

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1355 Trooper
Alexander Nairn**

8th Light Horse



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8th Aust. Light Horse

NAIRN

Tpr. A. 1355

Killed 23/12/16

Buried in Arish Military Cemetery, Egypt, S.S.W. of Gaza, 91.7

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

29/12/19

8th Light Horse,
B. Squadron
A.I.F.

Naim,
A. 1535.

"Killed in Action on Dec. 23-16."

Killed in Action on 2-12-16 at Sinai Pen.

Buried 1/2 miles N.E. of Turkish Post, N. of trenches.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 20-2-17.

M.

London,
6-3-17.

8th L.E.

NAIRN, A.
Pte. No. 1355

Killed in action 23/12/16.

"Casualty was killed on the 23rd December, 1916. He was killed by bullet, shot through the jaw. The bullet came out of the neck. He died within a few minutes. He did not speak again. He was buried. A cross was put over his grave."

Informant:- E/Cpl. M.J. O'Meara,
No. 1146, 8th L.H.

Private address
Tannure,
Victoria.

H.A.B.
7/9/17.

True Cancel November 1917.

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M.

8th L.E.

NAIRN, A.
Pte. No. 1355,

Killed in action 23/12/16.

"I helped to bury casualty. He was killed on the 23rd December, 1916 at Magdabhar in Egypt. He was killed by a bullet through the jaw which entered the cheek and destroyed the face on the opposite side. He died in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour's time after he was wounded. We buried him and marked the grave on the spot. He had a formal funeral."

Informant:- Sgt. W. Grant,
No. 1410, 8th L.H.

Private address
O/o Mrs. London
Melrose Street,
Sandringham.

H.A.B.
11/10/17.

True Cancel

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M.

H.E.F.

8th Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.

HAIRN.
1355. A.

(K. Egypt. 2.12.16.)

Informant knew A. Hain well, both were in B Squad. together. Hain was killed on Dec. 23 when the brigade was taking Magdaba Hot on Dec. 2nd as put in the book. Hain was a strong looking chap, dark and clean shaven about 33 or 34. Home Mallee, district Victoria, Profession a farmer. Informant says during the after-noon of Dec. 23rd just before we actually took the village of Magdaba, Informant saw Hain who was quite near him get a bullet right through his head, he never moved or spoke. He was killed instantaneously. Informant never actually saw Hain's grave but knows he was buried that night right up against the Redoubts. About 3 weeks later while at El-Arish Informant saw some men of the 8th Light Horse making crosses for graves, one of which was a cross fully engraved with Hain's name number and date of death on it.

Inf.-- 1651 J.S. Woodman,
8th Light Horse.
14 A.G.H. Abbassia.
13.10.17. CAIRO.

J.H. DOWDES.

M

1-4700

TRIPPLICATE 10.

E. E. F.

SI A. L.H.

(K. 25/12/17)

NAIRN.
1355. A.

He was in C.Squad informant gave initial correctly. On the evening of Dec: 23 during the attack on Maghdaba, informant saw Nairn get killed outright by a bullet & also saw him buried next morning where he fell his grave being fully marked with a cross on which were his name, number, & date of death.

Informant: 2122. Glyn. F.P.

8. A.L.H. A.Squad. D.Troop.

14. A.G.H. Abbassia.

CAIRO. 15/11/17.

J.N.Downes.

M
Nairn 6-
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A.I.F.
8th Australian Light Horse.

C
NAIRN.A. No.135.

K/A 2.12.16

We knew him as "Alick". He was well built, medium height. Witness and he were both in "B" Squadron.

During an attack at Maghdaba, about 15 miles from El Arish, he was hit by a bullet. Witness was 5 yards away and saw him fall, he immediately examined the body, and was satisfied he was killed instantaneously. Nairn, Capt. Higgins and Trooper Perkins, as well as the others killed the same day, were buried together, by the Squadron, a separate cross being erected over each grave.

Witness, as well as another man interviewed, assure me the correct date of the casualty was December 23rd. He was a real straight living man, and one could not meet a better in a day's walk, and he was very popular with the boys.

Witness - Driver H.M.Grigg, No.1508.
Home Address - Darraweit Guim P.O.,
Victoria.

F. de V.Lamb, Major,
H.M.T. "Euripides."
8/4/19.

J.L.A.

SYDNEY BUREAU. M

Time C^d