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# 2279 Sergeant Charles Ernest Sladen (Charles Ernest Smith)

## 52nd Battalion



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Sgt. ~~E. C.~~ C P SMITH, 2279.

Missing 3/4.9.16.

He belonged to A Co. At Mouquet Farm I saw him killed by a shell during the attack. I do not know if his body was recovered. He was aged about 26, stood 5 ft.10 and had been a sailor. He was fair haired.

Reference: Sgt. C. D. Huxley, 2243.
No.6 General, Rouen. 12.1.17.

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SMITH, Sgt.E.G. 2279.

W.& M. Sept.3-4.1916.

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Cpl.W.C.Geeves, LV Pl,A.Co.,was with him when he was badly wounded at Moquet Farm on Sept.4th. Geeves is in hospital in England somewhere. He could give further information.

References: Pte. S.G.Bould, 3896,A.Co.
No 4 A.D.B.D.
Etaples. 16.1.17.

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Written Cpl Geeves 24.1.17

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52nd BATT. A.I.F. A. SMITH. Sgt ~~E.C.~~ 2279.

K.Sept 3-4th.1916.

He was in A.Coy and C.was one of his initials. He was missing in the attack at Mouquet Farm on Sept 3rd. Not very many of us got into the trench and he was one of those who never reached it, for I was one of the few who got to the trench. So he must have been killed going across. It was not possible to get in all the dead who were lying between the two trenches for the ground was very exposed. We held the trench we had taken till we were relieved.

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Ref ---Pte Whittle. 3194.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital

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Le Treport. June 13th.1917