Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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630 Private Herbert William James Smith

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Btn

SMITH
Sign: Herbert Wm. James 630

"Wded-Sept-Oct"

Killed in action 9-4-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 13-11-17

London
15-11-17

A. I. F. 2. SMITH, Sig.H.W.J. 630.

K. April 9th, 1917.

He does not belong to our Unit and there is no trace of him in any of our records. His Unit must be wrongly given.

SA.

Reference:- Battn. Orderly Sgt.
Frenq.

Records examined personally. SA.

Etaples
7.12.17.

Written Adj: 29.12.17

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Smith.
Pte.H.W.J. 630
(& 22 others, for full list of
names see Lt.M.Paterson's report)

Photograph of Headstone in Hermies Cemetery - Somme - erected to Officers and men of 2nd Battn. Killed in Action 9.4.17. Copies sent to Melbourne and Sydney.

London.
21.12.17.

2 copies for M.
2.1.18.

Smith.
H.W.J. 630

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

"Killed in Action 9.4.17"

His names are Herbert William James. 630 - 2nd Battn. - late 1st L.H.Regt. - late N/K - Mr.T.V.Smith, Brisbane St. Mackay Queensland. Now - Wife - Mrs. D.M.Smith, 81 Brookdale Road, Catford, S.E. - No sign of ever being in 32nd Battn. Age 27 & 2 months on 1.9.14. Height 5'4", weight 9st.9lbs. Complexion. Sallow, eyes blue grey, hair reddish-brown. Buried Hermies - British Cemetery 8 miles E. of Bapaume. -
(There is 630 Sullivan Patrick Smith - 32nd Battn. - In England from 1st June to 19th Dec. 1917. Cause Hermia and attached to A.P.C. & 620 Jos.Fredk.Smith - 32nd Battn. - W. 1.10.17.

A.M.W.B. Searcher at H.Qrs. 1.1.18.

M.

London.
2.1.18.

A.I.F. 2. SMITH, H.W.J. 630.

K. April 9th 1917. Dets.

Smith was killed by M.G. fire during our attack on April 9th at Hermes on the Somme. I saw the body laid in the open. He is buried in a quarry at Hermes. I have seen the cross with the name of those in the Battn killed. There are about 60 graves there. The place is railed off. Smith was a signaller in A,Co., initials H.W.J. He came from the Light Horse Regt. and was transferred to us in England.

H.

Inf: Pte A.Goldthorpe. 1949. HQ Co.
No. 8 Stat Hosp.
HOULOGNE. 21.1.18. WO

2nd Battn.
A.Coy.
A.I.F.

Smith.
H.W.J. 630

"Killed 9.4.17"

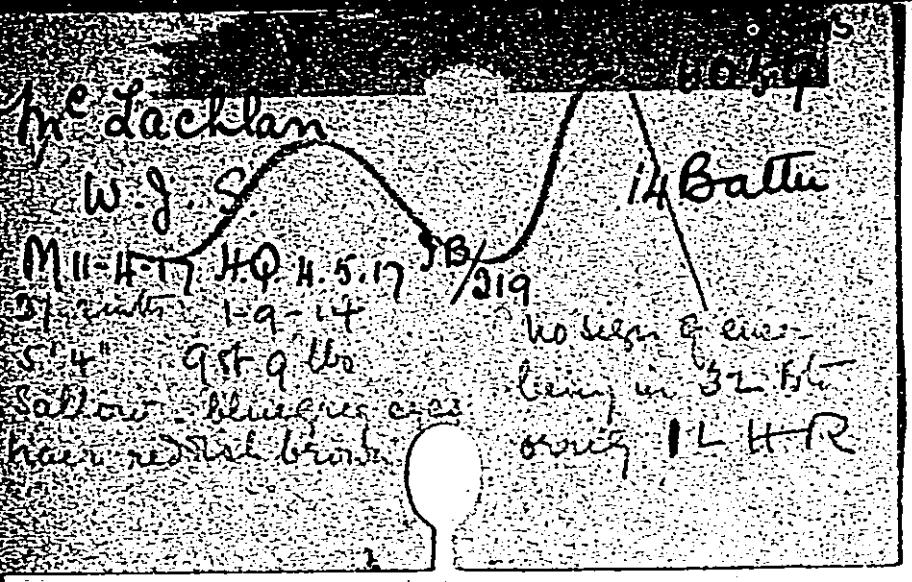
I did not see the casualty and I cannot refer to anyone, for but I assisted to bury him in an old quarry at Hermies and we marked the grave with a cross bearing his number, name and unit. I took a photo of it which I am sending to his people through the Red Cross Society. He was killed by machine gun bullets, at Hermies Village on Easter Monday. I knew him very well.

Informant:- V.J.C.Lewis 2426
2nd Battn. H.Qrs. Pioneers
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
8.3.18.

H.



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McLachlan

W. J. S.

14 Battn

M 11-4-17 H.Q. 4.5.17 JB/219

37 [illegible] 1-9-14

5'4" 9st 9 lbs

Sallow - blue grey eyes

hair reddish brown

no sign of ever-

being in 32 Bn

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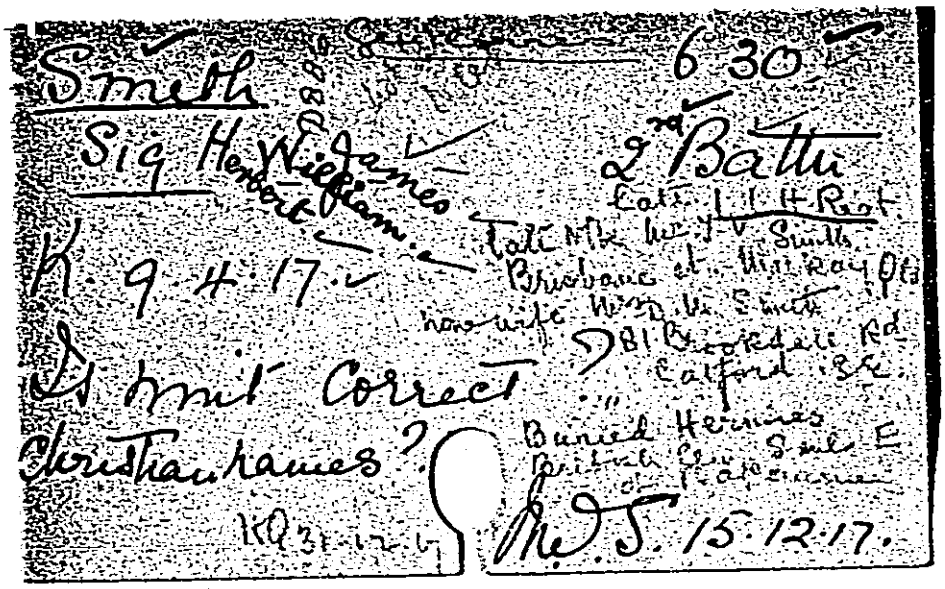

Smith 6 30

Sig Herbert Wilfram James

2nd Batti

Late 1 1 H Rest

Late Mr Wm J V Smith

Brisbane st. Murray Qld

now wife Mrs D. M. Smith

81 Brookdale Rd

Salford S.E.

K. 9. 4. 17.

Is Smit Correct

Christian names?

Buried Hermies

British Cem Smile E

of Papaverine

KQ 31-12-17

M. J. 15. 12. 17.

Smith 630
32 Bk

"10 Sept Oct"

630 in 32 Bk is Sullivan Patrick
[illegible] mason Eng from 1st June to 19th
[illegible] 1917. Cause hernia & att
[illegible] P.C.
621 in 32 Bk is Smith Jos: Frank
[illegible] 1-10-17. His N/K is mother
[illegible] Mary Ann Smith
Mitchell st Bairnsdale
[illegible] 3/4 R Bucc & Rt Hand KA14683.
[illegible] 29-10-17 (buried Vic,
[illegible] is the most probable No among
45 Smiths 621 [illegible] Smith Roy E.
[illegible]