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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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11899 Driver
James Foote Smith

2nd Divisional Ammunition Column



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2nd Div.Amm.Col.
A.I.F.

Smith
J.F 11899

"Killed 27.7.17"

Smith was killed outright by a shell while carting ammunition I saw him killed. He is buried at the regular cemetery at Dickebusch and a nice cross erected over his grave. I was present at his burial.

Witness:-
F.Wilson 15031
104th How.Bty.(late 2 Am.Col.)
Hut 18 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
19.12.17.

Boulogne.
M.

2nd Div. Amm.Col.
A.I.F.

Smith.
DvrJ.F. 11899

"Killed 27.7.17"

I saw the deceased being carried away to the Cemetery opposite the Cathedral at Bickebusch on 27th July 1917 and I subsequently visited grave there. The grave has got a good cross on and is easily found.

Eye-witness No. (by Rand's initials)

Description: Short, thick set, originally an A.M.C. Dark.

Informant:- Dvr.Rch.Densern 1347
2nd Div.Amm.Col.

Home address: Cenach Hospital Wallasey.
Hill St.Daylesford,
Victoria, Aust:

P.D.Dixon
10.12.17.

London.
7.1.18.

M.
Boulogne.

2nd D.A. Colmn.
1st Section,
AFA

SMITH
J.F. 11899

"Killed 27.7.17."

Refer to Bdr. A. McDonald 10449 2nd DAC 1st Section who is now at Hurdcott. B. Coy., No 3 Command Depot, he was with him when he was killed, and can give full details of casualty. I believe he was b caught by a shell, a d killed instantly. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Dickebusch. I saw his grave it was marked with a crossbearing his number, name, and Unit. He was accorded a Military burial. The service was conducted by a Padre. The Cemetery is a very nice one and very well kept, and is situated on the corner of the wood near the Dickebusch Church.

Witness:-
Sgt. A.J. Bollen 10391
2nd DAC 1st Section,
3rd A A. Hospital,
Dartford

Note written McDonald 4.1.18.

Oman
London.
M.1. 18

M & B'logne

2nd D.H.Column
1 Section
A.I.F.

SMITH
J.F. 11899

Killed 27.7.17

I did not see the casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone for details but I saw his grave in a very well kept little cemetery at Dickebusch, known as the Canadian Military Cemetery, which was mar marked with a cross bearing his number, name and unit.

Witness:- Shepherd P.M. 11894
2 N.T.M. Battery,
3 A.T.Hospital,
Dartford.

W.Oman

M. & Boulogne.

London.
28.1.18

2nd D.A.C.
A.F.A.

Smith.
Gunner J.F. 11899

"Killed in Action 27.7.17"

I cannot give you any information regarding the burial of 11899 J.F.Smith but Captain S.C.Lewis 1st Section 2nd Amm.Column France will supply all the information you require.

Letter from:- 10449 A.Macdonald
Hurdcott.
16.1.18.

London.
30.1.18.

Boulogne.
M.

Note Written Capt.Lewis 21.1.18.

Amm.Col
A.I.F.

SMITH,
J.F.11199

"Killed 27.8.17."

Zillebeke, near there, was bringing up ammunition, killed by a shell he was buried at Dickebusch Cemetery, Military funeral. Padre was present. A cross was put up. He come from Melbourne.

Informant:- Esserman,26426
W 28,
Harefield.

D.P.Dickson.

London.
9.3.18.

M.
Boulogne

NOTE We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account ofpressure of work and shortage of machines.

2nd D.A.C.

SMITH, J. F.
Gunner 11899.

Killed in action 27/7/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 9 ins. well built, fair complexion, about 26 years of age. Casualty was going up with ammunition at Spoil Bank Road. He was driving an ammunition waggon and was in the centre. A shell exploded underneath the horses killing Casualty and the horses instantly and wounding Pte. McDonald and Scully. Casualty was brought back to the waggon lines and I saw his body. He was given a Military Funeral and all his comrades attended. He was buried at Dickiebusch Cemetery, Ypres, and a cross was erected with his name and number on it. He was one of the favorites of the battalion and was greatly missed."

Informant:- E. Esserman,
No. 26426.

Private address:-
Wallaringa Mansions,
Neutral Bay, N.S.W.

T.C.F.
11/3/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

2nd Div. Amm. Col.

SMITH, J. F.
Gnr. 11899.

Killed in action 27/7/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 28 years of age, known as "Jim". He was a 3rd Rfcts. man of the 4th Bdge. and he embarked on the transport "Themistocles". Casualty was driving an ammunition team at Derby Road, Ypres. An H.E. shell exploded a direct hit on Casualty killing him instantly: I went over immediately to Casualty's assistance but he was beyond all aid. He was most severely wounded all over and he was buried at Dickiebusch Cemetery and I attended the funeral. A cross was erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- Pte. R. H. Alexander,
No. 11802, 4th F.A.B.

Private address:-
St/ Leonards Street,
Coorparoo, Brisbane, Q.

T.C.F.
4/10/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE

4-1-18

Bldg. A. Mc Donald

10449 2. D. A. Column.

1st Section

A. 2. 4

B. 2. 4.

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11899 J. 4. Smith

2 D. A. Column

1st Section

A. 3. 4

K 27-7-17 4-1-18 BA

Capt. S. C. LEWIS
2 Div. Amm. Col.
A.I.F.
13.9.7.

about
J. F. SMITH.
1899
2 Div. Amm. Col.
A.I.F.

K 24.7.17.
Enr.
21.1.18

Ackd P.C. 17-1-18

NOTE
written Capt. Lewis
21-1-18

Hardcott
16/1/18

Dear Madam

I cannot give you any information Regarding The Burial of 11899 J. F. Smith 1/Section, 2nd ~~Amm Column~~ But ~~Captain~~ J.C. Lewis 1/Section 2nd ~~Amm. Column~~ France

Will supply all the information You require

Yours truly
A Macdonald

11899 Gunner J. F. SMITH
2 D A C
K/A 24-7-17
Bp Cologne
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