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6887A Private
John Smith

24th Battalion



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Telephone No.—REGENT 6640.

Enquiry Department for Wounded and Missing,

18, CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE, S.W.1.

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BRITISH RED CROSS
AND
ORDER OF ST. JOHN

According to a Frankfurt List No. 1289 received 27. 9. 18. we are glad to inform you that

Pte. John Smith 6887

Regt. 24 Batt. Welland,

is reported Prisoner of War, ~~Camp not stated~~. For all further information please apply to the ~~Central Prisoners of War Committee, 3 & 4, Thurloe Place, S.W.7,~~ enclosing this card, and adding Battalion and Regimental No.

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36 Grosvenor Place
London. S. W.

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

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Mrs C. Smith.
Shathmerton.
Victoria Australia.

A.I.F. 24th Batta.

SMITH
J. 6887

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Dover 9/12/18
Cert. by List from A.I.F.Mgrs 10/12/18

London
13/12/18

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A.I.F. 24th Battn.

SMITH
John 6887A

"MISSING 18/8/18"

Prisoner of War.

"Well"

Frankfurt List 1289.
Cert. by Information from B.R.C.S., by Post Card dated 30/9/18.

Miss C. Smith,
Shathmerton,
Victoria.

London
2/10/18

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24th Battn.
A.I.F.

SMITH
Pte.J. 6887A

"MISSING 18-8-18"

Smith belonged to my Coy.C. We were between Rainecourt and Herleville on 18-8-18, it was in the big advance. We were in outposts and had to push our posts about 200 yds. to straigten line. Posts 1 and 2 were those where Smith and the other 6 missing were stationed. They had to capture enemy posts which they did in early morning, but enemy retook the 2 posts about 9-15 a.m. We saw our men being taken away by enemy, some of them were carrying stretchers. We got the ground again later, but found no trace of Smith or any of the men.

Eye-witness: Yes.
Description: Tall young fellow about 20, had been on my post, but was transferred that day.

Informant. Shawe. L/Cpl.P.H.W. 6901
(intelligent),
24th Battn. C.Coy. 11th Pltn.,
King George Hpl.

Home address:-
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Mrs.E.Slater
28-9-18
London
8-10-18 J.E.A.

Note:- Now P/W.

Off.M.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

SMITH Pte.J. 6887A
Sinclair Pte.J. 6885A

"MISSING 18-8-18"

These two men are presumed to be prisoners, taken in an outpost near Bainvillers, on 18-8-18. The outpost was surrounded and all the men in it were captured. Ground was held.

Eye-witness:- No.
Description:- Did not know them well, but knew they were in that particular outpost.

Informant. Johnston. Pte.James 6824
(very intelligent),
24th Battn. B.Coy.,
Red Cross Hpl.,
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14-10-18
London
23-10-18

Off.M.

P. of W.