

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

**3938 Private  
Albert James Smith**

**23rd Battalion**



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7-11-17

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.



5957 Pte. C. J. Williams

B Co. 23<sup>rd</sup> Batta. A.I.F.

13.8.7.

Dear Sir,

3938

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit  
Pte. A. J. Smith 23<sup>rd</sup> Batta. A.I.F. M. 3-5-17  
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying  
some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you  
could send us concerning 3938 Pte. A. J. Smith and  
would also be glad if you could add a short description of his  
personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove  
his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

3938

A. J. SMITH

23<sup>rd</sup> Batta

M. 3-5-17

Kara Deakin.

SECRETARY.

This man  
Pte. C. J. Williams  
was wounded by me  
telling me 5957 C.F. Williams  
23<sup>rd</sup> Batta  
A.I.F.  
M. 3-5-17

23<sup>rd</sup> Batta  
1 Command Depot  
S. Valley

4.1.17

23rd Battn.  
A. I. F.

Smith.  
A. J. 3938

"Missing 3.5.17"

5957 Pte. C. J. Williams B. Coy. 23rd Battn. now in Hospital at Weymouth told me about the above man getting killed. He can give all the information required.

Witness:-

H. Ashworth 5784  
23rd Battn.  
Harefield.

W. G. J.

London.  
9.11.17.

Off. M.

Note Written Pte. Williams 7.11.17.

23rd Battn  
AIF

SMITH  
A.J. 3938

"Missing 3.5.17."

Killed in Action 3.5.17. prev. reported Missing  
Cert. by AIF Hdqtrs 3.1.18.

Off. M.

London.  
11.1.18.

23rd Bn  
A.I.F.

SMITH  
A.J. 3938

"Missing May 3rd 1917"

Was with Smith at Beaucourt just before the bombardment. I knew Smith well we were in the same dugout - Smith and I were acting as connection files between the two Bnns 21st and 23rd. Just before the bombardment Smith went back to connect the next line up. I have sent in this report before.  
J. Caulfield 3998 B. Coy., 23rd Bn A.I.F. would be able to tell much more about Smith.

Eye-Witness:- No

Description-Medium height, Slight build. fair.

We had to come back a little bit.

Informant:- J. Marriott. 4437

23rd Bn A.I.F.

Home address:- Creek Street,

Bendigo.

Victoria.

London 2.11.17.

Off. M.

*Taken from Type*  
*note. Written by Caulfield 7-11-17*

A.I.F.

23.

3938 ✓  
SMITH. A.J. 2910.

M. May 3rd 1917.

Pte Dawson C. Coy. told me that Smith has written to him several times from a hospital in England to which he was sent after being wounded at Bullecourt. I have not seen the letters and do not know what hospital he is in. He came from Victoria.

Informant. Pte G. Vanevery. 6127. C. Coy. S/B.  
Army Rest Camp.  
BOULOGNE. 16. 10. 17.

no identification

HMH.

Not sent on

Written Pte Dawson 29.10.17

OHM.

Statement made by Pte. 5957 Pte Williams C.F. 23rd Bn.

re Pte. 5938 Pte Smith A.J. 23rd Bn.  
Missing 3.5.17

This man was unknown to me.

*Not sent on.*

*W. J. G. C.*

Given at Sutton Veny Military Hospital this 22nd day of December 1917

(Sgd) C.F. Williams

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) C. Penn

Captain.  
R.A.M.C.

23rd Battalion.  
A.I.F.

SMITH:  
A.J. 3938.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 3.5.17

Re the above soldier Pte. A.J. Smith  
3938 was unknown by me.

Letter from:- C.F. Williams. 5.4.17  
23rd Battalion.  
1 Command Depot.  
S. Veny.

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

London.  
19.3.18.

off.M.

Re DAWSON

C. Co

26 10-17  
23 Batt AIF

B. & S.

Abt

3938

~~A. J. SMITH~~

23 Batt AIF

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O. P. B.

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3998 pl I Coralfield.

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23<sup>rd</sup>

Better C. 7. 7

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3998 pl A. J. Smith

D 23<sup>rd</sup> Better C. 7. 7

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3998 Plt. J. Caulfield

C B Coy

23<sup>rd</sup> Batta A 9 7

B 8 7

abt.

3938 Plt. A. J. Smith

C 23<sup>rd</sup> Batta A 9 7

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3957 Plt C J Williams

B Coy

23<sup>rd</sup> Batta A. I. 7.

B. 8. 7

abt

3938 Plt A J Smith

23<sup>rd</sup> Batta A. I. 7.

M 3-5-17

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