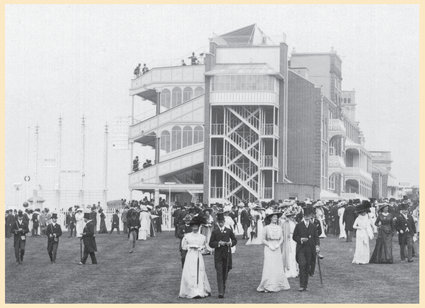
CAPTAIN SYDNEY REYNOLD CLEMENT



Ascot. Private Collection



22 Jolimont Terrace. EML



'Daddy', portrait of Sydney Reynold Clement. Private Collection



Clement, 1909. Private Collection



Clement in Egypt, 1915. Private Collection

Born at Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, UK on 4 March 1873

Educated privately by the Reverend John Robson until he was 18

Joined the East Lancashire Regiment in 1892 and saw service in the South African War from 1899 to 1901

Served in the same regiment in South Africa as young Winston Churchill and thought Winston a 'prig'

Wounded in action, and returned to England

Awarded the Queen's South African Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Johannesburg

Appointed Clerk of Course at Royal Ascot Racecourse in 1905

Fled England in 1911 to avoid a scandal over gambling debts, leaving his wife and two sons behind

Arrived Australia 22 December 1911 and settled in Melbourne



5th Battalion disembarking from HMAT *Orvieto* at Alexandria, Egypt, 1914. AWM H02030

In 1914, resided at 28 (now 22) Jolimont Terrace, Jolimont with his income derived from publication of a racing guide

Enlisted with the AIF on declaration of war in August 1914, aged 41, 6'1" and a trim 12st 4lb (185cm and 78kg); with his previous military history, commissioned as Lieutenant

Directly involved in the formation of the 5th Battalion; appointed Captain of 'A' Company 5th Battalion on 18 October 1914

Departed with the 5th Battalion from Melbourne on the HMAT *Orvieto* on the 21 October 1914, part of the first convoy of AIF troops to leave Australia

Took part in the second wave of the landing at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915, leading 'A' company of the 5th Battalion

Reported missing at evening roll call on 25 April 1915

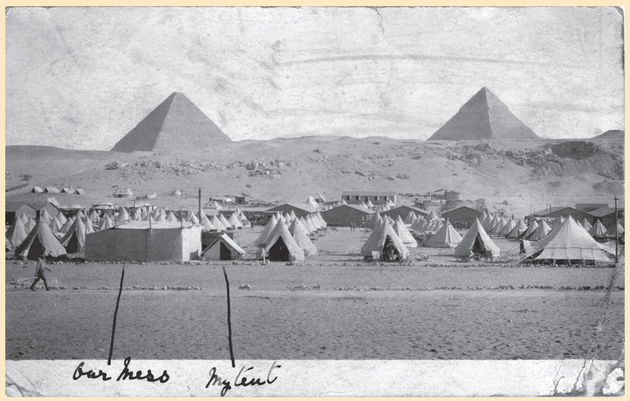
Confirmed Killed in Action on 26 April 1915

Buried at Brown's Dip South; reburied in the Lone Pine Cemetery

As a result of his death, Clement's wife received an Australian pension for herself and their two sons.



Officers of 5th Battalion in front of sphinx. Clement is in front row, sitting, third from left. AWM A03182



5th Battalion camp, photo annotated by Clement. Private Collection



Troops landing at Anzac Cove, 25 April 1915. NLA.PIC-an24598253