



# **Capt. Douglas Robson Wallman**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Cricket Club: B Grade (1915/16)**

**Degree: MB BS (1918)**

## ***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 Douglas Robson Wallman. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

***(Those men who enlisted, but either because of cessation of hostilities or other reasons did not serve overseas are still included in the list of AUFC & AUCC players recognised as serving their Country. Our men who enlisted later in 1918 were not to know that Germany would surrender on 11th November 1918 and so their courage and commitment to serve should still be recognised.)***

# Service Record

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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name WALLMAN Douglas Robson

Unit "I" GROUP BATT INFANTRY.

Joined on 18/6/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Douglas Robson Wallmann
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
2. In the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or  
near the Town of North Adelaide  
in the County of South Aust
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... N B
4. What is your age? ... 19 3/4 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Student
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...  
Father) Mrs Susan August  
26 Strangways (Wallmann)  
Terrace North Adelaide
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ...  
3 yrs Senior Cadets 48th Batt Trans  
to Citizen Forces 49th Batt still serving  
2 years college cadets
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widows and mother.)  
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Douglas Robson Wallmann, 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 June 15 D.R. Wallmann  
Signature of person enlisted.

\*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
†Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name { Surname WALLMAN  
in full { Christian Name DOUGLAS ROBSON  
Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Joined on 17 JUN 1918

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

1. What is your Name? ... Douglas Robson Wallman.
2. In or near what Town were you born? ...  
In or near the Town of NT ADELAIDE  
In the State or Country of SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
3. Are you a natural-born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born.
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) ...  
22 yrs. 4 mks  
11th March 1896.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Medical Student 5 yrs.
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... NO
7. Are you married, single, or widower? ... Single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ...  
(Father) WALLMAN AUGUST-GUSTAV.  
26 STRANGWAY TER. NT ADELAIDE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ...  
26 STRANGWAYS TER. NT ADELAIDE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
10. 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 ...  
26 days A.I.F 56 days H.S.  
MEDICAL COURSE REDUCTION STAFF.  
2 yrs 48 days Inf.
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes.
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... NO
13. Have you ever suffered from:—
  1. Consumption, tubercular disease, or chronic cough? ... NO
  2. Fits of any kind? ... NO
  3. Rheumatism or asthma? ... NO
  4. Mental or nervous disease? ... NO
  5. Has any member of your family suffered from any of the above diseases? If so, state particulars. ... NO
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per day? ... 14. ✓
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes.

3, Douglas Robson Wallman. 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 17 JUN 1918

D Wallman  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

This clause shall be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

## Published Biography

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### WALLMAN Douglas Robson

MB BS

1896 - 1969



Douglas Robson Wallman was born in North Adelaide, South Australia on 4th March 1896 the son of August Gustav Wallmann and Louisa Haynes, nee Davis. He studied medicine at the University of Adelaide. He was single at the time of enlistment and still a medical student living with his parents at 26 Strangways Terrace, North Adelaide. He had served in the cadets and the citizen forces for a number of years.

Wallman enlisted with the agreement of his parents on 18th June 1915 at Keswick as a private soldier in the AAMC. He was discharged on 30th July 1915 to complete his medical degree. He enlisted again on 17th June 1918 at Keswick with the rank of temporary captain. He was 5ft 9ins tall, weighed 145lbs, of fair complexion, grey eyes and light brown hair. He was not called up for duty and was discharged on the 18th November 1918. He enlisted in World War II at Wayville on 1st November 1940 and served until 13th January 1944. At the time of his discharge he was posted to 3 FdAmb.

After the war Wallman married Miss Florence Maya Wood on 10th April 1920 in Sydney. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs JR Wood who at the time were living in Drummoyne, but were previously from Woodville, South Australia. Wallman and his wife lived on Grange Road, West Hindmarsh, SA. Douglas Robson Wallman died on 16th June 1969 at Walkerville; he was survived by his wife Florence.

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#### Sources:

Photo Adelaide University Archives, Medical graduates 1918.  
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## Additional Biography

### Early Life

Douglas Robson Wallmann was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1896 at North Adelaide, SA, the youngest of the seven children of Gustav August "Gus" Wallmann and Louisa Haynes (née Davis) of 26 Strangways Terrace, North Adelaide, SA. Gus Wallmann was born in South Australia and had been a bank manager, auctioneer, sharebroker and farmer. Gus was best known as a Sharebroker.

The family used the "nn" spelling of their surname until mid way through World War I when most of the family adopted the spelling Wallman. While his birth was registered as Gustav August Wallmann, Gus was general referred to as Mr. A.G. Wallmann and later Mr. A.G. Wallman.

Gus and Louisa had married in 1879 and their children were Agnes Louise (Lulu, b1879), Hubert Philcox (b1882), Reginald Horton (b1884), Charles Roy (b1887), Leslie Hayes (b1891), Arthur Gordon (b1892) and Douglas Robson (b1996).

### Schooling

Douglas attended St Peter's College, Adelaide from 1907 to 1912. He passed his Primary Examinations in October 1910, followed by his Junior Public Examinations in 1911. Douglas was equal fourth in Inorganic Chemistry in the Special Honors List for the Junior Examinations. He passed his Senior Public Examinations in December 1912 and Special Senior Examinations in March 1913.

While at St Peter's College, Douglas was a bow for the College's coxed fours crew who competed the Summer Regatta in December 1912.

Douglas and his elder brother (Arthur Gordon Wallmann) were founding members of the Plover Patrol, 1<sup>st</sup> Kensington Troop in 1909. The photograph below was published in 'The Observer' on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1916 when all the pictured scouts had joined up to serve in World War I.



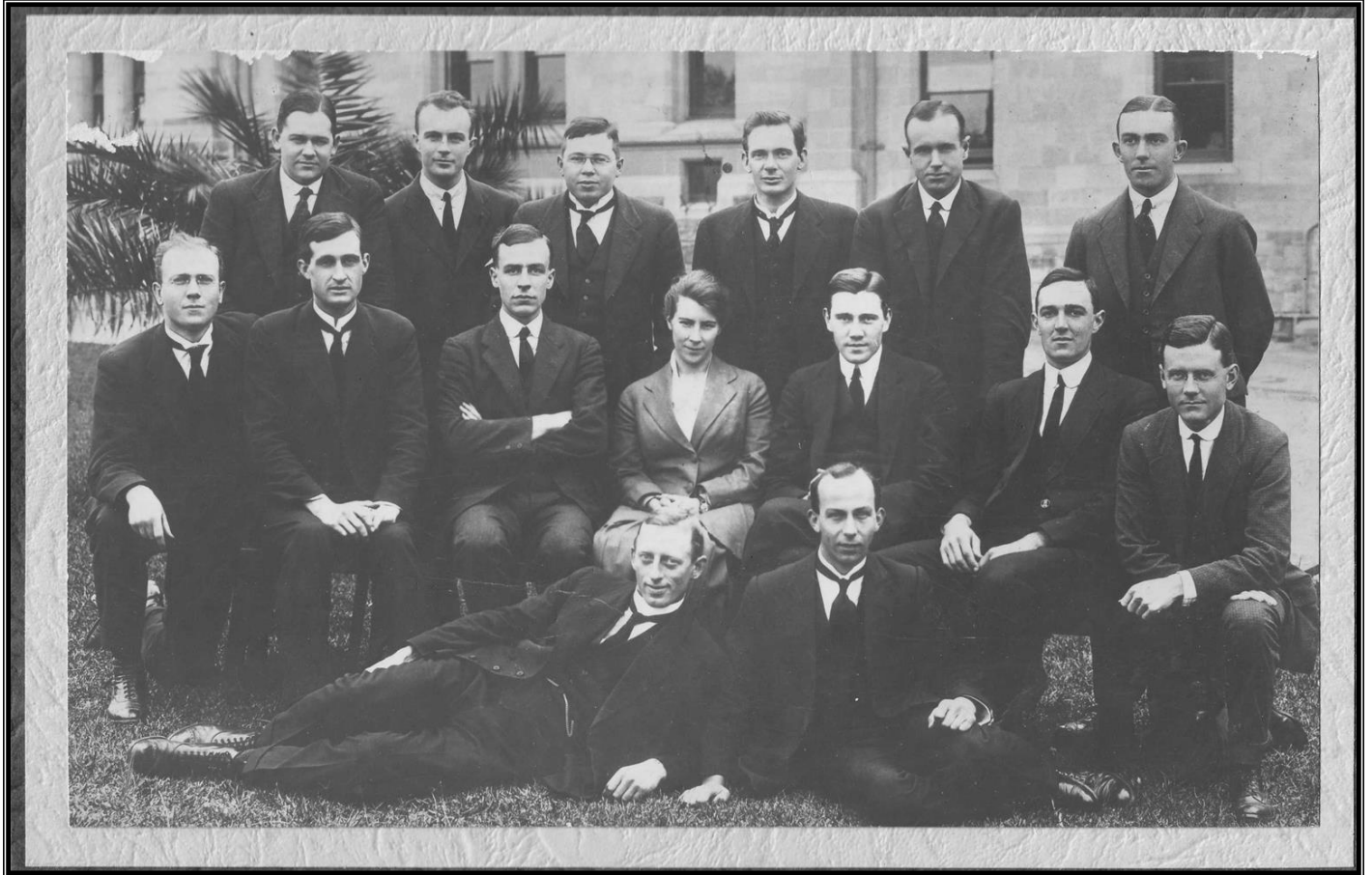
*D.R. Wallmann – Front Row at Left*

## Adelaide University

Douglas commenced studying at Adelaide University in 1913, to complete the pre-requisite subjects required to progress to 1<sup>st</sup> year medicine. In December 1913, Douglas passed Latin, a Senior Public Examination subject required to enter medicine and Chemistry in the Higher Public Examinations.

He commenced the first year of the medical course in 1914 and in December gained a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pass. In November 1915, he passed second year (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), September 1916 - third year (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), November 1917 - fourth year (3<sup>rd</sup> Class). Douglas gained his MB BS in December 1918.

### Faculty of Medicine Graduates, 1918



**D.R. Wallmann – Middle Row – Third from Right**  
*Standing – Left to Right- J. McNeil, W.K. Collins, H.R. Pomroy, R. Cilento, C. Gurner, K.W. Bollen,*  
*Sitting – Left to Right J. Keipert, W.B. Shanasy (non-graduate), L.A. Wilson,*  
*P. McGlew, D.R. Wallmann, P.S. Messent, R.L.T. Grant,*  
*Front (Left to Right): W. Webb (non-graduate), L.W. Linn*

## University Sport

### *Athletics*

Douglas was second in the One Mile Handicap race at the Adelaide University sports in June 1913.

### *Rowing*

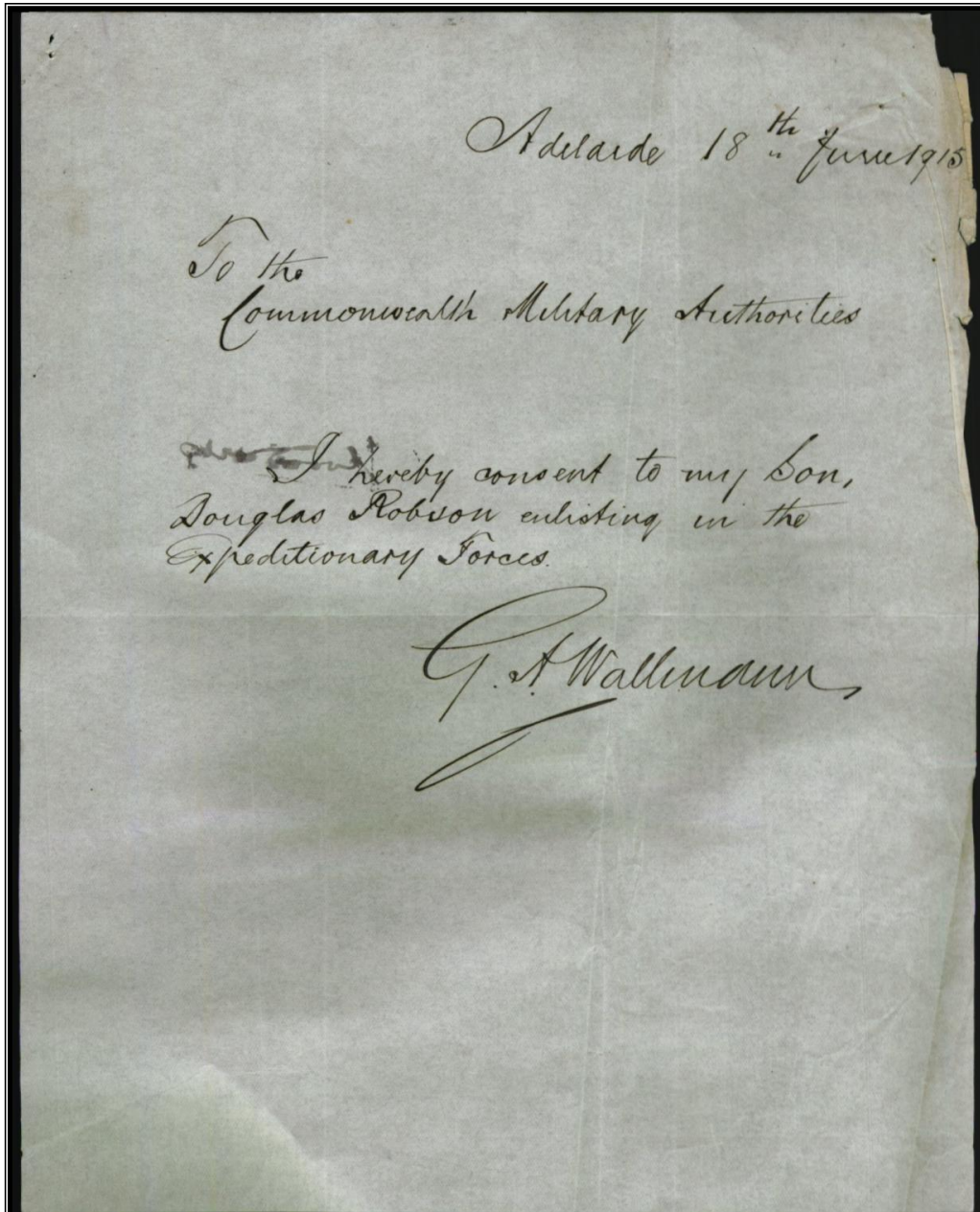
Douglas rowed for the University in the Henley Eights and the Sir Edwin Eights at the Henley-on-Torrens regatta in December 1913 and rowed in the Gentlemen's Race at the Ladies' Rowing Association regatta in October 1915.

### *Cricket*

Douglas played cricket for Adelaide University in the B Grade during the 1915/1916 season.

## World War I

Douglas was a third-year medical student when he joined the Australian Army Medical Corp on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1916. He was 19 years and three months old, 5'10", 148 lbs, with a fair complexion, grey eyes and brown hair. He required his father's permission to join up and at that time both father and son were still using the "nn" spelling of their surname. Douglas was discharged from the AAMC in July 1916 to return to his medical studies at Adelaide University.



Adelaide 18<sup>th</sup> June 1916

To the  
Commonwealth Military Authorities

I hereby consent to my Son,  
Douglas Robson enlisting in the  
Expeditionary Forces.

G. A. Wallmann

Douglas was the third of the six Wallmann brothers to enlist. Hubert Philcox Wallman enlisted on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1915. Hubert, a mining engineer, became a Lieutenant. He had enlisted using the single "n" spelling of the surname Wallman. Arthur Gordon Wallmann (SN 2742) enlisted on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 1916. Arthur was a farmer enlisted in January 1916. He was a Trooper (Private) in the 9<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment. Arthur's war record has the "nn" spelling of Wallmann.

After reaching near the end of his final year of medicine, Douglas enlisted for the second time, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1918. By then he was 22 years and four months old and a 5<sup>th</sup> year medical student. On his second enlistment, he used the single "n" spelling of his surname and he appears to have adopted that spelling for the remainder of his life.

Douglas was discharged on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 1918 due to the cessation of hostilities. He did not serve overseas in WWI.

Tragically for Douglas and the Wallman family, his father passed away in July 1918 aged 63 years, leaving a widow, one daughter and six sons. Two of his sons were still serving overseas at the time.

## DEATH OF MR. WALLMAN.

### A Highly Respected Citizen.

Mr. A. G. Wallman, a widely known and highly respected Adelaide sharebroker, died suddenly at his residence, Strangways-terrace, North Adelaide, at 5.30 a.m. on Monday. He was in apparently good health when he retired on Sunday evening, but his wife early on Monday morning heard him snoring heavily. A moment or two later he expired, death being due to a blood clot on the brain, followed by a paralytic stroke. Mr. Wallman was born in Adelaide 63 years ago, and in early life was manager of several branches of the National Bank. Leaving the bank he carried on an auctioneer's business for several years, and subsequently became a sharebroker. He was at one time chairman of the South Australian Stock Exchange, which was afterwards disbanded. In 1907 he became a member of the Adelaide Stock Exchange, but shortly afterwards was ordered a change in the country, because of a supposed weak heart, and he took up sheep farming at Bugle Ranges. Finding that his "heart weakness" was merely indigestion from which he soon recovered, he sold out, and resumed business in the city as a sharebroker, and was re-elected a member of the Stock Exchange in 1910. He was interested in several mining ventures, and was chairman of the Hansel Mundy Gold Mining Company. As a financier he was looked upon as an expert, and his genial disposition made him many friends. At the morning meeting of the Stock Exchange on Monday the chairman (Mr. W. B. Garr) referred in feeling terms to the death of Mr. Wallman, who, he said, was a man noted for his warm-hearted and generous nature. He had never appealed to him in vain for funds for any charitable or patriotic object. As a mark of respect the "room" was adjourned for a quarter of an hour. Mr. Wallman leaves a widow, six sons, and one daughter, namely, Lieutenant H. P. Wallman (with the Tunnelling Corps in France), Mr. R. H. Wallman (solicitor, Adelaide), Mr. C. R. Wallman (Commonwealth Bank, Sydney), Mr. L. H. Wallman (surveyor, in the Adelaide Survey Office), Trooper A. G. Wallman (9th Light Horse, Palestine), Mr. D. B. Wallman (medical student, Adelaide), and Miss Lulu Wallman (North Adelaide).

#### Career and Family Life

By January 1919, Douglas was described as "of Grote Street" and he is likely to have been the Dr. Wallman who was locum tenens to Dr Leitch at Port Pirie in April 1919.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 1920, Douglas married Florence Maya Victoria Wood, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wood at St James' Church, King Street, Sydney.

**Weddings.**

**ROBSON WALLMAN—WOOD.**

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. James' Church, King Street, Sydney, on Saturday, April 10, the contracting parties being Miss Maya Wood, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Rose Lodge, St. Genges Crescent, Drummoyne, late of Woodville, S.A., and Dr. Robson Wallman, son of the late Mr. Gus and Mrs. Wallman, of North Adelaide. The Rev. Mr. Collis was the officiating clergyman. The church was beautifully decorated by the girl friends of the bride, with Easter daisies and cosmos, the service being fully choral.



After his marriage, Douglas practised at Gilgandra, NSW. In July 1921, he was a member of the committee of the newly formed Gilgandra Bowling Club. Douglas and Maya's first child, Richard John Robson Wallman, was born at Gilgandra, NSW, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1922. They left Gilgandra in May 1923.

In May 1923, Douglas purchased a practice at Naracoorte in the South East of South Australia. His practice was located at Smith Street, Naracoorte (previously also spelled Narracoorte). Douglas was known professionally as Dr. D. Robson Wallman, but appears to have continued to be called Douglas in private life. Dr. Wallman and his partner Dr. Pavy purchased an X-Ray machine in July 1913 for use at the Naracoorte Hospital.

Patricia Robson Wallman was born in 1923 after the couple had moved to Naracoorte.

Douglas quickly integrated into the community at Naracoorte. By November 1923, he was the secretary of the Naracoorte Cricket Club and on the committee of the Naracoorte Institute by March 1924. He was a committee member for the 'Back to Naracoorte' celebrations in September 1924. Douglas showed roses at the Naracoorte H & F Society Spring Show in November 1924.

Douglas, Maya and their two children went on a motor trip to Gippsland, Victoria in February/March 1926. Douglas was a member of the Naracoorte Golf Club and the Naracoorte Tennis Club.

Douglas and Maya's second son, James Douglas Robson Wallman was born in 1927.

From October 1928, Douglas was on the committee of the Naracoorte Cycling Club. The family holidayed at Henley Beach in December 1928. By June 1929, Douglas was Lodge Surgeon to the Mosquito Plains Lodge of the Oddfellows and by October that year, was honorary surgeon to the Naracoorte Racing Club.

In July 1930, after almost eight years at Naracoorte, Douglas purchased a practice in the city. Douglas's partnership with Dr Harold Keith Pavy was officially dissolved on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 1930. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 1930, the people of Naracoorte and surrounding areas gave a farewell to the doctor and his family.

## Farewell Social and Presentation to Dr. D. R. and Mrs. Wallman.

### THE MAYOR AND REPRESENTA- TIVES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES VOICE APPRECI- ATION OF SERVICES BY THE GUESTS.

On Thursday evening, July 24, over 100 residents, including a number of ladies, representative of all sections of the community, assembled in the Institute Hall, Narracoorte, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Dr. D. R. and Mrs. Wallman, who have resided in Narracoorte for over seven and a half years, during which time the doctor has practised as a medical practitioner in partnership with Dr. H. K. Pavy. Dr. Wallman having purchased a practice at Hindmarsh, near Adelaide, is leaving the district with his wife and family, and will be succeeded here by Dr. R. H. Hamilton, who has been acting as locum tenens during Dr. Pavy's absence abroad.

The Mayor (Mr. W. Platt) presided, and seated with him were the guests of the evening, and the Maypress (Miss E. Platt). The proceedings were opened with the singing of a verse of the National Anthem.

#### The Mayor's References to the Guests.

The Mayor said that the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Wallman in Narracoorte some ten or twelve days ago received a rude shock when they heard that they were going to leave the district. He and the Town Clerk were waited on by a number of the friends of the doctor and his wife with a view to convening a meeting to arrange a send-off to their guests, and they readily complied with the request. It was decided at a public meeting of residents that a farewell should be tendered to Dr. and Mrs. Wallman, and that was the reason for their meeting together that evening. The representatives of various institutions that their guests had been associated with would speak, and he would ask that they be brief in their remarks, not exceeding five minutes. On behalf of the citizens of Narracoorte he desired to express appreciation of the good work done by Dr. and Mrs. Wallman as citizens during their residence in Narracoorte. Their record of citizenship had been a worthy one. As they knew, a doctor's time was not always his own, and it was impossible for him to give as much as the ordinary citizen in that respect, but Dr. and Mrs. Wallman had given of their time and efforts a good deal in the interests of several of the most important institutions and public bodies of the town. During the absence of Dr. Pavy in the Old Land Dr. Wallman had carried out

the absence of Dr. Pavy in the Old Land Dr. Wallman had carried out the duties of Health Officer to the Corporation and Medical Officer to the Hospital with much ability and to the entire satisfaction of those in control. They hoped that Dr. and Mrs. Wallman would be happy and contented in their new home, both from a health, professional, and social viewpoint. During their period of residence here they had given a good part of their time to help the institutions of the town, and they would carry away with them the best wishes of the people of Narracoorte for their future happiness and prosperity.

#### Apologies.

The Secretary of the Farewell Committee (Mr. F. H. Goldsworthy), at the request of the Mayor, read the apologies received, which were from Mrs. Macmeikan, Mrs. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Irving, Mrs. E. E. Grieco, Mrs. F. Secker, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davidge, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Wallace, Messrs. W. H. Possingham, E. C. H. Schinckel, C. P. James, and A. Wallace. A telegram conveying best wishes to the guests was also read from Miss C. McInnes, of Crower. Mr. Goldsworthy said he desired to thank the bowlers for the use of the decorations in the hall, which they had kindly lent, and which they took as a token of esteem from them to Dr. and Mrs. Wallman. He also wished to thank Mr. W. Ponglase for the use of some of the furniture.

#### The Chairman of the Narracoorte District Council Speaks.

Mr. A. S. Kidman, Chairman of the Narracoorte District Council, said that he was pleased to support the remarks of the Mayor concerning their guests on behalf of the District Council. He wished to thank Dr. Wallman for his services to the Council. During the past two years he had been their medical officer, but as there had been no outbreak of infectious disease his position had been comparatively easy. He was sure the doctor would be greatly missed, as he and his wife had taken a great interest in public activities, and had been good citizens. He wished them both happiness and the best of luck in their new sphere of labor.

#### The Chairman of the Hospital Board's Testimony.

Mr. V. G. Petherick, Chairman of the Hospital Board, speaking on behalf of the Hospital, said that it was an easy task to endorse what had been said regarding their guests, and in doing so they were paying tribute to a lady and gentleman who had identified themselves with the things that matter. Mrs. Petherick, himself, and family were indebted to the doctor for his deep interest and kindly hospitality which he was sure they never could repay, and in saying that he believed he was expressing the opinion of a large number of the people. On

believed he was expressing the opinion of a large number of the people. On behalf of the Hospital, of which Dr. Wallman had been Honorary Medical Officer and Medical Officer, he had given devoted, self-sacrificing, and successful service. As a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hospital Mrs. Wallman had been one of those who had helped to make it the liveliest things in connection with the institution. He regretted that Dr. and Mrs. Wallman were going, and hoped that in their larger sphere they would make more friends and have greater prosperity. As their successors they had Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton, whose presence and personality they had learned to appreciate.

#### **The Association of the Guests with the Golf Club.**

Mr. A. J. Clarke, speaking for the Narracoorte Golf Club, said that he had been asked as an officer and member of the Club to express regret at the loss the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Wallman would be to the Club. They had been active members of the Club for many years, and the doctor had been President. Their Club had had a rather checkered career, and their links had been in several places. The first time he visited Narracoorte and played golf the two gentlemen whom he met on the links were gone. They were Dr. Macmillan and Mr. Ewens. He came to Narracoorte next visit in 1920, and again in 1927, and found they had a different course each time. Shortly after that some of the members of the Club discussed the necessity of taking steps to acquire a permanent golf course, and they sent out spies, and eventually came to the land of promise, and thanks to the Corporation the Club was now in possession of first-class links. Dr.

Wallman was one of those who had assisted in the Club securing its present links, and as a worthy President he had borne the heat and burden of the day with others in improving the golf course. The doctor had done his part in trying among other things to extinguish the rabbits, the stink-wort, and spread the super, and Mrs. Wallman had been a good help to the Club in many directions, especially in dispensing hospitality and in raising funds for the Club. The Golf Club regretted that the Doctor and Mrs. Wallman were going, and wished them every success and happiness.

#### **Tribute by the Secretary of the Tennis Club.**

Mr. F. H. Lovegrove, speaking for the Narracoorte Tennis Club, said that on account of their Patron and Vice-President having to speak on behalf of other institutions at that evening's function it had fallen to his lot to

of other institutions at that evening's function it had fallen to his lot to express the regret of the members of the Tennis Club at the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Wallman, and he considered it a privilege to do so. Dr. and Mrs. Wallman had been connected with the Tennis Club for the past eight years, and during that time the doctor had been a member of the committee, and since Dr. Pavy had gone abroad he had filled the position of President. He had always found Dr. and Mrs. Wallman ready to give a hand for anything that would advance the interests of the Club. He was sure he was voicing the feelings of all the members when he said that their guests would be greatly missed, and they wished them the best of happiness. They would be pleased to see the Dr. and Mrs. Wallman at any time, and when they came back again he hoped they would find the ground improved.

#### **Dr. Wallman's Connection with the Institute.**

Mr. F. H. Goldsworthy, President of the Institute, said that he wished to express the appreciation of the library committee for the work done for approximately the past seven years by Dr. Wallman. The doctor was a man of original thought, and was not afraid to express his opinion and it was generally of value and weight. They would miss Dr. Wallman on the committee. He was a great help when the books in the library were being re-arranged. Speaking of Dr. and Mrs. Wallman as neighbors, they had lived side by side since the doctor had come to Narracoorte, and he was indebted to them for many kindnesses. He wished the doctor a successful future, and hoped that his practice would be large and lucrative, and that he and Mrs. Wallman would find friends as good as they had made in Narracoorte.

#### **A Letter of Appreciation from the Boys' Gymnasium Club.**

Mr. V. B. Francis said that the Rev. W. M. Corden had intended to be present that evening, but had been prevented, and had asked him to read a letter he had forwarded acknowledging the services Dr. Wallman had rendered to the Boys' Gymnasium Club. The letter was read as follows:—To the Chairman—In connection with the departure of Dr. Wallman from our town I have been asked as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Narracoorte Gymnasium Club to express appreciation of the doctor's thoroughly consistent support of the Club. Through Dr. Wallman's interest the gymnasium is in a stronger position than it otherwise would have been. We are indebted to the guest of this evening for generous and regular donations, and for a great help given at the start of the Club, and at each season re-opening. Dr. Wallman has always, in quite an honorary capacity, overhauled

quite an honorary capacity, overhauled the new members, and in addition has on several occasions advised patients to join the gymnasium, when he has seen that it would be for their good. Where the Medical Officer of a district backs up the town gymnasium it is a useful attitude, and one much appreciated by the management of the Club. Master Dick Wallman has been sent along as a member, and although this has been for the lad's own good, it has been understood as a gesture of appreciation also. The doctor has also himself sometimes taken a hand at the gymnasium, and had the pleasure of giving some of his fellow men a clip under the ear. The officers and members of the organization have all liked the doctor, and have considered that he knows his job. They are sorry about the departure, and wish the doctor the further success that he so well deserves. Our hope is that by many routes Dr. Wallman's reputation may go before him, and help to make him known as the capable man that he is.

Mr. Frances added that he was sure the Mayor and other members of the Committee of the Gymnasium Club present would back up all that had been said by the Rev. Mr. Corden.

#### Other Speakers.

Mr. A. C. DeGaris said that he thought that the speakers had represented most of the institutions that Dr. Wallman had been connected with, but he did not wish to let the opportunity pass without paying a personal tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Wallman. They had been very fine neighbors, and he and Mrs. DeGaris regretted their departure very much. A short time ago they had a period of bad luck in his home through accidents to some of the members of his family, and during that trying time they had learned to regard Dr. Wallman very much for his kindness and help, and he and Mrs. DeGaris would never forget the fine attention that he bestowed. There was one public matter in which Dr. Wallman was concerned which had not been referred to, and that was the Back to Narracoorte celebrations. As leader of the Decorations' Committee he had given splendid service. He wished both Dr. and Mrs. Wallman a happy future.

Mr. S. N. Kidman said that he was pleased to be present at the farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Wallman. He thought he would miss them more than anyone, as he was a frequent visitor to their home. In their new abode at Hindmarsh, however, they would not be far away from where he lived, and he hoped to still have the pleasure of their friendship. He wished them every success in their new sphere.

Mr. A. Schinckel said that he had been brought into contact frequently with Dr. Wallman as a member of the Hospital Board, and he had found him to be always approachable, and

him to be always approachable, and one who took a great interest in the management of the Hospital, and its activities. As a medical officer he had played his part well, and in a way that must win success. Dr. Wallman had been a success both professionally and as a citizen, and he hoped that he would sustain the same reputation in the place to where he was going.

#### The Presentation.

The Mayor said that it was now his pleasing duty to hand Dr. and Mrs. Wallman a wallet of notes. He was sure that it must have been gratifying for the doctor and Mrs. Wallman to see such a large gathering to say farewell to them, but their friends thought that was not sufficient, and he would ask them to accept the wallet of notes as a mark of esteem and regard of their friends, with which

to purchase something lasting for home. He handed the doctor a wallet of notes for himself and Mrs. Wallman amid applause.

#### Dr. Wallman's Reply.

Dr. Wallman, who was greeted with loud applause, in responding, said he was deeply sensitive of the honor paid to Mrs. Wallman and himself. Mrs. Wallman was the leading light in the picture, and he realized that the major portion of the assemblage was due to her. He thanked them for the presentation, and with it they would buy something that would be a reminder of the many happy years spent here, and the true friends made. While he had lived here he could not lay claim to having done a great deal. There were other local activities than those he had been connected with that he might have done more for, but his time had been so broken, and he would have liked to have done more for the town. It was not on account of any idea he had that Narracoorte was not going to prosper that he was leaving, but it was more for family and personal reasons. He believed their town was going to thrive and enlarge. It had made great strides during the past seven or eight years, and he hoped to be able to come down periodically to note the progress that was being made, and to renew old acquaintances. He might try to come back for the Easter tennis tournament, and have a go at some of them. He had been associated with the Hospital ever since he came to Narracoorte, and it had progressed. Thanks were due to the Board of Management, especially Mr. Petherick, for the progress made. He had always found the Board of Management most obliging and willing to help the Medical Officer, and they had never refused any reasonable request. Mo-

Medical Officer, and they had never refused any reasonable request. Money was scarce at the present time, and they were up against hard times, but they had no difficulty in obtaining any urgent requirements for the institution. He felt sure that the Hospital would still progress. Dr. Hamilton would take his place as honorary Medical Officer, and the Board need have no fear as to him carrying on in a capable way, and could have every confidence in him. In reference to the Golf Club he thought Mr. Clarke would have mentioned the fire on the course. What he had done for the Club had been a pleasure, including the putting out of the fire, and pulling up the stinkwort. He and Mr. Clarke had not always seen eye to eye in the methods of management, and had some good stand up scraps, but he bore no animosity towards Mr. Clarke. If they did frequently differ in matters concerning the Club he (the speaker) bore no illwill to Mr. Clarke. In regard to the Institute he had done nothing compared with the work Mr. Goldsworthy had done. The Tuesday night meetings had been a pleasure to him to attend, especially the discussions that took place there. The Gymnasium Club was a fine institution, and he hoped that it would progress and keep going, and he was sorry that the time at his disposal did not permit him doing as much for the Club as he would have liked. The instructors, Messrs. Goodchild and Davis, had given good service, and he hoped that the public would support the Club. Mrs. Wallman and himself found it hard to leave so many friends, and they hoped that any of them from Narracoorte coming to Adelaide would look them up at Hindmarsh, where they would always be welcome. He assured them that he felt his position very much that evening, and could not express his feelings adequately in words. He and Mrs. Wallman were leaving the district with many regrets, but they hoped to come back and visit them all in a year or two, and note the progress made in the town. He hoped they would forgive him if he had not touched on anything that he should. (Applause).

The gathering then joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and after cheers had been given for the guests and "They are Jolly Good Fellows" was sung, the National Anthem ended the proceedings in the hall. An adjournment was then made to the supper room, where an excellent spread was served by the ladies, and partaken of by all present amid social intercourse.

The family then moved to 30 Grange Road, New Hindmarsh (now West Hindmarsh). Sadly, in May 1931, Douglas's mother, Louisa Haynes Wallman died, aged 76.

In December 1932, Douglas and Maya travelled to New Zealand on holidays with Maya's brother, Mr. Andrew Wood of Edwin Terrace, Gilberton, SA and his wife. The couples toured the country by car and found some excellent fishing. Douglas and Maya returned to Adelaide in February 1933.

In June 1937, a motor cycle collided with Douglas's car on North Terrace, with the rider of the bike receiving a fractured leg and the passenger of the bike a severely lacerated leg and shock. Further car related misfortune occurred in December 1938, when Douglas's car was stolen, and police believed it was the car used by youths to elude them in a high-speed chase along Torrens Road. Then in February 1939, while taking a patient to have teeth extracted, Douglas had a collision with a Glenelg tram at the intersection of Park Terrace and King William Street.



## World War II

The Wallman boys attended St Peter's College and daughter, Pat (also known as Peggy and later Peg) attended Woodlands. Pat went on a skiing holiday at Mt Kosciuszko in September 1939.

Initially Douglas remained in his practice at 30 Grange Road and in October 1922, he was one of 23 doctors involved in an ARP (air raid precautions) exercise which blacked out the western suburbs of Adelaide.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1940, Douglas Robson Wallman enlisted for WWII with Service Number SX27207. Douglas was 46 years of age and he was a Captain in the AAMC. He served until the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1944. Douglas's WWII record is not yet open to the public.

Douglas and Maya's elder son Richard John Robson (Dick) Wallman commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1940 but put his medical career on hold when he enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1941. Dick was nearly nineteen when he enlisted. He became a Flight Lieutenant. In August 1943, Flight Lieutenant R.J.R. Wallman became engaged to Elizabeth Anne, the only daughter of Mrs Earn Barritt, of Yattalunga, Smithfield and the late Earn Barritt. Dick was home on leave by early September 1945 and was discharged from the RAAF on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1946.

In February 1941, Peggy moved to Melbourne where she became a student at the Homecraft Hostel. Peggy was 17 years old. Maya and younger son, James (Jim) continued to live at 30 Grange Road, New Hindmarsh. Jim completed his Leaving Honors examinations in December 1944 and commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1945.

### Post-World War II

Douglas resumed his practice at 30 Grange Road, New Hindmarsh and 188 North Terrace Adelaide in May 1944.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1945, Dick married Elizabeth Anne Barritt at the St Peter's College Chapel.



Dick recommenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1946 joining his younger brother Jim as a second-year student. The brothers both gained their MB BS in 1951. After graduation Jim moved to a position at the Royal Perth Hospital, WA.

In January 1948, Peg became engaged to John McKellar Simpson, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F.N. Simpson of Kent Town, the couple married on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1948 at the St Peter's College Chapel.

In March 1950, Douglas and Maya left Adelaide for a holiday in Tasmania. By May 1952, Peg and John Simpson had two children (William and Sally-Ann). The couple also owned a boat which they took to Morgan on the River Murray for a holiday. Douglas joined them for a week of the holiday.

In November 1952, Jim became engaged to Shirley Morrison from Cottesloe, a trainee nurse at the Royal Perth Hospital.

In April 1954, Douglas and Maya travelled to Perth to attend the couple's wedding on 22 April 1954. After the wedding, Douglas and Maya left from Fremantle, WA onboard the Orient Steam Navigation Company Ltd ship *Orsova* and arrived in London on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1954. Douglas and Maya were to enjoy twelve months travel in England, Scandinavia and the Continent. In June 1954, they had the privilege of viewing the racing at Ascot from the

Royal Enclosure. Douglas and Maya departed from London, England on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1955, on the P and O Steam Navigation Company ship *Himalaya*, with a destination the Port of Adelaide, Australia. Douglas was 59 years of age.

As most South Australian newspapers are only digitised to December 1954 (at the time of writing this profile) we do not know when Douglas retired from medical practice.

## **Death**

Douglas Robson Wallman passed away on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1969 aged 73 years. He was cremated at Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1969. His last abode was at Walkerville. Douglas was survived by his wife whose name was recorded as Florence Maya Victoria Rose Wallman on his death certificate.

## **Legacy**

Dr Richard John Robson Wallman passed away on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2013, aged 85 years. His last abode was at Walkerville, SA.

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