

Gunner of Renown



Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company

Brigadier Herbert Leslie KYNGDON

(1860-1923)

Kyngdon was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the artillery of the New South Wales Volunteer Forces on 30 June 1880 and promoted lieutenant in 1881 and captain in 1884. He served as captain commanding 'D' Company, New South Wales Infantry Battalion, in the Sudan Campaign of 1885, taking part in the advance on Tamai.

He transferred to the permanent forces, New South Wales Artillery, on 12 November 1885 as a lieutenant and was promoted captain in 1891. In 1896, he was sent to England for six months attachment to the Royal Artillery and on his return was appointed Adjutant, 2nd Garrison Division. Released for active service in the South African War he was a special service officer (lieutenant colonel) with the Royal Artillery from January to December 1900 and later served in Cape Colony and the Orange River Colony.

In 1902-1905, Kyngdon was a Staff Officer, Artillery, in Queensland, and, after Federation, Western Australia and was promoted major in February 1905. He was Commander of Thursday Island 1906 – 08, and Company Officer in the Royal Australian Artillery in New South Wales 1908 – 09. From February 1910, he commanded the Royal Australian Artillery (coast defences) in Queensland, then Victoria, and from 1912 until 1916 NSW. He had been promoted lieutenant colonel in November 1910. Promoted colonel in April 1916, he was Inspector of Coast Defences until June 1919 when he became temporary Chief of Ordnance. He was placed on the retired list in November 1919, after 40 years of service, with the honorary rank of brigadier general.

Kyngdon died from cancer on 11 April 1923 at Mount St Evins Hospital, Fitzroy.

Source: Richmond Cubis, *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol.10, p.638; R. Grebert (Compiler), *NSW Sudan 1885: Some Biographical Details (Statistics)*, NSW Military History Society, p. 69.

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