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# Albert (Nuts) Renny

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Albert Sylvester (Nuts) Renny was born in 1898, son of Thomas, a railway employee, and Agnes Renny of 'Senga', 10 Young Street, Moonee Ponds.

Renny served a three year apprenticeship with trainer C. Moore. At the end of his apprenticeship in December 1915 he rode at unregistered pony courses in Melbourne and Sydney and so was disqualified by the Victorian Racing Club. He was considered one of the best jockeys of his day on pony courses. In 1917, the disqualification was revoked and he joined Jack Holt's stable briefly, but by 1918 he had returned to the pony courses.

Renny was killed at Fitzroy Racecourse (in St. George's Road, Thornbury) on 24 November 1919. He was riding the favourite, a four year old gelding called 'Wongaburra', in the fourth race, the Fitzroy Purse. All went well until the final turn. Renny had moved into second place and attempted to ride along the rails, but 'Wongaburra' clipped the heels of the horse in front, stumbled and fell, bringing three more horses down with him. 'Wongaburra' landed on Renny, crushing his skull. Renny died instantly and 'Wongaburra', who was seriously injured, had to be destroyed.

A smart dresser, Renny had an engaging manner and many friends. At the time of his death he was living at the Mordialloc Hotel.

He is buried in the Roman Catholic section of Coburg Cemetery with his father and younger brother George.

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