

HENRY ERNEST HALDANE

1850 – 1915

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FOUNDING FATHER

OF

THE NORTH QUEENSLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION

1886

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## Preface

At an NQRA Councillors' Meeting at Townsville in 2015, the Chairman asked for names for proposed belts to be awarded to future winners, as it would be 130 years in 2017 since the inauguration of the NQRA.

Not knowing when, how or by whom the NQRA was conceived, and reasoning that the name of the founder of the NQRA would perhaps be a suitable name, I undertook a search for mentions of "NQRA" in the on-line digital copies of the old newspapers at the Australian "Trove" website.

It soon became apparent that there was much to be learnt in the many newspapers of 1885 to 1890.

Finally after pursuing "NQRA" back from 1888, when the first NQRA Queen's Prize Meeting was held, "Captain Haldane" was found.

A call to a meeting proposed by Captain Haldane in 1886 then came to light and demonstrates that he saw the need for a body to establish rules and control rifle shooting competitions in North Queensland. The outcome of the meeting was that a Northern Rifle Association be formed.

After establishing that Haldane's first names were Henry Ernest, further research found what is included here.

With all this verified information about Captain Haldane I proposed that he be acknowledged as the Founding Father of the NQRA.

What is not included here, is Haldane's medieval Scottish ancestry.

The name Haldane is listed in "Bourke's Peerage" and is most definitely Captain Haldane's ancestry and dates back beyond Sir John de Haldane, the First Laird of Gleneagles, who died in 1456.

Major Henry Ernest Haldane was formally acknowledged as the North Queensland Rifle Association's (NQRA) founder and its first chairperson at an NQRA meeting held at the Townsville Returned Servicemen's League (RSL) Board Room on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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Captain HENRY ERNEST HALDANE

## HENRY ERNEST HALDANE

HENRY was the sixth son of Devonport Town Councillor and Brewer & Maltsterer, Alexander and his good wife Elizabeth. Henry was born at Devonport, Devonshire, England early in January 1850 and baptised at Plymouth, Devon on 2nd May 1850.

*"England and Wales Birth Registration Index, 1837-2008," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:26GF-MYD*

One of Henry's older brother's, Adam Cuppage, was born in 1841; he too was born at Devonport, and was much later to become a Warden & Police Magistrate on the North Queensland Goldfields.

*FreeBMD. England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006. Original: General Register Office. England and Wales Civil Registration Indexes. London, England: General Register Office.*

In May 1874, after Ravenswood, Queensland, had not been long established, Adam set-up there as an agent for "Victorian Patent" safety blasting powder.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Sat 30 May 1874, page 1*

When Henry was in his late teenage years, The Lord Lieutenant of the County of Devon signed a commission for Henry Ernest Haldane to be an Ensign in Her Majesty's 2nd Devonshire Rifle Volunteer Corps. Dated 10 August 1869.

*The London Gazette, September 17 1869, page 5109*

By Her Majesty's Command, on the twenty-fourth day of December 1870, Henry, then single and about 20 years old, was appointed as an Ensign in Her Majesty's Infantry. His commission commenced on the 4th of January 1871. Given at Saint James's Court in the thirty-fourth year of Queen Victoria's reign.

Henry Ernest Haldane, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Cecil Lumsden Hornby, promoted by purchase in the 58th Foot. Dated 4th January, 1871.

*The London Gazette, January 3 1871, page 2*

The purchase of officer commissions in the British Army was a common practice through most of its history. Essentially, the commission purchase price was a cash bond for good behaviour, forfeited to the Army's cashiers (accountants) in the event of cowardice, desertion or gross misbehaviour. As an example, in 1837, the purchase price for an Ensign in the Infantry was £450.

The practice started in 1683 during the reign of Charles II and continued until abolished on 1 November 1871, as part of the Cardwell Reforms.

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia*

According to the 1871 England Census, taken on 2nd April, Henry was stationed in the 1/19th Regiment on the Active List at the Chatham Barracks in Gillingham, Medway, Kent, England.

*Ancestry.com. 1871 England Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.*

In August 1871 Ensign Henry Ernest Haldane from the 19th Foot, vice Woodward, promoted. Dated 2nd August, 1871.

*The London Gazette, August 1 1871, page 3416*

*The Commissions as Lieutenant of the under-mentioned Officers who were promoted to that rank on 1st November, 1871, under the Royal Warrant of 30th October, 1871, to be antedated to 28th October, 1871, such Commissions being non-saleable, and not conferring any purchase rights. The antedate not to carry any back pay:-*  
*The London Gazette, July 16 1871, pages 3197, 3200*

The above text preceded a long list of Officers who were promoted, and on page 3200, under those of the 49th of Foot was Henry Ernest Haldane, recording his promotion from Ensign to Lieutenant.

In December Henry Ernest was listed in the 49th Regiment of Foot.  
*The London Gazette, December 29 1871, page 5872*

When Henry was about 27 years of age and a Lieutenant in the 49th Regiment, he married Caroline Pascoe at Aldershot, South Hampton, England on 27 Jul 1877. Caroline was about 19 years of age.

*England Marriages, 1538–1973, " database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJP3-P8J>) : 27 Jul 1877; citing Aldershot, South Hampton, England, reference p 249 ln 497; FHL microfilm 994,433.*

During the years 1877 to 1879, Henry, still with the 49th Regiment, was stationed in South Africa with the Commissariat & Transport Staff. He fought in the Anglo-Zulu War during the months of January and July 1879 with the rank of Lieutenant.

A column on his service paper that was titled "Whether engaged against the Zulus in 1879" is endorsed "Yes", and for his service in this conflict he was awarded a Campaign Medallion.  
*War Office: Campaign Medal and Award Rolls 1793-1949 (General Series). The National Archives microfilm publication WO 100, 241 rolls. The National Archives of the UK, Kew, Surrey, England.*

The Anglo-Zulu War was fought in 1879 between the British Empire and the Zulu Kingdom. Following Lord Carnarvon's successful introduction of federation in Canada, it was thought that similar political effort, coupled with military campaigns, might succeed with the African kingdoms, tribal areas and Boer republics in South Africa.

In 1874, Sir Henry Bartle Frere was sent to South Africa as High Commissioner for the British Empire to bring such plans into being. Among the obstacles were the presence of the independent states of the South African Republic and the Kingdom of Zululand and its army.

Frere, on his own initiative, without the approval of the British government and with the intent of instigating a war with the Zulu, had presented an ultimatum on 11 December 1878, to the Zulu king Cetshwayo with which the Zulu king could not comply. Bartle Frere then sent Lord Chelmsford to invade Zululand after this ultimatum was not met. The war is notable for several particularly bloody battles, including a stunning opening victory by the Zulu at the Battle of Isandlwana, as well as for being a landmark in the timeline of imperialism in the region. The war eventually resulted in a British victory and the end of the Zulu nation's independence.

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia*

Lieutenant Frederick W. N. McCracken from the 66th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice H. E. Haldane promoted into the 66th Foot. Dated 29 September 1880.  
*The London Gazette, November 9 1880, page 5615*

64th Foot, Captain Henry Ernest Haldane, from the 66th Foot, to be Captain, vice W. F. Marriott, who exchanges. Dated 1st December, 1880.  
*The London Gazette, November 30 1880, page 6353*

On the fourteenth day of January 1881, Henry Ernest Haldane of Dover, in the County of Kent, late a Lieutenant in Her Majesty's 49th Regiment, but now a Captain in Her Majesty's 64th Regiment was adjudged bankrupt.

*The London Gazette, February 4 1881, page 537*

In early 1884 Henry, then a Captain in The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), on the 5th day of January, retired from the Service, receiving a gratuity.

*The London Gazette, January 4 1884, page 79.*

A replacement for Henry was soon appointed -

The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), Lieutenant Henry G. Purdon to be Captain, vice H. E. Haldane, retired. Dated 5th January, 1884

*The London Gazette, January 15 1884, page 244.*

The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment) was formed under the Childers Reforms on 1 July 1881, by the amalgamation of the 64th (2nd Staffordshire) Regiment of Foot and 98th (Prince of Wales's) Regiment of Foot. These two regular regiments became, respectively, the 1st and 2nd battalions of the new regiment. The Militia and Rifle Volunteers forces of North Staffordshire were also incorporated into this new regiment, and a permanent depot was established at Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, which also housed the newly formed South Staffordshire Regiment.

The 64th Regiment of Foot was originally raised in 1756 as the 2nd Battalion of the 11th (Devonshire) Foot, and was renumbered the 64th in 1758. It had a long history of overseas service with much less time spent in Europe. It had served in the West Indies during the Seven Years' War, America during the American War of Independence, South America, the West Indies and Canada during the Napoleonic Wars. Subsequent long periods were spent in Ireland and the West Indies before action was seen in India during the Indian Mutiny. At the time of the forming of the amalgamation with the 98th Foot, the 64th was based in Ireland.

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia*

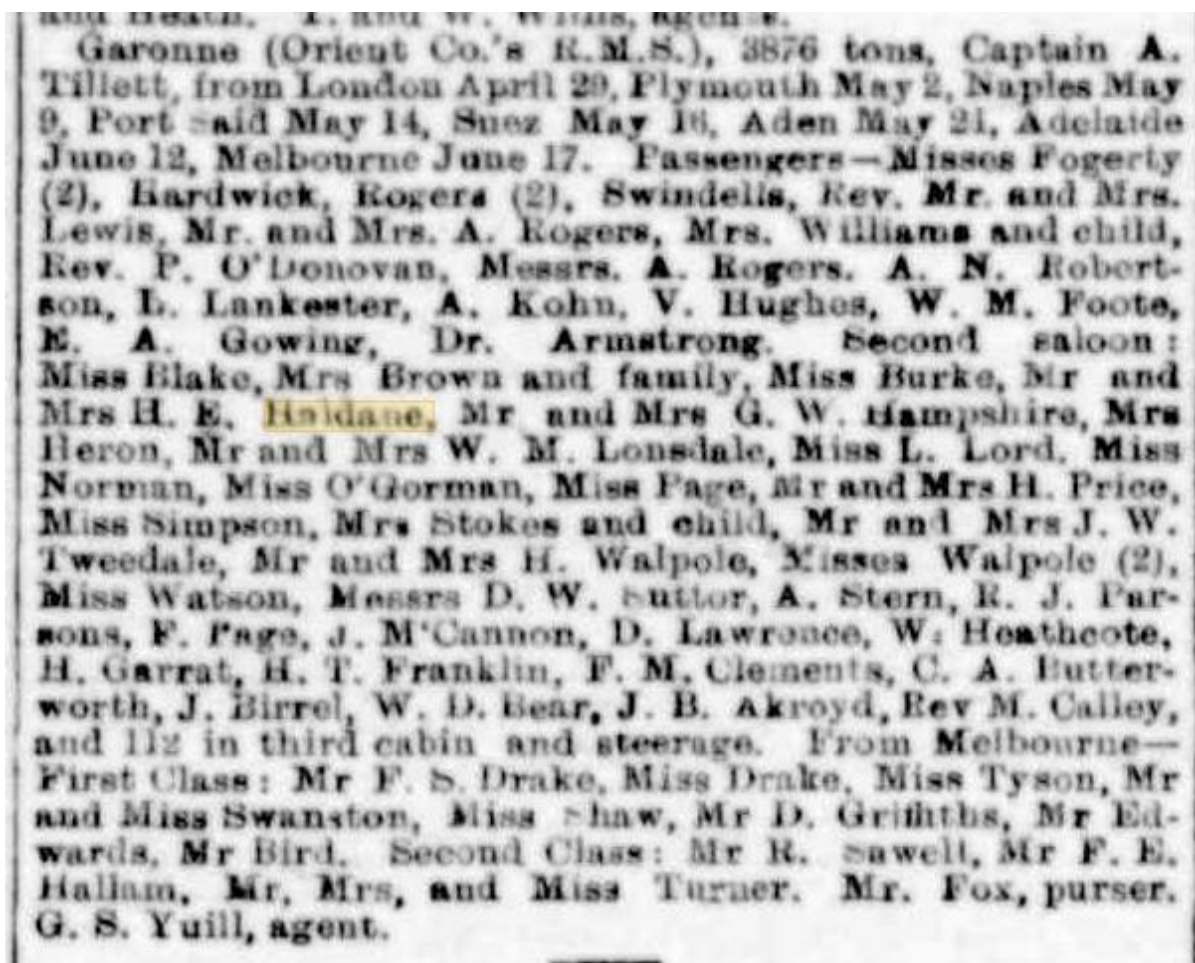
## AUSTRALIA.

On the 2nd May 1884 at about noon, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Haldane, travelling in a second class saloon, departed Plymouth, Devon, England aboard the Orient Company's Royal Mail Ship "Garonne", Captain A. Tillet commanding.

Mr. & Mrs. Haldane first encountered Australia at Adelaide on the morning of the 12th June 1884.

*Australian Town and Country Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1870 - 1907), Saturday 14 June 1884, page 14*

"Garonne" arrived in Sydney on Thursday the 19th June 1884 with the following passengers



Garonne (Orient Co.'s R.M.S.), 3876 tons, Captain A. Tillett, from London April 29, Plymouth May 2, Naples May 9, Port said May 14, Suez May 16, Aden May 21, Adelaide June 12, Melbourne June 17. Passengers—Misses Fogerty (2), Hardwick, Rogers (2), Swindells, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rogers, Mrs. Williams and child, Rev. P. O'Donovan, Messrs. A. Rogers, A. N. Robertson, L. Lankester, A. Kohn, V. Hughes, W. M. Foote, E. A. Gowing, Dr. Armstrong. Second saloon: Miss Blake, Mrs Brown and family, Miss Burke, Mr and Mrs H. E. Haldane, Mr and Mrs G. W. Hampshire, Mrs Heron, Mr and Mrs W. M. Lonsdale, Miss L. Lord, Miss Norman, Miss O'Gorman, Miss Page, Mr and Mrs H. Price, Miss Simpson, Mrs Stokes and child, Mr and Mrs J. W. Tweedale, Mr and Mrs H. Walpole, Misses Walpole (2), Miss Watson, Messrs D. W. Butler, A. Stern, R. J. Parsons, F. Page, J. M'Cannon, D. Lawrence, W. Heathcote, H. Garrat, H. T. Franklin, F. M. Clements, C. A. Butterworth, J. Birrel, W. D. Bear, J. B. Akroyd, Rev M. Calley, and 112 in third cabin and steerage. From Melbourne—First Class: Mr F. S. Drake, Miss Drake, Miss Tyson, Mr and Miss Swanston, Miss Shaw, Mr D. Griffiths, Mr Edwards, Mr Bird. Second Class: Mr R. Sawell, Mr F. E. Hallam, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Turner. Mr. Fox, purser. G. S. Yuill, agent.

*Australian Town and Country Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1870 - 1907) Sat 21 Jun 1884, page 40*

The "Garonne" had left London at 3:40 pm on the 29th April and arrived at Gravesend at 5:15 pm on the same day. "Garonne" then made her way to Plymouth, arriving there at 7:45 am on 2nd May, embarked passengers and left at noon.

After landing passengers and cargo for South Australia at Adelaide on 12th June "Garonne" departed at noon, steaming to Port Phillip Heads, which she entered at 4:00 am on Saturday (14th June) and after transshipping the Geelong and Western district mail, she left for Hobson's Bay, where she anchored at 8:45 am on the 14th June, mail, passengers and cargo were landed and the passage to Sydney was resumed at noon that day.

*The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Fri 20 Jun 1884, page 6*

"Garonne" arrived in Sydney on Thursday the 19th June 1884.

*Australian Town and Country Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1870 - 1907) Sat 21 Jun 1884, page 40*

After having spent several months in Sydney, Mr. & Mrs. Haldane journeyed north. Perhaps Henry Haldane had found the whereabouts of his elder brother, Adam Cuppage. In November 1884, Adam, "late honorary secretary" of the Excelsior Rifle Club of Maytown on the Palmer, and then a resident of Charters Towers, had recently received a promotion from Clerk of Petty Sessions, Charters Towers to Registrar of the Northern District Court.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) Mon 10 Nov 1884, page 6*

From Saturday's *Government Gazette* list of Appointments -

Adam Cuppage Haldane, clerk of petty sessions, Charters Towers, to be registrar of the Northern District Court, district receiver in insolvency at that place, in the room of John Archibald, promoted.

*The Week (Brisbane, Qld. : 1876 - 1934) Sat 25 Oct 1884, page 8*

After being given clearance and departing Sydney on the 25th November, the Queensland Steam Ship company's steamer "Warrego", Captain R. M. Phillips commanding, with Mr. & Mrs. Haldane aboard, started her coastal voyage to Cooktown via ports; arrived at Brisbane on the 27th.

*The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866 - 1939) Sat 29 Nov 1884, page 896*

"Warrego" arrived in Townsville on Tuesday the 2nd December 1884.

*Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1954) Wed 3 Dec 1884, page 4*

Henry arrived in Townsville a few weeks before the Volunteer Act was rescinded and replaced by the Queensland Defence Bill of the 23rd December 1884.

A meeting of candidates to raise a Volunteer Defence force was held at the Charters Towers Theatre Royal on the evening of 27th Jan 1885. Captain H. C. (sic) Haldane had arrived and was to instruct the force.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Mon 26 Jan 1885, page 2*

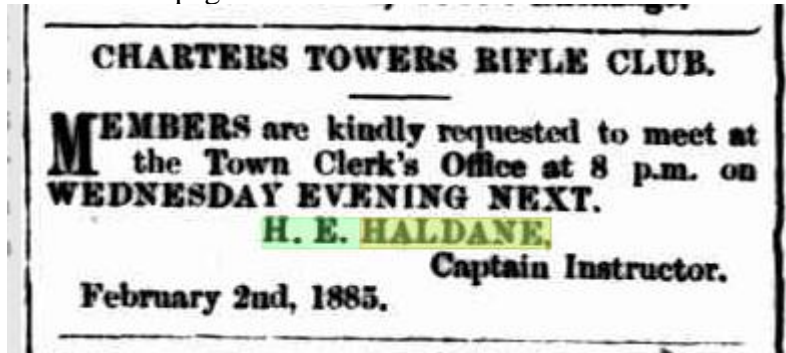
Here are a few short relevant reports from *The Northern Miner* -

*IT is satisfactory to learn that Captain Haldane has not only picked out a troop of first-class volunteers, but has started a rifle corps which already embraces the names of several of our most eminent shootists. Charters Towers will soon be in an efficient state of defence, and then we may say to Bismarck and his legions "come on, we are ready for you."*

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Mon 2 Feb 1885, page 2*



On the same page as the above this -



*THE regulations under the Defence Act of 1884 for volunteer corps, rifle clubs and cadet corps, are published in a supplement to the Government Gazette of February 25th. The volunteers here, under the instruction of Captain Haldane, are progressing in proficiency rapidly, and will soon be able to appear creditably in public. Nothing has been heard of the proposed rifle club since the rules were adopted at its last meeting. The secretary should hurry up the boss in Brisbane and let a start be made as soon as possible.*

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Thu 5 Mar 1885, page 2*

*WE have been informed by Captain Haldane that the Snider rifles intended for the use of the volunteers and the rifle club have arrived, and that the ammunition will be here to-day. We hope that the people who are going to receive these rifles will "go in" for any amount of practices so that when "them Rooshins" come to annex Australia (as they surely will in the event of a war breaking out between England and Russia) they will be able to emulate the Boers. This leads us up to what we want to talk about. We were in a rifle club once and spent a lot of time trying to bore a hole in the target, but without success. Anyhow we did succeed in perforating a neighbour's cow; that animal would persist in getting behind us, no doubt thinking it was the safest place, it altered its opinion before it died.*

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Mon 30 Mar 1885, page 2*

*THE names of the officers for the Charters Towers company of the defence force were published in Saturday's paper. They are Captain, Captain Haldane; Lieutenants, Messrs. Mawe and Tregaskis; Colour Sergeant, George Vernal; Sergeants, G. Gordon, J. W. Tilley and W. Nott; Corporals, H. J. Welding, J. H. Collins, G. B. Hughes and D. Bevan; Lance Corporals, P. Alroe, W. Kendall, V. C. M. Sellheim and F. Philipson.*

*The advertisement states that the above names have been recommended to the "Commandant for approval." We do not know who recommends those names nor on what grounds they are recommended, whether on the grounds of efficiency or favouritism, but from what we can learn the recommendations for lieutenants have not given satisfaction to the company, and it was thought that better officers could be found among the sergeants. This "nomination" system in volunteer corps in Queensland should be abolished, it may do very well in England but it does not work well here.*

*The volunteer corps are composed of intelligent men who are quite competent to select their own officers and it is only fair that they should be allowed to do so. At the public meeting held in the Court House last year which was the inception of the volunteer movement here, it was stated that a volunteer company would have the privilege of electing its own officers and a great many were under that impression until last week when they found out that they had no voice whatever in the matter and all the ripe cherries were allotted to a favourite few. However, now that the officers are "nominated" we hope that the company will work*

*amicably together and by their united efforts render themselves worthy representatives of this important district.*

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Mon 18 May 1885, page 2*

A supplement to the *Government Gazette* issued on Friday 22 May, contained the following among other intimations: -

Appointments. - In the Marine Defence Force, Hugh P. H. Benwell to be lieutenant, and William A. Ackers to be acting sub-lieutenant.

In the Defence Force - Alfred Edward Harris and George Samuel Hutton, formerly Captains in the late Volunteer Force, to be captains, and placed on the unattached list; Henry Ernest Haldane, late Captain 64th Regiment, to be captain; Acting Lieutenant Thomas Bilbie Robinson to be lieutenant; Charles F. Marks, M.D., to be surgeon; Francis John McGillicuddy to be lieutenant provisionally.

*The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866 - 1939) Sat 23 May 1885, page 836*

THE last *Gazette* announces that Captain Haldane, who has been acting captain of the local defence force, has been permanently appointed as captain under the Defence Act. Whilst Captain Haldane is on Charters Towers it would be advisable to take steps for the formation of another company under the Defence Act. The men are plentiful, and we anticipate that there will be no difficulty in forming another company equal to the present one.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Fri 29 May 1885, page 2*

During a visit to Charters Towers by the Honourable S. W. Griffith Q.C., M. L. A., and Premier of Queensland, accompanied by the Hon. A. Rutledge, Attorney-General; Hon. B. B. Moreton, Minister for Education; Messrs. Foxton, Kates, Wakefield, Aland, Colonel French, Commander Wright and others, the Defence Force volunteers were paraded at 5 o'clock, and inspected by Colonel French, whilst the Premier and his party were at the Day Dawn mill. After Captain Haldane put the men through various evolutions, Colonel French addressed them. He congratulated them on their soldierly appearance. They had the advantage of having a good captain and a good colour-sergeant, and he hoped they would up-hold the name of the "A" company, which was the first company in the Kennedy with honour and credit to themselves. If they worked and put their shoulders to the wheel, he was certain they could hold their own anywhere.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Wed 17 Jun 1885, page 2*

Henry Ernest Haldane, on 7th July 1885, registered at the Court House, Charters Towers, enabling him to vote for the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Kennedy - (in respect of qualifications within the Police District of Charters Towers). Henry's residential address was recorded as Mossman Street, Charters Towers.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Sat 11 Jul 1885, page 2*

A court of inquiry on the order of Lieut.-Col. Blaxland was held at Townsville on 16th July, before Captains Haldane, Henry and, Vincent, into the truth of certain allegations published in a letter to the evening paper concerning the discipline of the Garrison Battery. Evidence was taken, and the inquiry adjourned until the following day.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) Fri 17 Jul 1885, page 5*

We are sorry that the Captain leaves for Townsville this week; when he is here the "A" company has some life and go in it, the men would do anything for the Captain, but when he turns his back they get careless and almost disorganised.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Mon 27 Jul 1885, page 2*

In the afternoon of Thursday the 5th August 1885 Rifle Clubs from the two great gold mining centres of Queensland, Charters Towers and Gympie, competed at 200, 400 and 500 yards. Each team consisted of ten shooters, with seven shots to count. No sighters were allowed. A bulls eye scored 5, a centre scored 4, a magpie 3, an outer 2, and a duck egg 0, making a "possible" of 35.

The Towers team fired with ancient Sniders or converted Enfields, whilst the Gympie men used new Martini Henry rifles thus they had an advantage of at least 75 points in the match over the Towers men and they only allowed them a paltry 20 in the match.

Captain Henry Ernest Haldane and his brother Adam Cuppage were two members of the Charters Towers team. Others in the Towers team were W. H. Tilley, G. R. Gordon, T. Buckland, H. Paradise, H. B. Walker, J. H. Walker, A. P. Mackenzie and A. Villiers. The result was a win for Gympie by 251 points.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Fri 7 Aug 1885, page 2*

Aggregate scores of the Charters Towers men for the 3 ranges.

H. B. Walker	--	...	...	71
G. R. Gordon	...	...	...	67
A. C. Haldane	...	...	...	65
Captain Haldane...	...	...	...	61
T. Buckland	...	...	...	61
J. H. Walker	...	...	...	60
H. Paradise	...	...	...	59
W. H. Tilley	...	...	...	57
A. Villiers...	...	...	...	49
A. P. Mackenzie ...	...	...	...	48

Subjoined is the detailed account of the shooting of the Towers team, five is a bulls eye, four a centre, three a magpie, and two an outer. The number of shots fired was 210, seven shots at each range by each man. The total score made was 506 out of a possible 1050. Twenty points given by the Gympie men will have to be added to this which makes the total 616. The number of bulls eyes made during the day was 32; centres, 50; magpies, 39; outers, 53; duck eggs, 32.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Fri 7 Aug 1885, page 2*

Individual scores for the Charters Towers men at the 3 ranges.

200 Yards Range.		
A. P. Mackenzie ...	4,3,2,4,3,2,4	—21
H. B. Walker ...	3,4,3,4,4,2,4	—24
A. Villiers ...	3,2,3,2,4,4,4	—23
J. H. Walker ...	4,3,3,2,5,0,2	—19
H. Paradise ...	3,2,2,3,2,2,5	—19
T. Buckland ...	4,3,2,2,2,3,2	—18
G. R. Gordon ...	3,2,2,3,4,3,4	—21
W. H. Tilley ...	3,3,4,3,4,5,5	—27
A. C. Haldane ...	4,5,4,4,3,4,2	—26
Captain Haldane...	2,2,2,3,3,5,2	—19
<b>Total ...</b>		<b>216</b>
400 Yards.		
A. P. Mackenzie ...	4,0,0,4,0,2,4	—14
H. B. Walker ...	2,3,3,2,5,0,4	—19
A. Villiers ..	0,4,0,3,2,4,2	—15
J. H. Walker ...	2,5,5,0,0,0,2	—14
H. Paradise ...	4,5,4,2,2,2,5	—24
T. Buckland ...	4,0,4,5,2,5,3	—23
G. R. Gordon ...	5,2,3,2,4,5,4	—25
W. H. Tilley ...	3,4,5,0,3,0,5	—20
Captain Haldane...	5,0,4,3,2,0,3	—17
A. C. Haldane ...	2,2,4,5,0,4,4	—21
<b>Total ...</b>		<b>192</b>
500 Yards.		
A. P. Mackenzie ...	0,0,0,0,4,3,4	—11
H. B. Walker ...	5,3,4,5,4,4,3	—28
J. H. Walker ...	4,2,4,4,5,4,4	—27
A. Villiers...	0,0,0,3,5,0,4	—12
H. Paradise ...	5,4,2,5,0,0,0	—16
T. Buckland ...	5,3,0,3,4,3,2	—20
G. R. Gordon ...	2,2,5,5,3,2,2	—21
W. H. Tilley ...	2,0,2,2,2,2,0	—10
Captain Haldane...	5,4,3,2,5,2,4	—25
A. C. Haldane ...	2,3,5,5,0,0,0	—18
<b>Total ...</b>		<b>188</b>
		<b>596</b>
Given by Gympie ...		<b>20</b>
<b>Grand Total ...</b>		<b>616</b>

The total score for Gympie was 867, which gave them a victory with 251 points.

The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Fri 7 Aug 1885, page 2

The following list of appointments, promotions, &c appears in Saturday's *Queensland Government Gazette*:—

Henry Ernest Haldane late Captain 64th Regiment, to be musketry instructor in the Defence Force of the northern district; George Pocock to be lieutenant in the Defence Force; John Gregory O'Kane and Robert Pettigrew to be lieutenant, in the Defence Force, provisionally; Captain Herbert C. Pritchard to be adjutant of the Moreton Regiment; Elliott Bland to be substituted for Elliott Brand, notification of whose appointment as lieutenant in the Defence Force appeared in the Gazette of the 17th instant. B. Company, Rockhampton Regimental Division, and B. Company, Darling Downs and Western. Regimental Division, have been disbanded. The services of a company of the Defence Force at Dalby, known to be as B. Company, Darling Downs, have been accepted with the following establishment:— Captain, 1; lieutenants, 2; total officers 3. Colour-sergeant, 1; sergeants, 3; corporals, 3; bugler, 1; privates, 50; total non-commissioned officers and men, 58.'

*The Week (Brisbane, Qld. : 1876 - 1934) Sat 31 Oct 1885, page 7*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Brisbane, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1885.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, with the advice  
of the Executive Council, has been pleased  
to appoint  
HENRY ERNEST HALDANE, late Captain 64th  
Regiment,  
to be Musketry Instructor in the Defence Force of  
the Northern District.

S. W. GRIFFITH.

*Queensland Government Gazette No. 76 VOL. XXXVII of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1885, pg 1458*

Proposed Northern Rifle Association.

Captain Haldane has sent us a circular soliciting our "co-operation in the formation of a Northern Rifle Association for the purpose of affiliating the various corps and rifle clubs of the Northern military district and encouraging annual prize shooting competitions." The project deserves the support of every member of the Defence Force and Rifle Club here. The formation of such an association would cause a great improvement in shooting and it would also cause an annual meeting of the marksmen of the district. A meeting will be held in Townsville on the 31st to farther the subject.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Tue 16 Mar 1886, Page 3*

Captain Haldane, Staff Officer of the Northern Military District of Queensland, has issued circulars to the rifle clubs and corps in the northern part of the colony, requesting; their co-operation in the formation of a Northern Rifle Association. Its object is to encourage annual prize shooting competitions, and the initiatory meeting in connection with the movement will be held at the Townsville Town Hall, on the 31st March.

*Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1954) Thu 18 Mar 1886, page 5*

Captain Haldane, Staff-officer of the Northern District, writes us that a meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Townsville on the 31st inst. with the object of furthering the formation of a northern Rifle Association for the purpose of affiliating the various corps and Rifle Clubs of the Northern Military District, and encouraging annual prize shooting competitions. The success that has attended the establishment of kindred associations in other parts of the colonies and at home, and the beneficial results in training marksmen that have accrued from them is so well known that the proposed formation of an association for the north should meet with ready support. In placing the proposition before the volunteers of Cairns we feel sure it will meet with their ready approval and co-operation.

*Cairns Post (Qld. : 1884 - 1893) Thu 18 Mar 1886 Page 2*

Captain Haldane, Staff-officer commanding the Kennedy Division of the Military Defence Force, has sent me a circular, referring to his desire for the formation of a "Northern Rifle Association", and a meeting which is to be held at Townsville on the 31st inst., to further this object.

The idea is undoubtedly a good one, and deserves the encouragement and support of all interested in our Defence Force - which means, of course, all Queenslanders. Nearly every Northern town has its Defence Force or Rifle Club. Were these banded together in an Association, they would have a very strong stimulus to emulate and vie with each other, and the best shots would soon be brought to the fore; whilst many, who would not otherwise do so, would, if such an Association were formed, join the club of their town. It is not anticipating too much, to say that if Captain Haldane's plan be adopted North Queensland will, ere long, be in a position not only to compete with the teams of any other colony of Australasia, but to send a team home to Wimbledon.

*From Queensland Figaro and Punch (Brisbane, Qld. : 1885 - 1889) Saturday 27 March 1886, page 23*

Captain Haldane was promoted to the rank of Major just a few days prior to his proposed meeting at Townsville.

The following promotions in the Defence Force were announced in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1886 - Captain Herbert Christie Pritchard to be major, Captain John Sanderson Lyster to be major, Captain Henry Ernest Haldane to be major, and Captain Thomas Bilbe Robinson to be major, Quartermaster sergeant William Watson to be quartermaster with the rank of lieutenant.

*Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1954) Fri 2 Apr 1886, Page 4*

Challenges were issued by rifle clubs to their counterparts in remote locations. Competitions were conducted on the club's own range with scores telegraphed to the remote opposing club. Here Hugh Benwell, for the Naval Brigade and Artillery in Townsville, challenges the Charters Towers contingent, in Charters Towers, under Major Haldane.

The following telegram was received by Major Haldane on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1886 – *With the object of promoting friendly feeling and improve class firing, the officers of the Naval Brigade and Naval Artillery wish the officers of the two Charters Towers corps to join in a friendly sweep of five guineas each, the sum to be given to the corps with best ten scores obtained at class firing; ten rounds each, at 200, 300, 500, 600, 700, and 800 yards.*

Reply. HUGH BENWELL."

Major Haldane sent the following telegram in reply:-

*To Lieut. Benwell*

*Your proposals cordially accepted by corps here. The challenge, which has been accepted in the spirit it was given, will cause a closer union between the "shellbacks" and the "diggers" and we hope that spirit will continue. The Navals in Townsville are grand fellows, and we are sure that both the local companies will chum in with them at the encampment. The Navals will, no doubt, extend the hand of fellowship to the E Company at the next encampment, as they did to the A Company last year.*

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 – 1954) Tue 6 Apr 1886, Page 3*

Colonel Haldane's meeting, held on March 31st, in the Townsville Town Hall, to consider the desirableness of forming a Northern Queensland Rifle Association, was a decided success. It was decided to form the association, and a committee was appointed to draw up a set of rules, which will be on somewhat similar lines with those of the Brisbane Association.

*Queensland Figaro and Punch (Brisbane, Qld. : 1885 - 1889) Sat 17 Apr 1886, page 29*

The Two Military Districts of Queensland.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1885 the State of Queensland was divided into two Military Districts, namely, the Southern Military District and the Northern Military District.

Within the Southern Military District, there was The Moreton Regimental Division, The Darling Downs and Western Regimental Division and The Wide Bay and Burnett Regimental Division.

The Northern Military District then being the remainder of the state.

The Rockhampton Regimental Division, comprising the Electoral Districts of Rockhampton, Blackall and Port Curtis.

The Mackay Regimental Division, comprising the Electoral District of Mackay.

The Kennedy Regimental Division, comprising the Electoral Districts of Townsville and Kennedy

The Cook Regimental Division, comprising the Electoral District of Cook.

*Queensland Government Gazette No. 34 VOL. XXXVI, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1885. pg 631*

Then in October 1886 The Rockhampton Regimental Division of the Northern Military District, ceased being part of that District and was attached to the Southern Military District.

*Queensland Government Gazette No. 88 VOL. XXXIX, Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1886. pg 1769.*



## NORTHERN QUEENSLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

(Copy of the text from the *Daily Northern Standard*, April 1st 1886)

*A MEETING of gentlemen was held in the Town Hall last evening to take into consideration the desirableness of forming a Northern Queensland Rifle Association. About thirty gentlemen were present, and Mr. T. Buckland, of Charters Towers, was voted to the chair. The Chairman said it gave him much pleasure to preside, and called upon Captain Haldane to explain the objects of the meeting.*

*Captain Haldane said he was sorry his Worship the Mayor (owing to business engagements) had been unable to attend, and Captain Henry, he regretted, was absent owing to illness. The object for which the meeting was called was to form a Northern Rifle Association to encourage rifle shooting in the North. Queensland was composed of two military districts - the Southern and the Northern. The latter district commenced at and included Rockhampton. In this district there were 24 corps and rifle club, and to that also must be added the members of the police force, who formed a portion of their military system. The number of men therefore could be fairly stated at 1500, who it was desirable to encourage in rifle shooting. At present there was no central council to which appeals could be submitted, Townsville was the metropolis of the North, and he thought it was the place in which a Northern Queensland Rifle Association should be formed. They would have to adopt rules for the guidance of matches. The other day he noticed that two clubs shot a match on conditions that were so much at variance and the result was so marked that it was not probable a return match would take place. Such an association would permit the military authorities obtained by clubs and corps. He had issued about 300 circulars, and from the replies he had received it was evident that the proposition to form a Rifle Association was looked upon with favour. From Maytown and Port Douglas the replies he had received showed that it was likely two new clubs would be formed there. The letter from Maytown was funny, and wished success to those who had banded together to keep "Russian, Chinkies, and Tartars from Australian shores." He had received a letter from Mr. Brown, M.L.A., enclosing a cheque for £1 1s, and consenting to become a member of the new association.*

*(Captain Haldane), but from his superiors in Brisbane. Colonel French told him that if the association were formed he would recommend the Government to vote £100 annually to their funds. He had the report of the Brisbane Association in his hands, and he saw his Excellency the Governor was its patron, and Sir A. Palmer the vice-president. There was no reason why his Excellency should not be also their patron. In time they would have to appoint a paid secretary, but until they were in a position to do so, Mr. Armitage had consented to undertake the duties of the position.*

*Colonel Blaxland said he had much pleasure in stating that he had received letters from the Rockhampton Naval Brigade, the A Company and the Naval Artillery, asking him to represent them in the proposed new association. They heartily supported the movement, and that in their opinion, promised well to the success of the proposed new association in the future. He thought they were all favourable to the formation of the association, and that being so, they should form a committee to draw up rules, and call another meeting for their consideration. There was no reason why their association should not be as successful as that in Brisbane which was formed under far more disadvantages than they would be met with.*

*Mr. J. Leu moved that a Northern Rifle Association be formed.*



*Mr. D. Brand seconded the motion. There could be no mistake in forming the association because in the north they had really the material to make it a success. He was proud of the part he had taken in the formation of the club, which had been so successful, and the formation of the association would engender good feeling among the riflemen of the north.*

*Inspector Morisset said he would do all in his power for the success of the proposed association, and, on behalf of the police, he believed he was saying that such an association had their support. The police had not much time for practise, but he hoped to see them competing successfully at the gatherings of the association.*

*Mr. Craies said the Naval Artillery were heartily in accord with the present movement.*

*Mr. Buckland said that the Charters Towers Club was heartily in favour of the association. The little outing with the Townsville Club had been thoroughly enjoyed, and the formation of an association would encourage more of the matches.*

*The motion was carried unanimously.*

*Colonel Blaxland moved that a committee be formed, consisting of Captains Haldane and Henry and Messrs. Buckland, Morisset, Benwell, Ryan, and Craies be appointed to draw up rules.*

*Mr. Leu seconded the motion, on the understanding that Messrs. Brand and Symons be added to the committee.*

*A gentleman present thought that Mackay, and other outlying districts, should be consulted before the committee was formed.*

*The Chairman said that the purpose in view would be answered if the draft of the rules approved of by the committee be sent to Mackay and other places.*

*The motion was agreed to, Colonel Blaxland and Mr. Leu being added to the committee.*

*Captain Haldane was appointed treasurer, to receive donations.*

*It was suggested that Messrs. Leu and Brand should communicate with the, Mackay and Cooktown clubs, relative to representing them, and receiving their suggestions in the matter of the rules.*

*Captain Haldane remarked that he thought they should frame their rules as nearly as possible to those of the Brisbane Association.*

*Colonel Blaxland said there were recent modifications in these rules which they would consider.*

*Captain Haldane was requested to ask His Excellency the Governor to become the patron of the association.*

*It was announced that Mr. Ryan would assist Captain Haldane as secretary of the association, pro temp.*

*Twenty-three gentlemen sent in their names as members.*

*Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman and to Captain Haldane, and the meeting terminated.*

*Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954), Friday 2 April 1886, page 3*

#### RIFLE SHOOTING.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall, Townsville, the other day, for the purpose of forming a Northern Queensland Rifle Association. After some introductory remarks from Mr. T. Buckland (chairman), who stated the north started at and included Rockhampton, it was carried unanimously that "The North Queensland Rifle Association be formed." The following gentlemen were then appointed a provisional committee to draw up rules, &c.: - Colonel Blaxland, and Messrs. Buckland, Haldane, Henry, Morisset, Benwell, Ryan, Craies, Brand, Leu and Symons. Colonel Blaxland stated that in obedience to the wishes of the Rockhampton Club he would act for them, and Mr. Leu volunteered to act for Mackay if he were asked. Mr. Brand was then asked to act for Cooktown and other Northern towns, and consented. It was resolved that his Excellency the Governor be asked to act as patron. Twenty-three gentlemen then joined the Association, and Lieutenant Ryan was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. It was stated Colonel French had promised to recommend the Government to give £100 annually towards the Association.

#### BREECHLOADER.

*Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1954) Mon 19 Apr 1886 Page 5*

The North Queensland Rifle Association is prospering, the provisional committee being determined not to allow the project to cool. Colonel Blaxland is rendering very valuable assistance and advice. The rules of the Queensland Rifle Association have been adapted to the exigencies of the North, and doubtless will be adopted with the amendments suggested by the provisional committee.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) Tue 11 May 1886 Page 3*

In August 1885, His Excellency has accepted the services of a Volunteer Garrison Battery of the Defence Force, to be enrolled at Bowen, with an establishment of two officers and 48 non-commissioned officers and men.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Sat 1 Aug 1885, Page 6*

After about a year had elapsed, during which time the Garrison evolved, Major Haldane journeyed to Bowen to select suitable sites for a drill shed, rifle range and gun positions.

September 20

Major Haldane arrived here by the Katoomba on Thursday (Sep 16), and inspected the battery. His visit was especially for the purpose of fixing on suitable sites for a drill reserve, rifle range, and for mounting the big gun for drill purposes. These have all been fixed upon, I believe, and the major will forward his recommendation to the proper quarter to have them proclaimed. On Friday night he drilled the men, and was pleased to express himself as well satisfied with the progress made, many of the men showing wonderful proficiency, considering the adverse circumstances under which they labour-there being no drill instructor.

His report to the Commandant, he said, would be most favourable. When the men were dismissed three hearty cheers were given for Major Haldane by the men, who seemed highly gratified at the words of encouragement he addressed to them.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Tue 28 Sep 1886, Page 2.*

1887 was a most significant year for the British Empire. It was the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria's ascent to the throne on June 20 1837, with her coronation on 28 June 1838.

Major Haldane, ordered a review to celebrate the occasion

#### Jubilee Review.

From District Orders issued to the Defence Force in the Northern Military District by Major Haldane, we learn that the Townsville and Ravenswood troops will arrive here by the midday train on Tuesday next; the Charters Towers companies and cadets being drawn up to meet them at the railway station. The Townsville and Ravenswood men will return by special train at 6 p.m.

Sunday the 19th instant, being proclaimed a special day of thanksgiving, church parade to be ordered for the various denominations wishing to attend the forenoon service. The Townsville rifle club will take part in the review and sham fight on the 21st. It is to be regretted that Major Haldane is unable to be present here that day, the commandant requiring his services at the annual encampment at Lytton. When he was up here the other day he selected the site for the review and march past on the piece of ground opposite Mr. W. B. Whitehead's residence, Richmond Hill; the space on which the march past is to take place, has been stumped; and, as it is perfectly level, the men will be able to march steadily, and the sailors will have good ground for their field pieces. It is probable that the number taking part in the review and sham fight will be 300. The usual parade will be held to-morrow afternoon, the band attending. The following will be about the strength of the various companies on parade:

Townsville Naval Brigade	40
" Garrison Battery	30
" Infantry B and D Companies	60
" Rifle Club	20
Ravenswood C Company	30
Towers A Company	40
" E Company	40
" Cadets	40
Total	300

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Fri 17 Jun 1887, page 3*

Major Haldane was at the review.

At a meeting of the committee of the Charters Towers Rifle Club, held in Mr. Tom Buckland's office in the evening of Wednesday 31st of November 1887, the usual reading and confirmation of the previous meeting minutes was first conducted. Then in correspondence from the Townsville Rifle Club reference was made to "*targets and the proposed Northern Rifle Association*".

It was decided to refer the matter regarding the targets to the staff officer. Nothing more was mentioned of the proposed Northern Rifle Association.

The North Queensland Rifle Association was not as yet an inaugurated entity.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Fri 2 Dec 1887, page 3*

In late March of 1888, Major Haldane was in attendance at the Easter Encampment on “*the tent clad hills of Lytton*”.

On Good Friday 30th March, the regiment of the Queensland Scottish Volunteers was placed under Major Haldane, probably the best infantry officer in the colony. With such an efficient commander, and such men, it is no wonder the "Bonnie Scots" covered themselves with laurels. They decidedly carried off the palm in the march past; and it must have been a proud moment for the corps when Lady Musgrave sent for their commanding officer, and especially complimented them upon their physique and appearance.

*Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1954) Mon 9 Apr 1888, page 5*

The necessity for establishing a Northern Rifle Association, says the *Bulletin*, has been recognised for a considerable time past, not only by persons taking an interest in shooting, but also by the Government of the colony, who have voted an annual sum of £100 to the institution when established. The grant for last year is now in the Queensland National Bank here, and another similar amount will shortly be due to the funds of the association when formed. Major Haldane, honorary treasurer, has already drafted a set of rules based on the regulations of the Brisbane Association, which have been printed and distributed among the members of all the rifle clubs in North Queensland, with a view to obtaining suggestions as to their suitability. Several of the larger clubs have generally signified approval of their adoption, and it is likely that at the termination of the Northern encampment steps will be taken to hold a representative meeting for the purpose of organising the association, adopting regulations, and fixing a date for the holding of annual competitions.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) Tue 24 Apr 1888, page 6*

1st NQRA PM

RIFLE SHOOTING.

"Let thine aims be true."

The North Queensland Rifle Association deserve great credit for the liberality of the programme of their first meeting, which will be held in Townsville on May 29th and 30th. The Association gives away no less than £200 in prize money, which is thus distributed

For the first day, the Queen's prize of 75 sovereigns divided into 24 prizes;  
Defence Force Match of 20 sovereigns, divided into 10 prizes;  
and All Comers' Match of 20 sovereigns, divided into 9 prizes.

On the second day we have,

Members' match of 30 sovereigns, divided into 12 prizes;

Messrs. Scott, Dawson & Stewart's Trophy, value 25 sovereigns, with 25 sovereigns added by the association the Champion Match, of 20 sovereigns, divided into four prizes;

*From Queensland Figaro and Punch (Brisbane, Qld. : 1885 - 1889) Saturday 26 May 1888, page 7S*

The North Queensland Rifle Association.

We publish in this issue the programme for the first meeting of the above association, to be held at Townsville on the 29th and 30th inst. The sum of £200 is to be devoted from the

general funds, and distributed in valuable prizes, as detailed in another column. Mr. Chesney Martin is the secretary, and his experience is a guarantee that strenuous efforts will be made to give a fair field and no favour to all competitors. Full particulars are given as to ammunition, entrance-money, sighters. etc. Only Government pattern M.H. rifles or carbines will be allowed.

*From Cairns Post (Qld. : 1884 - 1893) Saturday 19 May 1888, page 2*

In *The Week* newspaper of Brisbane in the Provincial News column under Charters Towers, the occasional correspondent wrote on 20 December 1890 -

The quarterly parade of the Defence Force was held last Saturday afternoon, when Major Haldane took leave. There is a general consensus of opinion that the major's compulsory retirement will be a serious loss to the north, and the members of the local force are in doubts whether or not Major Haldane has been as well treated as he deserves to be.

*The Week (Brisbane, Qld. : 1876 - 1934) Fri 2 Jan 1891, page 21.*

Official notification of the compulsory retirement of Major H. E. Haldane, musketry instructor and staff officer, northern military division was in Saturday's *Government Gazette* 3 January 1891.

*The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld. : 1872 - 1947) Mon 5 Jan 1891, page 2*

Northern Military District.-Kennedy Division, Staff : The resignation of Major H. E. Haldane, as musketry instructor and staff officer, Northern Military Division, has been accepted.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) Mon 5 Jan 1891, page 5*

The quarterly muster parade took place at Charters Towers on Saturday 6th December 1890. The following is *The Northern Miner* newspaper of Charters Towers report of the event.

#### QUARTERLY MUSTER PARADE.

The quarterly muster parade of the Mounted Infantry, A. E. and D. companies, and the ambulance corps, was held on Saturday at the drill shed, Major Haldane being present. The parade state was as follows: - Mounted Infantry: Present, 38; absent with leave, 16; absent without leave, 7; total, 61.

A Company (Captain F. W. Beattie), 44 men, E Company (Captain W. Jarris), 19; D Company, 25; Ambulance (Surgeon Browne), 19; Cadets (Captain Allom), 18; Band (Band master Huddy), 15; total, 145.

During the parade of the Mounted Infantry Major Haldane took the opportunity of addressing them for the last time in his official capacity. After congratulating them on the creditable muster, which he said he took as a compliment to himself, he briefly alluded to the summary manner in which his services had been dispensed with, and the scandalous and totally unfounded rumours that had been circulated in connection therewith. He complained bitterly that, although a soldier could fight his open enemies, he had no show with backbiters and calumniators. He said he parted with the Charters Towers Mounted Infantry with more regret than he had done with any other corps with which he had been connected, owing to the kindly and cordial feeling which had always existed between their officers and himself, and with many good wishes for their welfare bade them good-bye. Three ringing cheers were given by the corps for the popular major and three more for Mrs. Haldane (who was on the ground), and when Major Haldane thanked the men for their hearty expression of good will it was evident by the quaver in his voice that he felt the parting very keenly. Captain Russell then took the company down Gill and Mossman streets at a swinging trot, wheeling them up and

dismissing them in the back of Collins' Exchange hotel, into which the thirsty "infants" poured, making things very lively for a few minutes for the dispensers of long shandies.

Later on Major Haldane said a few words to the members of the ambulance corps. He congratulated the men on the state of efficiency at which they had arrived, and the good work they had already done. He was present at the last race meeting and was glad to see some of their number present making themselves useful. He was sorry to leave the northern force, but was in a measure forced to do so. Why he was leaving he did not know. He had been told no reason. To Surgeon Browne great credit was due for what he had done for the detachment, and for its creditable condition. He hoped the detachment would yet become a company as there was plenty of room for it on Charters Towers. He then bade the men good-bye, and they replied by giving three hearty cheers for Major Haldane.

#### CHURCH PARADE

The men of A, E, and D Companies, the Ambulance Corps, and the Cadets mustered at the Drill Shed yesterday at 10 30 am for church parade. The parade state was as follows: - Kennedy Regiment, 2 officers, 120 men; Ambulance Corps, 1 officer. 23 men; Cadets, 3 officers, 15 cadets; total, 6 officers, 142 men, 15 cadets.

After church parade yesterday the men were formed in square opposite the Town Hall. Major Haldane addressing them said he had a duty to perform, namely, to explain that Lieut. Col. Armitage had intended to be up on Saturday but-was unable to come. He had also to say farewell to the members of the Charters Towers defence force, with which he had been connected since 1885. He had had great pleasure in commanding them, and had always endeavored (*sic*) to keep up the tone of the service. He regretted that circumstances over which he had no control compelled him to retire. For that he was sorry, but he hoped they would remember their duty to the country irrespective of the members of the head-quarters staff, and that they would keep up the standard of the defence force. Captain Beattie also spoke briefly and eulogised Major Haldane for the manner in which he had filled the position of commandant, and referred to the uphill work he had when he formed A Company. He said he was the father of the Northern Defence Force. The whirligig of time, however, brought round many changes, and it might be that Major Haldane might again command the northern forces, perhaps in a higher position. The band played "Auld Lang Synne" and three cheers having been given for Major Haldane the men were dismissed.

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Mon 8 Dec 1890, page 3*

On the 23rd of January, 1891 the steamship "Barrabool" 588 (net) tons, Captain W. H. Laycock commanding, departed Townsville for Adelaide via southern ports. Aboard were the following passengers -

Mesdames Haldane, C. Moore, Haird, A. Dierig, Nelson, Watson, two children and maid, Noordin; Misses L. Dawson, H. Geyer, A. Markwald, Bogaardt, Liebert, L. Behn, Almeida, Scott, E. Beetham, Wiatson, Major Haldane, Rev. Larkin, Messrs. Simpson, J. Pitt, Swinburn, H. T. McDermott, G. Doyle, A. Melville, Nelson, Cranstone, Woolcock, Doig, Dierig, J. Morton, B. Barker, Kemp, J. Moir, A. Pelly, George Humphrey, B. Nayler, E. Esteer, McDowell, Moffat, Master Watson, and 35 in the steerage

*The Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1874 - 1954) Mon 26 Jan 1891, page 2.*

Arriving in Brisbane on the 27th, passengers and cargo discharged, "Barrabool" sailed on to Sydney the same day.

*The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld. : 1872 - 1947) Wed 28 Jan 1891, page 2*

On the evening of the 29th, "Barrabool" arrived in Sydney with the following passengers -

Mesdames Haldane, Foster, Walker, Dunnett, Misses Kope, Norris, M. Jackson, L. Jackson, Beetham, Culbane, Major Haldane, Messrs. Peppe, Suttar, Stratham, Hill, Thompson, Barber, Bower, Harvey, Carrow, Johns, Bradley.

*Evening News (Sydney, NSW : 1869 - 1931) Fri 30 Jan 1891, page 4*

Major Haldane was recognised for his service to the Queensland Defence force in a page of a newspaper devoted to "Naval & Military Notes & Gossip."

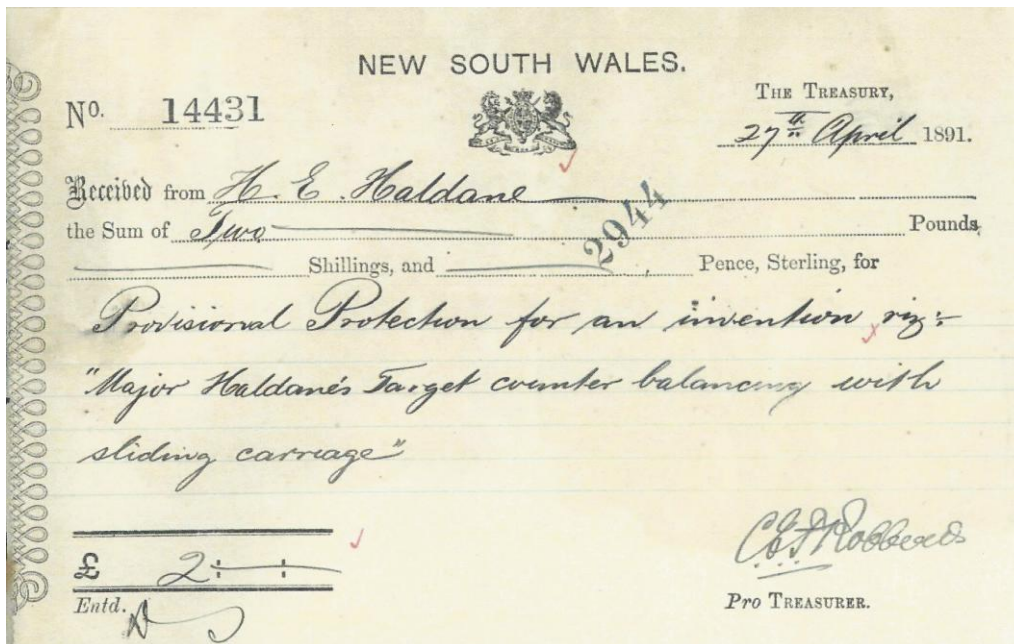
*The Queensland- Defence Force will this year lose the valuable services of Colonel French, C.M.G., C.B., its worthy commandant. His five years' service will be noteworthy for his arduous endeavours to popularise the volunteer movement. The Board of Examiners is blamed for making the test of passing competent officers into the force too severe, but the officers quite forget that the standard of efficiency must be very high in this martial age of rude change, and scientific discoveries in the mode of warfare. Every soldier of the period must be intelligent in the ranks during the advance, and attack; and in securing victory for his flag. The reforms of Colonel French will do good, and when he once more stands to his guns at Woolwich. Queenslanders will live to remember the hard up-hill work he did to have the force properly officered. The rank and file are splendid on parade, and as the movement grows in popularity the Queensland Defence Force will be worthy soldiers to be brigaded with those of New South Wales. In the work of organisation and reform Colonel French has been well seconded by Majors Des Veaux, Lyster, Thynne, and Gartside, and by Colonels Drury, C.M.G., and Adams, the latter an old Crimean and Indian hero. A good word must be said in recognition of the services of the Imperial officers now in Queensland, Majors Haldane, Druitt, R.E. Ayton, and Greive. In the good old days of Sir George Bowen the movement was strong, when Major Carew-Hunt (50th Foot) was the adjutant, and Sir Charles Lilley, C. J., and the late Judge Pring were captains. It was good to see how the volunteers then turned out to drill with the companies of the 50th Regiment, under Captain Creagh, now the very model of a modern Major General.*

*Illustrated Sydney News (NSW : 1881 - 1894) Sat 14 Feb 1891, page 9*

While Major Haldane was residing in Sydney, on the 8th day of April 1891, he signed a "Petition for Certificate of Provisional Protection" for his invention, which was an apparatus for working canvas targets.

In Henry's own words it was "*To provide simple means for working of canvas targets on a rifle range.*"

A "Provisional Protection Certificate" number 2944 was granted on 27th April 1891 and finally confirmed by the Department of Justice of the N.S. W. Executive Council on 12th May 1891.



The following is a notice of the provisional protection.

Patents Office Transactions.

Applications for certificates of provisional protection and letters patent lodged from April 27 to May 2 (inclusive) : —

PROVISIONAL protection.

No. 2944. April 27, Henry Ernest Haldane, of Sydney, New South Wales, for Major Haldane's target counter-balancing with sliding carriage.

*The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1871 - 1912) Sat 9 May 1891, page 1033*

After nearly a year had passed since Major Haldane and his wife had left Townsville, the "Queensland Government Gazette," of the 13th January 1892 made it known in the Official Notifications advice regarding appointments, resignations, and removals that Major H. E. Haldane was to be removed from the list of officers of the Queensland Defence Force (Land).

*The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866 - 1939) Sat 23 Jan 1892, page 159*

Haldane's target was briefly mentioned in a report about the inspection of the Charters Towers range in view of determining the new site of the mantelet -

I am sorry to say the antiquated "swing" targets brought into use by Col. French, will be used. Major Haldane's "shutter" targets are far and away ahead of these, and for simplicity and accuracy cannot be excelled. Why French's almost obsolete "fixins" are used, is a mystery to rifle shootists, and one of those things which can only be explained by the aid of a lot of red tape.

*The Northern Mining Register (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1891 - 1892) Wed 27 Jan 1892, page 11*

On the 13th of August 1894, at Sydney New South Wales, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Haldane boarded the Royal Mail Steamship "Oroya". The "Oroya", an Orient Line passenger ship of 6057 tons, was voyaging to London via the Suez Canal, calling at Colombo, Suez, Ismalia, Port Said, Naples and Gibraltar.

*Australian Town and Country Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1870 - 1907) Sat 29 Sep 1894, page 46*



The R. M. S. "Oroya" arrived at Plymouth from Sydney on 27th September, where Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Haldane disembarked.

*The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Mon 1 Oct 1894, age 6*

Haldane returned to service in 1896.

## SERVICE AFTER RETURNING TO ENGLAND

### PRINCE OF WALES'S VOLUNTEER BATTALION, THE DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT.

On the 12 August 1896, Captain Henry Ernest Haldane signed a document in England joining the Volunteer Force, his commission commencing on the 19 August 1896.

2nd (Prince of Wales's) Volunteer Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment, Henry Ernest Haldane, Esq., late Captain, North Staffordshire Regiment, to be Captain. Dated 19th August 1896.

*The London Gazette, August 18 1896, page 4696.*

2nd (Prince of Wales's) Volunteer Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment, Captain Henry Ernest Haldane is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 7th April 1897.

*The London Gazette, April 6 1897, page 1949.*

2nd (Prince of Wales's) Volunteer Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. The services of Captain and Honorary Major H. E. Haldane are dispensed with. Dated 5th October 1898.

*The London Gazette, October 4 1898, page 5802*

## SECOND ANGLO-BOER WAR

Henry served in the 2nd Anglo-Boer War between 1899 and 1902, where he was stationed in the following units -

**"A" Squadron of Loch's Horse.** Henry enlisted while Captain on 10-2-1900. While serving in this unit he was awarded the Queen's Medal. He transferred to South African Mounted Irregular Forces on 19-3-01.

This corps was raised by Lord Loch (Henry Brougham Loch) in February 1900. It was said that having been recruited in England it was not a Colonial force, but in the official army lists Loch's Horse was always include in the South African Irregulars.

**South African Mounted Irregular Forces.** He began service with this unit as a Captain on the 20-3-01. During his time with this unit he was recognised as being entitled to a date clasp & a King's Medal. He transferred from this unit to the Peninsular Horse on 18-10-01.

**Peninsula Horse.** Served in this unit with the rank of Captain, commencing on 19-10-01 and remained in it until to 31-1-02.

**Damant's Horse.** Once again he commenced as Captain on 16-6-02 and was was paid up to 31-11-02. Haldane's name was the last name entered in the Damant's Horse register.

Damant's Horse was first known as Rimington's Guides (also known as Rimington's Tigers or Rimington's Corps of Guides) and were a unit of light horse in the British Army active in the Second Boer War. They first raised and led by Major M. F. (Mike) Rimington, later Colonel Rimington.

**Provisional Mounted Police.** Captain Haldane also served in this unit, however there are no dates available.

Haldane's service between 1-02-02 and 15-6-02, is unaccounted for. He could not have commenced his service in South Africa with the Provisional Mounted Police unit as it was not raised until June 1900. So if the Provisional Mounted Police unit was still in existence in 1902, this might well be the time he spent in this unit.

Henry and Caroline Haldane wrote a joint will on both sides of what appears to be a page from a "blue-lined" ledger book. The will was written in Johannesburg, South Africa and dated 8th September 1906. Essentially the will bequeathed all their possessions to the surviving spouse on the demise of the other.

Henry & Caroline had no children.

Henry Ernest Haldane passed away on 26 December 1915 at Overport, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Cause of death: Chronic Malaria and Heart Failure.

*"South Africa, Natal Province, Civil Deaths, 1863-1955," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QG6G-573J : 17 March 2018), Henry Ernest Haldane, 26 Dec 1915; Death, Overport, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, The National Archive*

## **Henry Ernest Haldane**

### **South Africa, Natal Province, Civil Deaths**

Name	Henry Ernest Haldane
Event Type	Death
Event Date	26 Dec 1915
Event Place	Overport, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Event Place	Overport
Gender	Male
Age	65
Birth Year (Estimated)	1850
Birthplace	Plymouth

When and where his wife Caroline passed away is to the present unknown.