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DESCRIPTION

Three officers of the 32nd Battalion

Three officers of the 32nd Battalion. Left to right: Lieutenant ?; Colonel Coghill; Major Hughes. These two officers as named trained the volunteers of 32nd Battalion, camped at Cheltenham Racecourse and their first major action was at the now famous battle of Fromelles in July 1916, where they suffered great casualties. Some men from Coghill's original squad are among those recently identified from mass graves, such as Private Walter Hainsworth Pretty of Kilkenny. Coghill was the first Headmaster of Woodville High School and also taught at Adelaide and Unley High Schools.

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*Lt Col D.M.R. Coghill VD
Commanded 32 Bn 1915-16
Schoolmaster of Woodville SA
Born 15 April 1871
Died 29 November 1922*

*Major J. J. Hughes
32 Bn
Public Servant of Adelaide.
Born Port Pirie 11 October 1875
Wounded Fromelles and captured.*

Un-named Officer on Left

*Lt J.K. Paul (Later Major and awarded a DSO)
formerly the Master Gunner at Fort Kang.
A member of the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery
Served in the Boer War and after WWI was Staff
Officer Artillery in Keswick Barracks*