

Gunner of Renown



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Brigadier General Sydney Ernest CHRISTIAN, CMG

(1868-1931)

Ernest Christian joined a NSW volunteer infantry in 1891 transferring to the permanent forces in 1895 as a lieutenant in 'A' Battery and served with the battery during the Boer War. Thereafter, among other things, he spent a year with the Royal Artillery and became Chief Instructor of Militia Artillery in New South Wales and Queensland.

When WWI broke out he was promoted to command the 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade and sailed to Egypt with the first contingent of the AIF. His brigade served with British forces at Cape Helles, Gallipoli, and in January 1916 he was promoted to CRA (artillery commander) of the newly formed 5th Division and served in that capacity until he was invalided out a year later.

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