Glenthorne: The Australian Army
No. 9 Remount Depot
1913 to 1946

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Map of Adelaide showing Australian Army camps, barracks, remount depots etc. during the First World War.
Source: Australian Army Museum, Keswick Barracks
HORSES

During World War I horses provided the main means of transport for the Army.
[5499 horses were required for each Division]

Horses were required to:
  Carry light horsemen,
  Tow artillery guns and ammunition,
  Pull supply wagons [Divisional Train/Supply Columns]
  Transport defence stores such as corrugated iron and timber,
  Pull ambulance wagons.

Buyers traveled throughout South Australia to buy suitable animals for riding as well as pulling wagons.

REMTOUNT DEPOTS

Depots were established to yard, train, brand, number, shoe and feed the horses purchased.

Elder Smith & Co. property, at “The Levels,” was used to initially to handle horses purchased
  No.9 Remount Depot, “Glenthorne.”
  No. 10 Remount Depot, Keswick.
Harold Drew purchased Glenthorne in 1910 and this survey map was completed in the same year by Major Smeaton for the Australian Army. The map defines the boundaries of the area required for the No. 9 Remount Depot and the boundaries of Glenthorne owned by Harold Drew. The land sale was completed in 1913.
Scenes from the No. 9 Remount Depot 1913-1920s

Horses in pairs on Majors Road on their way to Glenthorne.

Source: Weeks family collection
Captain Norman Campbell, Officer-in-Charge, No. 9 Remount Depot at Glenthorne, 1913-1925
Horse Breaking, Glenthorne, 1913-1920s,
Source: Weeks Family Collection
Horse drawn artillery carriage, Glenthorne, 1913-1920s
Source: Weeks Family Collection
Training session at Glenthorne No. 9 Remount Depot 1913-1920s.
Source: Weeks Family Collection.
Horses in Action, AASC Remount Section, 1910s-1920s, possibly at the Jubilee Oval. Source: Weeks Family Collection.
Glenthorne, 1920s - emphasis changed to training men and horses for ceremonies, public parades and shows

Escort for the Governor at the opening of Parliament, 1921, provided by the No. 9 Remount Depot.

Source: Weeks Family Collection
Glenthorne mounted soldiers on parade at the Royal Show, c. late 1920s. Theodore Keane in front.
(Source: Keane Family Collection)
Soldiers from the No. 9 Remount Depot demonstrating their show jumping skills – count the men in the photograph. Theodore Keane is the rider going over the ‘jump’. Source: Keane Family Collection.
Glenthorne soldiers on parade at the Keswick Barracks, c.1920s
(Source: Gordon Keane collection)
No.9 Remount Depot soldiers and horses on parade in the streets of Adelaide, 1920s. Theodore Keane is in front.
(Source: Keane Family Collection)
Scenes around the No. 9 Remount Depot – Glenthorne, during the 1920s.

Voluntary Aid Division (VAD) nurses at Glenthorne
(Source: Keane Family Collection)
Photo taken in front of the home of the Officer-in-Charge on Majors Road. This cart, with seats along both sides, was used to take children from Glenthoorne to the Brighton Primary School and to take Officers’ wives to the shops along Brighton Road.

Source: Keane Family Collection
VAD nurses at Glenthorne c. 1920s. They slept in the stables on straw mattresses. Source: Keane Family Collection
Farming scenes around the No. 9 Remount Depot, Glenthorne during the 1920s and 1930s.

Binder: Source: Keane Family Collection.
Glenthorne: Inspecting the crop – c. 1930s
Source: Keane Family Collection.
Bringing in the wheat.
Source: Keane Family Collection.
Binder, showing horses faces with bits and hames.
Source: Keane Family Collection.
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