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482 Company Quartermaster Sergeant William James Holdaway

3rd Battalion



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HOLDAWAY
Sgt W.J. 482.

Off. rep. D/W 10/5/15.

Died of Wounds on H.S. "Dongola" 4/5/15. - A.D.J. Hdqrs
Buried at sea between Sedd el Baher and Gaba Tepe by
Rew P.W.Clarkson, 4/5/15.

Cert. by:-

3rd Ech. G.H.Q., M.E.F.

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24/5/16.

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3rd Batt., A.I.F.
D. Co.

HOLDAWAY
Sgt. W.J., 482.

(Died of Wounds)

Either on the 30th April or 1st May, Holdaway was hit by a shell on the Anzac Beach, where the original landing took place. This was seen by each informant but they are not sure whether Holdaway died on the beach, or on the way to Egypt. They are, however, sure that he did not reach there, as each was sent to Egypt immediately afterwards (one on 1st May and the other on the 8th) wounded, and at once made inquiries for Holdaway. Each was informed definitely that he had never reached Egypt.

Refs.:-- Taylor,
Pte. J., 1185,
3rd Battalion.

White
Pte. J., 1193,
3rd Battalion.
Soldiers' Club, Sydney.

D.W.
22/2/16.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

3rd Batt., A.I.F.
D. Co.

HOLDAWAY
Sgt. W.J., 482.

(Died of Wounds)

About the 10th May Holdaway was on the beach at Gaba Tepe, when he was hit by a shell. He died shortly afterwards, but Informant did not see his body.

Ref.:-- Burke
Pte. T., 565,
3rd Battalion, D. Co.
~~Soldiers' Club, Sydney~~
4 Australian General Hospital
Randwick

D.W.
22/2/16.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

3rd Batt., A.I.F.

HOLDAWAY,
Sgt.W.J. 482.

(Died of Wounds, 10th May, 1915).

About 4th or 5th May, 1915, Sergeant Holdaway was standing on Anzac Beach with informant near the 3rd Battalion Camp. A shrapnel shell case hit Sergeant Holdaway above the left knee, shattering it. He was at once given first aid, and taken straight to the beat.

Ref.:- Trim,
Pte.E.G. 1389,
B.Co., 3rd Battalion,
4th Aust. Gen. Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.P.O.
29. 2. 16.

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3rd Btn. A.I.F.

HOLDAWAY
Sgt. W.J. 482.

D/W.

About 10th May at about half-past two in the afternoon Holdaway was hit at Anzac Beach by the cap of a shell. His leg was severely injured. Informant was attached to Regimental A.M.S. and dressed Holdaway's wound. He died an hour and a half later in informant's presence. He would have been buried an the Clearing Station burial ground further along the beach.

Ref:- Sgt. J.B.Malone, 354,
4 A.G.H. RANDWICK.

D.W.
30/3/16.

SYDNEY,

Cd.

S.

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3rd Btn A.I.F.

HOLDAWAY
Sgt W.J. 482

D/W H.S.Dongola 4/5/15.
Where Buried ?

Holdaway died in No.17 General Hospital, Alexandria. Witness saw him there four days before he died. He had lost his left leg. It had been amputated above the knee. He was very bad when witness saw him. His body must have been buried somewhere near Alexandria. He was a lightly built man. Witness thought he came from N.Queensland and enlisted in Sydney.

Ref:- L/C C.Wilson, 2192,
C Co., 3rd Btn.,
B Details, Zeitoun, CAIRO.

S.A.
10/4/16.

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