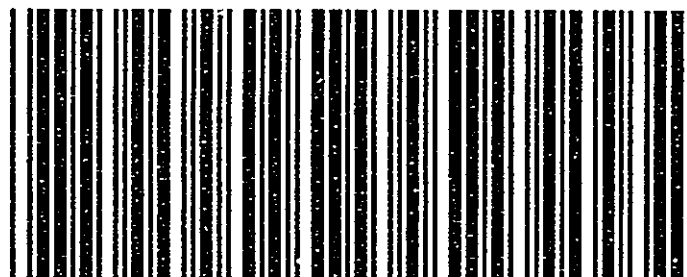


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700 Trooper
Aaron Smith Haddon

1st Battalion, Imperial Camel
Corps



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A.I.F. 1st Anzac Bn Imp. Camel
Corps

HADDON
Aaron Smith 700A

No. 2 Coy

"WOUNDED"

Wded 19-4-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 26-7-17

Wded - no more definite information can be obtained at
present - Court of Enquiry to be held

Cert. by Alex cable 7-4-17

London
11-9-17

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Australian Camel Corps.

HADDON

Private A.S.

700a.

Lat 1. B.

W + M 19-4-17

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13th instant, and to state you will, ere now, have been advised through the Military Commandant, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, of the regrettable news that your son, No. 700a, Private A.S. Haddon, 1st Anzac Camel Battalion, has been posted as "missing". The following is a copy of a cable message received from abroad.

"1st Camel Corps advise evidence in this case "very contradictory. Board suggest that inquiries "should be made from the Officer Commanding Dressing "Station, Charing Cross that date. Haddon not yet "reported by any Dressing Station but seen in Cacolet "proceeding towards Dressing Station according to one "witness. Will advise as further information come to "hand."

A further cable message regarding this case was despatched on the 19th instant. You will be promptly communicated with as soon as later information is to hand."

Letter from:-

J. M. Lean, Major,
Officer i/c Base Records,
MELBOURNE.

20-9-17.

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CAMEL CORPS.
(Late 1st Battalion.)

HADDON, S.S. Private
760 a

KILLED 19.4.17.

I knew Haddon. He was in No. 2 Company with me, and was in the Machine Gun Coy. He was short, young, but hair going grey, although he was only 23/24 years old. I was transferred to No. 11 Company three days before he was killed, but I was told 2/3 days after he was killed that he had been killed on 19.4.17. at the furthest point they reached on that day at Gaza. They had just captured a redoubt. I went across to see the Company after the Battle, and I heard about his death. I think Private Barry told me about him. They were in the same section. Barry got the D.C.M. for his work that day. We retired back 2 miles that night. From what I was told, I felt sure Hadden was killed outright.

Informant:- Lt. W. F. Clarke,
Camel Corps, 11th Company, formerly No.2.
Private address:- Norfolk Street,
Liverpool.

H.S.O.
19.4.18.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

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CAMEL CORPS.
Late 1st Battalion.

Haddon, A.S. Private.
No. 700a.

"killed 19/4/17"

Informant described Haddon as about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, medium build, dark complexion aged about 20/25.

Informant states that they both belonged to 2nd Company Imperial Camel Corps Machine Gun Section. On 19/4/17 the Company was in action near Gaza Palestine fighting the Turks for a place called Samsen's Ridge. Informant had seen Haddon that morning and they went into action together but got separated. He was however, told by one of Haddon's mates (who so far as he could remember was a stretcher bearer) that he had seen Haddon coming back wounded although he did not appear to be seriously hurt. After that no one seems to have seen him although enquiries for him were made on the spot as well as in the various hospitals in Egypt.

Informant added that Haddon was a good lad always ready to do what he was told and in high favour with his mates.

Informant - Corporal J. Duckworth, No. 37a,
2nd Company Imperial Camel Corps,
Home Address - 11 Belmore Street,
Surrey Hills.

W.E.G.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.
26/8/18.

1st camel
Cairo
SYDNEY BUREAU. ✓

A.I.F. 1st Anzac Bttn.
Imp. Camel Corps.

HADDON.
Aaron Smith. 700A

"Wounded". 19.4.17.

Re-interred Gaza Military Cemetery Palestine.
Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs List. 3.7.19.

London.
22.7.19.

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