

*Alec Gibb (1888-1976)

Born in Ireland, moved to Scotland, Alex migrated to Australia arriving on the ship 'Paparoa' on the 7th November 1911

Alec's future wife sailed on the same voyage.

Alex first went to school at Dover. The school was a military establishment on the "white cliffs."

The Soccer started when the family moved to Musselburgh near Edinburgh after his father's discharge from the Army.

Alex says that his English (!) accent was quite a novelty among the young lads at the local school

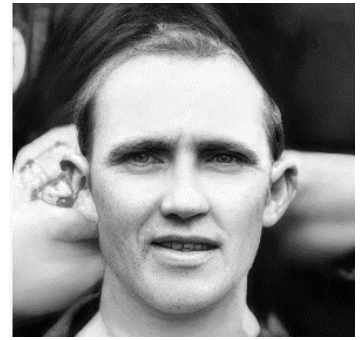
He insists that he acquired the Scottish tongue as he grew older. The only time he played football at school was in the streets (Caps were put down for goals and part of the game was dodging the police. (Alex recalls that he was caught once)

He played Soccer first in a Union juvenile team, which he later captained.

When about 18 years of age he got offers from junior teams and he decided to go to Newton Grange, and later Musselburgh Athletic.

Next step up was to second division with St. Bernard's (Edinburgh).

He played a season and a half with them and still has a medal presented to him at the time.



SS Paparoa



ALEC GIBB, sometimes called the **canniest Scot** in Queensland soccer, isn't a Scot at all! He was born in County Kildare, Ireland!

Fact that he has an accent that makes Harry Lauder sound like a Cockney is due to environment, because he spent several early years of his life in place where the heather is purple and prickly.

SOCCER'S IN THE FAMILY

And yet he has a sister who was born on the White Cliffs of Dover, where Alec first went to school.

Several times an international and captain of the first team Australia sent to tour New Zealand (in 1922) Alec is still considered the craftiest, cleverest left-half Queensland ever had, and one of the best Australia has known too!

He played some dazzling games on this tour New Zealand four times, as well as against the New Zealanders when they paid a return visit. Once even in the same season,

Alec played for **Australia against the Chinese, too.**

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Alec first played with Bundamba Athletics, then Bundamba Rangers and in 1914 for Dinmore Bush Rats and in 1916 for St Helens

In 1925 he played for Ipswich City. He played right half

Alec was Captain of the 1922 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team and was selected captain of the 1922 Australian team that toured New Zealand.

From 1912 to 1925 (with the exception of the war years) he played in every Queensland team.

Alec continued his association with the game, when he retired as an Ipswich, Queensland and Australian selector and was also President of the local Association.

Alec was the first of five from the Gibb family to represent either Ipswich, Qld or Australia.

Alec was a Life Member of the Queensland Football Federation and was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in 2000.

* Separate profile in "Volume 2 Representatives"



Grandson Lex with Alec's Australia Cap

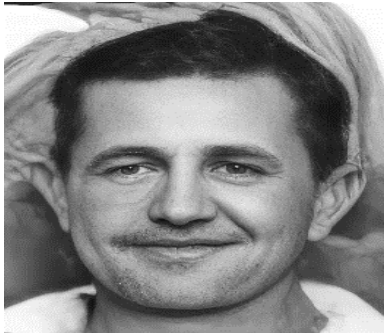


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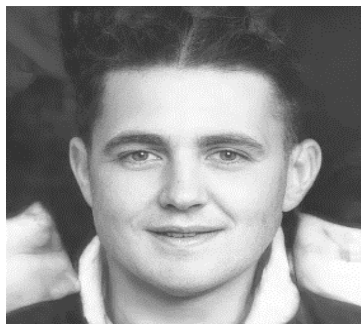
Alec's son *Lex represented Australia and brothers Alf (1925-1993) represented Qld and Alan(1922-1996) Ipswich. Alf was part of the occupational forces in Japan after the war and was a Coach and Selector for Annerley Alan became a Sports writer.* Grandson Lex(Buddy) played for St Helens and Gold Coast United and was selected for Qld three times Great-grandson Glen Gibb represented Ipswich. Grandsons John and James Richards and Dean Gibb played for St Helens * Separate profile in "Volume 2 Representatives"

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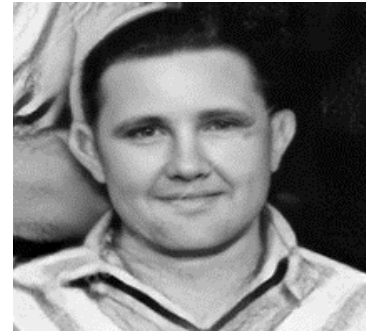
They Sing, Too There was quite a bit of singing at Bundamba Rangers' social last Friday night. the Gibbs the Gibbs (Alec. Lex., end "Pud") chose, "I'll Take 'You Home Again Kathleen," an: Irish number. That is not so very surprising because Alec was born In Ireland--somewhere about the place where the "Mountains of Mourne Sweep Down to the sea"



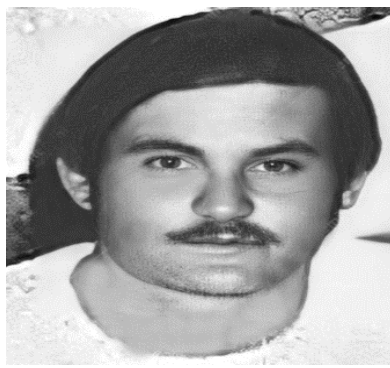
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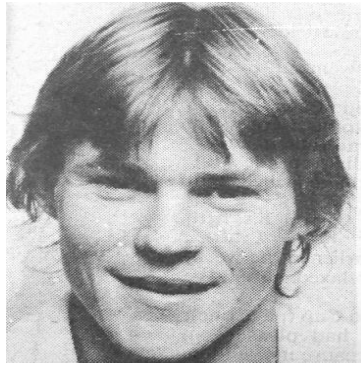
Alf



Alan



Lex(Buddy)



Glen



John



James