



Capt. Louis Gordon Holmes



23rd June 1915



Played with the Adelaide University



Football Club: 1914 - A Grade & Intervarsity

Double Blue (Boat 1913, Football 1914)

Studying for Diploma in Commerce

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Louis Gordon Holmes. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=141661>



Louis Gordon HOLMES

Date of birth	7 July 1892
Place of birth	Launceston, Tasmania
Other Names	HOLMES, Louis Gordon
School	Scotch College, Launceston, Tasmania; Wesley College, Melbourne, Victoria; Melbourne University, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Student
Address	24 Parade, Norwood, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175 lbs
Next of kin	Father, Dr L S Holmes, 24 Parade, Norwood, South Australia
Previous military service	Served for 6.5 years in the Cadets; served for 1.5 years in the Citizen Forces
Enlistment date	19 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Lieutenant
Unit name	10th Battalion, F Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board Transport A11 <i>Ascanius</i> on 20 October 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	10th Battalion
Fate	Died of wounds 23 June 1915
Date of death	23 June 1915
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	<p>The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 12), Gallipoli, Turkey</p> <p>The Lone Pine Memorial, situated in the Lone Pine Cemetery at Anzac, is the main Australian Memorial on Gallipoli, and one of four memorials to men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Designed by Sir John Burnet, the principal architect of the Gallipoli cemeteries, it is a thick tapering pylon 14.3 metres high on a square base 12.98 metres wide. It is constructed from limestone mined at Ilgardere in</p>

Turkey.

The Memorial commemorates the 3268 Australians and 456 New Zealanders who have no known grave and the 960 Australians and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea after evacuation through wounds or disease. The names of New Zealanders commemorated are inscribed on stone panels mounted on the south and north sides of the pylon, while those of the Australians are listed on a long wall of panels in front of the pylon and to either side. Names are arranged by unit and rank.

The Memorial stands over the centre of the Turkish trenches and tunnels which were the scene of heavy fighting during the August offensive. Most cemeteries on Gallipoli contain relatively few marked graves, and the majority of Australians killed on Gallipoli are commemorated here.

Panel number, Roll of Honour, 59
Australian War Memorial

Miscellaneous information from Commemorated in North Road Church of England Cemetery, Adelaide, South
cemetery records Australia.

Other details War service: Egypt, Gallipoli

Embarked Alexandria to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli, 2 March 1915.

Promoted captain, Gallipoli, 26 April 1915.

Wounded in action, Gallipoli, 16 June 1915; died of wounds (gun shot wound, abdomen), Hospital Ship 'Gascon', 23 June 1915; buried at sea by Chaplain Lee Warner, 3 miles off Gaba Tepe, 24 June 1915.

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Sources [NAA: B2455, HOLMES Louis Gordon](#)

Profiler's Note: No evidence has been found to support the above statement the Louis attended Melbourne University. His Application for a Commission states that he gained his Matriculation from Melbourne University however this means that he passed the examinations conducted by the Melbourne University which would have allowed him to study at university level.

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Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5822715>

10th Inf. Infy. 4/11/15

C.M. Form A. 22.
(Revised 1.5.13.)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 10th Infantry

Application for a Commission in the Australian Expeditionary Force.

No.	Particulars.
1.	Surname ... HOLMES, Other names (in full) ... LOUIS GORDON.
2.	Educational Qualifications ... <i>Matriculation Melbourne University</i>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) ... <i>6 1/2 years Coast Service 1914-1917.</i> (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) If serving, present rank and corps to be stated. ... <i>18 months Citizen Forces 2nd 7th Dist.</i>
4.	<i>James D. Holmes</i> Recent Civil Employment ... <i>24 Parade Woodward</i>
5.	Date of Birth and Age ... <i>July 7, 1892</i> (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.)
6.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <i>British Subject</i> (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)
7.	Married or Single ... <i>Single</i>
8.	Postal Address ... <i>24 Parade Woodward.</i>
9.	Next of Kin ... <i>Mother & Father. Mr. L. P. Holmes 24 Parade Woodward S.A.</i>

Date *18 August 1914.* (Signature of Applicant) *James D. Holmes*

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Board, in accordance with the "Instructions for the Physical Examination of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, *Harry Barends*, do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height *5ft 8* Weight *155 lb*
Chest Measurement *39* Eyesight *R 16 L 16*

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer *H. Barends*

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above-named be appointed a *Lieutenant* in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- * (a) That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, or
- * (b) That such appointment, although not within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, will be within the number of supernumerary officers permitted under C.M. Regulation 56.
- † (a) That the provisions of C.M.R. 60 have been fully complied with, or
- † (b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- † (c) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 139 have been fully complied with.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to *10th Inf. A.I.F.* Squadron, Battery or Coy., &c.

Date *19 August 1914* Commanding *10th Inf. A.I.F.* Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.
Recommended, candidate considered suitable

Date *17. 9. 14* Commanding C.M. Forces *Col. ...* Military District.

* Sub-para. (a) to be struck out if (b) applies, and vice versa. † Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.

Seniority of Candidates to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same form.

C. 4001

PROCEEDED TO JOIN M.E.F. GALLIPOLI PER H.T. "IONIAN" EX ALEXANDRIA 2-3-15

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form — Active Service.

Regiment or Corps HEADQUARTERS 3rd INFANTRY BRIGADE A.I.F.

Regimental No. 2964 Rank Lieut CAPT Name HOLMES Gordon L

Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O's. }

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36 or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
20-6-15	C/Officer	WOUNDED	Gallipoli	16-6-15	B213 No 8 of 2-7-15
17-6-15	GHQ Cable	WOUNDED (S)	Gaba Tepe	do	MFC 5340/1 D/O 10/1
21-5-15	D/O 54	PROMOTED CAPTAIN	Anzac	26-4-15	D/O 10/3
23-6-15	HS Gascon	DIED OF WOUNDS at 2 p.m. (GSW Abdomen)	At Sea	23-6-15	MFC 6595/6 of 2-7-15 D/O 2/14
	Grave Sites	Buried at Sea from H.S. Bascon 3 miles from Gaba Tepe by Chap Lee Warner		24-6-15	V21 & V23

- (a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)



LG Holmes

Published Biography – “The Fighting 10th”

Virtual War Memorial Australia

<https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/75310>

HOLMES, Louis Gordon

Extract from “*The Fighting 10th*”, Adelaide, Webb & Son, 1936 by C.B.L. Lock; supplied courtesy of the 10th Bn AIF Association Committee, April 2015.

Born 7 July 1892 at Launceston, Tasmania.

Only son of Dr Louis and Lucy Holmes of Norwood and Ballarat.

He was educated at Scotch College, Launceston and Wesley College, Melbourne Victoria, where he gained his blue for football and rowing. He also attended the University of Melbourne, where he had a successful athletic career, being a prominent member of the rowing and football teams. He was well known in athletic circles in South Australia, and on several occasions rowed with the University of Adelaide eights.

Shortly before the outbreak of the Great War he commenced studying for a military career. He received his first commission as a 2nd Lieutenant (provisionally) in the 79th (Torrens) Infantry on 16 February 1913 and was promoted to rank of Lieutenant in the same regiment on 16 July 1914 and held this commission at the time of joining the AIF.

He was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the 10th Battalion at Morphettville on 19 August 1914 and was posted to original F Company.

He embarked per HMAT A11 Ascanius on 20 October 1914.

On 1 February 1915 at Mena, Egypt he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and attached to 3rd Brigade Headquarters as permanent Orderly Officer to Colonel E G Sinclair-MacLagan. Whilst holding this position he had much to do with Major Brand, Brigade Major of the 3rd Brigade, and other Staff Officers.

Before leaving the Battalion his many admirers presented him with a riding whip and a pair of spurs in recognition of the splendid services he had rendered in connection with fostering sport. He accompanied the 3rd Brigade Headquarters to Anzac, landed with the 3rd Brigade, and often came in contact with his late associates of the 10th.

On 13 June 1915 he was returning to his dug-out after bathing in the cove, when the Olive Grove guns opened fire, and he was mortally wounded by the notorious “Beachy Bill”.

He was widely popular, and when it was first announced that he was wounded it was hoped by his many scholastic and other friends that his injury would not prove fatal. He had attained his Captaincy on 26 April 1915.

Profiler’s Note –Louis had an elder brother, Robert John Holmes (b 11th November 1889 and died 12th November 1889). There is no evidence that he attended Melbourne University.

Published Biography – Wesley College

<http://www.wesleycollege.net/Our-Community/Archives-and-Collections/Roll-of-Honour/Captain-Louis-Gordon-Holmes.aspx>

Captain Louis Gordon Holmes



Source: Gravesites of Tasmania

First year at Wesley	1904
Personal Information	6th Seat in the 1911 Head of the River winning crew. A talented athlete, he also played one game for St Kilda in 1910 v Melbourne at MCG
Date Enlisted	18/08/1914
Unit Enlisted	10th Battalion
Service Details	Died of wounds received from shrapnel at Anzac Cove (16/6/1915). Reference in <i>The fighting 10th</i> by CBL Leek (1936), p.184
Date of Death	23/06/1915 - 22 years of age
Unit Details	3rd Brigade Headquarters
Cemetery/Memorial Place:	Lone Pine Memorial (buried at sea) (Panel 12), Gallipoli, Turkey

Other References and additional information:

The AIF Project
Discovering ANZACs
Gravesites of Tasmania
RSL Virtual War Memorial
Wesley College Chronicle, August 1915, p.21

Profiler's Note: Louis' first year at Wesley was probably 1910 as he was at Scotch College, Launceston until at least November 1909.


Additional Biography

Early Life

Louis Gordon Holmes was born on the 7th July 1892, the son of Dr Louis Saenger Holmes and Lucy Mary Newton. The family lived at Hopland House, Charles Street, Launceston, Tasmania. Louis' elder brother Robert passed away aged one day and Louis is sometimes described as the only son of Dr and Mrs LS Holmes. Louis had four sisters, Alice (who died aged one month), Jessie, Florence and Edna.

Louis' father was born at Smythes Creek, outside Ballarat, Victoria and was a Doctor in Launceston (Tasmania), St Kilda (Victoria) and in Adelaide (South Australia).

<http://www.launcestonfamilyalbum.org.au/detail/1030671/louis-saenger-holmes>



► **Louis Saenger Holmes**

DATE OF BIRTH
unknown

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
Charles Street Launceston Tasmania Australia

SPOUSE NAME
Lucy Mary Newton

CHILDREN'S NAMES
Robert John, Louis Gordon, Alice, Jessie Eileen, Florence & Edna Lucy

NOTES

Louis Saenger Holmes was born at Smythes Creek, Victoria, in 1859, a son of James Holmes and Jessie Murdoch. Louis Holmes trained as a doctor and registered as a GP in Launceston on 3 Dec 1887. He married Lucy Mary Newton on 18 Jul 1888 at Hawksburn, Victoria. Their six children were born in Launceston: Robert, 11 Nov 1889; Louis, 7 Jul 1892; Alice, 20 Dec 1893 and died on 20 Jan 1894; Jessie, 18 Dec 1894; Florence, 8 Oct 1899 and Edna, 9 Sep 1902.

The Launceston Volunteer Ambulance Corps was formed in 1899 under the command of Captain-Surgeon Louis S Holmes. He was also Port Health Officer for the Marine Board of Launceston. At the time of the Exhibition, Louis Holmes LRCP, LRCS Ed, LFPS, was living in Charles Street, Launceston. He took part in a 'Living Chess Tournament' at the Exhibition in March 1892, playing for the Workmen's Club.

The family appears to have moved to Victoria about 1907 and later to Adelaide, South Australia, where they were living when their second son, Captain Louis Gordon Holmes, died of wounds at sea on the HMAS *Gascon* near Gallipoli on 23 Jun 1915, aged 22.

Louis Saenger Holmes died at Kooringa, South Australia, on 14 Jul 1926; his wife, Lucy Mary Holmes, died in 1935 in Victoria, aged 69.

CONTRIBUTOR/S
Prue McCausland Aug 2009

Schooling

Louis commenced his schooling at Launceston Church Grammar School in 1900 and in December that year he was awarded a Form 1 prize having come first in History and third in Latin. Louis then moved to Scotch College, Launceston where he passed Junior Public Examinations in English, History, Geography and Arithmetic in December 1906 and further Junior Public Examinations in December 1907. Louis was awarded the Senior Division prize for Mathematics at Scotch College in December 1908.

Dr and Mrs Holmes and family were given a farewell from Launceston in April 1908 and Dr LS Holmes took up practice in St Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria. However Louis remained in Tasmania until at least November 1909.

In 1909 Louis passed four subjects (English, History, Geography and Arithmetic) in the Senior Public Examinations held by the University of Tasmania.

It is clear that Louis was a good athlete and he competed in the annual sports at Scotch College in December 1908 and November 1909. In 1909 he won the handicap hurdles (120 yards) and was second in the 100 yards flat race.

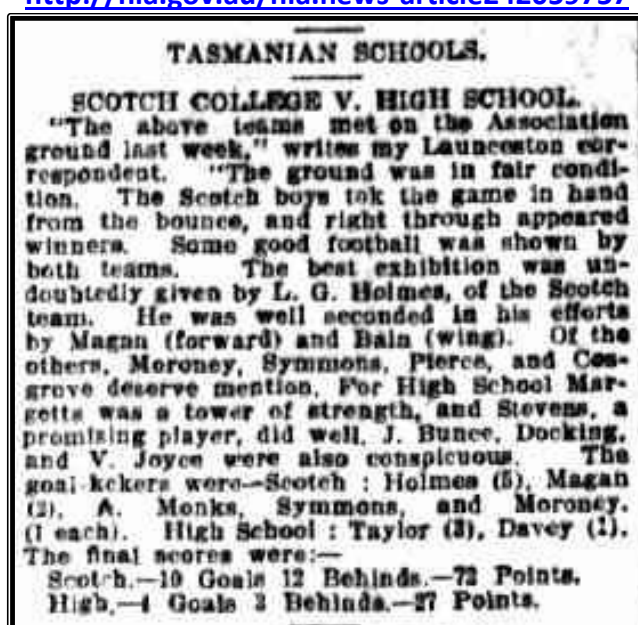
It is possible that Louis rowed for Scotch College in the winning Crew Schools' Championship at the rowing championships on the Derwent in April 1909, however the newspaper reports at the time only state "G Holmes (stroke)" and there appears to have been both a LG Holmes and a G Holmes at Scotch in 1909.

Louis played football for Scotch College in a match against High School in July 1909 and was best on ground, kicking five goals.

"TASMANIAN SCHOOLS."

The Herald (Melbourne, Vic. : 1861 - 1954) 8 July 1909

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article242059757>



It is possible that Louis attended Queen's College, St Kilda in 1910 as a LG Holmes was Dux of the School in December 1910 and LG Holmes won the 220 yards race at the College Sports. LG Holmes also passed the University of Melbourne Junior Public Examinations in December 1910.

In 1910, Louis played one senior game of football for the St Kilda Football club.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lou_Holmes_\(footballer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lou_Holmes_(footballer))

Lou Holmes		
Personal information		
Full name	Louis Gordon Holmes	
Date of birth	7 July 1892	
Place of birth	Launceston, Tasmania	
Date of death	23 June 1915 (aged 22)	
Place of death	Gallipoli, Turkey	
Original team(s)	Launceston	
Playing career ¹		
Years	Club	Games (Goals)
1910	St Kilda	1 (0)
¹ Playing statistics correct to the end of 1910.		
Sources: AFL Tables , AustralianFootball.com 		

"CLUB NOTES." *The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957)* 26 May 1911 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article10904959>

St. Kilda have given up all hope of Gravenall playing with them. He has obtained a permit to play with Collegians, and so has Holmes, the Wesley College boy.

Louis attended Wesley College, Melbourne in 1911. He was in Seat 6 for the College Eight in the Head of the River contest in May 1911. He weighed 11 stone 1 pound. Louis also played football for Wesley College in 1911.

"HEAD OF THE RIVER." *Geelong Advertiser (Vic. : 1859 - 1929)* 13 May 1911
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article149208096>

Wesley College (centre station.
Coach, Mr. C. Donald): W. I.
Hayes (bow), 10.2; C. S. Wood
(2), 10.0; K. F. Abernethy (3),
10.7; W. H. Kaighin (4), 11.5; G.
C. Rowe (5), 11.9; L. G. Holmes
(6), 11.1; R. McC. Abernethy (7),
11.0; H. S. Dickinson (str.), 11.10;
N.S. Edmondstone (cox), 6.0

1911 Wesley College Crew



LG Holmes – Seat 6 – Fourth from Right
Source: Wesley College Boatshed

In December 1911, Louis' father, Dr LS Holmes accepted an appointment to the friendly societies in Adelaide with a minimum salary of £750 per annum, with the right to private practice. The appointment was for five years.

University

Louis enrolled at the University of Adelaide as a non-graduating student, studying for a Diploma in Commerce. Although the student card below only shows details of Louis studying Business practice in 1913, he played sport for the University of Adelaide from 1912-1914.

University of Adelaide – Student Card

NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Holmes, Louis Gordon, Parade, Norwood</i>		REGISTER NO. <i>1228</i>	
COURSE <i>Cont</i>	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MATRICULATION	GRADE <i>A. Grad</i>
SENIOR		ON WAR MEMORIAL	
STATUS GRANTED			
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	REMARKS
1913	<i>Business Practice</i>	<i>B660</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Died - Great War (H. Roll)</i>			

University Sport

Boat

Louis rowed for the Adelaide University Boat Club from 1912 – 1913. He was a member of the 1912 and 1913 Intervarsity Eight crews. At the time of the 1912 Intervarsity in Sydney he weighed 11 stone 2 pounds. Louis was awarded a Blue for Boat in 1913.

"ROWING" *The Sun* (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954) 26 May 1912

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article228863156>

The crews are;—
 Adelaide.—(Bow), H. H. Swift, 11st. 2lb.;
 J. C. Mayo, 10st. 11lb.; G. R. Harder, 11st.
 4lb.; H. J. Penny, 11st 5lb.; T. M. Hardy,
 12st. 12lb.; L. G. Holmes, 11st. 2lb.; P. C. A.
 Fornashon, 11st. 2lb.; (str.), C. L. Abbott,
 11st. 7lb.; (cox), A. W. Morey, 8st. 9lb.
 Coaches: F. F. Esple, T. Gibb.

"INTER-'VARSITY BOAT RACE." *The Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954)* 31 May 1912

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article228860551>

1912 - Adelaide University Intervarsity Boat Crew



LG Holmes – Back Row – Far Left

In March 1913 Louis was selected to represent South Australia in an interstate eight oar crew (seat 2), however it was reported later in March that Louis had dropped out of the crew.

"ROWING." *The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)* 6 March 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5378632>

ROWING.

INTER-STATE EIGHT-OAR CREW.

On Wednesday Mr. Arthur Nicholls, who has been appointed sole selector, handed to the secretary of the Rowing Association (Mr. J. J. Sharp) the following names of those whom he had decided upon as the crew to represent South Australia in the inter-State Eight-oar Championship Race, to be rowed on the Port Adelaide River on April 26:—J. B. Courtney (Torrens), bow; J. A. Begg (Port), 2; L. G. Holmes (University), 3; C. Olsson (Torrens), 4; P. W. Kennedy (Torrens), 5; A. R. G. Feasby (Mercantile), 6; C. L. Abbott (University), 7; C. R. Butterworth (Adelaide), stroke; W. S. Webb (Port), cox.; emergencies, R. M. Scott (University) and E. M. Luxmoore (Adelaide). The crew will immediately go into hard training under Mr. Nicholls' coaching. They are a powerful lot of men, and if they get together should do credit to the State.

"ROWING." *The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)* 28 March 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article200871157>

J. H. Vollprecht, of the Mercantile club, has been selected by Mr. Nicholls to fill the vacancy caused by L. G. Holmes dropping out of the interstate crew.

By March 1913 when Louis rowed for University in the Stirling Eights at the Autumn Regatta he was in Seat 7 and weighed 12 stone (this may have been an error as in May 1913 he was said to weigh 11 stone).

"AUTUMN REGATTA." *Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931)* 22 March 1913 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article163096321>

STIRLING EIGHTS.—First heat.	
North Side.	South Side.
University B.C.	Adelaide R.C.
C. S. Kneebone	R. L. McCullough
(bow) 9 12	(bow) 10 7
A. W. Morey (2) . 9 10	G. H. Taylor (2) 11 1
L. M. Gellert (3) . 10 4	D. R. Jones (3) . 10 6
G. Halbert (4) . 11 8	J. M. Biggs (4) . 11 8
J. H. Hill (5) . 10 10	J. P. S. Morice (5) 11 4
A. E. Kain (6) . 12 12	R. L. Rhodes (6) . 11 11
L. G. Holmes (7) 12 0	V. A. Clutterbuck
D. Yates (str.) . 11 8	(7) 11 10
K. Wade (cox)	G. C. McNeillage
	(str.) 11 0
	J. Foody (cox) . 8 0
University won by three-quarters of a length.	
1.35, 2.40.	

"ROWING" *Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924)* 21 May 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article124947831>

The crew is seated as follows:—A. W. Morey. 9.10 (bow); J. A. Love, 10.3 (2); P. C. A. Fornachon, 11.0 (3); G. E. Halbert, 11.3 (4); T. M. Hardy, 12.9 (5); F. F. Espie, 12.7 (6); L. G. Holmes, 11.0 (7); D. W. Yates, 10.12 (stroke); E. O. W. Symons (cox); C. S. Kneebone (emergency).

1913 Adelaide University Crew

Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) 14 June 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article222607133>



LG Holmes – Seat 7 – Third from Left

1913 Adelaide University Intervarsity Boat Crew

1913 Inter-Varsity Rowing



3rd Adelaide University - Bow: Allan Wilson Morey, 2: John Alexander Love, 3: Paul Charles Albert Fornachon, 4: George Edward Halbert, 5: Thomas Maxfield Hardy, 6: Francis Fancett Espie, 7: Louis Gordon Holmes, Str: Donald Yates, Cox: Eric Lindsey Symons, Cchs: Arthur Nicholls, Arthur Lorimer Kennedy & Arthur J Shepherd Held in Melbourne won by Melbourne, Sydney 2nd Guerin-Foster - History of Australian Rowing

LG Holmes – Seat 7 - Third from right

"THE INTER-VARSITY EIGHT OARED RACE." *Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954)*

24 May 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88826910>



LG Holmes – Front Row – Second from Left

THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY CREW

Who leave today for Melbourne where the contest will be held on 3 June

Back Row: E.L. Symons (cox), A.W. Morey (bow) 9 st 10 lb, G.E. Halbert (4) 11 st 3 lb,

J.A. Love (2) 10 st 2 lb, P. C. A. Fornachon (3) 11 st 1 lb

Front Row: E.F. Espie (6) 12 st 7 lbs, L.G. Holmes (7) 11 st 7 lb, D. Yates (stroke) 10 st 12 lb, T.M. Hardy (5) 12 st 6 lb

Football

Louis played A Grade football for the Adelaide University Football Club in 1914 and was a member of the 1914 Intersports side who played against Melbourne University on Adelaide University Oval in August 1914. Adelaide University defeated Melbourne University for the first time in the 1914 match. He was awarded a Blue for Football in 1914, making him a Double Blue.

1914 Intersports Football Team



BACK ROW: T.B. Sard, W.J. Phillips, A.E. Williams, L.B. Laurie, C.R. Cole, W.J. Price, A.H. Limb, E.G. Dorsch,
L. Carthew, J.D. Northley, C. Gurner.
MIDDLE ROW: N.V. Mengerson, C.E. Pellew, L.A. Hayward (Vice-Captain), J.W. Blacket (Captain), D.M. Steele, W.A. Rollison.
FRONT ROW: L.G. Holmes, F.E. Williams, H.C. Thrush, W.O. Jose.

L.G. Holmes – Front Row – Far Left

Eighteen of the men in the 1914 Intersports Team photo would enlist. A.H. Limb, J.W. Blacket, L. B. Laurie, L.G. Holmes and W.O. Jose would be killed in action or die from illness while serving.

Other Pre War Activities

Apart from his University and sport related activities Louis' name appeared in the newspaper in relation to a car accident in January 1913 and in relation to his service in the Cadets and later in the Citizens Forces.

"On the night of January 7 (1913) Mr. L. G. Holmes was driving his father's motor car down the Greenhill Road when it got out of hand, crashed through the fence, and finished near the bottom of Waterfall Gully, a distance of about a quarter of a mile. Mr Holmes was thrown out at the top of the hill, but was not hurt."

An article relating to the crash described Louis as a Chauffeur and another said he was associated with 'Eyes & Crowle's establishment. Eyes & Crowle were importers of motor cars, motor cycles, accessories, &c. at 75-79 Pirie Street, Adelaide, specialising in Buick cars.

8 January 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article210326395>

DOWN A PRECIPICE.

REMARKABLE MOTOR SMASH.

A WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

It is not given to many men to be at such close quarters with death as was Mr. Louis Gordon Holmes, of the Parade, Norwood, on Tuesday morning, and to come through unscathed. He had been overhauling his motor car, and went out early in the morning for a trial spin. The engines went smoothly up the Greenhill-road, and as he turned to bring his car home he was congratulating himself on the success of his work. There was no hint of impending disaster, and as he glided down the hill overlooking the Waterfall Gully road at about 15 to 20 miles an hour he thoroughly enjoyed the fresh, clear air. The smash happened suddenly and gave no warning. The curve he was negotiating was no more dangerous than many others along the route, and, being an experienced driver, he saw no peril in it. Just as he rounded it, however, the tire on one of the front wheels blew out. The steering wheel was twisted round in his hands, and almost before he realised his danger the car had dashed into the fence at the side of the road and was hurtling down the hillside, crashing over stumps and stones and turning over and over in its headlong descent to the ravine hundreds of feet below.

As he felt the wheel twisted out of his grasp Mr. Holmes instinctively shut off the engines and jammed on the brakes, but the car had too much way on, and he realised that there was no hope of stopping it from crashing through the fence. As the impact between the car and the fence occurred he wondered how it would all end. The next

wondered how it would all end. The next moment the car was somersaulting down the hill and he was flying through the air, to land on the ground on all fours and un-nurt just as the car crashed past him. Even then he kept his head and grabbed the back axle of the motor in an endeavor to hold it back. No man could have stopped it, however, and he was pulled down after it until it got away from him in descending a particularly steep pinch, and continued its career downhill till it was brought up near a big gum tree about 100 yards from the first ford. Mr. Holmes slid down after it, and, having ascertained that it was a total wreck, he walked on to the Waterfall Gully Hotel and was taken home from there in another car.

Nobody had witnessed the accident, and Mr. Holmes did not trouble to inform the police. Consequently, when the foreman of Messrs. Dunstan & Sons (Mr. Batt) called up the police at 7.20 a.m. and informed them that a battered motor car was lying at the bottom of the hill, with the steering gear smashed and parts of the machine scattered about, and that there was a straw hat a little farther on, a terrible tragedy was scented. Constable Moulden, of Burnside, rang up the Norwood station, and with Sergeant Beare and Constables Trotter and Garland he proceeded to the spot. No trace could be found of the driver, and it was thought he might have crawled away behind some bushes, so a thorough search of the vicinity was made. Nothing, however, was found, and the searchers were at a loss to explain the presence of the car until Mr. Holmes returned to claim it.

All are agreed that had Mr. Holmes not been thrown clear when the car first turned over he must inevitably have been killed or at least seriously injured.

He is the son of Dr. L. S. Holmes, of the Friendly Societies' Dispensary, and is connected with Messrs. Eyes & Crowle's establishment. He is 21 years of age. The car was a 10-14-h.p. F.N.

After the accident Mr. Holmes said:—"It all happened so suddenly that I don't know really how I felt. I was jolly glad I did not take my sister with me, as I thought of doing before I left."

8 January 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article105275088>

OVER THE HILL

MOTORIST'S ADVENTURE

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

ACCIDENT ON GREENHILL ROAD

While driving a 10-14 h.p. motor-car along the Greenhill road on Monday night Mr. L. G. Holmes had a miraculous escape from death. At the time of the accident the car was travelling at a speed of about 20 miles per hour. When passing round a sharp and dangerous turn the tyre on one of the front wheels burst, with the result that the vehicle swerved violently, crashed into a fence, and went hurling down the steep hill at the side of the track. The car fell a distance of 300 ft. and was considerably damaged, but fortunately Mr. Holmes was uninjured.

In describing his experience yesterday Mr. Holmes remarked that he was coming down the hill on his way home at 8 o'clock. Continuing the story he stated:—

"I was coming down the hill on my way home in the half-light at about 8 o'clock at a rate of between 15 to 20 miles an hour. When I came to that sharp turn up there (a most dangerous one), I think the left hand front wheel tyre must have blown out. Anyhow, the wheels twisted right round and went straight into the fence. Of course I turned off the power straight away and jammed down the brakes—that comes as second nature—but it was no good, and the machine crashed into the fence and turned right over and went sliding down the hill. I must have been thrown out before the first turn was completed—I don't know—but I landed on all fours unhurt, and, running after the car, caught hold of the back axle and tried to stop it. I was pulled down the incline, sometimes lying down, too, but at last the thing got away from me at that steep part there, and finally finished up here. I slid down after it, although it was pretty rough, then walked up to the Waterfall Gully Hotel, and was taken back home in a car that was there. I found my Stepney wheel in the creek this morn-

ing, the back lamp was smashed right up, but the front one, somehow, was unbroken. I thought nobody knew of the affair, and so did not trouble to inform the police." The young fellow was quite alive to the marvellous escape he had experienced, and was the subject of hearty congratulations from those who had previously been certain that some life had been lost. "It all happened so quickly," he remarked, "that I don't know really how I felt. I am jolly glad of one thing, however. I didn't bring my little sister, although I thought of doing so, and was almost on the point of asking her before leaving home."

Residents of Waterfall Gully received a shock yesterday morning when they discovered the wrecked car, but no signs of its late occupant—dead or alive. Mr. Holmes was, in fact, then quietly eating his breakfast at the hotel, unconscious of the commotion his non-appearance on the scene was causing. The more the Waterfall Gully people looked round the more mystified they became, and eventually the police were informed of the occurrence. Then for three hours police and civilians were diligently searching among the rocks on the hillside for the survivors of what was thought to have been a terrible catastrophe. All fears were subsequently allayed by the arrival of Mr. Holmes, who despite his exciting adventure of the previous night was quite cheerful, even if disturbed at the damage which daylight revealed had been sustained by the car.

The scene of the accident was about 100 yards from the first ford, near a big tree on the Greenhill road, where the latter begins to slope towards Waterfall Gully. The spot is considered most dangerous by travellers, as on the side of the road is a hill which sheers down precipitously into the gully. Only a frail fence divides the road from the declivity.

Mr. Gordon, who is 21 years of age, is a son of Dr. Holmes, of Norwood.

"MOTOR CAR THAT BOLTED." *Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931)*

18 January 1913

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article163091510>



Eyes & Crowles, Pirie St Adelaide

1923

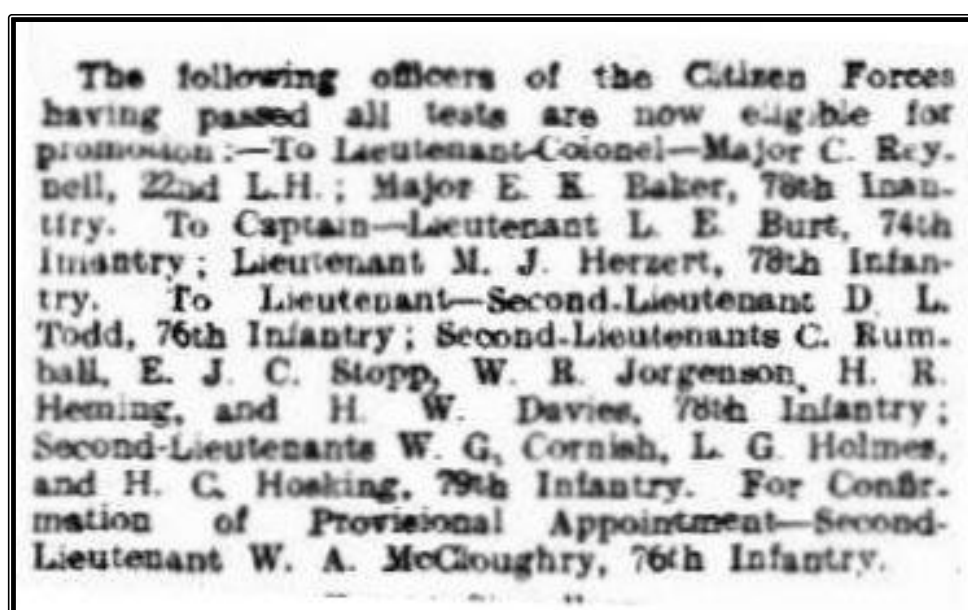


Shortly before the outbreak of the Great War he commenced studying for a military career. He received his first commission as a 2nd Lieutenant (provisionally) in the 79th (Torrens) Infantry on 16 February 1913.

By August 1913 he had passed the Infantry School examinations and was recommended for the Map Reading and Field Sketching School. He received a good pass for the Map Reading and Field Sketching School in late August 1913. In early November he attended Musketry School at the Port Adelaide rifle range. Louis was confirmed in his appointment as a Second Lieutenant in November 1913.

By June 1914 Louis had passed all the requirements to be promoted to Lieutenant and in late June 1914 he competed in the Officer's Rifle Competition. He was promoted to rank of Lieutenant in the 79th (Torrens) Infantry on 16 July 1914 and held this commission at the time of joining the AIF.

"MILITARY NOTES" *Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924)* 22 June 1914 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article125063561>



World War I

Louis applied for a Commission with the Australian Expeditionary Forces on the 19th August 1914. He was 22 years and one month old, 5'8" tall and weighed 12 stone 7 lbs. He had served for 6.5 years in the Cadets and for served for 1.5 years in the Citizen Forces. He was initially a member of the 10th Battalion.



LG Holmes
(from the group photograph below)

A Group of Adelaide Rifles

(probably the original F Company of the 10th Battalion AIF)
at Morphettsville Camp



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Lt Louis Gordon Holmes is seventh from left in the third (from front) row

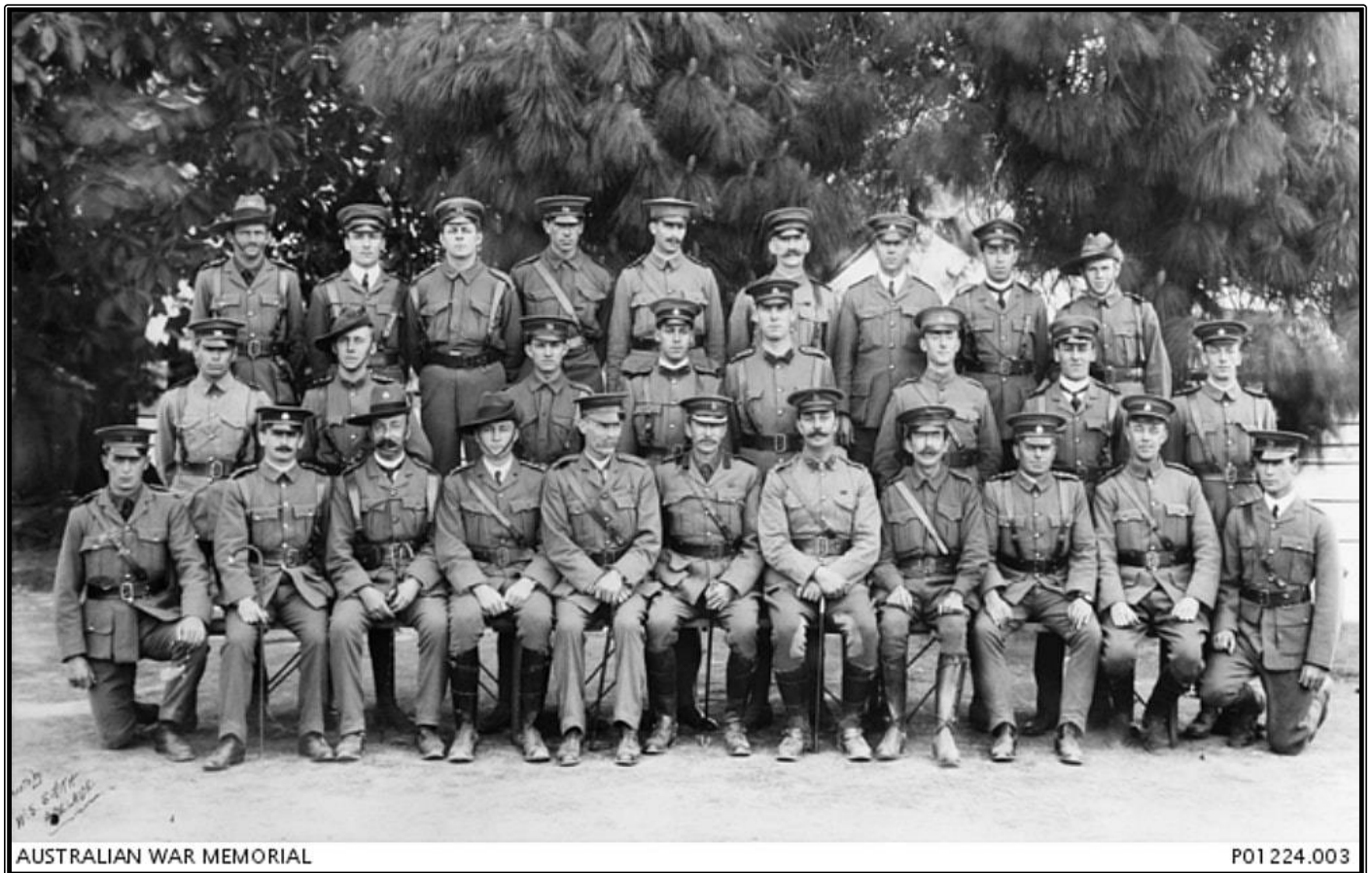
"FAREWELL TO OFFICERS." *The Express and Telegraph* (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922)
13 October 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article210302588>

FAREWELL TO OFFICERS.

The Acting C.O. and officers of the 79th Infantry (Torrens Infantry) Regiment met at Jackman's Cafe on Friday evening at dinner to bid farewell to their comrades who are leaving for Europe with the expeditionary force. Major Leonard presided. The chairman proposed "His Majesty the King and the cohesion of the Empire." The toast, "Farewell to the brigade staff," which was submitted by the president, was received with enthusiasm. In responding, Colonel S. Price Weir referred to the good qualities of each officer. Captain Lorenzo, who has always been closely associated with the 79th Infantry, also responded. "Farewell and a safe return to the officers of the 79th Infantry" was proposed by Lieutenant Cornish. He said every officer present was proud to belong to that ever-widening and increasing firm of John Bull and Co., and if any evidence as to the loyalty of its branches was needed it was present that evening. In conclusion, he quoted the well-known lines—"Be copy, then, to men of grosser blood, and teach them how to war." All the departing officers responded. They are:—Colonel Weir, Captains Lorenzo, G. E. Redburg, P. N. LeMessurier, and K. Fry; and Lieutenants P. G. Giles, K. Green, L. G. Holmes, F. L. G. Smith, O. E. Bruns, A. H. Rowe, and H. C. Hosking. The president expressed regret that the commanding officer, Major W. R. McKeever, who was still indisposed, was unable to be present. An enjoyable programme was contributed by Mr. Gordon James, Lieutenant C. Bath, and Mr. W. H. Bowden's string band.

**Group portrait of the original officers of the 10th Battalion
prior to leaving Adelaide for Egypt.**



LG Holmes – Back Row – Third from Left

Left to right, back row: Lieutenant (Lt) Julius August William Kayser from Alberton, South Australia (later Major, killed in action in France on 16 February 1917); Lieutenant (Lt) Clarence Rumball from Thebarton, South Australia; Lt Louis Gordon Holmes from Norwood, South Australia; Lt Trevor Owen-Smyth from Adelaide, South Australia (later killed in action at Gallipoli on 6 May 1915); Captain (Capt) Sydney Raymond Hall from Unley, South Australia (later killed in action at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915); Lt John Hamilton from Broken Hill, NSW (later Capt); Lt Alfred Cyril Sommerville from Croydon, South Australia; Second Lieutenant (2nd Lt) David Leslie Todd from Adelaide (later Capt); and Lt Albert John Bryne from Broken Hill (later killed in action at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915).

Middle row: Lt Mervyn James Herbert from Brighton, South Australia (later Major (Maj)); Lt Keith Eddowes Green from Prospect, South Australia (later killed in action at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915); Lt Robert James Mansfield Hooper from Alberton (later killed in action at Gallipoli on 27 May 1915); Lt Eric John Carl Stopp from Kent Town, South Australia; Lt Hector Roy Heming from North Adelaide; Lt Eric Wilkes Talbot Smith, (later died of wounds in Egypt on 30 April 1915); Lt Herbert Champion Hosking from St Peters, South Australia; and Capt Harold William Hastings Seager from Adelaide (later Maj and awarded MC).

Front row: Lt Eric James Sexton from Alberton (later Maj); Capt George Dorricutt Shaw from Hindmarsh, South Australia (later Maj); Maj Miles Fitzroy Beevor from Unley, South Australia (later Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col)); Capt Harry Carew Nott (Medical Officer) from Lower Mitcham, South Australia (later Lt Col); Maj Frederick William Hurcombe, Second in Charge (2IC) from Mile End, South Australia (later Lt Col and MID); Colonel Stanley Price Weir (Commanding Officer) from St Peters (later awarded DSO); Capt Francis Maxwell de Flayer Lorenzo (Adjutant) from Westbourne Park, South Australia (later Lt Col and awarded DSO); Capt Charles Francis Minagall (Quartermaster) from Goodwood, South Australia (later Maj); Capt Edward Castle Oldham from Hackney, South Australia (later Maj and killed in action at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915); Capt Ross Blyth Jacob from Kadina, South Australia (later Lt Col); and Lt Vernon Hermann Robley from Gilberton, South Australia. Absent: Lt William Stanley Frayne from Mile End, South Australia, (later killed in action at Gallipoli on 6 August 1915); Lt Charles Percy Farrier from Broken Hill (later killed in action at Gallipoli on 9 May 1915); Lt Felix Giles from Maylands, South Australia (later Lt Col); 2nd Lt Noel Medway Loutit from St Peters (later Lt Col); Lt William Howard Perry from Broken Hill (later Capt and awarded MC); and Captain George Ernest Redburg from Norwood, South Australia (later Maj).

Louis departed from Australia on the 20th October 1914 on board Transport A11 *Ascanius* on 20 October 1914 and arrived at the Mena Camp Egypt before Christmas 1914.

He was promoted to lieutenant on 1st February 1915 and was attached to the 3rd Brigade. He was made permanent Orderly Officer to Colonel Sinclair MacLagan and had a lot to do with Major Brand, the Brigade Major of the 3rd Brigade.

**Outdoor group portrait of officers of the 10th Infantry Battalion
using a wagon as a grandstand to watch a battalion sports carnival
at Mena Camp Egypt, Christmas 1914.**



LG Holmes – On Wagon – Fourth from Right

The officers are from left to right: Captain (Capt) Mervyn James Herbert from Brighton, South Australia (later Major (Maj)); Capt Felix Gordon Giles from Marylands, South Australia (later Maj and awarded DSO); Lieutenant (Lt) William Howard Perry from Broken Hill, NSW (later Capt and awarded MC); Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Stanley Price Weir from St Peters, South Australia, the battalion Commanding Officer (later awarded DSO); Lt Herbert Champion Hosking from St Peters; Maj Miles Fitzroy Beevor from Unley, South Australia (later Lt Col); Capt Francis Maxwell de Frayer Lorenzo from Westbourne, South Australia, Adjutant (later Lt Col and awarded DSO); Lt John Hamilton from Broken Hill (later Capt); Lt Hector Roy Heming from North Adelaide; Lt Louis Gordon Holmes from Norwood, South Australia; Capt George Dorricutt Shaw from Hindmarsh, South Australia (later Maj); Lt Alfred Cyril Sommerville from Croydon, South Australia; Lt Trevor Owen-Smyth from Adelaide (killed in action at Gallipoli on 6 May 1915).

(Note the date on the print is incorrect - it should read "Xmas 1914").

1 May 1915

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article89144018>

The Australian Forces.

The first contingent of the Australian forces, which sailed for Egypt, and which has been undergoing training there for nearly six months, consisted of about 30,000 men, the general officer commanding being Major-General Bridges, and the staff officers, Lieutenant-Colonel White, Majors Glasford, Blamey, and Captain Griffiths. The 3rd Infantry Brigade consists of the Queensland, South Australian, Western Australian, and Tasmanian troops. The 10th Battalion (South Australia) is commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel S. P. Weir, with Major F. W. Hurscombe second in command. The adjutant is Captain F. M. Lorenzo, the quartermaster Captain C. F. Minagall, the transport officer Second-Lieutenant T. O. Smyth, and the signalling officer Captain S. R. Hall. Captain Harry Nott is the medical officer. The company commanders are Major Beavor, Captains E. C. Oldham, R. B. Jacob, G. E. Redburg, G. D. Shaw, M. J. Herbert, H. W. H. Seager, and Lieutenants F. G. Giles and K. E. Green. The subalterns are Lieutenants E. J. Sexton, A. J. Byrne, L. G. Holmes, H. C. Hosking, E. W. T. Smith, and Second-Lieutenants D. L. Todd, W. S. Frayne, A. C. Somerville, E. J. C. Stopp, H. R. Heming, C. P. Farrier, R. J. M. Hooper, N. M. Louttit, W. H. Perry, J. Hamilton, and C. Rumball. The officer of the machine-gun section is Second-Lieutenant V. H. Rooley. The 3rd Regiment of the 1st Light Horse is commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Rowell.

On the 2nd March 1915 Louis left Egypt via Alexandrina onboard the HT "Ionian" bound for Gallipoli. The 3rd Brigade, consisting of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions, was the covering force (first to land) at Gallipoli. In this position Louis would have been at the forefront of the happenings of the Landing.

Louis was made Captain on 26th April 1915, the day after the Landing.

A telegram dated the 23rd June 1915 advised Louis' parents that Louis had been wounded but not seriously and a newspaper article was published two days later giving biographical details relating to Louis' life. Tragically by the time the telegram was sent Louis had died of the wounds he had suffered.

"Biographical Particulars." *The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)*

25 June 1915

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5472521>



Death

On 13th June 1915 Louis was heading back to his dugout after a swim in the Cove when the guns from the Olive Grove opened up and he was wounded by 'Beachy Bill'.

'Beachy Bill' was the collective nickname given to a battery of Turkish guns located in a position known as the "Olive Grove". The guns were constantly seeking out targets on the beach at Anzac Cove.

Louis was evacuated onboard the Hospital Ship 'Gascon' but his gunshot wound to the stomach proved fatal and he died on 23rd June 1915. He buried at sea by Chaplain Lee Warner, 3 miles off Gaba Tepe on the 24th June 1915.

As Louis was buried at sea he was later commemorated at the Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 12), Gallipoli, Turkey. The Lone Pine Memorial, situated in the Lone Pine Cemetery at Anzac, is the main Australian Memorial on Gallipoli.

Louis is also commemorated at the Australian War Memorial and the North Road Cemetery, Adelaide (Path 34 South, Plot 5078).

"LATE CAPT HOLMES." *Observer* (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) 17 July 1915

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article164194749>

LATE CAPT. HOLMES.

Surgeon-Capt. Louis G. Holmes, of Parade, Norwood, has received news that his only son (Capt. L. Gordon Holmes) has died at Alexandria (Egypt) as the result of wounds sustained in the fighting at the Dardanelles. Deceased, who was born at Launceston, Tasmania, was 22 years of age. He was educated at the Scotch College (Launceston), the Wesley College (Melbourne), and the Adelaide University. As an athlete, he was a mem-



LATE CAPT. HOLMES,
of Norwood, died from wounds received at the
Dardanelles.

ber of the University football team for two years, and was also in its rowing eight, and once was selected in a crew to represent South Australia in interstate contests. Taking up soldiering as a profession, he attended several infantry schools in this State. When war was declared he was a lieutenant, and in command of G Company in the 79th Regiment. He enlisted immediately, and, after arriving at Gallipoli, was promoted to be a captain. In the landing there he was among the first to reach the summit of the ridge which had to be stormed at the outset. His father, who lived for many years at Launceston, was in charge of the medical corps from that city who went to Hobart to take part in the proceedings in connection with the welcome to King George V. and Queen Mary when, as the Duke and Duchess of York, they visited the Commonwealth in 1901.

Profiler's Note: Louis is incorrectly described as Surgeon-Captain instead of Captain in this article.

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article89143592>

THE LATE CAPTAIN L. G. HOLMES.

Captain L. Gordon Holmes, only son of Dr. Holmes, of Norwood, has died from wounds he received in the Dardanelles. Captain Holmes, who was well known as an athlete, left Adelaide as a Lieutenant of the 10th Battalion, and was promoted to captain in Egypt, where he was A.D.C. to Brigadier MacLagan, on the headquarters staff of the 3rd Brigade, with Major Brand.



Captain L. G. Holmes
(Killed).

Captain Holmes was born in Tasmania and educated at Wesley College, Melbourne, where he gained his blue for football and rowing. He attended the University, where he had a successful scholastic career, and on the athletic side he was in the University rowing and football teams. He also rowed in the South Australian crew. Captain Holmes before the war was studying for a military career. He was widely popular.

'Varsity Club.

A correspondent writes:—Followers of the University Club will regret to hear of the death from wounds of Capt. L. G. Holmes at the front. He played last year with the 'Varsity team, and was ever a good—at times brilliant—player. He re-

ceived his blue for football. He was also a good oarsman, and rowed in the University Eight, besides having been chosen to represent South Australia in the interstate contest. He was always a keen soldier, and was one of the first to volunteer when the call came. Our deepest sympathies go out to the bereaved parents. University have done very well in the way of volunteers. Last year's captain, vice-captain, and this year's captain and vice-captain, are either at the front or in camp. Some of those who volunteered are Capt. L. A. Hayward, Capt. K. N. Steele, Lieut. J. W. Blacket.

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1919

HOLMES, LOUIS GORDON, Capt., 3rd Infantry Brigade, Australian Imperial Force, only s. of Dr. Louis Sænger Holmes, of Norwood, Adelaide, by his wife, Lucy Mary, dau. of the Rev. John Newton; b. Launceston, Tasmania, 7 July, 1892; studied for the Army, and took special subjects at the Adelaide University and was gazetted 2nd Lieut. to the 79th Infantry Battn. of the Commonwealth Army 28 Feb. 1913, and after the outbreak of the European War, Lieut. to the 10th Infantry Battn. of the First Australian Expeditionary Force, with which he left Australia in Oct. 1914. Arriving in Egypt, he spent several months in training with his battn., and early in 1915 was appointed A.D.C. to the Brigadier. He took part in the famous landing and the opening engagements of the Australians at Gaba Tepe in the Dardanelles. He landed on 25 April and the following day was promoted to a captaincy. He died 23 June, 1915, on board the Hospital Ship Gascon, near Gaba Tepe from shrapnel wounds received in action. Col. MacLagan, writing of the loss the brigade had sustained, said, "Capt. Holmes was beloved by all and one of the most unselfish of men, brave and courageous under all circumstances."



Louis Gordon Holmes.

Capt. Holmes excelled in nearly every branch of athletics and was endowed with an extraordinarily good physique. He got his "Blue" as head of the river at the Wesley College Public School, Melbourne, and also his "Blue" for rowing and football as an Undergraduate of Adelaide University. For three years he was captain of his school Scotch College, Launceston, Tasmania. He was chosen in 1912 to row in the inter-state "eight" for South Australia. To his other athletic accomplishments it may be added that he was distinguished in his regt. for his expert use of the gloves.

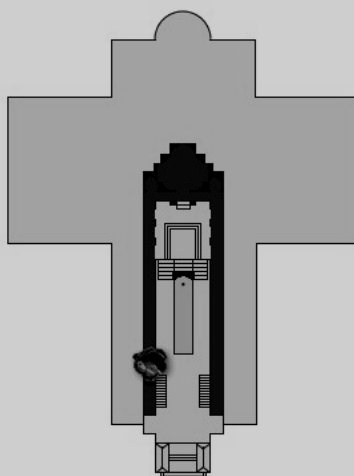
Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey



Australian War Memorial

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Louis Gordon Holmes's name is located at panel 59 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



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