

The Quickfirer!



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The Light Horse Charge Again



On the 31 October nearly 1000 pilgrims gathered in the town of Beer Sheva (now part of Israel) where they commemorated the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba, an action that turned the tide in the war against Turkey, proved that with good use of tactics technology & terrain mass casualties could be avoided and created the platform for modern day Israel. The charge of the Australian Light Horse units has passed into folklore for they charged the Turkish Trenches in a 4 mile dash and captured vitally important wells. Though often described as the last truly great cavalry charge in history, purists would advise that Light Horsemen are mounted infantry.

This month in History – November

On Land – The Battle of the Ancre between the 13-18 November saw the last great action of the Somme fighting, on a front of over 8 divisions the British line was pushed forward from the Redan Ridge to Regina Trench. Launched by a night attack, behind an effective artillery barrage a number of 1st July objectives were taken, notably the 63rd Royal Naval Division & 39th Division advancing up the Ancre Valley whilst the 51st Highland Division captured the ruins of Beaumont Hamel.

VC- Adam ARCHIBALD On the 4th November near Ors Sapper Archibald of the 218th Field Company R.E. was constructing a bridge across the canal under heavy fire. He came under close MG Fire from the opposing bank, he stuck to his task that enabled the bridge to be completed and for the



advance across the canal to take place, it was only at this stage did Sapper Archibald collapse overcome with gas poisoning as a result of his days work. Adam Archibald was born in Midlothian in 1879 and survived the war returning to his home town Leith where he worked as a plasterer through he was also a notable gardener and green bowler until his death in 1957

The following units wear this honour with pride

BRESKENS POCKET (The opening Antwerp Port 1944)
The QOR of Canada, Le Regt de la Chaudière, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Regina Rifles, Argyle & Sutherland Highlands of Canada, 17th DOY Hussars, Algonquin Regt

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