

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2279 Sergeant  
Charles Ernest Sladen  
(Charles Ernest Smith)**

**52nd Battalion**



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52nd. Battn.,  
A. Coy.

Sgt.C.E. SMITH; 2279.

W. 3 - 4.9.16.

No further report.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 4-11-16 and 14-11-16

Now reported Missing 17-11-16.

Cert. by - M.Kennedy, Capt. 52nd.Battn.

Wounded 3-4.9.16. No further report. Enquiries are being made.  
Cert. by - 3rd. Echelon on 25-11-16.

Wounded & Missing on 3-4-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List on 16-12-16.  
I.B.108.

London,  
20-12-16.

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Cpl. W. C. Murrell. 4556

2279 Sgt C.E. Smith

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14th Nov.  
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Ans

W/O

Edgar Rice  
The Chase  
Nottingham  
11/11/16

The British Red Cross Society.

Can you please obtain any information  
concerning Sergeant C. B. Smith 2279

of company.  
52nd Battalion  
13 Brigade  
4th Division. A.I.F.  
in 6/6 Intermediate Base  
France.

I last heard from him on August 28th/16. Have received news  
from an officer of his company, that he was wounded on Sept 6th  
1916. but cannot be traced. Trusting you will be able to  
get me news of him. I am

Yours Very Sincerely  
E. G. Aston

Feb. 27th

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A. E. Sladen, Esq.,  
48, Bardwell Street,  
Islington, N.

Dear Sir,

re Sgt. SMITH, C.E.

We very much regret to inform you that the above soldier, 2279, Sgt. SMITH, C.E., 52nd Battn. A. Coy., who was previously reported wounded and missing, is now officially reported killed in action - 3-4.9.16.

If we obtain any further details of his death, we shall immediately advise you.

Regretting to have to forward such sad news -

Yours faithfully,

P.M. for S.H.

SECRETARY.

17th November

Miss E. L. Orton,  
50 Edgar Rise,  
The Chase,  
Nottingham.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that we have no information  
about Sgt. <sup>3249.</sup> C.E. Smith, 52nd Battalion, A.I.F., for whom you were  
inquiring. We are making inquiries and shall let you know as soon  
as we hear anything further.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary

d.A.W.

November 22nd

Miss E.L. Orton  
50 Edgar Rise  
The Chase  
Nottingham

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that 2279 Sgt. C.E. Smith  
52nd Btn. A.I.F. is now reported as missing by Capt. H.  
Kennedy 52nd Btn. A.I.F.

We shall let you know if we have any further information.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary  
L.A.M.

November 22nd

Mr. A.E. Sladon

48 Bardwell Street

Islington

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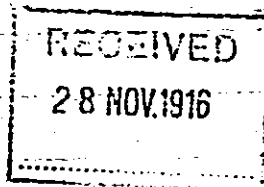
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Yours faithfully,

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Secretary

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50 Edgar Ave  
The Chase  
Nottingham  
22/11/16

Dear Madam.

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> to hand. I wish to convey to you.  
my sincere thanks, for the kind inquiries, you have made, 2279  
and information forwarded to me, concerning Serjt. B. E. Smith.  
No. 2279. 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn. A.I.F. The news that he is reported missing,  
keeps me still hope, that the dear lad is yet alive, and I  
trust he may be restored to us. I pray that God my bless.  
the noble work of the Red Cross Socy. also the noble workers.  
Again thanking you for your kindness, also for the promise of  
further information if possible. I remain

Yours Faithfully  
E. L. Arton

~~Miss Clerk~~  
Miss Arton  
I have copied a letter  
and sent it to  
another person

22nd January

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A. E. Sladen Esq.,  
48 Parkwell St.  
Islington.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that a further unofficial report has been received about No. 22794 Sgt. C.E. Smith, 52nd Battrn. A.I.F. — this time from No. 2241. Sgt. C. D. Hurley, who on January 1st, was in No. 6. General Hospital, E.E.F.

He says that he saw Sgt. Smith killed by a shell during the attack and he does not know whether his body was recovered. He describes Sgt. Smith as fair haired and about 5 ft 10", about 26 years of age and an ex sailor.

We are still continuing the inquiry and will inform you if any further reports are received.

With sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V. G.

Secretary.

L.A.W.

23rd January

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Miss M. J. Orton,  
50 Edgar Road,  
The Chase,  
Nottingham.

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V. D.

Secretary.

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50 Lodge Rise  
The Chase  
Nottingham  
England  
25/1/17

Dear Madam.

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> to hand. I thank you very much for the trouble you are taking in the case of Capt. Smith. No 2279. 52<sup>nd</sup> Battr. A.I.F. I had hoped that the dear lad was yet alive, but cannot but think now, that the boy whom Sergt. Hussey saw killed by a shell, is my adopted brother, the description of him tallies in every way, also he was an ex-sailor. Thanking you for your kind sympathy. I am

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