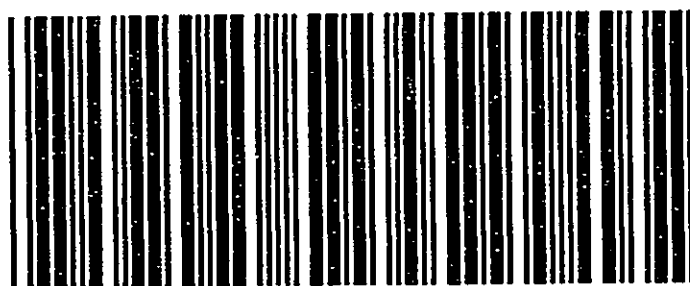


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**369 Regimental
Sergeant Major
Sydney Milton Smart**

18th Battalion



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54 General Hospital,
Aubengues.
18.5.18.

No. 54
(LONDON) GENERAL
HOSPITAL, R.A.M.C. (T.)

No. 1132
Date 18/5/18

Cass Deakin, Sec:

B.R.C.S.

36, Grosvenor Place, SW.1.

Dear Madam,

Re No. 369 S.M. Smart, 18. A.I.F.

The above named man was admitted to the Hospital under my Command on the 1st January, suffering from "Blood poisoning" resulting from a Septic Sore on the upper lip.

Operations for this had been done previous to admission. Shortly after admission he developed abscesses in the back, right knee-joint, and left leg, all of which had to be opened. He eventually died at 9.0. pm. on the 18th March, and it was found that in addition to these abscesses there was Generalized Tuberculosis involving the Lungs, Kidneys, and Brain.

He was buried on the 20th March at Wimereux Military Cemetery, Grave 2646.

John W. Smart
Lt: Colonel R.A.M.C. T.
Commanding 54 General Hospital.

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18th Battn.
A.I.F.

SMART
S.M. Sgt. (HI)
369

"DIED OF ILLNESS"

Adm. 54th General Hospital 18.3.18.- Pyaemia.

Died.
Cert. by Hpl. Index.

London.
9.4.18.

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Letter from:- D.G.
54th General Hospital.
AUBINGUE3.

London.
23-5-18.

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Miss Symonds,

Red Cross Hospital, Heald Rd,
Bowdon, Cheshire.

7th May

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Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for - ~~369 Sgt. S.H. SMART~~
~~18th Battalion, A.I.F.~~ We very much regret to inform you that he
is officially reported to have died of pyaemia at 54th General
Hospital, B.E.F. on 18-3-18. We are doing our utmost to obtain
particulars of his death and burial and will advise you as soon
as we succeed.

Regretting we should have to forward such sad news and
assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *M. Ryan*

SECRETARY.

Reference:-A.A/20/9597.

The Officer in Charge,
Australian Red Cross.

With reference to enclosed copy of your request, I
have to say that: I have a report for -

360 Sergeant S. M. Smart.
18th Battalion, A.I.F.
died 18th March 1918.
Buried Wimereux Military Cemetery.

Will you kindly verify your application, please?

ENCLOSURE.

War Office.
Winchester House,
St. James's Square,
London, S.W.1.

M. S. Jones
Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Brig-General,
Director G. R. & E.,

A.C.B. Staff

May 13

The O.C.

Sydney General Hospital

B.P. 7

To 369 Sgt S.M. Smart

SPRO
PITSCOMB

18th Bli

died of Ulcers

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS

Miss M. Smart

A-2-18
reached
W.M. 11/10/18

INFORMED
long time each of 10th
come from 2. V. 11/18
to. Generally spoken
it is the same condition
throughout, that the
time. I believe it was
went to catch it. A
near. The water
well looking at the time.
I believe that V. 11/18 was killed

MISSING 3-11-18

NOTICE
18th Bli

12th Battn.
A.I.F.

ALLSOPP
A. 2569

"Missing 2-11-17"

I heard that Allsopp was killed on the Manin Road. We were well behind at the time. A transport came up and a shell burst near. The mules stampeded. One got across the road and Allsopp went to catch it. A shell blew his head off. It was in the day-time. I believe it was forgetting in the rations left by this transport, that Sgt. Valance was decorated, but am not quite sure if it was the same occasion.

Eye-witness: No, generally spoken of.

Description: Came from S. Australia, had been in England a long time, 9th or 10th Dec. to the 12th.

Informant: Harvey I/Cpl. H.M. 2365
12th Battn.

Military Hpl.,
EASTBOURNE.

M.M. Thornton
London
7-5-18

P.I.
A.

Note: Written to S. Valance.

2.7.18

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18 Bttn

See under

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Plafas Lymonds

56 Bttn

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O.C. Draft.

9.4.18.

The O.C.

5th Gen. Hospital B.E.F.

369. Serg^t S.M. Smart. 18th Batta

A.7.7.

D. of illness 18.3.18.

Red Cross Hospital
Heald Rd.

Bowdon

Chester

Ans. 18
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To Miss Deakin

Dear Madam

would you be kind
enough to make enquiries
regarding R. S. M. Smart, S. M. 369
18th Batta. 5th Brigade. A. I. 4. France
I heard last from him in
March from

54 London General Hospital
7.3 Ward

S. 38 Base. France.
where he was ill since Jan. 1st

I shall be very grateful
for any information about him
as he is a very great friend

of mine.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Annie Symonds.

P.S. I shall be pleased to
pay any expenses attached
to inquiries.

Red Cross Hospital
Heals Rd
Bewdon, Cheshire.

11-5-18.

C. L. Miss Deakin
Dear Madam,

I was very grieved
to receive your intimation of
the death of Sergt. S. M. Smart, 369.
If possible, I would like to know
where his grave is, & any other
particulars that you are able
to obtain.

I thank you very much for
the trouble you have taken.

Could you also enquire where
my brother ^{pt} Jas. Symonds 2743
COY 56th Battr. A. I. F. is buried? He
died at 10th C. C. S. France on Sept. 27th
of last year. I shall be so much

obliged if you are able to get
this information for me.

Believe me

Yours Truly

A. Symonds.

BRITISH RED CROSS AUXILIARY HOSPITAL,
HEALD ROAD,
BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

Wulstan -

29-6-18.

1-7-18.

To the Secretary

Dear Madam,

(very many Thanks
for your report of the death &
burial place of S. M. Smart - & also
of my brother St. Las. Symonds

I enclose P.O. 1/- if you
will kindly accept for your
Society.

I am sorry to have been so
long before acknowledging your
kind letter.

Yours sincerely
A. Symonds.

369 S.M. Smart. 18th Bn.

↓ 2743 James Symonds. 56th

↓ Ship

Miss L. Ayres,
Red Cross Hospital,
Heald Road, Bowdon,
Cheshire.

May 31st, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry about -

369 Pte. S.M. SMART, 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we have received a report from the O.C.

of the 54th General Hospital, B.P.F. where he died. He states that

Pte. Smart was admitted to the Hospital, on January 1st, suffering from blood poisoning originating in a septic sore on the upper lip. Abscesses developed in the neck, right knee joint, and left leg, which had to be opened and he finally died on March 18. It was discovered that in addition to the pyemia he had general tuberculosis involving the lungs, kidneys, and brain. He was buried at Wimereux Military Cemetery, grave 2646.

In answer to your enquiry about the grave of your brother-

X 2743 Pte. JAMES SYMONDS, 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you that we have received a letter from the O.C.

of the 10th Casualty Clearing Station, stating that he died on Sept.

27th from gunshot wounds and compound fracture of the thigh and is

buried in Lyssenthoek Military Cemetery, near Poperinghe. The map

location of the Cemetery is sheet 27 L, 22 D 6.3.

We hope these details may be of use to you and we are continuing our enquiries for further information of your brother casualty.

With our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

7. F. G.

9/18/41