

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**4740 Lance Corporal
Raymond Victor Smith**

48th Battalion



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48th Australians

Smith, Pte. R. V., 4740,

K. Jan. 7th 1917.

"I knew R.V. Smith. he was killed on Jan. 7th by being hit by a shell in the chest at No. 7 outpost in front of Fosse Trench. I did not see him killed. He was buried at Flers and I have seen his grave."

Eye Witness:

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. C.F. Mc Coll, 4387,
48th Australians, D.Coy., XIV Pltn.
1st City of London Military Hosp:
Clapton.

Home address:-- 74, Vincent Street,
Perth, West Australia.

17.5.17.
C. Zeffferth.

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48TH Batt. A.I.F.

SMITH, Pte R.V. No. 4740.
"D" Coy, 48th Batt.

Killed. Jan. 7/17. Det. D./B.

"I was a stretcher-bearer and was about 100 yds away from Smith when he was killed. I and one of my mates carried the body to cemetery about a mile from Fliers Wood. He was hit when in a strong point in the front line. I knew him for about 6 months with the battalion."

Description.

Height 5'6", fair complexion, slight build.

Witness.

Pte A.G. Young. No. 4364, "D" Coy, 48th Batt.

17th May, 1917.

S.W.

Worgret Camp,
WAREHAM.

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48th Battn.
A. I. F.

R. V. Smith.
4740.

"Killed 7.1.17".

Was in D Coy. 14th Platoon - Came from Perth W.A. He was killed by a shell at Cheese Road, Somme. He was "knocked" through the heart, and died instantly. I was with him at the time and saw him hit. He was buried at a little Battn. Cemetery about 1/2 mile from Flers. His grave had a cross with his name. No., etc. He was on an observation post at the time.

Witness:-

W. Jeffery. 4728.
48th Battn.
Dartford.

W. G. J.

M.
P.I.

London.
4.6.17.

48th Btn.

SMITH, R. V.
Pte. 4740

Killed in action 7/1/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, sandy complexion, about 21 years of age. Casualty was holding a position at Fiers. A shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. He fell in the same shell hole where I was lying. His chief wounds were in the abdomen. He was buried near Headquarters, Fiers. A cross was erected with his name and number on it. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- Pte. G. Grindell.
No. 1672, 48th Btn.

Private address:-
Endfield, S.A.

T.C.F.
15/2/18.

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A.I.F. 48th Battn

SMITH
Raymond V. 4740

"Wounded"

Wounded - 6-8-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 9-11-16 - 14-11-16

Rejoined Battalion - 7-9-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 21-11-16.

London
30-11-16

P.I.

81 Berkeley Rd
Tottenham, W.

Nov. 6. 16

Dear Sir

Could you let me know the address of
Pte R. T. Smith 4th Reinforcements.
No 4740. 48 Battalion, 12 Bn. 12th Bn.,
Australian Imperial Forces. A friend
of mine writing (Sapper Eric C Burlton
6/3 Pioneers) from the Military Camp
Guldford W. A. dated Sept 24, states Smith
has been wounded and was sent to
a hospital in England, and would like
me to do him a good turn if possible.
Any information would be welcome.
Thanking you in anticipation

I remain

Yours truly

J. Wastell

24th November

Mr. J. Wastell,
81, Birkbeck Road,
Tottenham, N.

Dear Sir,

We regret very much that your letter of the 6th inst., has not been answered before, and that up to date we have failed to find out anything about 4740 Pte R.V. Smith, 4th Rfts, 48th Battalion, A.I.F. Immediately we obtain any information we will send in on to you.

Yours faithfully,

V. J.

Secretary

pp MB.

Dec. 4th,

J. Mastrell, Esq.,
81, Birbeck Rd.,
Tottenham Rd.,
North.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for 4740, Pte. Raymond
V. Smith, 48th Batta. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that Head Quarters
on Nov. 2nd stated that he rejoined his unit on Sept 7th from
hospital, and we should advise you to write to him there.

Yours faithfully,

I.D.
Secretary.

L.H.W.