

Gunner of Renown



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Major General Herbert William LLOYD, CB, CMG, CVO, DSO

(1883-1957)

Bertie Lloyd was a clerk in Commonwealth Treasury and was commissioned in the Australian Field Artillery in 1906, appointed Militia adjutant Australian Field Artillery, Victoria, in 1908 and promoted captain the following year. On 31 March 1910, he resigned from the public service and the next day entered the Permanent Military Forces.

Appointed captain in the AIF on 18 August, he sailed for Egypt in October as adjutant of the 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade (FAB). At Gallipoli in May 1915 he was promoted major and made a battery commander; for his conduct during the campaign (April-December) he was awarded the DSO. Back in Egypt, he was promoted lieutenant colonel and sent to France in March 1916 as commander of the 22nd Howitzer Brigade. Transferred to the 5th FAB in April, he led it with 'ability, initiative, and energy', attributes he also displayed when he was acting CRA 2nd Division in February-March 1917. That year he was appointed CMG and a member of the Serbian Order of the White Eagle.

Having briefly commanded the 6th (Army) FAB, from November 1917, Lloyd took command of the 12th (Army) FAB in February 1918: the unit distinguished itself in the Lys operations from April to July and in battles along the Somme from August. Three days before the Armistice Lloyd was promoted temporary brigadier general and appointed CRA 5th Division. He was appointed CB in 1919 and mentioned in dispatches four times.

After his AIF appointment terminated on 15 July 1919 in Melbourne, he took on Training and Staff Duties at Army Headquarters. In 1920, he served as transport officer for the Prince of Wales's visit to Australia, for which he was appointed CVO. Lloyd attended the Staff College, Quetta, India, in 1920-21 before being posted to Headquarters 1st Division in Sydney. He resigned from the PMF on 26 August 1925 and was transferred to the Citizen Military Forces.

Thereafter, Lloyd went into business and was a state parliamentarian. He was mobilized for WWII and employed as a senior staff officer, in recruiting, and as a divisional commander in Australia finishing the war administering command of Second Army.

Survived by his daughter and two sons, he died on 10 August 1957 at the Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, and was cremated with Anglican rites and military honours.

Sources: W. Perry, *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol. 13, p. 107.

For more information follow this link: <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/lloyd-herbert-william-10842>