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The Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association in SA

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The 2nd/9th Australian Armoured Regimental Group Association

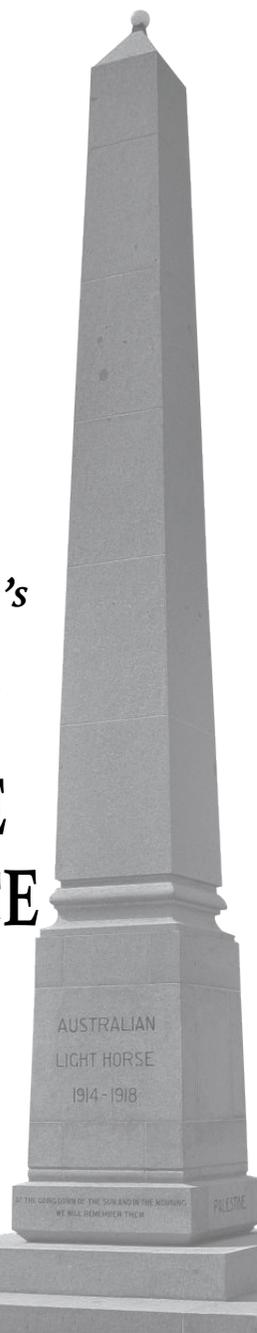
and

9th Light Horse Old Comrades Association

Welcome's you to today's

AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

ANZAC DAY
25th of April 2015



The Lighthorseman

Lieutenant Colonel (acting) Carew Reynell

The 9th Australian Light Horse Regiment came to Gallipoli in May 1915 and within three months had been reduced to 181 men. Many had been lost to enemy fire and even more to sickness and general debility. Their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Carew Reynell, commented - *"we are all ill to breaking point"*

Before the 'August Offensive' he wrote:

"I feel I ought to be writing home sort of good bye letters in case of a wash out ... I think I have arranged for every contingency as far as this Regiment is concerned and hope we shall give a good account of ourselves, and in case of accidents - goodbye and may it be some consolation to you to realise that I have been some use here, and Dickaboo [his son Richard] must grow up quick and be a comfort to his mother and grandfather".

On the night of 27 August 1915, twenty-eight year old Lieutenant Colonel Reynell was killed leading a charge at Hill 60.

Lieutenant General William Birdwood, commander of the Anzac Corps, wrote to Major Reynell's father in law, Douglas Byard, two days after the major's death:

"He turned out, as you told me he would, a first class soldier... Reynell commanded his regiment with the greatest dash, and at once charged straight for the Turkish trenches into which he led his men. As he was not quite satisfied with the trench they had taken he very rightly decided to gain possession of some further part of the enemy's position. He shouted to his men to follow him, which they at once did, and again charged across the parapets at a further point. You will realise how deeply I grieve as in fact we all do".

Lieutenant Colonel Reynell's son, Flight Lieutenant Richard ('Dickaboo') Reynell, met his death in 1940 at the age of 28 years as a test pilot in the Royal Air Force during World War II. He is buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.

The Horses

A tribute written by English Cavalryman, LtCol RM P Preston , DSO, November 16th 1917;

"the majority of the horses in the Corps were Walers, and there is no doubt that these hardy Australian horses make the finest Cavalry mounts in the World.

They (the Australians) have got types of compact, well-built, saddle and harness horses that no other part of the World can show. Rather on the light side according to our ideas, but hard as nails and with beautiful clean legs and feet.

Their records in this war place them above the Cavalry horse of any other nation.

The Australians themselves can never understand our partiality for the half-bred weight-carrying Hunter, which to them looks like a cart horse. Their contention has always been that good blood will carry more weight than big bone, and the experience of this war has converted the writer, for one, entirely to their point of view. It must be remembered that the Australian countrymen are bigger, heavier men than their English brothers. It is probable that they averaged not far off 12 stone stripped. To this weight must be added another 9½ stone for saddle, ammunition, sword, rifle, clothes and accoutrements, so that each horse carried a weight of 21 stone, all day for every day for 17 days, on less than half the normal ration of forage and with only one drink every 36 hours!

The weight carrying English hunter had to be nursed back to fitness after these operations and for a long period, whilst the little Australian horses without any special care, other than good food and plenty of water were soon fit to go through another campaign as arduous as the last one!"

SAMRA

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3rd/9th Light Horse (SAMRA)



Barossa Light Horse Historical Association



10th/27th Royal South Australia Regiment



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Tribute to the men of the Australian Light Horse

Please stand as the Catafalque Party mounts and the Barossa Light Horse Historical Association takes post.

INTRODUCTION:

LtCol Reg Williams RFD (Retd) - President SAMRA

ADDRESS OF REMEMBRANCE:

Brigadier Ellis Wayland AM RFD ED (Retd)

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE:

ALL:

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

PLACING OF WREATHS OR OTHER TRIBUTES:

- **Hon Col 3th/9th Light Horse (SAMR)**
(Col Chris Burns CSC)
- **OC 3th/9th Light Horse (SAMR)**
(Maj Michael Harris)
- **The Lord Mayor of Adelaide**
(Mr Martin Haese)
- **The Federal Member for Adelaide**
(representative for Ms Kate Ellis MHR)
- **The State Member for Adelaide**
(Ms Rachel Sanderson MP)
- **The RSL-SA State Branch**
(represented by Mr Graham Nybo OAM)

- **Department of Veterans' Affairs**
(represented by Mrs Alison Mertens)
- **Other associations and members of the public**

ODE TO THE FALLEN:

Major Roger Burzacott RFD (Retd)

**They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.**

ALL: **We will remember them.**

Major Roger Burzacott RFD (Retd): **Lest we forget.**

ALL: **Lest we forget.**

LAST POST:

Musician - Josh Koop

Those in uniform to salute.

One minute silence

ROUSE:

Musician - Josh Koop

No compliments paid

War Horse Tribute

All Present to face the Horse Trough

TRIBUTE TO THE HORSES:

Mr Michael Scott - Equestrian SA

ODE TO THE FALLEN HORSES:

LtCol Reg Williams RFD (Retd) - President SAMRA

**They went with songs to the battle, they were young.
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

PLACING OF WREATHS OR OTHER TRIBUTES:

- **SAMRA**
- **3rd/9th Light Horse (SAMR)**
- **Barossa Light Horse Historical Association**
- **Equestrian Federation of Australia (SA)**
- **Other associations and members of the public**

Tribute to Royal Australian Armoured Corps Members

All Present to face the RAAC Granite Monument.

Those in uniform to salute

ADDRESS OF REMEMBRANCE:

Mr Ron Teusner

PLACING OF WREATHS OR OTHER TRIBUTES:

Please stand for the National Anthem

Performed by Olivia Robinson

Please remain standing as the Catafalque Party dismounts and the Barossa Light Horse retire.