

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**5305 Private
Farquhar Hugh
Arpafeelie Smith**

28th Battalion



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A.I.F. 28th Btn B.Coy.

SMITH
F.H.A. 5305

"D. of Wds. 1-3-17"?

Died of Wounds 1-3-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 29-3-17 & 30-3-17

Died at 5th Aust. Fld; Amb.; Buried - Martinpuich British
Cemetery 5½ miles E.N.E. of Albert

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 6-7-17.

P & P.I.

London
11-7-17

28th A. I. F. B Coy.

P. H. A. SMITH, 5395.
B. B. J. EDWARDS, 5350.

D/W. 1.3.17. Det.D & B. ✓
Killed 2.3.17. Det.D/B. ✓

Edwards and Corpl.Smith were both in my reinforcement and we were all three in B.Coy. On the night of March 1st, we were in a sunken road, which we called Twenty-Sixth Avenue or Chalk Pit Road, sitting on the embankment waiting to go up and relieve the Battn. in the trenches, when a shell came in and killed Edwards outright and wounded Corpl.Smith, Corpl.Chapman and another Corporal whose name I do not remember. Corpl.Smith died the following day. I do not know where he and Edwards were buried.

Reference: Pte.Thos. Williamson, 5449, B.Coy.

No.5 General, Rouen, 27.4.17.

EMM.

P.

P.1.

28th Batt.
A.I.F.,

F.H.A.

SMITH

5305

"D/W Hatch 1st/17"

He was in B.Coy, 7th platoon came from Perth W.A. He was hit by H.E.shell in the legs, and badly wounded. I saw him being carried down on a stretcher. I was a walking case, and Smith was carried down just in front of me. When we got to second dressing station, I heard the H.O.say that Smith would not last it out. I left before he died. He died on March 3rd. I don't know where he was buried.

Reference:- 4979 E.H.Gilbert
28th Batt. A.I.F.,
Dartford,
27.4.17.

London
4.5.17.
W.G.J.

P.
P.I.

28th Battn.
A. I. F.

Smith.
F. H. A. 5305.

"Died of Wounds 1.8.17."

I saw him the same night he had been wounded in the head, walking out to the first aid dressing station, and after that another shell must have hit him and he died at the advance dressing station about two miles from where I first him. I saw him after he was dead at Village Martinpuich, where the advance dressing station is. He should be buried about there. His second wound was a fractured thigh. I saw him on the stretcher. He was about 23 years, about 5 feet 10., dark hair, he came from Leederville, West Australia, a Corporal.

Witness:-

Albert Smith 5432.
28th Battn.

W. G. Dodds.

London.
16.5.17.

P.
P.I.

28th A.I.F.

F. H. A. SMITH. 5305.

D/W. 1.3.17. Det. D & B.

He died of wounds and was buried at Warlencourt. I
have seen his grave.

Reference: Bugler L.A. Smith, 5466.

No. 1 Australian, Rouen. 19.6.17.

FS.

P.

28th Batta.
A. I. F.

Smith.
Pte. F.H.A. 5505.

"Died of Wounds".

Date of Death. 1st March 1917. Place of Death. Martinpuich. Place of Burial. Martinpuich. Wounds. Shell wounds L. Thigh and head. Effects found on body and sent to DAG, Anzac Section 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. Wristlet Watch, Wallet containing, Bank book, Diary. Photos - Correspondence. Fountain pen. New Testament and Prayer Book. Pipe and other sundries.

Letter from:-

The O.C.

5th Aust. Field Ambulance.

B. E. F. 17.7.17.

London.
24.7.17.

P.
P.I.

28th A.I.F.

F. H. A. SMITH, 5803.

D/W. 1.3.17. Det. D & B.

He died of wounds at Warlencourt and was buried there.

A cross was erected over his grave which I have seen.

Reference: Bugler L. A. Smith, 5466.

No.1 Australian, Ronen. 7.7.17.

FS.

P. 29.

28th Battn.
A. I. F.

Smith.
F. H.A. 5305

"Died of Wounds 1.3.17"

I saw this man wounded in a raid on March 1st 1917 at Le Sars on the Somme. A bomb exploded near and he was seriously injured. Later on I saw him lying dead. When I last saw him the stretcher bearers were taking him away for burial. I did not see him buried as I was also wounded the same day and went out. He was 5'7 or 5'8", thin, dark, 25 years. From W. Australia.

Witness:-

W. E. Hatcher 5373
28th Battn. A.I.F.
Perham Downs Camp.

A.R. McPhee.

London.
17.9.17.

P.
P.I.

Q's draft with July 9

The O.C

5th Australian Field
Ambulance

B-8-7.

About 5305 P.M. H.A. Smith

48? 28th Bn.

Wounded Wounded

1-3-17

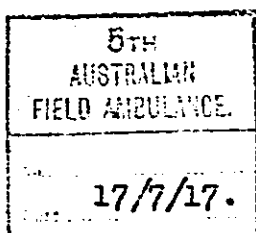
5th. AUST. FIELD AMBULANCE.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
(Wounded and Missing Inquiry Bureau),
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

5305 Pte. F.H.A. Smith 28th Bn A.I.F.

In reply to your enquiry of 11th July
respecting the late Pte. Smith; I give
hereunder particulars as desired:-

Date of Death	1st March 1917.
Place of Death.	MARTINPUICH.
Place of Burial.	MARTINPUICH.
Wounds.	Shell wounds L. Thigh and head.
Effects found on body and sent to IAC, Anzac Section 3rd. Echelon, GHQ.	Wristlet Watch. Wallet containing:- Bank book - Diary. Photos - Correspondence. Fountain Pen. New Testament and Prayer Book. Pipe and other sundries.



A. Buchanan Major,
A/O.C., 5th Aust. Fld. Ambulance.

Telegram: "KARRAKATTA, RAND, LONDON."

Telephone: GERRARD No. 3474 (3 Lines).

Memorandum.

FROM

THE AGENT GENERAL FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA,

"SAVOY HOUSE,"

STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.

NO


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To The Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY,
54, Victoria Street,
S.W. 1.

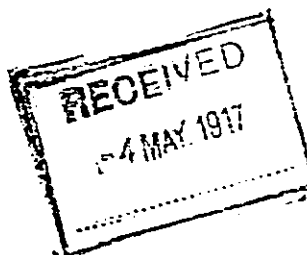
Re No. 5305 Corporal F.H.A. Smith, 28th Battn.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank
you for your letter of the 26th ult., re the above man.

3rd May, 1917.



Secretary.



Telegram: "KARRAKATTA, RAND, LONDON."

Telephone: GERRARD No. 3474 (3 Lines)

FROM

THE AGENT GENERAL FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA,
"SAVOY HOUSE,"

STRAND,

LONDON, W.C. 2

No

Memorandum.

23rd April, 1917.

To

The Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,
54, Victoria Street,
S W. 1.

Re No. 5305, Cpl. F. H. A. Smith,
B. Coy., 28th Battn. A.I.F.

Ans 24.9.17

Further to my Memorandum of the 20th inst., re
the above, the relatives are again asking if you have
succeeded in obtaining any information respecting
the late Cpl. Smith.



Secretary.

Telegram: "KARRAKATTA, RAND, LONDON."

Telephone: GERRARD No. 3474 (3 Lines).

Memorandum.

20th April, 1917.

FROM

THE AGENT GENERAL FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA,
"SAVOY HOUSE,"

STRAND,

No. /1522.

LONDON, W.C.2

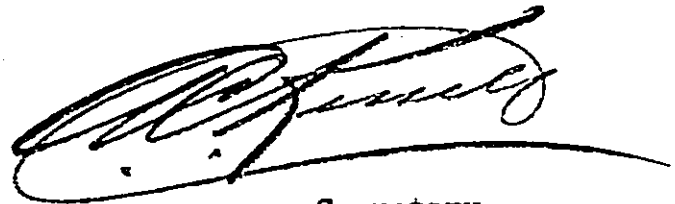
To
The Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH,
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,
54, Victoria Street,
S.W.

Re No. 5305, F. H. A. Smith

B. Coy. 28th Battn., A.I.F.

"Reported as, Died of Wounds, 1.3.17."

I shall be glad to learn whether it has been possible to ascertain any particulars respecting the above, as asked in my letter of the 26th March.



Secretary.

RECEIVED
21 APR 1917

Ans 24.4.17
Y.H.472 sm

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the Agent General for Western Australia.

TELEGRAMS: KARRAKATTA, RAND, LONDON.
TELEPHONE: GERRARD NO 3474 (3 LINES).

In reply please quote
A.G. NO

AGENT GENERAL



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

P.C.
28.3.17

SAVOY HOUSE,
STRAND.

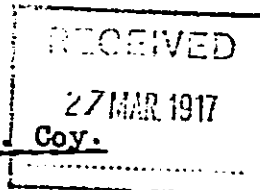
(CORNER OF SAVOY STREET)

LONDON, W.C.2.

26th March. 1917.

Dear Madam--

Re No. 5305 F.H.A. Smith, B. Coy.
28th Battn. A.I.F.



I beg to inform you that I have received anxious enquiries respecting the exact condition of the above man, but as I understand from certain advices that he is reported "died of wounds 1.3.17", I shall be glad if you can furnish me with any information respecting (a) his wounds (b) where obtained (c) Hospital at which treated, and (d) any other information available.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,
54, Victoria Street,
S.W.

26th April 1917.

The Secretary,
Agent General for Western Australia.
Savoy House.
Strand W.C. 2.

Dear Sir,

In reference to your enquiry for 5305. Cpl. F.H.A. Smith, 28th Battn. A.I.F. who is reported as having died of wounds on 1.3.17. we regret that we have as yet received no information concerning him, but we will advise you at once when we do.

You will understand that in matters of this kind details are often very slow in coming to hand.

We are doing our best to obtain them, as we fully appreciate the anxiety of Cpl. Smith's relations to know any particulars of his death.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

per J. M. R. Secretary.

7th May 1917.

The Agent General for Western Australia.
Savoy House.
Strand.
W.C. 2.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your inquiry for No. 5305. Pte. F.H.A. Smith,
28th Battn. A.I.F. we beg to advise you of an unofficial report
given by No. 8979. Pte. E. H. Gilbert who on April 27th. was in
the 5rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford.

He says that Pte. Smith who came from Perth was badly
wounded in the legs by a high explosive shell and was carried on
a stretcher to the second dressing station where informant heard
the medical officer saying that he would not live long. He does
not know where he was buried as he himself left before his death

Trusting that these details will be of use and assuring you
that every effort is being made to obtain a more definite report.

Yours faithfully,

V.6.

Secretary.
L.A.W.

May 22nd, 1917.

The Agent General for Western Australia,
Savoy House,
Strand, W.C.

Dear Sir,

We beg to advise you of the receipt of unofficial information concerning No. 55805 Pte. W. H. A. Smith, 48th Battalion A. I. F., informant being ~~John~~ of his unit No. 5452 Pte. Albert Smith.

He says that he saw W. H. A. Smith on the night that he had been wounded in the head walking back to the First Aid Dressing Station. He must have been wounded later as he died of wounds at the advance Dressing Station two miles further away at Martinpich, his second injury being a fractured thigh. Informant saw him lying dead on a stretcher, and thinks that he must be buried somewhere close to the Dressing Station. He describes him as 25 years of age, 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, with dark hair. He came from Inederville, Western Australia, and had been made a corporal.

~~Re Lt. R. Morris 48th Battalion~~ No. 4868 Pte. R. E. Holey 48th Battn. says, that Lt. Morris was wounded near Bapume on April 11th 1917, and was taken to the Dressing Station, after which he does not know what happened.

No. 2370 I/Cpl. Unwin, who on May 9th was in the 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, says that after the attack at dawn near Bullecourt on April 11th, he was walking along the German 2nd line trench, when he saw the dead body of an officer who was identified by his batman in informant's presence, as Lt. Morris. They were compelled to retire from the position, and the bodies were left lying there. Lt. Morris, who was of medium height with a round face, had not been long with the battalion, having previously been wounded at Pozieres in

The Agent General -
W. Australia.

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re Pte Smith &
Lieut. Morris.

August 1916.

We are making further enquiries about both of
these men, and will advise you immediately on receipt of in-
formation.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

LAW.

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the Agent General for Western Australia.

TELEGRAMS: KARRAKATTA, RAND, LONDON.
TELEPHONE: GERRARD NO 3474 (3 LINES).

In reply please quote
AG. NO 3424/1522.

AGENT GENERAL



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SAVOY HOUSE,

STRAND,

(CORNER OF SAVOY STREET)

LONDON, W.C. 2

29th May, 1917.

Madam--

Re No. 5305 Pte. F. H. A. Smith, A.I.F.
& Lieut Robin Morris, 48th Battn. A.I.F.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of, and to
thank you for your letter of the 22nd instant, regarding
the above men.

I note that further enquiries are being made, and
shall be glad to receive any other information which may
come to hand.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY,
54, Victoria Street,
S. W. 1.

12th July 1917.

The Agent General
Western Australia,
Savoy House,
Strand, W.C.2.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that - 5305 Pte F.H.A. Smith, 28th Btn. A.I.F., died of wounds at 4th Australian Fld. Amb, and was buried in the Martinpuich British Cemetery $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles E.N.E. of Albert. We have written to the O.C. of 5th Fld. Amb, for details concerning him and will at once advise you as to his reply. We have also applied to the Graves Registration for a photograph of the grave which if obtainable will be sent to the nearest of kin.

Yours faithfully,

Wm H. Connelley
Secretary

25th July 1917.

The Agent General
Western Australia
Savoy House
Strand, W.G.2.

Dear Sir,

In reference to your inquiry about - 5305 Pte
F.H.A. Smith, 28th Bn, A.I.F., who died of wounds on 1-5-17,
we beg to inform you of a report received from the O.C. of the
5th Australian Fld. Ambulance, B.E.F., who writes that he died
of shell wounds in the left thigh and head, at Martinpuich and
was buried there. His personal effects found on his body were
sent to the Base, Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon, G.H. Hqs and will
be forwarded to his next of kin in Western Australia.

Trusting that this information will be of some
use,

Yours faithfully,

Wm Hornbrook
Secretary