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2nd Lieutenant
HELMS, Jacob
"D.C.M"
19th Battalion
14.11.16
Killed in action
(mother) Mrs. Helms

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier: Jacob Holms
2. Unit and Number (if known): 12th Battalion
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any): Toowoomba District: Northern State: Queensland
4. What was his Birthplace: Jutland, Denmark
5. Date of Death: 14th Nov. 1916
6. Place where Killed or Wounded: Wars

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Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling: Post Office Officials
2. Age at time of Death: 33 years
3. What was his School: State School
4. What was his other Training:
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia: 6 years
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars): No

7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
   Attached

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
   No

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name: Emma M. Holms
   Relationship to Soldier: Mother
   Address: Saltwood, Sandgate, Q'land.
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name: J. Beer Esq.
    Address: Editor, Farmington Journal, Sydney

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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Extract from Harringtons' Photographic Journal,

Dated 20th.March, 1917. 42

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LIEUTENANT J. HELMS.

Killed in Action.

We deeply regret recording the death of our valued friend, Lieut. J. Helms, which took place in the firing line, somewhere in France. Readers of "H.P.J." will remember the work of Lieut. Helms, which appeared at regular intervals in the happy times before the war. No photographer, amateur or professional, ever produced such excellent pictures of out-back Australian life than Lieut. Helms, and particularly did he specialise in picturing that transport of the desert, the camel. The last mention of Lieut. Helms' name in this journal was a message from the trenches, while reading his "H.P.J." in the trenches in France he noticed a correspondent asking a question relative to a fake "spirit" picture which had been reproduced in "H.P.J." which he had taken. That question was answered from the trenches and duly appeared in "H.P.J.". That's the sort of man our late friend was, taking a keen interest in the art of photography himself, he was always ready to give advice and help to others.

We have received many letters from Lieutenant Helms since he sailed from these shores over two years ago, and they were always of more than ordinary interest written by a gifted journalist, with the eye to see more than most of us.

Leaving these shores a Private, promotion must have been rapid, for a year after we heard of him as a Lieutenant. It was also reported to us that he had been awarded the "D.C.M." and although this was not officially mentioned when his death was announced in the daily papers, we feel sure that it is correct for it is nothing less than what would be expected of such a fine type of an Australian.

Y.M.C.A. Indoctrination Course.

Week of September 15th, 1917.

LECTURE 1. HOME.

Object in Coming.

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