

# ARMY VETERAN DIES, AGED 69

One of South Australia's best-known soldiers, Major George Richard Sibthorpe, died at the Repatriation General Hospital, Springbank, this week.

He was 69 years old. When he retired from the post of camp commandant at Keswick in December, 1945, he had completed 40 years service in the permanent military forces.

He was 20 when he donned a red coat and helmet at Chowder Bay, Sydney, as one of the Submarine Miners — a unit which, in 1906, was responsible for laying part of the mines as defence of Sydney Harbor.

Major Sibthorpe obtained a master's certificate in navigation in NSW and on the Brisbane River.

During his 20 years' service in SA he held regular classes for junior officers. One of his wartime activities was giving instruction to the VDC in handling explosives.

He leaves a wife and two daughters. A son, also a soldier, died some years ago.

**SIBTHORPE — THE FRIENDS**  
of the late Major GEORGE RICHARD SIBTHORPE, of 39 Main street, Henley Beach (late Permanent Military Forces) are respectfully informed that his REMAINS were removed from the Chapel of the Repatriation Hospital, Springbank, on FRIDAY, January 21, and privately laid to rest in the Centennial Park Cemetery. Rev. R. E. G. Shepherd officiated.

**TURNER MOTOR FUNERALS.**  
Chapel and Offices,  
74-76 Anzac Highway, Everard Park. Telephone LF2469.

**SIBTHORPE** — On January 13, at Repatriation Hospital, Springbank, George Richard, dearly loved husband of Eleanor, of 39 Main street, Henley Beach, and loving father of Beatrice, Jack (deceased) and Gwyneth. Aged 69 years. At rest.

W.O. G. SIBTHORPE, ADELAIDE

W.O. G. Sibthorpe, who is President of the Garrison Sgt's. Mess, 4th M.D., is Instructor to Field Engineer Units in South Australia. Since his transfer from 1st M.D. some years ago, he has become actively interested in several prominent organisations in this State. Apart from the arranging of social activities for his own unit, he is also Assistant Secretary of No. 10 C.F.R.C. Union, which entails a great deal of work and time. Outside his military



activities his services are availed of in the capacity of committeeman by the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association (Boxing and Wrestling Committee). Sibby, as he is known to everyone, is also President of the Metropolitan Athletic Club (a very flourishing and progressive sporting body in Adelaide). His spare time is spent in ...