



Pte. Oswald Leopold Ziegler



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: B Grade (1920), A Grade (1921-22)

(Intervarsity 1922)

and

Cricket Club: A & B Grade (1921/22)

Student: Dentistry

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 Oswald Leopold Ziegler. 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.)

Biography

Early Life

Oswald Leopold (also known as Os) Ziegler was born on the 21st of November 1899 at Prahran, Victoria, the son of Otto Ziegler and Elizabeth Gertrude Conrad.

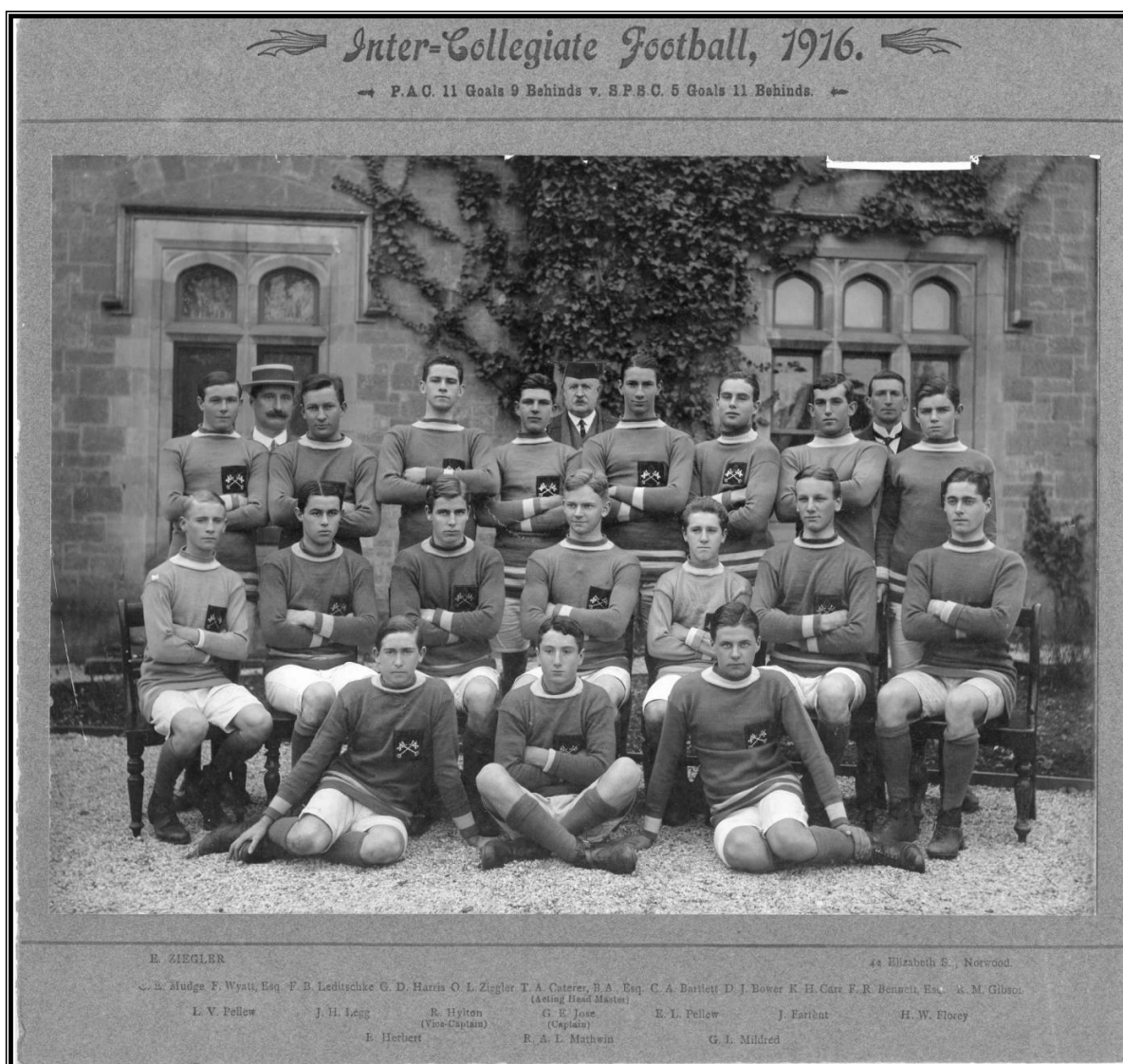
His father, Otto, had been born on the 1st of April 1871 and baptised at St Paul's, Adelaide, on the 18th of June 1871. He married Elizabeth Gertrude Conrad (born 1871, SA). Otto was a well known advertising contractor in Adelaide and was later described as a publisher and journalist. Otto's father, Oskar, was a leader in the German community and an early Adelaide identity in the performing arts.

Oswald's siblings were Alan Andre (born 21st of February 1903, at Beckenham Lodge, Gilles Street, Adelaide), Norman Eustace (born 25th of July 1904, at Beckenham Lodge), Valda (born 1906, SA) and Geoffrey (born 1910, Woollahra, New South Wales).

Schooling

It is unclear where Oswald commenced his schooling; however by 1914 he was attending St Peter's College, Adelaide. He was awarded the "Ra form" prize for French in December 1914 and the "Va Form" prize for French in December 1915. Oswald passed his Junior Examinations in December 1915.

Oswald played Intercollegiate Football for St Peter's against Prince Alfred College in July 1916.



O.L. Ziegler – Back Row - Fifth from Left

In December 1916, Oswald won the Form VI Modern prize for Bookkeeping. The Ziegler family holidayed at Victor Harbor in January 1917.

Oswald competed in the St Peter's Sports in April 1917, coming third in 'Putting the Weight'. Later in April 1917, he represented St Peter's College at Intercollegiate football against PAC. In November 1917, Oswald played cricket for St Peters in the Adelaide Students Association competition. He passed his Senior Examinations in December 1917 and Special Senior Examinations in March 1918 (coached privately by G.G. Newman).

World War I

Oswald enlisted for WWI while still a student, aged 18 years. His WWI record has not been digitised, but it is likely that Oswald was still in camp at the cessation of hostilities on the 11th of November 1919. He did not see service overseas.

University

Oswald appears to have studied Dental Surgery at Adelaide University from 1920-1922. He completed first year Dentistry by gaining a pass in Inorganic Chemistry and Physics in the Supplementary Examinations in March 1922. Oswald did not complete his Dental Surgery degree.

University Sport

Football

Oswald commenced playing football for Adelaide University in the B Grade in 1920 and was a member of the premiership winning team that year in the Adelaide Students' Association. In 1921 he was promoted to the A Grade. In 1922, Oswald played in the A Grade and was a member of the 1922 Intervarsity football team. While at University he also competed in Old Collegiate football matches in 1920, 1921 and 1922.

1920 - Adelaide University Football Club – B Grade



O.L Ziegler – Back Row – Third from Left

1921 A TEAM



Back Row: _____, J. Ashton, D.K. McKenzie, W. Hutton (Coach), C.K. Haskard, O.L. Ziegler, F.H. Fischer
Middle Row: W.M.C. Symonds, I.C. Barton, T.W. Tassie (Vice Captain), H.G. Prest (Captain), R.O. Fox, G.M. Hone, A.L. Davie
Front Row: T.A. Farrent, C.E. Willing, A.S. de B. Cocks, D.J.R. Sumner, E.J. Swann

O.L. Ziegler – Back Row – Second from Right

1922 INTER-VARSITY WINNERS



BACK ROW: J.E. Ashton, O.L. Ziegler, F.H. Fischer, W. Hutton (Coach), C.K. Hoskard, A.S. de B. Cocks, H.L. Davie.
 MIDDLE ROW: W.M.C. Symonds, R.O. Fox, T.D. Finney (Vice-Captain), H.G. Prest (Captain), G.M. Hone, D.J.R. Sumner, E.H. Johncock
 FRONT ROW: G.A. Cain, S.J. Scoble, D. le R. Boucaut, J.F. Koerner, N.S. Gunning.

O.L. Ziegler – Back Row – Second from Left

Cricket

Oswald played cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club in the 1921/22 season. He played a few games in both the A Grade and B grade teams. For the A Grade he played only one match and scored 15 runs and had bowling figures of 0 for 21.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 16 January 1922, page 4

STURT V. UNIVERSITY.

The match at the Unley Oval, which could not be started at the previous weekend on account of the rain-soaked pitch, was proceeded with on Saturday afternoon in delightful weather. Pellew skippered the Varsity eleven in the absence of Jones, and on winning the toss had no hesitation in taking first use of the excellent wicket. He took Willing in with him to open up, the opposing trundlers being Townsend and Whiting. Only 21 runs had been scored when Willing was caught behind the wickets by Smith. Gun quickly succumbed to Townsend, and Barker had only just reached double figures when he also fell a victim to the interstate all-rounder. Finney joined Pellew, and the best partnership of the innings ensued. Pellew's cute and off drives were in evidence, and he reached 51 before he was run out. He had been in occupation for 85 minutes, and had hit three fours. Finney in the meantime had been displaying good form, and he went on until, with 57 runs to his credit, he was clean bowled by Townsend. Eight boundaries were included in his effort. Hedtail, who batted so well in the recent intercollegiate contest, was watched with interest. He opened confidently, and soon displayed a penchant for driving, which gained for him many runs. He had accumulated 51 when he returned a delivery from Braybrook to the bowler, and had to retire. Twenty-eight of his runs came from boundary strokes, and he had been at the wickets for 40 minutes. Smith contributed 23 by solid cricket, and Zeigler (15) and Ohlstrom (14 not out) assisted to carry the total to 245. Braybrook sent down some good deliveries, and captured the wickets of half the opposing side. Townsend (3 for 51) and Whiting were the other successful trundlers. There was just a little over an hour left for play when Sturt began their innings, and consequently there was no possibility of scoring a victory. Richardson and Townsend went cheaply, but Beatty and Willamore put on 56 runs before the latter was caught in the outfield by Barker for a well-made 32 (six fours). Walters assisted Beatty to play out time, when the tally was 135 for the loss of three wickets. Beatty, although he made some risky shots, displayed good cricket, and he found the boundary on six occasions. Walters also performed creditably in compiling an unfinished 30. Astley accounted for the three Sturt batsmen who were dismissed.

STURT V. UNIVERSITY.

—First Innings.—

L. V. Pellew, run out	51
C. E. Willing, c. Smith, b. Whiting	9
L. T. Gun, b. Townsend	3
A. B. Barker, c. and b. Townsend	10

T. D. Finney, b. Townsend	57
R. H. Hedtail, c. and b. Braybrook	51
R. T. Smith, c. and b. Braybrook	23
J. F. Astley, l.b.w., b. Braybrook	7
R. V. Fridmore, c. and b. Braybrook	0
P. A. Ohlstrom, not out	14
O. L. Zeigler, b. Braybrook	15
Bye 2, leg-byes 3	6

Total 245

—Bowling.—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. J. B. Townsend	10	5	51	3
C. Whiting	8	—	30	1
C. Braybrook	10.4	—	24	4
G. B. Beatty	5	—	70	—
H. B. Willamore	4	—	72	—
J. K. Bruce	7	—	14	—

—How the Wickets Fell.—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sturt	22	35	55	125	154	187	220	235	245	245

STURT.

—First Innings.—

V. Y. Richardson, l.b.w., b. Astley	6
R. J. B. Townsend, c. Zeigler, b. Astley	7
O. B. Beatty, not out	40
H. B. Willamore, c. Barker, b. Astley	32
F. O. Walters, not out	30
Bye 11, leg-byes 4	15

Total for 5 wickets 135

—Bowling.—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
L. T. Gun	5	—	16	—
J. F. Astley	6	—	37	3
O. L. Zeigler	5	—	71	—
R. V. Fridmore	5	—	71	—
T. D. Finney	1	—	7	—

—How the Wickets Fell.—

	1	2	3
Sturt	4	25	81

Although he was named in the AUCC B Grade team for the first game in the 1922/23 season, it appears he did not play. It was then reported that from late 1922 that he was playing for the "Federals" a Commonwealth Public Service team.

Athletics

Oswald competed in the 1922 South Australian Amateur Athletics Association championships. He was an entrant in the 880 yards flat and came third in the 120 yards hurdles.

Performing Arts

While at University, Oswald was a member of the Entertainers' Costume Comedy Company and he was stage manager for their concert at Queen's Hall in July 1921. He was also on the organising committee of the annual Varsity concert (1920-22) and was co producer of the event in 1922 with Mr Rob Fox.

Oswald was the grandson of the early South Australian colonist Oskar Ziegler, who was heavily involved in theatre in the early days of Adelaide so in all probability had influenced young Oswald's interest in that area.

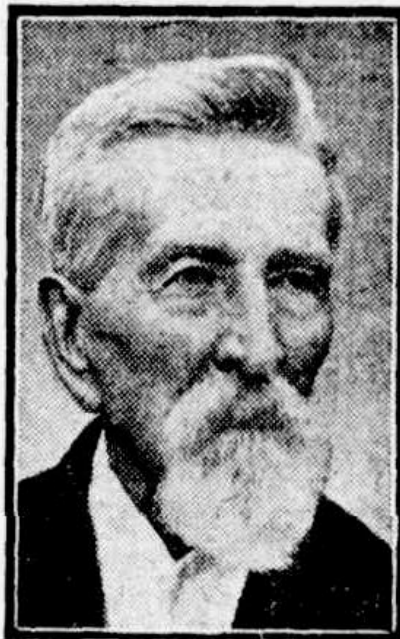
THOSE VARSITY STUDENTS.

With a good many Varsity shows to their credit there is not the slightest doubt that on Thursday night the Students eclipsed their previous efforts. Messrs. O. Ziegler and R. Fox producers, are to be warmly congratulated. They had the valuable assistance of Mr. Herbert Walsh as stage manager. He is a natural genius at the work. Miss Louise Larsson who trained the ballet and soloists in dancing, and Miss Caroline Godfree, who presided at the piano. Mr. George Pearce led the orchestra. The programme which has been already reported at length, was so good it would be difficult to mention any eye opener as being "best" unless it was the statues at ballet work, that was absolutely capital. The pyjama ballet was charming too, and the scene in the New York cabaret, The Bowery, where an apache dance by Rob Fox, Count Hosking and Sue Hewitt was a great success. The pantomime scene with the two dames and their families was another success. The straight numbers by Miss Elsie Woolley, Miss Ruby Blewett, and Messrs. Reg. Thrush and Dick Watson made a good impression. Mr. Watson was heard to great advantage in "The Cobbler's Song," and had to respond to an imperative encore.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)

Sat 26 Aug 1916 / Page 16 / OBITUARY.

Mr. Oskar Ziegler, of Norwood, who died on August 20 at the age of 84, was a colonist of 67 years. He arrived in South Australia on August 13, 1850, in the sailing ship Leontone, after a voyage of 93 days. He had previously served his apprenticeship in one of the King of Saxony's gardens at Dresden, and upon arrival in Australia he proceeded to the Victorian gold diggings. Having been successful, he opened a farm and dairy produce shop in Rundle-street. He was one of the 11 founders of the German Club in 1854, and was the last to survive. On three occasions he was elected president,



The late Mr. Oskar Ziegler.

and he was made a life member. In 1855 Mr. Ziegler was one of the founders of the Adelaide Liedertafel, and in connection with that body he produced his original three-act vaudeville scene on the last night of the existence of the old Theatre Royal. It resulted in over £90 being raised. With this money a piano was purchased, and it is still used by the Liedertafel. He was a skilled horticulturist, and had acted as judge at various shows. His wife died in 1893, and since then he had led a retired life. He left three sons and four daughters, and 22 grandchildren.

Career and Family Life

Oswald became engaged to Annie Doreen (Doreen) Skinner, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Skinner of Kadina in January 1923. The couple may have met through Oswald's theatrical interests as Doreen was a well known singer and performer in Adelaide.

SKINNER—ZIEGLER.
The engagement is announced of Doreen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Skinner, of Kadina, to Oswald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Ziegler, of Rose Park.

In January 1923, Oswald preformed at a concert at The Cheer Up Hut for the visiting French sailors from the 'Victor Hugo'.

CHEER-UP HUT.
Throughout last week a sumptuous tea was served every evening to the French sailors, with a fully rally on every occasion, followed by a concert and dancing on the spacious verandah. The Cheer-Up Hut was certainly the centre of gaiety. On Thursday evening the concert was arranged by the hon. secretary of the Alliance Francaise (Miss Muriel King), with Mr. Laybourne Smith as chairman. Miss Constance Taylor gave two dances, one in ballet costume, the other as a pierrot, in mauve. Miss King sang the "Marseillaise" in tricolor costume, and later contributed "Mignon" and "Chanson di Florian," both in French, which met with appreciation. Messrs. Fred Winsloe Hall and Gus Kitson delighted the sailors with their spirited ragtime duets. Messrs. L. Stone, D. Mellish, and Oswald Ziegler gave an amusing laughing trio, "By Jingo," Madame Marcel Lawes sang several charming French songs, and Mr. Reg. Thrush contributed a fine vocal number. Signor Angelo Demodena's banjo items were the hit of the evening with the men. Miss Hilda Lewis played later for the dancing on the balcony, which is a pastime dear to the French sailor. Captain Lequerre and some of his officers were there for a short time.

Oswald and Doreen married at St John's Church, Adelaide on Friday 15th August 1924 and a reception followed at the Piccadilly Cafe.

In August 1925, Oswald's brother Norman passed away as a result of a motor cycle accident, aged 21 years. Norman was riding on the motor cycle with Frank Hume when they collided with the rear of a motor lorry on the Main North Road at Salisbury. Frank Hume died at the scene of the accident and Norman was taken to the Adelaide Hospital with injuries to the head and ribs. Norman passed away less than 48 hours after the accident 'robbing the community of another promising young man'. The Norman Ziegler Prize at St Peter's College was named in his memory.

Oswald was the producer for the Tubercular Soldiers' Aid Society Costume Concert Party at the Semaphore Town Hall in September 1926.

Oswald and Doreen's first child, a son, Norman Lawrence Ziegler, was born on the 28th of October 1926.

In 1927, both Oswald and Doreen were members of Mirthmakers Limited, a company which gave concerts and musical comedies and performed radio plays on 5DN.

Mirthmakers Limited will give a concert and musical comedy at the Melba Theatre, Dulwich, on Tuesday evening, July 5, in aid of the Rose Park Women's Liberal Club. Members of the company include Misses Doreen Skinner, Threader Symons, Christine Anderson, Enid Mathews, Messrs. Oswald Zeigler (producer), Philip Peake, Charles Wreford, Lance Morgan, and Daniel Courey. Home-made sweets will be sold by members of the Rose Park Women's Liberal Club. Mrs. W. E. Hardy is convener.

Tragedy again struck the Ziegler family in August 1928 when Oswald's brother, Alan Andre Ziegler, had a motor car accident. Alan was driving the motor car and struck the wall of a quarry located between Sedan and Angaston. He was found unconscious and bleeding by another motorist and conveyed to the Angaston Hospital. He had suffered injuries to his skull, nose, jaw and arm. The accident occurred on Friday 10th of August 1928 and Alan passed away as a result of his injuries on the 15th of August 1928, aged 25 years.

August 1928



MIRTHMAKERS COMPANY READY TO ASSIST CHARITY

These talented artists will give a concert in Victoria Hall, Gawler place, on Wednesday night to help the King of Oil candidate in the Carnival competition.
Top Row (left to right)—Miss Nellie George, Messrs. Charles Wreford, O. Zeigler, Misses Doreen Skinner, and C. Anderson. Middle Row—Mr. Peter Nankervis, Miss V. George, Messrs. Lance Morgan, T. Hunt-Cook, P. Peake. Front Row—Miss Threader Symons, Mr. D. Courey, Miss Enid Mathews.

O.L. Ziegler and Mrs O.L. Ziegler (Doreen Skinner) – Back row – Third and Fourth from Left

It is unclear how Oswald earned his living from 1923 through to 1928, however a clue was that he played cricket for a Commonwealth Public Service side. This team of cricketers visited Kangaroo Island at Easter in 1922 for matches against Kingscote and Wissanger. They also played a match against cricketers from Ambleside (Hahndorf) in December the same year. He also was a member of the same team that visited KI in 1923 and 1924 for matches against Penneshaw and Kingscote.

Sat 8 Apr 1922 / Page 2

EASTER CRICKET.

A good deal of interest is being centered in the forthcoming match between the Commonwealth team of Adelaide, and a local eleven. The former team will be chosen from the following members of the club:—O. H. Hartwig, F. B. Lee, M. G. Mander, A. C. Mansfield, B. K. Morrison, F. P. Mullins, C. F. Leverin, H. Sparks, R. Stanton, L. F. Stone, A. D. Thompson, N. A. Vowles, R. Worcester, and O. L. Ziegler. The local team will be picked from the following: M. B. Chapman, D. Clark, H. Daw, F. E. Kasehagen, A. R. Lentball, C. Pearce, O. Scherer and T. Waller, of the Kingscote Club, and S. Balchin, C. Bell, C. Buck, A. G. Boxer, W. Chapman, W. Toesland, R. Turner and G. Turner, of the Wisanger team. The visitors, who will travel by Good Friday morning's boat, will play a match against the Penneshaw eleven that day and arrive at Kingscote early Saturday morning.

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A team from the Commonwealth Public Service visited Ambleside on Saturday, December 9, and played a match with the Ambleside Club, which resulted as follows:—

—Ambleside.—

J. Cock, c and b Henderson	7
C. Fachrmann, b Henderson	17
W. Stephens, b Henderson	1
H. A. Kingsley, b Kitson	21
H. Wittwer, c and b Karney	9
N. L. Paech, not out	40
F. Woodland, not out	3
Sundries	10

Total (for 5 wks.) 108

Bowling: O. Ziegler, 0 for 6; C. Henderson, 3 for 45; J. Kitson, 1 for 22; B. J. Karney, 1 for 25.

—Public Service.—

C. Henderson, c Cock b Fachrmann	12
O. Ziegler, lbw, b Fachrmann	0
B. Karney, c Cock b Fachrmann	16
V. Yeates, run out	7
J. Kitson, c D. Kingsley b Fachrmann	19
C. Hartig, not out	4
C. Mutton, run out	11
Sundries	2

Total (for 6 wks.) 71

Bowling: C. Fachrmann, 4 for 33; W. Wittwer, 0 for 16; J. Cock, 0 for 14; N. L. Paech, 0 for 1.

Fri 25 Apr 1924 / Page 4

FEDERAL SERVICE CLUB.

Members of the Federal Service visited Kangaroo Island during the Easter holidays. Leaving Glenelg by the steamer Karratta on Thursday night; Hog Bay was reached at daylight Good Friday. Cricket began at 9.30 and ended at 2.30. A motor journey to Kingscote (40 miles) was completed at 5.30. Hospitality was extended by the local teams. The concert party played to an enthusiastic audience at Kingscote on Saturday night. The sea trip was delightful both ways.

The results of the matches were as follows:—Federal, 252.—O. Ziegler 31, J. Reedman 18, B. Kearney 38, H. Lawrence 19, A. Radbone 27, R. Hartwig 15, S. Woods 75. Bowling—Neave 2 for 45 Jackson 2 for 37, Simpson 2 for 9. Penneshaw, 75.—E. Wilson 19, A. Willson 24, W. Hurling 12. Bowling—C. Henderson 2 for 7, Kearney 2 for 21, Woods 2 for 4.

Federals, 119.—C. Henderson 12, S. Woods 15, Ziegler 18, Kruger 24, Radbone 16 n.o. Bowling—Pearce 3 for 23, Daw 2 for 26.

Kingscote 39 and 6 for 106.—S. Balchin 11 and 32 (retired), D. Clark 10 and 17, Pearce 17 n.o. Bowling—Kruger 2 for 7, Henderson 6 for 35, Woods 2 for 2, Ziegler 1 for 12, Hartwig 1 for 7.

By February 1929, he was working as the publicity representative for the Mail Newspaper Ltd, Adelaide printers. The Mail Newspaper Ltd was producing a series of publications on the primary industries of South Australia and Oswald was involved in obtaining information for the publications.

Advertising the South-East.

The "Mail Newspapers, Ltd," Adelaide printers, are producing a series of publications covering the whole of South Australia, and dealing with the primary industries in their various phases. After 18 months' work in the northern portion of the State, they are now confining their attention to the South-East. Mr. Oswald Zeigler is the publicity representative of the firm, and he is obtaining the fullest information regarding district industries. The scheme in hand aims at advertising South Australia in all parts of the world that are capable of dealing with the products of the State. Great in-

In addition to his employment, Oswald was the organiser of Glenelg's Monster Charity Carnival, held on the 11th to the 13th of January 1930. He was also on the organising committee of the Glenelg Optimist Society picnic for school children held in March 1930.

Glenelg's Monster Charity Carnival.

ARABIAN NIGHTS



JAN. 11th. to 13th. 1930.

**In connection with the above Carnival, the FOLLOWING
FUNCTIONS are to be held by SUB-COMMITTEES.**

<p>FRIDAY NOV. 1st. AT GLENELG TOWN HALL. CHILDREN'S BALL, (Plain and Fancy Dress). (Basket Stall Convenors.)</p>	<p>WED. NOV. 23rd. AT MAISON, GLENELG. BALL. Women's Service Stall Convenors.</p>
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FRIDAY NOV. 29th.
GLENELG.
PADDY'S MARKET.
 (Minda Stall Convenors.)
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ORGANISER.

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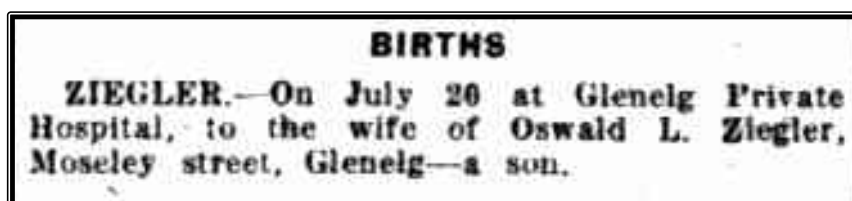
March 1930



EXECUTIVE AND DONORS OF TROPHIES FOR GLENELG OPTIMIST SOCIETY PICNIC—On Saturday the finals of the interschool championships will be run at Colley Reserve, Glenelg. Left to right—Messrs. D. J. Newlands (secretary), O. L. Ziegler (executive), W. Fisk (donor), S. E. Monkhouse (donor).

O.L. Ziegler – Second from Left

Oswald and Doreen were living at Moseley Street Glenelg in 1930. On the 26th of July 1930, their second son, Alan Douglas Ziegler was born at the Glenelg Private Hospital.



Oswald, Doreen and their sons, then moved to Victoria where Oswald became a director of the new company, Commercial Publications Pty. Ltd. According to the Electoral Rolls, Oswald and Doreen were living at 5 Glyndon Ave, Brighton in 1931 and Oswald's occupation was a journalist. On the 7th of November 1931, a photograph taken by Oswald was published in The Argus, depicting Flemington Racecourse. The picture was taken on Cup Day with a circuit camera which exposes a roll of film 41 inches long, on which is recorded the complete scene on the Flemington racecourse just as the horses in the Melbourne Cup were approaching the winning post.

In February 1932, Oswald organised the "Foundling Hospital Appeal".

In November 1933, he was a subscriber to the new company, Alliance Investments Trust Ltd., and in December 1933, he was a signatory to the articles of Centenary Films Ltd.

In March 1934, Doreen visited South Australia to help her parents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Sadly, in July 1935, Doreen's father, Tom, passed away aged 74.

In 1937, Oswald and Doreen moved to New South Wales. According to the 1937 Electoral Rolls, they lived at 8 Boyle Street, Cremorne and Oswald's occupation was publisher. He was working on an elaborate historical review, to be published in 1938, as the official commemorative volume of Australia's 150th Anniversary celebrations.



World War II

Oswald enlisted for WWII at Paddington, NSW on the 2nd July 1940. His Service Number was NX52336. He left Sydney on the 2nd of February 1941 and disembarked at Singapore on the 18th of February 1941. He was promoted to Corporal on the 29th of March 1941.



O.L Ziegler

An article written by Oswald was published in the Singapore "The Sunday Times" and he later edited a battalion magazine "Men may Smoke".

At Singapore

THE members of the A.I.F. make their presence felt wherever they go in many ways. Yesterday I received a copy of the Singapore publication, "The Sunday Times," of March 2. The poster for the issue is "A Digger Shakes the Paw of Singapore," and the main article under that heading is by Sergeant O. L. Ziegler, A.I.F., an Adelaide soldier. People in the wine-growing districts and the pastoral areas of the South-East will remember the fine publications about their industries that he produced a few years ago. It is a fine descriptive article running into five columns of how Singapore impressed the Australians, and evidently the article impressed the editor of the paper.

One extract will give an example of his descriptive power and will also be of interest in showing the atmosphere in which the Australians are moving there.

Sgt. Ziegler edited a battalion magazine, "Men May Smoke," for his unit. The diggers played football, cricket, tennis, a little golf and hockey, and swam where possible. Periodically they were given three days' leave, and organised trips throughout the peninsula.

Due to ill health, Oswald returned from Malaya via Singapore in August 1941. He was then in hospital and on leave and was transferred to the 4th Military District (SA and Broken Hill). In October 1941, Oswald accompanied the Deputy Director of Recruiting of AIF and others on a recruiting tour in the South East of South Australia. He was called up for full time duty in December 1941 and promoted to Staff Sergeant on the 26th of December 1941.

Oswald wrote a number of articles about his experiences in Malaya for the South Australian newspapers, including:

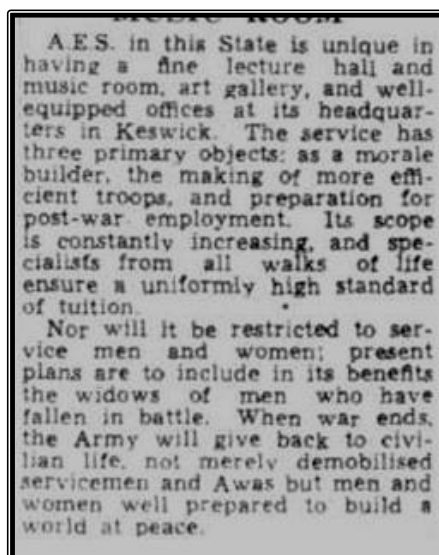
- "New Type Of War Training In Malayan Jungle" *The Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 19 September 1941: 8. Web. 19 Apr 2018 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article44957837>
- "Jungle Men Of Malaya: Primitive" *The Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 27 September 1941: 11. Web. 19 Apr 2018 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article44959120>
- "THE LEAKAGE" *The Mail* (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) 18 October 1941: 4. Web. 19 Apr 2018 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article54891704>
- "Now In the Hands of the Enemy" *The Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 17 January 1942: 11. Web. 19 Apr 2018 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article45747832>

Oswald was appointed a Lieutenant on probation on 16th of February 1942 at the Head Quarters of the 4th Military District. Oswald's service as an officer is recorded under the Service numbers S40250 and then SX2248.



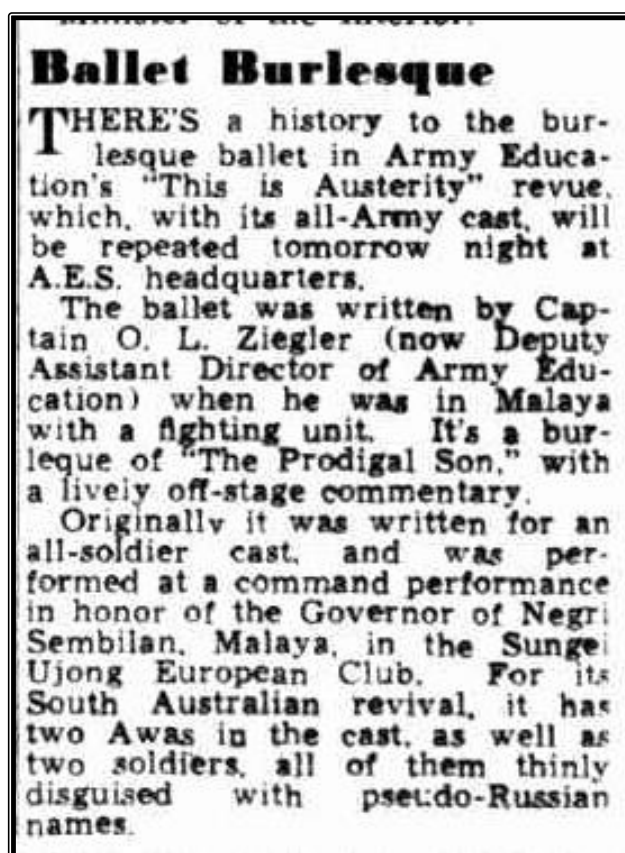
O.L. Ziegler - WWII Service Photograph

Oswald volunteered to return to active service with the AIF, but this was refused. On the 22nd July 1942 he was appointed as a temporary Captain and he became Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) of Army Education for the SA Line of Communications area. The Army Education authorities' aim was to make the leisure time of troops productive and they organised film and music programs, discussion and hobby groups, lecture classes and talks. The objectives were later states as 'a morale builder, the making of more efficient troops, and preparation for post-war employment and the service was expanded to widows of men who have fallen in battle.



The Electoral Rolls show that in 1943, Oswald's address was 29 Watson Ave, Rose Park, SA.

In July 1943, the Army Education group preformed a burlesque ballet, "This is Austerity". The ballet had been written by Oswald when he was in Malaya and was originally performed for the Governor of Negri Sembilan, Malaya.



In June 1943 Oswald was confirmed in his appointment as a Captain and in July 1943, he was transferred from the role as DAD Education SA to be DAD Education. In October 1943, he was in Queensland and he was later transferred to the Australian Army Education Service. In February 1944, Oswald travelled from Townsville to Pt Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Service in the tropics appears to have caused Oswald to become ill, with possible allergic dermatitis.

Oswald was discharged on the 9th of July 1944 and on the 24th of August 1944, he was placed on the Retired List.

Oswald and Doreen's elder son, Norman Lawrence Ziegler, served in WWII with the Royal Australian Navy.

Post WWII

After WWII, Oswald and his family returned to Sydney and Oswald recommenced his activities as a publisher. Oswald's publication business was called Oswald Ziegler Publications and later Oswald Ziegler Enterprises Pty Ltd. Oswald Ziegler Enterprises continued to publish until at least 1973.

In about October 1946, Oswald and Doreen had a third son, Richard Anthony Ziegler.

Oswald produced and edited the book "This is Australia" in conjunction with the Department of Information. Two special copies of the book were presented to the Duke of Gloucester; one copy was for the Duke to present to the King.

BOOKS

The Duke carried the King's book

To Admiralty House this week went two gilt-edged copies of a new book about Australia, contained in special caskets of polished Australian woods.

One copy was for the retiring Governor-General of Australia, the Duke of Gloucester. The other copy would be taken to England by the Duke and presented to the King, with the compliments of the Commonwealth Government.

The book was entitled "*This is Australia*," produced and edited by Oswald L. Ziegler, with the collaboration of the Department of Information, and the co-operation of the Federal and State Governments.

"*This is Australia*" covers every aspect of Australian life in its 400 pages, and is profusely illustrated by photographs in tone and color.

The book took two years to produce and will sell in Australia for 37/6.

In 1947, Oswald was involved in the publishing of the first 'Australian Photographic Annual' and was handling the official publications for the Newcastle 150th Anniversary celebrations. Oswald lent prints from the Australian Photographing Annual for the photographic exhibition which was part of Newcastle's 150th celebrations. Oswald also produced an illustrated brochure for the Brisbane City Council in 1947/48.

Tragically for Oswald and Doreen, their youngest son, Richard Anthony, passed away on the 17th of April 1949, aged just 2 years and 7 months.

ZIEGLER, Richard Anthony.—April 17, 1949, at a private hospital, Mosman, darling infant son of Oswald and Doreen Ziegler, and brother of Norman and Alan, aged 2 years and 7 months.

In 1949, the Ziegler's were living at 171 Seaford Crescent, Seaford, NSW and their eldest son, Norman, aged 23, was described as a cinematographer.

Oswald's mother Elizabeth Gertrude Ziegler (aka Gertrude Elizabeth Conrad) passed away at her residence at 21 Victoria Ave, Rose Park, SA on the 28th of September 1951 aged 80 years. She was buried at the West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide.

On the 14th of July 1951, Oswald and Doreen's eldest son, Norman Lawrence Ziegler married Greta Mildred Hobbs, in Sydney NSW.

Oswald's father, Otto, passed away in April 1953, aged 82. He was also interred at the West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide.

In 1954, Oswald, Doreen and their second son, Alan Douglas Ziegler (aged 24) were still living at 171 Seaford Cres, Seaford, NSW. Alan was employed in the broadcasting industry.

Shortly after the Royal Tour in 1954, Oswald produced the volume "Royal Tour of New South Wales" under the authority and with the co-operation of the State Government.

In 1956, Oswald produced the book "The Australian Merino" for the NSW Sheepbreeders' Association.

In 1958, Oswald and Doreen lived at both, 94 Woodland Street, Balgowlah, NSW and 140 Condamine Street, Balgowlah and by 1963 they were living at Clanwilliam Street, Blackheath and Oswald was described as a company director.

In 1968 the couple were living at 2/1A Lower Superba Parade, Mosman and Oswald was described as a publisher.

Oswald was created a Member of the British Empire (MBE) for services to publishing in the New Years Day honours list in 1971.

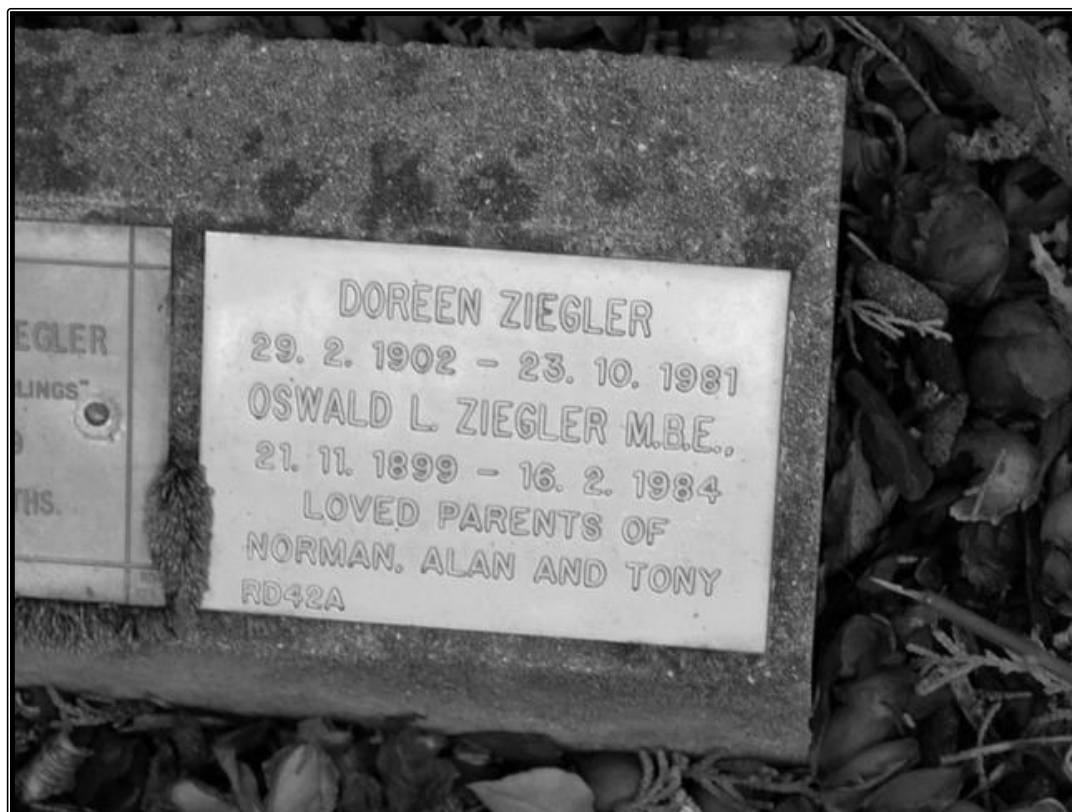
The 1972 and 1977, Electoral Rolls indicates that the couple had moved to 6/17 Claude Ave, Cremorne.

The 1980 Electoral Rolls gives Oswald's address is 14/236 Blaxland Rd, Ryde.

Doreen passed away on the 23rd of October 1981 and she was cremated at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, North Ryde, Sydney.

Death

Oswald passed away on the 16th of February 1984, aged 84. His funeral service was conducted at the East Chapel of the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.



Family Legacy

An article by Kate Crawford, Mosman Daily, March 2, 2017 10:30am relates to Oswald' son, Alan, who retired just shy of turning 87.

The full text of the article and further photographs are at:

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/mosman-daily/mosmans-alan-ziegler-retires-from-his-job-at-86-and-says-he-will-have-to-learn-to-sleep-longer/news-story/de55e27cb0198cfa9dbff0d5b92430d1>



Alan Ziegler with his musician daughters Leone (left) and Fiona Ziegler.

After university, Mr Ziegler began his working life in 1950 as a cadet at the ABC. He remembers the clumsy typewriters that produced unreadable carbon copies. Now he's adept at computers but confesses he doesn't bother with Twitter.

After the ABC, Mr Ziegler worked for 25 years in the family publishing business, Oswald Ziegler Publications which produced the first pictorial book on the Sydney Opera House.

But with the publishing world struggling, Mr Ziegler then forged a distinguished career in orchestra administration, including national program director for Australia's orchestras, producing more than 220 printed programs each year.

In concert with conductor Brian Buggy between 1984 and 1994, Mr Ziegler was also responsible for organising the highly successful family concerts by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

He was also invited to Britain to introduce family concerts to the BBC Philharmonic. In 1984, he also introduced the preconcert talks before SSO concerts.

Classical music has also been a passion for Mr Ziegler.

His late wife Eva Kelly was a classical violinist. His daughter Leone and Fiona Ziegler are violinists with the SSO.

Grandson Jacques Emery, a former student of Mosman High School, is now studying at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and plays double bass with the Felix Bornholdt Trio which performed last Sunday in Mosman.

Despite his retirement, Mr Ziegler will continue in his second but voluntary job as head of the Mosman Music Club. He's been director of the club for 12 years and is dedicated to bringing classical music to audiences in Mosman. The Mosman Music Club presents nine concerts each year and Mr Ziegler does all the behind-the-scenes work for the concerts.

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