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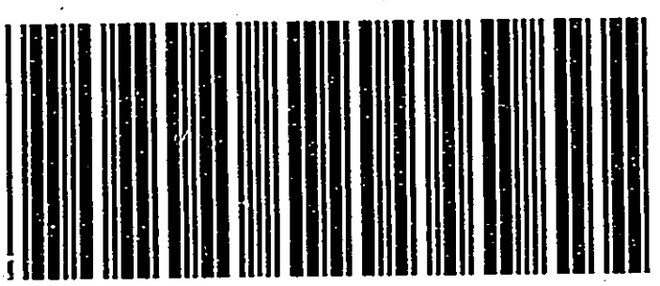
12407 Gunner Albert Charles Edward Smith

4th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 4th F.A.B.

SMITH
Arthur C.E. 12407

"E/A. parties"

Killed in action 18-9-18 - Buried Roisel Communal cemetery 6¾ miles. S.E. of Peronne.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 18-12-18.

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4th. A. F. A. Smith. A. C. E. 12407.

K. September 18/1918. Det. D/B.

He was in the 11th.Batty., and came from Tasmania. He was killed outright by shell fire at Roiselles. His body was recovered and buried at the back of the gun position at Roiselles.

Inf:- Gnr. G. Howard. 6605,
4th. A. F. A. 11th. Batty.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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RRB.

4th BRIGADE.
Aust: Field Artillery.

A.C.E. SMITH.
12407.

K 19-9-19

He was in the 11th Battery and was known as Darky - he was dark, short, very quiet and a gunner and acted as runner.

About 5 a.m. just before our Templeux bombardment while Smith was working on the guns a shell landed near by and killed him outright. His body showed no evidence of the wounds and it would seem that he was shot through the heart. Witness was only about 3 yards off and saw the whole thing. Of the party of 8 only Smith was killed. Witness saw his body being taken down to the waggon lines where it was buried the same day. These were about 2 miles back and a pal of the witness told him he was at the burial and the Brigade Chaplain officiated.

Witness:- Gunner B. Crookston, No. 6932.
4th Brigade Aust: Field Artillery.

Home address:- Myers Street,
BENDIGO. VICTORIA.

Major F. de V. Lamb.
H.M.T. "EURIPIDES".
19.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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4th BRIGADE
Australian Field Artillery.

A.C.E. SMITH.
12457.

K 19-9-F

He was short, very dark, black hair, about 25.26 and was in the 11th Battery.

While with the guns he was killed in front of Gibraltar on the Hindenburg Line. Witness saw his body the same morning just behind the gun and helped to prepare it for burial. The men on the gun told him he had been killed outright. He was buried that afternoon in the Civilian Cemetery at Roiselle, witness sending the fatigue party to carry out the work. The grave was dug by Bombardier Broomhead (Vic) and Gunner Mackell (N.S.W.) who were both still with the Unit when witness left; after the stunt the guns moved forward.

Witness:- Sergeant T.S. Lambie, No. 1028.
11th Battery Aust: Field Artillery.

Home address:- WATCHEM. VICTORIA.

Major F. de V. Lamb.
H.M.T."EURIPIDES".
24.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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J.F.A.

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11th Battery A.F.A. SMITH GNR. A.C.E.
12407

Killed Sept 18-'18

I saw Smith immediately after he was hit. He fell right across the gun. He was hit in the back of the neck and the back (Lung). He was killed ont right. He was buried in the French Cemetery at Roisel. I did not see his grave.

Inf. S.H.Armstrong (Dvr) 7440
11th Battery A.F.A.

Home address:- Denilliquin, N.S.W.

P?Greif.
H.M.A.T.Ypiranga
28-5-19

11th Battery A.FA. SMITH GNR A.C.E.
12407

Killed Sept 18-'18

I did not see Smith killed but I made his cross with his name on it and Quarter Master Palin of our Battery erected the cross, on the grave in the French Cemetery at Roisel

Inf.. 25601 Cnr. Kittall L.J.
11th Battery A.FA.
Home address Leichardt N.S.W.

P.Greif
H.M.A.T.Ypiranga
29-5-19

4th F.A.B. SMITH, A.C.K.

Kld. in act. 18.9.18. Gnr. No. 12497

"was killed whilst on duty at his gun on Sept. 18th 1918. Death was instantaneous. He was buried in Roisel Cemetery beside Gnr. Watt and Bdr. Lowe of the 2nd D.A.C. Padre Tinge read the burial service and last post was sounded by Trump. Lacey."

Informant:- Bdr. T.F. Brownhead.
No. 6916.

Private address
14 Tara Street,
Upper Hawthorn.

Cpl. Gray
H.M.A.T. Nunic.
10.6.19.

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11th Battery

SMITH GNR A.C.E. 12407

Killed Sept 18'18

Gunner Smith was killed on the morning of 18th Sept at Templeux He was carrried to the French Cemetery near Roisel and was buried there. I helped to put him in the blanket for burial but was not present at the burial.

Inf. Cpl. Bretnall R. 6924
11th Battery A.F.A

Home address May Rd.
Toorak Vict.

P.Greif
H.M.A.T.Ypiranga.
28-5-19

4th F.A.B.
11th Btry.

SMITH, A.C.E.
12407.

K. in act. 18/9/18.

During the Battle of Hindenburg Outpost Line on September 18th, 1918, we were covering 1st Division Infantry, between Templeux and Roisel about 4.45 a.m. Smith was hit on the left side of the chest with a piece of shell and killed instantly. I was on the same gun and saw him immediately after. He was later on buried at the Military Cemetery at Roisel and cross was erected. He was of medium build, short and of very dark complexion, about 23 years of age, and single. He came from Tasmania and joined the Battery at La Boisselle in February, 1917. Was a quiet chap and kept to himself and was popular amongst his mates."

Private address:-
"Glenairli"
Sterne Street,
North Goulburn, N.S.W.

Informant:- Pte. W. S. McFadzen,
No. 2897.

C.B.Sweeny.
H.M.A.T."Chemnitz"
5/9/19.