

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2485 Private
Cyril Thomas Smith**

56th Battalion



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A.I.F.
56th Bn.

SMITH
Cyril Thomas 2485

CANCELLED
Killed in action 22.9.17.

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

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Case of Cancellation	Cause	Unit	Name
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SMITH Cyril T. 2458.

This man was killed a week ago at Glencorse Wood, while we were in supports (25th. Sept.) A shell blew him up and killed him outright. His right thigh was badly smashed and he died soon after being hit. I buried his body that same day, over the parades, about 10 yards from where he was killed. This was right in Glencorse Wood. I knew him well in the Bn. He came from Bungendore, N.S.W. We used to call him the Bungendore Tiger. I took a ring from his finger to hand to his brother (ring handed to me and attached to report: SA.) I put a little rough cross on his grave with his name, number and Bn. written on it in indelible pencil.

SA.

Reference: Pte. O.T. Moss. 2221. B.Co.
26 Gen.Hpl.

Etaples.
2.10.17

*W. K. Laura Smith
Bungendore.
N. S.W.*

A. I. F. 56.

SMITH, C.T. 2485.

K. September 23rd, 1917.

He was killed at Glencorse Wood on September 23rd by a shell while in our original front line. I was with him at the time and saw his dead body, after the shell burst. The body was buried near by. His brother was present and put a little cross on his grave. I saw the burial. He was a L/gunner in V pl. B.Coy.

SA.

Reference:- C.A. Plucknott. 3565. B.Coy.
Tingry.

Identity cert. from Battn records.

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3.1.18.

56th Battn.
A.I.F.

Smith.
C.T. 2485

"Killed 23.9.17"

R.C. Smith 2487 C.Coy. his brother was with him and can give full particulars. They are my cousins I was in another Coy. and on a different sector. Ru wrote and told me when I was in hospital that C.T. was killed on night of 23rd in front of Polygon Wood and that a burial party went out.

Witness:- Sgt. P. Warrington 2512
56th Battn. D.Coy.

W.A. Sand

Hut 20. Westham.

London.
24.1.18.

Note Written R.C. Smith 16.1.18.

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56th Battn.
D.Coy., 5th Pltn.
A.I.F.

SMITH
C.T. 2485

"Killed 23.9.17a"

I saw him killed at Polygon Wood. He was killed by concussion. The shell landed quite close to him but he was not marked in any way. Casualty happened in an old trench quite close to the front line. He was buried at place of casualty I saw the grave which was marked with a cross bearing his number, name, and Unit.
I knew him very well, he came from N.S. Wales.

Witness:-

Lt. T. Oppy 1713

56th Battn D.Coy., 5th Pltn.

3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford

W. Oman
London.
24.1.18

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56th Battn.
A.I.F.

SMITH.
C.T. 2486.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 23.9.17"

Re 2485. C. T. Smith, who was killed in action on 23.9.17.
I was with my brother when he met his fate. I saw him die, he was killed by concussion. He was killed in the field by three of his mates about ten yards behind the trench. They erected a little cross in memory of him, bearing his name & number at the head of his grave, so as it could be identified. My brother was a dark featured man, with brown eyes, his height was four feet six inches.

Letter from:- R. C. Smith. 2489;
B. Coy.
56th B.A.I.F.
25/1/18.

Note:- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London.
5.3.18.

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56th Battalion, A.I.F.
5th Reinforcements.

SMITH,
Pte. C.T. No. 2485.

"Killed in Action 23.9.17."

Informant described Smith as about 5 ft 8 inches high, well built, brown moustache, aged about 38 or over.

Informant states that Smith was in the Battalion Transport while he, (Informant), was attached to Brigade Headquarters. On 23.9.17 the Battalion was either in the line, or coming out of it at Polygon Wood. Smith was coming along the Menin Road near Hooge, escorting some mules when Informant saw a shell explode near him killing him at once together with one of the mules. At the time Informant was standing at the Headquarters about 30 yards away. Smith was then taken away and in the opinion of Informant was buried at Ypres.

Informant: Private G.F. Kerry, No. 3825.
Attached to 14th Brigade Headquarters
56th Battalion.

Home address: 121 Catherine Street, Leichhardt.

W.F.G.

27.3.18.

4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

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A.I.F.
56th. Battalion. 5th. Reinforcements.

C. T. Smith.
No. 2485.

"Killed in Action 23/9/17."

I knew 2 brothers named Smith in the Lewis Gun Section, Cyril and Reuben were their names. About the 23rd. September 17, we were in the support trenches in the Ypres section. A shell burst in the trench which knocked Reuben Smith and me down and killed Cyril Smith outright. He was buried near the trench. This was somewhere near Glencorse Wood.

Informant:- O. Bevan 3101,
56th. Battalion.

Coast Hospital,
Little Bay,
25/7/18.
B.M.

J.E.A.

C. Smith

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56th BATTALION.
5th Reinforcements.

SMITH. C. T. 2485.

KILLED. 23-9-17.

Cecil Smith was on a Lewis Gun with me at Ypres on the 23rd September, 1917. A shell burst and killed him outright, and wounded me very severely. I was able to speak to him before they took me to the Dressing Station, but he was absolutely dead and said nothing.

Smith was a little nuggetty fellow, medium complexion. He had a brother called Reuben.

Informant:- E. Kersley, 2199.
56th Battalion.
"H." Ward.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.

A.B.M.
29-8-18.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

NOTE:- There is also 9722 W. C. Smith, but Kersley is certain 2485 C. T., is the man he speaks of.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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R P SMITH

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P. W.

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P. T. SMITH

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C.T. SMITH
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23.9.17
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The Sec, Aus Red Cross
Mrs Vera Deakin

Yours of the 16th inst. to
Grand, Re inquiries for my late
Brother, 2485. C.T. Smith who was
killed in action on 23.9.17.
I was with my Brother when he
met his fate, I saw him, did
he was killed by concussion,
He was buried in the field by
three of his mates about ten
yards behind the trench, They
erected a little cross in memory
of him, bearing his name + number
at the head of his grave, so as it
could be identified, My Brother was
a dark featured man with brown
eyes, his height was four feet six inches

Trusting these particulars will satisfy
your inquiries

Yours faithfully

R. C. Smith 2489

B. Coy

56th A. S. S.

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2489 Pte. R. C. Smith,
B. Coy, 56th Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force, Abroad.

February 4th, 1918.

Dear Pts. Smith,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning your brother.

2485 C. T. SMITH, 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

We offer you our deep sympathy in the loss you have sustained but feel sure your people will be comforted to know that you were with your brother at the last.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

Flora K. E. St George
L. B.