

# State Minister's Message

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A regular update from the Office of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon. Michael Atkinson M.P.

## Veterans' Race Day

The 3rd Annual Veterans Race Day was held at the Balaklava Race Course yesterday (8 April 2009). The Balaklava Racing Club, The RSL and the TPI Association supported what was a successful event for Veterans, family, friends and the public who enjoyed a day of racing and entertainment. Yesterday saw the inaugural running of the Veterans SA Plate that was taken out by "Exalted Beauty" ridden by Clare Lindop and trained by Jim Smith. The Minister for Veterans Affairs was pleased to be able to support this fun event on the veterans' community calendar.

## Search for relatives of fallen Fromelle soldiers

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Michael Atkinson has asked relatives of 23 South Australian soldiers possibly killed in the Battle of Fromelles to contact the Army to help with the identification process of remains discovered.

It is believed the 23 soldiers were killed around July 1916 during the historic World War I battle and later buried in a group of 191 diggers in a mass grave at Pheasant Wood in Fromelles.

Through research and consultation, the Defence Department has compiled a "working list" of diggers believed to have been buried at Pheasant Wood. 23 of those soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country are believed to be South Australian. It would be fitting if we could identify them and honour them for their courageous efforts.

For more information about the project, including the working list of names, or to register your details, go online at [www.defence.gov.au/fromelles](http://www.defence.gov.au/fromelles) or call the public inquiries line on 1800 019 090.

The working list of South Australia Soldiers believed to be buried at Pheasant Wood includes:

- \_ Private William BARBER, Goolwa
- \_ Pte. Arthur George BATT, Adelaide
- \_ Pte. Oscar Eric BAUMANN, Hahndorf
- \_ Pte. Maurice CORIGLIANO, Beachport
- \_ Pte. John Edwin CROCKER, Adelaide
- \_ Pte. Edwin Charles GRAY, Riverton
- \_ Pte. Clarence Rhody Swan HOFFMAN, Moonta
- \_ Pte. Allan William James IRVING, Unley
- \_ Pte. Robert William JOHNSON, Adelaide
- \_ Pte. Daniel Michael LAWLOR, Adelaide
- \_ Pte. Frank Oliver LOADER, Payneham
- \_ Pte. Reuben Harold MAGOR, Sandergrove
- \_ Pte. John Gordon MCKENZIE, Orroroo
- \_ Pte. Alexander "Alec" McGregor MCKENZIE, Talia
- \_ Pte. Alfred Victor MOMPLHAIT, Alberton
- \_ Pte. Edgar William PARHAM, Gawler
- \_ Pte. Andrew Murray PERRY, Goolwa
- \_ Pte. Harold Charles PITT, Magill
- \_ Pte. Walter Hainsworth PRETTY, Kilkenny
- \_ Pte. Howard James RANDALL, Kingston

- \_ Pte. Maurice Leslie REID, Owen
- \_ Pte. Joseph Raymond STEAD, Murray Town
- \_ Pte. William Charles TUCKER, Norwood

**With Courage and Humanity Regional Tour - Weekly Update**

In the coming week on 15 April the Badcoe VC will be on display at the Two Wells RSL Sub-branch clubrooms Main Street Two Wells from 10.00am-2.00pm and then on 16 April: 1.00pm-5.00pm and 17 April 9.00am-1.00pm at the Kangaroo Island Council Offices.