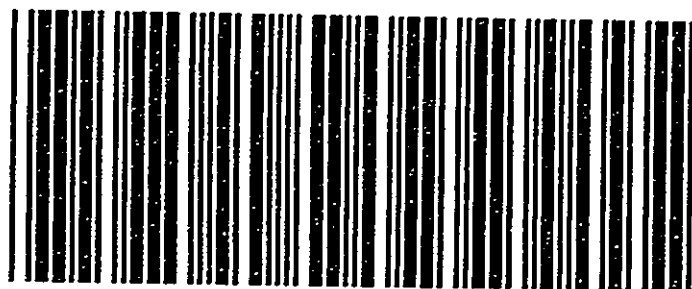


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**502 Private
Henry Hodder**

10th Battalion



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10 A.I.F.

at 382 48,

HODDER
Pte.H. 502.

Henry

(W.)

Hodder was attached to the Brigade Head Quarters and was hit about the end of June by a shell when in his dug out which blew off both his legs. His mate - Gordon Farnham - dressed his wounds and passed him on to the Dressing Station. Informant heard that he was in Egypt and still alive
Ref.Pte.G.A. Sergeant, 1064,

10 A.I.F.

1st A.G.Hospital,
Heliopolis, Cairo.

J.S.St Clair,
6:12:15.

(S.)

10 A.I.F.

att: 6/11/45

HODDER
PTE. N. 502.

Henry

(W.)

Informant says Hedder was wounded near end of July at the head quarters of the 3rd Brigade. He was hit by a high explosive shell and had both legs blown off. Informant heard this, but did not actually see it, and also that he had been taken to the beach alive.

Ref:- Pte. H. Glover, 375, 10 A.I.F. H.Q.
Luna Park Hospital, Heliopolis, Cairo.

W.J. Isbister,
10:12:15.

(S.)

10 A.I.F.

att 3rd Bde Hd.

HODDER
PTE.H. 502.

Henry

W.

Informant states that towards the end of June Hodder was at the third brigade head quarters, and had both his legs taken off by a shell. He was taken straight on board a hospital ship. Informant has not heard of him since.

Ref:-Pte.W.F.Thomas, 464,
10 A.I.F.
Cairo.

N.W.Kater,
10:12:15.

Luna Park

S.

John A. F. F.
At. 3rd Bldg. H.Q.

Mr. Wm. E. Tucker.
Harris

(17)

REPLY TO THE END OF THIS MATTER HAS BEEN MADE OFF BY
A 3rd CLASS MEMBER THE NAME OF WHOM IS BEING KEPT OFF TO ASSIST WITH
AND TO ASSIST IN THE END OF A LONG, LONG.

Mr. Wm. E. Tucker, Esq.
(17th St. N.Y.)
Lawyer New York, N.Y.

E. G. G. 27th St.

10 A.I.F.
C. (formerly H.) Coy.
at 3rd Bde HQ. W.

HODDER
Pte. H. 502.
Henry

Informant says he was told that Hodder had his leg blown off. He cannot say who told him nor can he fix the date. Hodder was a policeman at Broken Hill and he and several policemen came down with informant to Adelaide to enlist. Hodder was at one time in the 3rd Bde. Inf. *Hauspod*.

Ref:-Pte. A. R. Perry, 525. 10 A.I.F. C. Co.
Gezira Hospital, CAIRO.

W. J. Isbister,
5. I. 16.

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10 A.I.F.

att 3rd Bde HQ

HODDER
Pte.H. 502.

Hurry

(V.)

Informant received the following information from Egde H.Q.:-

Whilst Hodder was doing police duty on the beach at Anzac during July, a shell exploded in the dug-out almost severing both legs and arms from body. Was sent back to Egypt and believed to have died in Alexandria.

Ref:- Pte.Tanner, 25,
3rd Bde.H.Q.
Al Hayat Convalescent Home, Helouan,
Cairo.

A.Hordern,
3:12:15.

(S.)

only file

10 A. I. F.

3rd Bde Hq.

(Wounded)

Pte H. Hodder 502

Henry

About end of September, had both legs blown off while in
Aug-out. He was taken away in Hospital Ship and is, I believe
alive in Alexandria.

[Records say:- Transferred to 3rd Bde Hqrs. 10.6.15.
(previously slightly wounded)]

Reference G. H. Donald, 515, 10 A. I. F.
Bas el Fin Conv. Hosp. Alexandria.

R. A. Ker
Rev. 50 1915.

N.B. Not in Hospital Records.
W. + D. E. B. Alex.:-

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HODDER. H. Pte. 502.

Henry

at 3 Bde HQ.

10.A.I.F. Witness states that Hodder had both legs blown off by a shell in his dug-out. Was alive when Witness left the Peninsula 4 weeks ago. If Fisher of same Battalion can be found he could tell about Hodder.

Reference: C. Cope. 2244. 10.A.I.F.
Ras-el-Tin Convalescent Camp.

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M E D

10 A.I.F.

7.

H. Hodder

592

att^y Bde Hq.

Hurry

He and Pte D. Fisher were on Police Duty at Brigade headquarters on August 6 and were each hit by same shell. Hodder had one or both legs blown off and Fisher lost one or more limbs. Witness did not see this happen but heard it from mates and regarded it as absolutely true, but could never find out what became of either of them subsequently.

About 5 ft 10 or 11, fair, clean shaven, enlisted in South Australia, stout build, about 12 or 13 stone.

Pte A.A. Smith 1040

A Coy

10 A.I.F.

MALTA

St. Elmo

6.1.16.

E.S.G.

10 A.I.F.

att 3rd Bde HQ

HODDER
Pte.H. 502.

Henry

W.

Both legs were blown off by a shell exploding whilst in his dug-out behind the trenches to the right of Lone Pine. He died in the dressing station on the beach. Informant received the above account of Hodder's death from J. Thomas, Stretcher-bearer, 10 A.I.F.

Ref:- Sgt. Heave, 131,
Sporting Club Hospital, Heliopolis, Cairo;

A.Horder;
10.1.16.

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10 A.I.F.

att 3rd Bde HQ

Hodder
Pte. H. 502

Henry

Wounded.

News has been received in the Battalion from Malta that Hodder was in Hospital there.

Ref.:- Pte. L.K. Bridge, 2338, Brigade Headquarters' Clerk.

Tel el Kebir Camp.

R.C.C.
20/1/16

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10 A.I.F.

all 3rd Inf Bde

HODDER
Pte H. 502.

1st C.C.S. trfd. Base 9.8.15.

Witness knew Hodder well: he was acting as policeman at the Brgde H. Strg. Hodder and a man named Fisher were together in a dug out near Tasmanian Post when a high explosive shell exploded struck the dug out, destroying it and took off both Hodder's legs. Witness saw all this. Fisher was also injured; latter belongs to D Co, 10th Battn. Witness is nearly sure this took place in Sept, but he is rather vague as regards date. Hodder and Fisher were taken away and left Peninsula, witness does not know where they were going. Hodder was not expected to live and witness anticipated hearing of his death through Headquarters, but no news came to that effect. Witness was connected with Headquarters. Witness does not know what became of Fisher or where he is now.

Ref:- Pte E.A. Burden, 20,
3rd Bgde H.A.
1st A.G.H. Heliopolis, CAIRO.

S.A.K.
9.2.16.

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10 A.I.F.

all 3rd Inf Bde H.A.

HODDER
Pte H. 502.

1st C.C.S. trfd. Base, 9.8.15.

Witness states that he was a friend of Hodder's who came from Broken Hill. Hodder was acting as policeman near Tasmanian Post. Witness was there and heard at the time that both his legs had been blown off by shell fire.

He thinks that Provost Sergeant M. Ivor, of 10th Battn can give further information.

Ref:- Pte C. Cope, 2244,
C Coy, 10 A.I.F.
Atelier Hospital, Heliopolis, CAIRO.

J.L.K.
10.2.16.

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M E D .

10 A.I.F.
att. 3 Bgde H.Q.

HODDER
Pte H. 502.

W. & M. 9/8/15. *Henry*

Witness saw it announced in the Advertiser (Adelaide) that Hodder had returned to Australia.

Ref:- Sgt A.C. Bridley, 301,
C Co, 50 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

S.A.
17/3/16.

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No trace during last 20.12.15

M E D .

10 A.I.F.
att. 3 Bgde. H.Q.

HODDER
Pte H. 502

W. & M. 9/8/15. *Henry*

Hodder was wounded by a shell behind the lines in June. His legs and wrist were shattered. He was sent away. His Sgt., Sgt McIvor, Bgde H.Q., told witness that he had heard that Hodder was still alive and had gone back to Australia.

Ref:- L/C J. Wilson, 542,
C Co, 50 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

S.A.
17/3/16.

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M H D .

10 A.I.F.
att. 3 Bgde. H.Q.

HODDER
Pte H. 502

W. & M. 9/8/15.

Henry

Hodder was on Police duty. he and Pte D. Fisher, 620, 10th Btn, were together in a dug out on Aug 8. A shell fell in the dug out. Between them the two men lost two legs and an arm or two arms and a leg. Witnesses were not certain about the injuries, but knew they were extensive. Both witnesses knew Hodder and inquired about him. They could find out nothing as to what happened after he was injured.

Ref:- L/C H. Steeve, 300, C Co, 80 A.I.F.
L/C R.A. Smith, 785, B Co, do
Tel el Kebir Camp.

S.A.
17/5/16.

written to Fisher

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M E D

10 A.I.F.
att. 3rd Bgde. H.Q.

HODDER 502
Pte H. 520.

W. & M. 9/8/15. *Henry*

620 Pte D. Fisher of 10th Btn. who is referred ^{to} in slips re
Hodder was admitted to 1st Aust. Cas. Clearing station seriously
wounded and transferred to Base 9/9/15. No further report.

Cert. by:-

3rd Ech. G.H.Q., M.E.F.
29.3.16.

CAIRO.
5/4/16.

S.

10th Battrn.
A.I.F.

Henry

Hodder.
502

att. 3rd Reg. 5th Div. "Wounded & Missing 9.8.15"
Where buried?

Court of Inquiry held in France 9.7.9.17 found this soldier K. in
A on or about 9.8.15. No hospital admission nor place of burial
available.

H.Q. 11.12.17.

London.
13.12.17.

P.I.
S.

Henry 302.

Killed in Action 9.8.15.

Killed in Action 9.8.15. Cert. by Hdqrs List. 25.8.19.

London.
14.10.19.

B. & P. I.

36 Grosvenor Place,
S.W. 1.

Dec. 1st. 1917.

10066 Pte. C. Hodder,
c/o Lady Bradden,
Shrublands,
Sunningdale, Berks.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for -

502 Pte. H. HODDER 10th Bn. who is officially reported wounded and missing at Gallipoli since 9.8.15, we regret we have never been able to obtain definite information of his death and burial, and doubt whether it will ever be possible to do so, as there are few reliable records available of that time. We are forwarding two unofficial reports we have on our books concerning him.

305 Cpl. A. H. Mills states "About the end of September Hodder had both legs blown off by a 9.2 and I saw him afterwards being taken down to Anzac Beach, and it is certain he died on a hospital ship." In this case he would of course have been buried at sea.

131 Sgt. Neave made the following statement "Hodder was badly hit by a shell exploding in his dugout behind the trenches to the right of Lone Pine. He died in the dressing station on the beach." Informant received the above account of Hodder's death from Pte. J. Thomas, stretcher bearer 10th A.I.F.

Should we receive any further information concerning your brother's place of burial we shall at once advise you, but we fear

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there is little hope of any coming to hand.

Regretting that we have been unable to help you further.

Yours faithfully,

Vern DeKie

Secretary.

Wm. L. R.

Jan. 2nd. 1918.

10066,
Pte. C. Hodder,
c/o Lady Braddon,
Shrublands,
Sunningdale, Berks.

Dear Pte. Hodder,

We very much regret to tell you that as a result of a Court of Enquiry held in France 7.9.17, your brother 502, Pte. Henry Hodder, 10th. Battn. A.I.F. (Since no hospital admission or place of burial has been available) is now officially reported to have been killed in action on or about 9.8.15.

We shall at once advise you of any further information we may receive.

Assuring you of our most sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

Wm McConnell

Secretary.