

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5684 Private
Robert Francis Smith**

22nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 22nd Btn

SMITH
R.F. 5684

"MISSING"

Killed in action 25-2-17 - previously reported Missing
cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 21-5-18.

London
24-8-18

OFF.M.

22nd Australian Imperial Force

Smith, Pte. R.F.5684

(Missing Feb. 25,17).

" I remember Smith being wounded in the attack on Feb. 25. 17. between Gillefont and Le Sars and taken prisoner by the Germans the next day, he must have died of wounds, I saw the Germans take away from him his money belt and wrist watch. Smith was on fatigue and helped the cook. I feel sure this must be the man referred to. "

Eye Witness - Yes, of being taken prisoner.

Description - Age 19/20. Clean shaven.

Informant :- Pte. Ernest William Atkinson, 5311,
A Coy. 22 A.I.F.

Home address :- Bagthorpe Hospital, Nottingham.
Australian Headquarters,
Horseferry Rd,
Westminster, S.W. ?

Jan. 18. 18.
F.H.Beard.

Statement made by No. 5511 Pte. Atkinson R.F. 22nd Bn

No. 5684. Pte. Smith R.F. 22nd Bn.
Missing 25.2.17.

I cannot be certain that No. 5684 Private Smith R.F. is the man who was lying wounded next to me. The man next to me was wounded in the buttocks.

*June 21
Missing
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Dated at End A.A.H. Southall this 25th day of February 1918.

(Sgd) E. Atkinson.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) S. Lethand. *[Signature]*