

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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4528 Private  
Edward Hamilton  
Smith

53rd Battalion



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A. I. F. 53rd Btn

SMITH  
Edward Hamilton 4528

"E/A. 16-8-18"

Killed in action 16-8-18 - buried Worcourt Com: Cem: Ext:  
6 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles S.E. of Corbie D.C.R.E. L.S. 5.2697.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs. 17-3-19.

London  
18-3-19

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A.I.F. 53rd Bttn.  
late 17th Bttn

SMITH.  
Edward Hamelton. 4528

Killed in Action. 16.8.18.

Buried Heath Cemetery. 62D. SE. Q29. d. 5. 4. Plot 7. Row F. Grave 2.  
ert by Captain Spedding. 1.7.19.

London.  
25.7.19.

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A.I.F. 53rd BATTALION.  
(Late 17th Battalion)

SMITH, Private  
E.H. No. 4528.

"Killed 16/8/1918".

Informant described Smith as about 5'9" high, rather slight, dark hair, aged 24/5. Smith was a Headquarter's Signaller attached to "B" Company. On 16-8-18 the Battalion was in reserves at Mercourt. A portion of the Battalion was going down to the Canal to bathe and marched down in Platoons. When the Platoon, of which Smith and Informant were members, had reached the Village and were alongside the church two shells came down together, killing 4 men, including Smith and wounding about 15 men, one of whom was Informant, who was so dazed by his wound that he was unable to see who had been hit.

Informant;- No. 4501, Private G.M. Owen.  
Private address;- C/o Mr. Willshire, "Wyoming",  
Rangers Avenue, Watersleigh, N.S.W.

The under-noted helped to bury Smith on the outside of the grave yard belonging to the church at Mercourt. A Padre officiated at the Service, and a cross with name, etc. thereon was afterwards put on the grave.

No. 2733, Private R. Rodwell, "B" Coy. 53rd Battalion.  
Private address;- 26 Wilson Street, NORTH SYDNEY.

Anzac Buffet, Sydney, 2/5/19.  
W.E.G.

SYDNEY BUREAU.