

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**25442 Private
Ernest Smith**

49th Battalion



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A.I.F. 49th Btn
late Art: 3rd Bgde

E. SMITH
25442

"MISSING"

Killed in action (C/E) 26-9-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 4-3-18.

London
6-3-18

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

Smith
E. 25442

"Missing 26.9.17"

Smith was a mate of mine and at Godersveldt I saw another 49th man a private, who told me his name like Bateman or Jakeman - (a tall spare man with black moustache) - he was not a patient at the hospital and he had left Codford B.T.B. No 4 Camp about Dec. 28th. This man told me in response to my enquiries that Smith was alright when he last saw him in October and that he was then with the Company. This interview took place on Nov. 2nd.

Witness:-

B. Hobbs 25456
12th A.B. A.F.A. P.S.
Westham.

W.A. Rand

London.

19.12.17.

Note No trace Bateman or Jakeman
Hospital Index 17.12.17.

B.

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

Smith.
E. 25442

"Missing 26.9.17"

I did not see him killed but in a general discussion amongst us afterwards some of the men said they saw him killed. I cannot refer to any one particularly.

Witness:-

W. Colquhoun 1632

49th Battn. B. Coy.

Hut 9 Westham.

W.A. Rand

London.

17.1.18.

B.

49th Battn.
B.Coy.
A.I.F.

SMITH,
E. 25442

"Missing 26.9.17."

I saw him wounded near Ypres. I saw him fall over into a shell hole, and as I rushed passed him he appeared to be unconscious. Casualty happened during our attack upon the enemy positions there. I knew him very well, he came from Queensland. I do not know place of burial, but refer to Pte. Syd. Hodge, 49th Battn, B.Coy, who is now in France, he saw the casualty, and can I feel sure give full details.

Informant: - L/Cpl. W.W. Harvison, 6457,
49th Battn, B.Coy,
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
28.2.18.

NOTE Written Hodge 26.2.18.

B.

49th Batta.
late 3rd Art. Bgde.
A.I.F.

Smith.
E. 25442

"Killed in Action 26.9.17"

Re Pte. E. Smith. I beg to state that I was in the same objective section as him and knew him well, but as far as I can remember he was a lad of about 20 years, fair complexion, beardless, 5'10" and a fresh looking face, straight hair, also a few teeth missing in the front. Sorry to say this is as much as I can remember.

Letter from:- 3062 Pte. S.V. Hodge
B.C y. 49th Batta.
France 7.3.18.

London.
16.3.18.

B.

FRANCE.

49th BATT. A.I.F.

SMITH. E. 25442. (Late F.A.)

K. Sept 26th. 1917. det.

I am his brother in law. He lived at Kelvin Grove, Brisbane. I obtained all particulars from his officer whom I went to see and I wrote to his mother afterwards. He was killed while scouting in the Ypres Sector. Later his body was found and buried close to where he fell.

WSI.

N.W.

Ref ---Pte W.P. Clayton. 4106.
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. August 8th. 1918

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13th. August. 1918.

49th. Australians.

Smith, E. 25442.
(Late. F. Art.)

K. September 26/1917. Dets. D/B.

He came from Arm Street, Kelvingrove, Brisbane & lived with his Mother. I am his Brother-in-Law & have written his Mother the particulars of his death. He was on scout duty on the 26th. September about Passchendaele & he was killed by a shell. The body was found a long time afterwards & buried but did not know where.

Inf:- W. P. Clayton. 4106.
Hospital Ship.

B Ed
Eng. Sater.

WEB.

GP.

25/2/189

PG Sja. Hodge

B Coy 49 Bn

A.D.F.

Abroad

about

25/11/2

PG E. Smith

49 Bn

A.D.F.

M. Sept 26/7

GW

26.2.8

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WR 3/18
PE 12/18

25442

E. SMITH.

#9 Battr
late 3 Artillery Brigade of France.
K/A. 26.9.17 7/3/18.

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Yours
The Sec.

W. M. G. B.

Aust. Branch, R. & C. S.
36 Grosvenor Place
London.

Dear Madam.

Yours of 26th Feb re
details of Pte. E. Smith 25442. H. 9th B. A. T. F.
reported missing 26/9/17.
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same section as him & knew
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5ft 10 ins. & a fresh looking face,
straight hair, also a few teeth missing
in the front. Sorry to see this is as
much as I can remember. Hoping this
will assist you in proving his identity.

Yours truly,

3062. The R. & C. S.
"3" Coy. 49th Bn. H. I. F.