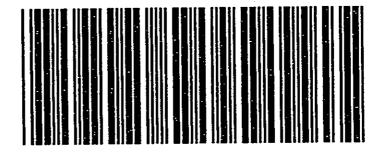
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2794B Private Charles Harold Smelt

10th Battalion



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"M. 19-8-16"

Killed in Action 19-23-8-16 - previously reported Missing Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-7-17.

London

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SHEMT C.H. 2794B

Missing 19/23-8-16

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London 15-3-17 SHELT.C.H. 2794.B.

H. Aug. 19-23.1916.

We knew him as Charlie. He came over with me in the 6th.Reinf. to the 27th.Batt. and we both joined the 10th.Batt. He is in England now in hospital. Pte. Hentzenroder, 27th.Batt, told me he had heard from Smelt to this effect. I do not know which hospital he is in.

Pte. S.J.Eckenzie. 2742. C.Go. 26 den. Etaples. 19.10.1916. Reference:

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и. 19/23.8.16.

His name has appeared in Bn. Orders as a P/W. in Germany. He was taken at Posicres in Aug. I am certain as to his identity. He belonged to D.XIV.

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Reference: Pts.H.A. Chepherd. 2785. D.Co. 1 A.D.B.D.

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(19-23/8/16)

*I saw Smelt killed during an attack beyond Pozieres on the afternoon of August 19th. He was killed by a bullet in the back. I examined him to see if he was dead. He was left in No Man's Land when we retired. He came from Port Adelaide, was Murch of England. He had lost a finger or thumb before he joined up."

> Eye Witness: Yes.

Description:

Pte. John Tatley, 28201B, 10th A. I. F., C. Coy., 1X Pl: 2nd Southern General Hosp; Informant: --Bristol. Southmead,

Home address: -- 79, Daisy Street, Bolton, Lancs.

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SHELT C.H. 2794B.

E. 19/25.8.16. Euckenera L.A. 2601.

We went over into a charge at regions on 23rd.Aug.
Shout 6.0 in the evening. To got across into a trench
some Germans were digging. They were dressed as we were,
with our helmets and jackets. We had a "go" with them.
Some of us got back. I saw the three men whose names are
given in the trench. I am certain as to this. They did
not come back. They were missing at roll-call. They
must be either prisoners or killed. They belonged to 0.Co.

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Reference: Pte.J.H. Watson. 2380B. C.Co. 51 Gen. Hosp.

Eteples. 14.3.17.

SMELT, C.H. 2794.B. McDonnell, P. 2740B.

10th Batn. A. I. F.

"Killed 19th August \$916."

"McDonnell was about 30 yards from me at about 6-20 p.m. on August 21st 1916 (?) during our attack at Monquet Farm when a shell pitched between us but nearer him. We both went down and I never saw him again. Pto. C.V. Kinear 2706, 10th Batn, A.I.F. who is now at Q.M. Stores, Monte Video Camp, Weymouth told me that both McDonnell and Pto. Charlie Smelt had been killed, being both entirely curied by the shell, The ground was about 500 yards behind the German front line and was re-occupied by them. McDonnell's number was 2740B. and his name was Peter. He came from Rosewater, S. Australia. Smelt came with 6th Reinf. of 27th Betn. L. I.F. and was a slight man of about 5'9" from Port Adeliade. They were both in XIV Platoon, of D. Coy.

Informant:-Pte. E.G. Pearman, 2757B, 10th Batn. D. Coy, XIV Platoon, Prisoner of War. A.I.F.

London, A.G. Campbell, 20-1-19.

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Witten Kinear 23.1.19 A. 10th atn.

"Killed in action P.R.P. 22-6-16."

The last I saw of him was on the night of 21st August 1916, when we made an attack at Mouquet farm. I was wounded myself and have not joined the 10th Bath since. I saw several of the 10th Bath, chaps in France during the last year and the only news I could get of him was that he was buried alive, and has not been seen or heard of since. This I was told happened on 22nd August 1916. He was about 5'10" height, brown hair and I will also send a cutting from the Adelaide Chronical which I have had since 1917 Kmas.

Letter from: - Pte. C.V. Kinnear, 2706 10th Aust. Fld. Amb, A.I.F.

London, 51-1-19.

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October 26th

Pin.Mouthenroder. 27th.Satin. A.I.F.

Deer Sir.

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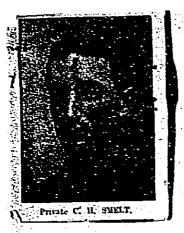
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