



Capt. George Douglas Moore



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club – 1904-1906

Intervarsity Football (1904 & 1905)

Degree – B.Sc. (1904)

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 George Douglas Moore. 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=212760>



George Douglas MOORE

Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Surveyor
Address	Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	31
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs M Moore, Meekatharra, Western Australia
Enlistment date	24 January 1916
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Unit name	Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, Army Medical Corps
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/112/5
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain

RSL Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/236326>

MOORE, George Douglas

Enlisted: 24 January 1916
Last Rank: Captain
Last Unit: Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force
Home Town: Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia
Occupation: Surveyor

World War 1 Service

24 Jan 1916: Enlisted
23 Jan 1917: Embarked Captain, Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, SS Morinda, Sydney
23 Jan 1917: Involvement Captain, Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force

Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3005905>

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. *174* Name *MOORE George Douglas*

Unit *2nd DEPOT BATTN. Anzac Force (Tropical)*

Joined on *JAN 24 1916*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... *George Douglas Moore*

2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of *Clarendon* in the County of *South Australia*

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? ... *31 7/12 Yrs*

5. What is your trade or calling? ... *Surveyor*

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) ... *(Mother) Mrs Margaret Moore, Peckatharra, of Mr Harwood's, Australia, Semaphore Rd, Clarendon, 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 ... *No*

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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 8/- per day? ... *No*

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... *Yes*

George Douglas Moore 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 *JAN 24 1916*

George Douglas Moore
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

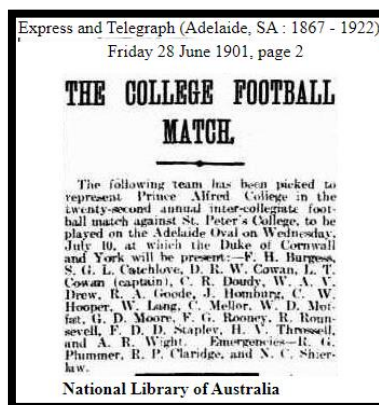
Early Life

George Douglas Moore was born on the 28th March 1884, the son of George Moore and Maggie Harris, at Glanville (SA Birth Registration 323/291).

Schooling

George attended Semaphore Collegiate School, where in 1897 he passed his Junior Public Examinations. In February 1898 George was awarded an Elder Entrance Scholarship to Prince Alfred College. At PAC he passed further Junior Examinations in 1899 and was awarded the Gethering Scholarship. He passed his Senior Public Examinations in December 1900 and in 1901 he ranked third in the Order of Merit for University scholarships.

Before commencing at PAC, George played cricket for Semaphore United. While at PAC George competed in the annual Sports (1899-1901) and played football and Inter-collegiate football (1900 & 1901).



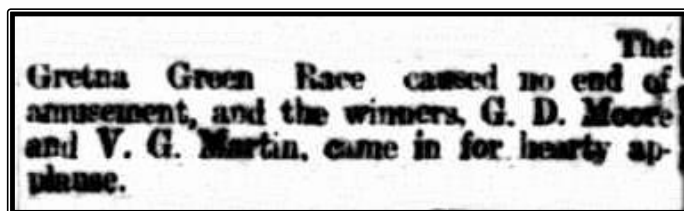
Adelaide University

In March 1902 George was awarded the Angas Engineering Exhibition and commenced studying toward his Bachelor of Science Degree he also completed subjects at the School of Mines. He graduated B.Sc. in December 1904. He undertook more study in 1905, 1906 & 1908 toward a Diploma in Applied Science.

University Sport

Athletics

George competed in the University Sports in 1903 coming first in the Gretna Green Race and in 1904 coming third in the Mile Handicap.



Rowing

George was cox for the Science team in the University Club completion in April 1904.

Football

In his first two year at University (1902 & 1903) George played football for North Adelaide Juniors in the Adelaide and Suburban Association. In 1904 he played league football (12 games) for Port Adelaide Football club.

George played football for Adelaide University:

- 1904 -Law v Arts/Science, v Combined Colleges and Intervarsity v Melbourne University
- 1905 AU v Wesley College and Intervarsity v Melbourne University
- 1906 Adelaide & Suburban Association competition and v Melbourne Scotch and v PAC.

In the 1904 Intervarsity match Moore played in the forward lines and was named among the Best Players for Adelaide (who lost the match by 8 points). He was also among the prominent players in the 1905 Intervarsity match.

1904 INTER-VARSITY TEAM



BACK ROW: D. Cowan, R.J. Verco, C.R. Douady, H.M. Muirhead, C.P. Latty, R.J. Plummer, T.H. Donnelly.
MIDDLE ROW: R. Goode, W.R. Reynell, P.M. Newland, D. Dawson (Captain), L. Cowan, S. Catchlove, C.R. Cudmore.
FRONT ROW: W. Angwin, W.V. Drew, C.L. Jessop (Secretary), J.D. Moore.

G.D. Moore – Seated on Ground – Far Right (incorrectly labelled J.D. Moore)

1906 v Scotch College



THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY PLAYERS AGAINST SCOTCH COLLEGE.

Back Row: R. Slingsby, Seppelt, Jeffries, Myles, Lucas, B. Ashbrook, Reid, C. Delling. Middle Row: Young, B. (Toby) Dannelley, Van-Caplan, Stoddart, Campbell, R. S. K. MacKinnon, G. H. Douglas. Front Row: R. Jones, C. (Oke) T. Thompson, King, (T. J. J.), Jeffries, S. Moore.

Photo by W. S. Smith

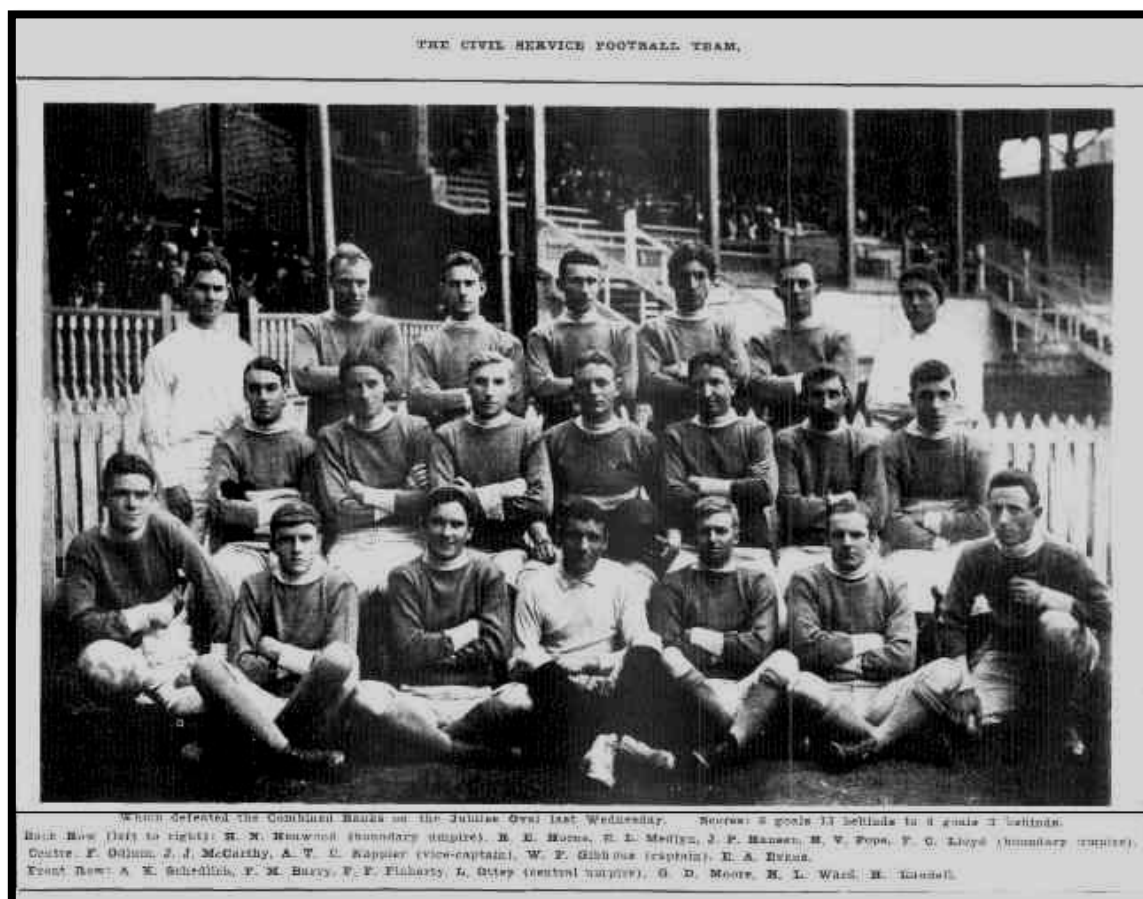
G.D. Moore - Seated on Ground – Far Right

Early Career

In late 1906 or early 1907 George joined the Survey Department of the Public Service and by December 1908 he was doing field duties at Waikerie as an assistant to Mr George McCoy.

Mr. G. D. Moore, B.Sc., of the Survey Department, who recently passed the examination in spherical trigonometry and astronomy at the University of Adelaide (says the "Public Service Review") is distinguished as being the first student at the University to enter for this subject. Mr. Moore graduated B.Sc., Adel., in 1904, and two years later entered the service. At present he is doing field duty at Waikerie (River Murray) as assistant to Mr. George McCoy.

George represented the Civil Service in a football match against a combined Banks team at the Jubilee Oval in August 1909.



G.D. Moore – Seated on ground – Third from Right

In June 1910 George was admitted as a member of the Institute of Surveyors. He was a licenced surveyor. By August 1910 he was a partner in the firm Kreusler & Moore, at 5 Penn Chambers, 100 King William St, Adelaide. The firm moved to the Widow's Fund Building in Grenfell Street in July 1912. In May 1912 George was appointed a mining surveyor.

INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS.
At a meeting of the Institute of Surveyors held at the institute's room, Ocean Buildings, on Thursday evening it was decided to approach the members for the district with a view of securing a deputation to the Premier and Attorney-General for the purpose of advocating the introduction of the proposed Real Property Act Amendment Bill this session. The introduction of such a Bill had been promised by the late Peake Government. It was decided to bring under the notice of the Ministers the question of the proper administration of the Act which was promised by the late Attorney-General in February last. In this regard no reply had yet been received from the Government. Messrs. J. C. B. Moneriffe and G. D. Moore were admitted as members.

KREUSLER & MOORE,
LICENSED SURVEYORS AND LAND BROKERS,
5 Penn Chambers, 100 King William street,
Adelaide.
We are Surveying on the West Coast early part
of September. Further orders solicited.
KREUSLER & MOORE,
Telephone 3382. 242,6

In September 1912 George was undertaking surveying work in conjunction with the East-West Railway Line under Supervising Engineer F.W.T. Sanders.

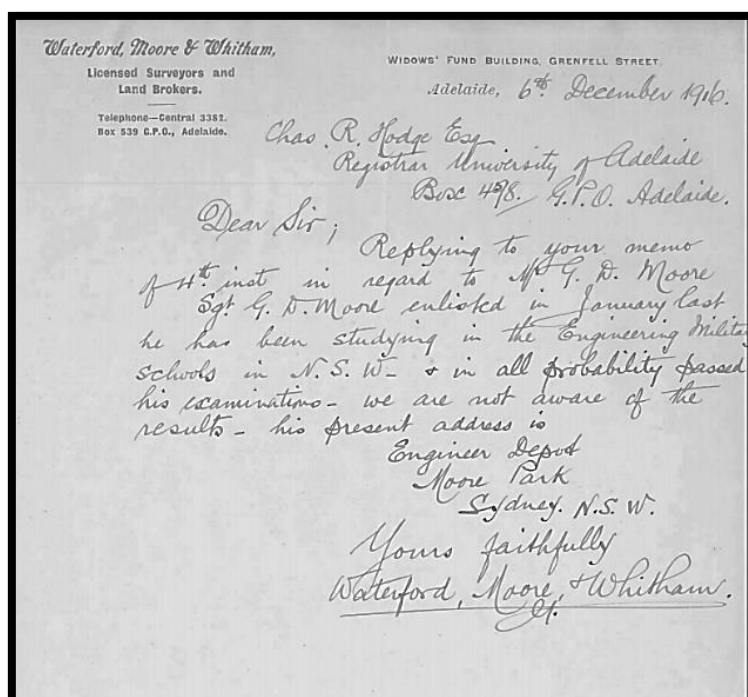


Supervising Engineer's staff.

Standing—T J Quinlan (Riding Ganger), P Callary (Timekeeper) Seated—P N Pentreath (Stenographer,) W J Hall (Storekeeper,) F W T Sanders, Asso M Inst C.E., (Supervising Engineer,) J A Edgerton M C E (Assistant Engineer,) G D Moore (Surveyor.)

1912 - G.D. Moore – Far Right

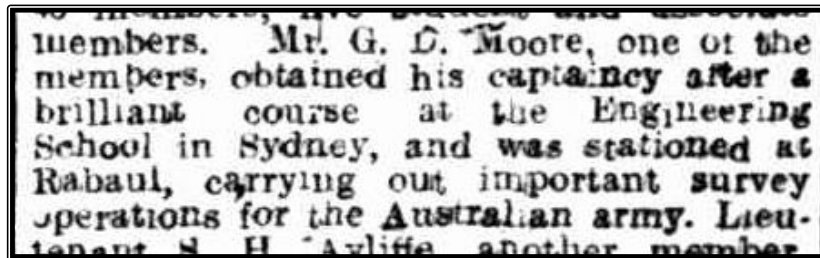
In March 1913, the firm became Kreusler, Moore & Whitham. In November 1915 George was appointed as the Institute of Surveyors representative on the Board of Examiners for Surveyors, a role he held for many years. In August 1916 the firm changed its name to Waterford, Moore & Whitham. The firm undertook a wide range of work for private individuals and for local government authorities.



World War I

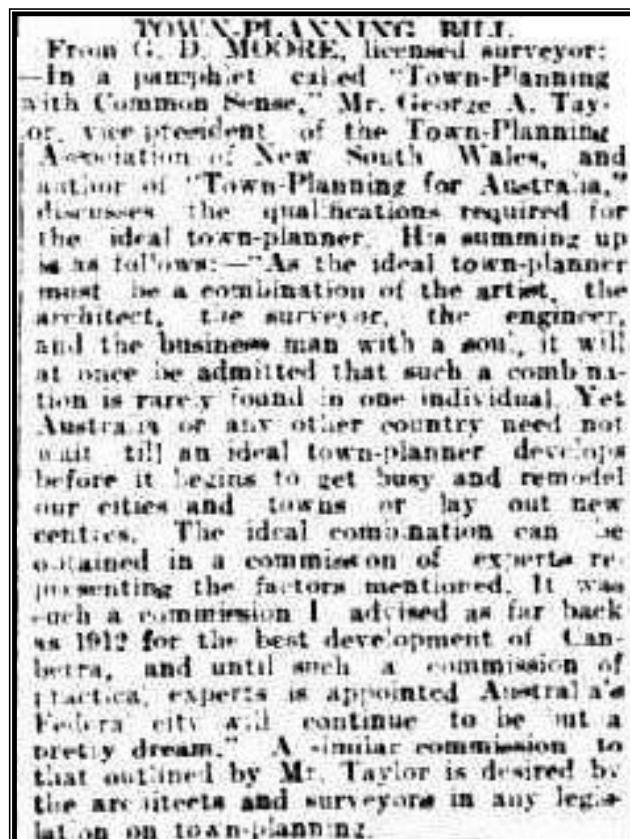
On the 24th January 1916 George enlisted in the 2nd Depot Battalion. He attended NCO School then Engineer Officers Training School at Roseville, Sydney from May 1916 to November 1916. Tragically on the 4th of August 1916, George's brother, Roy Stanley Moore, of the 27th Battalion, fell at Poziers. Roy had served at Gallipoli and had played football for Semaphore Central and cricket for Ethelton B Grade. George's brother Spencer John Moore (SN 31595) was also in Camp at the time of Roy's death.

George was appointed Captain with the AN&MEF (Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force¹). George embarked from Sydney on the 23rd of January 1917 onboard the 'S.S. Morindra' and landed at Rabaul. He left Rabaul on 23rd of March 1918 on furlough, re-embarking from Sydney for Rabaul on 31 May 1918 on the 'S.S. Marsina'. George undertook a range of survey duties in Kaewing (Kavieng) and Talasea. He was discharged on 7 October 1919.



Post World War I

In late 1919 George returned to his civilian role as a surveyor and land broker. He supported the need for town planning and returned to his role as an examiner in surveying at the School of Mines.



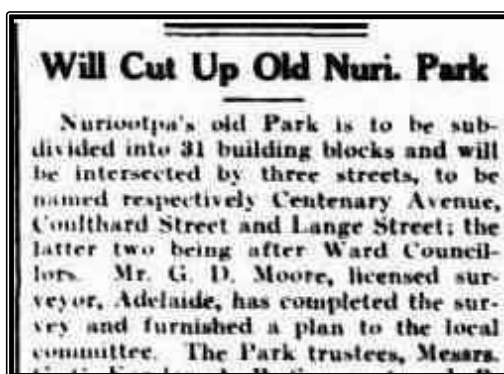
George married Mabel Margaret Quayle and on the 23rd of May 1924 their daughter Margaret Suzanne Alice Moore was born. At that time the family was living at Halsbury Avenue, Kingswood.

¹ The AN&MEF was a small volunteer force of approximately 2,000 men, raised in Australia shortly after the outbreak of the First World War to seize and destroy German wireless stations in German New Guinea in the south-west Pacific.

In May 1926 'Mr. G. D. Moore, of Messrs. Waterford, Moore, & Whitham, Adelaide, returned by the East-West express on Friday evening, after a fortnight's holiday at Kalgoorlie'.

Unfortunately for George and his business partner George Waterford, they had to charge their business partner (William Whitham) with fraudulent conversion, the case was deferred and later dropped when it became apparent the Whitham had mental health issues.

George undertook survey work in the Loxton area in 1932. In September 1934 he won a prize of £10 10/ for the best design for Sturt Reserve improvements. His surveying work in the Barossa Valley resulted in the creation of three new streets in Nuriootpa.



In January 1939, George surveyed a course for speed attempts by Sydney racing motorist, J.F. Snow, at the Coorong.

George was 55 years of age at the outbreak of WWII. He continued to undertake his survey work in SA. In March 1940 he was being assisted by Mr F. Stuart in surveying the new aerodrome at Port Lincoln.

In January 1941, George had the misfortune to be driving his car at Hurtle Square in the city when an elderly gentleman with poor eyesight stepped on to the road. Sadly the elderly gentleman later died at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. The Coroner found that the driver was not to blame. At this time George and his family were living at Bethune Avenue, Glenunga.

In 1943 George did several surveying jobs for the District of Spalding, including surveying a crossing over the Broughton River. George was active in advertising his services to Local Councils and in 1944 he is reported as doing work for the District Council of Clare and the Loxton District Council and in 1948 he did work for the District Council of Clare and the Saddleworth District Council. George was still undertaking survey work (District Council of Encounter Bay) in February 1956, aged 72.

George visited his brother Spencer in Victoria in February 1948. In a newspaper article mentioning the visit it was stated that George played Lawn Bowls for the Parkside Bowling Club.

George and Mabel's daughter Margaret Suzanne Alice became engaged to Bernard Pemble-Smith, of Nondugi, New Guinea (the son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Pemble-Smith of Port Kembla, formerly of Port Victoria, SA. They married in August 1952 and had a son., Peter in May 1954.

Death

George's wife Mabel Margaret Moore died on 17th of October 1958 and was cremated at Centennial Park, Adelaide. George Douglas Moore passed away two years later on the 24th of September 1959, aged 75, and was cremated at Centennial Park.

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The Adelaide University <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/records/archives/>

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