

Pte. Henry Mortimer Muirhead



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club - 1906

College Matches (1905 & 1906)

Intervarsity (1904-1906)

Final Certificate in Law (1909)

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 Henry Mortimer Muirhead. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

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The AIF Project

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Henry Mortimer MUIRHEAD

Regimental number 7575

Place of birth Glenelg South Australia

Religion Church of England

Occupation Civil servant

Address Gilberton, South Australia

Marital status Single

Age at embarkation 32

Next of kin Father, C M Muirhead, 6 Tyne Street, Gilberton, South Australia

Previous military service 80th Infantry

Enlistment date 6 August 1917

Rank on enlistment Private

Unit name 10th Battalion, 25th Reinforcement

AWM Embarkation Roll

number

23/27/5

Embarkation details Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A60 Aeneas on 30

October 1917

Service Record

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RSL Virtual War Memorial

7575 Private Henry Mortimer Muirhead, 10th Battalion, was a 32-year-old civil servant from Gilberton, South Australia when he enlisted on 6 August 1917. He embarked for overseas with the 25th Reinforcements of the 10th Battalion from Melbourne on 30 October 1917 aboard HMAT Aeneas.

While serving in the Amiens area in Northern France, he suffered from influenza and was evacuated to England. He re-joined the 10th Battalion in France just before the war ended and returned to Australia on 12 May 1919.

One of 131 photographs displayed on an honour board showing members of the Adelaide Rowing Club who enlisted for active service in the First World War.

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MUIRHEAD, Henry Mortimer

Service

7575

Number: Enlisted:

6 August 1917, Keswick Barracks, Keswick West Torrens, South Australia

Last Rank:

Sergeant

Last Unit:

10th Infantry Battalion

Born:

Not yet discovered

Home Town:

Gilberton, Walkerville, South Australia

Schooling:

Not yet discovered

Occupation:

Civil Servant

Memorials:

Adelaide HB26 - Supreme Court***, Adelaide Rowing Club Honour Board WW 1 and WW 2,

University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll Mitchell Bldg*

World War 1 Service

6 Aug 1917: Enlisted AIF WW1, Keswick Barracks, Keswick West Torrens, South Australia

30 Oct 1917: Embarked AIF WW1, Private, SN 7575, 10th Infantry Battalion, HMAT Aeneas, Melbourne

30 Oct 1917: Involvement AIF WW1, Private, SN 7575, 10th Infantry Battalion, Enlistment/Embarkation WW1

11 Nov 1918: Involvement AIF WW1, Sergeant, SN 7575, 10th Infantry Battalion, "The Last Hundred Days"

Date unknown: Involvement 10th Infantry Battalion, Pozières

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Biography

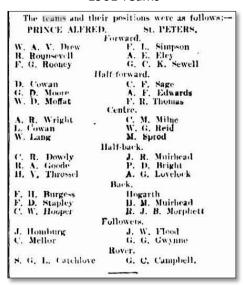
Early Life

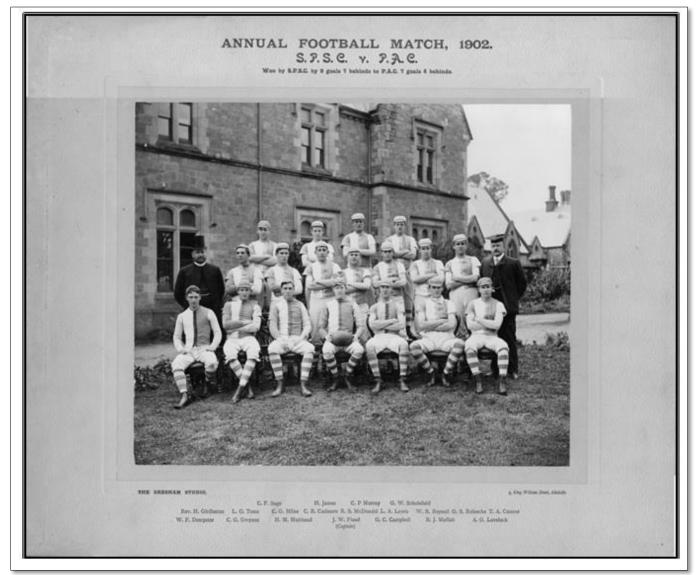
Henry Mortimer Muirhead was born on the 31st of July 1885, the son of Charles Mortimer Muirhead and Margaret Sarah Robb, at Glenelg (SA Birth Registration 359/431). His father, Mr C.M. Muirhead, was a prominent Adelaide solicitor.

Schooling

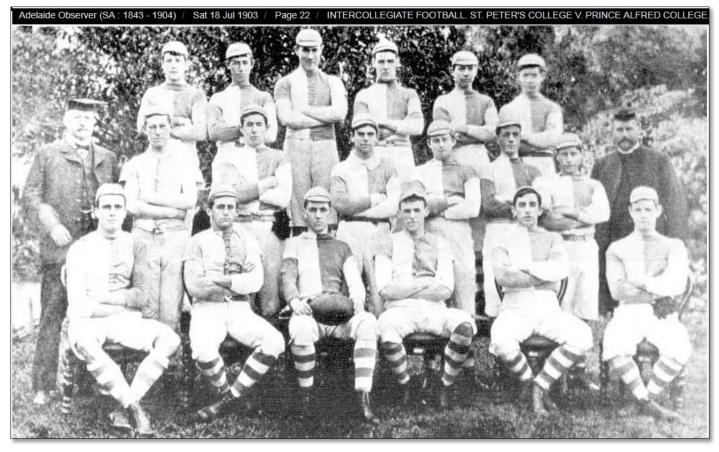
Henry was educated at St Peter's College, passing his Preliminary Examinations in April 1900, Junior Examinations (1901), Senior Examinations with Honours (1903) and Special Senior Examinations in March 1904. While at St Peter's College, Henry competed in three Intercollegiate Football matches against P.A.C. (1901-1903). He was vice captain in 1902 and captain in 1903.

1901 Teams





H. M. Muirhead (Front – 3rd from left)



H.M. Muirhead (Captain) – Front row 3^{rd} from left.

Henry and his brother, John, rowed for the St Peter's College. Henry rowed in the Summer Regatta (1900-1902) and Inter-Collegiate Boat races against Geelong Grammar (1901-1903). In February 1904 Henry rowed in the SA Rowing Association Champion Eight Oar Race for the Adelaide Rowing Club.

He also competed in College Sports (1901-2nd Senior High Jump, 1902-3rd in Steeplechase, 1903-coming second to HM Jay for the College Cup and Inter-Collegiate Sports (1903), winning the 300 yards Steeplechase.



Henry was also a Cadet for two years while at St. Peter's College.

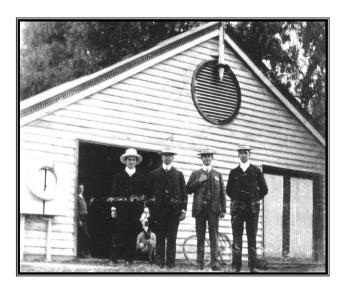
Adelaide University

Henry commenced studying law at Adelaide University in 1904 and he gained his Final Certificate in Law in 1909.

University Sport

Rowing

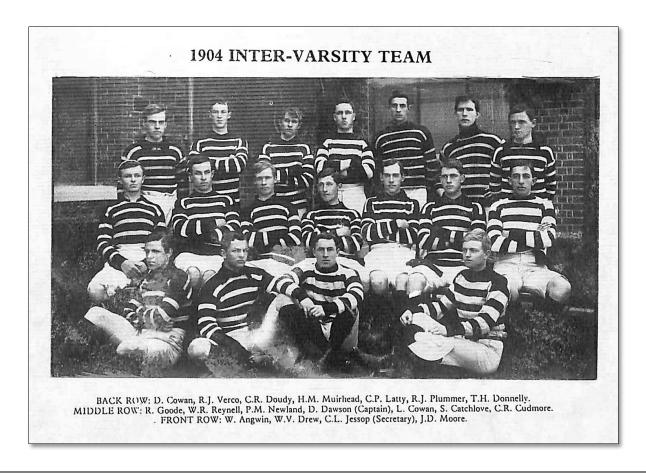
Henry rowed for the Adelaide University, competing in three Intervarsity competitions in 1904 (at Melbourne), 1905 (at Adelaide) and 1907 (at Melbourne). He also rowed for the University in Regattas and SA Rowing Association Champion Eight Oar Races during that period. He also swam in the IBM Baths, amateur swimming races in February 1905.

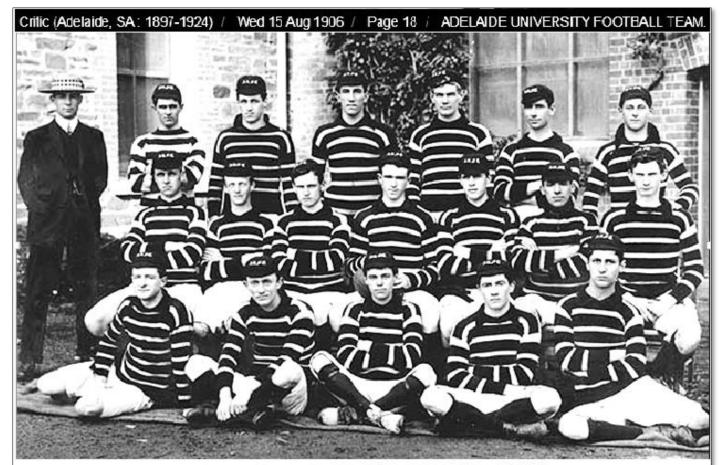


C. L. Jessop, J. R. Muirhead, H. J. Brodes, H. M. Muirhead

Football

Henry represented the University in three Intervarsity Football matches (1904-1906). He also played in the University versus Combined Colleges match in August 1905, the University versus Melbourne Scotch College in July 1906 and in the Adelaide and Suburban Association competition in the 1906 season.





ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM.

First Row-left to right-Moyes, Doudy, Gill, Tassie. Rudell. Reid and Seppelt.
Sitting-Muirhead. Jeffries. Donnelly (vice-capt.). Stoddart (capt.), Catellove, Macleman, and Jeffries.
Front-Okely. Dolling. Nancarrow. Jones. and Jona.

A. R. Edwards.

Critic photographer.

Early Career and Interests

Henry was admitted to the Bar in May 1909. He became managing clerk to Messrs. McLachlan and Napier. Two years later he was appointed clerk of arraigns and third associate at the Supreme Court. He was appointed Registrar of the Court of Industrial Appeals and on the constitution of the Industrial Court in 1913 he became Industrial Registrar. He held that position until he enlisted in August 1917.

GOVERNMENT APPOINT-MENTS.

The following appointments were made by the Frecutive Council on Thursday:—Mr. N. W. Jolly, B.A., B.Sc. (instructor in iorestry), to be also Assistant Conservator of Forests; Senior-Constable J. M. B. Marshall to be clerk and bailiff of the Local Court of Kingsion, vice Wells, resigned; and a commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court so lang as he remains clerk of the Local Court: Mr. Henry M. Muirhead (third associate and clerk of arraigns) to be also registrar of the Court of Industrial Appeals, vice Campbell, resigned.

ARBITRATION COURT.

In Executive Council on Thursday Mr. H. M. Muirhead (associate and clerk of arraigns at the Supreme Court, and registrar of the Court of Industrial Appeals) was appointed to be industrial registrar, under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.

1911 1913

Henry continued his interest in rowing and rowed with the Adelaide Rowing Club after leaving University. He acted as an official at the Inter-collegiate, Intervarsity and SA Rowing Association rowing competitions. In 1914 -15, Henry was a vice-captain of the Adelaide Rowing Club and from 1915-17, he was the Captain of the Club. In January 1913 Henry competed in the Adelaide Rowing Club annual swimming races. His enlistment record also indicated that he was a member of the Law Rifle Club.

In February 1914 Henry became engaged to Kathleen Isabel Butler, the fourth daughter of Sir Richard Butler of Medindie, the former Premier of South Australia, however the engagement was broken, as Kathleen (born 1891) would later marry Richard Francis HOCKEY in 1918.

World War I

In October 1916 Henry was appoined a temporary Lieutenant in the 80th (Gawler) Infantry and he enlisted as a Private in the 10th Battalion, AIF on the 6th of Aug 1917. He was 32 years of age, 5' 11", 193 lbs, with a fresh complexion, grey eyes and dark brown hair. He was 'entrained' on the 27th of October 1917 to Melbourne for embarkation. He embarked from Melbourne onboard the H.M.A.T. A60 *Aeneas* and was acting Sergeant for the voyage only. He was taken on the strength 10th Battalion as a Private on 27th of November 1917. Henry landed at the Port of Le Havre, France on 1st of April 1918. He had periods as an Acting Corporal and Temporary Corporal. Henry was ill with influenza in June and July 1918 and was in hospital in France and England, however he returned to France on the 30th of October 1918. He returned to Australian on the vessel *City of Poona* while again acting as a Sergeant on the voyage only. He reverted to a Private on his return to Australia and was discharged on the 5th of June 1919.

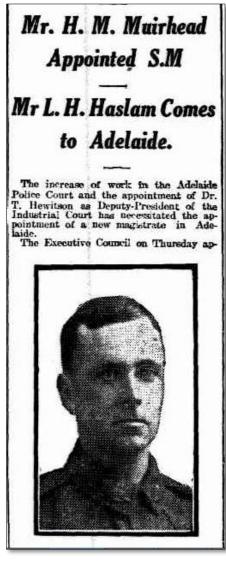


1918 – H.M. Muirhead – Seated on Left

Post-World War I

Henry returned to his pre-war position as Registrar of the SA Industrial Court. He rejoined the Adelaide Rowing Club and was the Club Captain (1919-20) and in August 1920 he was elected to the SA Rowing Association Committee. In

1923 Henry was appointed a stipendiary magistrate for the south east circuit and he undertook that role at Mt Gambier, Renmark & District, Murray Bridge, Naracoorte, Mannum, Berri, Loxton, Bordertown, Tailem Bend and other courts.



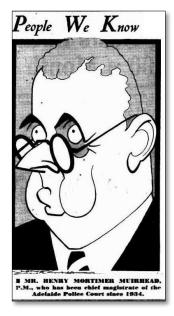
pointed Mr. Henry Mortimer Muirhead (Registrar of the State Industrial Court) to be a special magistrate for the State of South Australia and to be a special magistrate in the country Local Courts and Courts of Insolvency Department, Mount Gambier, in place of Mr. L. H. Haslam, S.M. The later genleman has been appointed a special and stipendiary magistrate in the Adeinide Police Court.

Mr. Muirhead was born at Glenelg in 1885. His father, Mr. C. M. Muirhead, who a few years are was compelled by ill-health to relinquish his practice, was for many years a prominent solicitor in Adelaide. Mr. Muirhead was educated at St. Peter's College, and entered the Adelaide University in 1991. He served his articles partly with Messrs. C. M. and J. R. Muirhead, and partly with Messrs, Murray, Hayward, and Magarey. On his admission to the Bar in April, 1999. He became managing clerk to Messrs, McLachlan and Napler, and remained with that firm for approximately two years. In March, 1911, he was appointed Chrik of Arraigns, and Third Associate at the Supreme Court. There he was attached to Mr. Justice Homburg until his Honor's death in the following year, when he was transferred to Mr. Justice Buchanan, with whom he remained associated until 1916. Mr. Muirhead for 12 years has been prominent in the realm of industrial arbitration. In 1911 he was appointed Registrar, and has since served continuously in that capacity. Mr. Mairhead enlisted in the ALF, in 1917, and was on active service for approximately two years. He served in France and Beigium in the ranks of the 19th Battalion.

Mr. Mairhead in his younger days took an interest in athletics. He played for the first eighteen for your years spainst P.A.C., and he rowed for four years in the first four. He represented the Adelaide University football, and rowed three times in the inter-University boat race. He was captain in succession of the St. Peter's College boats, the A.U.B.C., and the Adelaide Rowing Club.

In November 1926 Henry was appointed S.M. to the No 2 Police Court in Adelaide. In addition, Henry also acted as the SA Coroner. In December 1933 Henry was appointed Police Magistrate (P.M.), succeeding Mr E.M. Sabine who had reached retirement age.





1933

1947

Henry was a recipient of the Coronation Medals in May 1937. His salary in December 1937 was £1,021 7/3 p.a. and it had grown to £1,031 17/6 p.a. by December 1939.

Who's Who in Australia, 1921-1950 for Henry Mortimer Muirhead MUIRHEAD, Henry Mortimer, S.M., Chief Stipendiary Magistrate, Adel. Police Ct., since 1933: son of late C. M. Muirhead; 31, 1885, Glenelg: ed. b. Jul. Peter's Coll. and Adel. Univ. Practi-Court of S.A., 1909: Supreme tioner, Clerk of Arraigns, Supreme Court, 1911-17; Industrial Industrial Registrar, 1913-23; Stipendiary Magistrate, Court, 1923; 10th Bttn., A.I.F., 1917-19; m. Dec. 29, 1923, K.S.A., d. late Sir Richard recreation, gardening; Butler. 1 S.; address, 6 Arthur St., Walkerville, S.A.

He retired from the position of Police Magistrate in July 1950.



From 'Memoirs of a Barrister' by Jack Elliott -

'... in the Police Court under the benign rule of Police Magistrate H.M. Muirhead, described by some as a 'good reasonable doubter' and respected by all for his courtesy, humanity and profound knowledge of the criminal law and procedure. He was affectionately known as 'Bonny".'

Family

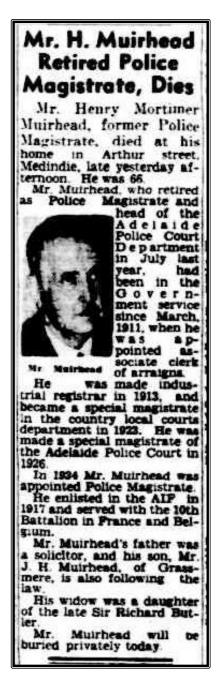
On the 29th of December 1923, Henry Mortimer Muirhead, of 6 Arthur St, Medindie, Walkerville, married Kate Sarah Agnes, the fifth daughter of Sir Richard Butler. Born in 1893, Kate was the younger sister of Henry's former fiancé. Their only child, a son, James Henry Muirhead, was born at Quambi, South Terrace, Adelaide. Sadly, only days later, Kate's father passed away while travelling in England.

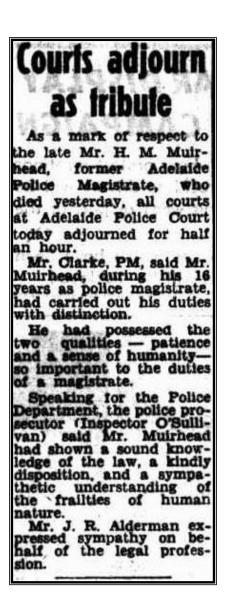
The family enjoyed holidays at Victor Harbor, Grange and Glenelg. Tragically, in November 1932, Henry's brother (Dr John R Muirhead) died aged only 48. In October 1936 the family were still living at 6 Arthur St, Medindie. Henry's father died in September 1938.

Son James (Jim) was educated at St Peters and gained his LLB from Adelaide University in 1949. He married Margaret Hamilton Fayne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frayne of Prospect on the 4th of February 1950. Their daughter Janet was born in 1951 and they later had three sons.

Death

Henry Mortimer Muirhead died on the 2nd of September 1951, aged 66 and was buried privately, his wife Kate died in 1968, aged 75.





Family Legacy

Details of the career of Henry and Kate's son James are below:

www.govhouse.nt.gov.au/TheAdministrator/

James Henry Muirhead

Date of Birth: 24 April 1925 Place of Birth: Adelaide SA

Parents: H M Muirhead (Police Magistrate)

Education: St Peter's College SA

University of Adelaide

Spouse: Married Margaret (née Frayne)

4 February 1950 3 sons, 1 daughter

Military Service: Australian Imperial Force 1943-1946

57th/60th Australian Infantry Battalion

Bougainville New Guinea

37th/52nd Australian Infantry Battalion Rabaul New Britain

Employment History: Barrister and solicitor with Thomson, Buttrose,

Ross & Lewis 1950-1969

Judge Local and District Criminal Court of SA 1970-1972 Acting Judge Supreme Court of PNG 1972-1973 Acting Director responsible for establishing Australian Institute of Criminology in Canberra 1973-1974

Judge Supreme Court of the Northern Territory 1974-1985

Acting Chief Justice 1985

Judge Federal Court of Australia 1977-1987 Resident Judge Federal Court of WA 1986-1987 Acting Judge Supreme Court of Northern Territory 1987 Appointed to act in absence of Administrator and Chief Justice 19 December 1980 to 17 January 1981 and

29 September 1982 to 3 October 1982 Residential Judge of the NT Supreme Court Appointed Acting Administrator with a dormant

commission 4 February 1983

Acted in the office of Administrator from 5 February 1983 to 6 March 1983, 7 August 1985 to 24 September 1985 Royal Commissioner Inquiry into Aboriginal Deaths

in Custody 1987

Appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory

1 July 1989

Retired 4 December 1992

Qualifications, Appointments and Admissions

Admitted to the Bar 1950 Queen's Counsel 1967

Subsequent Career: Retired to Perth WA

WA Patron of Menzies School of Health Research Ministerial Advisor Council on Veterans Issues 1993-1994 Died on 20 July 1999 State Funeral held in Darwin

Honours and Awards: 1939-1945: Star

Pacific Star War Medal

Australian Service Medal 1939-1945 Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977

Knight of Grace of the Order of St John (KStJ) 1989 Appointed Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)

in the General Division 1991

Memorials: Muirhead Chambers Darwin

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