Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3924 Private
Herbert Newey St
Smith

55th Battalion



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55th. Batt.

St. Smith 3924
Herbert. H.

GM.20-7-16

The above name appeared on German death List dated 4-11-16.

London
29.11.16

S.
P.I.

55th Battn.

SMITH
St. 392.

K. 19/7/16

Army H.Q. 2/8/16.

Copy of Death Voucher

From the Inquiry Officer at Army Corps 6.
to the Royal Brussian War Office,
Medical Section, Central Office for Left Property,
Berlin.

Australian soldier Smith, St. 392, (3924) 55th Battn. fell on 19/7/16 in the neighbourhood of Fromelles.

Signed.
Witnessed Berlin 4/11/19.
Jacobi.
Lt. of the Reserve.

Stamp: Royal Prussian War Office
Medical Section.

Melbourne
2/3/20.

France.

A. I. F. 55. C.Coy. ST. SMITH, 3924.

Franklin, C. 3520.

M/20th. July 1916.

Franklin and St.Smith, after first being reported missing, were afterwards reported at the orderly room as killed in action.

Reference: Commelin, Cpl. A.A.C., 2603, C.IX., No. 1 Canadian General. Etaples. 15.12.16. MGF.

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55th A. I. F. St. Smith, Pte H.N. 3924, C. Coy, 11 Platoon

(M. 20.7.16)

H.N. St. Smith was killed at Fromelles on the night of 19th July.

Eye-witness: No, it was officially reported to the Regt. S.N. Cantwell M. can confirm, don't know number.

Informant: Pte John A.S. Campbell, 3596, 55th A. I. F., C. Coy, 12 Platoon, Norfolk War Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich.

Home address: Longuevilla, Sydney.

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14th January, 1917. Written S.M(?) M. Cantwell 19.1.17

Edgar Rice.

55th Batt.
A.I.F.,

ST SMITH
3924 H.N.

"Missing 20/7/16"

I made special enquiries for a friend a few days after St Smith was missing at Fromelles on 19th July and ascertained for a fact that he was killed while carrying ammunition across No Man's Land. I was in this action myself.

Reference:- Major A.C.Selwyn Holland,
55th Batt. A.I.F.
24.1.17.

Present address:
Hotel Windsor,
Victoria Street. S.W.

London
26.1.17
L.P.J.

S.
P.I

55th Batt.
A.I.F.,

Henry ST-SMITH Melvey 3924

"Missing 20.7.16"

German Death List - 4.11.16.

London
26.1.17

S.
P.I..

A.I.F. 55th. Battn. A. 11 Plt. C.Co.

SMITH
H.N.Saint 3924.

MISSING 20.7.16.

Regarding the particulars of Pte. St. Smith. H.N.

PARTICULARS.

Age	Middle Age.
Height	5'11" or 6' slight stoop.
	very unhealthy & had a big moustache.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Slightly grey.

Disposition; Genial, very quiet and loved by all who knew him
Last seen throwing bombs on the 19th. of July at Fromelles
Hoping this soldier can be traced.

Cert. by letter from. M.H.C.Antwell.
C.S.M.
France.
25 .2.16.

London.
29.3.17.

S.
P.I.

A.I.F. 55th Btn C.Coy.
late 14th Btn

~~2~~.SMITH
Herbert Newey 3924

Missing

Killed in Action 2[illegible]-7-16 - previously reported
Missing Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 29-3-17.

London
3-4-17

S. P.I.

A.I.F. 55th Bttn			SMITH. Herbert ~~Henry~~. 3924. *Newey*
	Killed in Action. 20.7.16.		
Disc received from Germany and forwarded to next of kin. 20.6.17. cert by A.I.F. Kit Stores. 1.9.19.			
Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.

London.
26.9.19.

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AUSTRALIAN FIELD MAILAMTEUR

CANCELLED

55th battn.

SAINT SMITH

H.N. - 3924 -

"Killed 20th July 1916"

S m i t h H. 392. 55. A.L.FFG.
Fell 19.7.16 near Fromelles

LONDON BUREAU
Melbourne 15.10.1920

FINAL GERMAN DEATH LIST
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No 2863 Pte G. G. Logan
56th Bn
A.I.F
B.E.F

Reply Copy
April 10th 17

Dear Sir

Regarding your inquiry for
No 3924 Pte H. N. St. Smith 55th
Bn A.I.F we have to advise you
that an official report from No. C/S/Sr
Antwell who writes from France
states he was last seen throwing bombs
on July 19th at Pommelles -

He describes Pte Smith as 5ft 11" in
height with a slight stoop, blue eyes,
a big moustache ~~slightly~~ rather greyish hair.
quite grey,
He was very quiet, but a genial disposition
was loved by all who knew him.

Unfortunately Pte Smith is now reported
at A.I.F H.Q's as killed in action

A.I.F. 19 TORPY, T.P. 686

H. November 14th 1916.

I have a brother named T.P.Torpy in the 19th Batt. His number is 686. I was told by a man called Ted O'Brien in the 19th Battalion, that my brother had been wounded in five places. He only mentioned that it was somewhere on the Somme, and he did not give the date when this happened. I had a letter from my brother in December from the Devonport Military Hospital, saying that he was getting along all right. I have heard nothing more from him since.

Informant: Pte E.J.Torpy. 1860. D.Coy.16 pltn
No.3 Can.Gen.Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 9.3.1917.

AGI.

on July 20th 1916.

~~Letter~~ Should further information be received about him we shall advise you.

With best wishes

Yours &c.

Havre 24th March, 1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS URQUHART, F. 533, B Co.

K. 29.7.16. Det. D/B.

He was in B Co., 7th platoon. He was killed on the 29th July and was buried in the trenches at the foot of Poziers Ridge the same day - killed by a shell. He only lived three or four minutes. He said something like "I've got a good Blighty now". I saw him buried. I know his number; he was a Victoria man.

Informant; Pte S. Bannister, 1143
24th Australians, B Co., 5th Pltn.,
H. S. Gloucester Castle.

LIB

Sept 14th

No 2963 Pte G. G. Logan
56th Bn.
A.I.F.
No 3 London General
Wandsworth.

Film Copy.

Dear Sir

In answer to your inquiry for No 3924 Pte Herbert Henry St. Smith, 55th Bn, A.I.F. we regret to inform you that we have only bad news to send you. He is posted officially as missing on July 20th 1916. and we have as yet no later news. We are awaiting inquiries and when we hear anything further we shall at once communicate with you.

Hoping you are yourself recovering

Yours faithfully

~~A.A.H.~~ V. D.

for Secretary

LIST No. 7 OF MISSING.

1st Divisional Artillery.

Serial No.	No.	Rank.	Name.	Place.	Date.
1st Field Artillery Brigade and Brigade Ammunition Column.					
84048	3512	Gunner	Scott, E.	Gallipoli	16.8.15.
2nd Field Artillery Brigade and Brigade Ammunition Column.					
84049	1435	Driver	Langlands, R. W.	—	29.4.15.

Land England Toten	Listen Nr. 10536	W	148
Name Abschrift	Smith, St.		
Dienstgrad	Sold.	Nr. der Erk.-Marke	3924.
Truppenteil	55.Batl.A.J.F.		
Zeit u. Ort der Gefangennahme	Erk.Marke überwiesen v.N.O.A.O.K.		
Aufenthaltsort	6.,durch M.A.(Zentralstelle für		
Bemerkungen Verwundung Heimatsort	Nachlasssachen) 12.10.16.		

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Aufenthaltsort	6.,durch M.A.(Zentralstelle für		
Bemerkungen Verwundung Heimatsort	Nachlasssachen)12.10.16.		

Copy for Melbourne

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY," WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W. 1.

Copy of Death Voucher

Army N. Q. 2. 8. 16.

From the Enquiry office at Army Corps 6
to the Royal Prussian War office Medical Section
Central office for left Property Berlin.

Australian Soldier Smith Lt. 392
(3924) 55th Bttn. fell on 15.7.16 in the
neighbourhood of Fromelles.

Signed.

witnessed Berlin 4.11.19.

Jacobi Lt. of the Reserve

(Stamp) Royal Prussian War Office
Medical Section.

3924 H. N. Saint SMITH / 11 Pl. C.G
55 Batt A.I.F
M. 20.7.16
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P.I.
H.

Secretary Admiralty & Missing 2.5.1916.

Enquiry Bureau

Australian Branch. R.A.N.C.

Dear Sir.

Your inquiry // regarding the particulars of Pte. [illegible] No. [illegible] known as [illegible] was last seen alive at Fromelles, and was reported missing on the 19th July. Further particulars cannot be obtained.

Yours faithfully

[illegible]

Officer in charge Enquiry Bureau.

Age. Middle aged.

Height. 5ft 11in. to 6 ft. Slight stoop, very unhealthy & had a big moustache

Eyes. blue,

Hair. slightly (black). grey.

Disposition. genial, very quiet & loved by all who knew him.

Last seen throwing bombs on the 19th July at Fromelles.

Hoping this details can be of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

HOSPITAL Wandsworth Ward 9 Main Building

Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No? —	Exactly as in Enquiry List. 5 6 Batt. Battalion ..... Company	Regiment Australian Light Infantry Man's full Name 2nd Lieut. A. S. Denny No..... Nature of Casualty as in list D/W July 21st
Any other man same name in Battalion, Battery or Company? —		

Informant states that:—~~On~~ at

Lieut. Denny was shot by sniper, and that Captain Smyth of B. Company 56 Batt. A. I. F. was with him at the time. (Perhaps Captain Smyth could be approached with a view to obtaining more details). Informant also asks for details of casualty to his chum H. N. St. Smith N° 3924 55 Batt. missing since July 20.

Note.—Get details & grounds on which this statement is given, as far as is reasonably practicable.

RECEIVED
9 SEP 1916
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

N.B.—IF INFORMANT mentions another man, give No, & address.

Was it light or dark at the time?

DESCRIPTION OF MAN, Scars, Nickname, &c.	Was the ground afterwards held or lost?	Was informant eye witness? no If not, who told him, and when? It was common knowledge.
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Date of Report and Visitor's signature.	VISITOR'S OPINION OF INFORMANT, intelligent, reliable, unnerved, &c.?	Informant's full Name and No. Pte. G. C. Sorgan 2[illegible] Regiment Aus. Light. Inf. 56 Batt. Hospital No. 3 General Wandsworth. Home Address Aus. Headquarters. Horseferry Road S.W.
— Sept- Rose R. Roffey.	intelligent reliable	

1st December,

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that we have received the name of -

No. 3924 Herbert St. SMITH 55th Battn. A.I.F.

on a German Death List dated November 4th. This does not necessarily mean that he died a Prisoner of War, as in all probability the Germans found his dead body, or his identity disc, and send us his name as having died.

With deep sympathy in the loss of your friend,

Yours faithfully,

V.K

SECRETARY.

LAW

No. 2863,
Pte. G. G. Logan,
56th Aust. Inf. Battn.,
Brooklands Military Hosp.

January 19th.1917._____

Sgt.Major(?)M.Cantwell
55th.Battn.A.I.F.
B.E.F.

55th Batt.

3924.Pte.H.N.St.Smith,11th.Platoon.C.Company.A.I.F.

reported Missing 20-7-16.

H.N. St.Smith,

N.D. Hu.

22nd January -7.

No. 2863. Pte. G. G. Logan,
56th Battn. A.I.F.
No. 3. London General Hospital.
Wandsworth.

Dear Sir,

We have received an unofficial report about No. 3934 Pte. H. H. St Smith, 55th Battn. A.I.F. and hasten to send it to you.

Informant, a battalion man, states that it was officially reported to the regiment that Pte. St Smith was killed at Fromelles on July 19th, at night.

We have made inquiries in the hope of getting definite information of his fate, but so far they have been fruitless. Should any such information be received we shall at once inform you.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.
(A.W.I.

30th January -7.

No. 2863. Pte. C. C.Hogan,
56th Battalion.
No. 3. London General Hospital
Wandsworth.

Dear Sir,

We have received a further unofficial report about No. 3924. Pte. Herbert Newry. St Smith, 55th Battn. from Major A.C. Selwyn Holland. He says that after the action at Fromelles on July 19th. in which Pte. St Smith was missing, he made special enquiries about him and learned that he was killed while carrying ammunition in No Man's Land.

We are inquiring for further particulars about Pte. Smith and we shall inform you of the result.

Yours faithfully.

V.D.

Secretary.
L.A.W.

13th March 1917.

C/Sgt/Maj/ Cantwell,
55th Aust: Inf: Battn:
B.E.F.

Dear Sgt. Major Cantwell,

Many thanks for your letter of February 25th in answer to our enquiry for -

3924 H. N. St Smith, 55th Battm A.I.F

The description you have sent will be of much assistance.

With best wishes for your success in your Training Course,

Yours faithfully,
V. D

Secretary

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15th April 1917.

No. 3924. Pte. H.N. St Smith, 56th Battn.
Prev. Rep. Missing on 20.7.16.

Dear Sir,

We very much regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported "Missing" is now officially reported "Killed in Action" on that date.

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

Regretting to have to forward such sad news.

Yours faithfully,

V.B.

Secretary.
I.A.M.

No. 2865. Pte. G.G. Logan,
56th Australian Inf. Battalion.
B. E. F.