



DEAN FARQUHAR, Cartha, caps 3, cap number 76

Dean Farquhar was born on 3rd March 1889 in Glasgow. He was the 7th child of William Farquhar, a clerk, and his wife Alison (nee Wilson). In 1891 the family were living at 34 Annette Street, Govan. By 1901 the family had moved to 92 Albert Drive, Queens Park and then in 1911 they had moved along Albert drive to No 98. Dean was employed as an insurance clerk living with his parents and older brother John.

Dean's name is first mentioned as a hockey player representing Queens Park School FPs on the 4th February 1910 against Edinburgh Northern. By October 1911 Dean was playing in goals for Cartha. His first cap came against England on 29th March 1913 against England at Beckenham. Although Scotland were soundly beaten 5-0, Farquhar was said to have played "brilliantly". That was the final international of the 1912-1913 season. The final trial the following season would feature two goalies, Farquhar and Finlay Macrae, who would lose their lives in the Great War. The match was played at Murrayfield on 24th January 1914. Macrae's performance was enough to see him selected for the first international of the season against Wales. A loss at home to Wales led to the recall of Farquhar for the final two internationals of 1914. Although Scotland lost 4-2 to Ireland, Farquhar was again recorded as displaying "brilliant goalkeeping".

Farquhar also had a reputation as a quick draw artist or cartoonist and is mentioned several times in local papers entertaining guests at local society and charity events. A skill that he practised even while in the army, his talent being mentioned in Peshwar press in 1919.

Dean volunteered to join the army in May 1915, passing his medical at Edinburgh on 10th May 1915. He is noted as being 5 ft 7 in tall, weighing 121 lbs and his occupation was an insurance clerk. On his attestation form he requested to volunteer for the motor machine guns. He was quickly promoted to acting Bombardier on 26th May 1915 and while with the 17th Battery was again promoted in August 1915 and became acting Battery Sergeant Major on 27th December 1915. His unit, the 17th MMG went to Egypt in February 1916 and served in Egypt and Palestine.

Dean was posted home on 3rd September 1916 as a candidate for a commission. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Indian Army Reserve on 5th October 1917, posted in gazette No 1731, Simla. Dean served the rest of the war in India with the machine gun companies that operated armoured cars in the North West Frontier.

After the war Dean stayed in India, serving during the Third Afghan War in 1919. He was awarded a permanent commission in the Indian Army on 10th January 1920. He continued to serve with the armoured cars during the Waziristan revolt that followed on from the Third Afghan War. At the time of his death, Dean was an acting Major and Commanding Officer of the 10th Armoured Motor Brigade.

Major Dean Farquhar died 11th October 1920 at Dera Ismail Khan, at that time in India but now modern day Pakistan, after fall from horse. He is buried at Dera Ismail Khan Cem 25 and commemorated on the Delhi Memorial.

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