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204545 Private
Sydney John Smith

15th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment



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15th Bttn, Hampshire
Regt.

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"Details.Death and Burial."

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There can,however,be nc reascn,in view cf the further lapse of time,to doubt the accuracy cf the Army Ccuncil's conclusion that he is dead, and I am to express their sympathy with the relatives in their lcss.

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Finsbury Ccurt,
Finsbury Pavement. E.C.2
July.31.1919

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5.8.19.

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Died.20.9.17.

In reply to your enquiry dated July 16th,regarding the late No.204545 Pte S.Smith, I regret being unable tc give you any further infcrmation beycnd that already notified viz:- that he was presumed tc have died on 20.9.17.

Letter from
for Lt.Colcnel,
No.1 Infantry Reccrds Office,(Hants Regt.)
No.8 District,
Exeter. 19.7.19.

London.
29.7.19.

P. J.

HANTS REGT. No 1 Infantry Record Office

Registry No. 3/44148

To 204545 Smith S.J. 15 Hants T.E.F.

The Secretary D. 20.9.17.

Madam.

In reply to your enquiry dated July 16th regarding the late No 204545 Pte S Smith, I regret being unable to give you any further information, beyond that already notified viz. — that he was reported to have died on 20.9.17 Faithfully.

for Lt. Colonel,

EXETER 19.7.19.

No. 1 Infantry Record Office No. 8 District. P.I.

P.C. 15.7.19

Kelly Bray
July 9th 1917

Dear Madam

A friend came to see me a few days ago and she told me she wrote to you about a friend of hers, which you found out was killed in the war. May I ask if you will kindly try and find out what has become of my dear boy, he is my only child, and I am his widowed mother and he was my only support he was reported Missing Sep 20th 1917
1917

and I had a word from the War office a few months after saying they supposed he must have died on Sep 20th 1917. or since, if you can glean any information what has become of him, I shall be more than thankful to you, as I am very anxious to know of his whereabouts. Yours Faithfully

Mrs J. Smith

C Kelly Bray

Callington

Cornwall

Pte. Sydney. J. Smith

5. Platoon. B. Company.

15th Hants. B. E. F.

France

The O.C. Records.
Hampden Regt,
Exeter.
Devon.

The O.C.
C 2 Casualties,
Finsbury Court,
Finsbury Pavement.E.C.2. July 16th, 1919.

Dear Sir,

We have received an enquiry from his Mother for 204545 Pte SYDNEY SMITH, 15th Hants Regt. B.E.F. who has been officially presumed to have died on 20.9.17. His Mother is most anxious to obtain further details and we should be very grateful for any information you could give his us concerning him.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

July 31st,1919.

Mrs J.Smith,
Kelby Bray,
Callington.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for your son 204545.Pte. Sydney J.Smith, 15th Hants Regt.,we regret to inform you that we have been unable to obtain any further information concerning him from the O.C. Records Department of his Regt.,and we are now continuing our enquiries in other directions, and will immediately advise you should we succeed in obtaining any particulars, as we fully realise your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) D.S.

SECRETARY.