

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5184 Lance Corporal
Edward Kensett Smith**

3rd Battalion



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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

SMITH.
L/Cpl. Edward Kensett. 5184.

Killed in Action 14-4-18"

Sgt Morgan has called to say he can give no information
whatever.

M.I.S.
London.
7-1-19.

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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

SMITH.
L/Cpl Edward Kensett. 5194.

"Killed in Action 14-4-18"

Buried at E.11. A.6.2. Sheet 36A. and a cross was erected to his
memory. 2250 yards S.W. of Merris.

N/X Brother: S M.A. Smith.

Via Canadian Lead.

Mudgee.

Gilgong. N.S.W.

Cert: by M.A. Searcher at Hqrs 7-1-19.

London.
17-1-19.

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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

SMITH,
E.K. 5184.

"Killed in Action 14-4-18"

We had been to the Company Headquarters 8 pm. Sunday night - just the two of us and were returning to the post, just behind our front line at Strazeele. We were on the Strazeele Road, half way between village and railway station when a shell burst in front of both of us, killing Smith instantly. I could see him fall in a cramped position. I myself was blown several yards away and lost my left leg. I managed to crawl along side of him, having called out to him before. He never answered and he was dead. I was taken on a machine limber to Dressing Station. As I moved off, S/B were standing round Smith's body. I have been told since he was buried in Berre Cemetery. He was a reinforcement in my Company. We called him "Smithy". He would be about 21 or 22. He was a Battalion Lewis Gun man.

Informant: - West A.E. 12E44.

T. St. J. P. P.
London.
11-10-18.
M.I.S.

3rd Battalion, A.I.F.
SOUTHALL.

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A.I.F. 3rd Battn.

SMITH
E.K. 5184

"Killed 14/4/18."

He was a Lance Corporal and in A. Company. He was killed outright by sniper's bullets in head at Strazelle near Hazebrouck in the early morning by an attack from the enemy. He was Coy Clerk for "A" Coy and through he was supposed to be back at Coy Headquarters, he was so keen that he went forward to have a go. I think he was buried on the field there. Refer to Sgt. Morgan O/R Sgt., 3rd Battn., Headquarters. I knew Smith personally in New South Wales in Bank of New South Wales, Mardgee Branch. He was a good sport and always popular being recognised as one of best Company Clerks the Battalion ever had. I often had yarns with him about pre-War days and have played football with him; he played a good game of football with the Battalion. I have written to his Mother about his death.

Informant:- 4167 Pte. P.J. Dykes,
B. Coy, 3rd Battn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

M. Priddle.
London
16.11.18.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Sgt. Morgan 13.11.18.

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A.I.F.
3rd BATTALION.

SMITH, Lance Corporal
E.K. - 5184.

"KILLED 14/4/18."

Smith was killed when the Germans broke through at Hazebouck in April. We were hanging on and fighting hard when Smith, who was Acting Company Clerk, and was coming up the road to the lines and was shot through the head. He was killed at once. I would like to hear from Smith's people.

Informant - Sergeant J.W. Hillard - 3091.
11 Park Street,
BRISKINEVILLE.

J.V.M.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

30/9/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU. S

J.V.M.

3rd Battalion. A.I.F.

SMITH, E.K., L/Corporal. 5184.

"KILLED. 14.4.18."

Smith was in A Company, of which Company I was Company-Sergeant-Major. He was of medium height, dark complexion, medium build, and he was about 20 years. We called him "Kensitt".

On the 14th April, when defending at Strassels, Smith and I were sniping Fritz. He was on the ground a few feet from me, when one of Fritz's snipers located us and hit Smith with a bullet in the head which killed him outright. The same man got me just afterwards. I was trying to get his (Smith's) papers &c. when they hit me. He was a very fine boy.

INFORMANT; R. East, 1492,

"G" Ward,

No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

B.H.

No.4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.

5.11.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Smith

Perkins

S184

Edw. Kinsell Lipe

3 Blm

^{He was} K. H. H. 1871 Buried at E. 11. A. 6. 2. Street 36 A
and a cross erected to his memory.

Burial?

Street 36 A 2250 yds S.W. of Meris 4-9 7. 1. 19.

card in cd box

Mother M. A. Smith
Via Canadian Lead
MUDGEE Gilpin N.S. W
Nov. 6 11. 19.

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O/R Sgt Morgan
H. Q. 3rd Btlie
A. I. F

Abnd
5184 P. C. K. Smith
3rd Btlie
A. I. F

K 14.4.18

Written 13.11.18
M.S.L.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

O/R. Sgt Morgan
H. Q 3 Batta.
A.I.F.

Mile to
Capt C. Howie. M.C.
Adjutant 3rd Bn.
B.E.F.

11.11.18

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

5184 Pte E. K. Smith 3rd Batta - A.I.F.

Reported Killed 14.4.18

Shogale
Hace

and have been told that you may be able to help us by
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short
description of his personal appearance or any points that
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

two cancelled "Suff"
not written to Adj. I.F.
for Journal to H.Q.
M.D.S.
K.M.B.S. 6.1.19.

O/R. Sgt Morgan

Knows nothing personally.

He was with the line - suggests writing Capt Howie

with a good deal of success - will see you in the course of the

you are - possibly through

will see you - possibly through

will speak to you about
this on my return
Mr. Alston