

William Goode (colonial administistrator)

Sir William Allmond Codrington Goode GCMG KStJ (8 June 1907 – 15 September 1986) was a British colonial administrator who served as Governor of Singapore from 1957 to 1959, and Governor of North Borneo from 1960 to 1963.

Early life

Goode was born in Twickenham, Middlesex, and attended Oakham School and Worcester College, Oxford.^[3]

Career

Goode joined the Malayan Civil Service in 1931, studying law in his spare time.^[3] He was admitted to the bar by Gray's Inn in 1936. From 1936 to 1939 he served as district officer, Raub, and thereafter as assistant financial secretary of Singapore in 1939.^[3] He was appointed assistant commissioner for civil defence, Singapore in 1940, serving in the Singapore Volunteer Corps as a lance corporal during the Second World War. After the colony's capitulation in 1942, he was taken prisoner by the Japanese and sent to work in Siam on the Burma Railway from 1943 to 1945. He remained in Malaya after the war, and in 1948 became deputy economic secretary to the Federation. In 1949 he was posted to Aden as chief secretary, where he also acted as governor from 1950 to 1951. He returned to Singapore as colonial secretary in 1953 and became the colony's last British governor in 1957.^[4] In 1959, as part of transitional arrangements, he was made Yang di-Pertuan Negara of the State of Singapore from June to December, and United Kingdom Commissioner.^[5] From 1960 to 1963 he was the last governor and Commander-in-Chief of North Borneo.^[6]

Awards and honours

He was invested with Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the 1952 New Year Honours^[7] and Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) in 1957.^[8]

<div>Sir William Goode</div> <div> GCMG KStJ</div>
 <div></div>
23rd Governor of North Borneo
<div>In office</div>
21 April 1960 ^[1] – 15 September 1963
Monarch
 Elizabeth II
Preceded by
 Roland Turnbull
Succeeded by
<i>Office abolished</i>
1st Yang di-Pertuan Negara of Singapore
<div>In office</div>
3 June 1959 – 2 December 1959 ^[2]
Monarch
 Elizabeth II
Prime Minister
 Lee Kuan Yew
Preceded by
<i>Position established</i>
Succeeded by
 Yusof Ishak
4th Governor of Singapore
<div>In office</div>
9 December 1957 – 2 June 1959
Monarch
 Elizabeth II
Chief Minister
 Lim Yew Hock
Preceded by
 Robin Black
Succeeded by
<i>Office abolished</i>
1st Chief Secretary of Singapore
<div>In office</div>
February 1955 – 9 December 1957

He was knighted with Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (KStJ) in 1958.^[9]

He was made Grand Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (GCMG) in the 1963 New Year Honours^[10] shortly before his retirement to Berkshire, England.

Personal life

In 1938, Goode married Mary Harding. She died in 1947 and three years later he married Ena Mary McLaren.^[3]

Goode died in Goring-on-Thames in 1986, aged 79.

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Monarch	Elizabeth II
Preceded by	<i>Office established</i>
Succeeded by	Edgeworth Beresford David
3rd Colonial Secretary of Singapore	
<div>In office</div>	
30 July 1953 – February 1955	
Monarch	Elizabeth II
Preceded by	Wilfred Lawson Blythe
Succeeded by	<i>Office abolished</i>
Personal details	
Born	8 June 1907 <div></div> Twickenham, Middlesex, England
Died	15 September 1986 (aged 79) <div></div> Goring-on-Thames, South Oxfordshire, England
Spouses	<div><div>Mary Harding</div><div>(m. 1938; died 1947)</div><div>Ena Mary McLaren (m. 1950)</div></div>
Children	1

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