

GOODE, William Powell (SX10437)



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Name	GOODE, William Powell Lieutenant AIF
Service Number	SX10437
Date of Birth	9th July 1913
Died	26th December 1975
Place of Birth	Port Pirie SA
Resident	Victor Harbor SA
Cemetery	Information unavailable

William (Bill) Powell Goode was born at Port Pirie on 9 July 1913, the younger of two children of Dr Matthew Edward Goode and Mrs Ethel May Goode (nee Primlott). Bill was 27 years old, single and an engineering student when he enlisted in the 2nd AIF on 27 November 1940.

On 30 November 1940, Bill reported for duty at the Regimental Recruit Depot, Wayville and with just five days basic training he was posted to 28th Battery of the newly formed 2/14th Field Regiment, an artillery unit at Woodside. The Battery continued individual and collective training for the remainder of the year and Bill was rewarded with a promotion to lance-bombardier on 15 January 1941.

The Headquarters of the 2/14 Field Regiment was established at Puckapunyal, Victoria, as was one of its two batteries, the 27th Battery, which was raised from personnel drawn from Victoria. The majority of the officers and non-commissioned officers were drawn from the ranks of the militia or had previously served with other army units.

Bill's career was marred when on the 6 February 1941 he was charged for neglecting to obey general orders. While it does not mention which orders were disobeyed, he was severely reprimanded.

On 21 February 1941, all elements of 28th Battery was entrained at Woodside and two days later joined the 27th Battery at Puckapunyal; by now the Regiment consisted of 38 officers and 621 other ranks. With the Regiment now concentrated at Puckapunyal, collective training was undertaken as well as technical and specialist training on Ordnance QF 18-pounder and 4.5-inch howitzer artillery equipment.

In early March 1941, Bill was promoted to acting Bombardier. The following month he was appointed Lance-Sergeant and attended a five day course at the 19th Reserve Motor Transport Company in Melbourne.

In June 1941, Lieutenant Colonel William Christie took over command of the Regiment and the following month it was moved by rail through Adelaide to Alice Springs, then by road to Darwin, to the Winnellie Camp. On July 7 1941 Bill married Yvonne Edwards.

At Winnellie, the Regiment joined the 23rd Brigade, which at that time was the only part of the 8th Division that remained in Australia. Two brigades had already been deployed to Malaya for garrison duties, and it was believed the Regiment would also be deployed. Their arrival in Darwin was initially treated as a period of acclimatisation. Not long after their arrival, Bill and the Brigade's three infantry battalions were deployed to the islands north of Australia.

On the 30 of July, Bill marched into Darwin. Unfortunately Bill was confronted by another charge a day later. This time he was caught in an area of the camp that was restricted, and required a pass from the Commanding Officer to enter. Again Bill was severely reprimanded but did not receive a fine or confinement to barracks. Less than two weeks later, on the 12 August 1941, Bill was again found in a restricted area and was again, severely reprimanded.

On the 29 September 1941, Bill was admitted to 119th Australian General Hospital with a leg infection and was not discharged until the 29 October. He was readmitted again for his leg on the 8 November, and was discharged three days later.

In March 1942, Lieutenant-Colonel Ronald Hone took command of the Regiment; the 2/14th was then expanded to three batteries with the raising of the 64th Battery. The 2/14th remained in Darwin for the next year and-a-half undertaking training and garrison duties; during this time it was subjected to the initial and subsequent Japanese air raids over the Darwin area commencing on 19 February 1942.

On the 8 May 1942, once again Bill's infection in his leg flared and he was admitted to the 17th Field Ambulance Hospital with tropical sores. He was discharged two weeks later and resumed his duties.

On the 6 July 1942, Bill was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant. Bill was enrolled at the LHQ 2nd Australian Army Training School (Field and Medical Wing) to attend No. 2 Refresher Course at Seymour, Victoria from 20 September to 31 October 1942.

On 27 January 1943, the Regiment entrained to Loftus, 25 kilometres south of Sydney, and once established, the men were given a period of leave. On return from leave the Regiment was progressively re-equipped with the Ordnance OF 25-pounder gun and undertook familiarisation training leading toward two exercises in June and July 1943.

During this time Bill attended intensive training courses. Firstly, he was detached to Royal Australian Artillery (RAA) 1 Division Observation of Fire Course No. 3 for one week and then detached to 2nd Australian Army O.P.O.'s Course No. 6 for one week. On 23 May 1943, he received his Certificate of Commission.

September 1943 saw the Regiment re-organised, in line with the newly formulated Australian Army jungle establishment, and issued with 81 jeeps and 63 four-wheel drive vehicles. The following month the Regiment was redesignated the 2/14th Australian Field Regiment (Jungle Division) and moved north to Kalinga, Queensland, to prepare for embarkation overseas.

An advance party from headquarters and the 64th Battery, which included Bill, embarked from Cairns on the Bontekoe and disembarked in Lae on 19 November 1943. In December, the remainder of the 64th Battery moved on eight LCM's (Landing Craft Mechanised) to Finschhafen, where it joined the 9th Division. In January 1944, the 27th and 28th Batteries embarked on the USS Stephen Girard at Townsville and joined the 64th Battery in New Guinea. Once re-established at Kelanoa, the Regiment relieved the 2/12th Field Regiment, and acquired a number of Ordnance QF 25-pounder Short artillery pieces.

On 15 April 1944, Bill was evacuated to the 2/15th Australian Field Ambulance suffering from acute appendicitis, he was then transferred to the 106th Australian Casualty Clearing Station, and later that day relocated to the 18th Australian Field Ambulance for an appendectomy. Following his recovery, Bill suffered successive bouts of follicular tonsillitis, otitis and sinusitis which eventually resulted in hospitalisation in Lae and his return to the unit at the end of May 1944.

With reduced fighting on the Huon Peninsula, the 9th Division handed over to the 5th Division, which was given the task of finalising the clearing of the Peninsula. The Regiment supported the 4th Infantry Brigade around Madang and the Alexishafen, where it remained until December 1944, until the 5th Division was dispatched to secure New Britain.

The 5th Divisions campaign was limited to containing the large Japanese force, up to 100,000 men, on the Gazelle Peninsula and prior to its departure, the 64th Battery had replaced its Short 25-pounders with standard guns. By January 1945, the Regiment had landed at Jacquinot Bay and over the course of the next eight months was heavily involved in supporting the 6th Infantry Brigade's operation around Waitavlo and Tol. During the course of the campaign, a total of about 16,000 rounds were fired from the Regiment's guns during which it suffered casualties amounting to two killed and five wounded.

After the Japanese surrender in August 1945, the Regiment moved to Rabaul where it remained until its return to Australia at the end of 1945; the 2/14th Regiment was and disbanded on 17 January 1946.

Bill was demobilised on 3 December 1945 and later took up farming in the Waitpinga area. His marriage resulted in the birth of three children.

Bill died at Victor Harbor on 26 December 1975, age 62.

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Appendix



Image 2 ©victor.sa.gov.au 2013
The Honour Roll board listing the men and women from the Waitpinga area who served in the Second World War.



Image 3 Image 2 ©victor.sa.gov.au 2013
One of the three Waitpinga Pictorial Honour Roll boards; William Powell GOODE is shown at the bottom, centre



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Payroll Identification photograph circa 1941



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Nominal Roll Certificate

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SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

A.F. B-103-1 (Adapted)

Army No. **SE 10437**

Unit **28th Bty. 2/14 Fld. Rgt. 2nd A.I.F.**

Officer-in-Charge District Records (Name) **Private**
Rank **Private**
Southern Command (4.1.19)

Christian Names

WILLIAM POWELL

Surname

GOODE

(Block Capitals)

Date of Enlistment **30th November, 1940.**

Place **WATVILLE, S.A.**

Date of Birth **9th July, 1913.**

Place of Birth **PT. PIRIE, S.A.**

Trade or Occupation **Engineering Student**

Religion **Presbyterian**

Marital Condition **Single**

Next of Kin **Matthew Edward Goode**

Address of Next of Kin **14 Jetty Road**

BRIGHTON, S.A.

Relationship **Father**

Medical Classification—Class I.
(On Enlistment)

Identification—Colour of Hair **Dark Brown** Eyes **Blue**

Distinctive Marks **Scar. R. leg.**

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, &c., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, &c. Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2069, or other Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received					
5.12.40	RRD	Reported for duty RRD	30.11.40	4 M.D.	W.3011 102/100	NH
10.12.40	RRD	Marched out to 38 Bn 2/14 Fld Rgt	5.12.40	4 M.D.	W.3011 102/100	NH
17.1.41	2/14 Fld Rgt	Promoted to 2/Bdr	15.1.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 29/100	NH
17.1.41	do	Leave from 16 to 21.1.41 with pay & subs 4 days	16.1.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 29/100	NH
6.2.41	do	Came Neglects to obey general order	6.2.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 53/100	NH
14.2.41		Award Admonished	13.2.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 63/100	NH
19.2.41	Mob 3	Granted leave 13.2.41 to 18.2.41 with subs 4 days	21.2.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 63/100	NH
24.2.41	2/14 Fld Rgt	M/out from 4 M.D. Woodside to 3 M.D. Puckapunyal	24.2.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 63/100	NH
11.3.41	do	Marched in from 4 M.D. to 1 M.D. Bost.	11.3.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 63/100	NH
6.4.41	do	Promoted to 1/Bdr	6.4.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 63/100	NH
6.4.41	do	Detached to 1 M.D. Bost. to 1 M.D. Bost.	7.4.41	4 M.D.	W.3011 63/100	NH

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Date	From whom received					
9.4.41	2/14 Fld Rgt	Appointed to Sergeant	7.4.41	Puckapunyal	W.3011 71/100	NH
18.4.41	do	Promoted to 1/Bdr	12.4.41	do	W.3011 71/100	NH
20.7.41		MARCHED IN 7.M.D	21.7.41	BRANIN	W.3011 71/100	NH
31.7.41	2/14 Fld Rgt	Charge: Being in camp was found beyond the limits of the camp without a pass or other leave from his O.C. Remanded to C.O. 31.7.41	30.7.41	W.3011	W.3011 71/100	NH
12.8.41		Charge: Being in camp was found beyond the limits of the camp without a pass or other leave from his O.C. Remanded to C.O. 12.8.41	31.7.41	London	W.3011 71/100	NH
7-7-41		Award: Severely Reprimanded	31-7-41		W.3011 71/100	NH
29-9-41		Promoted to Substantive 1/Bdr	7-4-41	3 M.D.	W.3011 71/100	NH
29-10-41		Remanded to C.O. 29.10.41	29-9-41	London	W.3011 71/100	NH
14.2.42		DISCHARGED FROM 119 G.H. 14.2.42	29-10-41		W.3011 71/100	NH
7.5.42		Promoted 7/5/42	28.1.42		W.3011 71/100	NH
28.5.42		Trans. 17 Sea Force Hosp. Inf. Serv. 28.5.42	4.5.42		W.3011 71/100	NH
1.6.42		Disch. 17 Sea Force Hosp. Inf. Serv. 1.6.42	18.5.42		W.3011 71/100	NH
20.7.42		Rank of Sgt. confirmed 20.7.42	20.1.42		W.3011 71/100	NH
		Appointed Acting Lieut 20.7.42	6.7.42	IVT	W.3011 71/100	NH
		For Future Service See AF 1199a				

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