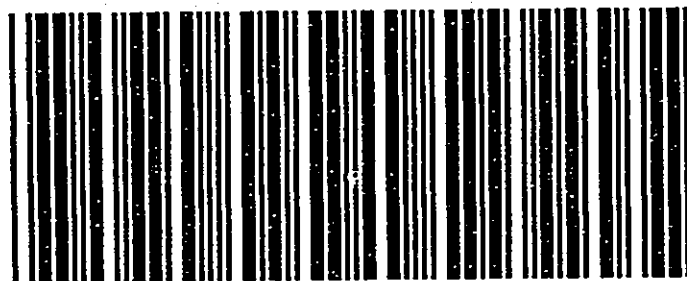


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**462 Private
Edwin Richardson
Smith**

22nd Battalion



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22nd. Battn. A. I. F.

SMITH S. E. R.
462.

"Killed 25.8.16"

Smith should be marked B. Coy.

Reference:- Smith S. 1043. B. Coy. 22nd. Battn.
2nd. Australian Auxiliary Hospital
Southall.

J. W. C.
London.
13.3.17.

M.

22nd Batt.
A.I.F.,

E.R.

SMITH

462

"Killed 26/8/16"

He was killed on morning of 26th ^{August} ~~July~~ by same shell as hit me and lay alongside me dead about 200 yards from the cement building at Pozieres. Was told by L/Cpl J. Findlay of 6th M.G.C. that he was buried there. Smith was of the 6th M.G.Co. reserve. He was a bank clerk at Colac. Was called "Fat Smith" a very nice fellow. There was a cross on his grave.

Reference:- 2248 A. Griffiths,
6th M.G.C. of 6th Brg. A.I.F.
Harefield Hospital,
24.1.17

Note: Written L/Cpl Findlay - 26.1.17.

London
27.1.18

M.

22nd Batt.
A.I.F.,

SMITH
E.R. 462

"K. in A. 26.8.16"

I knew E.R. Smith well and I am very sorry to say that it is only too true that he was killed on the 26.8.16. It was the second time in at Pozieres and they were just going through the village, going up to the line to relieve another crew when he was killed. There was four men in the crew and two was killed and both of them were named Smith, E.R. Smith was killed instantaneously but the other one J.B. Smith died on the way to the dressing station. E.R. Smith was buried in Pozieres and our O.C. got a cross put up on his grave. I am sorry to say that I cannot give you a detailed description of him but I think the following points will help his people and show that no mistake has been made. Pte E.R. Smith 462 was originally in B.Co. 22nd Batt. and came into our coy. at Varennes in July last year a few days before we went into Pozieres the first time. We always knew him as Fat Smith as he was of stout build. In private life he was a Bank clerk and worked both at Hamilton and Colac. I think this is about all I can tell you about him, but can assure his parents that no mistake was made. If his parents would like to know any more they could either write or call and see Pte Griffiths

22nd Batt.
A.I.F.,

SMITH
E.R. 462

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No 5 Canning Street, North Melbourne, Victoria who was wounded at the same time and by the same shell that killed Pte Smith and who has since gone back to Australia. Hoping that this description will help to satisfy his relatives.

Cert. by letter from J Findlay,
France.
11.2.17.

London
26.2.17

H.

Havre

5th June, 1917

22nd AUSTRALIANS

SMITH, E.R. 462
Smith, J.H. 3944

K. 26.8.16 Det. D/B.

They were in B Co. They had been in my platoon, the 7th but were transferred to the 6th Brigade Machine Guns about June, 1916, Pte. Ronald Cox of the 22nd battalion, B Co., M.G.S. who was on the same gun as they told me that they were killed in August, 1916. Cox is with his unit.

Informant: Bergt. G. Walker, 1048
22nd Australians, B Co., 6th Pltn. formerly
Australian Camp, Rouelles, 7 Ptn.

J.E. Smith came from Melbourne.
E.R. Smith came from a County District
in Victoria. I knew them very well,
and recognise their initials.
-Walker.

RDM

Wentworth Pa Co 23.6.17

ack
Feb. 22, 1917

France

11/2/17

Dear Miss Deakin

I received your letter of Feb 5th making enquiries about Pte E. R. Smith yesterday. I knew E. R. Smith well and I am very sorry to say that it is only too true that he was killed on the 26/8/16. It was the second time in at Pozieres & they were just going through the village going up to the line to relieve another crew when ~~he~~ he was killed. There was four other in the crew & two was killed & both of them were named Smith. E. R. Smith was killed instantaneously but the other one J. B. Smith died on the way to the dressing station. E. R. Smith was buried in Pozieres & our O. C. got a cross put up on his grave. I am sorry to say that I cannot give you a detailed description of him.

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Yours Truly
J. Finlay.

462 E. R. Smith

K.A. 26.8.16

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~~RONALD COX~~ / B. G. MBS
22 Batta AIF
B E F

~~Cox~~

462. E. R. SMITH
3944 J. W. SMITH
22 Batta AIF

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HOSPITAL

5th February

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I/Cpl. J. Findlay.
6th Machine Gun Co., A.I.F.
B.E.F.

No. 462.

E. R. Smith, 6th Machine Gun Co., Reserve (22nd Batta) A.I.F.
~~Reported~~ Killed 26.8.15

E. R. Smith.

V. D.
Slu.

24th February, /7.

Dear Pte. Findlay,

Many thanks for your letter of 11th inst. in answer
to our enquiry for -

No.462. E. R. SMITH 22nd Battalion A.I.F.

The very clear and detailed statement you have sent will be of
much assistance, and we know it will comfort his people to
learn from you that his death was instantaneous. We are forward-
ing a copy of your letter to our Melbourne Bureau to be sent to
Pte. Smith's relatives and feel sure they will act on your kind
suggestion in regard to Pte. Griffiths.

With good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Pte. J. Findlay.
22nd Battn.
A.I.F.

SECRETARY. *J. H.*