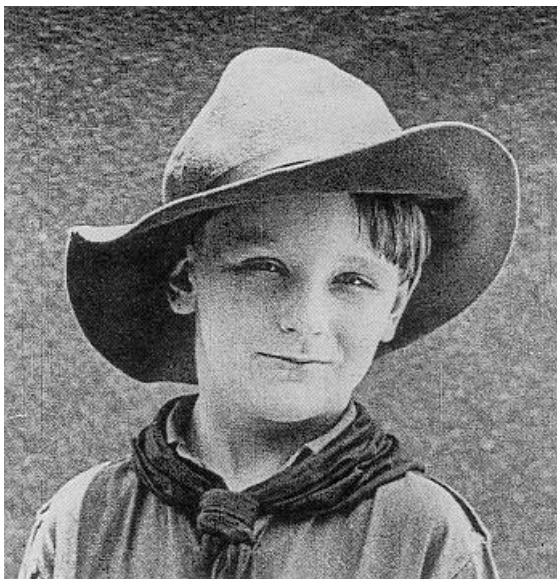


Robin “Pop” Ordell

Titles: 1 Sources: 1 Stills: 1

Born: Robert Dowe; Australia; January 19th 1918

Died: Malta; August 13th 1942; shot down in action with Royal Australian Air Force
Son of writer comedian Athol Dowe (aka Tal Ordell)



*You'd never guess he was Australian, would you.
Source: The Moving Picture Boy*

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“Robin (“Pop”) Ordell was the son of the popular writer and comedian Athol Dowe, who worked under the name of Tal Ordell. He was born Robert Dowe, and was later known as Robert Athol Buntine. His sole, but considerable, claim to cinematic fame was for having starred in **“THE KID STAKES”**, Australia’s first kid film (his father directing), which was based on one of Australia’s best-loved comic strips, the creation of Syd Phillips. (It ran from 1923 to 1977.)

Robin, though no more than plump, incarnated the strip’s hero, “Fatty Finn”, in this admirably grubby story of a donkey race, surrounded by familiars like “Bruiser Murphy”, “Seasy”, “Headlights Hogan”, “Shooey Shugg” and “Master Algie Snoops”. (An unsuccessful remake appeared in 1980, with Ben Oxenbould as Fatty.)

In adult life Robert Buntine became a radio announcer. In August 1942, serving as a Flight Sergeant with the Royal Australian Air Force, he was shot down over the Mediterranean. His name is on the war memorial at Valetta in Malta.”

FILMOGRAPHY			
Year	Age	Title	Role
27	9	THE KID STAKES	in central role, "Fatty Finn" (dir by father)