

# Gunner of Renown



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## Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Joseph LYNCH

(1860-1921)

Thomas Lynch joined the NSW Artillery on 18 January 1879 and was a sergeant in the Sudan Contingent in 1885. On the return journey from the Sudan he disembarked at Colombo with 11 other members of the contingent for treatment of enteric (typhoid) fever. In 1886, Sergeant Lynch 'topped' the first course at the newly established School of Gunnery at Middle Head, Sydney.

On 1 January 1894, he was promoted Master Gunner, 1<sup>st</sup> Class (Warrant Officer). Lynch was commissioned second lieutenant during the Boer War. On 1 April 1900, he was promoted lieutenant and was invalided to Australia in November 1900. He returned to South Africa in April 1901, where he rejoined the NSW Citizen's Bushmen's Contingent.

On 8 May 1901, he was allotted to the Royal Army Service Corps, where he was promoted captain and appointed Transport Officer. He was invalided again back to Australia in August 1901. Lynch was appointed RSM of the Royal Australian Artillery (NSW) on 1 October 1902. In 1911, he was appointed Quartermaster at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

He was promoted honorary major on 8 May 1913 and on 1 July he was appointed Adjutant of the 6th Field Artillery Brigade and Brigade Major of 2nd Light Horse Brigade on 17 September 1914. He served at Gallipoli for two months in early 1915 and spent time in hospital in 1915 and 1916 before being discharged from the AIF on 14 April 1916. He was promoted major on 1 January 1919 and from August to November was Temporary Brigade Major of 7 Infantry Brigade.

Lynch retired on 11 September 1920 with a step in rank to honorary lieutenant colonel. He died of pernicious anaemia and heart failure on 30 November 1921 and was buried in the Roman Catholic section of Randwick Cemetery, Sydney.

Source: R. Grebert (Compiler), *NSW Sudan 1885; Some Biographical Details (Statistics)*, NSW Military History Society Inc. p.74.

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