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<td>HISTORICAL NOTE</td>
<td>Born in 1874, White was educated at Carlton College under Alexander Sutherland, and at the University of Melbourne. He graduated B.M. in 1900 and M.D. in 1906. From 1900 until 1902 he was at the Fremantle Quarantine Hospital, then demonstrator in bacteriology at the University of Melbourne, Junior Resident Medical Office at the Royal Children’s Hospital and later Senior R.M.O. Children's and Alfred Hospitals. He was assistant to Dr. Herman Lawrence (dermatologist), Sir Richard Stawell and Mr. Hamilton before practising privately. He served as honorary physician at St. Vincent's, the Children's and Melbourne District Nurses After Care Hospitals, and at the Melbourne Foundling Home. He was active in the Royal Australian College of Physicians and the British Medical Association (Aust.). During WWI he served as Major, No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne. He was a benefactor to the Union and the departments of pathology and bacteriology, to hospitals and to the National Theatre Movement. He iology; hospitals and the National Theatre Movement were also assisted. became C.M.G. in 1952 and knight in 1961. He retired in 1959.</td>
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<td>Biographical items including &quot;A Brief Resume of My Life&quot; 1955; Diaries dealing with service in Boulogne, 1917-1918, a trip as guest of the Army to the front zones occupied by the allies, March 1919, a visit to Oxford to see treatment of war neurosis etc., August 1919; a trip to the United States, chiefly tourism but with notes of professional visits, 1928, etc.; Inwards Correspondence relating to private business including donations, including letter from Edward Rowden White from Hoten Camp, Mukden, August 1945 and K. Grant on Bowker's electrically driven car, 1942, and 87 letters from Professor W.A. Osborne on reading, acquaintances, old age, medicine etc., 1949-1962; Outwards Correspondence, postcards, including letter from Boulogne, March 1918 Professional papers including a lecture note book containing clinical lectures on medicine by John Williams, 1898, treatment book, papers by White, etc. to 1944. Photographs of White, the No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne and groups, 1918. Programmes and other memorabilia of WWI and the Queen's visit, 1954.</td>
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NAME: ROWDEN WHITE, Sir Alfred Edward

ADDRESS: Deceased

MAIN ACTIVITY: Physician and benefactor

DATE TRANSFERRED: 1963, several transfers

GENERAL NOTE: 1876-1963. Educated Carlton College under Alexander Sutherland and University of Melbourne. Graduated B.M. 1900 and M.D. 1906. 1900-1902 at Fremantle Quarantine Hospital, demonstrator in bacteriology at University of Melbourne then Junior Resident Medical Officer at Royal Children's Hospital and later Senior R.M.O. Children's and Alfred Hospitals. Assistant to Dr. Herman Lawrence (dermatologist), Sir Richard Stawell, and Mr. Hamilton Before private practice as physician - children's and general. Retired 1959.

Served honorary Physician at St. Vincent's, Children's, Melbourne District Nurses After Care Hospitals, and Melbourne Foundling Home. Active member Royal Australian College of Physicians and British Medical Association (Aust Member Standing Committee on Convocation and Board of Examiners (medicine) at University of Melbourne. Considerable benefactions to University of Melbourne (fiction library, union, colleges, departments of pathology and bacteriology), "Royal Melbourne Hospital, "Royal Children's Hospital, Women's Hospital, and the National Theatre Movement.

Served 1914-1918 war as Major, No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne. C.M.G. conferred 1952.

LIST OF RECORDS

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1. Biographical
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1. Biographical

1. Medical Testimonials

   include application for Honorary Clinical Assistantship, Children's Hospital, 14 March 1908

   1 envelope

   M.S. 9 December 1899 - 21 September 1906

   Printed 22 September 1904 - 21 September 1906

2. 'A Brief Resume of My Life'

   covers professional activities and details of bequests to July 1962

   7pp. t.s.

   5 November 1955 (with later additions)

3. 'A short Account of Alfed Edward Rowden White's Work'

   covers education and professional life

   1 vol. m.s.

   No date

4. 'Some Suggestions to My Executor in Carrying out the Conditions of My Will'

   1 sheet t.s.

   21 November 1952

2. Diaries

1. Boulogne

   Diary apparently sent home to the Kilburne Family, Toorak Victoria, in installments in place of letters. Covers (1) Sea trip Melbourne (6 Jan 1917) - Capetown - Sierra Leone - Freetown - London (16 August 1917)

   (2) Experiences as Medical Officer, No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne, 1 September 1917 - 7 July 1918 with comment on daily activities, war news.


   1 envelope 430pp. m.s.

   6 June 1917 - 7 July 1918

2. The Bierritz Trip

   8 copies t.s.

   1 copy m.s.

   no date

3. Italian Trip


   4 copies t.s.

   1 copy m.s.

   10 February 1919 - 1 March 1919
4. Rhine Bridgeheads Trip

Trip as guest of Army to the front zones occupied by the allies
March 1919

5. Visit to Oxford to see recent methods in treatment of war neurosis and account of Ashhurst Hospital

1 envelope, t.s. and m.s.
August 1919

6. United States Trip


1 vol. m.s.
3 copies t.s.
26 March 1928 - 18 May 1928


3 copies, t.s. (pp. 25-57, 64-87, 71-87 ožáµµ)
May - December (1929?)

7. Trip Book

Cruise up Eastern Australian coast. New Guinea - Indonesia - Philippines - Kowloon - Japan - Shanghai - Hong Kong.

1 vol. m.s.
April 1937

3. Correspondence, Inwards

1. Miscellaneous

1/1. Wilson Bishop & Henderson
Receipt for rent
25 February 1938

1/2. A. Walker, hon sec. Royal Australian College of Physicians
Appointment of A.E.R.W. as joint trustee of funds donated to the College
8 March 1938

1/3. K. Grant, University of Adelaide
re Bowker's electrically driven car
22 October 1942

1/4. Edward Rowden White (brother of A.E.R.W.), Hoten Camp, Mukden
current trends in war; prisoners of war
25 August 1945

1/5. Melbourne Club, circular
alterations to the club
24 November 1955

1/6. Sir Hugh Devine
re Dr. Thomas Ryan
16 May 1956

1/7. J. Greig, General Manager C.M.I. Assurance Society
Thanks for work done for Royal Women's Hospital Research Foundation
20 June 1956
1/8. Dorothea Devine, Mother Regent of St. Vincent's Hospital
invitation to view new casualty department
June 1956

1/9. R. Upson, Director Royal Women's Hospital Centenary Appeal
enclosed letter of donation from Mr. and Mrs. Barnfield and family
to the research unit donated by A.E. Howden White
3 July 1956

1/10. G.W. Paton, Vice-Chancellor University of Melbourne
thanks for $2,000 gift from A.E. and E.R. Howden White for research
at Royal Women's Hospital
12 July 1956

1/11. J. Hayden, Medicine, University of Melbourne
thanks for portrait, notice of formation of Council of Isyman and
scientists at St. Vincent's School of Medical Research
7 October 1957

1/12. Dr. A. H. Jones
Jones retirement
no date

1/13. Gertrude Johnson, National Theatre Movement
thanks for gift
no date

2. Professor W. A. Osbourne to Alfred Edward Howden White
A delightful collection of letters whose value lies more in style and
general tone than subject. Comment on current reading, acquaintances, old
age, medicine, and daily activities.

2/1. Thanks for dinner
9 February 1949

2/2. The Stawell obituary
27 March 1949

2/3. Congratulations on S.V. Stawell obituary notice in Australian Medical
Journal
20 May 1949

2/4. 20 December 1949

2/5. Binning 'Stawell Reprints'
12 January 1950

6x 2/6. Domestic help in Kangaroo Ground
24 May 1956

2/7. William Sutherland's life and Osbourne's biography of him
10 June 1956

2/8. Sends copy of his Essays and Studies and Essays and Literary Sketches
21 or 22 June 1956

2/9. Visits Archdale, editor A.M.J.
12 August 1956

2/10. 19 August 1956

2/11. Fields for A.E. Howden White's proposed gift for research at the
Royal Women's Hospital
4 September 1956
2/12. Refuses invitation to confer about Rowden White's Royal Women's Hospital research project because of ill health 11 September 1956

2/13. The need for veterinary research 24 September 1956


2/15. Royal Women's Hospital research project 4 November 1956

2/16. 8 November 1956

2/17. 11 November 1956

2/18. Veterinary interests 19 November 1956

2/19. The keeping of books in libraries 17 December 1956

2/20. 24 January 1957

2/21. enrol. program, Royal Veterinary College Meeting, 14-15 December 1956 5 February 1957

2/22. Veterinary Science at Melbourne 3 March 1957

2/23. 24 March 1957

2/24. 2 May 1957

2/25. Opinions on vegetarianism 12 May 1957

2/26. Attitudes to Lord Byron's Sexual 'aberrations' 16 May 1957

2/27. 21 May 1957

2/28. 19 June 1957

2/29. 31 July 1957

2/30. 17 August 1957

2/31. Comments in recent A.M.J. 28 August 1957

2/32. 18 September 1957

2/33. 15 October 1957

2/34. 20 October 1957

2/35. Daryl Lindsay's Stawell Cration 2 February 1958

2/36. Karl Pearson 8 May 1958

2/37. 26 May 1958

2/38. 19 December 1958
2/39. 29 March 1959

2/40. The G.P. and 'lower levels' of the medical profession
16 August 1959

2/41. 3 October 1959

2/42. 6 November 1959

2/43. Illness and old age
1 December 1959

2/44. 21 February 1960

2/45. 5 March 1960

2/46. 15 March 1960

2/47. Easter Sunday 1960

2/48. On left-handedness
21 May 1960

2/49. Voss. Gall stones
6 June 1960

2/50. 14 June 1960

2/51. Science News 54
27 June 1960

2/52. 30 June 1960

2/53. Electro microscopes
24 July 1960

2/54. Mt.Isa
13 August 1960

2/55. 30 October 1960

2/56. 3 November 1960

2/57. 6 December 1960

2/58. Congratulations for C.M.G.
31 December 1960

2/59. English Speaking Union; Royal Commonwealth Society
16 February 1961

2/60. 13 March 1961

2/61. Literary censorship
29 April 1961

2/62. 21 June 1961

2/63. 29 June 1961

2/64. 5 July 1961

2/65. 20 July 1961

2/66. 'Rascal drug manufacturers'
25 July 1961
2/67. 27 July 1961

2/68. 4 August 1961

2/69. Lloyd George’s private life
     18 August 1961

2/70. 3 September 1961

2/72. Meanjin Quarterly
     24 September 1961

2/73. 24 October 1961

2/74. Oscar Mendelssohn
     8 December 1961

2/75. Biography of Sutherland
     27 December 1961

2/76. R.W. Cowen’s Stawell Oration: the need for tertiary education
     13 February 1962

2/77. The Sutherland Family
     21 or 22 March 1962

2/78. Sutherland Family
     1 April 1962

2/79. 13 April 1962

2/80. Honorary M.D.s. to Rowden White and self
     12 May 1962

2/81. On gift of books to University of Melbourne; hopes of being remembered
     20 May 1962

2/82. 1 July 1962

2/83. Gift of books to Townsville University College
     encl. letter from Helen Paterson, Acting Librarian, Townsville University College.
     Thanks for gift of books
     17 May 1962
     17 July 1962

2/84. 17 September 1962

2/85. 7 November 1962

2/86. The Sutherland Family
     5 December 1962

2/87. 15 December 1962.

4. Correspondence and Postcards, Outwards

1. To the Kilburne Family, Toorak Victoria

   1/1. From No. 2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne, to Mrs. Kilburne
       (mother of A.R. Rowden White)
       31 March 1918
From Chicago, United States of America, to Mr. F. J. Kilburne
21 June 1928

From New York, U.S.A. to Mr. J. F. Kilburne
Some account of travel in Eastern U.S.A.
Encl. 1. Information about Prudential and Metropolitan
Insurance Company
2. Account of Banting's discovery of Insulin
29 July 1928

From New York, U.S.A. to Mr. J. F. Kilburne
Lists Aline Kodak views
no date

Postcards of Europe to the Kilburne Family
1 bundle
16 November 1916 - 9 September 1923

Folder postcards of U.S.A. to the Kilburne Family
1 bundle
1928

Miscellaneous postcards, from Europe, United Kingdom, U.S.A., Japan.
2 bundles
no date

5. Professional Papers

1. Lecture note book
Clinical Lectures on Medicine by John Williams M.D.
2 vols. m.s.
9 March 1898 and 11 September 1898

2. Diseases: symptoms and treatment
1 vol. m.s.
dated 5 June 1917

3. Patient's Cards
1 Bundle
1920-1922

4. Royal Australian College of Physicians
Invitation to first Annual Meeting
24 March 1939

5. Reprint from Medical Journal of Australia
'Two Unusual Cases'
18 July 1942

6. Subscription of account due cards
1 bundle
1945-6

7. British Medical Association (Vic), Annual Report
December 1954

8. 'The preparation of Vaccines' by R.V.S. Bain (Veterinary School, University of Sydney)
3pp. t.s.
1954

1 bundle, m.s.
no date
10. 'Distinguished research work'. Paper by A.E.R.W. on the work of Dr. Green in Malaya.
   2 copies, 5 pp. t.s. no date

11. Fellowship of Medicine. 'Emergency Post-graduate Scheme'
    Weekly programme
    3 numbers
    12 May - 31 May, no year

    4 pp. m.s.
    no date

13. Perimeter Chart for Albert Rogers
    no date

14. Scheme for consideration of a commentary on 'urological Cases'
    2 pp. m.s.
    no date

15. Treatment Book. Clippings from professional journals and rough notes
    1 vol.
    no date

6. Photographs

   1. Alfred Edward Rowden White as a young man
      2 photographs
      no date

   2. No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne
      2 photographs
      1918

   3. Officers, No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne
      1918

   4. Group at Castellon, near Mentone
      February 1918

7. Miscellaneous

   1. No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne
      Sports meeting programme
      15 September 1917

   2. No.2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne
      Officers' Mess Menu
      5 meals, with signatures
      15 September 1917 - 25 December 1918

   3. 'The Voice of the Battalion'
      Paper of A.I.F. Infantry
      15 November 1917

   4. 'Triumphant March of the Dominion Troops through London'
      Programme
      3 May 1919
5. His Majesty's Theatre, London
   'Chu Chin Chow' Programme
   26 May 1919

6. Union Club, Melbourne
   Honorary membership card for 1 month
   31 August 1845

7. Government of Victoria
   Invitation to the dedication of the Shrine of Remembrance
   28 February 1954

8. Investiture by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
   Programme
   4 March 1954

9. "Scope of Sir Richard Stawell Oration"
   1 sheet, t.s., no date.

June 1964. Patricia Maroard
Assistance Archivist.