

James HARDMAN

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New South Wales

Corporal

Regd. # ?

Stations: Bathurst Mounted Police

Awards: ?

Service: From ? to 9 August 1836

Born: ?

Died: 9 August 1836

Age: 27 old

Cause: Shot – Murdered

Location: near Bathurst

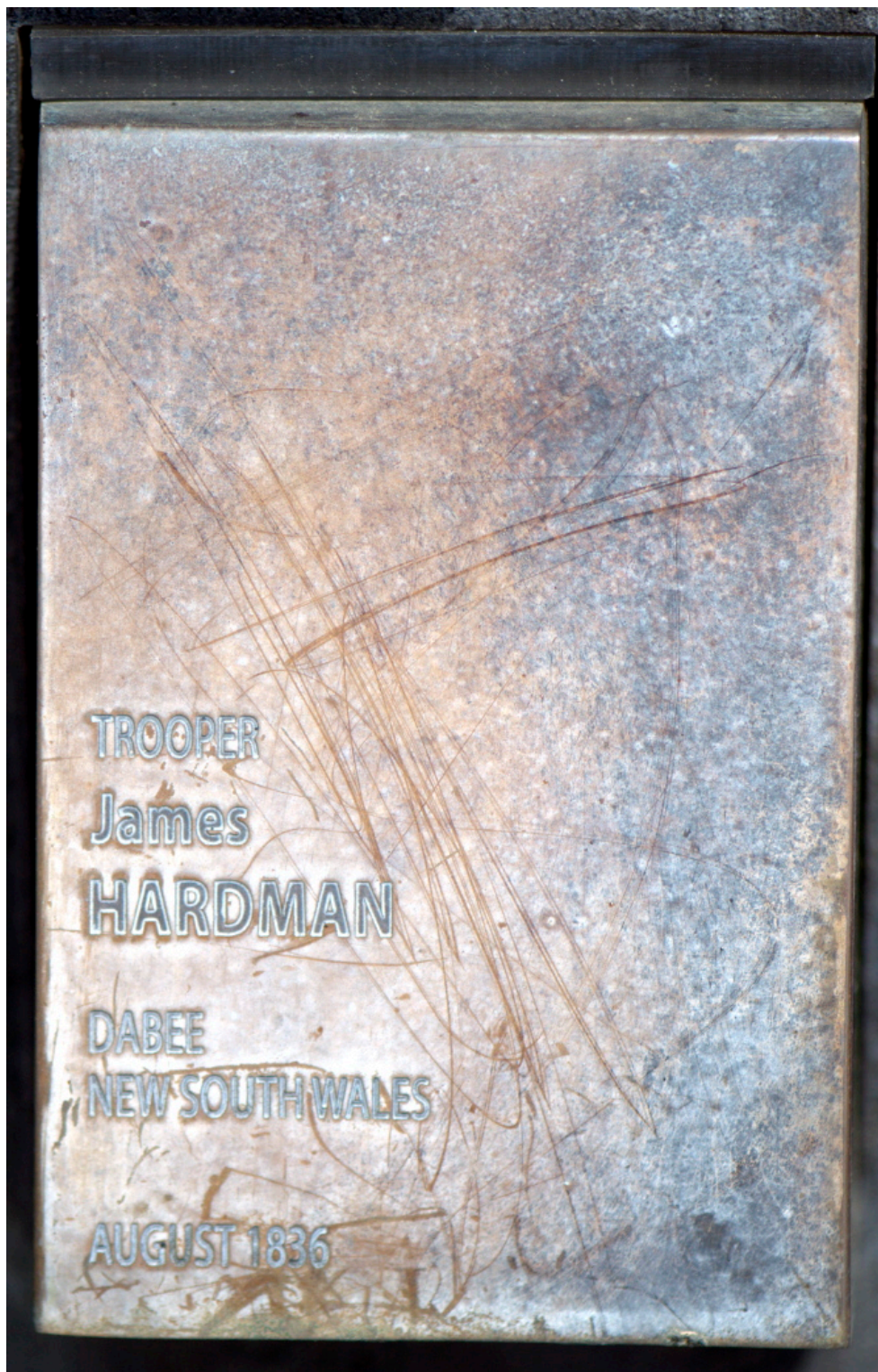
Date of event: 9 August, 1836

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Grave location: ?

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NSW Trooper James HARDMAN touch plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance.

(*Dabee* – as mentioned on the touch plate, is an area near Rylstone / Kandos, NSW which is part of the Mudgee area. There is also a property by the name of *Dabee* in the Kandos region)

Mounted Trooper Hardman (formerly of the **17th** and **28th** **Regiments**) was shot to death by **bushrangers** near **Bathurst**, however few details are known other than those contained in a couple of brief newspaper articles of the time. A reward of fifty pounds, or a conditional pardon, was offered on **22 October, 1836** for information leading to the apprehension of those who had " *most wickedly and barbarously murdered* " □ Corporal Hardman in **August** of that year.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* of **7 November, 1836** reported that " *On Saturday, Alexander Lambert was convicted of aiding and assisting in the wilful murder of Corporal Hardman of the Mounted Police. The deceased and another policeman were in the act of apprehending the prisoner, when another bushranger [John Halloran] who was in company with him, fired at Hardman, and shot him dead, and then made his escape. Lambert is to be executed this morning.* "

Halloran was later arrested and the *Sydney Monitor* of **22 May, 1837** carried the following, slightly cryptic, story.

John Halloran, charged with the murder of a mounted policeman.

The Attorney-General stated, that in consequence of a person named **Kenny** swearing that the prisoner was the man who fired the shot which killed the policeman, he was committed for

*trial on the **2nd February**, but the day before Sessions, from the evidence obtained, it appeared improbable that the prisoner could have fired the shot. Their Honors then directed the case stand over, but ordered that strict enquiry should be made into the circumstances.*

At the time of his death the **trooper** was **27** years of age and was attached to the **Bathurst Mounted Police**. He is sometimes referred to as **Harman** or **Harding**.

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