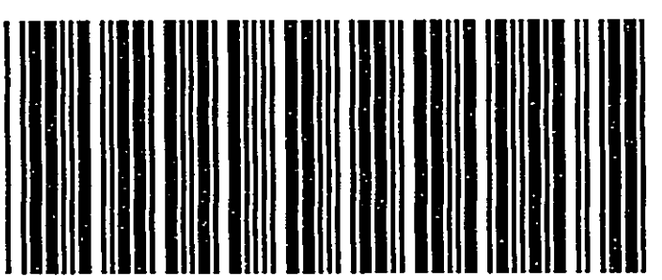
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2381 Private
James Aloysius Smith

33rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 33. SMITH J.A. 2381.

K. 8.6.17.

Place of burial, a spot 1½ miles due S. of Messines Village. (Map reading, U.15c.1.1)

Cert.by: Div. Burials Officer.
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33rd Batt. A.I.F. SMITH J.A. 238I.

" K. June 8th.,'I7. Dat D & E ".

" Smith is buried in the Toronto Communication Trench cemetery Ploeg Sturt Wood, Messines. I conducted the burial service, and a cross was erected over the grave. The number of the plot is " U I5. C I. I. "

Witness. Cptn Chaplain Richmond.
33rd Batt.

Taken at No 4 Command Depot, S. Whitmee.
Hurdcott. J.G.W. November I7th.,'I7.

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33rd A.I.F.

Smith. J.A. 2381.

K. 8 June 1917, Det D/B

"Smith was killed with 4 others by a shell at Messines. He was buried in a little cemetery of the 33rd at Ploegstreet near Dead Stone Corner."

Eye-witness:-- No.

Description:-- Known as Jim Smith, was about 25.

Informant:-- Pte. G.Breakwell, 2281.
33rd A.I.F. A.Coy.
Bethnal Green Hospital.

Home address:-- C/O Mrs, J. Breakwell,
Leigh,
Dolligo,
N.S.W.

21.10.17.
Hugh Walters.

33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

Smith.
Pte. J. A. 2381
(& 10 others, for full list
of names see Pte.Denny's
report)

"Killed 8.6.17"

I assisted at the burial of these men at the Cemmetery at Toronto Cut, Ploegsteert Wood on dates between 7th and 10th June last. The map reference to the exact position of the cemetery is:- 28.S.W.Addition 5A. U.15c.10.10.(Artillery Map) . Pte.Smith's grave number is:- Row.A. No 12.

Informant:-
Capt.J.W.Shreeve
33rd Battn.A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospital.

London.
25.10.17.

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Havre 28th Nov. 1917.

33rd AUSTRALIANS SMITH, J.A. 2381

I. 6.6.17. Det. D/B.

He came from Kiamuth, N.S.W. He was a storekeeper. He was 5'6", aged about 23 or 30. I saw him dead in a trench in our old front line at Plugstreet on the 7th June. He had a piece of shell through the chest. I saw him taken away to be buried. He was buried near the R.A.P. at Dead Horse Corner. I did not see the grave, but I know they took all the bodies there at that time.

Informant: Pte. T.J. Lohsey, 111
33rd Australians, H.Q.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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33rd Battalion.
A.Co.

SMITH, J.A.
2361 Pte

Killed in Action 8/6/17.

Smith, whose initials were J.A. was in A.Co. I Platoon with me and was only young, with reddish face and always jovial, he was short but well built and was a Reinforcement about 4th Reinf. He was acting as Runner to Battn. Head Quarters at Messines and was killed and I saw his dead body on the 8th and again on the 9th June last. I am quite sure it was J.A.Smith. He would be buried wither at Dead Horse Corner or in the small Cemetery near the road on the edge of Ploegsteert Wood.

Informant: Melvain, V.P. Sgt. 134
33rd Battn. A.Co.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

A careful witness.

H.S.O.
8/1/18.

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