



# **Pte. Walter Gliddon Reid**

**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: 1904 -1907**

(Intervarsity 1905 & 1906)

**Degree – LLB (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 Walter Gliddon Reid. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=252401>



### Walter Gliddon REID

Regimental number	4255
Place of birth	Semaphore South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Solicitor
Address	Victoria Avenue, Unley Park, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	31
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs C L Reid, Victoria Avenue, Unley Park, South Australia
Enlistment date	9 August 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	30 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	10th Battalion, 13th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A30 <i>Borda</i> on 11 January 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	4th Division Headquarters
Fate	Returned to Australia 24 August 1918

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## Biography

### Early Life

Walter Gliddon Reid was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1884 at Semaphore, in the district of Port Adelaide. He was the son of Thomas Burns Reid and Clara Louisa Gliddon. He was baptised at St. Bede's, Semaphore, South Australia, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1884. Walter was the eldest of four brothers, his siblings were George Robbins (b 1886), Tom Percival (later referred to as Thomas, b 1888) and Clarence Cecil (1890).

### Family Business

Walter's father, Thomas Burns Reid, had worked in the Customs Department, then for D & J Fowler and for George Wills & Co at Port Pirie. Thomas then bought the hardware business of his brother Malcolm Reid at Broken Hill and added a furniture department. Thomas moved to Adelaide in about 1904 and bought the furniture business of Max Swift at 67 Hindley Street and the other Showrooms at 66 Currie St and in Renmark. The business continued to trade as Max Swift & Co., with "T.B. Reid, Proprietor". In 1922, his sons, Walter, George and Clarence became partners in the business, trading as Tom Reid & Sons. Walter's brothers, George and Clarence assisted their father by managing the stores. The business moved the business to 143 Rundle Street in the 1920s. In 1928 the business moved again to the corner of Pulteney and Rundle Streets (Fitch's Corner).

Thomas's brother, Malcolm, operated the popular furniture and accessories emporium, Malcolm Reid & Co. Ltd., at 187- 195 Rundle Street, with store also in Bourke St., Melbourne and had earlier become a public company listed on the stock exchange. It seemed that the brothers had operated in cooperative rivalry, commonly advertising on the same page of the local newspapers.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA: 1910 - 1924) / Fri 3 Dec 1915 / Page 8 / Advertising

**MAX SWIFT & CO.** 2 Rooms Furnished £9-10  
(67 Hindley Street). 3 Rooms " £13-10  
**COMPLETE HOME FURNISHERS.**  
CASH OR TERMS.

**THIS DINING-ROOM  
FURNISHED AS SHOWN  
FOR  
£13-17-6**

CONTAINING.

1 Sideboard	1 Overmantel
1 Dining Table (set 6)	1 Occ. Table
2 Armchairs	1 Hearthrug
4 Dining Chairs	1 Pair Lace Curtains
1 Leather Couch	7 Blind (Ruffled)
1 Black and Nickel Fender	5 Pictures
1 Set Fireirons	1 Bamboo Table

UPHOLSTERING OUR SPECIALTY.  
WE GIVE A WRITTEN GUARANTEE.  
(T. B. REID, PROPRIETOR.)

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA: 1889 - 1931), Friday 27 July 1928, page 16

**TOM REID & SONS' GIGANTIC REMOVAL SALE!**  
HUGE BARGAINS — DRASTIC REDUCTIONS.  
MOVING TO FITCH'S CORNER,  
Corner of Rundle-st. and Pulteney-st.  
TO SAVE MOVING EXPENSES  
We are clearing our Stocks under Cost. Don't miss these Bargains. Prices Less than Wholesale.

THIS 4-PIECE OAK BEDROOM SUITE.  
Usually £49 10/.  
SPECIAL FOR £32 10/  
FULL SIZE OAK BEDSTEAD TO MATCH, USUALLY £16 10/.  
FOR £7 10/.

WONDERFUL VALUES IN DINING SUITES.  
Bedroom Suites, Hallstands, Dressing, Dining Tables, Kitchen Cabinets, in fact everything for the Home, greatly reduced at Tom Reid's Removal Sale.  
DON'T MISS THESE BARGAINS.  
**TOM REID & SONS**  
143, RUNDLE-ST.  
MOVING TO FITCH'S CORNER—CORNER OF RUNDLE AND PULTENEY STS.

Unfortunately, Tom Reid and Sons' relocation in 1928 was at a bad time and the effects of the Great Depression saw the business become insolvent and Thomas, Walter, George and Clarence forced into bankruptcy.



Thomas Burns Reid

1512 Commonwealth Gazette

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The Bankruptcy Act 1924-1928, Part XI.

CHAIRMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR DEED OF ASSIGNMENT.

In the Court of Bankruptcy, District of South Australia (No. 136 of 1929).—In the matter of the Bankruptcy Act 1924, and in the matter of THOMAS BURNS REID, WALTER GLIDDON REID, GEORGE ROBBINS REID, and CLARENCE CECIL REID, trading as "Tom Reid & Sons," of Rundle-street, Adelaide, in the State of South Australia, furnishers, Debtors.

I HEREBY certify that at a meeting of the creditors of Thomas Burns Reid, Walter Gliddon Reid, George Robbins Reid and Clarence Cecil Reid, trading as "Tom Reid & Sons," of Rundle-street, Adelaide, in the State of South Australia, furnishers, duly convened and held at the Board Room, Chamber of Manufactures Building, Pirie-street, Adelaide, aforesaid, on the 18th day of June, 1929, a special resolution was duly carried that the debtors assign their joint and separate estates to Stanley McGregor Reid and Frank Alick Thomas, under the provisions of Part XI. of the Bankruptcy Act 1924-1928, as Trustees.

C. G. TOLLEY, Chairman.

Office of the Registrar,  
Court of Bankruptcy, District of South Australia.  
Filed this 21st day of June, 1929, at 3.30 p.m.

2199 A. S. HOWLAND, Registrar.

## Schooling

As a child living in Broken Hill, Walter was a member (No. 4002) of the Adelaide Observer's - Uncle Harry's Children's Column. His early education was in Broken Hill.

## St Peter's College

At 14 years of age, Walter came to Adelaide and from 1899 to 1901, attended St Peter's College, Adelaide. His mother also returned to Adelaide for Walter's schooling, while his father remained in Broken Hill to run his business.

Walter passed his Preliminary Examinations in 1899, followed by Junior Examinations in 1900 and three Senior Examinations in 1901 and a further subject in March 1902. In December 1902, Walter passed the Senior Examination in English Literature.

Walter represented the school against Prince Alfred College in the annual intercollegiate football match.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931),  
Tuesday 9 July 1901, page 6

The following football team will represent St. Peter's College against Prince Alfred College on the Adelaide Oval tomorrow:—P. D. Bright (vice-captain), G. C. Campbell, A. F. Edwards, A. E. Eley, J. W. Flood (captain), C. G. G. Gwynne, V. Hogarth, A. G. Lovelock, C. M. Milne, H. M. Muirhead, J. R. Muirhead, W. G. Reid, C. F. Sage, G. C. K. Sewell, F. L. Simpson, M. Sprod, F. R. Thomas; emergencies, F. N. Young, F. B. Bayly.

## Adelaide University

Walter commenced studying law at Adelaide University in 1902 and graduated LLB in 1909.

## University Sport

### Football

Walter played football at Adelaide University from 1904. He represented the Law Faculty against an Arts/Science team in 1904, Combined Colleges in August 1904, Wesley College in 1905, Melbourne Scotch in July 1906 and Geelong College in 1907.

Walter was a member of the 1905 and 1906 Intervarsity teams who played against Melbourne University. Walter was the second emergency for the 1907 Intervarsity match according to newspaper reports however his name does not appear on the University's list of 1907 IV players.

1906



W.G. Reid

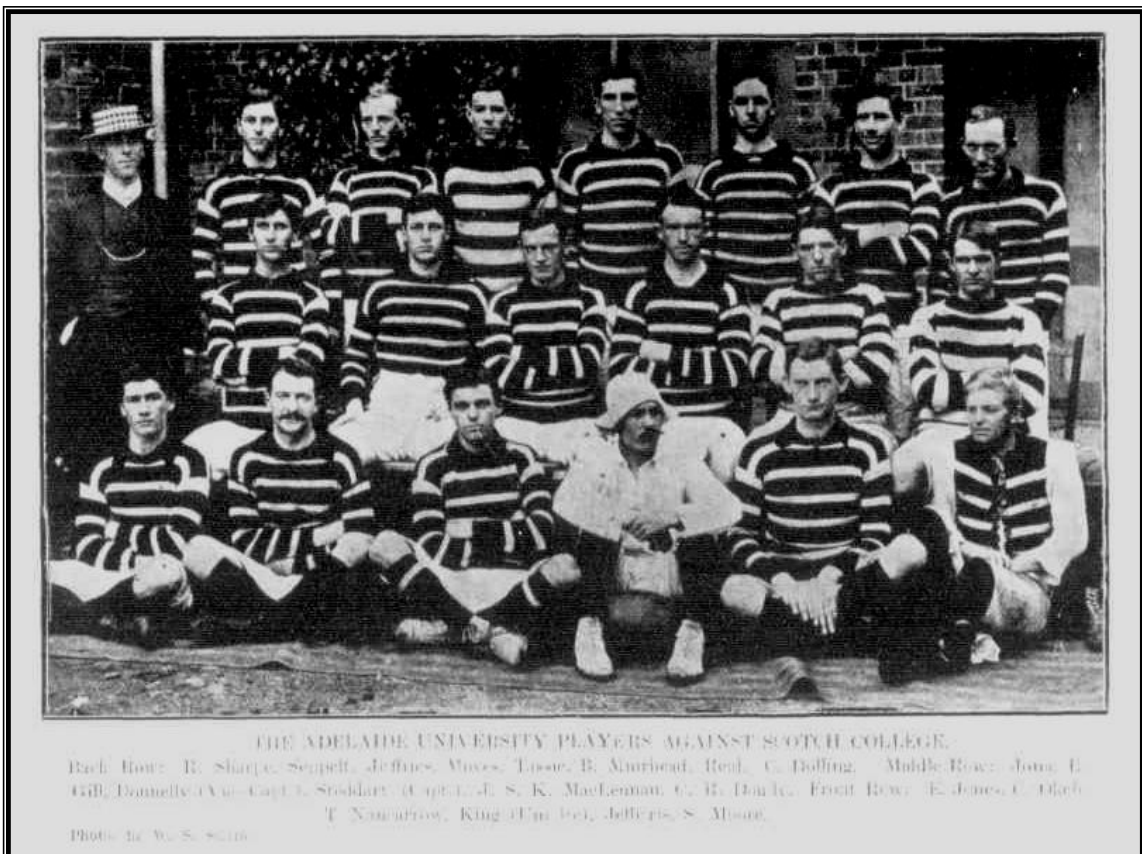


## 1906 Adelaide University IntersVarsity Team



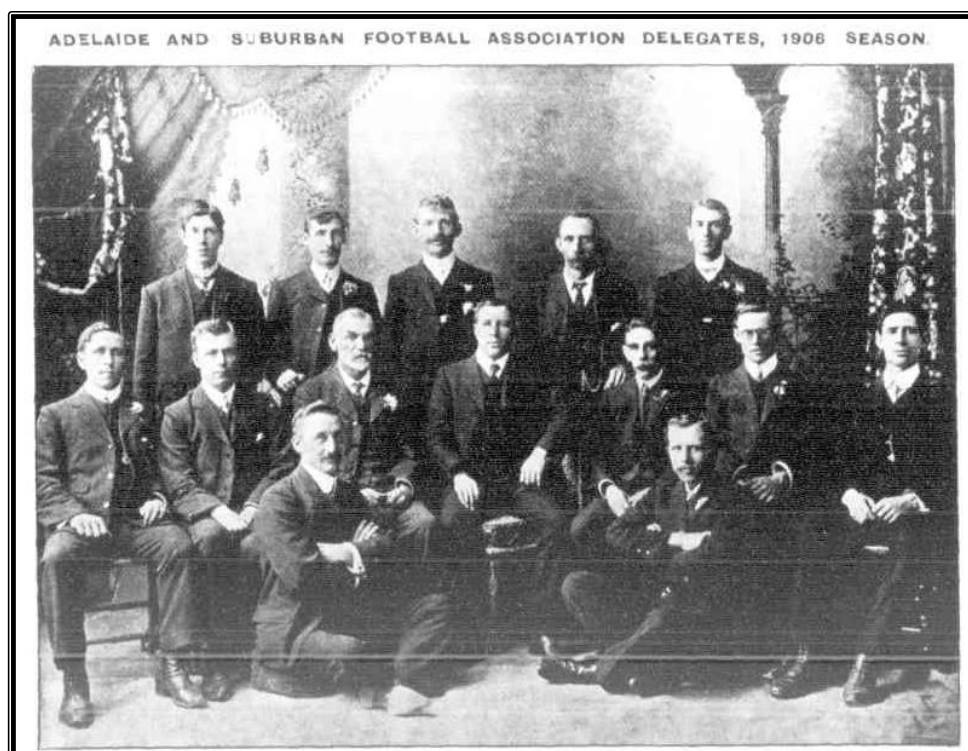
*First Row – MH Moyes, CR Doudy, LW Gill, RW Tassie, RJ Rudell, WG Reid and NE Seppelt*  
*Sitting – HM Muirhead, AT Jefferies, TH Donnelly (vice-capt), HWD Stoddart (capt), SGL Catchlove, JSK MacLennan, SW Jefferis*  
*Front – CC Okely, CE Dolling, EHB Nancarrow, EB Jones and J Jona*

## 1906 Adelaide University Team Versus Melbourne Scotch



*Back: B Sharpe, NE Seppelt, AT Jeffries, Moyes, Tassie, H Muirhead, WG Reid, C Dolling*  
*Middle Row: Jona, L Gill, Donnelly (vice-capt), Stoddart (capt), JSK MacLennan, R Doudy*  
*Front: E Jones, C Okely, T Nancarrow, King (Umpire), SW Jefferis, G Moore*

The Adelaide University Football Club was formed in 1906 and initially played in the Adelaide and Suburban Football Association. Walter was the first Adelaide University delegate to the Adelaide and Suburban Football Association and a member of the Adelaide University team in 1906 and 1907. He was the first Honorary Secretary of the A.U.F.C.



***W.G Reid – Middle Row – Far Right***

### ***Athletics***

Walter competed in South Australian Amateur Athletics competitions from 1906 and he represented Adelaide University at the Intersports in 1908.

### **Pre-War Career**

Walter was living with his parents at Unley Park in November 1909 when he applied for admission to the Bar and was admitted in December 1909. He commenced practice under his own name at 42 & 43 Pirie Chambers, Pirie St, Adelaide in April 1910.

After working in his own practice for almost a year, Walter left onboard the *RMS Macedonia* for London in March 1911. He was travelling with his brother Thomas P. Reid. Walter returned from his overseas travels on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1911 onboard the P&O mail steamer *Malwa*.

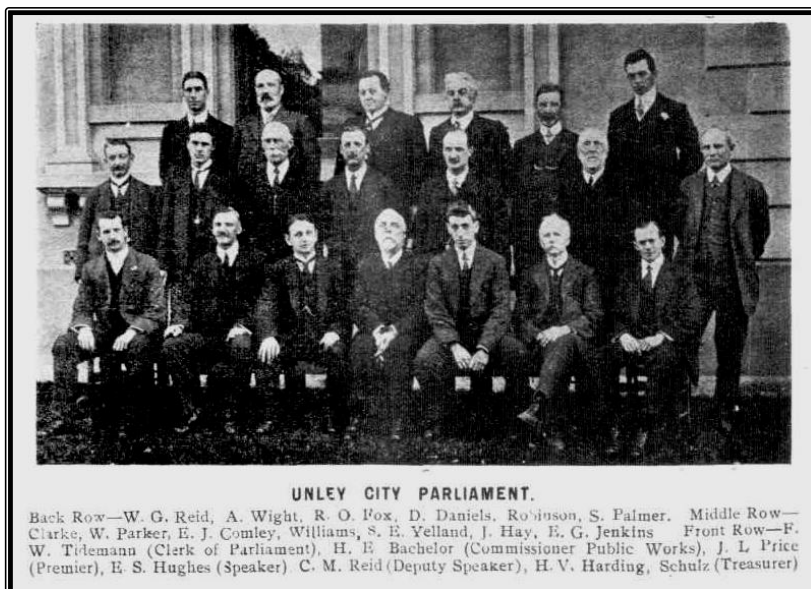
Walter returned to practising Law, and by April 1914, he was located at 8 Australasia Chambers, King William St, Adelaide. Walter was a member of the Unley City Parliament a group which originated from Literary Societies and met to debate various topics in a model parliament format.

**1914**



***W.G. Reid***





***W.G. Reid – Back Row – Far Left***

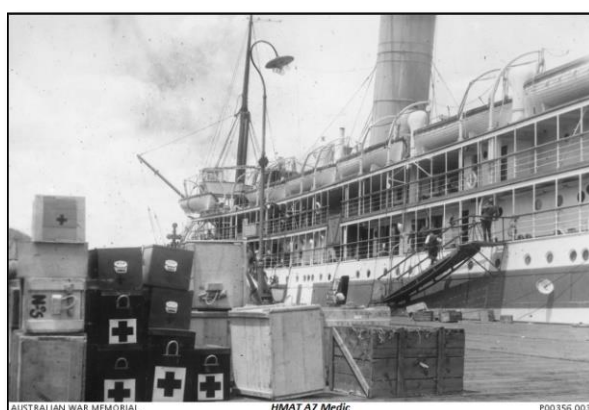
## World War I

Walter enlisted for WWI (SN 4255) on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1915 as a Private in the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Infantry. He was 31-years old and his mother Clara of Victoria Avenue, Unley Park was named as his next-of-kin. Walter was 5' 7¼", 149 lbs, with a dark complexion, brown eyes and dark hair. He had been a member of the Law Rifle Club for three months prior to his enlistment.

Walter embarked on 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1916 onboard the *HMAT Borda* and passed through Zeitoun, Tel-el-Kibir, Alexandria (all in Egypt) and Marseilles before he joined the 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 1916.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1916 Walter was wounded in action while serving in France and was invalided to England with trench fever. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1917, he was temporarily detached to the Head Quarters, No 3 Com Depot, 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

He re-joined the 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 1917, and shortly after was transferred to the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Divisional Head Quarters on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1917. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1918 Walter returned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Depot, Weymouth, England and on 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1918, Walter commenced the return journey to Australia onboard the *HMAT A7 Medic* and arrived in Australia on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1918. He was discharged as medically unfit.



## Post War Career and Family Life

In January 1919, Walter resumed his law practice at Santo Building, 24 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.

In August 1919, Walter was best man at the marriage of his brother Clarence. By 1920, Walter was an active member of the Glenelg Sub Branch of the RSL and was on their committee from 1922-1924. In 1921, he was a member of the committee which organised the annual RSL dinner.

Walter relocated his law office to Hindley Street, Adelaide in 1921 and around the same time, became a partner in his father's Hindley Street furniture business, along with two of his brothers.

Now aged 39, Walter Gliddon Reid was living at Glenelg when he married Barbara Helen Reid (aged 36), the daughter of Henry Reid, of Liverpool, England, at St Peters Church, Glenelg on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1923.

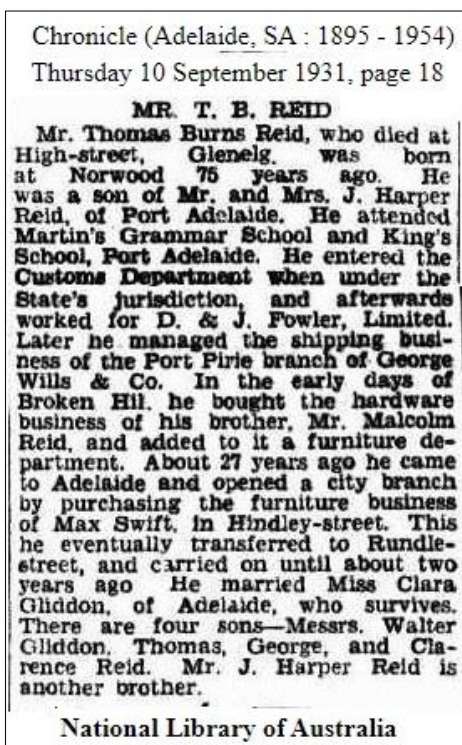


In September 1925, Walter moved his legal practice again, this time from Hindley Street to 143 Rundle Street, Adelaide (also the address of the family's furniture business).

In 1928, Walter assisted in setting up the Glenelg RSL Model Parliament, along the lines of the group he had been in at Unley before the War.

On the move again in August 1929, Walter moved his practice to the law chambers at 83 Epworth Building, Pirie Street, Adelaide and in April 1930, he moved to 22 Rechabite Chambers, Victoria Square, Adelaide, closer to the Law Courts.

In September 1931, Walter's father Thomas passed away.



By 1939, Walter was living at 8 William Avenue Dulwich. Tragically on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1946, his wife, Barbara Helen Reid, passed away at a private hospital.

Shortly after, on the 9<sup>th</sup> on December 1946, Walter married Esther Freya Hilda Linnier Ohlson, the younger daughter of the late Capt. Adolph Frederick Ohlson and Augusta Christina Maria Ohlson (nee Jacobsonn) of Queensland at Flinders Street Baptist Church.

Walter was still practicing at 23 Rechabite Chambers, Victoria Square in January 1953.

At some stage between 1953 and 1959, Walter and Esther moved to Queensland where Esther's family had previously resided.

## **Death**

Walter Gliddon Reid passed away in Queensland in 1959 (aged 75) and Ester Reid passed away in 1967. There is no information to indicate that Walter and Barbara had any children.

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