded as FMS so the trip appears to have been a holiday.

The family may have moved to Tasmania as early as November 1930, however the first definite record from the newspapers of Joe's residence in Tasmania is in June 1931 when he is listed as playing golf at the St Helens Golf Club.

Joe was manager of the Siamese Tin Syndicate Ltd (the largest and most complete alluvial tin mining operation in Tasmania). In September 1932 he captained the employees of the Siamese Tin Syndicate Ltd in a cricket match against the St Helens team.



In about 1933 Joe's father moved to St Helens, Tasmania. In August 1934 Joe and Mary were among the delegates of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy who visited the Mt Lyall Company mines at Queenstown, Tasmania. Joe was a keen Tennis player. Joe competed in the annual Hobart summer tournament in January 1935 and he won the St Helens Tennis Association (Mens) championship in 1935.

In April 1935 Joe and Mary were in Adelaide. They were given a farewell luncheon by members of the 27th Battalion before their departure to London to attend the King's Jubilee celebrations. They returned to Australia via Southampton, England onboard the 'Hobson Bay' which departed on 11th September 1935 and arrived at Fremantle, WA on the 16th October 1935.

In March 1936 Joe was appointed a member of the Licensing Court for Portland, Tasmania.

On the 3rd of September 1936, Joe's father passed away, aged 70. He was buried at the Carr Villa Cemetery.

Well known in the Postal Department in South Australia, Mr. William Edward Colman has died in Tasmania at the age of 70 years. Born at Strathalbyn, he joined the Post Office as a youth, and was employed in the department for 50 years. Much of his service was in the accounts branch. Mr. Colman was a prominent cricketer in his younger days, having played for North Adelaide and later with the Woodville and Coromandel Valley teams. A successful batsman, he took part in several of the North versus South matches, which were the first grade games in those days. After his retirement from the postal service, Mr. Colman lived at St. Helens, Tasmania, where a son, Mr. W. Russell Colman, manages a tin mine. He took a prominent part in church affairs.

LATE MR. W. COLMAN

The death occurred at a private hospital last week of Mr. W. E. Colman, father of Mr. W. R. G. Colman, St. Helens. The deceased came to St. Helens from Adelaide about three years ago, and took a great interest in public activities. For a year or more he was a warden of St. Paul's Church of England. There was a large congregation at a memorial service on Sunday night. The service was conducted by Rev. R. A. Ezzy (St. Paul's), and the lessons were read by Mr. G. E. Hovendon (Methodist Home Missionary). A solo was rendered by Mrs. Ezzy. After the service the "Dead March in Saul" was played by the organist Miss A. Kirwan, accompanied by Mrs. M. C. Thompson on the violin. The funeral took place in Launceston.

From February 1937 to February 1938 Joe was the President of the Portland sub-branch of the RSSILA (RSL) at St Helens. In May 1937 Joe was in Adelaide for the 22nd anniversary of the embarkation of the 27th Battalion.

OFFICERS MEET AGAIN

27th Batt. Reunion

About 35 officers of the 27th Battalion Club met at an informal luncheon at the Returned Soldiers' Club today.

The reunion of members of the battalion, on the twenty-second anniversary of its embarkation, will be held tonight.

The original commander, Col. W. Dollman, presided at the luncheon today. Another commander, Col. J. C. F. Slane, was present. The third officer to command the battalion, Col. F. R. Chalmers, is in Tasmania. He sent a telegram to his colleagues today. "Good luck and best wishes." Greetings were also received by the secretary (Lieut. S. S. Woods) from other officers in other States.

The president of the Returned Soldiers' League (Major W. S. Hoskins) was present as a 27th Battalion officer.

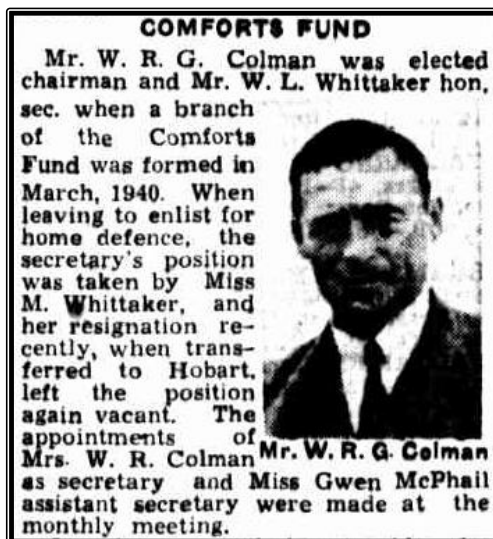
Three members came from other States—Lieut. W. R. G. Colman from Tasmania, and Capt. W. J. Dickens and Lieut. E. Holloway from Victoria. Capt. Dickens motored 750 miles from Gillies to be present.

The battalion's padre, the Rev. A. H. Gallop, sent greetings from Sydney. The Rev. A. I. Brown, of Walkerville, was present as an officer of the battalion. He enlisted as a private and returned as a lieutenant, joining the Methodist Ministry after the war.

Joe and Mary's two sons attended Hutchins School, a boarding school in Hobart. Both Grahame and Geoffrey were good sportsmen and scholars. Grahame won the Senior Newcastle Scholarship in 1936, he played tennis, was a cadet and a member of the school cricket premiership side. In 1940 he was Dux of the School and won a scholarship. Geoffrey was the School Tennis Captain in 1941.

Joe was again President of the Portland RSL in 1939 and he gave an address at the Anzac commemorations that year. During WWII Joe continued in his role as manager of the Siamese Tin Syndicate Ltd. He was still playing golf at the St

Helens Golf Club and had been appointed a Justice of the Peace. From March 1940, Joe was Chairman of the St Helens branch of the Red Cross Comforts Fund.



Joe and Mary's elder son, Grahame, attended Melbourne University, Victoria. He played cricket for the University and was awarded a Half Blue in April 1946. On gaining his MB BS he was appointed a resident at Prince Henry's Hospital in March 1946. He married Lesley Patricia Briant, the daughter of Mr and Mrs L P Briant, 113 Warrigal Rd, Surry Hills, Victoria. After completing his residency Grahame commenced a practice at Surry Hills in September 1947. Grahame and Lesley had a son, William Russell, born 24 June 1947 and another son (probably John Campbell Colman) born on the 11th January 1949.

In April 1946 the St Helens Golf Club was revived after a three year recess due to WWII and Joe was elected President of the Club. He was still the President in 1954.

Joe and Mary's younger son, Geoffrey, attended the University of Tasmania from 1946, where he studied law. In 1947 he was Captain of the University's Intervarsity Football team. He was admitted to the Bar in Tasmania in 1948. Geoffrey became engaged to Ella Dawn Greuber, New Town, in January 1949. Geoffrey was an associate to the Chief Justice of Tasmania (Sir James Morris). The couple moved to Melbourne and Geoffrey was admitted to the Victorian Bar in May 1950.

April 1950



On the 2nd September 1954 Geoffrey and Ella had a son (probably Christopher Russell Colman) at Moss Giles Hospital, Surry Hills, Victoria.

By 1958 Joe and Mary had moved to Victoria and were living at 1 Acacia Street, Camberwell, Vic.

Tragically for family, Grahame Russell Colman passed away in 1964, aged 40.

Death

William Russell Goodwin Colman passed away on the 15th January 1966, aged 68 years.

In 1977 Mary was living at 1/2 William Street, Ringwood, Vic.

Geoffrey William Colman became a QC, he passed away in the year ending 30 June 2009.

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