

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2019B Gunner
Frederick Arthur Smith**

11th Field Artillery Brigade



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43rd Bty. A.F.A.

A.I.F.

SMITH
F.A. 2019

"Killed 5-4-18"

Smith was a Sig., and was killed outright at the gun position at Mellencourt, and is buried at Franchencourt Civilian Cemetery, and Cross erected. I was present at his burial, but not when he was killed.

Informant. Park Dvr. R.M. 133

43rd Bty.,

Hut 21,

WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand

21-5-18

London

M.

11th Bde. 41st Bty.
A.F.A. A.I.F.

SMITH
F.A. 2019

"Killed in Action 5-4-18"

The whole of the above were killed in action on April 5th, at Melincourt, on the day when 4th Div. 10th and 11th Bdes. held back 4 Divs. of Germans. They were buried by Padre Shaughnessy, 11th Bde. I made one Cross and out a 4 1/2" railing round the grave, one surround for the 14 graves. They are buried in the above order, in one row in Frenchencourt Civilian Cemetery. Lt. Harrison being on the left, and read downwards as to the right. The name of each is on the railing at the head of each grave respectively. There are no names on the Cross, which bears the inscription - "In Loving Memory of Officers, N.C.O's and Men of 4th Aust. Div. A.F.A. K/A 5-4-18. R.I.P."

Informant. Rize H.G. 141
42nd Bty.,
Hut 72, WESTHAM.

Note:-

A previous report sent in of Gnr. F.A. Smith, there called Sig. - by me from Park R.M.

(V.A. Rand) *Full long names & copy of sketch plan of grave attached to dist. of Harrison report*
London
7-6-18
M.

43rd Bty. 11th Bde.
Late 8th L.H.
A.I.F.

SMITH
F.A. 2019

"Killed 5-4-18"

On April 5th, behind Albert, in chalk-pit, was in telephone pit attending to calls, shell burst right in pit, head blown off, another man in 11th Bde. also killed, name unknown, and others wounded. Buried in Civilian Cemetery, Frenchencourt. Bodies taken down in cart, Crosses were made for all graves, and would be up now. Smith came from Victoria. I did not see burial.

Informant. Fogarty Cpl.R. 3317
43rd Bty. 11th Bde.,
WEYMOUTH.

A.D.J.
London
8-6-18

M.