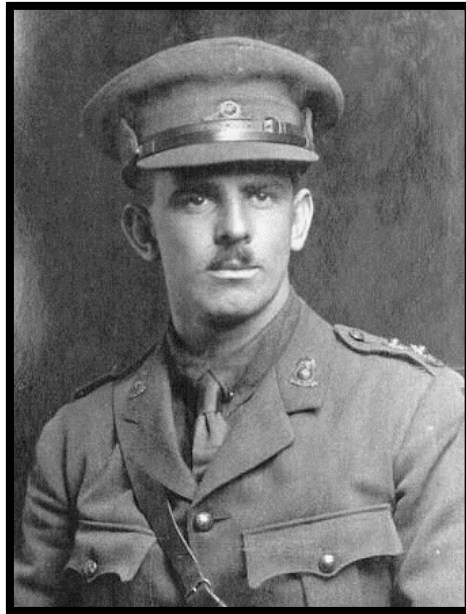




Lt/Col. Thomas Reginald Mellor

(OBE (Military) & Mention in Despatches,)



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1912-14, Intervarsity 1913 & 1914

Cricket Club: 1911/12 (B Grade)

Degree: LLB (1920)

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 Thomas Reginald Mellor who was one of the earliest students from Adelaide University to enlist. 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=206289>



Thomas Reginald MELLOR

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Date of birth | 15 January 1893 |
| Place of birth | Semaphore South Australia |
| Religion | Baptist |
| Occupation | Barrister |
| Address | Avenel Gardens, Medindie, South Australia |
| Marital status | Single |
| Age at embarkation | 22 |
| Next of kin | Mother, Mrs E M Mellor, Avenel Gardens, Medindie, South Australia |
| Previous military service | 34th Battery Australian Field Artillery |
| Enlistment date | 1 July 1915 |
| Rank on enlistment | Lieutenant |
| Unit name | Field Artillery Brigade 2, Reinforcement 7 |
| AWM Embarkation Roll number | 13/30/2 |
| Embarkation details | Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT RMS <i>Persia</i> on 10 August 1915 |
| Rank from Nominal Roll | Major |
| Unit from Nominal Roll | 5th Division Artillery |
| Promotions | Captain Unit: 5th Division Artillery Promotion date: 1 September 1917 |
| Recommendations (Medals and Awards) | Mention in Despatches Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 30706 (28 May 1918); 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 165 (24 October 1918). Mention in Despatches Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 31448 (11 July 1919); 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 124 (30 October 1919). |
| Fate | Returned to Australia 3 May 1919 |
| Medals | OBE Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 109 Date: 15 September 1919 |
| Family/military connections | Brothers: 39801 Gunner Robert Thornton MELLOR, 14th Field Artillery Brigade, returned to Australia, 8 July 1919; 22099 Corporal Kenneth James MELLOR, 8th Field Artillery Brigade, returned to Australia, 20 December 1917. |
| Other details | Medals: Order of the British Empire, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal |

Beyond 1914

<http://beyond1914.sydney.edu.au/profile/3614/thomas-reginald-mellor>

Book of Remembrance entry

O.B.E., Med. I D : Lieutenant-Colonel, 14th, 25th Howitzer and 13th Bdes., A.F.A., A.I.F., France. Enlisting 1st July, 1915, and sailing 10th August as second lieutenant with 7th Reinforcements 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, joined 1st

Divisional Ammunition Column in Egypt 23rd February, 1916, and crossed with it to France. Transferring to 25th Howitzer Bde. 1st April and to 14th F.A.B. 9th July, remained with it till 13th February 1918, when transferred to 13th. Returned to 14th Bde. as Adjutant 1st May and later was appointed Brigade-Major, 5th Div. Artillery, serving until demobilisation. Fought at the Somme, Hindenburg Line, Ypres, Villers-Bretonneux and elsewhere. Promoted lieutenant, 8th December, 1915; captain, 1st September, 1917; major, 3rd July, 1918. Mentioned in Despatches.

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8030600>

417D

C.M. Form A. 22
(Revised 1.7.14)

Australian Military Forces

Application for a Commission in the A.I.F.

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|-----|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| No. | <u>P.B. No. 78748</u> | Particulars. | <u>Baptist</u> |
| 1. | Surname ... Other names (in full) ... | <u>MELLOR</u> <u>THOMAS REGINALD</u> | PAY BOOK NO. <u>100/11467</u> |
| 2. | Educational Qualifications ... (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.) | <u>matriculation Adelaide University 1909</u> <u>Final Certificate in Law 1914</u> | |
| 3. | Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 116. Previous rank and corps to be stated.) | <u>2 1/2 years Commission Service with</u> <u>35th Battery F.A. - 1st Yeomanry Gunners F.A.</u> | |
| 4. | Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) ... | | GAZETTED G.O.A. GAZETTE 7/10/15 |
| 5. | Present Civil Employment ... | <u>Barrister Solicitor Attorney - Proton</u> | |
| 6. | Date of Birth and Age ... (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.) | Date of Birth. <u>15 January 1893</u> Age <u>22</u> Years <u>7</u> Months | |
| 7. | If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.) | <u>Naturalized British Subject</u> | |
| 8. | Married or Single ... | <u>Single</u> | |
| 9. | Postal Address ... | <u>Armed Gardens Medindie</u> <u>South Australia</u> | Battalion Area |
| 10. | Next of Kin ... | <u>mother Mrs. Emma Masterson Mellor</u> <u>Armed Gardens Medindie South Australia</u> | |

Date 16th August 1915 (Signature of Applicant) J. R. Mellor

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 certificate.

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 Service," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate, and no examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, James R. Mellor, 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 5ft 10in Weight 11-4
Chest Measurement 39-43 Eyesight 6/6

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer

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 Lieutenant in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
- (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 2nd F.A.B. Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date 16.8.1915 Commanding J. R. Mellor Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT
Recommended, Candidate considered suitable

Date 18/15 Commandant J. R. Mellor Commandant 2nd 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 date.

RSL Virtual War Memorial WW1

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/227111>

MELLOR, Thomas Reginald

Last Rank: Lieutenant

Last Unit: 2nd Field Artillery Brigade

Occupation: Alderman

Memorials: University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll Mitchell Bldg*

World War 1 Service

10 Aug 1915: Involvement Lieutenant, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade

10 Aug 1915: Embarked Lieutenant, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade , RMS Persia, Melbourne

Date unknown: Involvement AIF WW1, Major, 5th Division Headquarters

WW2

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/543283>

MELLOR, Thomas Reginald

**Service
Number:** S69678

Enlisted: 7 November 1941, Wayville, SA

Last Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

Born: Semaphore, SA, 15 January 1893

World War 2 Service

7 Nov 1941: Involvement Lieutenant Colonel, SN S69678

7 Nov 1941: Enlisted Wayville, SA

15 Feb 1946: Discharged

Biography

Early Life

Thomas Reginald Mellor was born on 15th of January 1893 at Semaphore to James Taylor Mellor and Emma Masterman Adams (SA Birth Registration 514/467). He had siblings, Gwendolin Eleanor b1891, Kenneth James b1894 Robert Thornton b1899 and Kathleen Marion b1906. The family lived at Avenel Gardens Road, Medindie. James Taylor Mellor, a lawyer, served on the Walkerville Council (See Appendix 1).

Schooling

Thomas attended Prince Alfred College and competed in the PAC Sports in 1907 & 1908. He passed his Junior Examinations in 1908 coming seventh on the Special Honours list in Inorganic Chemistry. He played Inter-collegiate football for PAC in July 1909 and passed his Senior Examinations in December 1909 and Special Senior Examinations in 1910.

1909 – PAC Intercollegiate Football Team



T. R. Mellor (Back Row Row – 1st on Right)

University

Thomas commenced studying Law at Adelaide University in 1910 gained his Final Certificate in Law in 1914.

University Sport

Athletics

Thomas competed in the Obstacle Race at the University Sports in 1911.

Rowing

Thomas was Cox for the Law boat at the University Boat Regatta in August 1910. Thomas was in the 'Varsity crew for the Sir Edwin Eights in the Henley-on-Torrens Regatta in November 1912.

Cricket

Thomas played B Grade cricket to the University in the 1910/11 season.

Football

Thomas played football for the University A grade in the 1912, 1913 and 1914 seasons and competed in the Intervarsity Football matches in 1913 & 1914 (emergency).

Other Activities

Athletics

Thomas competed in One Mile Flat race in the Y.M.C.A. Sports Adelaide against a Brisbane team in March 1910.

Baptist Young Men's

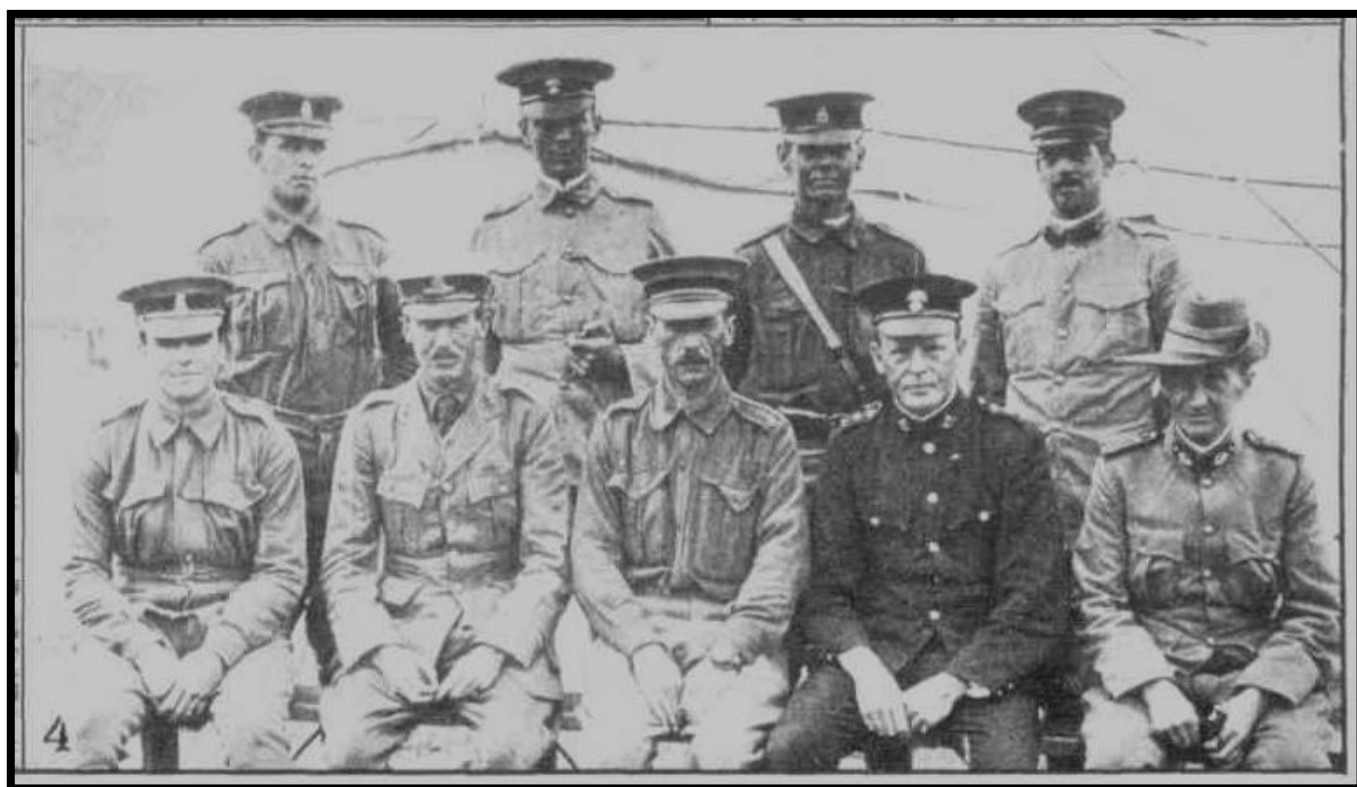
He was a member of the Baptist Young Men's Class in February 1911.



T. R. Mellor (Front Row – 2nd from Left)

Military

Thomas joined the Citizens Military Forces and was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in November 1912 and a Lieutenant by May 1914.



May 1914 – Field Artillery Camp – Lieutenant Mellor (Standing at Left)

World War I

Thomas enlisted on the 1st of July 1915, he was four months short of completing his articles when he applied for exemption from the rules and was admitted to the Bar later in July 1915. He left Australia on the 'R.M.S Persia' on 10th August 1915. He served in Egypt, France and Belgium with the 5th Divisional Artillery. He was progressively promoted Lieutenant (8 December 1915), Adjutant (13 May 1917), Captain (1 September 1917) and Major (13 September 1918). On the 17th of July 1917 Thomas was at the PAC and SPCS reunion on the Western Front. Thomas was twice Mentioned in Dispatches and was recommended for the Croix de Guerre (Cross of War, France) and the DSO and was awarded the Order of the British Empire (Military Division) on 15 September 1919. Thomas returned to Australia on 18th June 1919 on board the 'Leicestershire'.

.....TRANSLATION.....
R E C O M M E N D A T I O N
FOR CROIX DE GUERRE.
on behalf of -

Name. MELLOR.
Christian Name. Thomas Reginald
Rank. Captain
Regimental No.
Arm. Australian Field Artillery.
Unit. Headquarters, 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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Action for which commended
During the operations of the SOMME Front, 4th. April 1918 to until the 15th. September 1918, this officer has performed the duties of Brigade Major Trainee. Owing to the difficulties of communications, he has, on many occasions acted as connecting link between Artillery Brigades and Artillery Headquarters and has at all times performed excellent service. His keen and immediate grasp of the situation, often under extremely trying conditions, has proved invaluable to the smooth working of the Artillery operations.

Date 16th. September 1918.

Signature.
A.C.R.A.
Lieut.Colonel.
A/C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division.

HEADQUARTERS
5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
No. 017/1131
Date 16-9-18

This officer has performed the duties of Brigade Major throughout the period from the 13th. September to the cessation of hostilities on November 11th. 1918, and also from that date to 31st. December, with marked ability.

Under the varying and difficult conditions of September and October, when all work was carried out at high tension, his grasp of the situation was invariably quick and sound, thus rendering possible that instantaneous action which was essential to the success of the operations.

He has at all times shown great tact and judgement, and has been unsparing of himself in his devotion to duty.

Major T. R. Mellor, of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, who recently returned from the front, left South Australia for service abroad in July, 1915. After having served in the Egyptian desert east of the Suez Canal and in France he was promoted to major on the divisional staff of the 5th Australian Division. Major Mellor was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches of April last year for his distinguished services in the third battle of Ypres, in which the Australian forces greatly distinguished themselves. Major Mellor has entered into partnership with the firm of solicitors, W. & T. Pope. He was admitted to the bar immediately prior to his leaving the State for active service. He is a son of the late Mr. J. T. Mellor, who was connected with the firm of W. & T. Pope for many years, was well known in legal, Masonic, and district council circles, and was a member of the Municipal Tramways Trust.

Major Thomas Reginald Mellor, who was on the Divisional Staff of the 5th Australian Artillery Division, has been given the distinction of Officer of the British Empire Order (Military class). In connection with the award he received a letter of congratulation from Gen. Sir William Birdwood. Major Mellor, who is a member of the legal firm of W. & T. Pope, enlisted in Adelaide in 1915, and served until the end of the war.

Mellor
 T. R. MELLOR.
 SOLICITOR.
 Eagle Chambers,
 King William Street,
 Adelaide,
 12th August 1919
 Officer in Charge Base Records,
 Victoria Barracks,
 Melbourne.
 AUG 14 1919
 AUG 18 1919
 Your letter of 4th inst
 regarding my mention in
 Dispatches has been received
 & contents noted.
 I understand an illuminated
 Certificate is issued for every
 such mention & if such is
 the case I would be pleased
 if you would forward me a
 certificate. J. R. Mellor
 5th DA H.Q.

Thomas joined the legal firm W & T Pope after the War and returned to Adelaide University, he completed his LLB in 1920. Thomas was actively involved in Returned Soldiers activities, attending reunions and by 1921 he was on the council of the S.A. branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia.



Group of old collegians attending a function at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, associated laying of the foundation stone of the War Memorial wing by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Tom Bridges.



Front row: T. Baulderstone, A.T. Sutton, Dr. S.L Dawkins, F.T. Percy, A.S. Lewis (who was no. 2 on the roll), Major Playford, and T. Axford.

Family Life

Thomas married, aged 26, on 22 Nov 1919 to Dorothy Evelyn Corry, aged 27, daughter of Samuel Corry at Methodist Church Archer St North Adelaide (Sa Marriage Registration 281/873). The couple had four children, James Corry (1920), Margaret Anne (1922), Geoffrey Lloyd (1924) and David Edison (1926).

Other Activities

A number of Pen Portraits were written about Thomas and they detail his other activities as honorary solicitor to the Baptist union, Adelaide City Mission, Aborigines Friends' Association and the British and Foreign Bible Society. He played tennis and was vice-president of a number church cricket teams. He was a member of the Knight Templars and director of King's College. he was a past master of the Duke of Leicester and United Services Lodges. In 1931 he became President of the Baptist Union.

He was awarded the volunteer officers' decoration having served in the Colonial Forces and giving over 20 years of effective service. Thomas maintained his interest in Military matters and became Commander of the 113th Artillery Brigade. He was Chairman of the military services committee of the Y.M.C.A..

In 1936 Thomas was elected to the Burnside Council where he joined fellow Adelaide University Black, Returned Serviceman and Solicitor, PA (Paddy Ohlstrom).

The following Pen Portrait of Thomas Reginald Mellor was published in the *News* on 28th September 1927:

Solicitor and Soldier

Born at Semaphore in 1894 Major Thomas Reginald Mellor, D.S.O., was educated at Prince Alfred College. Later he went to Adelaide University to study law. In 1915 he was admitted to the bar.

The war intervened, and Major Mellor went into camp with the artillery at Ascot Park as a second lieutenant. He had one subject to do to gain his bachelor of laws degree. He served in Egypt, east of the Suez Canal, and in France and Belgium with the 5th Divisional Artillery, and had command of a battery of 18 pounders. He



MR. T. R. MELLOR

became adjutant to Brig. Gen. O. F. Phillips, C.M.G., D.S.O. (base commandant in South Australia), and subsequently was Brigade Major to Brig-Gen. H. J. Bessell-Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.

Major Mellor was twice mentioned in despatches for conspicuous bravery in action, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, also the long service medal for soldiers enlisting in the ranks and giving 20 years' effective military service. Major Mellor was gassed in France. When he returned to Australia he completed his degree and entered the firm of W. & T. Pope. He is a trustee of the estate of the late William Pope.

He did not give up his military career, and is in command of the 13th Field Artillery Brigade. He is the senior artillery officer in South Australia.

In his legal capacity Major Mellor was Parliamentary agent for the Mile-End Markets Bill, a private bill now before Parliament for the establishment of a produce market at Mile-End adjoining the goods yard.

He is also honorary solicitor to the Baptist Union, Adelaide City Mission, and Aborigines Friends' Association. At school Major Mellor played football and cricket and rowed at the University. He plays a little tennis, and is vice-president of a number of church cricket teams, in which he takes a great interest.

Major Mellor, who is married and has four children, lives at Kensington Park. His hobbies are motoring and gardening.

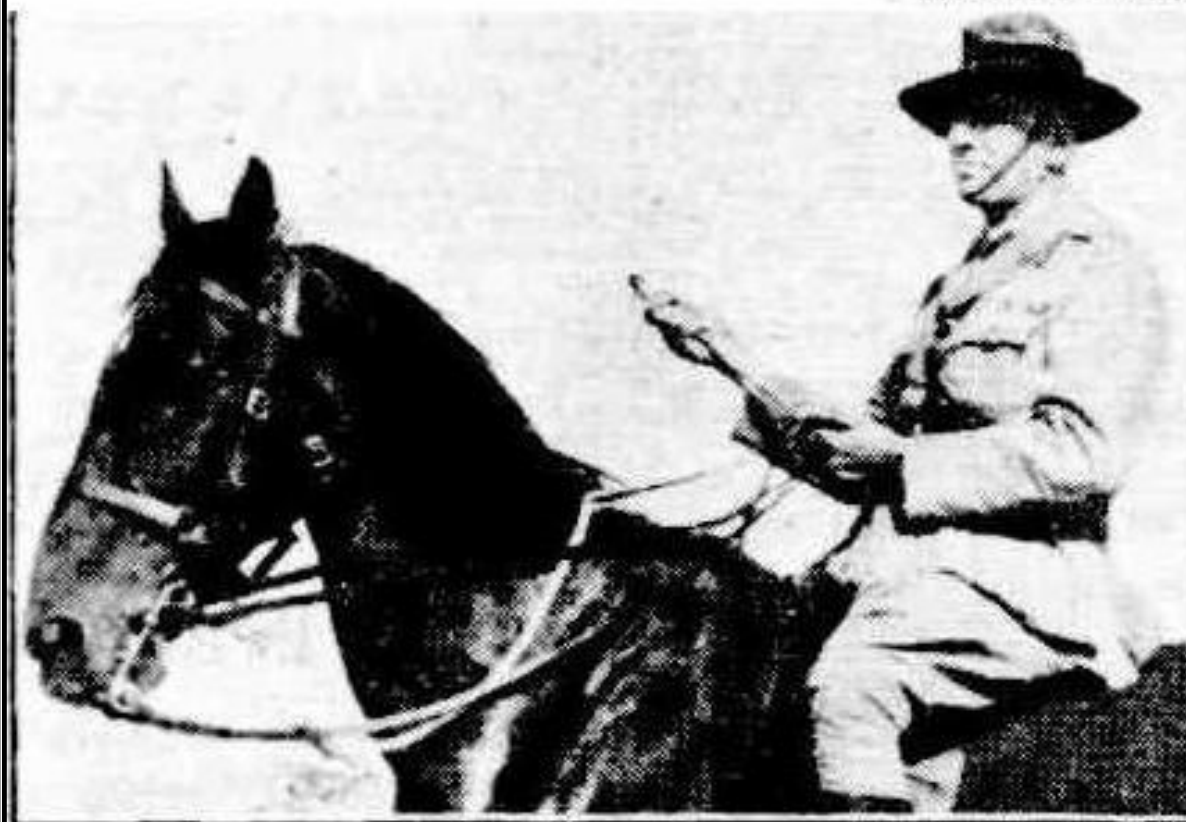


February 1928 - Field Artillery at O'Halloran Hill - T.R. Mellor - (Second from Right)

THE BRIGADE COMMANDER.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. R. Mellor, officer commanding the 113th Field Artillery Brigade, who is in command of the artillery camp at O'Halloran Hill.

Krischock Photo.



February 1929 - T.R. Mellor

FATHER AND SON LAWYERS

Messrs. J. T. and T. R. Mellor

Mr. Thomas Reginald Mellor, O.B.E., V.D., LL.B., a member of the firm of W. & T. Pope, solicitors, of Trustee Building, Grenfell street, Adelaide, is a son of the late Mr. James Taylor Mellor, who was associated with the same firm for many years, and served his articles with the late Mr. William Pope.

Mr. J. T. Mellor died in 1914, when a comparatively young man. He was the youngest representative on the Municipal Tramways Trust, and for many years was chairman of Walkerville District Council and of Metropolitan County Board. Prior to his association with Walkerville Council he was chairman of Woodville District Council. He was considered an authority on local government matters, and was commissioned by the State Government to prepare the first Townplanning Bill.

Mr. Mellor was also a prominent member of the Baptist Church, and served as president of the Baptist Union of South Australia Incorporated. He was keenly interested in Masonic matters.

Mr. T. R. Mellor was articled to his father, and admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court prior to leaving for active service in 1915. While in France Mr. Mellor was mentioned twice in despatches, and awarded the Order of the British Empire. He is now a lieutenant-colonel, and commands the field artillery in South Australia. He acted in that capacity at the recent camp at O'Halloran Hill.

Mr. Mellor, like his father before him, is interested in the Masonic order. He is a member of the Knight Templars, a director of King's College (as representative of the Baptist Union), and honorary solicitor to the Baptist Union, Adelaide City Mission, Aborigines Friends' Association, and the British and Foreign Bible Society.

BAPTIST PRESIDENT-ELECT

Work of Lieut.-Col. Mellor

Lieut.-Col. Thomas Reginald Mellor, D.S.O., recently elected vice-president and president-elect of the South Australian Baptist Union, will assume the presidency next September.

As treasurer of the Baptist Foreign Mission for the past eight years and an officer of Knightsbridge Baptist Church he has done excellent work. His father, the late Mr. J. T. Mellor, was formerly president of the union.

Born at Semaphore 37 years ago, Col. Mellor was educated at Prince Alfred College. Later he studied law at Adelaide University.

The war intervened, and he went into camp with the artillery at Ascot Park as a second lieutenant when he had one subject to take to gain his Bachelor of Laws degree. He served in Egypt, east of the Suez Canal, and in France and Belgium with the 5th Divisional Artillery, and had command of a battery of 18-pounders.

Lieut.-Col. Mellor became adjutant to Brig.-Gen. O. F. Phillips, C.M.G., D.S.O. (formerly Base Commandant in South Australia), and subsequently was brigade major to Brig.-Gen. H. J. Bessell-Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. (commander 5th Divisional Artillery, Australian Imperial Forces, in France). Twice mentioned in despatches for conspicuous bravery in action, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, as well as the long-service



LIEUT.-COL. T. R. MELLOR
vice-president and president-elect of
the South Australian Baptist Union.

medal for soldiers enlisting in the ranks and giving 20 years' effective military service.

When he returned to Australia he completed his degree and entered the firm of W. & T. Pope.

He did not give up his military career, and commands the 13th Field Artillery Brigade. He is the senior artillery officer in South Australia. Keenly interested in charitable work, he is honorary solicitor to the Baptist Union, Adelaide City Mission, and Aborigines Friends' Association.

At school Lieut.-Col. Mellor played cricket and football, and he rowed for the University.

1930

BAPTIST PRESIDENT

Lieut.-Col. T. R. Mellor

LIEUT.-COL. T. R. Mellor, the newly elected president of the Baptist Union, is a member of an old South Australian family. Various members of the family have won distinction in commercial and professional activities.



Lieut.-Col. Mellor

Lieut.-Col. Mellor is 38 years of age, and is the eldest son of the late Mr. J. T. Mellor, who was a member of the legal profession and an active leader of the Baptist denomination, of which he was president in 1903.

The present president was born at Semaphore, educated at Prince Alfred College, and is a graduate in law of the University of Adelaide. He recently relinquished command of the artillery brigade in South Australia after having been closely associated with it for more than 20 years. He was decorated as an Officer of the British Empire, and was twice mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig.

He also wears the volunteer officers' decoration awarded to officers of the Colonial Forces after 20 years' commissioned service.

Lieut.-Col. Mellor is well known in Freemasonry circles, and is a Knight Templar. He is a past master of the Duke of Leinster and United Service Lodges. He is interested in educational and philanthropic undertakings, is a director of King's College, a governor of the aged ministers' trust, and honorary solicitor to the Adelaide City Mission and the British and Foreign Bible Society.

1931

Jolliest Expression Found at Birkenhead This Afternoon



THIS AFTERNOON'S PRIZE OF A GUINEA for the jolliest expression goes to the man whose face is enclosed in the white circle. He was photographed on the deck of the Japanese ship Shoushing, from where he was watching the centenary regatta, conducted by the Port Adelaide Rowing Club. He can collect his reward at the front counter, News Ltd. Last week's winner was photographed at the Memorial Drive tennis courts. She was Miss N. Sutton, Ramsgate Hotel, Henley Beach.

14 November 1936 - T.R.Mellor (circled) -of Bedford Street, Kensington Park.
Mr. Mellor's cheque was forwarded to the Adelaide Children's Hospital at his request.

World War II

In August 1940, Lt.-Col. T. R. Mellor was appointed to command of the Burnside Unit, R.S.L. Voluntary Defence Corps.

Thomas enlisted on 7th November 1941 and served within Australia. His WWII record has not yet been made digitally available.

Post-World War II

Burnside Council

In May 1946, Thomas became the Mayor of Burnside. He served on the Burnside Council from 1936 to 1955. In 1940, Thomas had resigned from his role as a Councillor at Burnside to take on the role of Alderman.

Mellor Reserve at 12 Howard St, Beulah Park is named in his honour

Mayors of Burnside

T R Mellor – 1946-1948 (Councillor – 1936-1940, 1948-1955, Alderman 1940-1946)

1944

Official party at "Attunga" to inspect the gift of Otto von Rieben to the city of Burnside¹



(l-r Rt) Hon Lord Mayor, Mr. R. Walker; Chief Sec. Mr. Lyell McEwin; Premier Mr. Thomas Playford, Mayor Mr. Philip R. Claridge, Mr Otto Von Rieben, Miss Gertrude Engelhart (niece), Mrs Philip R. Claridge, Cr. T.R. Mellor.

¹ Became the future site of The Burnside War Memorial Hospital opened in 1956

June 1948



Thomas joined the Board of Directors of several companies including Mathais & Co Ltd (1949) and Savery's Ltd and Radio Electric Wholesalers Ltd (1950). In 1952 he became Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mathais & Co Ltd.

1950



1952



Family Matters

Thomas and Dorothy's second son, Geoffrey, was married to Barbara Cowling at St Peter's Church Glenelg in May 1951 and their third son, David, married Yvonne Roach at St Jude's, CofE, Brighton in January 1954. Thomas was still working actively as a solicitor aged 61 (newspapers beyond December 1954 are not available digitally to confirm any later details).

Death

Thomas passed away on the 30th November 1960, aged 67 years, and is buried at Centennial Park Cemetery, Pasadena, South Australia, Australia. His last abode had been at Toorak Gardens.

Thomas' wife Dorothy passed away in September 1967, aged 75.

Appendix 1

A LONG SERVING CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT OF WALKERVILLE:

1903-1910 – JAMES TAYLOR MELLOR



James Taylor Mellor was a Councillor for the Medindie ward in 1900. He was elected as Chairman of the District of Walkerville in 1903 and served for seven years.

During his time on Council Mr Mellor was elected as a member of the Municipal Tramways Trust in 1907 representing suburban district councils; an office he held for a number of years. It was during his final term of office as chairman that Mr Mellor had the honour of driving the first electric tramcar on the Walkerville route on an experimental run on Saturday night 3rd April 1909. The electric tram service eventually replaced the horse-drawn cars. He was also for a time Chairman of the Local Government Association.

Mr Mellor had lost his seat as Chairman as a result of an overwhelming opposition from Medindie ratepayers who were against Council purchasing the Recreation Ground (which included the Sports Oval and Bowling grounds). He was replaced by Edward van Senden in 1910 but remained on Council until he died in 1914.

He was born to a well-known pioneering family in 1865 and was the only surviving son of Thomas Fox Mellor. Upon completion of a three-year scholarship at Prince Alfred College he became articled to W & T Pope, solicitors of Adelaide, and was admitted to practice at the Bar of the Supreme Court in 1887. The following year he took his LL.B degree at the University of Adelaide and practised his profession at Eagle Chambers in King William Street, Adelaide. Mr Mellor died at his home in Avenel Gardens Rd, Medindie in April 1914. The Housing Trust flats in James Street, Gilberton (Mellor Court) were named after him.....

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