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2806 Corporal William Howe Irving

3rd Battalion, Imperial Camel Corps



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12th. COMPANY. CAMEL CORPS A.I.F.

IRVING W. H. Corporal
No. 2806.

K/A 6.11.17 William Howe

It was on the 6th. November just a few miles from Beersheba when two men including Irving were killed by the one bullet. We were holding a natural basin on the top of a ridge and only 70 yards from the Turkish trenches. A sniper fired and shot Corporal Irving through the eye, the bullet passing right through his head and entering the other man's forehead. He was very popular with the men and was buried about 200 yards away along with several other Officers and men at the foot of the ridge. A cross was erected over the head of the grave of every man buried there. Informant was an eye witness of the death and burial.

Informant:- Trooper A. W. Myers, 3067,
15th. Light Horse. (Late Camel Corps).
Home address:- 13 Brunker Road, Broadmeadow, Newcastle.

B. J. Skilton, Sergeant,
H.M.T. "Euripides".
22/3/19.

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J.E.A. K/A 6.11.17 late 5 L.H.
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3rd Batt I.C.C. (K/A 6.11.17.) IRVING
W.H. 2806
William Hone

Informant states:-

In the morning of 6.11.17. we were occupying a position at Quelpha, on the right of the 53rd Division.
Irving was replying to the fire of Turkish snipers when he got killed by a bullet through the head.
He was buried, along with 29 of his battalion, by the Rev. Little, at ~~x~~ Quelfa.
Irving was a good man in action, and very popular with his mates.

Informant:-
1879 S.S.M.Parker 15th L.H.Regt.

14th A.G.H.Abassia.
29.1.19. W.A.Berry.

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E. E. F.
~~No Enquiry~~

3.I.C.C. A.I.F.
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(K. 6/11/17)

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IRVING. W.H
Cpl: 2806
William Howe.

Number in 3 figures. Home--Queensland;fairly tall,dark clean shaven, about 27. About 4.a.m. at Khuweilfeh the 3.Batt: made an attack. Informant,alongside the Cpl: says a sniper's bullet got him through the neck,he fell dead killed instantly.

Informant: Lieut: Dowling J.W.

3.I.C.C. 12.Coy.

J.N.Downes.

14.A.G.H. Abbassia.

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Imp.Camel Corps.

IRVING.
William Howe. 2806.

Killed in Action.6.11.17.

Buried Area of Tel Khuweiefe. Ref Map,Palestine parts of sheets 23.24.25 Sq.A.5. a Grave marked by a cross E.34 name. (Part of small Camel Corp Cemetery Egypt.)
Cert by A.I.F.Hdqrs List.14.7.19.

London.
24.7.19.

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3rd Anzac Btn. I.C.B.

IRVING

T/Cpl. W.H. 2866

Killed 6/11/17

Buried Beersheba Military Cemetery, Palestine, 126.9

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

Melbourne

30/12/19