

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2086 Lance Corporal
Frederick Douglas
Smith

5th Battalion



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A.I.F. Avd.
5th Btn.
D1 Coy.

SMITH L/Cpl.
Frederick Douglas 2086

Killed in Action 25.7.16.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

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France.

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SMITH, L/Cpl. F.D. 2086.

K/July 25th. 1916.

He was killed in the second line of trenches on July 26th. by a rifle grenade. His body was badly mutilated. He was conscious for about 5 hours and then died. I spoke to him. He knew he was going. I do not think he suffered very much. He was a fine fellow; we liked him very much. He came from Stawell, Victoria, and belonged to XIV. pl. D.Coy. He was a L/Cpl.

Reference: Pts. L. Vandy, 3995, D.Coy.,
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
27.10.16.
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5th Australian I. Force

L/Cpl Smith, Fred. D. 2086
D Coy. 14th Pltn.

(K 25/7/16 Det D & B.)

Informant states " I - L/Cpl. Smith was mortally wounded at Pozieres by shell in the stomach, and lived about 4 hours after. We laid his body on the parapet, and I should say he was buried in Pozieres Cemetery, with the rest of the boys. "

Informant :) Pte. Hubert Edward Morton, 4235,
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5th A. I. F.

Smith, L/Cpl F. D. 2086,
D Coy.

(K. July 25/16. Det: D & B.)

Informant states that about July 25th 1916 near Pozieres in France, L/Cpl F. D. Smith was hit by a shell in a trench which we had just taken from the enemy, and was dangerously wounded. Informant spoke to Smith in the trench after Smith had been hit, and could see he was mortally wounded. One of his legs was smashed and Smith asked informant to remove a lot of soil which covered it which informant did. Informant did not see him die as it was everyone for himself, nor does not know where and how Smith was buried.

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Jan: 20th
Currie.

M. Reid