



**Capt.
Raymond George Toop Goodman**



Played with Adelaide University



**Football Club: (1915)
Sports Awards: Blue Rifle (1919)
Student: Faculty of Science**

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 Raymond George Toop Goodman. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

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Service Record

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AUSTRALIAN  **MILITARY FORCES.**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No. 6863 Name GOODMAN Raymond George
 Unit "X" GROUP, BASE INFANTRY. "C" SECTION,
8th FIELD AMBULANCE.

Joined on PAY AND SERVICE FROM JUNE 16th 1915.

8th Field Ambulance

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Raymond George Goodman
2. In the Parish of ... in or
 near the Town of Sydney
 in the County of N. S. W.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a
 Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter,
 papers to be shown) ... 3. N.B.
4. What is your age? ... 4. 18 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Student
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so
 where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No
7. Are you married? ... 7. No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) }
Mother Mrs Florence Letitia
Goodman Strangways Terrace
North Adelaide South Aus
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His
 Majesty's Forces with ignominy, or as incorrigible
 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? 10. No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in,
 His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the
 Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy
 or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not
 now serving, state cause of discharge ... 11. 18 Senior Cadets 3 yrs Trans to
18 Inf 10 months Still Serving
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous
 service? ... 12. Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His
 Majesty's service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. No
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—
 Do you understand that no Separation Allowance
 will be issued to you either before or after
 embarkation during your term of service? 14. No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against
 Smallpox and Enteric Fever? ... 15. Yes

Raymond George Goodman 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 14th JUN 1915 R. G. Goodman
 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.

Australian War Memorial Photo

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/E01740/>



Front row: Far Left - Temporary Captain (Capt) Raymond George Goodman

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Date made 7 March 1918

Description

Group portrait of the officers of the 50th Battalion. Left to right, back row: Lieutenant (Lt) William Leslie Scarborough; Lt Alexander Mills, DCM; Lt Frederick Balfour McBryde; Lt Matthew Mackay McGregor (died of wounds 3 May 1918 in France); Lt Frederick William Wakelin, Croix de Guerre; Lt John David Lockley Craven; Lt William Vernon West; Lt Ralph Elsmere Claridge; Lt Frederick Taylor Goodes; Lt William Rignold Wills. Middle row: Lt John Leslie Waldron, MM; Lt Walter James Hale; Lt Gordon Stanley Irwin Queale; Lt Charles Angas Willcox; Lt John Hunt; Lt Leslie Elliott Harding, MC; Lt Cleveland George Edwards; Lt James Norman Loudon, MC and bar; Lt Joseph Waine, MC; Lt William Stewart McKay (killed in action 24 April 1918 in France); Lt John Holroyd Hill, MC; Lt Percy Edward Nuttall, MC. Front row: Temporary Captain (Capt) Raymond George Goodman; Capt William Russell De La Poer Beresford, MC; Capt Frank Herbert Hancock (killed in action 24 April 1918 in France); Major William Murray Fowler, MC; Lieutenant Colonel Alfred George Salisbury, CMG, DSO and bar, Croix de Chevalier; Lt Lancelot Beck Smith, MC; Capt Randall Lance Rhodes, MC; Lt Henry Kay (killed in action 24 April 1918 in France); and Lt Herbert William Carlton, MC and bar.

Biography

Birth

Raymond George Toop Goodman was born in Sydney, NSW, on 26th September 1896, the son of William G.T. and Florence Leticia Goodman (nee Attreed).ⁱⁱ

His father William's Biography is provided at the end of this document (Appendix I).

Schooling

Raymond attended St Peters College from 1907 to 1914, winning the Second Form prize in 1908ⁱⁱⁱ and competed in the Annual Sports and representing the college in rifle shooting, football and cricket.^{ivvvi} Raymond passed his Senior Examinations in March 1915^{vii} and played in an interstate tennis tournament March 1915^{viii}

University Sports

Raymond joined the Adelaide University Rifle Club in 1915^x and played A grade for the Adelaide University Football Club in 1915.^x He was also a reserve for the cricket team on one occasion, but the opportunity to play cricket for the Blacks was interrupted by his war service. He did return to playing cricket with his local community team after the war.

WWI

Raymond enlisted on the 16 June 1915 and required the permission of his father WGT Goodman of Strangways Terrace, North Adelaide, SA to enlist. His occupation prior to enlistment was Student. Raymond was described as 5'7" and 154 lbs with a fair complexion, blue eyes and fair hair. He left Australia with the 8th Field Ambulance on 18th November 1915 and arrived in Egypt on 11th December 1915. Raymond served in the 3rd Field Ambulance and the 15th Field Ambulance before being transferred to the 50th Battalion on 29th April 1916 when he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

Raymond then served in France from 12th June 1916 and on 1st September 1916 he was promoted to Lieutenant. Raymond suffered several bouts of tonsillitis while on active service. On the 13th July 1917 he was with the 4th Australian Division Base Depot as an Instructor. He then rejoined his unit in Belgium. After another bout of tonsillitis in December 1917/January 1918 he rejoined his unit in Havre, France. On the 17th March 1918 Raymond was seconded to duty with the 13th Training Bde in England. On 14th September 1918 he returned to regular duties. On the 2nd April Raymond was promoted to Temporary Captain. He returned to Australia 30 July 1919 per 'Swakopmund' and was discharged in August 1919.

Return to University

After returning from WWI Raymond commenced studying for a Bachelor of Engineering at Adelaide University gaining a Division III pass in Physics I in 1919.^{xi} Raymond was a member of the winning Adelaide Intervarsity Rifle Team in 1919 and was awarded a Rifle Blue (1919).^{xii}

Raymond helped organise the 1920 University Ball^{xiii} and presented a gift to the Prince of Wales on behalf of the University Sports Association (see newspaper article below).

PRINCE AND 'VARSITY STUDENTS.

"It is Something I Value."

As an old student from Oxford the Prince of Wales always feels at home among the undergrads, and he showed his appreciation of their company after he had had the degree of Doctor of Laws conferred upon him at the Adelaide University on Friday. Much to their disappointment the large number of students were prevented from entering the Elder Hall, under an embargo issued by the University Council, so they had to wait outside until after the ceremony in order to pay their tribute to His Royal Highness. It was their laudable intention to formally declare the Prince an undergraduate first, and extract his fee of 30/, which would be an everlasting memento of the visit, but they were overruled by certain members of the council. The students, however, gave the Prince a great welcome before he entered the hall. The first thing he did when the dignified function in the hall had been concluded was to meet about 100 returned soldier graduates and students. He shook hands with each, and had an additional word to say to those wearing the Victoria, Military Crosses, or other decorations. As he walked towards his car a young woman touched him on the arm, and said, "God bless you, Prince." His Royal Highness momentarily turned round, and, saluting the fair interjector, exclaimed, "I thank you." The undergrads were in a merry and orderly mood, and enlivened the proceedings by singing a parody on the musical hall ditty of the moment, "Abe, my boy" (directed against their Registrar), and giving the University song and war cry. After the Prince had moved towards his car he was surrounded by students, and Capt. R. G. T. Goodman, in their behalf, asked him to accept the badge and band of the University Sports Association, and to keep the gift as a memento of his visit. The Prince was delighted, and, always ready to say the appropriate thing, remarked, "Thank you all so much indeed for this beautiful badge that you have given me. It is something I value still more than the very wonderful welcome you have given me. I wish you all the best of luck." The students then sang, with great gusto, "For he's a jolly good fellow," and scurried across the lawns to the sidewalk, and cheered the departing heir to the throne, who stood up in his motor car and waved his right hand good naturedly.

Raymond was an applicant for the 1920 Rhodes Scholarship^{xiv} but his application was not successful. Raymond appears to have left University before completing the final exams in 1920.

Amateur Sports

Athletics - In October 1919 Raymond was the One Mile Champion for returned soldiers at the State amateur athletics championships.^{xv} In April 1921 he won the Throwing the Cricket Ball competition ^{xvi}at the SA Amateur Athletics Association Championships he also competed in the 1922 and 1923 Championships.^{xvii}

Tennis - In 1920 Raymond played in the Australasian Lawn Tennis Carnival. ^{xviii}

Golf - In 1921 & 1922 was playing golf for the North Adelaide Club.^{xix}

Reserve of Officers

In April 1922 Raymond enlisted in the "Reserve of Officers". In June 1926 he was transferred to the Reserve of Officers 2nd MD (NSW). In November 1928 he retired, only to re-enlist on 28 October 1938 in the Reserve of Officers Infantry. In May 1940 he transferred to the Reserve of Officers, S Comd (3MD - VIC). His appointment was then terminated as he joined the RAAF. His occupation per this section of his Service Record was Company Director and Organiser.

Life between the Wars

In late 1923 Raymond moved interstate. In 1924 Raymond was living in the Young area, NWS (north of Canberra). He played cricket for the Ramblers Cricket Club and for the Young Association team against Burrowa, he also won the long drive competition at the local golf club. In 1925 he in Young and the Blue Mountains as an organiser for the National –Coalition political association, and in late 1925 he was playing golf at the Leura Golf Club.^{xx}

In 1927 Raymond moved to Victoria. In May 1927, Raymond and WF Sugden attempted to break the record for a trip between Melbourne and Perth in an Indian Motor Bike with Side Car. The pair spent a fortnight travelling to Perth setting up for the attempt. "When they left Perth, the schedule provided for 500 miles travelling every 24 hours." However close to the WA/SA border they encountered trouble. "The road was literally covered with small, sharp sticks, and no less than fifteen punctures were mended over a twenty-mile space." Once it was clear that the record could not be achieved the pair drove in a leisurely fashion back to Adelaide. On the journey back to Melbourne they met with a serious accident near Millicent resulting in serious injuries to Mr Sugden.^{xxi}

In 1928 Raymond was travelling around Victoria on the 'trackless train' fundraising for the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. In 1931 Raymond was an organiser for the newly formed United Australia Party in Melbourne (a successor to the Nationalist Party of Australia,^{xxii} following a merger with six dissident Labor Party members).

Marriage

In 1938 in Orange, New South Wales, Raymond married Dorothy Thelma Hay Robertson (NSW Marriage Registration 1938/4660).

In late 1939 Raymond was in Wagga Wagga, NSW with the company, Producing Oilwell Supplies Ltd.^{xxiii}

World War II

Second AIF

Raymond enlisted in the 2nd AIF 1939 as a Captain (Area Office). In January 1940 he was pictured seeing off youths of the 22nd Field Ambulance Brigade.^{xxiv}

NATIONAL SERVICE — — SOLDIERS' FAREWELL — — SOMERS CAMP



ABOVE: Three months' training under the national service scheme began on Saturday for these youths of the 22nd Field Ambulance Brigade, seen talking to area officers, Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Green, Captain E. H. Jones and Captain R. G. Goodman, before they left for Mt. Martha.

Royal Australian Air Force

Raymond transferred to the RAAF April 1940 as a Flying Officer. As Flying Officer R. G. Goodman, the officer commanding No. 5a Travelling Detachment of the R.A.A.F. Raymond was involved in recruitment for the RAAF and he spent much of 1940 and 1941 travelling in rural SA ^{xxv}

On Recruiting Visit Here



THE DIRECTOR OF R.A.A.F. RECRUITING (Group-Capt A. H. Cobby) is in Adelaide on a Commonwealth-wide inspection of recruiting depots. Today He met the staff of No. 5 Recruiting Depot at the old Legislative Council building. From Left—Flight-Lieut. H. H. Dangar, Flight-Lieut. E. G. McMurtrie, who is in charge of No. 5 Recruiting Depot, Group-Capt. Cobby, Pilot-Officer A. N. W. Davison, and Flying-Officer R. G. Goodman.

Raymond was promoted to Flight Lieutenant in 1942 and was appointed assistant provost marshal and movements control officer in October 1942.^{xxvi} Raymond was promoted to Squadron Leader in 1943 and was President of the South Australian RAAF Golf Club.^{xxvii} In January 1944 Raymond competed in Inter Services Carnival and was in a head heat for first in the Over 40s 50 yard race.^{xxviii} On 24th February 1944, Raymond took command of the Royal Australian Air Force No.5 Transport Movements Office in Brisbane.^{xxix} Raymond was promoted to Wing Commander in 1945 and in 1946 assisted in the planning of a visit to Brisbane by Mountbatten.^{xxx} Raymond was discharged from the RAAF in 1947.

Post WWII

It is unclear when Raymond returned to South Australia after he left the RAAF in 1947, however he attended the ANZAC Day March in Adelaide in 1951. By 1953 Raymond was the State Manager of Lawton Industrial Trucks Limited which became Production Plant Limited.^{xxxi}

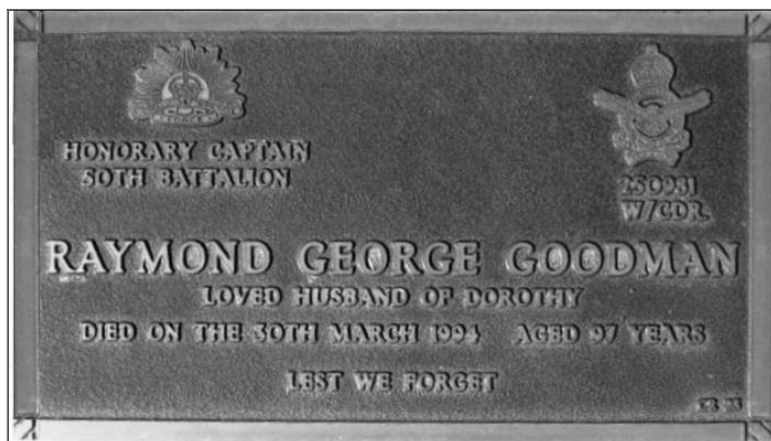


The 1963 Australian Electoral Rolls show Raymond and Dorothy living at 24 Federation Avenue, Horsham, Victoria. It was from that address on 20th February that Raymond wrote a letter to the Central Army Records Office requesting a copy of his discharge papers which he had left with his parents when he moved interstate in 1923.

The 1967, 1968, 1972, 1977 and 1980 Australian Electoral Rolls show Raymond and Dorothy living at 24 Hillcrest Road, Frankston, Victoria. It was from that address on the 13th August that Raymond wrote a letter to the Central Army Records Office requesting replacement of his WWI Service Medals which he "lost, probably at Sydney in 1924".

Death

Raymond died on the 30th March 1994, aged 97. He is interred at the Frankston Cemetery, Victoria along with his wife Dorothy, who died in 1990.^{xxxii}



Photos

<http://hdl.handle.net/2440/63332>

1919 Adelaide University Intervarsity Rifle Team



Back: R.D. Hornabrook, A.R. Altmann, H.M. Fisher, E.W. Kschenka (emerg), H.M. Birch (hon sec).
Front: H.M. Bourke, H.F. Altmann, W.B. Shanasy (capt), R.G.T. Goodman, H.C. Hosking.
Won by Adelaide.

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Goodman, Sir William George Toop (1872–1961)

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Sir William George Toop Goodman (1872–1961), engineer, was born on 14 March 1872 at Ramsgate, Kent, England, son of William Henry Goodman, carpenter, and his wife Emma Ann, née Limeburner. After attending St George's Boys' Central School, Ramsgate, he joined Poole & White, engineers, London. On 7 January 1893 he married Florence Letitia Attreed. In Tasmania in 1895 Goodman installed the first electric plant at the Mount Lyell mine. He then became assistant electrical engineer in the tramway construction branch of the Department of Public Works, New South Wales, in 1897–1900, before joining the firm Noyes Brothers Pty Ltd, which built the tracks of New Zealand's first electric tramway at Dunedin. In 1903 he became that city's electrical engineer and inspected tramway systems around the world.

In 1907 when Adelaide's new Municipal Tramways Trust was formed, Goodman became chief engineer; from next year he was also general manager. He was to hold this joint-appointment for forty-two years and his policies were to have a major influence on the development of metropolitan Adelaide. His proposals to open the grassed city squares and sacrosanct parklands and to remove 150 trees for laying tracks embroiled him in controversy, but he won. Contracts were let for 56 miles (90 km) of track, a depot, 100 trams, an administrative building at Hackney and a power station. Despite delivery delays, electric trams were running by November 1908 and the formal opening took place on 9 March 1909. Electrification was completed by 1914 and a separate Port Adelaide system was opened in 1917.

That year Goodman was commissioned by the Federal government to visit Britain, Europe and the United States of America to investigate munitions factories. While there he learned to fly. In 1921 he reported on Brisbane's electric tramway system. In the early 1920s returned servicemen began to operate buses in competition with the Adelaide trams. To counter this Goodman purchased forty American Mack buses in 1925; although his choice was criticized, they lasted twenty-five years. From 1927 he sat on the Metropolitan Omnibus Board which licensed private bus operators; he circumvented further competition by buying eighty-two private buses for the M.T.T. In 1929 the trust took over the two Adelaide–Glenelg steam railways: Goodman converted the southern line to a high-speed, reserved track, electric tramway which still operates in the 1980s in its original form and with the same cars.

Goodman's decisions were often opposed by the Adelaide City Council, but his view usually prevailed as, for example, when he sought to build an additional tramway depot in the city's heart—Victoria Square. In 1928 he served in Auckland on a royal commission into its transport and next year he was a member of a Commonwealth–States inquiry into the Hume Reservoir. In 1931 he chaired the important royal commission on the South Australian railways which reviewed Commissioner W. A. Webb's era. Next year Goodman's services to Adelaide were recognized by a knighthood.

Goodman replaced Port Adelaide's trams with double-deck trolley-buses in 1938; a complementary service in Adelaide's eastern suburbs had already begun. In 1937–44 he was chairman of the new and successful South Australian Housing Trust which provided small homes at low rents. He was a director of several companies and a member of the council of the University of Adelaide in 1913–54: he played a valuable role on its finance committee. In 1945 Goodman received the Peter Nicol Russell memorial medal from the Institution of Engineers, Australia. He retired in 1950.

Goodman's managerial style was strict—coats were never removed in the office and there was no smoking on duty—and direct. His skill in all aspects of his work ensured respect from his men. His fairness is illustrated by the occasion when a motorman, charged with having driven the first tram of the day off the end of the Henley Beach line, was instructed to wait until 'The Chief' tried the terminus, in the dark, next morning. When Goodman also drove the tram off the line (the terminus's street light was broken) the charge was dropped and an apology extended. He advanced the employment opportunities of returned servicemen after both world wars. An accomplished organist and drummer, Goodman, when young, enjoyed dancing, the cinema and deep-sea diving. He belonged to the Adelaide Club, and was an Anglican.

Following three years in hospital, Goodman died at College Park on 4 February 1961 and was buried in North Road cemetery, Nailsworth. Predeceased by his wife (d.1956), he was survived by four daughters and two sons. His estate was sworn for probate at £123,083. A portrait by G. R. Shedley is held by the South Australian Housing Trust.



William George Toop Goodman (1872–1961), by Hammer & Co, c1925

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