

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**589 Private
Charles Alfred Smith**

40th Battalion



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A.I.F.
40th. Btn.

SMITH.
C.A.

589.

"Killed in Action 9th. April" /17

Buried in the Honour Cemetery, Armentieres in Grave 6. Section 1.
Block 1. Row A. German List of graves in Cemetery.

Cert. by Letter from Capt. Mills 28.7.19.

London.
8.10.19.

H.

A.I.F. 40th Bn

SMITH
C.A. 589

"K. in A. April 9th"

Killed in Action 9-4-17 - Buried Cité Bonjean Military Cemetery
Armentières

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 13-6-17.

London
19-6-17

H.

A.I.F. 40.

SMITH, C.A. 582.

K. April 9th 1917. Dets D/B.

I knew Smith, he came from North West Tasmania and joined about the same time as myself. I was told by Pte Williams C.Coy IX platoon that he had helped to take Smith's body out of our lines at Houplines on or about April 9th and that he had been killed by a whizz-bang. I also heard that he was buried at Ecoivres Cemetery.

Inf: Pte HJ.W. Austin. 617. 40.C.X.
No. 3 Can gen Hosp
BOULOGNE. 10.7.17.

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See Sgt Lumbard's letter
8/3/17
Written by Williams 21.7.17
JH

A.I.F. 40.

SMITH, C.A. 589.

X. April 9th 1917 Dets D/B.

He was killed by a shell in our own trench just before a raid by the Germans and he died instantly. This was at about 7.30 in the evening. The raid was driven off and Smith's body was buried in the Military Cemetery at Armentieres and the grave is marked. I have visited it as he was a friend of mine and in the same platoon.

Inf: T.W. Kelly. 1653. 49.C.
No. 2 Aust General
BOULOGNE. 6.7.17.

FD

H.

40th Australian Imperial Force

Smith, Pte. C. A. 589

(K. April 9/17. Dets D & B)

" C. A. Smith was killed by shell fire at Cambridge Avenue, Armentieres, and most probably buried in the cemetery at Erquinheim. "

Eye witness -

Description

Informant :- Lieut. H. J. Dell,
40th Aus. Imp Force
3rd London General Hospt,
Wandsworth S. E.

Home address :-
c/o Mrs. Dell,
Derby,
Tasmania.

5. 7. 17.
W.R.Manning.

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40th Battn.
C. Coy.
A. I. F.

Smith.
C. A. 589.

"Killed 9.4.17"

Refer to L/Cpl. E.A.Airey 40th Battn. C.Coy. 9th Platoon who saw him killed by a High Explosive shell at Irish Avenue, Armentieres. Now in France. I left 7th June 1917. I was told he was buried at Armentieres but did not see the grave.

Witness:-

Pte. E.J.O'Sullivan 2176.
40th Battn. C.Coy.
3rd Aust. Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
28.5.17.

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Note Written L/Cpl. Airey 217117.

40th Battn.
A. I. F.

Smith.
C. A. 589.

"Killed 9.4.17"

He was in my Coy.C. I saw him carried out in Houpline sector killed by shell in a communication trench, and I saw his grave later in the large cemetery at Armentiers. We both came from N.S.Wales N. W. Coast of Tasmania where I knew him.

Witness:-

A. J. Jones 1086
40th Battn.

L. P. J.

London.
10.8.17.

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40th Battn
A.I.F.

Smith.
C.A. 589

REKd in Action 9.4.17."

Yesterday one of my men Pte. Williams received a letter from y
you asking for information of No. 589 C.A. Smith 40th Batn
He gave me the letter as I am his Ptn. Sgt. to answer
C.A. Smith was killed on the 9.4.17. We were in the line
as he was sent on a message. Having delivered the message he
was on his way back when a shell fell almost on top of him
He was killed instantly. As far as I know he was buried in
a military Cemetery behind the line. He was awam about
5'8" tall fairly bræd. light hair, with a light
moustache and blue eyes.

letter from:-

Sgt. H.S. Winburn.
C. Coy.,
40th Battn A.I.F.

London.
1.9.17.

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(51.7.17)

Re WILLIAMS / 9 Palm
C. Co
40 BALDWIN
BEP

for

589

C. A. SMITH

40 BALDWIN

K. 9. 4. 17

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1. 8. 17

217-01
Lt Col E. A. AIREY 9 Feb
P. Co

40 Batt AIF

B E F

for

589 C. A. SMITH

P. Co

40 Batt AIF

K. 9. 4. 17

217-01
11. 8. 17

ACK
F.M. 11/17

589. C. A. SMITH

40 BATT
#3 (C)

France

K.A. 9.4.17

11/17

Dear Miss Deakin

Yesterday one of my men Mr Williams received a letter from you asking for information of No 589 C. A. Smith. I am his platoon Sgt. to answer.

C. A. Smith was killed on the 9.4.17. We were in the line & he was sent on a message. Having delivered the message he was on his way back when a shell fell almost on top of him. He was killed instantly. As far as I know he was buried in a military cemetery behind the line. He was a man about 5 ft 6 inches tall, fairly broad, light hair with a light moustache & blue eyes.

Hoping this information will help you.

I Remain

Yours faithfully

Sgt. H. Winburn

C. Coy. 40th BATT