



# **Capt. Alexander Cockburn Wilton**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: A Grade (1911-12)**

(Intervarsity: 1907, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1912)

**and**

**Cricket Club: A Grade (1908/9 – 1912/13)**

**A Grade Captain 1912/13**

(Intervarsity: 1910)

**Sports Awards: Double Blue - Football (1911), Cricket (1911)**

**Degree: MB BS (1911)**

## ***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 Alexander Cockburn Wilton. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=329016>



### Alexander Cockburn WILTON

Place of birth	Port Fairy Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Medical practitioner
Address	Kent Town, South Australia
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	29
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs S K Wilton, 102 Kent Terrace, Kent Town, South Australia
Enlistment date	23 February 1918
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Unit name	Medical Officers
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A18 <i>Wiltshire</i> on 10 June 1918
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Medical Corps
Fate	Returned to Australia 28 August 1919

Note that Alexander's record at:

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8846280>

states that he embarked from Sydney on the A34 HMAT *Persic*.

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\* This clause should 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.



## Biography

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### WILTON Alexander Cockburn

MB BS

1888 - 1954



Alexander Cockburn Wilton was born at Port Fairy, Victoria, on 22 April 1888, although other sources suggest he was born in Adelaide. He was the son of Charles Richard Wilton and Annie Isabel, nee Gladstone. He was educated at Prince Alfred College and he undertook his medical studies at the University of Adelaide. Wilton was registered with the Medical Board of South Australia on 14 December 1911. He was a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital in 1912. He subsequently had a medical practice in Redhill, South Australia. He married Shylie Kathleen Mathews the daughter of Mr and Mrs Llandaff Mathews of Wayville on 15th July 1914. Wilton then lived at 102 Kent Street, Kent Town.

Prior to WW1 Wilton was a 2nd lieutenant in Cadets and in 1912 Wilton joined the AAMC Reserve with John Le Messurier Kneebone and Cyril Frederick Pitcher. He enlisted in the AIF on 16 March 1918 aged 29 years 11 months; he was described as 5ft 10ins and weighed 13st and had a limited proficiency in German language. His next of kin was given as his wife Shylie Kathleen Wilton. Wilton embarked on the *Persic* in Sydney on 21 March 1918. He was initially appointed as a captain to the 9th Trg Bn. He

was posted to 3 AGH on 11th September 1918 and then to the 1 FdAmb on 20th September 1918. He was detached to 1st Fd Artillery Bde and 1st Australian Division Engineers before returning to the 1 FdAmb. He was admitted to the 2 FdAmb with tonsillitis in April 1918 and on 26th May 1919 he was admitted the 3rd London General hospital with laryngitis. He returned to Australia on the *Kanowna* disembarking in 4 MD on 20 October 1919 and discharged on 12th November 1919 at which time he was described as being well. He was issued with the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Wilton had a medical practice in Clarendon after the war. Alexander Cockburn Wilton died in Clarendon on 6th June 1954. He was survived by his wife and son Geoffrey Cockburn Wilton who was born in 1915 and died in 1967.

#### Sources:

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=8846280>  
My Heritage Family Trees  
The Mail Adelaide 4 July 1914  
The Advertiser Adelaide 7 June 1954  
Photo; Adelaide University Medical graduates 1911.

## Biography

Australian Doctors on the Western Front by Robert Likeman CSM

### **WILTON, Alexander Cockburn,**

*Captain (1888–1954). MB BS Adel 1911.*



Wilton was born in Port Fairy, VIC, son of newspaper journalist Charles Richard Wilton and his wife Annie Isabel Gladstone. He was educated at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide and at Adelaide University. He played football for the University and was Captain of the University cricket team. After graduation he completed his residency at the Adelaide Hospital in 1912. The same year he was commissioned as an H/Capt in the AAMC Reserve and posted to 19 Fd Amb. He first practised in Redhill, SA, and in 1914 married Shylie Kathleen Mathews at Wayville. Wilton volunteered for the AIF in February 1918 and sailed from Sydney in March. On arrival in England he was attached first to the AAMC Trg Depot at Parkhouse, then to 9 Trg Bn and 3 CD at Hurdcott. He was sent to France in September, and after a brief attachment to 3 AGH was posted to 1 Fd Amb. He fell victim to influenza in November. He was admitted for a time to 8 GH at Rouen, and returned to his unit in December. In 1919 he was detached to 76 Bty RGA, to 1 Bn, 2 Bn and 6/7 Bn. In May 1919 he was evacuated to England with laryngitis and admitted to 3 LGH. He returned to Australia in August 1919 and resumed his practice at Redhill. Wilton later moved to Clarendon, SA, and died there in 1954.

Wilton's younger brother Richard Gladstone Wilton served as a Captain with 10 Bn in WW1.

## Additional Biography

### Early Life

Alexander (Alec) Cockburn Wilton was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1888 at Pt Ferry, Victoria, the son of Charles Richard Wilton and Annie Isabel Gladstone. Alec was named after his godfather Sir John Alexander Cockburn.

His father, Charles, was a journalist who later came to Adelaide, SA from Port Fairy, Victoria and was a long-time literary editor of *The Advertiser*. He also authored, under the pen name of "Autolycus", a long-running weekly column in *The Courier* of Mount Barker.



Charles Richard Wilton (1855 – 1927)

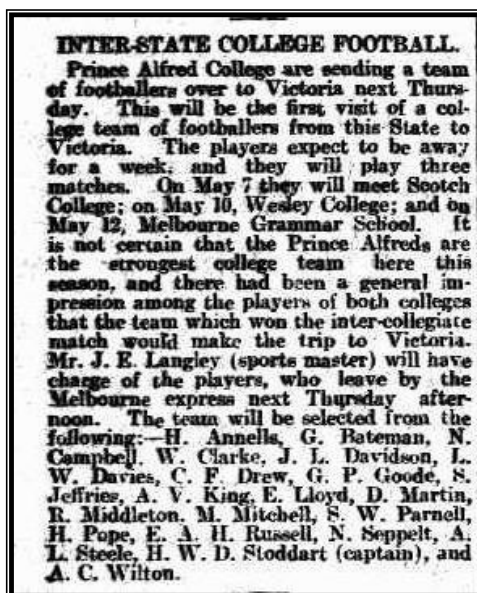
Alec's siblings were John Raymond (born 1884, Belfast (Port Fairy), Victoria), Athol Gladstones (born 1886 Belfast (Port Fairy), Victoria - died 1890), Dorothy Kenyon (born 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1890, Adelaide, SA) and Richard Gladstone (born 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1892, Adelaide, SA). During their early years in South Australia, the family lived in Mt Barker.

### Schooling and Sport

Alec commenced at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide in 1896, aged 8 years. He was in the Second Form in 1898 and in the Lower Third in 1899. He passed the Primary Examinations in 1901, Senior Examinations in 1903 and 1904 and Higher Public examinations in 1905 and 1906. While at PAC, Alec passed First Grade Plane Geometry at the Arts and Science examinations in November 1900.

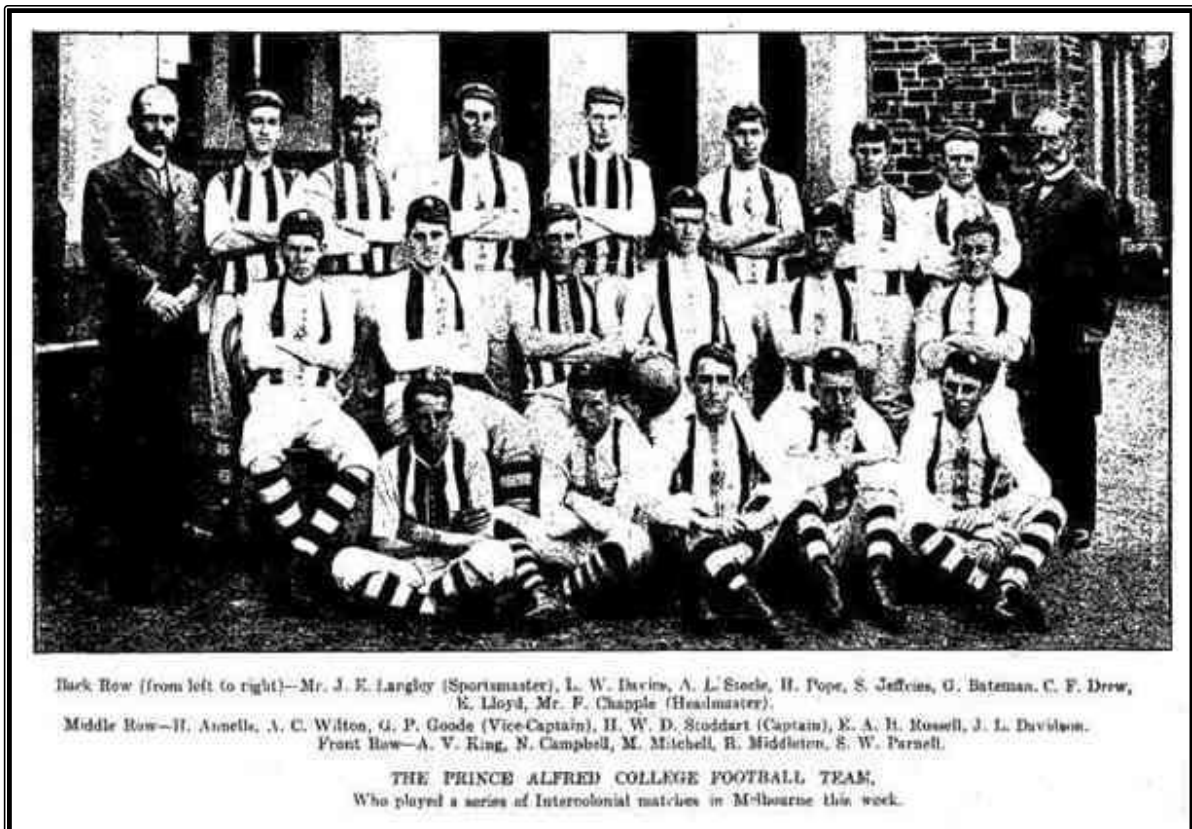
### Football

From 1903 Alec was a member of the PAC football team. He competed in Intercollegiate matches against Roseworthy Agricultural College, Wesley College (Melbourne) in 1903. In 1904 he was a member of the team which travelled to Melbourne in April to play matches against Scotch College, Wesley College and Melbourne Grammar School. In 1905 he played Intercollegiate Football against CBC, Roseworthy and St Peter's and in 1906 against CBC, Roseworthy, Melbourne Scotch College and St Peter's. By 1906, Alec was vice Captain of the Football team and he was one of the best players in the match against St Peter's.



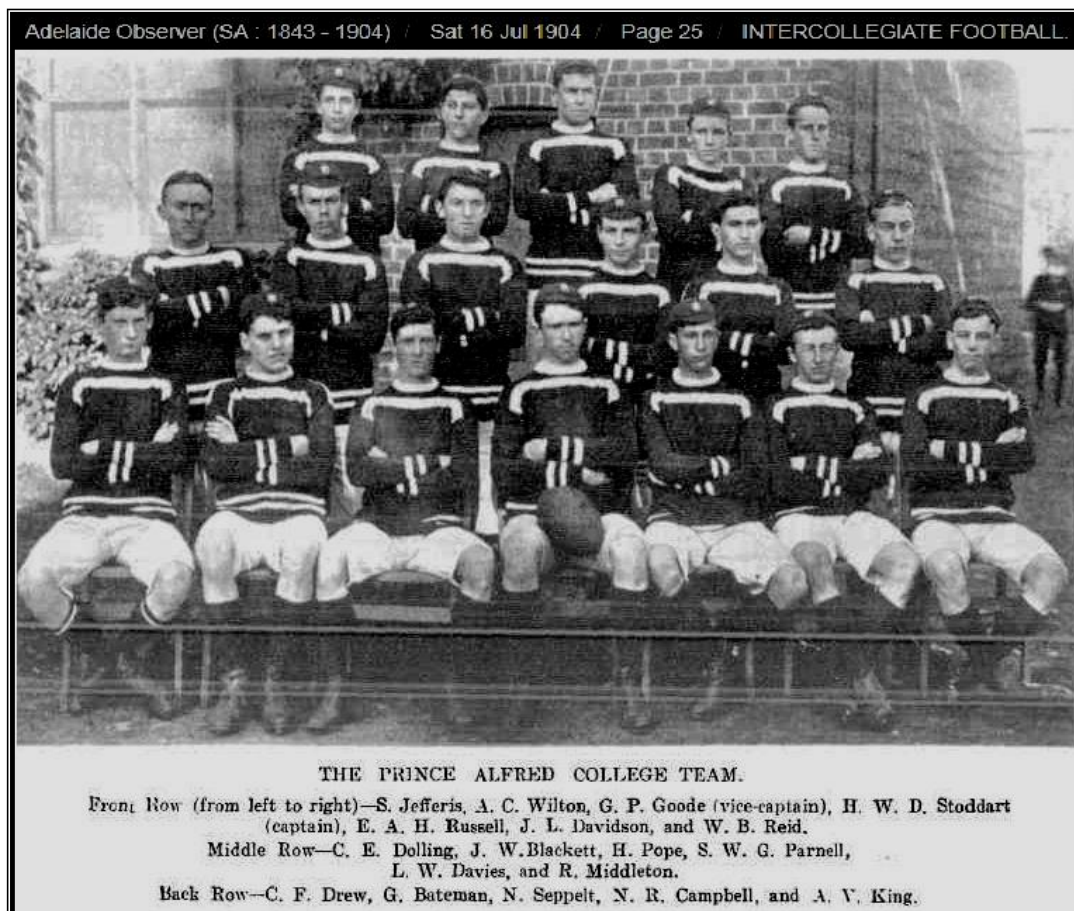


## 1904 – PAC Football Team – Interstate Trip



*A.C. Wilton – Middle Row – Second from Left*

## 1904 – PAC Football Team for the match against St Peter's College



*A.C. Wilton - Front Row – Second from Left*



## 1905 – PAC Football Team for the match against St Peter's College

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THE PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE TEAM,  
INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL.

*A.C. Wilton - Middle Row – Second from Right*

## 1906 - PAC Team for the match against Scotch College (Melbourne)



THE PLAYERS FOR PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE.

At Back: Mr. Gray (Sports Master), R. Burkett, S. Matters, H. Rankin, K. Steele, W. W. Cooper, J. C. Scoulls, H. V. Lord, Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc. In the Centre: H. Angwin, A. E. Grant, A. C. Wilton (Vice-Capt.), G. B. Goode (Capt.), E. Lloyd, W. Fletcher, H. Willmore, In Front: C. P. Phursteadt, F. Osborne, R. C. Thomson, L. E. Davey,

*A.C. Wilton (Vice-Captain) – Middle Row – Third from Left*

INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL: PRINCE ALFRED V. ROSEWORTHY.



PRINCE ALFRED TEAM.

Back Row: Burkett, Cooper, Readman, Matters, Thomson, Magarey. Middle Row: Lord, Davey, Symonds, Steele, Rankin, Osborn. Front Row: Plumstead, Grant, Wilton, Goode (Capt.), Lloyd, Fletcher, Willmore.

**A.C. Wilton (Vice-Captain) – Front Row – Third from Left**

1906- PAC Team for the match against St Peter's College



PRINCE ALFRED TEAM.

Photos W. S. Smith.

**A.C. Wilton – Middle Row – Third from Left**

## Cricket

In February 1904 he represented PAC in an Intercollegiate Cricket match against Christian Brothers College (CBC).

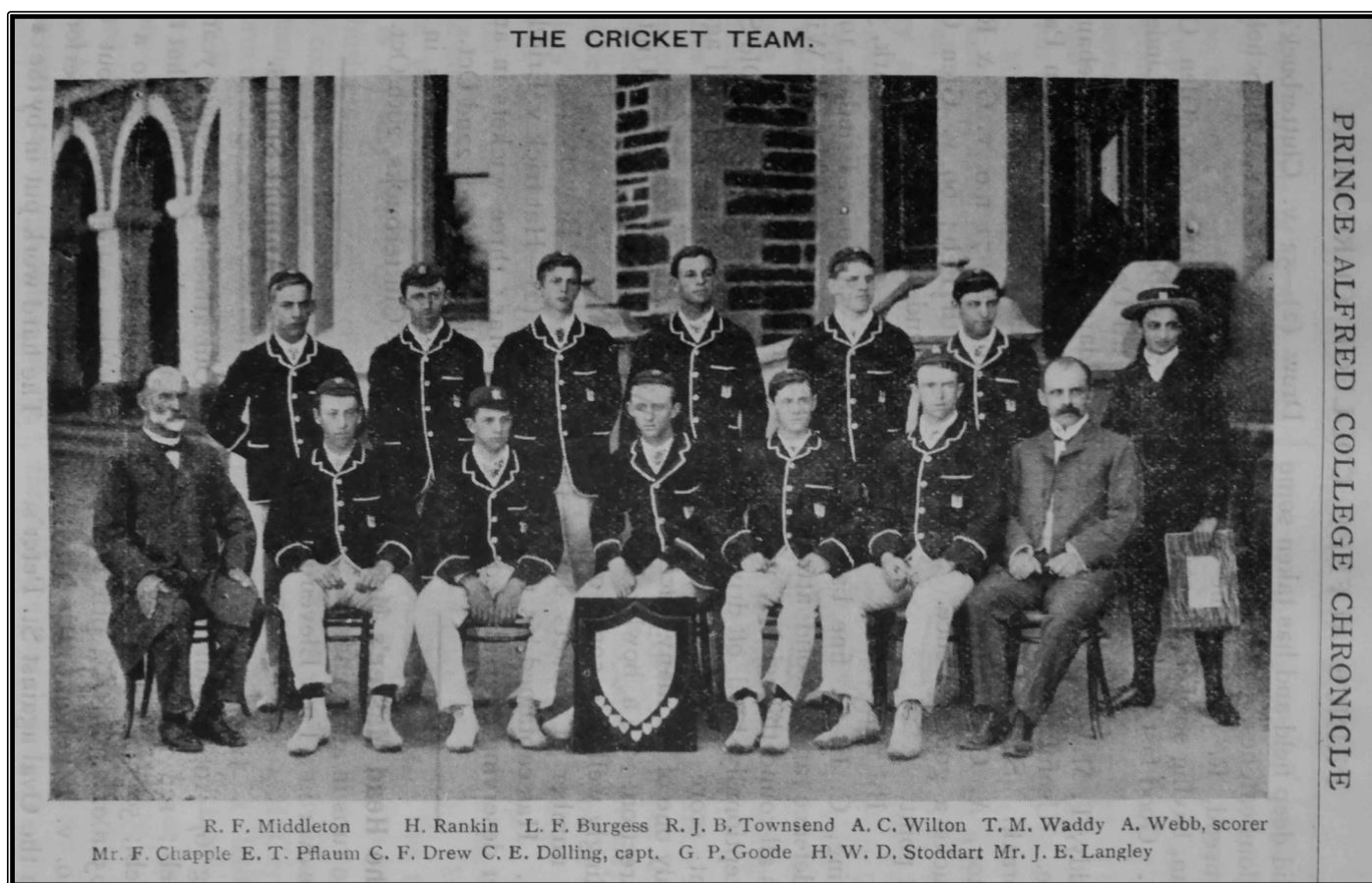
average of 50, and is second on the bowling list. A. C. Wilton is far the most successful junior, he bats with a good defence, and scores freely all round the wicket. A big score is expected from him in the next college match. Pflaum and Rankin.

In November 1904 he was run out for 54 in the Intercollegiate cricket match against St Peter's College. He also competed in the PAC versus Old Scholars match in December 1904.

In the 1904/05 Christmas holidays, Alec travelled to Victoria and while there played a cricket match for Camberwell versus Clifton Hill taking 4 for 42.

A. C. Wilton, the Prince Alfred College player, who distinguished himself in the match against St. Peter's last month, whilst spending his vacation in Victoria, played in a match for Camberwell versus Clifton Hill, and obtained four wickets for 42. Three of his victims were clean bowled.

### 1904 PAC Cricket Team



**A.C. Wilton – Back Row – Third from Right**

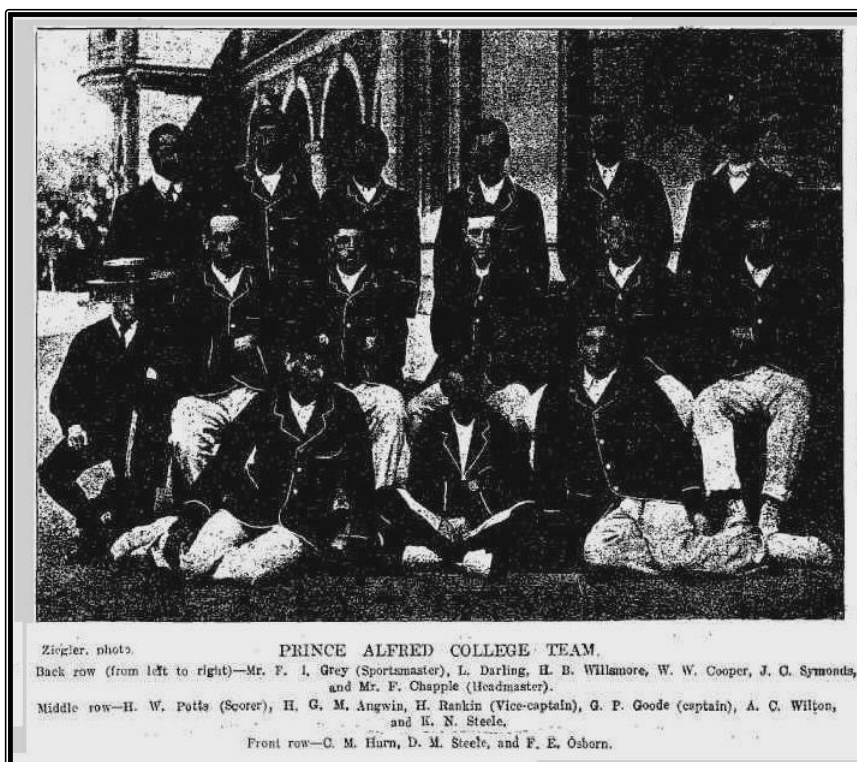


## 1904 PAC Intercollegiate Cricket Team



***A.C. Wilton – Back Row – Second from Left***

In February 1905, Alec scored 129 not out, against the Clutterbuck Brothers team, in the first match played at PAC since the completion of their new pavilion. PAC was at this stage playing cricket in the Adelaide and Suburban Association. Alec finished the season with a batting average of 95 (second to C.E. Dolling with an average of 226.5). In December 1905 he played for PAC in the Past versus Present Cricket match and represented PAC in the intercollegiate match against St Peter's. In December 1906, Alec played in the Intercollegiate cricket match against St Peter's.



***A.C. Wilton – Middle Row – Second from Right (1906)***



## Athletics

Alec also regularly competed in the PAC Sports from 1900 when he competed in the 120 yards flat (under 13). In 1902 he competed in 120 yards handicap hurdles (under 15). He was second in the 150 yards flat and the 120 yards flat at the PAC Sports in 1904 and was selected to compete in the Intercollegiate Sports against St Peter's College where he came second in the 300 yards steeplechase. In 1905 Alec was third in the 120 yards hurdles at the PAC Sports and he won the 300 yards Steeplechase and was third in the Long Jump at the Intercollegiate Sports.

### 1904 - Prince Alfred College – Intercollegiate Athletics Team



**A.C. Wilton – Middle Row – Second from Left**

Alec was second in the 120 yards hurdles and second in the 300 yards steeplechase at the 1906 intercollegiate Sports.

## Swimming

In 1901, at the PAC Aquatic Sports Alec was second in the two lengths handicap (under 13). In 1904 he was second in the Senior Championship (three lengths) and won the Neat Dive with S.G. Martin.

comfortably. The diving was done from the water level and from a height of 7 ft., but it was lacking in neatness, the competitors splashing as they entered the water with their toes and insteps. The most creditable exhibition were by the two winners (Wilton and Martin) from both levels. The lap

In February 1905, Alec swam in the Intercollegiate Championship (4 lengths) at the Old Boys Institute Baths annual amateur swimming matches, and he won the College Senior Championship (3 lengths) at the PAC Aquatic Sports.

In addition to all his sporting exploits while at PAC, Alec was also a member of the Commonwealth Cadet Corp until April 1907. Alec won the Grasby Gold Medal (the only time it was awarded) and the Malpas Scholarship.

## Adelaide University

In March 1907, Alec passed a supplementary Higher Public examination in English Literature, having studied at Newman's College. He then followed his elder brother John Raymond (Raymond) Wilton (B Sc, 1903) to Adelaide University where he commenced studying medicine in 1907. Alec applied for but did not win the 1907 Rhodes Scholarship. The last three years of his medical studies are shown on his student card.

### Student Card 1909 - 1911

NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Wilton, Alexander Cockburn, 111035, Hutt St.</i>		REGISTER NO. <i>1917</i>								
COURSE <i>Medical</i>	DATE OF BIRTH <i>22/4/88</i>	DATE OF MATRICULATION <i>18/3/07</i>	ON WAR MEMORIAL <i>Enlisted - Date no record</i>							
SENIOR N 1903 <i>Geom; Physics; Inor Chem;</i>										
N 1904 <i>Histy; Latin; Ger; Arith &amp; Al; Geom; Physics</i>		M. 1907 <i>Eng Lit;</i>								
STATUS GRANTED										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1909	Third Year.	B288	9/2/-	B1085	9/2/-	B1690	9/2/-	B1690 <sup>3/4</sup>	109 P II	
	Anatomy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Medicine Prin & Prac	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Surgery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Clinical Med & Surg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Bacteriology	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Materia Medica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1910	Fourth Year	B2508	9/9/-	B3110	9/9/-	B3678	9/9/-	B3678 <sup>3/4</sup>	N10 P II	
	Medicine Pract Prin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Surgery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Obstetrics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Forensic Med.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Pathology	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1911	Fifth Year.	B4645	7/11/-	B5189	7/11/-	B5704	7/11/-	B5704 <sup>3/4</sup>	N11 P II	
	Operative Surgery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Therapeutics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Clinical Med & Surg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Gynaecology	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Otology	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Ophthalmic Surg.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Diseases of Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
								M. B. B. S. Degree conferred	13/12/11	B6026 9/57.

By 1908, Alec's elder brother Raymond, was having great success at his studies at Cambridge University, England.

In 1910, Alec was on the committee of the Adelaide University Medical Society. In December 1910, the following information about Alec appeared in the *Laura Standard* under the title 'A clever family'.

occasions. Alexander Cockburn Wilton was ten years at Prince Alfred College, where he won a scholarship. He is 22 years old, and has just passed his fourth year in the medical course at the Adelaide University, being second from the top. He was swimming champion of the college, and represented it against St. Peter's in athletics, cricket, and football for three years in succession. He has also played for the University first cricket eleven and football eighteen, and has been a member of their athletic team in inter-university contests, while he has won a cup in the University tennis tournament.

In 1911, Alec was joined at Adelaide University by his younger brother Richard (Dick) Gladstones Wilton.

Alec gained his MB BS in December 1911.

## University Sport

### Lawn Tennis

Alec competed in the University Lawn Tennis Tournament in 1908, winning the handicap doubles with Harry Nott.

The University Lawn Tennis Tournament was completed at the end of last week. The play was excellent throughout, and fully up to the standard of former years. Some keen struggles resulted from the contest for the handicap single, which eventually fell to G. Gardner, who defeated Jones in the final. More than half the rubber in this part of the tournament were not decided till three sets had been played. The laurels of the handicap doubles were finally awarded to A. C. Wilton and Nott, after some sterling play had been witnessed.

### Athletics

Alec competed in the Adelaide University Sports in 1908 and came second in the 150 yards hurdles handicap event. He was selected to represent Adelaide University at the Intervarsity Sports in 1908. In 1909 he again competed in the hurdles event. In May 1910, Alec was selected for the Adelaide University team to compete in the Intervarsity Sports in Melbourne.

**INTER - UNIVERSITY  
CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

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The following team has been selected to represent the Adelaide University in the inter-university championships, to be held in Sydney on May 25:—Messrs. R. Badger, E. C. Black, J. T. Creswell, A. C. Wilton, J. C. P. Strachan, and H. L. Brose (captain). The team will leave by the Melbourne express to-day.

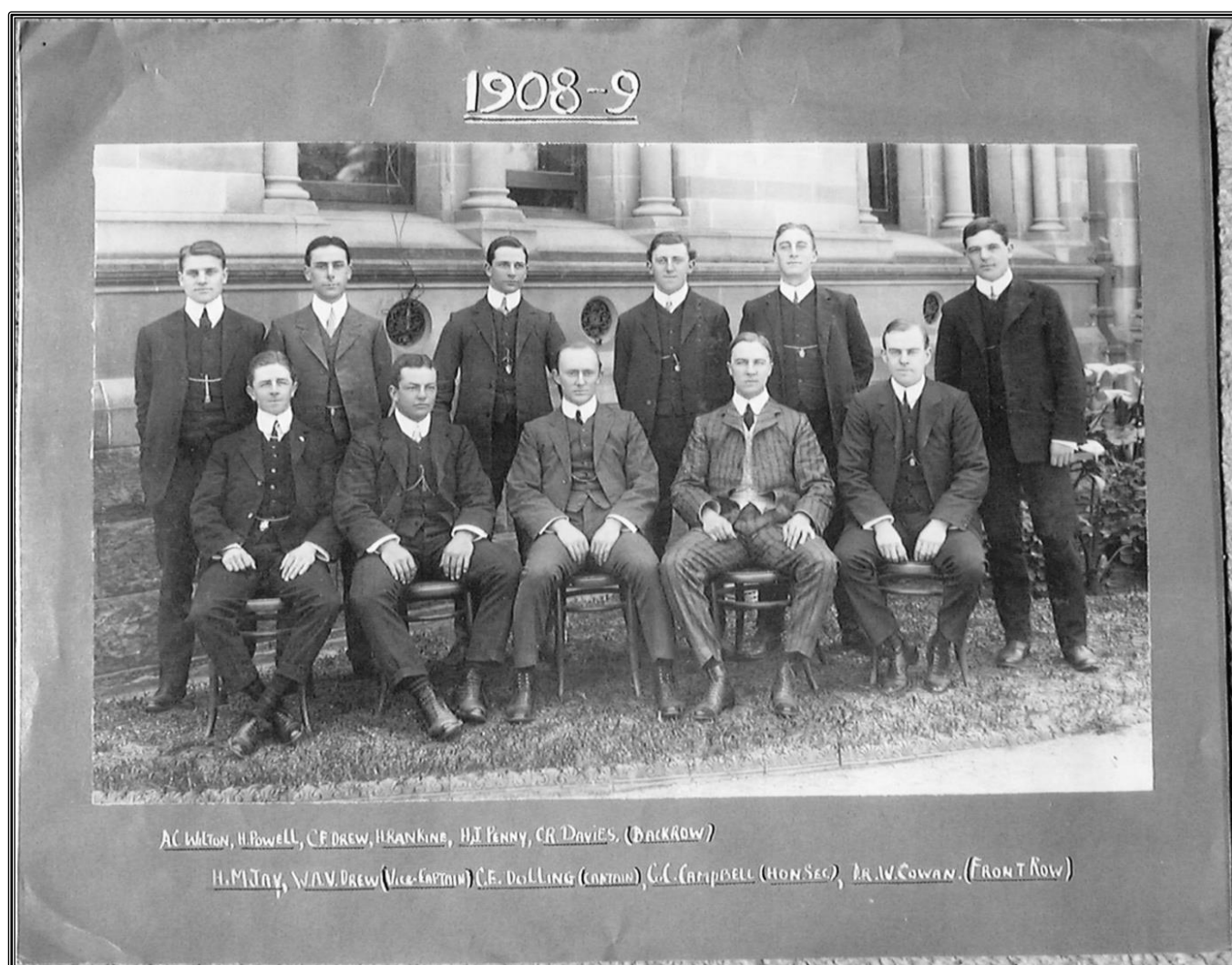
Alec came second in the 120 yards hurdles (old scholars) at the Intercollegiate Sports in August 1910 and at the University Sports in September 1910 he won the running long jump (handicap) and was second in the 150 yards hurdles. In the University Sports in June 1911, Alec came second in the 300 yards steeplechase.

### **Cricket**

Adelaide University did not have a team when Alec commenced his studies, so he played for the Adelaide Cricket Club in the South Australian Cricket Association competition from February 1907 until the end of the 1907/08 season. He was good enough to be selected in the A Grade team straight from PAC.

When in the 1908/09 season Adelaide University was first admitted to the South Australian Cricket Association A-Grade District competition, 19-year-old Alec joined the team alongside many of his former Prince Alfred College team-mates and St Peter's College players, many of whom were already fine A Grade District cricketers. The teams captain was Charlie Dolling, a PAC team-mate who had already played 1st Class Cricket for South Australia.

### **1908/9 Cricket Team (First team to represent AUCC in SACA District Cricket)**



#### ***A.C. Wilton - Back Row - First on Left***

In March 1909 he played an aggressive innings of 124 not out against Port Adelaide and finished the season with 340 runs at an average of 37.77. Over the following four seasons he did not rise to the expectations following his first year with the Club however Alec proved to be a very handy batsman and in latter seasons his bowling proved particularly useful. His performances during his 5 seasons are detailed in the Club's published season statistics:



UNIVERSITY.					
Batting.					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Avg.
C. E. Dolling ..	13	1	189	769	64.08
A. C. Wilton ..	12	3	124	340	37.77
C. R. Davies ..	14	4	77	300	36
H. A. Rankin ..	9	1	52	165	20.62
C. F. Drew ..	13	1	78	240	26
G. C. Campbell ..	13	1	51	200	16.06
H. J. Penny ..	10	1	69	139	15.41
F. N. LeMessurier ..	5	—	38	66	13.2
W. A. V. Drew ..	6	1	19	61	12.2
D. R. W. Cowan ..	8	3	34	58	11.6
F. E. Osborn ..	8	—	37	78	9.75
H. Powell ..	3	—	20	27	9
H. C. Nott ..	6	1	18	12	7.3

Also batted—H. M. Jay 10, 19; N. Seppelt, 6\*.  
E. Jones 6; J. Homburg, 20, 8; A. C. Cresdee, 10\*, 2; J. Blackett, 3.

Bowling.					
	O.	M.	W.	R.	Avg.
C. R. Davies ..	221.3	45	32	58.4	21.40
D. R. W. Cowan ..	267	23	40	862	21.55
H. J. Penny ..	86.5	10	14	333	23.72
H. A. Rankin ..	54	7	6	176	29.83
C. E. Dolling ..	52	7	5	164	32.8
F. E. Osborn ..	61	7	6	235	39.16
H. Powell ..	50	13	2	176	58

Also bowled—H. M. Jay, 3 overs, 15 runs; C. F. Drew, 4 overs, 1 maiden, 16 runs; A. C. Cresdee, 11.4 overs, 1 maiden, 3 wickets, 61 runs; W. A. V. Drew, 3 overs, 24 runs; A. C. Wilton, 1 over, 1 wicket, 12 runs; Seppelt, 23 overs, 3 maidens, 1 wicket, 73 runs.

1908/09

UNIVERSITY.					
Batting.					
	Inns.	No.	Runs.	H.S.	Avg.
C. E. Dolling ..	5	2	144	85*	46
C. F. Drew ..	12	1	468	117*	42.09
C. R. Davies ..	8	1	170	48	24.38
A. C. Wilton ..	11	—	256	43	23.27
G. C. Campbell ..	13	—	257	96	19.76
H. J. Penny ..	8	2	104	41*	17.33
F. Lampe ..	5	2	51	22	17
W. H. Holland ..	5	2	50	28*	16.66
F. E. Osborn ..	9	2	100	37*	14.28
H. A. Rankin ..	11	1	127	30	12.70
D. R. W. Cowan ..	8	2	32	10*	5.33
R. F. Cowan ..	6	2	15	8	3.75
F. N. Le Messurier ..	7	—	17	9	2.68

Also batted:—L. Davis 0, 24 and 0; G. Fisher, 0; J. Blackett, 4 and 0; R. Goode, 0; O. J. Murphy, 2; H. G. Nesbit, 1; D. Roberts, 6; H. Nott, 3; H. Powell, 9; R. Goode, 0; N. E. Seppelt, 0, 3 not out, and 11; J. A. O'Connor, 0, 0, and 22.

Bowling.					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
N. E. Seppelt ..	69.1	14	146	8	18.25
H. A. Rankin ..	41.2	4	158	6	26.33
F. E. Osborn ..	54	12	163	6	27.16
C. R. Davies ..	61	14	305	9	33.88
D. R. W. Cowan ..	151.1	8	705	17	41.47
F. R. Cowan ..	72	6	225	5	45
F. Lampe ..	48	3	209	4	52.25

Also bowled:—H. J. Penny, 280, 147r. 6w.; A. C. Wilton, 60, 20r.; J. A. O'Connor, 190, 7m. 29r. 5w.; H. Powell, 170, 7m. 42r. 1w.; E. B. Jones, 140, 2m. 49r. 2w.; C. E. Dolling, 90, 3m. 14r. 1w.

1909/10

UNIVERSITY.					
Batting.					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl.	Avg.
C. F. Drew ..	14	3	225*	572	52
C. E. Dolling ..	9	1	185*	402	50.5
F. Le Messurier ..	10	4	60*	184	30.60
G. C. Campbell ..	12	1	82	249	22.68
A. C. Wilton ..	11	1	57*	223	22.3
H. B. Willmore ..	12	1	93	227	20.63
H. O. Rankin ..	12	2	56	179	17.9
F. E. Osborn ..	4	1	29*	49	16.33
L. W. Davies ..	7	1	21	82	13.66
K. N. Steele ..	7	2	14	48	9.6
E. B. Jones ..	6	1	20	45	9

Also batted—H. J. Penny, 4, 1, 3; G. Fisher, 8\*, 7; H. W. D. Stoddart, 9; J. Londrigan, 0, 28, 0; H. C. Nott, 14, 0; C. Davies, 0; N. E. Seppelt, 3, 0\*.

Bowling.					
	O.	M.	W.	R.	Avg.
A. C. Wilton ..	47.5	6	13	146	11.15
J. Londrigan ..	30	2	8	111	14.62
E. B. Jones ..	154.3	10	27	661	20.77
K. N. Steele ..	104	24	12	272	22.66
H. B. Willmore ..	189.4	16	23	732	22.87
H. J. Penny ..	34	6	3	103	34.33
F. E. Osborn ..	49	6	4	146	36.5

Also bowled—C. E. Dolling, 16 o., 4 m., 51 r.; H. O. Rankin, 6 o., 17 r.; C. F. Drew, 4 o., 1 m., 17 r.; C. Davies, 12 o., 3 m., 53 r.; L. W. Davies, 1 o., 1 w., 5 r.; H. Stoddart, 1 o., 5 r.; G. C. Campbell, 6 o., 3 w., 28 r.; F. Le Messurier, 3 o., 1 m., 1 w., 5 r.; N. E. Seppelt, 14 o., 2 m., 2 w., 35 r.

1910/11

UNIVERSITY.					
Batting.					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl.	Avg.
A. G. Moyes ..	3	—	180	288	96
G. C. Campbell ..	11	1	114	498	49.8
C. F. Drew ..	5	1	50*	180	40
C. E. Dolling ..	8	—	90	304	38
A. C. Wilton ..	10	1	64*	223	24.77
H. B. Willmore ..	10	1	88	216	24
H. O. Rankin ..	10	—	79	219	21.9
C. R. Davies ..	8	2	66*	97	16.16
F. N. LeMessurier ..	8	3	45*	77	15.4
K. N. Steele ..	6	1	29	59	11.8
L. G. Caust ..	5	2	21	35	11.66
E. B. Jones ..	8	2	24*	62	10.33
L. B. Jose ..	3	1	7*	7	3.5

Also Batted—N. E. Seppelt 0 and 4\*.

Bowling.					
	O.	M.	W.	R.	Avg.
K. N. Steele ..	114	16	19	329	17.31
C. R. Davies ..	122	21	17	302	21.29
A. C. Wilton ..	64.5	4	8	223	27.88
H. B. Willmore ..	161	16	19	595	31.31
A. G. Moyes ..	41	4	4	162	38
E. B. Jones ..	111	22	9	344	38.22

Also Bowled—N. E. Seppelt, 70, 2m. 26r.; C. E. Dolling, 140, 1m. 3w. 41r.; L. E. Ashby, 70, 27r.; H. O. Rankin, 120, 1m. 2w. 78r.; H. Powell, 20, 16r.; L. B. Jose, 60, 2m. 21r.

1911/12

UNIVERSITY.					
Batting.					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl.	Avg.
D. H. Steele ..	4	—	81	202	50.5
A. G. Moyes ..	6	—	158	275	46.8
H. B. Willmore ..	12	2	87	464	45.4
C. R. Davies ..	9	1	106	296	37
C. E. Pellow ..	4	—	85	144	36
F. N. LeMessurier ..	6	2	57*	121	32.7
A. C. Wilton ..	6	—	54	143	32.6
R. H. Berriman ..	4	2	27*	34	17
W. J. Price ..	7	1	47*	94	14
L. B. Jose ..	9	1	19	78	8.7
J. W. Blackett ..	3	—	27	53	7.5
L. E. Ashby ..	8	2	35	45	7.6
K. B. Goode ..	4	—	12	19	5
B. T. Taylor ..	6	—	8	19	2.1

Also batted—L. G. Caust, 9; H. J. Penny, 8, 1, 1; L. W. Davies, 8; H. C. Nott, 1, 1; E. P.

Bowling.					
	O.	M.	W.	R.	Avg.
J. B. Jose ..	48.4	4	16	240	15
B. T. Taylor ..	75	12	17	275	16.1
K. N. Steele ..	129.5	16	21	496	23.6
A. G. Moyes ..	68	8	11	267	24.2
H. B. Willmore ..	100	6	18	447	24.8
C. R. Davies ..	93	13	10	323	32.3
A. C. Wilton ..	76	10	8	235	36.8

Also bowled—H. J. Penny, 20, 7r.; F. N. Le Messurier, 60, 1m. 1w. 15r.; L. E. Ashby, 200, 1m. 2w. 84r.; E. P. Howard, 20, 1w. 12r.; R. Pavia, 70, 3m. 1w. 14r.; C. E. Pellow, 190, 5m. 1w. 54r.

1912/13

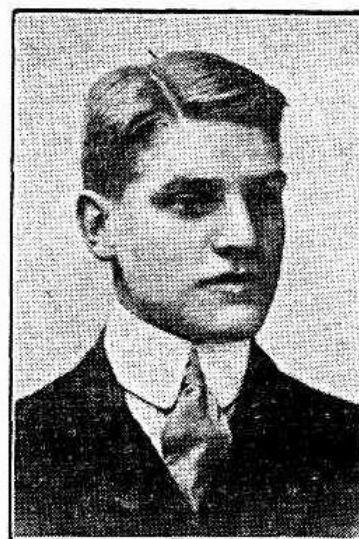


Over his 5 seasons he played 50 innings, 5 not outs, highest score 124 no for an average of 26.33. He also took 30 wickets at an average of 22.5 runs per wicket.

In December 1910, Alec was the player manager of the Adelaide University's first Intervarsity cricket team which played Sydney University in Sydney. He scored 50 runs and took 5 wickets for 51 runs in Sydney's first innings.



According to the Sydney cricket writers who saw A. C. Wilton's play against the Sydney University he did good work, both with bat and ball. In the first innings of the Adelaide University, Drew (92) and Wilton (50), made a sound stand. I see, by the way, it was Massie who bowled Wilton. I wonder if he is a son of that brilliant Australian Eleven man, H. H. Massie. What a dashing batsman he was. The cut was a great stroke of Massie's. Blessed with supple wrists, he made a speciality of that stroke, and I remember Giffen once telling me that no batsman of his day could equal the force he put into it. Going on the telegraphed report, Wilton was not put on to bowl against the Sydney 'Varsity men in their first innings until some of the other bowlers had been well tried. With the aid of Davies, Wilton got rid of the century-maker, Tozer, a well-known name in Australian history. And Wilton retaliated on young Massie by bowling him for 3. Seeing that the Sydney men put up 295, Wilton's figures, five for 51, must be counted a fine piece of work. Dolling batted well, and I was glad to see that Jones made 31 not out in the first.



**A. C. WILTON,**

A member of the University of Adelaide Eleven, who in the recent match against the Sydney University took five wickets for 51 runs and scored 50 in the first innings.



INTER-VARSITY MATCH.  
SYDNEY DEFEATS ADELAIDE.

SYDNEY, December 27.  
Teams representative of the Adelaide and Sydney Universities respectively commenced a match on Saturday. The home team was not strong in its composition, but it defeated the visitors by 6 wickets. Scores:—

ADELAIDE.	
First Innings.	
Drew, c. Tozer, b. McIntosh .....	92
Wilton, b. Massie .....	50
Campbell, c. Tozer, b. Stack .....	18
Le Messurier, l.b.w., b. Stack .....	13
Dolling, c. Lamrock, b. Massie .....	56
Davies, b. Massie .....	1
Rankin, c. and b. French .....	9
Osborne, l.b.w., b. French .....	0
Penny, b. Stack .....	17
Seppelt, c. Massie, b. Stack .....	0
Jones, not out .....	31
Sundries .....	30
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>317</b>
Bowling.—Stack, 4 for 72; Massie, 3 for 82; French, 2 for 37; McIntosh, 1 for 26.	
Second Innings.	
Davies, c. Stack, b. Massie .....	0
Campbell, c. Utz, b. Lamrock .....	9
Osborne, b. Massie .....	4
Dolling, c. French, b. Massie .....	30
Drew, c. and b. Massie .....	23
Wilton, c. Massie, b. French .....	7
Le Messurier, b. Massie .....	0
Jones, b. Lamrock .....	36
Rankin, b. McIntosh .....	12
Penny, c. James, b. Macintosh .....	0
Seppelt, not out .....	0
Sundries .....	8
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>129</b>
Bowling.—Massie, 5 for 46; Stack, 0 for 25; Lamrock, 2 for 22; French, 1 for 18; Broughton, 0 for 9; Macintosh, 2 for 1.	

SYDNEY.	
First Innings.	
Tozer, c. Davies, b. Wilton .....	110
Fisher, c. Campbell, b. Seppelt ..	19
Lamrock, b. Osborne .....	5
McIntosh, c. Jones, b. Osborne ..	8
Broughton, b. Wilton .....	28
Stack, b. Jones .....	73
James, b. Wilton .....	4
Inglis, b. Wilton .....	2
Massie, b. Wilton .....	3
Utz, not out .....	31
French, c. Drew, b. Jones .....	0
Sundries .....	14
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>295</b>
Bowling.—Wilton, 5 for 51; Jones, 2 for 97; Seppelt, 1 for 54; Osborne, 2 for 58; Penny, 0 for 21.	
Second Innings.	
Tozer, c. Campbell, b. Osborne .....	42
Fisher, c. and b. Seppelt .....	32
Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne ..	3
Macintosh, c. Le Messurier, b. Jones	23
Broughton, not out .....	23
Stack, not out .....	20
Sundries .....	13
<b>Total for four wickets .....</b>	<b>156</b>
Bowling.—Osborne, 2 for 24; Seppelt, 1 for 30; Jones, 1 for 50; Le Messurier, 0 for 2; Wilton, 0 for 42; Davies, 0 for 5.	
Sydney won by 6 wickets.	

In 1911, Alec was awarded a Blue for cricket. In October 1912, Alec was appointed A Grade captain of the Adelaide University side for the 1912/13 season. However, due to his move to the country for career reasons, he only played six innings for University in that season.

While at University, Alec also competed in an Old Collegiate cricket match against St Peter's College in January 1910 and for the South Australian Colts in a practice match against the senior South Australian side in October 1912.

### Football

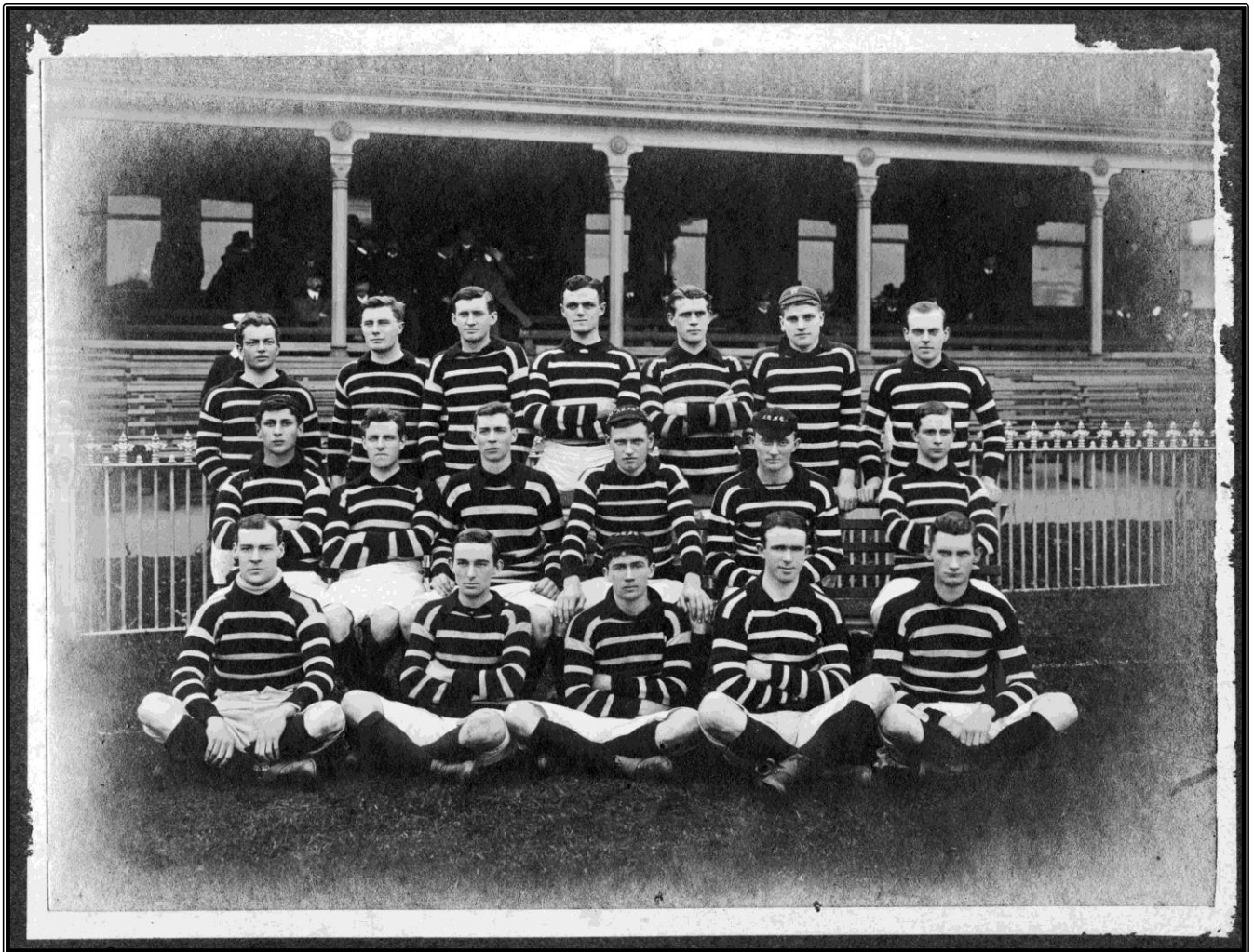
A talented footballer, Alec played football for South Adelaide in the South Australian Football League from 1907 to 1910.

He played his first game for Adelaide University in a match against Geelong College which was played on Adelaide Oval in July 1907. He represented Adelaide University at five intervarsity football matches from 1907 to 1912 (there was no IV football in 1909) and was awarded a Blue for Football in 1911, making him a Double Blue.

When the Amateur League was formed in 1911, Alec left South Adelaide and joined the Adelaide University team. He played A Grade football for University in the 1911 and 1912 seasons and was a member of the first Amateur League premiership side. He also played in a match between University and his old college (PAC) in June 1911.

He may have played in the 1912 match against St Peter's College however as no initials were recorded in the newspaper article, the Wilton who played may have been his brother (Dick).

1907 – Adelaide University Intervarsity Football Team



*A.C. Wilton – Back Row –Second from Right*

*Back: W A V Drew, L H Haslam, E L Baylis, G A Harvey, G L Catchlove, A C Wilton, D R Cowan.*

*Middle: J Jona, W B Angwin, M H Moyes, T H Donnelly(capt), C E Dolling, C F Drew.*

*Front: S D Ronald, E M Holder, E B Jones, H W D Stoddart, S W Jeffries.*

## INTER-UNIVERSITY FOOT- BALL.

The following team will represent the Adelaide University Football Club against Melbourne University on Wednesday, August 21, on the Melbourne Cricket Ground:—W. B. Angwin, E. L. Bayles, S. G. Leyland-Catchlove, D. R. Cowan, C. E. Dolling, T. H. Donnelly (captain), W. A. V. Drew, C. F. Drew, L. H. Haslam, E. M. Holder, G. A. Harvey, J. Jona, E. B. Jones, S. W. Jeffries, M. H. Moyes, S. D. Ronald, H. W. D. Stoddart, and A. C. Wilton. Emergency—R. J. Rudall, W. G. Reid.

Mr. R. J. Rudall will act as manager.



## 1908 – Adelaide University Intersarsity Football Team



### *A.C. Wilton – Second Row – Second from Right*

*Back row: G. Earle (boundary umpire), B. Hand (Hon. Sec.), H.V. Lampe, W.J. Ford (boundary umpire).*

*3rd row: H. Humphries, R.H. Begg, S.W. Jeffries, H.S. Annells, V. Cresdee, W.W. Cooper, W.B. Angwin.*

*2nd row: J. Jona, C.F. Drew, D.R.W. Cowan, H.W.D. Stoddart (Captain), W.A.V. Drew, A.C. Wilton, E. Holder.*

*Front row: J.W. Blackett, R.A. Goode, H.R. Reynolds (Central umpire), L.H. Haslam, O.J. Murphy*

## 1910 INTER-VARSITY TEAM



BACK ROW: Boundary Umpire, H.B. Willmore, S.W. Matters, S.W. Jeffries, J.W. Blackett, L.A. Hayward, A.C. Wilton, L.H. Haslam, Boundary Umpire.  
MIDDLE ROW: L.W. Davies, O.J. Murphy, E.B. Jones (Vice-Captain), H.W.D. Stoddart (Captain), J.W. Londrigan, C.F. Drew, W.W. Cooper  
FRONT ROW: K.A. McCarthy, F.S. Smith, W. Plunkett (Central Umpire), F.N. Le Messurier, K.N. Steele.

# UNIVERSITY TEAM PREMIERS 1911



Back Row - C. F. Pitcher, F. Schmidt, J. Symon, R. Badger, E. L. Baylis, A. E. Kain, L. G. Caust, A. C. Wilton, K. N. Steele, H. B. Willsmore, L. J. B. Hurley, S. D. Ronald, and L. A. Hayward  
 Middle Row - J. J. Forrester (trainer), S. W. Jeffries, C. F. Drew, H. W. D. Stoddard, T. N. Le Messurier, E. B. Jones, and T. Margitich (Trainer)  
 Front Row - C. G. H. McDonald, A. Williams, F. Seymour-Smith, B. Coleman (Umpire), W. J. E. Phillips, T. Williams, and W. W. Cooper

## ***A.C. Wilton – Back Row – Sixth from Right***

In July 1912, Alec played for PAC in an Old Collegiate match against St Peter's College.

He had an excellent season in 1912 and was considered to be one of the best goalkickers in the state. University won the premiership in 1912, however they were without A.C. Wilton their champion goalkicker and E.B. Jones, their brilliant centre man.

### **Remarkable Goalkicking.**

Some fine goalshooting can be credited to a number of players in various associations this year, but it is questionable whether any can come up to that of Dr. A. C. Wilton, playing for University, in the Amateur League.

### **Committees**

Alec was not only a player but also contributed off the field as a member of the cricket committee from September 1909/10 - 1912/13 and was elected its delegate to the Sports Association Committee in 1912/13.

### **Pre-World War I Career and Family Life**

Having graduated in December 1911, Alec was appointed a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital from 1 January 1912. In August 1912, he became a Captain in the 31<sup>st</sup> Army Medical Corps and from January 1913 he was a Captain in the 19<sup>th</sup> AMC. Alex acted as locum tenens for Dr. Hayward at Loxton, SA in September 1912 (thus missing the 1912 AUFC premiership match).

By February 1913, Alec had left the city and gone to establish a practice at Tumby Bay on Eyre Peninsula, SA.

Dr. A. C. Wilton, a double Blue of the Adelaide 'Varsity (of the cricket club of which institution he was captain), has gone to establish a practice at Tumby Bay. In his 23rd year, he is a son of Mr. C. R. Wilton, of the "Advertiser," brother to Mr. J. R. Wilton, the clever Wrangler now at Cambridge, and god-son of Dr. Sir J. A. Cockburn, whose surname is the young medico's second Christian name. Dr. Wilton only recently concluded a year's Resident Medical Officership at the Adelaide Hospital.

Alec was at Tumby Bay for six months before selling his practice and moving to Port Pirie in July 1913.

**ANOTHER DOCTOR FOR PIRIE.**  
Dr. A. C. Wilton, who has been at Tumby Bay during the past six months, has disposed of his practice to Dr. Cormack, and leaves for Port Pirie at an early date. During his stay at Tumby Dr. Wilton acquired a good practice, and became very popular with all sections, especially with the young men, with whom he joined heartily in their various sports. As a practitioner, he earned the confidence of the people, and his departure from there is regretted.

Alec appears to have then moved around, probably as a locum as he was in Port Pirie until September. He was then playing cricket for Loxton in late September 1913, before leaving for Hawker in early October. By December 1913, Alec was playing cricket for the Petersburg (Peterborough) Imperials. Then in early February 1914, Alec moved to Booleroo Centre for six months. He played cricket for Booleroo Centre. Finally, in June 1914, Alec acquired a practice at Redhill (52km south east of Port Pirie).

Dr. A. C. Wilton, who has been acting as assistant to Dr. W. Hunn at Booleroo Centre for some months, left for Redhill last week, where he has acquired a practice. Dr. Wilton was prominent in sporting circles at Booleroo Centre.

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1914, Alexander Cockburn Wilton married Shylie Kathleen Mathews, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Llandaff Mathews of Hutt Street, Adelaide.

## World War I

Alec played cricket for Redhill and in one match in January 1915, making 31 of the first 37 runs compiled by his side and took six for 33. Redhill went on to win the premiership with Alec scoring 119 not out.

Dr. A. C. Wilton, formerly captain of the University Club, has had a successful season with the Redhill Club. On Wednesday, in the premiership match against Crystal Brook Early Closers, he made 119 not out, the total score being 168, of which 14 were sundries. He has aggregated 318 runs. His last four innings were 33 not out, 45 not out, 52, and 119 not out. He captured 24 wickets, at an average of 18 runs each.

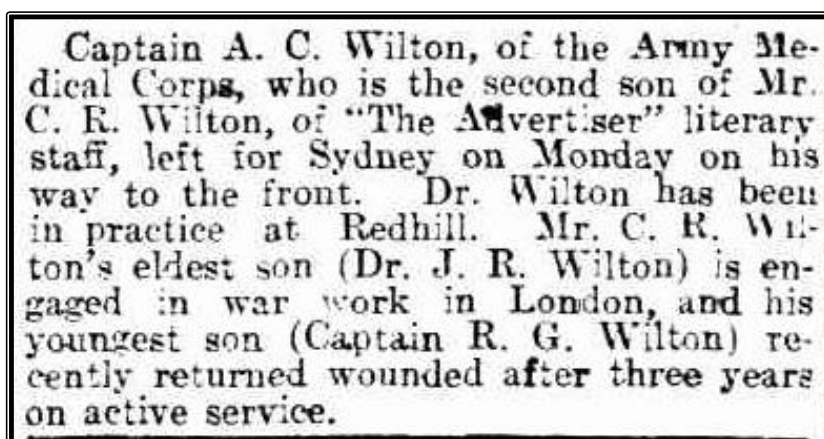
On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1915, Alec and Shylie's first child, a son, Geoffrey Cockburn Wilton was born at Parkwynd Private Hospital.

In July 1915, Alec was appointed an honorary Captain in the Army Medical Corps Reserve. He continued his practice at Redhill.

In December 1917, Alec's brother, Captain R.G. (Dick) Wilton returned from England having served in the AIF for over 2½ years. Dick had served at Gallipoli and in Egypt, France and Belgium. He was wounded at the Battle of Messines, West Flanders, Belgium and lost his right eye and a finger.

Having served six years in the AAMC Reserve, Alec enlisted on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1918. He was 29 years and 10 months old, 5' 10½" and weighed 13 stone 4 lbs.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1918 Alec entrained for Sydney where he boarded the *A34 Persic* on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1918.



Captain A. C. Wilton, of the Army Medical Corps, who is the second son of Mr. C. R. Wilton, of "The Advertiser" literary staff, left for Sydney on Monday on his way to the front. Dr. Wilton has been in practice at Redhill. Mr. C. R. Wilton's eldest son (Dr. J. R. Wilton) is engaged in war work in London, and his youngest son (Captain R. G. Wilton) recently returned wounded after three years on active service.

The 'Persic' went to the UK via New York, USA and Alec and other officers were involved in the selling of Liberty Bonds. They were treated to some amazing experiences by the millionaires of New York. At a fundraising event, one millionaire purchased \$5,000 worth of bonds in return for the rising sun badge from Alec's collar. The Australian officers were filmed with the Australia actress Dorothy Brunton and the Australian singers, Amy, Dolly and Eileen Castles. Alec described the visit in a letter to his mother (see below).

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1918, he arrived in England and was posted to the Parkhouse AAMC Training Depot. He served with the No 3 Command Post, AMC Rfts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian General Hospital, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Field Ambulance, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Divisional Engineers.

Alec served in England, France and Belgium.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1918, at Miss Lawrence's Private Hospital Wakefield Street, Adelaide, Alec and Shylie's second son, John Alexander Wilton, was born. Tragically for the family, John died on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1918, aged just 12 days.

Prior to leaving the UK, Alec was at the AIF Eleven cricket match at Glasgow and was reported to be looking fit.

Alec returned to Australia as a duty doctor, onboard the *HMAT A61 Kanowna*, arriving in Adelaide on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1919, and was discharged on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1919.

Alec's letter to his mother about his experiences in New York in early 1918.



# AUSTRALIANS IN NEW YORK

Helping the Liberty Loan.

Millions of Dollars Raised.

Captain A. C. Wilton, formerly of Redhill, writing to his mother, under date of May 9, says:—We were in New York on April 30 early. On Thursday, May 2, the Liberty Loan committee asked us to help in the disposal of Liberty Bonds, and we made up to them in the number of bonds we were instrumental in selling for a small portion of the hospitality shown us. We were used to stimulate interest in the Liberty Loan. We were just in time for the last three days of the drive, and the loan was over-subscribed £200,000,000. Our fellows marched through the street and either addressed meetings and sold bonds, or were taken up on platforms and boosted as only Americans can boost. By Jove, they are keen on the war—although, of course, they already think that America is doing all the fighting, and they certainly think that they are going to finish it off in about three months after they get across. It would be impossible for me to do justice to the hospitality shown to us. It was wonderful, and we are likely to have very pleasing and vivid memories of New York all our lives. We are the first Australian troops to visit the city, and are the luckiest people that ever were. We are far more Cook's tourists than soldiers. New York is a wonderful place. On Thursday morning we marched up Broadway and were received by the mayor at the City Hall, where we were given the freedom of the city. The men were entertained at lunch by the mayor and the officers of the Liberty Loan committee at lunch at the Harvard Club, of which we were made members. Three of us, Shaw, LeSouef, and I, took a taxi and drove through Chinatown, Bowery, Italian, and foreign quarters. In the afternoon we were entertained at the Hippodrome, which has the largest stage in the world. It was a wonderful variety show, and the various turns most elaborately arranged. At one time there were 1,080 performers on the stage at once. During the interval Miss Annerte Kellerman took the floor and started out by giving us a right royal welcome, after which she proceeded to get rid of Liberty Bonds. One of our men gave his hat to be sold in aid of the loan, and this brought in 7,000 dollars (£1,400.) After the show Miss Kellerman entertained us to dinner at Healey's, one of the most famous cabarets in New York, where there is a variety show or dancing going on all the time. We finished dinner about 10.30, and then stayed on here until 11, after which Miss Kellerman

10.30, and then stayed on here until 11, after which Miss Kellerman took us on to the Midnight Frolics, another cabaret, famous for its beautiful women. In the chorus are 30 Venuses, most wonderfully turned out. I have never seen so many very beautiful women together before. Miss Kellerman was wonderful and seemed so pleased to do all this (which must have cost at least £100) for us Australians. On Friday several officers were taken to Wall-street, where some crowd was gathered in front of the sub-Treasury. Here we were lined up, and one or two of us addressed the crowd, which numbered about 30,000 people. Among the throng were Harry Lauder, Charlie Chaplin, Pierpont Morgan, and other famous people. After this meeting we were entertained at lunch at the Ritz-Carlton by the Under-Treasurer of the United States. In the evening we dined with Reg Narelle, an Australian and son of the famous Marie Narelle, at Maxim's. He is a very good fellow and has in five years made close on a million in New York, starting there in business with £100. He now is president of seven companies and owns the biggest lighterage business in New York harbor. After dinner we went on to a dance at 11 p.m., given by Madame Edna May's husband—Lewisohn, a millionaire. Millionaires and their daughters and wives became quite a commonplace with us. On Saturday morning we met Lieutenant Williams, of the English Navy, who has been mined twice and torpedoed three times, four of us lunched with him and had quite a good time at Maxim's. In the evening we dined at the New York Athletic Club, a magnificent place. After dinner half a dozen of us were lined up on the stage in the club's gymnasium, where an entertainment was going on, and we helped to sell more War Loan Bonds. Amongst the inducements we offered were (a) the razor which Neptune's emissaries used to shave the initiates on Crossing the Line—this was responsible for 35,000 dollars (£7,200); (b) several of the badges off our tunics. The rising sun off my collar brought 5,000 dollars (£1,000). After the show Mr. McAlleenan, captain of the club and another millionaire, asked to meet me. He had bought my badge and gave me in exchange for it the club badge set in diamonds and rubies. It is a beautiful thing. After the dinner we went on to a party given by Mrs. Vanderbilt and met still more millionaires. On Sunday we had our pictures taken for the movies. Some of us officers were taken in a group with Dorothy Brunton and Amy, Dolly, and Eileen Castles, after which we were taken separately. These films will be sent out to Australia and exhibited. I hope you have a chance of seeing them. It will be funny to be featured as a 'movie' star. I was the only South Australian officer taken separately. After this stunt I went along to Mr. McAlleenan's apartment to dinner, after which he took me for a most beautiful and interesting motor drive through Central Park and along the far-famed Riverside drive to Travers' Island, about 25 miles out. This is a small island in Long Island Sound, and is the country headquarters and training ground of the N.Y.A.C. It is a most charming spot and is most elaborately

ing ground of the N.Y.A.C. It is a most charming spot, and is most elaborately fitted up. There are shooting boxes, rowing, tennis, and baseball sheds, and everything the athletic soul could wish for. The clubhouse itself is a mansion wonderfully furnished. Along Riverside drive are all residential quarters, most elaborate buildings, and yet beautiful. No building costing less than 40,000 dollars is allowed to be built along here. Grant's tomb and the Soldiers' Memorial (civil war), and statues of "lions" and generals of that time are placed along here. Grant's tomb is a wonderful piece of work. Along this drive we obtained some wonderful views of the Hudson. The scenery is beautiful. After this I dined at the Harvard Club, and then went to the Hippodrome to a show given in aid of families of Canadian regiments before America came in. The show was given by the Canadian New York Club, and the sale of tickets and programmes brought 20,000 dollars (£4,000). I can tell you Americans do things on some scale when they start out. A company of our men, headed by a Gordon Highlanders' pipers' band, paraded the stage during the show, and were given a great reception. We were treated like tin gods and were in their papers referred to as "Super-Americans," which is some praise. Of course, there was method in their madness, as our advertisement was to help on the loan, but we reckoned that our efforts were instrumental in raising over four million dollars (£500,000), as at every booth in the street our men were talking and selling every day. One man in one day sold over 300,000 dollars' worth of bonds. One of our chaps took off his spurs in the street, and put them up separately, and these brought 30,000 dollars (£6,000 each). In ten minutes at the New York Athletic Club we got 68,000 dollars, and goodness alone knows what we got in Wall-street. On Monday LeSouef, Shaw, McCallum, Baldwin, and I lunched at the Whitehall Club (on the 30th floor) with two fine fellows, Donnelly and Thomas, of the N.Y.A.C. Donnelly is one of the finest speakers I have ever heard, and is supposed to be the best four-minute talker in New York. After dinner—which was some dinner—we were shown over the club. The gymnasium is the most beautifully equipped I have ever seen, containing all sorts of electric contrivances for massage and exercise. Then

we were up two stories to the flat roof, and from there ascended several more feet on to a look-out, and had a wonderful view of New York and the harbor, the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges, and another they call the Passover, leading as it does from one Jewish quarter to another Ghetto on the other island (Long Island—Manhattan Island).

After this our hosts took us along to their office, and made us line up before 350 of their girls—typists, stenographers, &c., who had helped in the Liberty Loan drive. We were very embarrassed, especially when we were called upon to address them. Some of them were charming, too. In the evening three of us dined at Maxims and had another look round some of the cabarets we had not already visited, after

and then another look round some of the cabarets we had not already visited, after which we returned to the Harvard Club, and found Frank Hall, an Australian, settled in New York, but shortly to leave for Australia. I met one man who, on hearing I came from South Australia, showed great interest and started in and boosted up Crawford Vaughan, and he wants me to let the people in Australia know of the great work he has done in America, and of the great success his efforts have met with.

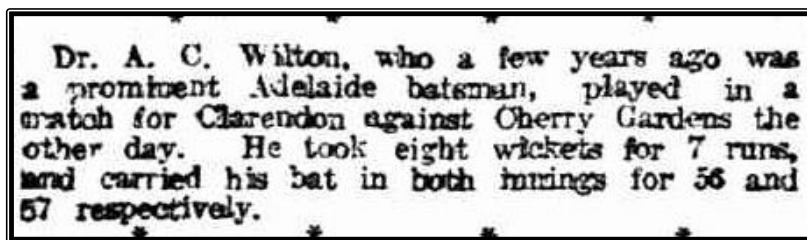


## Post WWI Career and Family Life

In February 1920, Alec was living in Hutt Street, Adelaide and he registered a 23.8 Dodge motor vehicle. He then practiced in the Gawler district until November 1920. Alec purchased a practice at Clarendon and Blackwood in partnership with Dr Fletcher In January 1921.

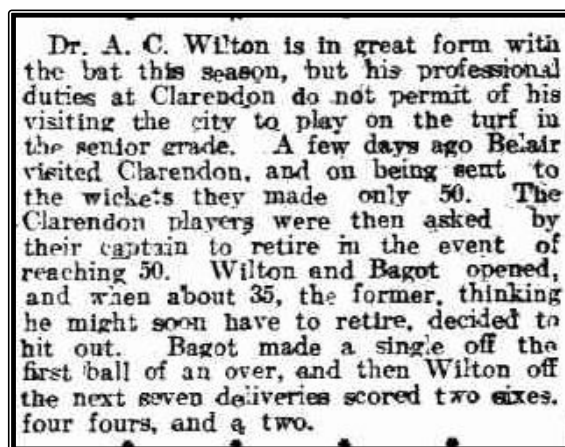
Tragedy again struck the Wilton family on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1921 when their third son was stillborn at Miss Laurence's Hospital.

In August 1921, Alec was elected president of the Clarendon Cricket Club. In a match for Clarendon versus Cherry Gardens in October 1921, Alec took eight for 7 runs and carried his bat in both innings scoring 56 and 57 respectively and in March 1922, it was reported that he had made over 1,100 runs for the season including a century against Kangarilla.



Dr. A. C. Wilton, who a few years ago was a prominent Adelaide batsman, played in a match for Clarendon against Cherry Gardens the other day. He took eight wickets for 7 runs, and carried his bat in both innings for 56 and 57 respectively.

Alec competed in a Graduates versus Undergraduates match at University Oval on in March 1922. In the 1922/23 season, Alec was again in great form with the bat for Clarendon scoring 30 off seven balls in one over against Belair (two sixes, four fours and a two).



Dr. A. C. Wilton is in great form with the bat this season, but his professional duties at Clarendon do not permit of his visiting the city to play on the turf in the senior grade. A few days ago Belair visited Clarendon, and on being sent to the wickets they made only 50. The Clarendon players were then asked by their captain to retire in the event of reaching 50. Wilton and Bagot opened, and when about 35, the former, thinking he might soon have to retire, decided to hit out. Bagot made a single off the first ball of an over, and then Wilton off the next seven deliveries scored two sixes, four fours, and a two.

During the Country Carnival in April 1923, Alec scored 107 retired (in a score of 252 for 3 wickets of 26 overs) in a match against Yorketown Ramblers. The newspaper article commented that Alec 'could well be in first class cricket'.

On the medical front, Alec became a life member of the Royal British Nursing Association in May 1923. In July 1923, Alec's former partner, Dr Fletcher, moved to Maitland and in August 1923, the cottage hospital opened at Clarendon.

At the commencement of the 1923/24 cricket season Alec was hopeful that he could make professional arrangements so he could return to district cricket for Adelaide, however he was unable to make the arrangements and continued to play for Clarendon and had a batting average of 56 for the season.

In 1924, Alec enjoyed holidays to Kangaroo Island, Victor Harbor and Sydney. In January 1926, Alec purchased an Oakland car and by April 1926 he had travelled over 2,000 miles in the vehicle without mechanical trouble.



#### PLEASED WITH HIS OAKLAND

Writing to H. C. Richards Limited, Dr. A. C. Wilton, of Clarendon, who took delivery of an Oakland car in January, says that he has done just on 3,000 miles without mechanical trouble. The car, he adds, has proved satisfactory in every way, and petrol consumption has been most pleasing. Despite the bad state of the roads in his district, Dr. Wilton says that the bumps are hardly noticeable.

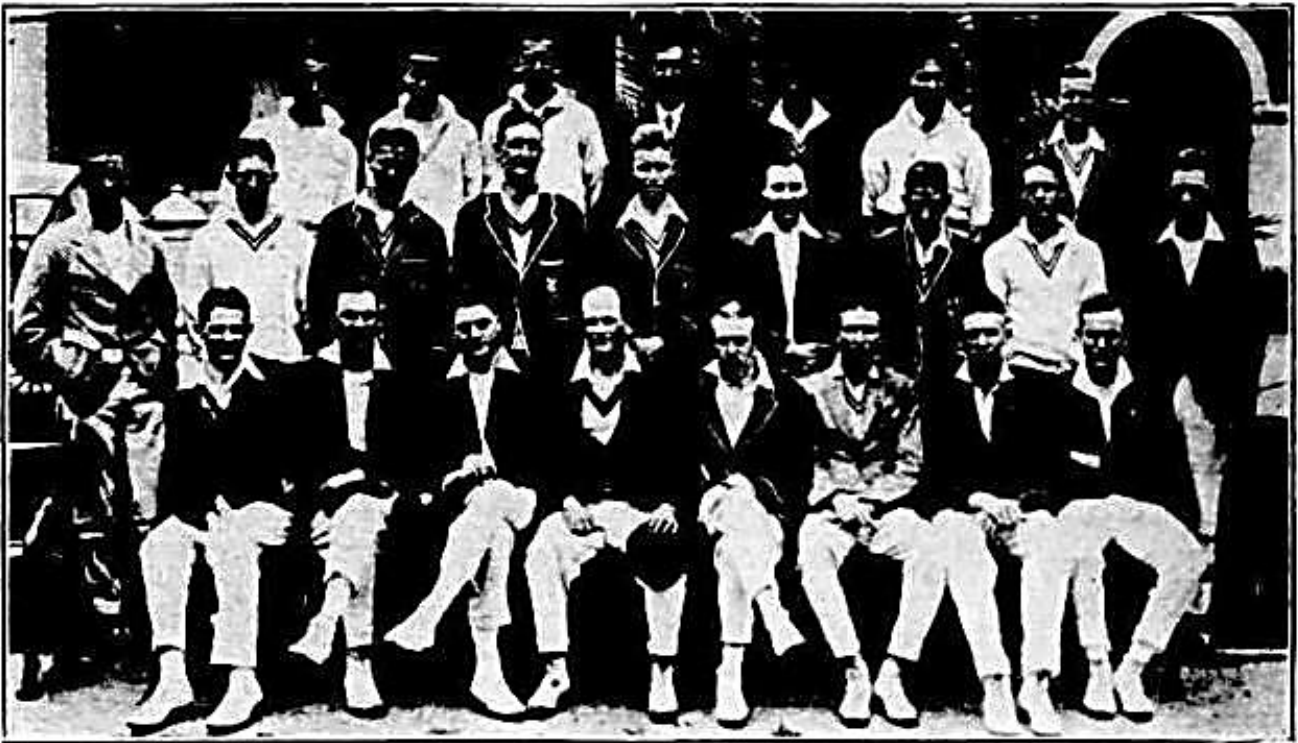
Alec continued to play cricket for Clarendon and in a match in October 1926, he made 167 runs in a match against Blackwood in the Mid-Southern Association, hitting 34 off one eight ball over near the completion of his innings.

A. C. Wilton made 167 for Clarendon against Blackwood in the Mid-Southern Association on Saturday. Immediately before the completion of his innings he hit 34 off one over. At one time he was captain of the University club.

Alec's father, Charles, passed away in March 1927, leaving a widow, three sons and a daughter. Alec's elder brother Raymond was at this stage the Elder Professor of Mathematics at Adelaide University and his younger brother, Dick, a District Resident Engineer. Then in June 1927, after a long illness, Alec's mother Annie Isabel Wilton passed away.

In December 1927 and February 1929, Alec played in an old and present boys cricket match at PAC.

## OLD AND PRESENT BOYS AT CRICKET.



On the Prince Alfred College Oval yesterday, a cricket match was played between a team representing the Old Collegians' Association and the present College Eleven. Our photograph shows a combined group of the players. Top Row—H. D. Stapley, J. N. Brandwood, R. E. Hony, Mr. W. I. Davies, M. J. Trengrove, J. W. Richardson, F. Connell. Second Row—R. Krantz, A. O. Radford, L. H. Paterson, W. W. Evans, A. J. Clarkson, A. S. Lewis, J. R. Marshall, C. R. Felestead, K. Burford. Front Row—L. K. Wilson, I. Clarkson, Dr. Wilton, C. S. Catt, L. S. Walsh, A. S. Hillen, J. P. Junkett, E. V. Lawton.

1927 - A.C. Wilton – Front Row – Third from Left



### MEMBERS OF PRINCE ALFRED OLD COLLEGIANS' CRICKET TEAM

The annual cricket match with St. Peter's old scholars was played on Adelaide Oval today. Back Row (left to right) —J. W. Richardson, J. R. Marshall, W. W. Evans, R. Krantz, M. W. Evans, E. A. Schultz. Front Row—H. N. Shepley, G. W. Harris, Mr. J. M. Bath (president Prince Alfred College Old Collegians' Association), A. C. Wilton, L. H. Paterson.

***1929 – A.C. Wilton – Front Row – Second from Right***

In late December 1929, Alec scored 102 runs and took 4/44 for Clarendon in a match against Black Forrest. He then became seriously ill, as a newspaper snippet dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1930, stated that he had 'for some time been an inmate of the local hospital' and has shown a slight improvement although his condition was still serious. Alec recovered from the illness and by December 1930, he was again a member of the Old Reds team for the cricket match against the present boys.

In August 1936, Alec's car was stolen from near the City Baths and was later found abandoned in Gawler Place with the surgical instruments which had been left in the car still intact.

By 1937, Alec and Shylie's son, Geoff, was 22 years of age. In a football match between Echunga and Clarendon in June 1937, Geoff collided with an opposition player and had to leave the ground with a badly gashed forehead. His opposite number lost his two front teeth in the clash. When Geoff was later examined by his father, the two teeth were found in the wound on Geoff's forehead.

Alec continued to practice at Clarendon throughout World War II. Geoff Wilton served in the Citizens Military Forces from 17<sup>th</sup> September 1941 to 10<sup>th</sup> August 1944 and in the AIF from 11<sup>th</sup> August 1944 to 30 January 1946.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1941, Geoff married Kathleen Mary Croser, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Croser of Lameroo, SA, but the marriage ended in divorce in June 1948.

Sadly, for Alec, his elder brother, Raymond, passed away in April 1944 and his younger brother, Dick, passed away in June 1946.

In April 1949, Geoff Wilton married Mrs Kathleen Raye, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. O'Gorman of Ravenswood. The couple had a son born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1949. Geoff and Kathleen divorced in 1953.

## Death

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1954, Dr Alexander Cockburn Wilton passed away suddenly at his home at Clarendon, aged 65. He was buried privately on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1954 at the West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide.

### Doctor was ex-South player

Dr. Alexander Cockburn Wilton, who died suddenly at his Clarendon home last night, was a former South Adelaide league footballer. He was 65.

Dr. Wilton captained Prince Alfred College before playing several seasons with South between 1900-10 as a ruckman-utility type. He gave up football for medicine.

Dr. Wilton leaves a wife and one son.

### Death Of Dr. A. C. Wilton

Dr A. C. Wilton, who died suddenly at his home at Clarendon on Sunday night, played league football and district cricket for several seasons before World War I.

He played football for South Adelaide and later for the University and captained the University cricket team. He headed the district bowling averages in one year.

After serving in France and Belgium as a member of a field ambulance unit, Dr. Wilton returned to Australia and practised at Red Hill before moving to Clarendon.

Dr. Wilton, who was 65, leaves a widow and one son.



Alec and Shylie's son, Geoff passed away on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1967, he was cremated at Centennial Park, Adelaide.

Alec's widow, Shylie Kathleen Wilton passed away on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1983. Her last abode had been at King's Park. Shylie's ashes were interred at Centennial Park. A plaque commemorating Alexander Cockburn Wilton is also located at Centennial Park.

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