

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1623 Private
Albert Edward Smith

2nd Battalion



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France.

A. I. P. 2.

SMITH, A. E. 1523.

K/24th. July 1916.

I saw him lying dead in the open at Pozieres after the advance. Blood was flowing from his body. I was coming back wounded. I am sure he was dead. He was in my platoon, and I knew him well. That is his number. I don't know whether he was brought in or not.

Reference: Glensanning, 1554.
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
3.11.16.
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A.I.F. 2.

SMITH A.E. 1623.

K. 24.7.16.

On the morning of the 24th. when we were at Pozieres, I saw A.E. Smith lying dead on the back of the trench with his skull blown in. This trench was the first line of German one which we took after going over the top. They were burying the men on the spot and Smith would be buried there. ROP.

Reference: Pte. Walton. 1432. D. S/B.
1 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
5.1.17.

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France.

A. I. P. 2.

SMITH, A.S. 1623.

R/July 24th. 1916.

We went over at Pozieres; took a village, and then dug in at the first line of German trenches. I saw him killed while attempting to get into the German trench from which he was about three yards away when the top of his head was blown off.

Reference: Walton, R.F. 1432, D. S/B.,
No. 26 General.

Etaples.
23.1.17.
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2nd Battn., A.I.F.

SMITH, A.E.
1623. Pte.

KILLED IN ACTION. 24/7/16.

I knew Smith personally very well - we went away together. He was hit by a piece of shell about mid-day on the day after the charge at Pozieres when we were digging in. He was one of the best fellows in the Company, and well liked.

George McKelvey was standing by him at the time, and he told me.

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