

**Sutton Veny,
Wiltshire, England**

War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



17839 LANCE CPL.

A. HADDOW

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

21ST FEBRUARY, 1919 AGE 26

*Archie Sleeps
We Shall See Him
In The Morning*

Archibald HADDOW

Archibald Haddow was born at Kensington Hill, Victoria in 1893 to parents Nathaniel & Annie Jean Haddow (nee McColl).

Archibald Haddow (Draughtsman), Nathaniel Haddow (Produce Merchant) & Annie Jean Haddow (Home Duties) were all listed as living at 146 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne for the 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the State of Victoria, division of Melbourne & subdivision of North Melbourne.

Archibald Haddow was a 23 year old, single, Surveyor & Engineering Draftsman from Melbourne, Victoria when he enlisted at Melbourne, Victoria on 29th February, 1916 in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 17839 & his religion was Church of Christ His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Nathaniel Haddow of 146 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne, Victoria. Archibald Haddow had served 3 years with Senior Cadets prior to enlisting.

Sapper Archibald Haddow was promoted to Lance Corporal while at Engineers Reinforcements, Seymour on 29th February, 1916. He was appointed Acting Corporal on 30th June, 1916 then Acting Sergeant from 22nd September, 1916. Acting Sergeant Haddow was transferred to Engineer Reinforcements at Moore Park on 9th December, 1916.

Acting Sergeant Archibald Haddow embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Marathon (A74)* on 10th May, 1917 with the Field Companies Engineers – March 1917 Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 20th July, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Acting Sergeant Haddow was marched in to No. 1 & 3 Details Camp at Parkhouse, England on 21st July, 1917 & his rank reverted back to Sapper. He was marched out on 28th July, 1917 to Engineers Training Depot at Brightlingsea.

Sapper Haddow was appointed Acting Corporal on 29th July, 1917. He was appointed E.D.P. Corporal on 23rd August, 1917 & then reverted back to Sapper on 1st October, 1917. He was appointed the same day to Acting Corporal.

Acting Corporal Haddow reverted back to the rank of Sapper on 10th November, 1917 as he proceeded overseas to France from Brightlingsea via Southampton.

Sapper Haddow was marched in at Rouelles on 11th November, 1917 & marched out on 17th November, 1917 to 3 Division Engineers.

Sapper Haddow was admitted to Hospital sick on 24th January, 1918 then transferred & admitted to 2 C. G. S. on 17th February, 1918. He was discharged to his Unit – 11th Field Company on 18th February, 1918.

Sapper Haddow was appointed to Lance Corporal on 6th July, 1918. He was detached to Divisional Dump from 14th July, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 5th August, 1918.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow was detached to 11th Brigade for NCO School on 10th October, 1918. On 17th October, 1918 he was sent sick to Hospital with an inflamed right eardrum & transferred to 3rd Australian General Hospital at Abbeville.

Lance Corporal Haddow was discharged to detachment on 23rd October, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 25th October, 1918.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow proceeded on leave to UK on 31st October, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 15th November, 1918.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow proceeded to England for repatriation on 6th February, 1919 & was marched out on 13th February, 1919. L./Cpl. Haddow disembarked at Southampton, England on 14th February, 1919.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow was marched in to Training Brigade Con. Camp on 15th February, 1919.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 15th February, 1919 with Influenza. He was reported dangerously ill with Broncho Pneumonia on 21st February, 1919.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow died at 7.40 p.m. on 21st February, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for A. Haddow, aged 26, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow was buried on 25th February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 74. From the burial report of L./Cpl. Haddow - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Australian Command Depot, Sutton Veny. The “Last Post” was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. Six Australians supported the Pall. A number of Australians followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Flowers were sent by “Cousins at Douglas”, “Dr Carrell”, “Mother and Father”, “Cousin Jim” and “Andrew Haddow”. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Also attending the funeral were (Cousin) Captain J. D. Haddow, 59th Battalion, A.I.F; Miss Haddow 11 Woodquest Avenue, Herne Hill, London; Mrs L. Rouse “Garryowen” Putney Hill, London; Mrs Carrell, 34 the Drive, Ilford & Mrs Duncan 27 Richmond St, Glasgow.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow requested in his Will dated 26th October, 1917 that all his Estate be left to his mother – Annie Haddow.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to L./Cpl. Haddow's father – Mr N. Haddow (sent December, 1922 & May, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal, 17839, of 11th Field Coy., Australian Engineers, A.I.F., as the son of Nathaniel and Annie Jean Haddow. Born at Kensington, Victoria.

Lance Corporal A. Haddow is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 24.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Archibald Haddow is remembered in the Melbourne High School Honour Roll book which is on display in the foyer of the school. The Memorial Hall is behind & is a Memorial to the Old Boys and Staff who served in WWI (the school moved in 1927 to a new site).

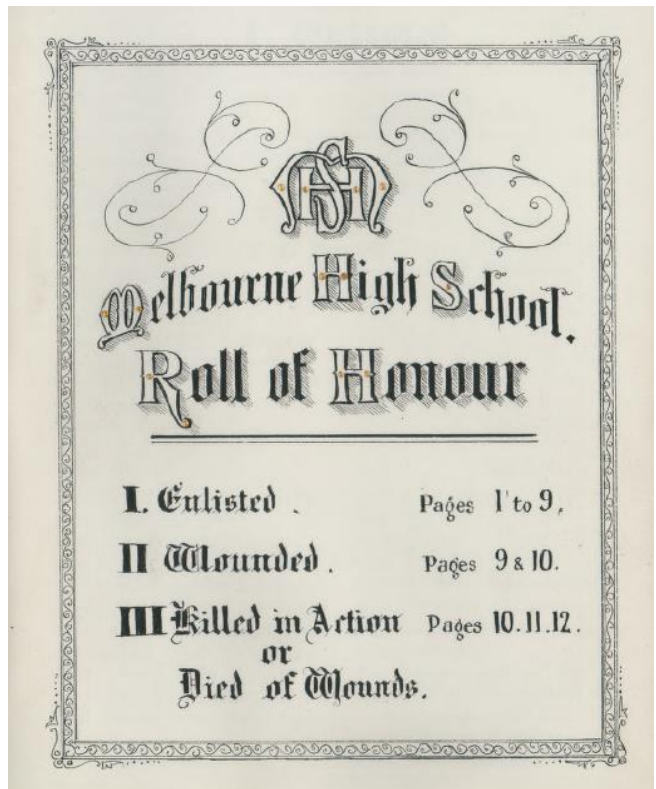
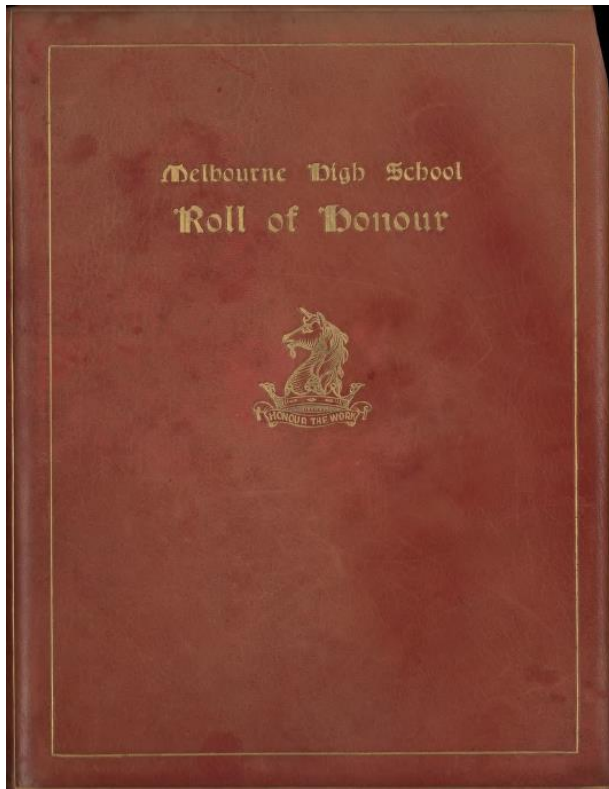
There are 9 former Students of Melbourne High School who served in World War 1 & who are buried in the UK.



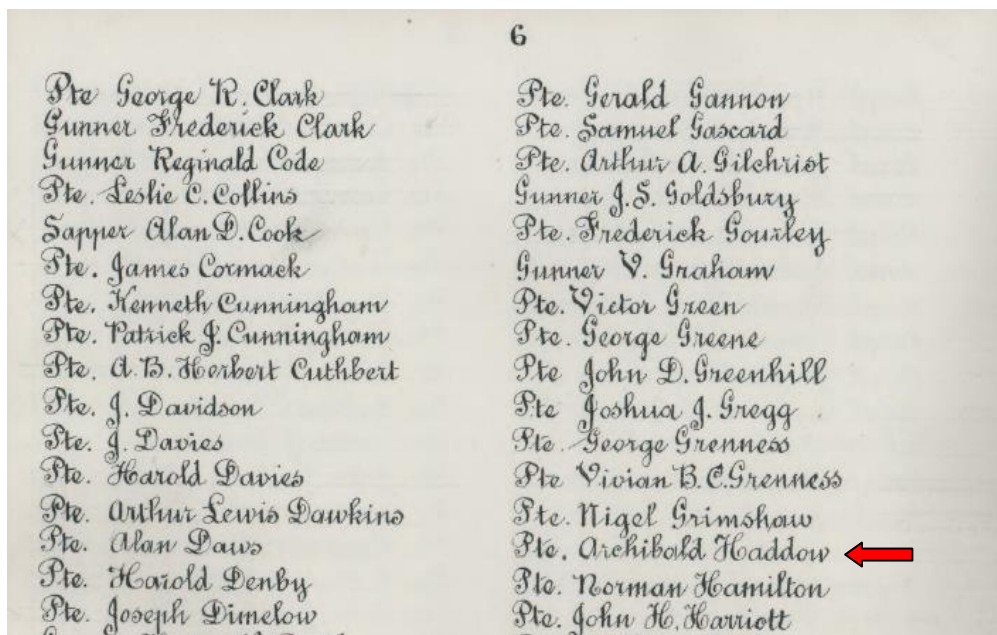
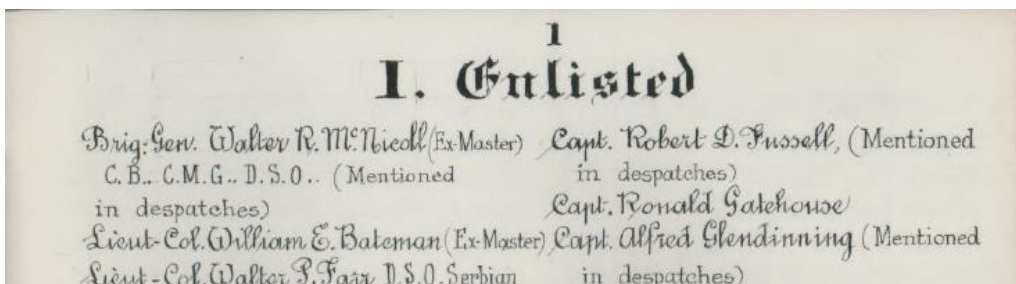
Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book



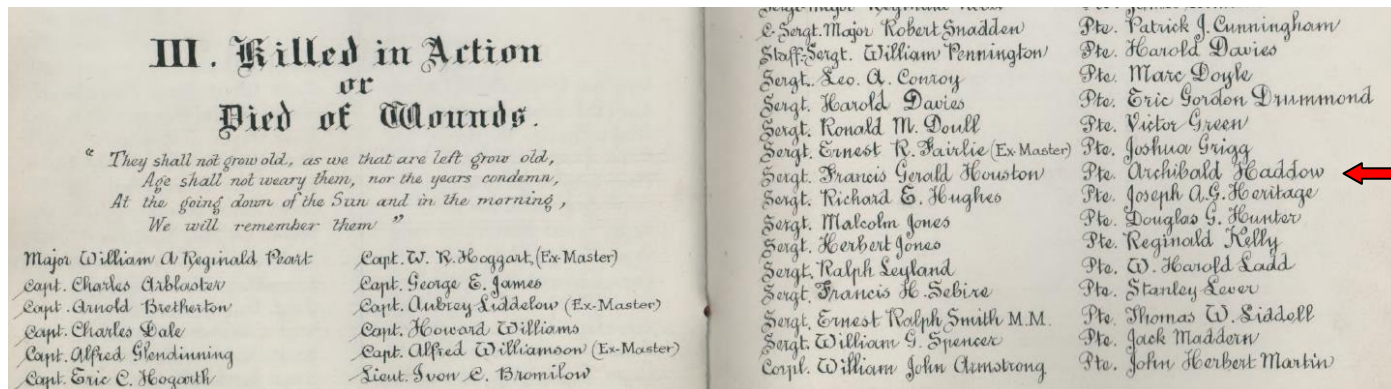
Melbourne High School Memorial Hall



Pte Archibald Haddow is named on the Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book – under those who I. Enlisted (page 6) & under those III. Killed in Action or Died of Wounds (page 11).



Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book –page 6



Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book –page 11

(Melbourne High School information & photos courtesy of Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist, Melbourne High School)

(62 pages of Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives.



Newspaper Reports

DEATHS

On Active Service

HADDOW – Archie, dearly beloved son of Nathaniel and Annie, and living brother of Nat and Lina, died on the 21st February, of pneumonia, at the First Australian General Hospital, France, aged 26 years.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – Monday 3 March, 1919)

A.I.F. CASUALTIES

LIST NO. 462

DIED – OTHER CAUSES

Haddow, L.-Cpl. A., North Melbourne, 21/2/19

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Tuesday 1 April, 1919)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

A letter from Base Records to Mr N. Haddow, dated 13th July, 1921, advised Mr Haddow that a communication from the Defence Department concerning an inscription that could be placed on his son's Headstone in the Churchyard of Sutton Veny had not yet been replied to. The letter advised that if no reply was received within 21 days, it would be taken as indicating that no further action was required.

Lance Corporal Archibald Haddow does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards. The 26th Division was concentrated at Sutton Veny in April 1915 and No 1 Australian Command was there from the end of 1916 to October 1919. There was also a hutted military hospital of more than 1200 beds at Sutton Veny for much of the war and No 1 Australian General Hospital was stationed there after the Armistice. Sutton Veny (St John) Churchyard contains 168 First World War burials, 167 of them in a plot at the north west corner of the church. Of these, 143 are Australian. There is only one Second World War burial in the churchyard.

(Information from CWGC)



War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photo from CWGC)*



*St. John's Churchyard
Sutton Veny*



War Graves at Sutton Veny (Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Lance Corporal A. Haddow's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)