

## South Australian Mounted Rifles (SAMR): Origin and Lineage from 1840 - 1902

	Unit Name	Force	Location of Unit (SAMR)	Remarks
1840 – 1840	<b>South Australian Volunteer Cavalry raised, 2 X Troops</b>	<b>Royal SA Volunteer Militia</b> (2 X Troops Cav + 1 Coy Inf)	Adelaide metro	Raised by Governor Gawler. Total of 77 men enlisted in the “brigade”. Paraded for a few months and then went inactive
1841- 1853	No military activity, other than the stationing of a company of Imperial Troops in the colony, for Defence - initially 84 men from the 96 Regiment (Manchester) in 1841			
1854 - 1856	<b>SA Mounted Rifles, also known as the Adelaide Mounted Rifles Corps, raised, 1 X Troop</b>	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b> (1 Troop Mounted Rifles + 2 X Coy Arty + 2 X Bn Inf)	Adelaide metro	Volunteer and Militia Acts passed in 1854 in response to Crimean war, but Militia Act not enacted. Volunteers enlisted in the SA Volunteer Military Force, but units were disbanded shortly after the end of the war
1857 - 1858	Almost no military activity – however, the Imperial Defence Company was still stationed in Adelaide (99 men from 40 Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Somersetshire)			
1859 - 1860	<b>Reedbeds Cavalry raised (1860) 1 X Troop</b>	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b> (1 X Cav Troop + 2 X Coy Arty + 14 X small metropolitan Rifle Coys)	Adelaide metro	1854 Militia Act, proclaimed and published in Jan 1860. Over 2000 Volunteers recruited by mid1860 (Volunteers exempt from compulsory militia service)
1864	<b>Goolwa Cavalry raised, 1 X Troop</b>		Goolwa	
1866	<b>SA Regiment of Volunteer Cavalry raised, 4 X Troops</b>	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b> (4 X Cav Troop + 2 X Coy Arty + 9 X Active and 3 X Reserve Rifle Companies)	1 Troop - Goolwa 2 Troop - Milang and Strathalbyn 3 Troop – Robe 4 Troop – Adelaide (Reedbeds)	1865/6 New Volunteer Forces Act – disbanded the existing Volunteer Force and created paid Active Volunteer Force (540 -1000 men) and a Reserve Force (max 1000 men)
1867	<b>Renamed – The Duke of Edinburgh’s Volunteer Light Dragoons</b>	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b> (4 X Cav Troop + 2 X Coy Arty + 6 X Active Rifle Companies)	1 Troop - Goolwa 2 Troop - Milang and Strathalbyn 3 Troop – Robe 4 Troop – Adelaide (Reedbeds)	The Volunteer Cavalry escorted the Duke of Edinburgh during his visit to SA in 1867 and were subsequently retitled at request of the Mayor of Adelaide
1868	<b>Duke of Edinburgh’s Volunteer Light Dragoons</b>		A Troop – Goolwa B Troop - Milang and Strathalbyn C Troop – Adelaide (Reedbeds)	Troops now designated A, B, C, & D in lieu 1, 2, 3, & 4
1870	SA Volunteer Military Force becomes ineffective Last Imperial Defence contingent, 2/18 Regiment (Royal Irish) leaves SA on 17 Aug 1870			

1871 - 1876	No significant military forces – Rifle Clubs only.			
<b>1877</b>	<b>Adelaide Mounted Rifles,</b> 1 X Coy	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b> (1 X Coy Mounted Rifles + 2 X Coy Arty + Adelaide Rifles (Metro Companies) + 4 X County Companies (unpaid))	Adelaide metro	Public appeal commenced 3 May 1877 to reconstitute the SA Volunteer Force. <b>COL M F Downes appointed Colonel Commandant.</b>
1878	<b>Adelaide Mounted Rifles,</b> 1 X Troop	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b>	Adelaide metro	Act passed to raise a permanent military force of 130 men (arty and inf). To be known as the SA Military Force. A Rifles Companies Act provided for a volunteer (unpaid) force of rifle companies (20 or more men) to be named after the town or district in which they were established
1881	<b>Adelaide Mounted Rifles,</b> 1 X Troop	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b>	Adelaide metro	Local Forces Acts Amendment Act re-designated Volunteer forces as: the Volunteer Military Force (VMF) and the Rifle Volunteer Force (RVF). RVF to report to the Colonel Commandant. RVF Officers to be appointed by Governor.
1882				<b>Permanent Artillery created in Sep 1882. Initially located Fort Glanville, later Fort Largs and Adelaide</b>
1885	<b>Adelaide Mounted Rifles,</b> 1 X Troop	<b>SA Volunteer Military Force</b> 1 X Troop Adelaide Mounted Rifles + 2 X Bty Arty + Adelaide Rifles (2 Inf Bn) + Ambulance Corps <b>Reserve:</b> Rifle Volunteer Force – 32 X Rifle Coy (metro and country)	Adelaide metro	
<b>1886</b>	<b>Adelaide Lancers raised,</b> 2 X Troops  <b>SA Mounted Infantry raised,</b> 6 X Coy	<b>SA Militia Force</b> (Adelaide Lancers X 2 troops + 2 X Bty Arty + Adelaide Rifles (2 Inf Bn) + Ambulance Corps <b>SA Volunteer Force:</b> Mounted Inf X 6 Country Coy + 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Adelaide Volunteers + remaining country units	Adelaide metro  Gumeracha, Yankalilla, Inman Valley, Second Valley, Victor Harbour, Jamestown, Port Germein, Spalding, Moonta, Hammond, Blyth, Wilmington,	Defence Forces Act Passed Nov 1885. Permanent Army and Naval personnel to be designated the Permanent Force. Volunteer Military Force to become the Active Militia Force. Reserve Force to become the Militia Reserve and Rifle Volunteer Force to become the Volunteer Force.

			Melrose, Booleroo Centre, Cradock, Carrieton, Port Augusta, Mt Gambier, Yorketown, Quorn, Bruce	Act passed in 1891 to rename Volunteer Force as the Volunteer Militia Reserve Force. This Act also reduced Volunteer Mounted Inf to 4 X Coy
<b>1895</b>	<b>Adelaide Lancers, 2 X Troops</b>  <b>SA Mounted Infantry</b> 4 X Coy	<b>SA Active Militia Force</b>  <b>SA Reserve Militia Force</b>	<b>Reserve Militia:</b> 1 Coy: Adelaide and Gumeracha 2 Coy: Yankalilla, Inman Valley, Second Valley, Victor Harbour 3 Coy: Jamestown, Port Germein, Spalding 4 Coy: Mount Gambier, Wallaroo	Act passed 1895 to regroup forces into 3 categories: Permanent Force, Active Militia Force (paid) and Reserve Militia Force (unpaid)
<b>1896 - 1902</b>	<b>SA Mounted Rifles raised (Adelaide Lancers integrated)</b> 4 X Coy – Active Militia 4 X Coy – Reserve Militia	<b>SA Military Forces</b>	Active Militia (metro) Reserve Militia (country)	