

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2nd Lieutenant  
Stanley Brown Smith**

**16th Battalion**



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16th BATTN.

SMITH

STANLEY, Lieutenant.

"Died Prisoner of War" (Valenciennes)

18th April 1917.

S m i t h <sup>V<sup>o</sup></sup> Stanley 16. Bn. Austr. Inf. Disc. 300 B.  
Disc. sent on by Nav. Enq. Bureau, on 15.9.17.

LONDON BUREAU

FINAL GERMAN DEATH LIST

Melbourne 18.10.1920

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16th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Smith,  
2/Lieut Stanley, B - 300

"Wounded & Missing 11.4.17"

Prisoner of War - Interned Limburg from front, - Captured Bapaume 16.4.17  
Cert, by information from german List Dated 16.6.17

London  
11.7.17

P.

16th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Smith,  
Stanley Brown,  
2/Lieut - Late 300 C.S.M

"Prisoner of War"

Now reported Prisoner of War - in Germany and wounded L. arm and back,  
captured Reincourt 11.4.17- previously reported missing 11.4.17  
War office list 37733.

London  
24.7.17

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16th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Smith,  
2/Lieut S.B

"Wounded & Missing 11.4.17"

Prisoner of War - Interned Soltau - Died of Wounds -

Cert, by information from L/C Chester Guley 16th Batt forwarded and  
certified by Lieut L.J. Doldstein 16th Batt, att 4th I B letter dated 5.6.17

London  
23.7.17

P.

16th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Smith,  
2/Lt.Stanley B late 300

"Prisoner of War"  
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Died 18.4.17 in Kriegs Lazarett 62 Valenciennes

Extract from German Death List dated 7.8.17

London  
8.8.17

P.

16th Batt.  
A.I.F.

Smith,  
2/Lt. Stanley late 300

"Prisoner of War"  
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Died 18.4.17 - Buried Soldiers Cemetery Valenciennes Coffin 158

Cert, by German Grave List dated 27.8.17

London 21.9.17

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16th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Smith,  
Lt. Stanley,

"Prisoner of War "  
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Died 18.4.17 - Buried Soldiers Cemetery Valenciennes Ho  
of Coffin given 185.

Cert, by German Grave List dated 1.10.17

London 22.10.17

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A.I.F. 16th Battn.

SMITH  
2/Lieut. Stanley  
Brown  
(late 800)

Prisoner of War

Translation of German Death Certificate received from Capt. Mills and  
passed on to A.I.F. Hdqrs 10/10/19.

Reichswehr-Befehlsstelle  
Prussia.

Berlin, 26th September 1919  
Dorotheen Str. 43.

It is hereby certified that there is here produced the grave  
card of the Reichswehr according to which the Australian Prisoner of  
War Smith, Stanley, Sergt., Major, of the 16th Btl. Australian Imperial  
Force, B Co., died at Valenciennes, on 18th April 1917, and was buried  
in the Soldiers' Cemetery at Valenciennes, Coffin 134.

(Signed, J.A.

Seal of the Prussian War Office  
Central Information Bureau.

Eckhard V. Stradonitz,  
Captain.

London

15/10/19

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A.I.F. 16th Battn.

SMITH  
Lient. (Late S.M.)  
Stanely.

"Died Prisoner of War"

<sup>man</sup>  
A Gallipoli, was Sergeant Major of our Coy, B., always called "Stan." He was captured on the 18th April 1917 at Reincourt. I saw him in Valenciennes Hospital. He was in the same ward as me, wounded badly through the stomach. About four days after he was wounded, I saw him die. He was unconscious for two days and was strapped down all the time, as he was delirious. There was no treatment. German Orderlies or German doctor. He died about 3 o'clock in the morning without regaining consciousness. I saw him ~~carried~~ cut in a coffin for burial.

Informant:- 2577, Pte. W.A. McLean,  
16th Battn.  
Repat, P/W.  
London Office. 7.1.19.

London  
9.1.19.  
L.A.W.

P.



25th. June, 1917.

Lieut. L.J. Goldstein,  
16th. Battalion, A.I.F.  
4th. Training Battalion,  
Codford  
Salisbury Plains.

Dear Sir,

On re-reading the copy of the letter from L/Cpl. Chester Gully, 16th. Battn., <sup>A.I.F.</sup> sent by you to the Secretary of the Prisoners of War Department we note that there is no reference in it to 2nd. Lieut. S.B. Smith (late 300 Sgt-Major), 16th. Battn., A.I.F. whom you reported/when quoting L/Cpl. Gully's letter in your letter to A.I.F. Headquarters on 5.6.17. as having died of wounds while a Prisoner in German hands.

You have evidently omitted that part of L/Cpl. Gully's letter which refers to Lieut. Smith and we should be glad if you would send us at once, either the letter or a full and exact copy of the portion dealing with Lieut. Smith.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully,

V. G.

Secretary.

A. A. W.



Australian Red Cross Society.  
Prisoner of War Mission.  
BERLIN W.8.  
Wilhelmstrasse, 70.

2nd Lieut. SMITH, Stanley Brown, 16th Bn. A.I.F.

16.8.19. London writes:- 800 C.S.M. SMITH, Stanley Brown  
46th Bn. and 2/Lt. SMITH, Stanley Brown, 16th Bn. are  
identical - Commission is dated 10.4.17. one day  
prior to his capture.

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2.10.19. Death voucher received from Z.H. Buro for S/Major Smith  
Died 18.4.17. Valenciennes.  
Buried, Military Cemetery, Valenciennes.  
Coffin. No. 184.

FINALISED.

Note. Grave number is not available as it is not known by  
the authorities at the Nachweise buro.

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Recd. 10.10.19.

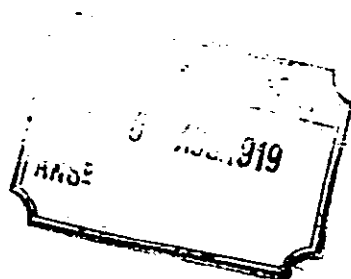
# BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

## BERLIN BRANCH

Telegrams: Britishredcross, Berlin  
Telephone: Centrum 7488  
War Office: " 6900 (No. 772)  
Your Reference .....  
Our Reference..... **CM/BF.**



BERLIN W. 8, ..... August 1, 1919.  
Wilhelm Straße 70



O.I.C. Records,  
Australian Headquarters,  
130, Horseferry Road,  
London, S.W.1.

2nd Lt. SMITH, Stanley Brown, 16th Bn., A.I.F.

The above mentioned officer is <sup>shown</sup> ~~reported~~ on your  
"SECOND LIST OF PRISONERS OF WAR DIED IN GERMAN HANDS"  
as having died on 18.4.17 at Valenciennes.

Several cards exist at the Nachweise Bureau for an Australian  
of that name. The particulars agree except that his regimental  
number is shown as 300 and his rank as "Feldwebel" (Sergeant-Major).

Will you please identify.

*C. Mills*

Capt., A.I.F.,  
Australian Red Cross, Berlin.

Smith  
2/Lieut- Stanley B.

16 Bth,

See.

Moore  
Albert James

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Australian Red Cross Society.  
Prisoner of War Mission.  
BRISBANE W.S.  
NEW SOUTH WALES

Postal Address:  
A.F.O. 810.  
COLOMBO.  
(Sri Lanka)

2nd Lieut. SMITH, Stanley Brown. 16th Bn. A.I.F.

31.7.19.

Berlin Information Bureau. 5 cards exist, 2 Lager and 3 Death.  
Cards describe as Stanley Smith, 3 as Sgt. Major and 2 as Private, Number 300.  
Born, Aug. 87. in Victoria Australia, Reported from Limburg. Captured. 10.4.17. Bapaume.  
Reported from Bavarian Kgs. Laz. Section 62. Valenciennes.  
Wounded by grenade splinter back and head.  
Reported from Etappen Inspection 2. No 2464/17.  
Buried in collective Grave III.  
Ref. IID Bez. L.W. 10.I Page Ab.8. Coffin No. 184.  
Ref. IID report:

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"E". List.

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