

Detachment of Royal Marines stationed in Adelaide **1836—1838**

1 X Company of British Imperial troops garrisoned in Adelaide from **1848 - 1870** (except for the period, Oct 1863 - Nov 1865 during the NZ Maori War). Principal role was Defence of the Colony against hostile nations and privateers.

1882 Permanent Force Artillery Batteries established at Fort Granville & Fort Largs

South Australian Mounted Rifles (SAMR)
Lineage : 1840 - 1895
2 x Troops **Cavalry** raised in **1840** as a component of the **Royal South Australian Volunteer Militia**

A total of 77 volunteers signed up for the Militia but lack of funds caused it to wind up within 12 months

1 X Troop of **Mounted Rifles /Cavalry** (Militia) authorised under the Voluntary Military Forces Act 1854

The **1854** Act provided for a universal militia of 2000 men but exempted those involved in volunteer defence units. The news of the Crimean War resulted in a number of volunteer units being raised, but with cessation of that war, interest waned and by **1856** most units had become inactive

1 X Troop of Cavalry raised in 1860
(Reedbeds Mounted Volunteers)

The threat of implementation of the 1854 Act in **1860** resulted in the resurgence of volunteer units - growing to a total strength of 891 in 1867. However, by **1870** there were no active units

2nd Troop of Cavalry raised in **1864 (Goolwa Cavalry)**
Further 2 X Troops added in 1866 to create the **SA Regiment of Volunteer Cavalry**

1 X Coy of **Mounted Rifles** raised in **1877** as part of the **SA Volunteer Military Force**

Public appeal in early **1877** to reconstitute volunteer forces .
British Officer, **COL M F Downes** appointed first SA **Colonel Commandant** .

2 X Troops **Adelaide Lancers** (Militia) raised in **1886** ,
with 6 X Companies of **Mounted Infantry** (Volunteers)

Defence Act **1895**, regrouped forces into (a) Permanent (b) Active Militia and (b) Reserve Militia, and established 4 X Companies of **Mounted Rifles** (Active Militia) and 4 X Companies of **Mounted Rifles** (Reserve Militia)