

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5478 Private
David Raymond Smith**

22nd Battalion



2540303H

22nd A.I.F.

Smith D.R. 5478 A Coy. I Pltn.

(K. Oct. 3rd 1917. Dets. D/B)

"Smith was 'on the tape' in a shell hole on Oct. 4th, just before the advance near Gonnberg Ridge, and was killed by a shell."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Very young, dark.

Informant: W Storey 5467, 22nd A.I.F.
Glandon Park Hospital, Guildford.

Home address:

23.4.18.

K. Wood.

M

A.I.F. 22nd Btn 14th Rfts (H. Q.)
not 10th Btn

SMITH
David Raymond 5478

"W. Feb-March"

No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 21-4-17 -

Suffering from Gun shot wound scalp - slight

Discharged furlough ex Southwark 4-4-17 to 19-4-17 to
report to No. 1 Command Depot
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 19-4-17.

M.

London
24-4-17.

A.I.F. 22 Bat.

Smith, D.R. 5476

K. Oct. 3/18.

I knew him well. We came over together, and I used to visit him and his wife at home.

The day Smith was killed we were just going up to do a stunt at Hell-Fire corner, when a shell burst killed Smith instantly.

I do not know where he is buried, for I did not see him again.

Inf: Doolan, priv. J.F. No. 5340, 22 Bat.

G.F.G.

Testham Camp,

27/1/18.

M.

J.F.

22nd Btn.

SMITH, D.R.
Pte. No. 5478

Kid. in act. 3.10.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, slightly built, dark complexion about 22 years of age. Casualty was on a machine gun section on the 3.10.17. He was holding the line in front of Brood saine Lake. An H.E. shell exploded on top of the trench killing Casualty instantly. I immediately went to his assistance, but I only found pieces of him which were all that were left. He was so severely wounded that we were not able to bury him."

Informant:- Sgt. R.F. Gilbert
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T.C.F.
27.6.19.

R.F.

M
Gibbert

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