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2363 Corporal
George Henry Smith

1st Tunnelling Company



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1st Tunnellers
A.I.F.

SMITH,
G.H. 2363

"Killed 29.11.17."

I was at his funeral at Menin Road, main dressing station. I saw his cross made but was not put up when I was at funeral.

Informant:- MCAndrew 203,
W 31,
Harefield .

D.P.Dickson.

London.
19.2.18.

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1st Tun. Coy.
A.I.F.

SMITH
G.H. 2363

"Killed 29-11-17"

Was called George. He was hit by a shell from the Amm. Dump, which was blown up at Westhoeke dug-outs on Nov. 29th. I did not see it happen, but I attended his funeral at the Main dressing station, Menin Road Cemetery. He had a decent burial. There was no Cross put up at the time, but one was put up later. He was buried on Sunday morning, Nov. 30th.

Informant. McAndrew J.A.G. 203
1st Tun. Coy.,
HAREFIELD.

W.G.J.
London
18-3-18

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3rd Tun. Coy.
A.I.F.

SMITH
G.H. 2363

"Killed 29-11-17"

Westhoek dug-outs, killed by a bit of shell through heart. Killed at once. I saw this. They brought his body down and buried him in Cemetery near dressing station, Menin Road. I didinot actually see the grave, but I know his section buried him there.

Informant. Maxwell A.173
Ward 36,
HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson
London
22-3-18

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1st Tun. Coy.
A.I.F.

SMITH
G.H. 2363

"Killed 29-11-17"

I was present at his funeral. Menin Road Cemetery. The Padre read the service. Cross was made. The grave would be marked.

Informant. McAndrew J.A.G. 203
1st Tun. Coy.,
HARKFIELD.

T.St.J.P.P.
London
22-3-18

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Tunnelling Coy,
A.I.F.

SMITH;
G.H. 2368

"Killed 29.11.17."

Westhoeke dugout. Killed by a shell rightout. I saw him just after he was killed and took his body down that morning after we had finished work, and buried him near first aid Dressing Station, Ypres. Cross was put up. The Chaplain came up from the Camp.

Informant:- Adams 5900,
W 32,
Harefield.

D.P.Dickson.

London.
19.2.18.

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AUST TUNN COY. 1. SMITH, G.H. 2363

K. Nov 29th 1917. Dets.

G.H.Smith was in my section and he was a Corporal. I don't know his number. He was the only Cpl.G.H.Smith in the section. He came from NSW. He was dark, clean shaven, about 5ft 11, and about 32 or 33 and married, and I believe had two children. He was killed outside our dugout by a shell on the ϕ 29th Nov at Westhoek. His body was recovered the next morning and I attended his funeral when he was buried on the side of the Menin Road. A cross was put up over his grave. He was a very popular man in the company.

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TUNNELLING COMPANY.
1st Tunn. Co.

SMITH, G.H.
2363. Cpl.

KILLED, 29/11/17.

Informant described Smith as about 5 ft.9 inches high, stout build, weighing 11 or 12 stone, medium complexion, aged about 30 to 35, and married.

Informant states that on 29/11/17 the 1st Tunnelling Company was on the Menin Road sinking shafts on Zonnebeke Ridge. Some time during the afternoon Smith was standing on top of a dump when he was hit by a fragment of shell, and died almost at once without speaking. Informant was about 20 yards away and saw him hit. Stretcher-Bearers went over to him and took the body away. Informant could not ascertain where he was buried, as he himself was wounded the next day.

Informant added that Smith was held in high esteem by hismates.

INFORMANT:- SAPPER C. T. HORTLE, 5220,
1st Tunnelling Company,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Home address:- P.O., MERMAIALE, N.S.W.

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1st. Aus. Tunnelling Coy, Smith, G. H. No. 2363.

K. 29th. November 1917. Dets. D/B.

I knew a George Smith very well, he was a Corporal. He was killed by a shell just outside the mouth of a Tunnell at Westhoeke Ridge on about 29th. November. I saw his dead body next day. there. A Sergeant Yates (1st. Tun. Coy, No. 1 Section) who is still with the Tunnelling Company, carried him into the Tunnel; I saw him. He was carried down to the D/Station the next day, where he would be buried in the adjoining Cemetery. Smith was stout, fairly nuggety, about 5' 11" dark, used to wear a moustache but shaved it off. I think he came from W. Australia. I think he was a Miner.

Inf:- Sapper, Pat Reilly, No. 157.
1st. Aus. Tunnelling Company,
Australian Camp,
Rouelles.

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