

## Frederick Thomas KRCROUSE

Frederick Thomas Krcrouse was born in 1877. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, he obtained his law degree from the University of Melbourne and was articled to W H Crocker. He was admitted to practice in December 1901.

Krcrouse enlisted for action in the Boer War with the Australian contingent but joined the Marquis of Tullibardine's 2nd Scottish Horse, which was being raised with men from Australia and New Zealand. In effect, this made Krcrouse a member of the British Army. His efforts in South Africa were exemplary and he was mentioned in despatches for bravery, and was promoted to sergeant. He also rode with the King's bodyguard at the coronation of King Edward VII with the Scottish Horse in 1902.

After this, Krcrouse returned to Melbourne and to practice, and married in 1911. In July of 1915, Krcrouse was invited by the Marquis of Tullibardine to rejoin the Scottish Horse. He was engaged in training troops in Scotland, and rose from a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant to a major and was attached to the Royal Field Artillery. As an officer of the British Army, however, his war records are not readily available, although we know, through his letters, that he saw action at the Somme, Arras, Hamel and all of the major battles until the Armistice.

After the War, Krcrouse returned to Melbourne and practiced as a solicitor in the firm of Krcrouse, Oldham and Bloomfield. He represented the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board on numerous occasions. He was a board member of the MCC, becoming Vice President in 1944 and a life member in 1948. He died, aged 77, in 1954.



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Krcrouse with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scottish Horse in South Africa in 1901. He is the large upright man in the centre left of the group.