

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**1006A Corporal
Havelock Higgs**

**3rd Battalion, Imperial Camel
Corps**



1330501D

A.V.F. 3rd Battn.

I.C.C.

"No Enquiry"

HIGGS

I.C.C. Sgt.

I think he came from Queensland, but am not sure. I do not know number or initials, but I am certain he was a Sergeant. He went with W.D. Elorish to A.M.C. School on about 22.10.17, and four of us Australians were attached to the 5th Coy (I was really 11th Coy, and he was 13th Coy). At the end of October we took up a position between Beer Sheva and Jerusalem. The Turks attacked 2.11.17, and of the four of us three were captured (Sgt. C. McPherson and Lance Corporal Thorneycroft and I) and Higgs was killed - Shot through the head and killed instantly. The Turks I hear held the position for some days, and I know nothing of burial. I left McPherson and Thorneycroft in Turkey, but I think they have gone home now. I have often wondered if his people heard how he died, and would like them told the little I know.

Informant:- J.H. O'Neill 2148,
11th Coy, I.C.C.
Rept. P/W

London

6.1.19.

Note:- This may possibly refer to 1006A Cpl. Havelock Higgs, 3rd Battn. I.C.C. for whom we have a Brisbane Enquiry. Pte. O'Neill could not identify him more closely. If Thorneycroft or McPherson could be interviewed they might be able to identify more clearly.

B.

A.I.P.
3rd Ann. Bn. I.C.C.
late 11 L.H.

HIGGS.
Havelock Opl. 1006a

Killed in Action 19.4.17. — X

No burial report.

Cert. by Hqrs List 4.7.19.

K.I.A.

1-12-17

ISSUE
London,
1-10-19.

DATE

Cause of Death

B.

Cause of Cancer

AUSTRALIAN LIST

CANCERS

I.C.C. A.I.F.

(K.) 14-12-17
M. G. K.HIGGS.
1006. H.

Informant gave me Higg's initials & number correctly.

" Higgs left us in the middle of October for the school of Instruction at El-Arish; when he was with us he was with the machine guns. I left the Batt: on Nov: 1st but I had a letter only last Thursday from my mate, Estgate. A.J. 1003; in it he told me that H. Higgs had joined the Armoured Cars & had got wounded & taken prisoner, but I do not know what date he got wounded on, or if it is really official about him being prisoner; there were no details in my mate's letter."

Informant: 1101 Robertson A.J.

I.C.C. A.I.F.

J.N. Downes.

14.A.G.H. Abbassia.

CAIRO. 19/1/18

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Written Ph. Estgate 28.2.18.