

# FIELD HOCKEY IN WARTIME

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AT HOME AND OVERSEAS

A commemoration of Australia and New Zealand's hockey-  
playing service men and women.

By John M Sanders for The Hockey Museum

## Lieutenant William Noall served in the Australian Army Service Corps

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

#### William Noall

Rank	Lieutenant
Unit	Australian Army Service Corps
Service	Australian Imperial Force
Conflict/Operation	First World War, 1914-1918
Award	Mention in despatches
Commonwealth of Australia Gazette	30 October 1919 on page 1658 at position 77



Australian Imperial Force (AIF)  
Hockey Team, Egypt, 1915

## William represented Victoria in field hockey

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The Victorian team will be selected from the following: – H Firminger, **W Noall**, E T Barley, G L Mayman, J Allen, G McCure, R May, L Smith, G Newnham, W Mallinson, G Annear, J Edmonds, D N Browne, J Theyre and W F Routley.

*PS The Noall Shield presented to the champion hockey state from 1924 to 1952 was named in his honour.*





Cairo, Egypt 1941. A hockey match between Australian Imperial Force HQ and Women's Australian Army Service Corps.

## Four Perth hockey playing brothers enlist

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### Four Brothers In A.I.F.

Neil St. J. **Kennedy**, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. B. St. J. **Kennedy**, of Sherwood Court, Perth, who succeeded his eldest brother as captain of the **Old Aquinian hockey** team, has been accepted for the **A.I.F.** after many attempts. All four **brothers** are now in the **A.I.F.**

His three elder **brothers**, **Ken**, **Dick** and **Peter**, enlisted together early last year and are now spelling near Cairo after six months in the fighting area at Tobruk.

Their battery was relieved by the South Africans, who are now doing great work in the present **Libyan** battle.

**Peter St J Kennedy served  
in the 2/7<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment  
(Artillery).**

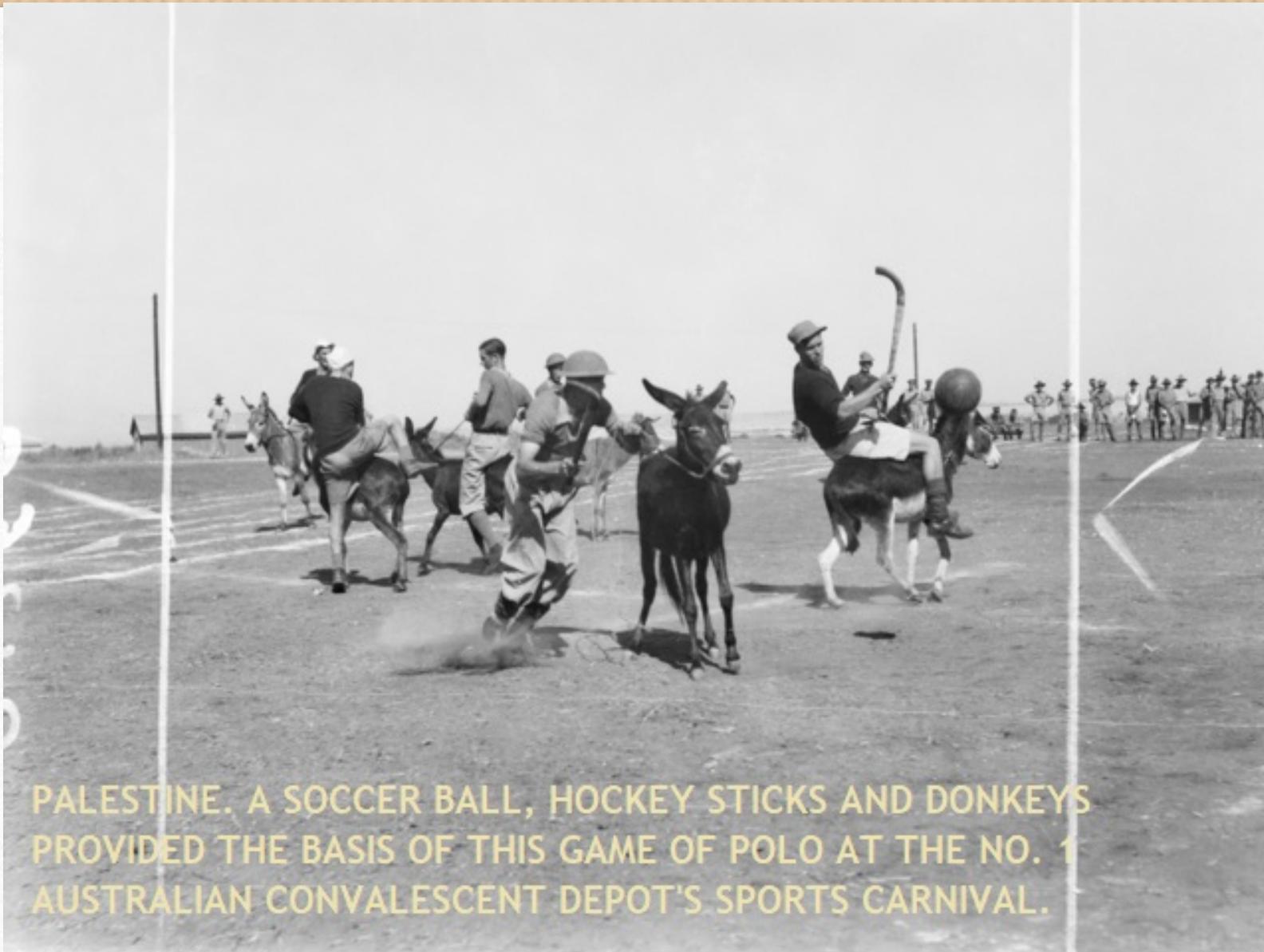
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# Peter later represented Australia in field hockey



1948						Test Match	
						Dunedin	
						HA Match #	11
						New Zealand	
HA #	Surname	Given Name	State	Position	Debut		
99	Barnes	Alan	QLD	Full Back	1948		0
100	Browne	Fred	WA	Centre Forward	1948		1
101	Cooper	Des	QLD	Inside Left	1948		1
102	Dick	Ian	WA	Inside Right	1948		1
103	Hancock	Ray	WA	Half Back	1948		1
104	Johnson	Eric	QLD	GK	1948		0
105	Josiffe	Hugh	QLD	Centre Half Back	1948	VC	1
106	Kennedy	Peter	WA	Right Half Back	1948		0
107	McNamara	Bernie	QLD	Left Half Back	1948		0
108	Morley	Charlie	VIC	Left Half Back	1948	Captain	1
98	Pointon	Jack	NSW/ACT	GK			1
109	Salisbury	Bert	QLD	Inside Right	1948		0
110	Schulte	Alan	QLD	Right Wing	1948		1
111	Siggs	Doug	QLD	Full Back	1948		1
112	Southwood	Eric	WA	Full Back	1948		0
113	Thornton	Keith	VIC	Right Full Back	1948		1
114	Wise	Des	QLD	Left Wing	1948		1
TEAM							11
108	Morley	Charles	VIC	Coach			1
	Levy	Frank	NSW	Manager			1
	Teague	H	NZ	Umpire			1
	Scott	W A	NZ	Umpire			1



PALESTINE. A SOCCER BALL, HOCKEY STICKS AND DONKEYS PROVIDED THE BASIS OF THIS GAME OF POLO AT THE NO. 1 AUSTRALIAN CONVALESCENT DEPOT'S SPORTS CARNIVAL.

**This 'Battle Buggy' was  
donated to the army by the  
Australian Hockey  
Association**

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The funding of this vehicle, instead of the committee agreed ambulance, was controversial and later lead to the New South Wales Hockey Association temporarily leaving the national organisation.



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The 'Battle Buggy' was constructed in Australia from a picture of a UK version.

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Lieutenant General Sir Thomas Blamey and Australian Imperial Force (AIF) Officers inspecting the 'Battle Buggy', or staff car, presented by the Australian Hockey Association.



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**Colin Wallace Campbell  
volunteered on 12 August  
1940.**

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Colin initially joined the 25<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Machine Gun Regiment. Later he was transferred to signals, 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division, Lae, New Guinea and promoted to Sergeant. He finished his army service with the 2/2 Field Regiment (Artillery) Signals Section and was discharged on 18 Dec 1945.



Colin played field hockey for Western Australia and Old Modernians Hockey Club for many years

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Bomb aimers/air gunners with dark goggles, dribble hockey ball at RAF night vision training school.



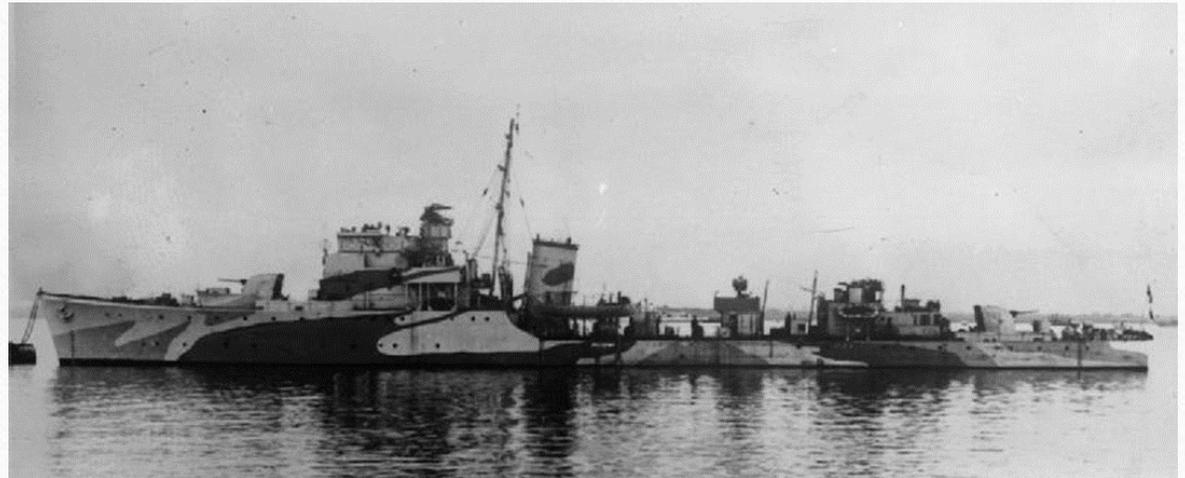
## Allan Preshaw joined the Royal Australian Naval Volunteer Reserve in Hobart in 1940.

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He was drafted to destroyers and spent 14 months in the North Sea on convoy work, protecting the merchant ships from air attack and submarines and warding off the E-boats.

### **Australian Yachtsmen In Royal Navy**

LONDON, Thursday.—Three hundred and fifty Australians are serving in the Royal Navy under the **yachtsman scheme**, by which men with yachtsmen's tickets and over 30 years of age are given a direct commission in the Royal Navy. Nearly 100 other Australians are completing their training.—AAP.





Officers of HMS Kent in a 'free-for-all' hockey match

## Sergeant Audrey Jones (James) served in the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS).



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**MOBILISATION ATTESTATION FORM**

To be filled in for all persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Part III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. W/55497

Surname JONES (PLEASE CAPITALISE) Christian Names AUDREY OLIVIA

Unit Australian Women's Army Service

Enlisted for war service at A. W. A. S. Barracks (Place)  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (State) 18 APR 1942 10/5/1942 (Date)

Members of the AWAS took on roles such as drivers, provosts, canteen workers, cooks, typists, signallers, and cipher clerks. Audrey joined the army in Perth in 1942.



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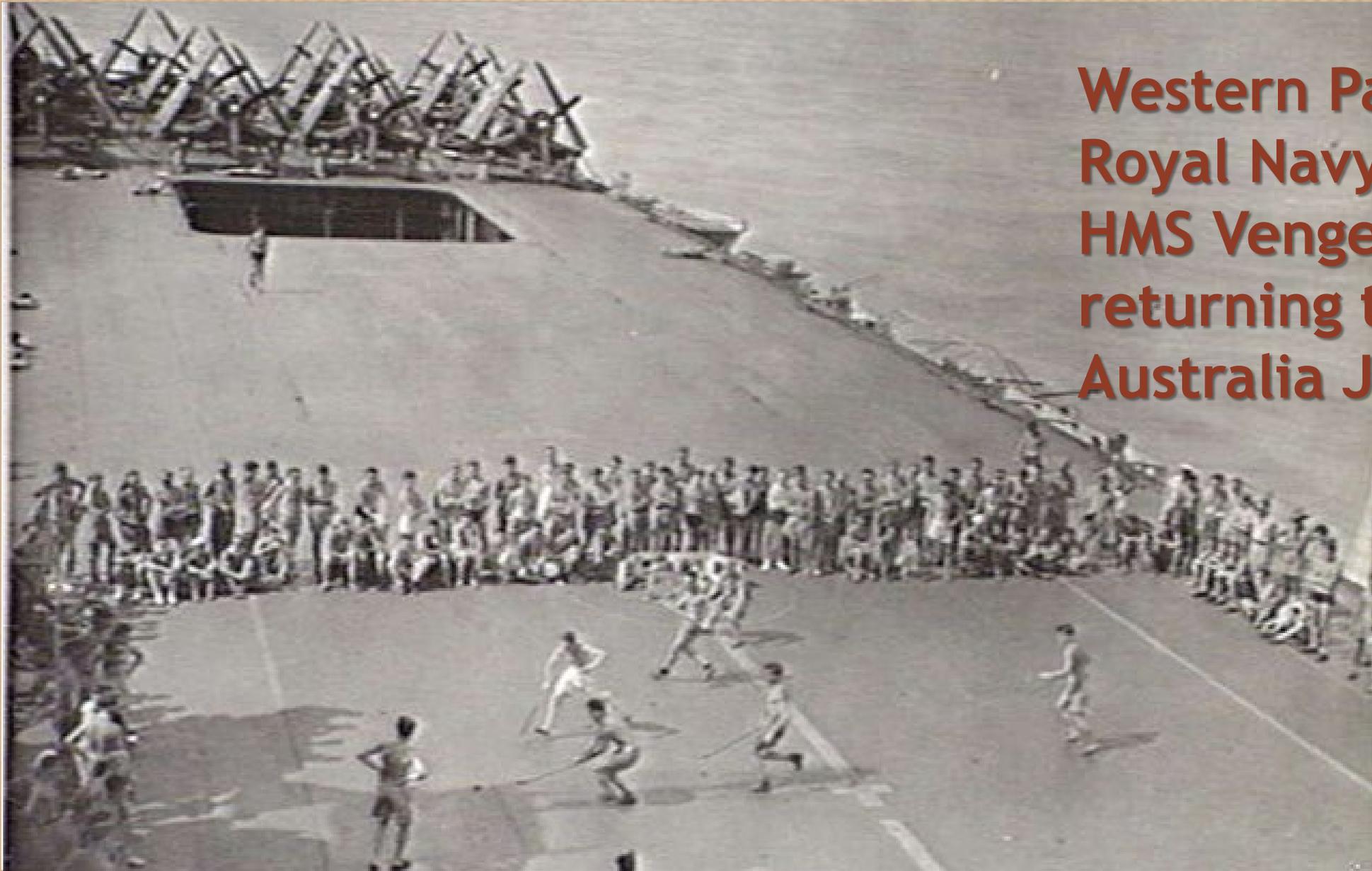
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## After her discharge Audrey played international hockey for Australia



Audrey was first selected for Australia in 1946 after leaving the army. She was selected in 1947 and again through to 1959. Audrey toured New Zealand in 1948 and Europe in 1959.

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							Dunedin	
							32	
							New Zealand	
							4-Sep-48	
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111	Ash	Caroline	Pearce	WA	Forward	1948		1
77	Campbell	May	Pearce	WA	Forward	1935	Captain	1
124	Corrigan	Olga	Hampson	NSW	Full Back	1948		1
125	Halliday	Dorothy		WA	Full Back	1948		1
126	Harrison	Jean	Kerr	WA	Forward	1948		1
116	Holmes	Louise	McDougall	W.A.	Half Back	1946		0
117	James	Audrey	Jones	VIC	Half Back	1948		0
127	Johnson	Laurel		WA	Forward	1948		1
119	McIntosh	Jess		NSW	GK	1948	Vice Captain	1
120	Noble	Joan	Walter	NSW	Half Back	1948		1
129	Palmer	Dorothy		WA	Half Back	1948		1
121	Teasdale-Smith	Mary		SA	Forward	1948		0
122	Wilson	Margaret	Weaver	TAS	Forward	1948		1
123	Wynne	Jean	Pearce	WA	Half Back	1948		1
	TEAM							11
77	Campbell	May		WA	Coach			1
	Rees	Annis		NSW	Manager			1
	Wilkie	K M		NZ	Umpire			1
	Scott	W A		NZ	Umpire			1



**Western Pacific.  
Royal Navy carrier  
HMS Vengeance  
returning troops to  
Australia Jan 1946**

## Roy Menzies served in the 2nd Royal Australian Army Service Corps.

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This group were the Army's grocers, who procured, stored and distributed stores such as food and petrol, as well as being the Army's truckies, who carried troops, and stores wherever required. Driver Roy was a prisoner of war (POW) after the fall of Singapore and spent time in Changi Prison.



**Roy Menzies played 1<sup>st</sup> grade for Old Modernians before WW2 and managed several Club and State teams after.**

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Roy's ongoing commitment to Old Modernians Hockey Club saw him take on the onerous task of watering the Hollywood ground during the dry summer months, year after year. He was educated at Perth Modern School.





At sea 1946, Australian troops compete for selection in a team to play a team from Royal Navy carrier HMS Vengeance.

## Robert Harold Nimmo

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In the 5th Light Horse Regiment, Lieutenant Nimmo landed on Gallipoli (WW1) as a troop commander on 20 May 1915. Evacuated to Britain with enteric fever in August he returned to Egypt in May 1916 and served throughout the Palestine campaign. Rising to major in July 1917, he was mentioned in dispatches and returned to Australia in February 1919.



A lieutenant colonel at Headquarters, Sydney, on the outbreak of World War 2, Nimmo was promoted colonel in September 1941 and brigadier in January 1942. He was brigadier commanding 4th Australian Base Area in New Guinea at Headquarters, 1st Australian Army, at Lae.

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After retirement from the army he led United Nations peace keeping forces until his death, including a mission following the 1965 war between India and Pakistan.

He died on 4 January 1966 at Rawalpindi, Pakistan, buried in the Anzac section of Mount Gravatt cemetery, Brisbane, with full military and United Nations honours; senior representatives of both India and Pakistan attended his funeral.



**C.B.E. (MILITARY).**  
**Major-General Robert Harold**  
**Nimmo, G.O.C., Northern**  
**Command.**

Robert also represented Australia in field hockey between the wars.



1927						Test Match	
						Brisbane	
						HA Match #	4
							New Zealand
HA #	Surname	Given Name	State	Position	Debut	27-Aug-27	
1	Abel	John (Togo)	NSW	Half Back		Captain	1
36	Cormie	Hec	QLD	Forward	1927		1
37	Ferguson	Norm	QLD	Full Back	1927		1
38	Fitzpatrick	Laurence	NSW	Forward	1927		1
7	Grant	William A	NSW	Half Back			1
24	Nettleton	William. E	NSW	Forward		v c	1
39	Nimmo	Robert H	VIC	Half Back	1927		0
40	Ogg	Percy	QLD	Half Back	1927		1
41	Oxley	Albert	VIC	GK	1927		1
42	Petty	Edward	QLD	Forward	1927		0
34	Russell-Smith	Ronald G	NSW	Midfield	1927		1
43	Tart	Bruce	VIC	Half Back	1927		1
44	Taylor	Percy Stanhope	NSW	Forward	1927		1
45	Todkill	William	NSW	Full Back	1927		0
							11
27	Willmot	Stan	QLD	Manager			1
5	Flockhart	Harold	NSW	Umpire			1
27	Willmot	Stan	QLD	Umpire			1
							1 = Played
							0 = Selected



**11<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Unit, Torokina, Oct 1945**

Jean Kerr (Harrison)  
served with the  
Women's Auxiliary Air  
Force

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**KERR JEAN ADELINE :**

**Service Number - 94848**

**Date of birth - 12 Sep 1922**

**Place of birth - Boulder, Western Australia**

**Place of enlistment - Perth, Western Australia**



After leaving the WAAAF in 1946 Jean played hockey for Australia.



Jean, from Western Australia, played for her state and country, touring New Zealand in 1948. She played in the forward line and was player #126 for Australia.



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119	McIntosh	Jess		NSW	GK	1948	Vice Captain	1
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	Rees	Annis		NSW	Manager			1
	Wilkie	K M		NZ	Umpire			1
	Scott	W A		NZ	Umpire			1



2nd Australian Army Corp v New Zealand Air Force, Piva Airstrip,  
Solomon Islands

**Aircraftwoman (ACW)  
Olga Hampson (Corrigan)  
Women's Auxiliary Australian  
Air Force.**

HAMPSON OLGA  
Service Number - 98687  
DOB - 24 Jan 1924  
Enlisted - SYDNEY

Service - Women's Auxiliary  
Australian Air Force  
(WAAAF), the largest of the  
Second World War women's  
services.



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Weather balloon

After WW2 Olga played international hockey for Australia in 1948 and again in 1953.



Olga Corrigan (Hampson) a fullback from Newcastle, New South Wales was first selected in the 1947 All Australia Blue Ribbon (Virtual) Team and most squads until 1954!



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**Field Ambulance Hockey team, Bougainville, 1945**



LAE, NEW GUINEA 1944, AN EXCITING MOMENT AT THE GOAL MOUTH DURING A HOCKEY MATCH BETWEEN A AND B COMPANY, 18TH FIELD AMBULANCE.



North Harbour, NZ, Anzac Day, April 25 2019

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