



Lieut. Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: B Grade (1920/21, 1921/22 Capt)

A Grade (1922/23-1924/25 Vice-Capt)

Blues: Baseball (1923) & Cricket (1924)

Degree: LLB (1921)

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 Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AUFC/AUCC WW1 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=229746>



Patrick Andreas OHLSTROM

Regimental number	416
Date of birth	--/01/1891
Place of birth	Warooka, South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Clerk
Address	Edithburgh, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	24
Height	5' 3"
Weight	119 lbs
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Margaret Ann Ohlstrom, Edithburgh, South Australia
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	5 July 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	23 June 1915
Place of enlistment	Keswick, South Australia
Rank on enlistment	Corporal
Unit name	32nd Battalion, B Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/49/1
Embarkation details	<p>Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A2 <i>Geelong</i> on 18 November 1915</p> <p>The 32nd Bn (Headquarters, Signallers, A, B, C, and D Companies) embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on two ships, HMAT A2 'Geelong', on 18 November 1915, and HMAT A13 'Katuna', on 24 November 1915. The Embarkation Roll does not distinguish between these ships, and it is therefore not possible from the Embarkation Roll to ascertain on which ship an individual embarked.</p>
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	32nd Battalion
Promotions	2nd Lieutenant Unit: 32nd Battalion

Lieutenant
Unit: 32nd Battalion
Promotion date: 14 June 1918

Returned to Australia 28 February 1919

5 June 1919

War service: Egypt, Western Front
Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

*NAA gives name as Patrick Andrew OHLSTROM

10 June 1940



“Hors de combat” French, literally ‘out of the fight’.

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8001317>

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *416* Name *OHLSTROM Patrick Andrew*²⁰
 "B" COY. Unit *L GROUP* *BASE INF. "B" COY.*
 32nd BATTALION, A.I.F. 32nd BATTALION, A.I.F.
 Joined on *5th July 1915*

R Company
32nd, Battalion

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your Name? ... *Patrick Andrew Ohlstrom*
- In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
 2. In the Parish of ... in or
 near the Town of *Warrack*
 in the County of *Y.P. 5th Dist*
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... *N.B.*
- What is your age? ... *24 1/2*
- What is your trade or calling? ... *Clerk*
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... *No*
- Are you married? ... *No*
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...
(Mother) M^{rs} Margaret Ann Ohlstrom
Y.P. South Aust
- Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... *No*
- 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*
- 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*
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... *Yes*
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... *No*
- (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*
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... *Yes*

3. Patrick Andrew Ohlstrom 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 *23-6-15* *P.A. Ohlstrom*
 Signature of person enlisted.

D 277/L12—C.002. *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.

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/2188588#>

Biography

Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom enlisted in the Australian Imperial force on 5 July 1915 at the age of twenty-four and a half. Born at Warooka on the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia, Ohlstrom was working as a clerk at the time of his enlistment, a profession to which he returned on his discharge in 1919.

Serving with the 32nd Australian Infantry Battalion, Ohlstrom was promoted to corporal in August of 1915. Embarking for the Middle East in November, Ohlstrom spent his first Christmas at war in the trenches, guarding the eastern side of the Suez Canal from Ottoman advances. The next few months were spent in similar duties, with occasional diversions such as dysentery and camel riding, which Ohlstrom thought "weird".¹ The 32nd also had the opportunity of sightseeing at their post at Tel el Kebir, complete with "gruesome sights" and bones from the battle of 1882, when the British and Indian armies under the command of General Wolseley subjugated Egypt for the Empire.²

In June, they shipped out to France and witnessed their first air raid on 29 June, the day after a surprise visit from General Birdwood described by Ohlstrom in his diary as the "Soul of Anzac".³ July saw heavy shelling, exhaustion and the "honors of going over the Top first."⁴ After 19 and 20 July, the horror of European trench warfare hit home to Ohlstrom.

*Have passed through a night of Hell on earth. It was awful the noise and the sights of dead & dying men. The boys took three lines of German trenches, easily but after hanging on all night were compelled to let go and fall back on our own line. Every devilish invention was used against us including liquid fire and gas. I never want to go through another dose of it. Our casualties were very heavy but no worse than theirs.*⁵

An infection saw Ohlstrom out of commission and hospitalised in England from August until the end of the year, although that seemed to do little to stop him from thoroughly enjoying himself. He returned to serve at the No. 2 Officers Cadet battalion at Cambridge in August 1917 before being hospitalised again in November.

In January 1918, Ohlstrom finally returned to the 32nd battalion to be severely wounded in a gas attack on 14 May 1918. Two days later was promoted to second lieutenant. He returned to hospital, where he spent the remainder of the conflict before rejoining his unit at the end of November 1918 and returning to Australia in February 1919, having been promoted to full lieutenant on 25 June 1918.

Once back home, Ohlstrom returned to law, first clerking and later becoming a partner in the firm Jessop, Ward and Ohlstrom. Also remembered as a prominent baseball player and cricketer, Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom died in 1940 at the age of 49.⁶

1. Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom, "Diary by CPL P. A. Ohlstrom from the day of Embarkation," p. 13.

2. Ohlstrom, *Diary*, p. 12.

3. Ohlstrom, *Diary*, p. 17.

4. Ohlstrom, *Diary*, p. 19.

5. Ohlstrom, *Diary*, p. 20.

6. "Obituary - P. A. Ohlstrom," *The Advertiser*, 11 June 1940.

Additional Biography

Early Life

Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom was born on the 16th of December 1890 to Pohl Ohlstrom and Margaret (née Purtle) at Warooka on Southern Yorke Peninsula. He was the youngest of 10 children and the only sonⁱ. Patrick's father Pohl was a farmer and labourer while at Warooka and a fisherman and mason when at Edithburgh. His mother Margaret was a midwife. Patrick's birth name was registered as Patrick Andreas Paul Ohlstrom; however, his third name does not appear to have been used from that point onward and he was known as Pat.

Schooling

Patrick commenced primary school at Warooka on the 6th of April 1896, aged 5 years and 4 months, but a mere 20 days later moved to the Edithburgh Primary School, where he was a Junior in 1896-98, then 1899 Grade I, 1900 Grade II, 1901 Grade III, 1902 Grade IV, 1903 Grade IV and 1904 Grade V. It is unclear why Pat spent two years in Grade IV, however more than one student at Edithburgh in the early 1900's spent two years in Grade IV. He left the school in December 1904, aged 14 years.

The first mention of Pat in the newspapers was for giving a recitation at his school concert in 1900, aged 10 years. Other early mentions of Pat Ohlstrom relate to sporting achievements as Pat competed in Sports Days and Aquatic Competitions. He won the Neatest Dive, under 15 years, in the Christmas Day Sports at Edithburgh in 1903, the boys swimming race at the Stansbury Aquatic Sports in 1904 and coming second in several boys' flat races at Yorketown and Edithburgh. Pat played cricket for Edithburgh from the 1903/04 to 1907/08.

From 1908, Pat attended Howard's Commercial and Correspondence College. He played Cricket for the College team in the Adelaide and Suburban Association in the 1908/09 season and in a match against Christian Brother's College in February 1909. He played football for Athelstone in 1908 and represented the "Present" scholars in the College's annual Past v Present football match in September 1909.

The Pre-War Years

The story of Pat's life after leaving Commercial College and before the commencement of WWI can mainly be trace through post War newspaper reports and through the sporting pages.

Cricket

Pat played the 1908/09 season for Glynde and the 1909/10 season for Warwick (at Walkerville) in the Metropolitan Association – Section B. In 1910/11 and 1911/12, Pat played for Anchor and won the Bowling honours in the 1911/12 season. Pat again played for Anchor in the 1914/15 season and in at least one game in the 15/16 season. His friends from the Anchor Club gave him a farewell party when he joined up for military service.

A newspaper article published in 1924, states that Pat played a season for Athelstone and a season for Glynde before playing in the Metropolitan Association and that in the 1911/12 season he played a game in Wellington, New Zealand. However, in relation to that article, the profiler has only been able to locate evidence for Pat playing Football for Athelstone and Cricket for Glynde.

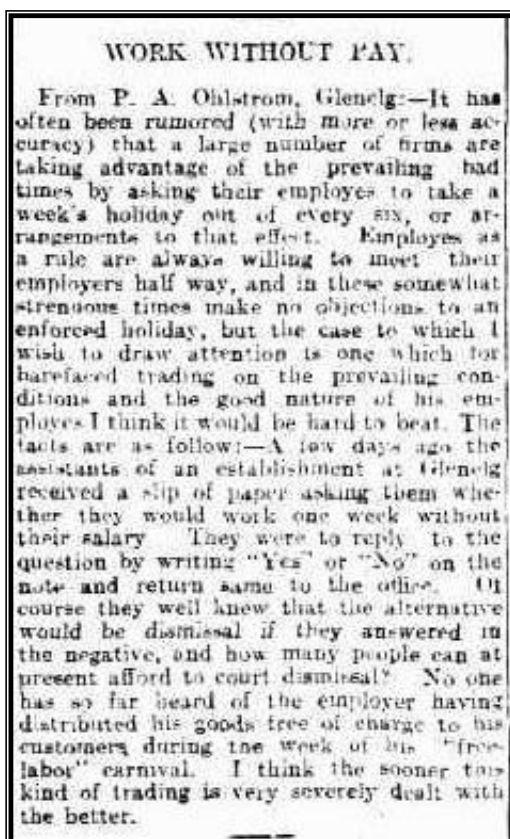
Baseball

Pat played baseball for the Freemason Ramblers in the 1915 season (winter), the team were minor premiers however they failed both attempts to win the grand final (under the rules in place at the time if the minor premiers lost the grand final they could challenge the winning team to a re-match to decide the premiership).

Employment

Pat worked as a special clerk for Josiah Symons, solicitor, however it is unclear when he commenced in this role.

Pat's early interest in the law can be seen from a letter he wrote in 1915 regarding exploitation of workers during difficult economic times.



World War I

Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom enlisted on the 23rd of June 1915. He was then a 24½ years old clerk, 5'3", weighing 119 lbs, with a fair complexion, blue eyes and fair hair. His mother Margaret Ann Ohlstrom of Edithburgh was named as his next-of-kin (his father Pohl had passed away aged 78 in 1915).



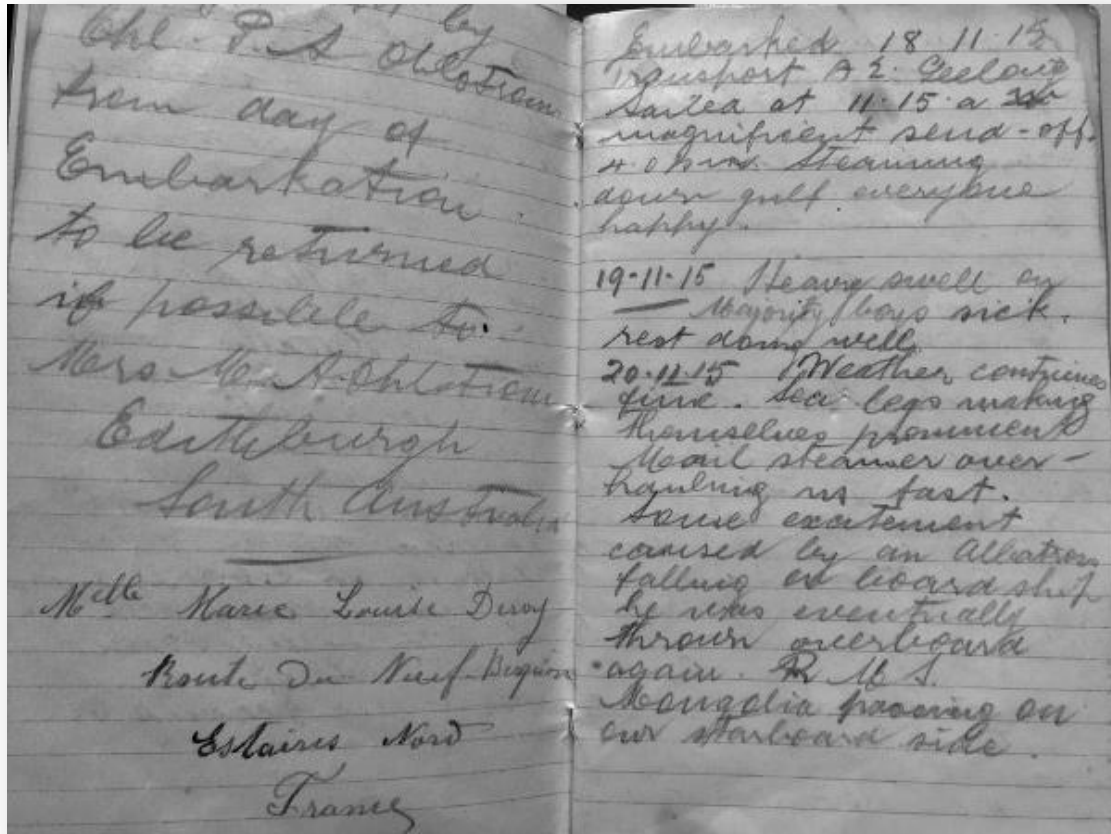
Group portrait taken at Mitcham Camp, Adelaide, July 1915
Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom – Middle Row – Second from Left

Pat's war experiences are described in the RSL Virtual War Memorial Biography above and in his own War Diary which is now held by the Australian War Memorial. The diary has been transcribed and is located at:

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/research/resource-library/diary-of-patrick-andreas-ohlstrom--1915-1916>

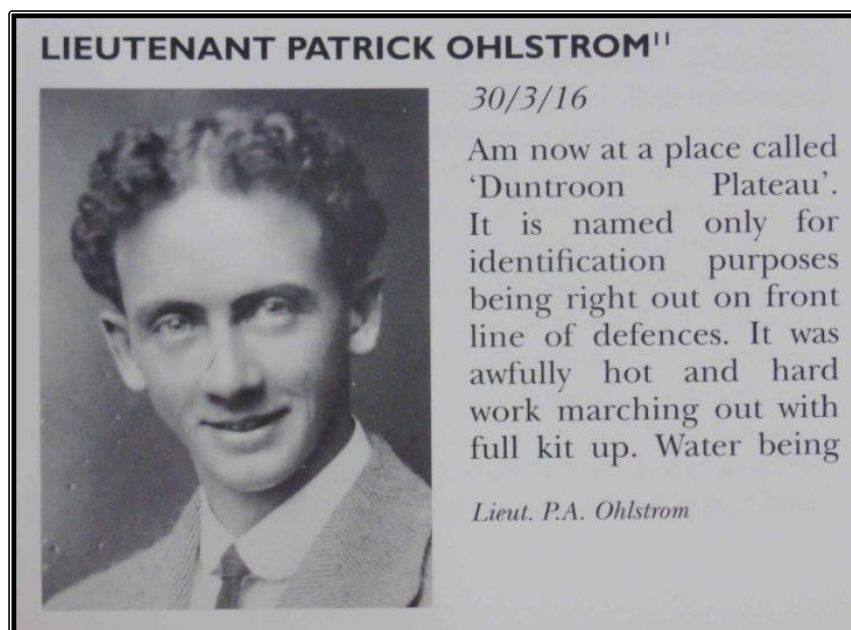
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Extract from P.A. Ohlstrom's Diary

Pat's war experiences also appear in the book, *Second to None: A memorial History of the 32nd Battalion A.I.F 1915-1919*: R.R. Freeman, Peacock Publications, 2006.



LIEUTENANT PATRICK OHLSTROM

20/7/16

Have passed through a night of hell on earth. It was awful, the noise and sights of attacking and dying men. The boys took three lines of German trenches easily, but after hanging on all night, were compelled to let go and fall back to our own line. Every devilish invention was used against us including liquid fire and gas. I never want to go through another dose of it.

21/7/16

Back in our billets again. It is like heaven, but shells when they drop near, which they still are doing, make us jump out of our boots. We are a very sad few. All our pals are gone. It is damnable.

LIEUTENANT PATRICK OHLSTROM

We were given gas helmets and goggles, and had to go through a test with gas. Had to put the helmets on while the gas was liberated from drums. Also, had to march through 'weeping gas' without covering over our eyes, which made us weep very much. This is similar gas to what the Germans are using, although neither of these were as powerful as what we will experience at the front. It was only an experiment so as to educate us for the 'real McCoy'.

25/12/16

Xmas day. This morning indulged in my first snow fight. It was the best fun I have had for years. Xmas dinner a huge success. Quite like home. Had a quaint experience tonight. A pal and self-making ourselves known to a family because we could not find a restaurant open and we were hungry. People thought it a huge joke and gave us a royal time. Altogether this Xmas has been one of the best.



Lts. C.M. Taylor MC, L.R. Davies, E.F. Hantken, P.A. Ohlstrom, L.H. Haslam, H. Walker MC, J.H. Pratt MC, E.H. Johncock.

P.A. Ohlstrom – Fourth from Left

Pat's mother received news of his second gassing in June 1918.

ABOUT SOLDIERS.

News has been received by Mrs. Ohlstrom, of Edithburgh, that her son, Lieut. P. A. Ohlstrom, of the 32nd Battalion, had been admitted to a hospital in France suffering from the effects of gas poisoning. Prior to enlisting Lieut. Ohlstrom was a special clerk in Sir Josiah Symon's office, and he left Adelaide, having had no previous military experience, as a corporal. He went to Egypt, and thence to England and France, where he occupied a position in the paymaster's office. His promotion to a lieutenancy is pleasing to his friends and employer. Sir Josiah Symon described him "as a good little chap," and had frequently written him letters.

Pat arrived back in Australia on the 28th of February 1919 and was given a welcome home by the people of Edithburgh in April 1919.

WELCOME HOME.

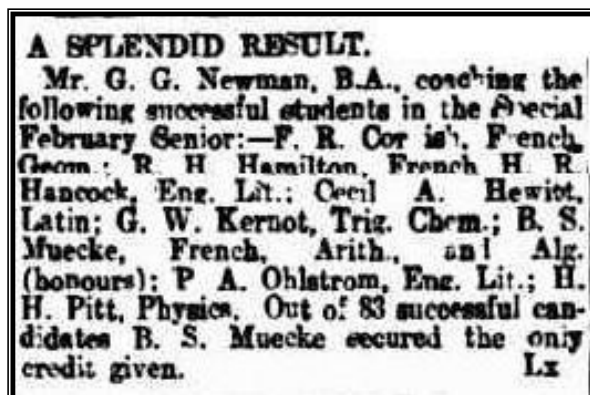
Edithburgh.

Military homecomings have been of frequent occurrence lately, but the enthusiasm of residents is not abating the least bit, as was evidenced on Saturday last when Lieutenant Ohlstrom arrived. The Lieut. enlisted as a private and left with the 32nd Battalion three and a half years ago. They landed in Egypt and were detailed for service on Gallipoli, when news of the evacuation was received. They were then sent on to France, and later Pte. Ohlstrom became a casualty through mustard gas. On his partial recovery he went to Cambridge, where he gained his commission. He rejoined his Battalion and was once more gassed, and was for some time in hospital before being sent back to Australia. The Cheer-up Society entertained the Lieutenant in the Institute on Easter Monday night. The Mayor and the President of the Cheer-up welcomed the guest, who suitably responded. The following submitted the musical items:—Misses Bramley, George, and Verrier, and Messrs. Christoffasen, Jury, and Offe.

Post WWI

On his return from the War, Pat was articled to Mr. C. A. Edmunds, solicitor. He recommenced his baseball career in the winter of 1919, rejoining his old team, the Freemason Ramblers and played for them in the 1919 to 1921 seasons. In 1921 he played in an exhibition match which was the pre-game to a SA versus Victoria match. He played cricket for Bankville in the Adelaide and Suburban Association competition in the 1919/20.

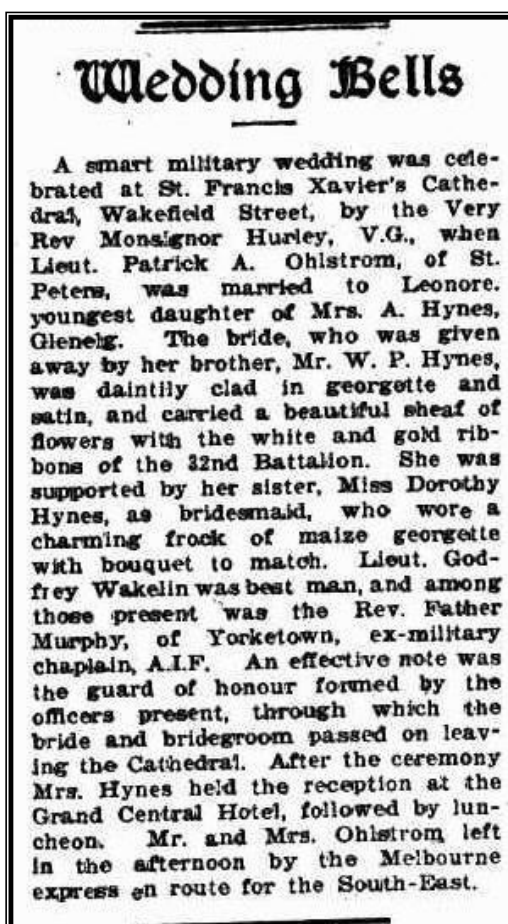
Pat commenced studying again, passing the Senior Public Examinations in Modern History in December 1919 and English Literature in the Special February Seniors (1920).



Pat was one of the officers in charge of the infantry at the 1920 ANZAC Day commemorations and in June 1920, he was part of the guard of honour when Lieut. Stanley Wood, late of the 27th Battalion married.

Marriage

Pat became engaged to Leonore Haynes, the youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Haynes, of North Adelaide in September 1921, the couple married on the 3rd of December 1921. Pat was 30 and Leonore 24 years of age.



Adelaide University

P.A. ("Paddy") Ohlstrom commenced studying Law at Adelaide University in 1920. He was Secretary of the Procession Committee in 1922. It is unclear when he picked up the nickname "Paddy" however he was certainly known by that name from 1923 and will be referred as Paddy in the remainder of this profile. He was an active member of the Law Student's Society.

University Sport

Cricket

Paddy commenced playing cricket for the Adelaide University in the B Grade in the 1920/21 season and he captained the B Grade in the 1921/22 season. He was named as 12th man for the Intervarsity Match in December 1922. He then played A Grade in 1922/23-1924/25 seasons and was vice-captain of the side. Paddy was vice-captain of the of the 1923 Intervarsity side and was awarded a Blue for Cricket in 1924.

The following newspaper articles were published in October and November 1923. Paddy was made a member of the State practice squad.

OHLSTROM'S ACCURACY

Batsman Puzzled

P. A. Ohlstrom, the University bowler, has made remarkable improvement in both bowling and batting since last year. His accuracy with the ball is well known, and he can also make the leather swing in on the wicket at times. Mixing his deliveries well on Saturday he had P. K. Lee, the Norwood footballer and East Torrens cricketer puzzled. The ball appeared to be coming wide of the sticks and Lee stepped forward. To his surprise the ball swung right in on to the wicket without the batsmen attempting to play it. There was no more astonished player than Lee. "The ball swung right round behind me," he said as he came out. Ohlstrom finished with an average of 4 wickets for 44.

P. A. OHLSTROM

All-Round Athlete

P. A. Ohlstrom, the University trundler, whose magnificent performance in securing 8 wickets for 15 runs was the cause of Glenelg's sensational collapse this afternoon on a batsman's wicket, is one of the smallest A grade cricketers playing. Ohlstrom is a comparatively newcomer to senior company. Last year he was a prominent performer for University B, until his consistent success with the ball won him promotion. Ohlstrom is a bundle of energy, and a first-class all-round athlete. He shines as a baseballer, and is a particularly tricky goalsneak on the football field.

INTERSTATE PRACTICE TEAM.
The State selectors (Messrs. C. Hill, V. Y. Richardson, and J. F. Travers) have chosen the following 16 players to practice for the match with New South Wales, to begin on the Adelaide Oval on December 14:—A. J. Richardson, N. A. Walsh (Colts), L. Bowley, J. W. Rymill (Kensington), D. E. Pritchard, N. L. Williams (Port Adelaide), J. T. Murray (East Torrens), W. J. Whitty (Glenelg), A. Ambler, H. M. Fisher (North Adelaide), V. Y. Richardson, F. Gould, R. J. B. Townsend (Sturt), C. E. Seager (Adelaide), C. E. Dolling (West Torrens), P. A. Ohlstrom (University). The selectors have invited G. Whiting (Sturt) and W. Wiles (Glenelg) to offer their services as extra bowlers at the practice of the 16. If any other players show promise before the 11 is chosen the selectors have power to include them in the practice team.

OHLSTROM'S SENSATIONAL BOWLING.

Taking eight wickets at a cost of only 15 runs against a side which has shown itself capable of making runs is a feat which has not been equalled for many years in A grade cricket at Adelaide. P. A. Ohlstrom, of University, who was responsible for this sensational performance on Saturday against Glenelg, put his team in a winning position. He is relatively new to A grade cricket, although he has had a long record as a bowler with a number of other teams. When Ohlstrom was still a primary school boy he signalled his entry into the Edithburgh town team by taking five wickets for 8. Later he played with the old Anchor team until he enlisted, and towards the end of the war was a member of the Tidworth team, which eventually developed into the famous A.I.F. team. Ohlstrom meanwhile had gone to Emmanuel College, of which he became cricket captain, and was the only Australian there. With Emmanuel he took six wickets for 36 on one occasion against a first-rate team, and finished up by taking 30 wickets in two months. On his return he played with the Adelaide and Suburban Association, and was for two seasons with University B, and was in A and B teams last year, taking fourteen wickets for an average of about 14 in A grade, and 30 wickets for an average of 10 in B grade. He has also been responsible for some good scores, and made 96 in the final match for the University last season. During the winter he kept in his cricketing "eye" playing baseball, at which game he is captain and pitcher for the University and a leading inter-State player. Favored by a wicket which was rather faster than usual, Ohlstrom sent up a splendid variety of bowling on Saturday. He is a right arm bowler, and kept a good length, with mostly off-break deliveries, interspersed with an occasional leg-break. He also varied his pace, and at times flighted the ball a little. No wonder he had the batsmen tied up!

VARIED CAREER

Ohlstrom's Success

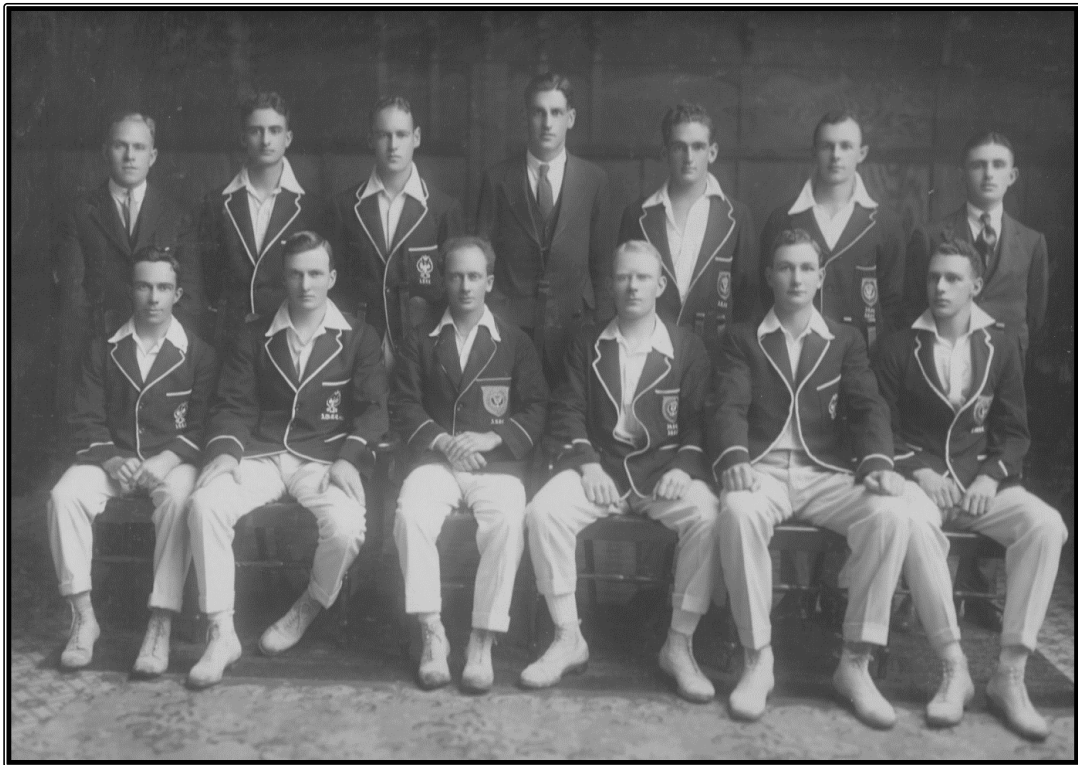
P. A. Ohlstrom, who has been selected to practice for interstate, has had a varied career. His fine performances this year well merit him his selection, and he should prove a surprise packet for the Welshmen on December 14.

He has a long record as a bowler. At Edithburgh when still a schoolboy he took five wickets for 8, and later was a member of the Anchor team until he enlisted. He was a member of the Tidworth team, which developed into the A.I.F. eleven.

At Emmanuel College he took six wickets for 36 on one occasion. When he returned to Adelaide he played for the Adelaide and Suburban Association, and then with University.

Ohlstrom is captain of the Varsity baseball team, and is an interstate man. Popular, a good sports with all followers of the game, Ohlstrom has won his way to the front rank of cricketers.

Inter-Varsity Cricket Team 1923



*Back: D.Boucaut, R.Krantz, L.T.Gun, T.D.Finey, E.J.Harbison, M.W.Bednall, S.Krantz.
Front: A.Treloar, G.R.Fuller, P.A.Ohlstrom(vice capt), H.G.Prest(capt), D.McKay, M.A.Blake.
Held in Melbourne, won by Melbourne.*



State Cricket

While playing for Adelaide University, Paddy was selected to play for South Australia, however, was only awarded one first class game. Paddy played against NSW on Adelaide Oval in December 1923. Bowling right arm off breaks he took 1/25 and batting left-handed, he scored 4 runs over two innings, one not out and a high score of 3 with an average of 4. In the 1923/24 season, Paddy topped the A Grade District bowling taking 47 wickets in total.

South Australia's Sheffield Shield Cricket Team

South Australia versus New South Wales 1923-1924 Season.



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Back Row L-R: S.W. Smith (Umpire), P.A. Ohlstrom, N.A. Walsh, J.W. Rymill, D E Pritchard (12th man), H.M. Fisher, A. Ambler, T.W. Cook (Umpire).
Front Row L-R: H.F.T. Heath, R.J.B. Townsend, J.T. Murray, A.J. Richardson, E.L. Bowley, N. L. Williams.

SOMETHING NEW.

Ohlstrom's Backhand.

"Paddy" Ohlstrom caused a good deal of amusement at the close of his second innings against New South Wales. He introduced a new stroke but not with marked success. He is a left-hander, and when Mailey delivered a ball off the wicket he stepped across and with a right-handed stroke struck the ball with the back of the bat and sent it amongst the slip fieldsmen. That would have been right enough and a run would have been scored but for the fact that in swinging round the diminutive batsman blundered into his wicket. Apparently he did not know that his wicket had been broken and bolted for the opposite end, while the crowd roared with delight. He did not seem to notice that the umpires were drawing stumps and that the fieldmen were leaving the ground.

The following cricket season in 1924/25, Paddy produced another outstanding bowling performance taking 45 wickets at an average of 20.4. Adelaide University won the Final against Kensington but lost to minor premiers Sturt in a "Challenge Final". They would defeat Sturt the following year to take out the Club's first SACA premiership, however Paddy had graduated and was ironically playing at Kensington in the 1925/26 season.

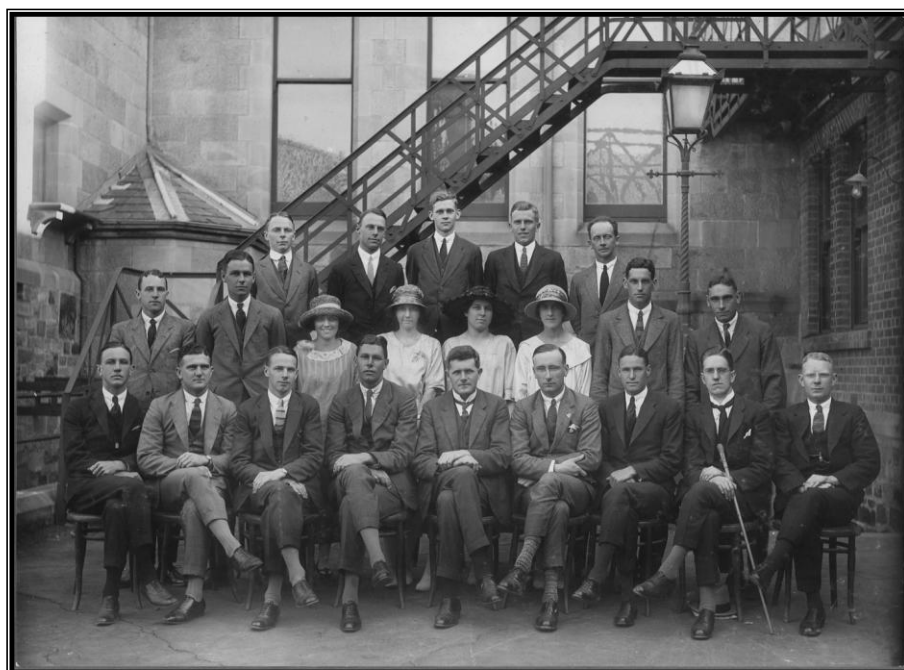
Adelaide University Cricket Team Challenge Final in April 1925 defeated by Sturt



***Back Row L-R: T.D. Finey, M.A. Blake, D.G. McKay, B.H. Bednall, R. Krantz, F.W. Wagner
Front Row L-R: N.A. Walsh, P.A. Ohlstrom, H.G. Prest (Capt.), G.R. Fuller, R.V. Pridmore***

Adelaide University Sports Association

Paddy was a member of the Adelaide University Sports Association General Committee 1923/24 as pictured below.



Back Row L-R: I A Hamilton, R D Hornabrook, N A Brooke, A E Leidig, P A Ohlstrom.

Middle Row L-R: H M Lees, A H Lendon, Miss E Wigan, Miss G Ure, Miss L Morris, Miss M Hardy, T D Finey, C T Piper.

Front Row L-R: M T Cockburn, L C Maiden, A S Cocks, G M Hone, R H Wallmann, D A Dowling, M V Samuel, H Mc Birch, H G Prest

Baseball

In 1922 Pat was instrumental in the creation of the Adelaide University Baseball team and was its first Captain and Coach (1922-25). In May 1922, he became the Secretary of the SA Baseball League.

Paddy led the AUBC to their first Inter-Varsity match in August 1923. He also captained the 1924, 1925 Intervarsity teams. Paddy was awarded a Blue for Baseball in 1923 making him a Double Blue when awarded a Blue for cricket in 1924.

1922 – Entering the League

The baseball world in general is pleased this year in having a team from the University. This has been brought about by the efforts of Mr. Ohlstrom mainly, and the team he has formed at the 'Varsity is a creditable one. Of course lack of experience will tell against the team for a time, but we all hope that the prospects already shown will eventually be the means of a first-class side taking the field.

Adelaide University A Grade Baseball Team 1922



Back row: L.V.Pellew, A.L.Pickering, J.F. Astley, A.E.Sharman.

Front row: R.V.Pridmore, P.A.Ohlstrom (capt), H.T.J.Edwards (coach), B.H.Bednall, H.H.S.Elford.

BASEBALL

(By "Ballplayer.")

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

First Round.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Ag.
Ramblers	14	10	2	2	76	30
East Torrens	14	10	3	1	96	66
Sturt	14	8	6	—	66	54
University	14	8	6	—	88	73
Goodwood	14	6	7	1	67	63
West Torrens	14	4	10	—	52	91
Millwood	13	4	9	—	48	95
Y.M.C.A.	13	3	10	—	46	66

UNIVERSITY.

University gained fourth place on the premiership table, and as this is only their second year in baseball they are to be congratulated. Next season I anticipate that they will be one of the leading teams.

They are a young team with plenty of confidence, and have a worthy coach in P. A. Ohlstrom, who is their leader. With Sturt they share the honor of being the only team to defeat Ramblers. It is to their credit that they always played the game in a clean, sporting manner.

Varsity's batting was not good in the first round, but in the second half they improved greatly, and by a brilliant series of victories went to fourth position. Their fielding and baserunning was in keeping with their batting and generally they formed a sound combination.

1923 - Fourth in only their Second year in the League

Inter-Varsity Baseball Team 1923



Back row: R.V.Pridmore, B.F.Goode, B.H.Bednall, A.E.Sharman.

Front row: M.A.Blake, M.W.Bednall, P.A.Ohlstrom (capt), H.E.Elford, R.F.C.Calder.

Held in Adelaide, won by Adelaide.

Inter-Varsity Baseball Team 1924



*Back row: E.A.Goode, L.J.Power, G.R.Fuller, M.A.Blake, A.E.Sharman.
Front row: H.G.Williams, H.S.Elford, P.A.Ohlstrom (capt), M.W.Bednall, B.F.Goode.
Held in Sydney, won by Sydney.*

Inter-Varsity Baseball Team 1925



*Back row: E.H.Williams, W.A.Greene, W.W.Jolly, B.F.Goode, A.E.Sharman.
Front row: A.D.Holland, M.A.Blake (vice capt), P.A. Ohlstrom (capt), G.R.Fuller, H.J.Allen, J.M.Dwyer.
Held in Adelaide, won by Sydney.*

In 1931 Paddy returned to be coach of the Adelaide University Baseball Club.

Career

Paddy was admitted to the Bar in April 1924 and joined the firm of B. J. Cox & Son. In 1932 he became a partner in Edmunds, Jessop, Ward and Ohlstrom and afterwards, Jessop, Ward, Ohlstrom and Mollison.



April 1924 – P.A. Ohlstrom – Third from Right

MAN OF MANY TALENTS.

A BALLET dancer has nothing on "Paddy" Ohlstrom, captain of the visiting S.A. baseball team. His is a light and joyous foot that between bases gives a brilliant exhibition that even Pavlova might envy. In his youth Paddy was known as Vernon, the lighter side of a vaudeville turn of hand-balancers, Vernon and Mack, but since then he has forsworn the position of stage star for the more dignified profession of legal light as a partner in the firm of E. J. Cox and Son, of Adelaide.



1927

No "Body-line" in Court

A FLAVOR of cricket was introduced into the Criminal Court the other day during the hearing of a charge against an Adelaide agent.

Evidence was given in the case of three well-known Adelaide cricketers—C. Starr, the Adelaide Club and interstate player; D. Downey (University), and associate to Mr. Justice Angas Parsons; and P. A. Ohlstrom (Kensington and interstate), and well-known lawyer.

There was a little hesitation on the part of Starr when under cross-examination by counsel.

"We are only trying to test your memory," said Mr. Justice Angas Parsons, who occupied the Bench. "We are not adopting 'body-line' tactics, you know, so you need not be afraid," he said, with a chuckle.

1933

Post-University Sport

Cricket

After leaving University Paddy played A Grade District Cricket for Kensington for the 1925/26 to 1930/31 seasons, winning an A Grade Premiership in the 1927/28 season.

Paddy also played in the Lawyers versus Law Students matches in 1928-1933 period. In December 1936 Paddy was chosen to represent South Australia in an A.I.F team to play against Victoria.

The following article on Paddy was published in the 'News' in February 1926 and provides more details of some of Paddy's cricket exploits while in England during WWI.

LAWYER AND CRICKETER

Ohlstrom, of Kensington

P. A. Ohlstrom, a Kensington bowler, has been performing consistently. In batting he has also shown style and initiative.

His first game of cricket was as a schoolboy at Edithburgh, when he played with the local team against Sunbury. He secured five wickets for eight runs. He played one season with Athelstone, and then a season with Glynde. Playing with the latter side in a match against Modbury, he bowled right through an innings, and took seven wickets for 27 runs.

In 1919-1921 he played in the Metropolitan Association and took 76 wickets at an average of 5.80 runs. In the next season he played in a game at Wellington (New Zealand), where he took eight wickets for 23 runs, and made 63 with the bat.

On his return to Adelaide in 1914 he played with the Anchor Cricket Club. E. Dollman, a well-known Norwood supporter, was captain of the team. From him Ohlstrom learned most of his cricket.

When the war came Ohlstrom went on active service with the 32nd Battalion in November, 1915. While going through a training school for officers in 1917 at Kandahar Barracks, Tidworth (England), he played with Eric Barbour's team, which included C. G. Macartney, A. W. Lampard, and J. T. Matthews. When Macartney left for another theatre of the war Ohlstrom secured his boots and trousers, which fitted him better than those which he had been wearing. He says that this was the nearest he ever got to "Jumping into C. G.'s boots."

Ohlstrom then went to Emmanuel College at Cambridge as a cadet. Every college had its cricket team, matches being played on Wednesdays and Saturdays. He was chosen as captain of his



P. A. OHLSTROM

useful Kensington bowler, who has been showing good form with the ball.

college team. With his third ball in one game he bowled G. T. St. Stevens, a youth who was looked on in England as a certainty for international honors. Ohlstrom says it was the proudest moment of his life when he got that wicket.

Returning from the war in 1919, he went to the University of Adelaide to take up his law studies. He played with the B team for two years, and with the A team for a similar period. In 1923 he headed the aggregate for the highest number of wickets in A grade. Some of his performances were:—Eight for 15 and six for 58 against Glenelg, four for 43 against East Torrens, seven for 63 against Sturt, seven for 100 against Port Adelaide, and four for 29 against Kensington. Playing for South Australia against New South Wales he secured one for 25 in seven overs.

He was awarded his 'varsity blue' for cricket in the 1923-1924 season, and took 47 wickets. His best performance was again Kensington in the semi-final, when he took seven for 46 and six for 45.

He was captain of the University baseball team for four years, and is joint secretary of the South Australian Baseball League. He is also secretary of the 32nd Battalion Association. He is in practice as a solicitor in Adelaide.



1926



1927



THE LAWYERS' TEAM, which played against the students of law on the Kensington Oval yesterday. The team comprised Messrs. W. A. Rollison, F. Villeneuve Smith, G. C. Campbell, C.-L. Jessop, A. S. Blackburn, L. T. Gun, G. C. Brehner, L. B. Mathews, Magnus Badger, Prof. Campbell, Messrs. P. A. Ohlstrom, and C. L. Abbott.

1929 – Lawyers' Cricket Team



KENSINGTON PLAYERS MUSTER FOR SEMI-FINAL PRACTICE—Left to Right—P. A. Ohlstrom, R. Lengnick, F. G. Inglis, J. Blanksby, G. R. Fuller, E. A. Loveridge (captain), R. Godden, E. L. Bowley, W. Davidson, E. A. Johnson, W. S. Stirling, L. V. Pellew (vice-captain), A. Roberts, and L. S. Clarkson.

1933 –Kensington CC - P.A. Ohlstrom – Far Left



MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION and law students participated in the annual tennis and cricket matches yesterday. Left—R. L. Glover (law student); and above, from left—Professor A. L. Campbell, George F. Ohlstrom, L. B. Mathews, F. V. Smith, R. C. L., and W. A. Rollison.

*1933 – Lawyers at Cricket
P.A. Ohlstrom – Second from Left*

A.I.F. Cricket Team Chosen

By GARTH OWEN

The selectors (Messrs. C. E. Pellew, J. T. Murray, and W. C. Garrard) have selected the following team to represent South Australia against the Victorian team to be played on the South Melbourne ground during Christmas week:—C. E. Pellew (captain), J. T. Murray (vice-captain), A. M. Ambler, E. M. Weatherill, E. C. Curtin, R. B. Selth, J. R. Gordon, L. S. Clarkson, B. R. Cant, T. N. Crase, P. A. Ohlstrom, and K. B. Hocking. Supporters who will be making the trip include:—J. R. B. O'Sullivan, G. Lewis, R. V. Barry, W. C. Garrard, P. S. Sanders, C. B. Claxton, E. S. Gilley, L. R. Quintrell, D. T. Smith, O. Reid, and J. L. Ayres. The hon. secretary (F. E. Reynolds) has been appointed manager of the party, which will leave Adelaide on Christmas Day.

1936



GRADUATES played St. Mark's College cricket at the University Oval yesterday. P. Ohlstrom, who made 60, narrowly escapes being stumped.

November 1938 – St Mark's College versus Graduates
P.A. Ohlstrom Batting

Baseball

In 1926 Paddy was instrumental in the formation of the Kensington Baseball Club (now the Kensington Cardinals). He played for and was Club Captain of Kensington from 1926 to 1935. During that time, he played and captained the State baseball side in 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934 & 1935. Paddy was a State Selector from 1927-1937. He played baseball for Australia in 1929.



1929

He was on the Kensington Baseball Club's General and Selection Committees from 1926 to 1936, Social Secretary 1937 to 1939, Vice Patron 1936 to 1939 and was awarded Life Membership in 1937.

1930 Paddy represented SA Baseball on the committee to determine South Australia's sporting colours.



1930 – P.A. Ohlstrom – Far Left

Paddy was South Australian Baseball League President 1930 to 1937 and was awarded Life Membership in 1938. Paddy was a member of the Australian Baseball Council in 1931.

In 1936 Paddy retired from playing Baseball.

In 1954, P.A.Ohlstrom was selected in the Official "All Time" South Australian team and was named Captain. The Ohlstrom Memorial Shield is presented annually to the Best Senior Club in South Australian Baseball.

The South Australian Baseball team at the 1930 Interstate Baseball carnival held in Melbourne.



*Back: B.L. West, R.J. Clark, A.G. Alexander, N.H. Hutton, G. Jolley, R.C. Scott, A. Jolley, W.J. James, L.J. Pellew.
Front: S.G. Crawley [scorer], C. Smith, P.A. Ohlstrom [Capt], L.C. Poole [Manager], R.M. Sharpe [Vice Capt],
C.W.G. Percy, R.S. South.*



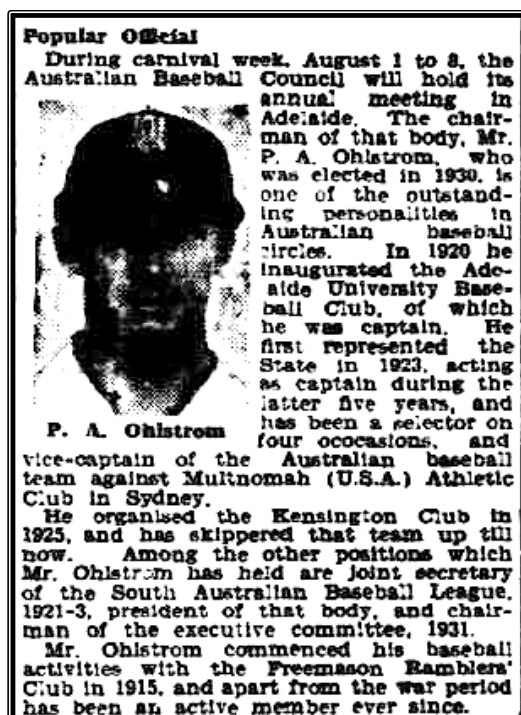
1931 Graduates v Undergraduates Baseball



1931 – Interstate Baseball Captains – P.A. Ohlstrom - Centre



1931 – P.A. Ohlstrom – Second from Left



1933 - South Australian Team



P.A. Ohlstrom – Far Left



P.A. Ohlstrom – Second from Right

1934 – South Australia - Winners of Interstate Carnival – Claxton Shield



P.A. Ohlstrom – Captain – Middle Row – Fourth from Left



1934 – Paddy sliding to third base



1934 – Presenting the S.J Jacobs Cup to AHS - P.A. Ohlstrom - Front Row – Third from Left

1935 – South Australia – Winners of the Interstate Carnival – Claxton Shield



THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL TEAM photographed at Sacred Heart College, Glenelg, yesterday, when they held the last practice before they leave to take part in the Australian Baseball Carnival in Melbourne next month. The players are (from left)—P. A. Ohlstrom (captain), J. Hill, K. Gillespie, R. Sharpe, R. Vaughton, K. Taylor, F. Stapleton, T. O'Connell, G. Jolley, G. Puckett, W. Holmesby, and R. Scott (manager). A. H. Smith was absent.

P.A. Ohlstrom – Far Left

Well Known Baseballer Retires



By INFIELD FLY

Mr. P. A. Ohlstrom, president of the South Australian Baseball League, has retired.

He learnt his baseball with the Freemason Rambler Club in 1914. He enlisted in 1915, and after returning from the war in 1919, took his place in the Ramblers team. He formed the University Club in 1920, and acted as captain until 1924.

With G. R. Fuller and W. A. Shepley in 1925 he founded the Kensington Club, being its first captain a position held until this season. He has been included in every interstate team since 1926, but on three occasions has been unable to make the trip. Mr. Ohlstrom has been captain of every interstate side in which he has played since 1927. In 1929 (Sydney), 1930 (Melbourne), and 1933 (Sydney) he held down for P. A. Ohlstrom about 40 plays. In 1929 he was selected as vice-captain and third baseman of the Australian team to play against Multnomah (America), but was unable to return to Sydney for those games. He has occupied the position of president of the Australian Baseball Council. Mr. Ohlstrom has also represented this State on the cricket field. It is the desire of the League that he will act as manager-captain of the State team in the forthcoming carnival in Sydney.



Golf

In June 1927, Paddy played golf at the Municipal Golf Links (North Adelaide) and by 1929 he was a member at the Mount Osmond Golf Club.

Last Sunday a new golfer to me appeared in very neat costume. That was Paddy Ohlstrom. His driving was hardly up to par, but he has a style which augurs well for his attaining something as a golfer. It is said that cricketers (Paddy of course, is a Kensington and interstate slow bowler), have a great difficulty in picking up golf, as in driving they are disinclined to lift the ball. However, Ohlstrom is an ambidextrous batsman, and one who is quite unorthodox in his methods, so he should not be handicapped with the golf driver.

"The Early Morning Rum Issue"



SOME OF THE PLAYERS receiving "the rum issue" before driving off in the A.I.F. Golf Cup meeting, which began at Kooyonga at 8 a.m. today. Mr. George Dempster made a burlesque of the early morning start by wearing his pyjamas and dressing gown over his clothes. The others in the picture are Mr. P. O. Ohlstrom and "Qmr-Sgt." T. Davies.

Lawn Bowls

In 1928, Paddy tried his hand at Lawn Bowls in a match between the Kensington Cricket Club and the Marryatville Bowling Club.

Cricketers as Bowlers

Following the game of bowls played recently between Kensington Cricket Club and Marryatville Bowling Club, it is interesting to note that P. A. Ohlstrom, F. B. Anderson (captain), J. W. Rymill, and L. V. Pellew (Kensington A players), E. C. Johnson, and E. L. Thomas (leading B graders), C. T. Chamberlain (club coach), and A. E. Ballans (former captain of Kensington A, who played in one match for the team this season), have entered for the forthcoming pairs tournament of Kensington Gardens Bowling Club.

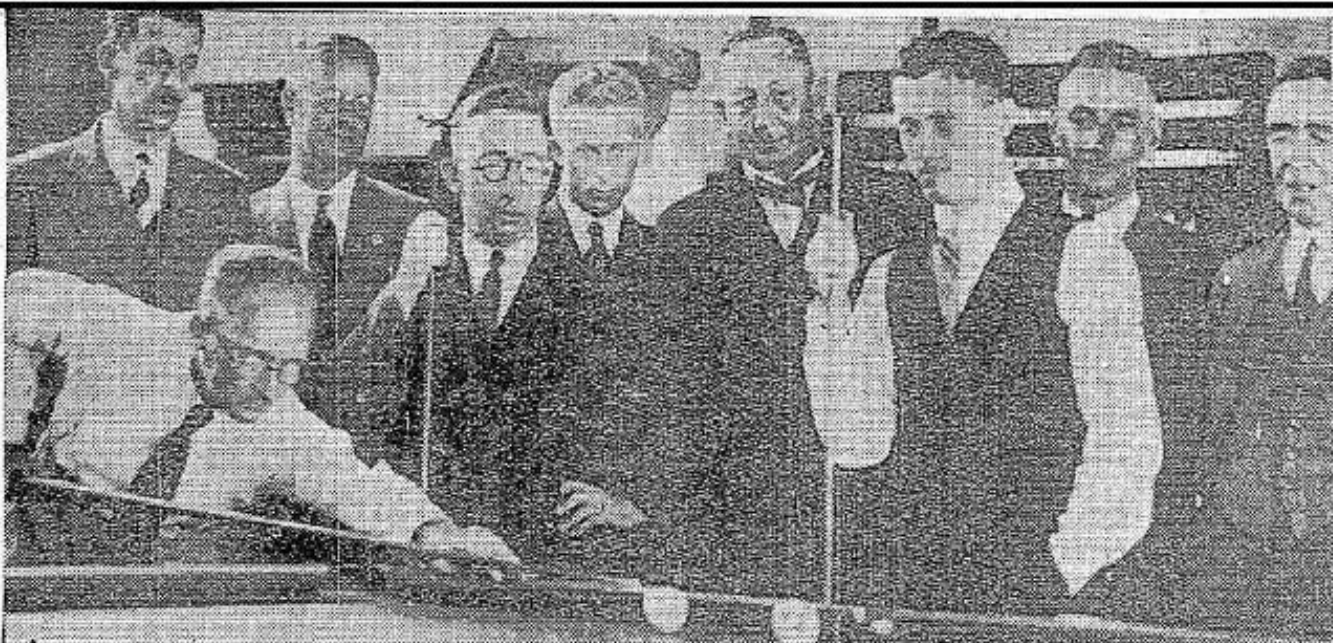
The pairs will be in the order given.

A game of bowls is now mooted between Kensington and Sturt Cricket Clubs at Unley Green.

Other Interests

In 1926 Paddy was the secretary of the 32nd Battalion (A.I.F.) Club. Paddy was a member of the Liberal Federation, Burnside Men's branch from at least 1929. He was present at the opening of the Amateur Sports Club at the Liberal Club Building in January 1932.

Amateur Sports Club Opens Doors to Members Today



Rooms of the Amateur Sports Club at Liberal Club Building were open to members for the first time today. Some of those who attended (left to right) were:—Messrs. P. A. Ohlstrom (baseball), playing, J. D. Elder (secretary), H. S. Mount (chairman), R. W. Falkingham (steward), R. D. King (amateur football), H. W. Bridgland (swimming), J. R. Willoughby (soccer), F. J. Broomfield (swimming), and F. C. Cavanagh (vice-chairman).

1932 – P.A. Ohlstrom- (playing)

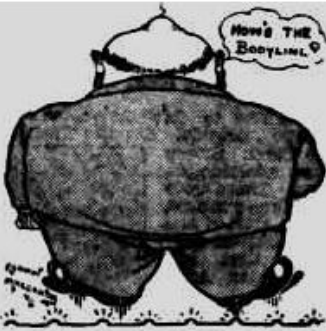
In November 1933, Paddy appeared as Brutus in a play to aid the Ernest Jones Fund.

**PLAY TO ASSIST
"JONAH" BENEFIT**

**Preparations For Show At
Adelaide Town Hall**

"IT AIN'T CRICKET"

"It Ain't Cricket," the play to be presented at the Adelaide Town Hall on Saturday, December 16, in aid of the Ernest Jones Fund, promises to be one of the funniest farces yet seen over the footlights. Kerwin Maegrath describes his play as "an unauthentic outline of history and a cavalcade of cricket."



ARTHUR HARVEY, who is showing good form at rehearsals in the role of "Ernie" Jones.

From the moment Julius Caesar attends the historical meeting of the "Bored of Convulsions," presided over by Ned Kelly and his gun, the audience will be treated to a succession of the most amazing spectacles.

Even a real live man-eating shark will be brought on the stage during the bodyline discussion between Hitler and Mussolini. The heroic role of Brutus will be portrayed by P. A. Ohlstrom, who is a better actor than he was a cricketer, which is high praise. W. Runge in armor and white washing hat will play George Hele, besides appearing as Ned Kelly and Caesar.

The leg theory ballet is being prepared by Dorothy Slane. The members of the University male beauty chorus have also promised a balloon dance. Mark Antony will be played by Kerwin Maegrath, who has rewritten the famous oration and put in some local topics. There will be more deaths in "It Ain't Cricket" than all Edgar Wallaces' plays put together. The St. John Ambulance Brigade will be in attendance during the performance.

Search For A Larwood

Adelaide has been searched for a Harold Larwood, and the part of Jardine will be ideally cast.

"Yabba" (the famous Sydney barracker) will be in the capable hands of Rex Dawe, and George Gee will be played by Maurice Chapman. Most amusing will be the description from the 1993 Adelaide match by "Suzanne." B. J. Tobin and Don Bradman will play their own roles, but as Pataudi cannot make the trip to Australia specially to take his part, Fred Doolette will rise to the occasion in that role.

One of the outstanding and blood-thirsty incidents of the play will be Joe Thompson's ruling of the M.C.C. meeting. He will be Lord Hailsham, Minister of War, and makes the M.C.C. committee look like a Good Companions Society banquet.

The full company of over 40 natural actors rehearsed last night, and everything points to the play being a big success. Tickets will be out shortly.

Paddy's wife Leonore was a stalwart of the C.W.A. and in 1933 she represented the SA Branch at the Rural Women's and Homemakers' Organisations' conference in Stockholm.

GOING TO STOCKHOLM

At the first meeting this year of the C.W.A., held last week, the members bade farewell to Mrs. P. A. Ohlstrom, whom they have elected to represent them at the Rural Women's and Homemakers' Organisations at Stockholm in June.

Mrs. Ohlstrom is a slim, grey-eyed, laughing South Australian. She is a Bachelor of Arts with a flair for languages, and because of her knowledge of French and German, she has chosen to travel by the Mosel, which left on February 9. On the trip in the German boat she hopes to practice her conversational German, and when the ship reaches Antwerp she will stay a few days to brush up her French.

Before going to Stockholm Mrs. Ohlstrom will travel to London, and from there to Scotland to do some sight-seeing. For the 10-days conference in Stockholm Mrs. Ohlstrom will join the other two South Australian delegates, Mrs. Douglas King who is already in England, and Mrs. Orr, the London representative of the South Australian branch. Each delegate is paying all her own expenses.

In 1935 Paddy was elected to the Burnside Council a position he held at his untimely death in June 1940.

In March 1939 Paddy attended the Warooka Jubilee celebrations (Back to Warooka) with his mother, who at 94 years of age was the oldest former resident present. Paddy acted as Toastmaster at the reunion and "with the aid of an awe-inspiring bell kept the speakers and the gathering in a good mood".

WAROOKA JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday evening, March 22nd marked the commencement of the celebrations in connection with the Jubilee of the Warooka School, when a Re-Union Dinner was held in the Memorial Hall. The arrangements were excellent and everything went according to plan under the able guidance of the toastmaster, Mr. P. Ohlstrom.

The organisation of the function was in the hands of Mr. W. D. Ewers and his team of willing helpers. The attention to detail left nothing to be desired, and augurs well for the success of other functions to follow during the next few days.

Shortly after seven o'clock the doors were opened and nearly 300 guests proceeded to take their places at the tables, which occupied the whole of the space available in the main Hall. Mr. A. W. Detmar, President of the Jubilee Committee, extended a hearty welcome to every one and introduced the Toastmaster, who then took charge and set the ball rolling with the Loyal Toast. After a suitable interval, during which all did justice to the good things provided, a programme of toasts, etc., was carried out.

During the evening items were contributed by Mrs. D. Innes and Misses Audrey Player and E. Muddock and Mr. H. Miller.

In 1939 Paddy related a story from his WWI experiences playing tennis at Glamis Castle.

Knocked The Queen Down

LIKE Oscar Witcomb, who played tennis at Glamis Castle with our present Queen of England, Mr P A Ohlstrom had that privilege, and on several occasions!

"I think I can claim to be one up on my friend Oscar on another matter concerning the Queen and tennis, for I had the honor of knocking her down," he confided to me the other day.

"It happened this way. Having played all the afternoon at Glamis with lots of guests and visitors, somebody suggested that the day would not be complete unless an 'eightsome' were played.

"This meant four on each side of the net. Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (as the Queen was then) and I were ordered to the net, under penalty for refusal of a night in the dungeons.

"I was all for the dungeons. Lady Elizabeth wasn't, and so we played net. The game was fast and quite mad.

"All went well until we collided in mid-air or somewhere, and under the net went the future Queen of England, much to the joy of our opponents.

"She came up all smiles and apologies for her (alleged) clumsiness. That was in August, 1918. Time brings many changes."

Death

Paddy and Leonore were living at 38 Pridmore Avenue, Woodley (now Glen Osmond) in 1939. Tragically Paddy passed away on the 10th of June 1940, aged 49, after a short illness and is buried West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide.

Margaret Agnes (Grannie) Ohlstrom, Paddy's mother, passed away on the 8th of March 1941, aged 96 years.

Tribute Paid to Comrade

Many returned soldiers, municipalists, solicitors, and sportsmen attended the funeral today of Cr. P. A. Ohlstrom, of Glen Osmond, in the A.I.F. section of the West Terrace Cemetery, where the Rev. Father O'Sullivan officiated.

The Burnside Council was represented by the mayor (Lieut.-Col. W. C. N. Waite) and members, while the Adelaide City Council, Kensington Cricket and Baseball Clubs, the 32nd Battalion A.I.F. Club, and the legal profession were also strongly represented. The casket was draped with the Union Jack.

The late Cr. Ohlstrom, who served as a lieutenant in the war, was a solicitor. He was a member of the Burnside Council and was also a former interstate baseball player.

MR. P. A. OHLSTROM DEAD

Well-Known Adelaide Solicitor

After a comparatively short illness, Mr. Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom, a member of the firm of Jessop, Ward,



Ohlstrom and Mollison, and formerly a prominent baseball player and cricketer, died at a private hospital, Adelaide, on Monday. He underwent an operation about 10 days ago.

Mr. Ohlstrom, who was 49, was born at Warooka and served as a lieutenant with the 32nd Battalion in the last war for four years. On his return, Mr. Ohl-

strom was articled to Mr. C. A. Edmunds, solicitor, and later joined the firm of E. J. Cox & Son. In 1932 he became a partner in Edmunds, Jessop, Ward and Ohlstrom, afterwards Jessop, Ward, Ohlstrom and Mollison.

Mr. Ohlstrom represented the East Adelaide and Glen Osmond Ward of the Burnside Council at the time of his death. He has left a widow.

Death Of P. A. Ohlstrom

It was with the most profound regret that we learned of the death of Mr. P. A. Ohlstrom. Mr. Ohlstrom had probably done more for baseball in this State than any other man. He was a player of merit, having been captain of the State side on a number of occasions. He was instrumental in forming a University team and later the Kensington team. There is hardly an executive position in the League that he has not held during his association with the game, and at the time of his death he was vice-patron and a life member. His services will be sadly missed and all baseballers both here and interstate will commiserate this sad loss.

Legacy

During WWII, Leonore worked as a Welfare Officer at the munition's factory at Salisbury.

Tackling Housing Problem For Salisbury Mmunition Workers

THE problem of housing women munition workers, many of whom are from the country or otherwise without a city home, is a very serious one. It has already arisen among the Hendon workers, and will be partly met by the YWCA hostel plans which will cater for 150 women and girls; but the problem for the Salisbury explosives factory is one which is giving the authorities grave concern.

The first batch of women workers has already begun work at Salisbury, but its number will be increased a hundredfold when the factory is in full working order. Although it is hoped that in the future hostel accommodation will overcome some of the housing need, it has been decided to tackle the immediate problem by an accommodation register conducted through the Corporations of Adelaide, Gawler, and Prospect, and the District Councils of Enfield, Salisbury, and Walkerville. All of these bodies have approved of the scheme and agreed to co-operate, and forms for application for registration of accommodation will be distributed, and received when completed by the corporations and district councils concerned.

This survey scheme was adopted some months ago in the areas near Hendon, the local councils helping with the form distribution and reception, and voluntary helpers playing their part by inspecting the accommodation offered. These same voluntary helpers have agreed to help in the northern suburbs survey, and any householder who has not received an application form may obtain one from the local corporation or district council office.

"We trust that householders will respond to our appeal for homes for war workers," said the Salisbury welfare officer (Mrs. P. A. Ohlstrom) yesterday. "Housing is certainly one of our most important



Mrs. P. A. Ohlstrom, Salisbury munitions welfare officer, compiling a housing register in her office yesterday.

welfare problems, because workers who are not well fed and well housed cannot be expected to work with maximum efficiency. I am afraid we cannot expect a great response from the Salisbury district, where every available house, room, and even caravan and tent seems to be occupied by those engaged on factory construction, but we hope for complete surveys of Gawler, Adelaide, and the northern suburbs."

The application form asks for name and address, telephone number, total number of rooms in the

house, number of adults and children in occupation, weekly rate of payment asked for board and lodging, for furnished and for unfurnished lodging, number of lodgers able to be accommodated, laundry charge or facilities, and for particulars of conveniences of light, power, heating, bathing, and so on. It also asks whether the householder is willing to house munition girls working on shifts, whether she prefers boarders of any particular religious denomination, and for the distance from the house to the nearest tram, train, and bus.

Mrs. Ohlstrom who, after her appointment as welfare officer at Salisbury, spent several weeks gaining practical experience of her work at Hendon and at Maribyrnong, in Victoria, has been preparing for the influx of women workers to Salisbury since she began her work there some months ago. In addition to interviewing and enrolling workers at the National Employment Office in Grenfell street, some of whom are still gaining experience in Melbourne and some of whom have now returned to Salisbury, she has had many problems. Catering, hygiene, and dozens of other considerations for the welfare of the workers come into her daily work, but these, she says, are able to be tackled within the factory. It is for the most important problem, that of housing, that the co-operation of householders is so urgently required for the benefit of the women and girls who are making munitions for Australian and the Empire defence.

In 1956, Mrs Leonore Ohlstrom gave £300 to the Adelaide University to establish annual prizes in German in memory of her late husband, Patrick Andreas Ohlstrom, the prizes are known as the Weimar - Ohlstrom Prizes.

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Family History

- "Embracing New Horizons" – the family of Patrick and Margaret Purtle
- www.pioneerssa.org.au/files/46%20Purtle%20APPROVED.pdf

Note – These two versions of the Purtle Family history give slightly different versions on the size and names of the Ohlstrom family. SA BDM Records for the family appear under various spellings of both Ohlstrom and Purtle and Pohl as Paul (see endnote below)

ⁱ "Embracing New Horizons" – the family of Patrick and Margaret Purtle – states that Pohl & Margaret had a son, Joseph, who died as an infant, but the profiler could not find any of the evidence relating to the birth or death of Joseph. 'Embracing New Horizons' also lists a 12th child Brenda who is actually child number 5 – Elizabeth Brenda born 1878. The family history at pioneer.org.sa states that the family was made up of 11 children ten girls and one boy.