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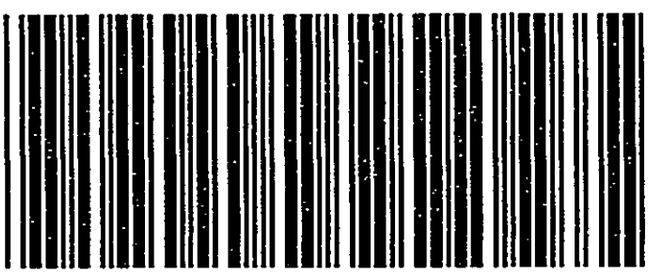
2675 Private
James Smith

4th Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th Battn
8th Rfts

SMITH
James 2675

Missing - 22-27-7-16

Killed in Action 25-7-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 20-1-17.

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4th Bat.
A.I.D.

SMITH
Jas. 2575
Hindley. No 2 650

FRANCE

Missing July 22-27.19.16

Hindley was a friend of mine. We enlisted together in Sydney. He was D.Co. Signaller. Smith was a friend of Hindley's he was also a signaller. I made enquiries when we came out of action at Bazieres about July 25th, and a man whose name I do not know assured me that he saw Smith's dead body in the chalk pit. We, Smith and Hindley were carrying ammunition. Hindley and Smith were on the same box. They rested on the way up. The other man went on. As he came back he saw Smith's dead body body. There was no trace of Hindley. It is believed that the shell which killed Smith blew Hindley to pieces.

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Reference:- Cpl.J.Pratt, 2810 B.Co.
(a very good witness)
26 Gen. Etaples. 14.9.16.

Off M.

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One Copy for Hindley - Inquiries S.

4th Battn.
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Smith
James, 2675

"Missing 22-27/7/16 "

On July 23rd at Pozieres, Smith was killed by shell.

He was about 50.

Reference;- Jack.Mulrooney, 2729
4th Battn. A.I.F.,
Craigleith,
Edinburgh.

24-10-16.

Home address;-
111, Riley Street
Sydney.

Informant is intelligent.

Off. M.

London
9-11-16.
J.A.Blair.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 4.

SMITH, Jas. 2675.

Hindley, Wm. 2650.

H. July 22-27. 1916.

I passed them at Pozieres on July 26, as I was laying a cable alongside the road, up towards our front line. They were on a fatigue party, carrying tins of water. As I came back my mates pointed out to me that there was a pretty good chance of them being killed by the shrapnel sweeping across that area. When we were relieved I went back to our transport lines to look for them but they had disappeared. Later I heard from some of their mates that Smith's dead body had been recovered That is all I know about them. They were both B.Co. Signallers, and were in my Co.

Reference: Sgt. J.H. Solomans, 304, H'Q Sig: (4th. Batt.)

No.1.A.D.B.D. Etaples. 10.11.1916.

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4th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Smith
Jas. 2675

"Missing July 22-27th 1916"

Witness states that he saw the above killed in a charge at Pozieres on July 22 about midnight. He fell into the same shell hole as witness did, just after they had crossed the railway. He was killed instantly, his head being crushed in. Description. About 5ft.6ins high, strongly built, about 21 years old came from N.S.W., inclined to stutter.

Reference;- J.R.Joyner, 2661,
4th Battn, A.I.F.,
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospt.
Dartford.
7-22-16.

London
13-12-16.
W.L.W.B.

Off. M.