

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**19138 Driver
Frederick Walter Smith**

7th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 107 How. Bty.
7th F.A.B.

SMITH
Frederick Walter
19138

"Killed in Action 6 or 7th June 1917"

Died at 2nd Aust. Casualty Clearing Station 6/6/17 Gun shot wound
abdomen, chest and shoulder - Buried Trois Arbres Steenwerck 3 1/2 miles
W.N.W. of Armentieres D.G.R.E. 13691 G.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs 22/4/19

London
23/4/19

P.I.

A.I.F.
107th Howitzer Battery.

SMITH
Driver F.W. 19138

K/A 6.6.17.

"During afternoon of 6.6.17. an enemy shell hit the Cookhouse which was situated on the right hand side of Ploegsteert going towards Armentieres, and wounded Smith, who managed to walk to the D.S. nearby and died there same evening. He is buried on the roadside facing Ploegsteert Church.

I did not see Smith dead or buried, but was told about it at the battalion, as I was taking ammunition up. Smith was cooking at the Cookhouse when he was killed.

Description:- 5'7". Age 28.

29, Coolgardie St.
Willoughby N. Sydney
N.S.W.

Informant:- 18389 Gnr. E.H. Ratcliff
107th How. Battery
Ward 18. 3rd A.A.H.
9.7.19.

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O.S.W.
London
29.7.19.
J.E.A.

A.I.F. 107 Howitzer Battery.

SMITH. F
Driver. F.W. 19138.

"Died June 6.17."

During afternoon of 6.6.17 an enemy shell hit the cockhouse which was situated on the right hand side of PLOEGSTREET going towards Armentieres and wounded Smith who managed to walk to the D.S. near by and died there same evening. He is buried on the roadside facing Ploegstreet Church. I did not see Smith dead or buried, but was told about it at the battalion as I was taking ammunition up. Smith was cocking at the Cockhouse when he was killed.

Description:- 5'.7". Dark. Age 28.

Informant:- Gnr. 18389. E.H. Ratcliff.
107. Howz. Battery.

Home address. 29. Colgardie St.,
Willoughby. N. Sydney.
N.S.W.

O.S.W. 9.7.19.
London.
25.9.19.

P.I.

107th How. Bty.

French Walter
SMITH, F.W.
Dvr. 19138

Died of Wounds 6/6/17

"Was missing from about 3th June, 1917. Battery position then in Bloegstreet. Died of wounds No. 2 C.C.S. at Steenwerck on 6th June, 1917. Believed by all to have been found by Tommy soldier in shell hole previous to his going to C.C.S. He was buried at Steenwerck M. Cemetery cross being erected by his Battery. Fred was his christian name (nickname Stumpy) Medium build, dark hair, height about 5' 7 or 8" came from Freeman's Reach near Windsor, N.S.W. Left Sydney by troopship "Argylshire" on Thursday 11th May, 1916. Occupation in N.S.W. orchardist also spent a fair amount of his time in Queensland. Do not know where he was hit and was not an eye-witness".

Inf:- 19042, Gnr. R. Butsworth,
107th Bty. A.I.F.
Private address:- Bellridge,
Windsor, N.S.W.

E. Swano,
H.M.A.T. Mahia,
25.7.19

W. S. Ingham

O. C. Draft 25.4.19

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1st Aust. Casualty Clearing
Station B. 97.

10138 Gunner Fred. Walter Smith
12th Howitzer Battery
1st Aust. Field Art. Bde.

1st Aust. Bde. 6.6.17

6/6 3132

S. Smith

C. Corp. A. Snyder

1st Lt. 18000

Reg

Egypt

6-4-19

Dear Sir

I had a Brother killed in France June 6 or 7th 1917 I never heard how he was killed or where would you kindly make enquiries & let me know the full Detail

I oblige yours sincerely

19138

Cpl. S. Smith

Mr. J. W. Smith X

1st Lt. 18000

107 Heavy Artillery Batt.

7th Field Artillery Brigade

at 22000

S. Smith

April 25th, 1919.

3132 Cpl. S. Smith.
B. Troop. A. Squad.
7th Light Horse. A.I.F.
Egyptian Exped. Force.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for details of the death and burial of 19138 Pte. FRED WALTER SMITH. 107th Howitzer Battery. 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade. We beg to advise you that he died of gun shot wounds of the chest, abdomen, and shoulder on 6.6.17 at the 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station. He was buried at Kreis Arbres Steenwerck $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.N.W. of Armentieres, the registration number of his grave being ^G-D.A.R.N. 13691 G. We have written to the O.C. of the hospital for further details and will advise you as soon as we receive his reply.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

BWP

SECRETARY.