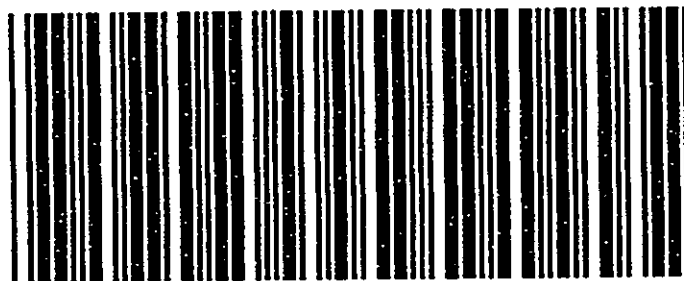


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**1922A Driver  
Charles Hart Smith**

**10th Field Artillery Brigade**



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A.I.F. 10th F.A.B. (HQ)

SMITH  
C.H. 1922A

"D of Wds 14-6-17"?

Died of wounds 14-6-17 - at 77th Fld. Amb.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 1 8-8-17

London  
20-8-17

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10th F.A. Bde.  
A.I.F.

Smith.  
C.H. 1922a

"Died of Wounds"

In answer to your communication respecting the above soldier who died on the 14th June 1917 whilst under medical charge of this unit, I have to inform you that Pte. Smith was suffering from Gun shot wound of the abdomen (penetrating) and that he died quite peacefully after admission.

Letter from 77th Fld Amb.  
France. 25.8.17.

London.  
7.9.17.

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Re: 17th Oct. 1917

FIELD ARTILLERY, A.I.F.

SMITH, C.M. 1922A  
10th Army Bge.

D/W. 14.6.17. Det. D/B.

Driver C.M. Smith of the 110th Howitzers, 10th Bge. was killed at Messines in June and buried in the Military Cemetery at St. Quentin. There is a cross on the grave.

Informant: Dvr. H. Copley, 18672  
4th D.A.C., A.I.F.  
Australian Camp, Neuville.

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A.I.F.  
Field Artillery.

Smith. C.H. 1922A.  
10 Brigade.

(D/W June 14/17)  
Det D/B.

Informant states that at Ploeg Street Smith was killed.  
A Dump was caused to explode and he was loading ammunition  
and got caught."

Eye-witness: No. He heard it in the Orderly Room.

Description:

Informant: Bombadier L.R.M. Langtry.1764.  
10th A.I.F.A.  
3rd London Gen: Hospital.  
Wandsworth. Ward B.7.

29.10.17.  
Ethel A. Woolmer.

*Written to Adjutant*  
*8-11-17*

10th Bgde.  
A.F.A.

Smith.  
C. H. 1922A

"Died of Wounds 14.6.17"

I was told by my mates that Dvr. Smith (10 Bgde. 110 How. Bty.) was badly wounded in June at Messines, when a dump was blown up by a German shell. I think he died of wounds at a dressing station. Our Battery Clerk Bomb. L.R. Brown (10 Bgde. 110 How. Bty.) could give all particulars. Ground was held.

Eye-witness: No.

Description: Single, little, small build, narrow face, 5ft.  
I can give no particulars as to home etc.

Informant:- Cpl. Ernest McIntyre 483

10th Bgde. A.F.A. 110th How. Bty.

Home address:

3rd Southern Gen. Hospital. Oxford.

Market St., Babranald, N.S.W.

12. Nov. 1917.

H.M. Pickard-Cambridge.

London.

29.11.17. Note Written Bomb. Brown 22.11.17.

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4th Divisional Artillery.  
110th How. Bat'y. 10 P.A.B. 1st  
late 112 How. B'ty. late 24th L.H.

SMITH C.H. Divr.  
No. 1922. a

"Died of wounds. 14/6/17."

Informant described Smith as about 5ft 2inches high, nuggety build, fair complexion, aged about 25. Left Australia in the "Osterley" with Informant.

Informant states that on 14/6/17 the 110th Howitzer Battery to which both Smith and Informant belonged were at Messines in action. At about 10 a.m. at a place called Souvenir Dump Pleugstreet Smith was unloading ammunition. Informant was engaged carrying despatches and while he was at the dump a shell came over and blew up the dump. There were a number of Casualties and Informant saw Smith actually killed. Someone took his disc. He was buried in a cemetery not far from Pleugstreet and Informant saw his grave over which a cross had been erected.

Informant added that he knew Smith very well. They went from Australia in the same boat and shared the same hut and dugout for about 6 months on the River Somme. He was well thought of by his mates.

Informant: Gunner A.W. Duff, No. 11467, 110th How. Bty.  
Home address: Williams Street, Canterbury.

W.E.G.  
No 4 A.G.H. Sydney  
26/2/18.

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25th March 1918.

10th A.F.A. 110 Batty.

Smith Driver C.H. 1922 A.

D/W 14th June 1917. Det D/B.

I was told by Driver B. Ingram (of 10 Bgde 110th Batty) on 14th June that Smith was killed in a dump explosion - a shell striking the ammunition - he was buried at the British Military Cemetery, Kandahar, near Neuve Eglise. Ingram was witness of the explosion. It happened at Wulverghem, Messines. I knew Smith, he was very short, fair, and came from Sydney.

Inf:- Sdr L.R. Brown No. 4561.  
10th A.F.A. 110th Batty.  
Australien Camp.  
Rouelles.

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~~M.~~ C.W.S.



4th Divisional Artillery  
110th Howitzer Battery, 10 P.A.B.  
late 112th Howitzer Battery  
Late 1-L.Horse-----

SMITH, Driver,  
C.H. No. 1922.

"D/V 14.6.1917"

I knew Smith well; he was in the 110th Howitzer Battery with me soon after it was formed. He had been in the Light Horse and then in the 112th Howitzer Battery. He was very short, thick-set, fair complexion and was a Driver. He was wounded early in the Messines stunt at Wolvegem on the left of Messines. He was blown up at a dump. I saw him at the Dressing Station at Wolvegem. I spoke to him and thought he would recover. He was taken away to hospital. About 4 or 5 days later the official report came through that he had died of his wounds.

Informant;- AMBLER, Driver R.A. 130, 4th Div. Artillery,  
110th Howitzer Battery, 10 P.A.B.

Home address;-  
Lue, Mudgee, N.S.Wales.

12.4.1918  
No.4 Australian General Hospital,  
RANDWICK.  
H.S.O.

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Sydney  
SYDNEY BUREAU.

(22-11-17)

Bomb. L. R. Brown

110 Howitzer Bty.

10<sup>th</sup> Bde. C. 7. A.

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1922<sup>A</sup>

Pt. C. H. Smith

Anti-Field Artillery ~~2. 7. 7.~~

10<sup>th</sup> Bde.

D/W. 14-6-17.

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O C's draft<sup>20.8.17</sup>

To the O C ~~Campana~~  
44th Field Artillery  
P. E. F.

About  
1922 apte C. H. Smith  
10th Field Artillery Brigade  
P. E. F.

Died of wounds.  
14.6.17.

British Expeditionary Force,  
F r a n c e .

25th August, 1917.  
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Dear Madam,  
1928a Pte. C. H. Smith. 10th F.A. Bde., A.I.F.

In answer to your communication respecting the above soldier who died on the 14th June, 1917, whilst under medical charge of this unit, I have to inform you that Pte. Smith was suffering from a gun-shot wound of the abdomen (penetrating) and that he died quite peacefully shortly after admission.

Regarding the place of burial, I must refer you to:-

Director of Graves Registration & Enquiries,  
War Office, Winchester House,  
St. James' Square,  
L o n d o n, W.

who, I have no doubt, will supply this information.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut-Col. R.A.M.C.  
Commandg. 77th Field Ambulance.  
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To:- The Secretary,  
Australian Red Cross Socy.,  
54 Victoria St.,  
LONDON, S.W.

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November 9th, 1917.

The Adjutant,  
10 Australian Field Artillery Brigade,  
A. I. F., E. E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Sydney Bureau to make enquiries concerning No 1922A C.E. SMITH,  
10th F. Artillery Brigade,  
A.I.F.

who died of wounds 14.6.17. Our enquiries up to date have met with very little definite information of this soldier's death and burial until one of our informants told our Searcher recently that he had heard in the Orderly Room details of the manner in which Gunner Smith had met his death.

We hesitate to trouble you in this matter, but on behalf of our anxious enquirers we feel we must make every effort to get definite news, and we ask you therefore if you have any official records of Gunner Smith's death <sup>which you</sup> can help us in the matter?

Apologising for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

Note. We have been informed by various C.O's and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and we trust you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.