

This article appeared in the local Oldham paper on 26th November 1998:



"You might not think so to look at him, but Alf Wood, pictured in the backyard of his home in Brunswick St, Shaw, Oldham in 1949 is a sporting legend. Alf, Oldham Rugby League Club's international goal-kicking full back landed 342 goals in 244 games.

He starred in what is now known as the Rourkes Drift test in 1914. when despite tremendous odds, the Great Britain team beat the Australians 14-6 in Sydney.

Alf's club and international cap collection was obviously his proudest possession and today's rugby supporters are pretty proud of them too. They recently launched an appeal to trace Alf's caps and despite unearthing a couple are still on the lookout for the rest."

[The two caps are now on display at the Oldham RLFC museum.]