

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**10580 Driver  
Albert Joseph Smith**

**1st Field Artillery Brigade**



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A.F.A. 1 Bde.

SMITH, A.J. 10580.

D/W Aug 28th 1917. Dets.

A.J. Smith was in my battery (3) and died from wounds from a bomb dropped in the wagon lines at the end of August. I was in the lines at the time and nearly got a bit myself. He was put on a stretcher and taken away, and I saw nothing more of him after he had left the lines, but I understood he did not live long. We were all standing with the horses while the machines went over. Smith was a terrible big fellow with the thickest legs I've ever seen. He was groom to Major Kingsmill of the battery.

Inf: Shoeing Smith J.A.R. Thomas. 5412.  
No. 54 Gen Hosp. 1/3. Bty  
BOULOGNE. 13.12.17.

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A.F.A. 1. Bde

SMITH, A.J. 10580.

D/W Aug 28th 1917. Dets.

He was a driver in my battery and came from NSW. He came to us in a draft during Feb 1916 in Egypt. I saw him badly wounded by a bomb, his left arm nearly off and the left leg and thigh badly cut near the Wagon lines at Diekebusch at 12.30 in the daytime. 8 Gothas dropped bombs on us and we had a lot of casualties. He was taken away on a motor ambulance to the Can. Hosp. at Poperinghe. The date of this was about Aug 15th and I was told that he died at No. 31 or 32 Gen Hosp. at Calais about a fortnight later. I spoke to him before he left and he was perfectly conscious although in great pain.

Inf: Embr H.H. Hradning 9919. 1/3 Bty  
No. 1 C.C.

BOULOGNE. 11.1.18. FD

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21st January 1918.

1st Aust. F.A.

Smith A.J. No. 10580.

D/W 28th August 1917. Det D/B.

His names were Albert John. He was a driver, about 5 ft 8 rather stockily built. He had very thick legs.

I saw him badly wounded about the 11th August by a bomb at Dickebusch in the waggon line. I put him on a stretcher. He had a great many wounds. I saw in the official reports sent to the Battery that he d/wounds at either the 31st or 32nd General Hospital, Calais.

Inf:- Bombr H.A. Harding No. 9919.  
1st Aust. F.A. 3rd Batty.  
Australian Camp.  
Bouelles.

GIT.

*See in report*

M.

1st Fla. Art. Brigade  
A.F.F.

Smith.  
Dvr. A.J. 10580

"Died of Wounds"

The late 10580 Driver A.J. Smith was wounded on Aug. 15th 1917 and admitted from his Unit (3rd Battery) to No. 55 Field Ambulance the same day. He was then transferred to No. 17 C.C.S. and sent down to No. 35 General Hospital by Ambulance Train on the 20th Aug. He was suffering from shell wounds of the left shoulder, legs and buttocks and on arrival at No. 35 Gen. Hospital his condition was serious. His condition became very grave on the 27th Aug. and steadily became worse. Death occurred at 1.10 a.m. on the 28th Aug. 1918. The late Dvr. A.J. Smith was buried in Plot. D British Section, Southern Cemetery Calais on Sept. 1st 1917.

Letter from:- The O.C.  
No. 35 Gen. Hpl.  
Calais 18.2.18.

London.  
22.2.18.

H.

Det. D/B.

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with 1<sup>st</sup> copy -

O. C's Draft

14-2-18

O. C.

35th General Hospital

B. E. L.

No. 10580.

Dr. A. J. Smith

1st Field Artillery Brigade

A. T. F.

C. D. of W. 28-8-14

A.I.E. 18th Btn

11-2-25 W.P.A.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU)

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

No. 10580

Mrs. A. J. Smith

1st Field Artillery Brigade

A. I. F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest possible details of the Wounds, Death and Burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 28-8-14 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Baker.

SECRETARY

NOTE

We have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

To

The O.C.

35th General Hospital

B. E. F.



The Secretary,  
Australian Red Cross Society.

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Calais.  
18-2-18.

*J. H. H. H.*  
Major, R.A.M.C.,  
for O.C. No.35 General Hospital.

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