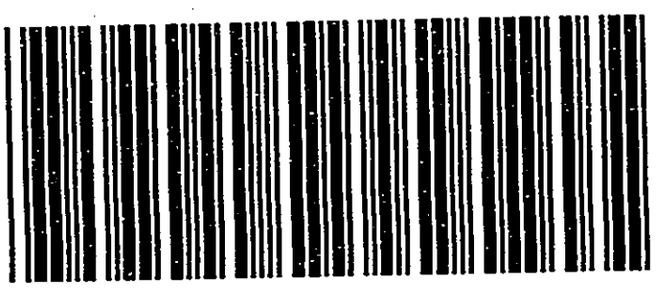
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6904 Sergeant
Green Smith

18th Battalion



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A.I.F.
18th Bttn.

SMITH Sgt.
Green 6904

Killed in Action 15.4.18.

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
18.10.19.

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18th Battn.
A.I.F.

SMITH
Green 6904

"Killed in Action"

NOTE TO SYDNEY

This man's surname is officially Smith, Christian name Green, not S.Green as cabled by you on 17-5-18.

London
5-6-18

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This report probably refers to SMITH. 6904.
GREEN.

His N/K is Wife.
Constance Smith.
41 Glenmore Road.
Paddington.
Sydney.

Killed in Action.15-4-18.

NO ENQUIRY.

NOT ON LIST.

GREEN-SMITH. Sgt.

18th Battn.
A.I.F.

He was in my company-A- I saw him killed at Hangard Wood when I was about 75 yards away from him at the time. I'm sure he was killed instantly. We were attacking at the time and were digging in when he was hit, I think by a bullet. I could not go to him as we lost ground and had to retire. I cannot give any details of burial nor can I refer to anyone. He asked me just before we went over if anything happened to him, to write his wife and tell her all I knew. I intend writing to her, whose address is:- Mrs Green-Smith.Mills Street.Carlton, New South Wales. I do not know his number.

Informant:- Pte Mc Gowan. A.C.
A.Coy. 18th Battn.A.I.F.
No : A.A.H.DARTFORD.

W.Oman.
London.
18-6-18.

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18th A.I.F. Smith. G. 6904.

(K. April 15/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"I know that G. Smith was killed at Hangard Wood the same time as Lt. H.H.Thompson. I do not think he was buried."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Lt. W.A. Temple.
18th A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

28.6.18.
A.E.Long.

A.I.F 18th Battn.

SMITH
G. 6904, Sgt.

"Killed in Action 15.4.18"

He was killed beside me in the trench when he was shot in the head by a sniper and it was instantaneous. His tin helmet was knocked off. I got his disc and pocket-book and will give them at once to his wife in Australia. He was hit just ten minutes before we were taken. I only had time to get his book before we were taken. S.O.S. was sent up and we were waiting for ammunition.

Informant:- Pte. A. D'Arcey, 3939.
16th Battn.
Repatriated P/W.

V.D.
London
4.12.18.
J.E.A.

S.

18th Batn.
A.I.F.

SMITH Green, Sgt. 6904
Ryan G. 3902.
Ward A.E. 4816.
L/Cpl. Prothero, W.A. 297.
L/Cpl. Porter C.A., 1986
Keogh, J. 6573.
6620, Scott, D.J.C. Mc.M.K.J.
Frewin, V.J. Lieut.

"Killed in action 15-4-18."

"On 15-4-18 we were making an attack at Cemetery Copse, Hangard, and now took our objective and consolidated. The Germans attacked the trench and we had no ammunition and our communications were cut. The expected carrying party did not arrive. About half A. Coy., was in our party - men out of each platoon. I saw Sgt. Green Smith killed, shot through the head and killed instantly and his ~~his~~ body was left there. A chap named Gerald Ryan was badly wounded in the stomach by rifle fire and we had to leave him where we were captured, he was conscious then. The Germans hurried me away.

The rest of us were led away to the German line - about nineteen of us. This is the list of our names I took that day. (Note:- List produced and checked, we have all the men reported as P/W. M.I.S.)

It was there I saw Lt. Frewin's body. He was dead then on a Stretcher - no wounds visible. I went and looked at him. I know nothing of his burial. His body was still there when we left. Lieut. Frewin was one of the best - a real white man, we were all very sorry to know he was dead.

Gd Lot 5

18th Batn. 2-2 SMITH GREEN, Sgt. 6904.
A.I.F.

"As I was leaving the German trench, I saw Pte, Ward's body in the trench - evidently brought in by the Germans. I was carrying Pte. Rose on a Stretcher and could not stop. I saw no wounds on Ward. I knew him well. He was in A. Coy. very dark, about 23 or 24. Hair inclined to be curly. Sometimes called "Darky" I know nothig of any of the others except those with me.

I am not sure now which man told me, but the day I was captured I entered in my note book (produced M.I.S.) information given me by different ones of the nineteen. I have noted the following four were seen dead. L/Cpl. Prothero. L/Cpl. Porter. Pte. D.J. Scott. Pte. Jack Keogh.

Rose was left that morning at a German dressing station. He was wounded low in the abdomen, conscious, but very bad. I helped a German doctor to bandage him. He was being well treated, but. I am sure he would die.

Informant:- L/Cpl. Geddes, C.W., 4300,
A. Coy., 18th Batn., A.I.F.
Repatriated Prisoner of War.

London,
30-12-18.
M.I.S.

Note:- 6620 Scott, D.J.C. Mc.M.K.J. 18th Batn., is officially reported P/W. An ack. card has been received from him dated Chemnitz 9-10-18.

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18th BATTALION. A.I.F. SMITH-GREEN.

Sergeant. 6904.

"KILLED. 15.4.18."

Informant described Smith-Green as about 5 feet 9 inches high, stiff build, dark complexion, aged about 30 years. He came from Carlton.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company. On 15.4.18 the Battalion was in action at Hangard Wood, and Informant and Smith-Green went over the top in a party led by Lieutenant Frewin, who was killed later on. During the last attack, when they were trying to dig in, Informant, Smith-Green and another chap were in a little shell-hole which they were trying to enlarge, when Smith-Green was killed outright by a sniper's shot through the head. Informant was captured about 20 minutes afterwards by the enemy, and when he was taken away Smith-Green was lying in the shell-hole. Informant took some books from Smith-Green's pockets and gave them to Private D'Arcey, who came back in the 'Ulysses', and intended giving them to Smith-Green's wife.

INFORMANT; Private W.J. Lees, 6351,
18th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home Address; Floss Street, HURLSTONE PARK.

W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
28.4.19.

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Lt. Irwin Scully
18 Bttn

See under
Lt. V. J. Frewin
18 Bttn