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7036 Private
John Alfred Smith

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Btn

SMITH
John Alfred 7036

"X/A. 4-5-17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt.Mills 10-10-19.

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London
17-10-19

A.I.F. 2nd Btn

SMITH
J.A. 7036

"MISSING"

Killed in action 4-5-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 25-10-17.

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London
29-10-17

A.I.F. 2. SMITH, J.A. 7036

M. May 4th 1917.

I knew a "J.A.Smith" who was a 23rd Reinf. and whose number therefore would be aboutnthat in the book. This man is still with the Battn. He is tall and fair with a moustache and about 36 years of age. I believe he was of English birth and was doing farm work in Australia. I have heard that ~~since~~ after May 4th he was in hospital, I believe at Havre.

Inf: Pte Compton. 6722. 2.C.IX
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp
BOULOGNE. 23.8.17.

RHL Off db

2nd A.I.F.

Smith, Pte. J.A. 7036
A. Co.

(M.May 4/17)

"I saw Arthur Smith buried near the "ABbey" as we called it, and I put up a cross over his grave."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Smith was a small stout young man, he came from New South Wales.

Informant:- Pte. T.J.Murphy, 6047
2nd A.I.F. A. Co.

Lewisham Military Hospital.

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Oct. 3.
J. Arnold

A.I.F. 2. SMITH. J.A. 7036.

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M. May 4th 1917.

During the morning of May 4th 1917 Smith's Battn. was in an attack on Bullecourt and while going up to the front line he was killed by a shell in a chalk pit the shell knocking him out and wounding several others. Pte. A. Little of the same Battn. and a chum of mine saw him killed and told me, as Smith was a mutual friend and we all came over together. He was no doubt buried on the spot. He was short and ~~nugett~~ nuggety built and about 20 years old and came from W. Aust.

Inf: P.P. Smith. 7036.
57, Gen. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 29.10.17.

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Written Pte. Little 13.11.17.

2nd.Battalion.A.I.F. Smith.J.A.No.7036.

K.May 4th.1917.Det.D./B.

I saw him killed by a shell during the hop over at Bullecourt.
He was buried where he died in a chalk pit by his mates.
No mark was placed over his grave .He is my brother and came over with the 23rd.Reinforcements to the battalion.He lived in Bathurst,N.S.Wales.

Description. Age.19. Height.5ft. Comp.Fair. Stout build.

Witness. Smith.T.P. No.7035. "C" Coy. 2nd.Battalion.

Taken at
No.3.C.D.
Hurdcott.
23-1-18.
F.G.H.

S.Whitmee,
No.4.C.D.
Hurdcott.

13.11.17

Pte. A. Little.
2nd Balte. A.17.
B.5.7.

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1036 Pte. J. A. Smith.
2nd Balte. A.?.7.
K. 4-5-17.

13.11.17
A.I.G.