# A Collection of Medals of J P V Madsen, J A Madsen, R C Madsen.

As variously held at April, 2021.

## J P V Madsen (1879-1969), J A Madsen (1905-1986), R C Madsen (1916-2002).







## Medals held by Sydney University.





## Obverse of medals at Sydney University.









### J P V Madsen Volta medal 1927, Como.



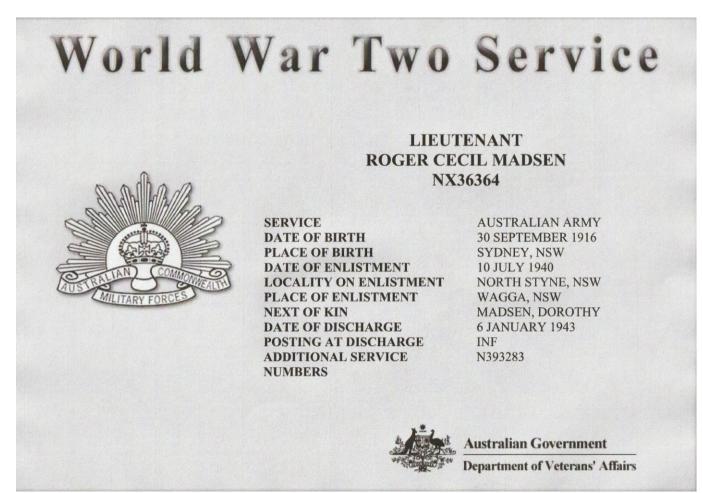




R C Madsen Medal Collection.



#### Roger Cecil Madsen NX36364 Service.



#### Silver Jubilee Medal 1977.





## Obverse of The Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-1945, The Australia Service Medal 1939-1945.







## Hawkesbury Ag. College Old Boys.



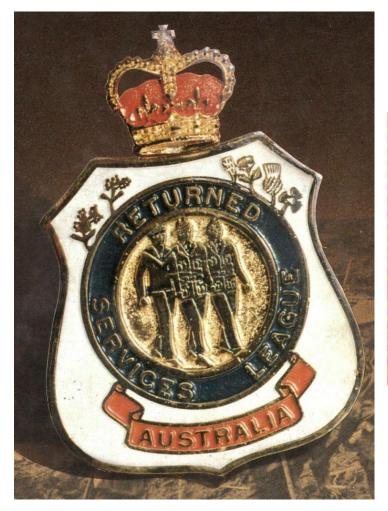








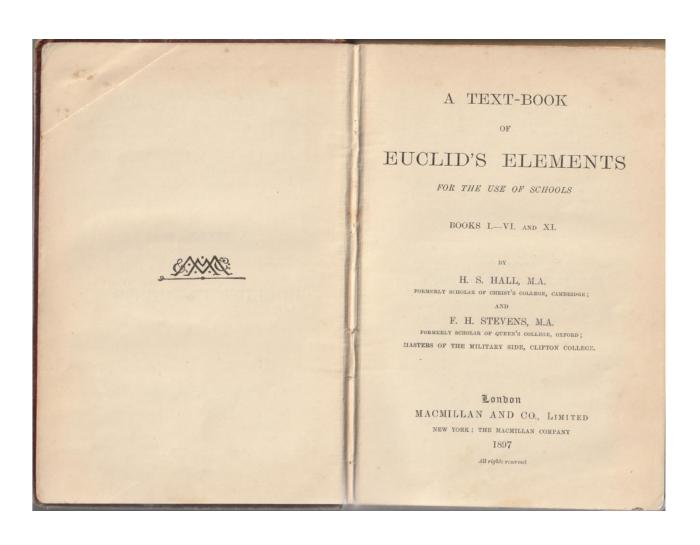
#### Returned Services.

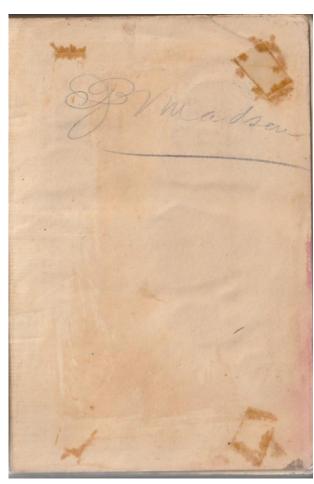






### J P V Madsen Geometry-Euclid 1896 Prize.













NEW SOUTH WALES.

#### PRIZE

AWARDED TO

ON PARSANG IN THE HONOURS GRADE

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Annual Examination, December, 1888









By Command

of

#### HIS MAJESTY THE KING

the accompanying Medal is forwarded

to

PROFESSOR J. P. MADSEN

to be worn in commemoration of

Their Majesties' Silver Jubilee

6th May, 1935.









22nd July, 1937.

#### Dear Professor Madsen,

I have pleasure in forwarding to you herewith, the King's Coronation Medal which was awarded to you on Coronation Day, 12th May, 1937.

I should like, at the same time, to tender you my sincere congratulations.

Yours faithfully,

Premier.



By Command

of

#### HIS MAJESTY THE KING

the accompanying Medal is forwarded

to

Professor John Percival Vissing Madsen

to be worn in commemoration of

Their Majesties' Coronation
12th May, 1937.







#### A COLLECTION OF MEDALS OF J P V MADSEN, J A MADSEN & R C MADSEN.

At April 2021 the medals are held variously by Sydney University Archives, The Academy of Science Archives in Canberra, T P Madsen (Roseville) & R W Madsen (Allambie Heights). Gillian Rush (Jack & Jessie' daughter-Jessie Northcott -Architecture at Sydney University 1926) in 2002-2004 placed the medals from her Father into the Archives at the Academy of Science & Sydney University for safe keeping. {These notes prepared by R W Madsen, April 2021}.

Page 2. Photos: JPV Madsen (1879-1969), JA Madsen (1905-1986), RC Madsen (1916-2002).

Sir John Madsen, Foundation Professor of Electrical Engineering at Sydney University (1920-1949) & Chairman of the Radio Research Board, CSIRO (1927-1957).

Jack Madsen, for many years the General Manager of the Gas & Fuel Corp. Melbourne (ret'd to Buderim in 1970). BSc at Sydney University in 1927 & BE in 1929.

Roger "Joe" Madsen the Regional Director of Agriculture in the Southern Region at Wagga for 23 years, (ret'd to Wyoming-Gosford in 1977).

Page 3. Medals held by Sydney University Archives.

Accession 1534: 3 medals for John Percival Vissing Madsen. University Medal 1900 BSc (Mathematics), University Medal 1901 Civil Engineering, Peter Nicol Russell Medal 1944 by the Institution of Engineers Australia.

Accession 1535: University Medal 1929 for J A (John Atherstone) Madsen Engineering (Mechanical & Electrical).

**Page 4.** Obverse of the 4 medals above.

Page 5. Centenary medal for the death of Alessandro Volta (1745-1827) in Como, Italy held September 7,8,9 (Wed, Thurs, Fri) 1927. An International Physics Conference attended by leading Physicists including Enrico Fermi (1901-1954),W. Heisenberg (1901-1976) & W.Pauli (1900-1958). JPVM attended Como & on the following Saturday in Rome shook hands with Mussolini (the Prime Minister of Italy) as he welcomed the physicists to his villa to make up for his absence at Como where he was scheduled to attend. The Volta Museum was built in 1927 at Como by an Italian industrialist.

**Page 6.** R C Madsen Medal Collection. (Roger Cecil Madsen- NSW Dept. of Agriculture 1938-1976: )[Wagga 1938-1940, Orange 1943- 1951, Leeton 1952, Wagga 1953-1976]

5 War Service Medals from enlistment in Wagga on July 10, 1940 to final discharge on December 17, 1942 after serving 303 days overseas in the Middle East , Crete & Syria (Feb. 3, 1941-Dec.3 1941) & 232 days at Victoria Barracks on Army Food Supply work (April 29, 1942-Dec. 17,1942) on his return to Sydney.

The 1977 Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal (1952-1977).

A 1982 Greek medal for service to Greece by Australians in WW2. Head of King George II similar to 1947 Greek Medal for 1940-1941 service.

Hawkesbury Ag. College pin (1935-1937).

RSL pins & Wagga Rotary (Agriculture) 1956-.

Bronze Medallion for Life Saving.

Girl Guides pin. (Wagga)

Page 7. Australian Army Certificate of Service WW2 (1939-1945)-NX36364.

L to R. The 1939-1945 Star (180 days of service), The Africa Star (Given for service in North Africa, Greece & the Middle East), The Defence Medal (a UK award instituted in May 1945-in this case it appears that at least 180 days of service was given), The War Medal 1939-1945 (For Full Time Service), The Australian Service Medal 1939 -1945 (For non-operational service). GRI on the face of the star medals stands for in Latin "Georgius Rex Imperatur" ie. George King Emperor (of India).

1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee medal. 25th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Page 8. Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal.

**Page 9.** Obverse of the Defence Medal, The War Medal 1939-1945, The Australia Service Medal 1939-1945. The Africa Star. The Royal Life Saving Society Bronze Medallion.

Page 10. Image of a Hawkesbury Ag. College badge. A 'Distinguished Old Boy" medal was awarded. Rotary International emblem during membership in Wagga for Agriculture from 1956 for several years. A Girl Guides pin-"Be Prepared" (Turvey Park). (A buckle of Lisa's for the NSW Ambulance Service is shown representing work done for the Wagga Ambulance service-the station was straight opposite the Dept of Ag/Govt Building in Wagga-Johnstone St..Each station had to arrange its own finance to purchase new ambulances. ). A referees Rugby Union whistle "The Thunderer" for service in Orange & Wagga.

**Page 11.** RSL & Returned from Active Service badges. Greek 1940-1941 Commemorative Service Medal with same ribbon for the 1982 Australian Medal. King George II of Greece on medal up to 1982 & subsequently a Republic version without the King. Medal instituted August 19, 1947.(3<sup>rd</sup> Hellenic Republic from December 8, 1974).

**Pages 12, 13.** Sydney University Prize Medal in 1894 awarded to John Percival Vissing Madsen for Arithmetic in the JuniorPublic Exam. It appears that the University of Sydney Prize Medal was struck by the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint but the die made in London.

**Pages 14, 15.** Sydney University Prize Medal in 1896 awarded to John P Vissing Madsen for Geometry at the Senior Public Exam. In August 1890 (aged 11 ½) while attending Gresford Public School away from the Influenza Epidemic he wrote to his Mother "Tell father I have commenced the Latin & Euclid & am up to the twenty seventh proposition in Euclid".

**Page 16.** NSW Technical Education Branch Prize Certificate in 1896 for Honours Grade in Physics (Elementary Mechanics, Sound , Light & Heat).to John Percival Vissing Madsen.

Pages 17-20. King George V, Silver Jubilee (1910-1935) Medal awarded to Professor J P V Madsen.

**Pages 21-25.** King George VI Coronation medal 1937 awarded to Professor John Percival Vissing Madsen.

Pages 26-28. Queen Elizabeth II, 1953 Coronation Medal.