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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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# 1172 Private
# Harold George Smith

## 14th Battalion



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A.I.F. 14th Bttn.
3rd Pltn E. Coy.

SMITH.
Harold George. 1172.

Killed in Action. 21.8.18.

No burial. K. in A. 21.8.18.
Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs List. 26.8.19.

London.
23.10.19.

M & P.I.

14 A.I.F.

E Coy.

SMITH Pte
H.G. 1172.
Harold George

M. 21.8.15.

Smith was very well known to several men in the coy. Witness deposed to having known him particularly well. He said Smith was very badly wounded in the charge on Aug. 21. He was shot through the stomach and shoulder, and his leg was smashed. Pte Rogers, 14 A.I.F. M.G.S., told witness he dressed Smith's wounds during the charge. Smith had to be left. The brushwood was fired in the area where he lay and he must have been right in the midst of the fire. Smith must have died. He was a slim, angular fellow, slow of speech, came from Richmond, Vict. His home previously was in England. He was an awful good fellow.

Ref:- Cpl F.Pengelly, 1173,
14 A.I.F. M.G.S.
Moascar Camp, Ismailia.

S.A. 20.2.16.

L. M. P.I.

14th Australians

E Coy.

G

Smith, H.G., 1172, Pte
E. Company
Harold George

(M. Aug. 21st 1915)

Informant states that if this man was Batman to 2nd Lieut Martin of the 12th Machine Gun Section he went away sick the end of June to Hospital from a place called Merres.

Reference: Sergt. W. Taylor, 2448,
12th Machine Gun, A. I. F.,
3rd London General Hospital, Ward B. 7,
Wandsworth, S.W.

M
P.1

5th Sept. 1916.
E.A. Woolmer.

Med.

A. I. F. 14. 8. SMITH, H.G. 1172. Pte

Harold George

M/21st. August 1915.

I knew Smith; his initials were H.G. and his No.1172. He was formerly in E. and then in A. I saw him lying wounded on 21st.Aug.1915, in Victoria Gully near 971. He could not get up and was left out, and I am certain he was not brought in. The Turks afterwards advanced to near where he lay. If alive, he must be a prisoner, but I feel certain he is dead. I am sure of his initials and number. He was an Englishman, but enlisted in Victoria. I passed close enough to recognise him.

References: F.W.B. Collins, 1170, A.(old E).
(a ~~ex~~ careful witness),
4, A.D.B.D.,
Staples. 24.10.15.
HSO.

H.
P1.

Corded. 21 HOSPITAL, ALEXANDRIA, 11 Jan 1916 1915.

| Name. | No. & Rank. | Regiment. | Company. | |
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| Smith Harry [illegible] | 1172 Private | 4th Australian Infantry Brigade | 1 Co D Platoon | Enquiry |
| **Witness's Name.** | **No. & Rank.** | **Regiment.** | **Company.** | |
| Panther James Thos. | 13614 Private | Sherwood Foresters | C | |

**Evidence :** Witness has a letter from Private Smith's father who is anxious for news of his son

The name is not in Enquiry List

To Card
12.1.16.

J. Henry Gibson

Acc. 1 Aug. 15-11-16

55 Federation Avenue
Derborough
Nr Mkt Harborough
Northants
Nov 9th /16

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16 NOV 1916

Dear Madam

We were very grateful to you for the communication respecting our Son Pte H. G. Smith 1172 a/y 7 who was reported missing on Aug 21st 1915. we are communication with Pte Bellin who gave us the information respecting him but you do not state whether the 14 Battalion is in Egypt

Harold George

or France we presume it is
in Egypt and have addressed
our letter to Mr Robinson in Egypt
we would like to express to
you our gratitude for all the
trouble you have taken for us
and should we hear further
we will let you know - but
should you receive any further
news respecting him we shall
be glad to hear further from
you believe me

Yours sincerely

Geo Smith

November 3rd. 17

Mr. George Smith,
35 Federation Avenue,
Desborough,
W. Market Harborough,
NORTHANTS.

Dear Sir,

We much regret that we are not able to send you any satisfactory information regarding your son 1172, Private H. G. Harold George Smith - 14th. Battalion. The following information is now to hand.

"I knew Smith; his initials were H.G. and his No. 1172. He was formerely in E. and then in A. I saw him lying wounded on 21st. Aug. 1915, in Victoria Gully near 971. He could not get up and was left out, and I am certain he was not brought in. The Turks afterwards advanced to near where he lay. If alive, he must be a prisoner, but I feel certain he is dead. I am sure of his initials and number. He was an Englishman, but enlisted in Victoria. I passed close enough to recognise him.

Reference:- F. W. B. Collins, 1170, A.(old E.)
(a careful witness).
4. A.D.B.D.
24-10-16

Possibly you would like to communicate with 1170, Pte. Collins, A. Co. 14th. A.I.F., B.E.F. It is so long since the casualty occurred that we fear it will be difficult to procure further particulars but should we be able to do so, you may rely on us writing to you immediately. Perhaps we may hear from you

again.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

V. T

Secretary.

Plumb.

November 16th.

George Smith Esq.,
35 Federation Avenue,
Desborough,
near Mkt. Harborough,
NORTHANTS.

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter of November 9th. and beg to inform you that you should have addressed your letter to Private Collins, 14th. Australian Infantry Battalion, British Expeditionary Force as the 14th. Ba ttalion is not now in Egypt. The above addres: is quite sufficient and your letter will in time find him.

We shall certainly let you know if we hear anything further about your son 1172, Private H. G. Smith, 14th. Battalion.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary.

L.A.W.