

## Discovering Greta – Sister Greta Towner’s husband Harry Maloney

After emigrating from Australia to the USA in 1921, First World War nurse, Sister Greta Towner marries Harry Maloney in 1946.

### 1936 Harry Maloney was a timekeeper at Olympic Games

'No title.' *Wellington Times* (NSW: 1899 - 1954), 23 January, 1936, p. 1, viewed 22 August, 2015, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article142894819>



*Mr. Harry W. Maloney, coach of Stanford University, California, who hopes to arrange for the visit to Australia of an American University Rugby Union team in 1937. He was in charge of the electric-timing device at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, and has been appointed official timekeeper for the Games at Berlin.*

*Harry Maloney – Greta Towner’s second husband. (Source: Wellington Times 23 January, 1936)*

Greta Towner’s second husband, Harry Maloney, was born in Ireland, his family emigrated to America. He served in the US Army as a Captain during the First World War.

Records show him bringing sporting teams to Australia as early as 1924. These teams played at the University of Sydney (where Greta had studied in 1920). He wrote fondly of his time in Australia and visited New Zealand.

Greta and Harry had much in common – an Irish heritage (Greta’s mother, Greta Hurley was born in Ireland), Harry’s multiple visits to Australia, even to the university she attended and their shared history of serving in the First World War.

A valid line of enquiry not pursued to date is the service record of Harry Maloney.

Historically interesting is the mention of him appointed official timekeeper for the Berlin Games 1936, which would have seen him at the Olympic Games, presided over by Reich Chancellor Adolf

Hitler and his growing Nazi Party.

You can read more about Harry Maloney in these articles:

### 1924 Harry Maloney to bring Stanford Uni Tennis team to University of Sydney

'UNIVERSITY TENNIS.', *The Telegraph* (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947), 28 April 1924 p. 2, viewed 22 August 2015, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article178398474>

### 1924 Harry Maloney writes of his time in Australia

'APPRECIATES AUSTRALIANS.', *Referee* (Sydney, NSW: 1886 - 1939), 26 November 1924, p. 16, viewed 22 August 2015, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article136621061>

### 1936 Harry Maloney arrives in Sydney to arrange a tour by American Rugby Union team

'Rugby Union Team from U.S.A.', *Daily Standard* (Brisbane, Qld.: 1912 - 1936), 10 January, 1936, p. 2, viewed 22 August, 2015, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article186138233>