

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**324 Private
Frank Stanley Smiles**

19th Battalion



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A.I.F. 19.

SMILES, W.S. 324.

H. Nov. 14. 1916.

He took part in the charge at Fiers on Nov. 14. We took the German front line and held it. He had his leg broken during the taking of the trench. On the 15th we were relieved. He was lying in the trench in a conscious condition when we left. I saw that he was fixed up all right just before we went out. The 26th Batt: relieved us. They brought Stretcher bearers with them. We hope they got him out, but we have found out nothing further as to his fate.

Reference: Pts. A.E. Ellis, 4108, A.Co.
Lewis Gun School.
Staples. 22/1/17.

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A.I.F. 19th Battn

SMILES
F.S. 324

Missing 14-11-16

Now Killed in Action
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters list 22-2-17 I.B. 164

OFF.M.

London
27-2-17

A.I.F 19th Battn

SMILES
Frank Stanley 324

Missing 14-11-16

Prisoner of War

Died 2-12-16 on Feldlaz 7 Morchies.
Cert. by German death list dated 11-1-17.

London
7-2-17

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19th Batt,
A.I.F.

Smiles,
P.S. 324.

"Prisoner of War"
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Buried Grave 229. - Soldiers Cemetery Morchies,

Cert, by information from German Death List dated 18.6.17

London
23.7.17

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19th Batt,
A.I.F.

Smiles,
Frank Stanley 324.

"Prisoner of War"

Died 2.12.16. - Personal Effects forwarded

Cert, by German Nachlass List dated 20.8.17

London 17.9.17

Off M.

21st May, 1917.

Mrs. B. Smiles,
Dalraye
Wilson Street
Albury N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of inquiry for:-

324, Pte. Frank S. SMILES, 19th Battn. A.I.F.

who is reported as having died of wounds whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, has been forwarded to us from the Prisoners of War Bureau, Wellington Street, as we make all enquiries here relating to wounded and missing Australians.

We would suggest your applying direct to our Office in Sydney, as any information we have obtained, or may be able to obtain concerning your son is at once sent there.

Our address there is:-

Australian Branch,
Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau.
B.R.C.S.
Dalton Buildings,
115 Pitt Street.
Sydney.

Mrs. B. Smiles, (2) 21.5.1917.

With sincere sympathy for you in your loss,

Yours faithfully,

MR.

Secretary.



324 Pte SMILES Frank Stanley. 19th Bn.A.I.F.

22-7-19. Berlin Information Burp. H.K.B.1615.
4 cards exist: 1 Lager 2 Death, and 1 Nachlass.
Died: Feld Laz.7.Garde res, Corps. also. Feld Laz.2 F.R.K.
Nachlass reported by Feld Laz.2 F.R.K.
Buried. Military cemetery. Morchies. Left property. 3140.2.17.Z.H.
Have written to Hauptkrankenbuchlager for further particulars.



"E". List.
Progress Report. N

A.I.F. 19th Battn.

SMILES
Frank Stanley 324.

Prisoner of War

Translation of German Death Voucher received from Mr. Wilson and passed on to A.I.F. Hdqrs 22/10/19.

Central Information Bureau.

Berlin, N.W.7. 15th October 1919
Dorotheen Str 48.

It is hereby certified that there is here produced the death card of the Ref. III according to which the Australian prisoner of War Smiles, Frank Stanley 324 Pte., of the 19th Austr. Btn., A Co., died on 2nd December 18 in the Field Hospital, Guard Res. Corps. at Lorchies, and was buried in the Military Cemetery of the same place, Grave No. 229. Shrapnel wound with fracture of left thigh and buttock, frost bite both feet.

List at Ref. III. No 11334/W.

Stamp of Pruss.

J.A.
(Signed) Dr PORT.

War Office,

Cent. Information Bureau.

London -
22/10/19

S.S.O.

Ans
18.5.17

"Walrus"
Wilson St
Albury
N. S. W.
11-317.

To the Prisoner of War Information Bureau
249 Wellington St Strand
London

Could you kindly obtain any information
concerning my son
No 324 Private Frank S Smiles 19th Battalion
A Company 5th Brigade Australian
Imperial Force. who was reported
missing then killed in action
in the France on the 14th Nov 1916.
Now reported - died of wounds
whilst Prisoner of War in Germany
some time in December
Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly
Jan four July

(M^{rs}) B. Smiles

50 "Walrus"
Wilson St
Albury
N. S. Wales