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LETTER NO. 12/11/ 4280
DATE 10 Nov 1930

2nd Lieutenant.
SMITH. Harold Edward Benjamin.

19th Battalion.
8.10.17.
KILLED IN ACTION.
(Mother) Mrs. M.A. Smith.

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier Harold Edward Benjamin Smith
2. Unit and Number (if known) 19th Battalion (Inf) Lieutenant
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any) Annandale District Sydney State N.S.W.
4. What was his Birthplace Annandale
5. Date of Death 9th October 1917
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Broodseinde Ridge – North East of Ypres.

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Clerk with Babcock & Wilcox Ls, Sydney
2. Age at time of Death 26 years 4 months
3. What was his School Annandale & Petersham High School (Sydney)
4. What was his other Training Accountancy
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia ✓
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) No.
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment— He was with the 19th Bat. from its inception, and was at Gallipoli, the Suez Canal, the Desert & France. He was absent at the O.P.S. Oxford from the 6th Feb & obtained his Commission on 29th May 1917 & rejoined his Bat in June 1917
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)— Yes, brother of Lieut. R.A.W. Smith who was wounded on 9th October 1917 & died of wounds on 15th Oct. It was published during August 1917 that Lieut. R.A.W. Smith was granted the Military Cross, but I have had no further word of this.
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name Mary Ann Smith (1931 or "Harroylin" 9 Lea Avenue Five Dock N.S.W.)
   Relationship to Soldier Mother
   Address 135 Annandale St., Annandale, N.S.W.
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name Mr J. F. Hinsby Rev R. Roots,
    Address Council Clerk, Annandale, Booth St. Annandale.

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Should you require further information I will be pleased to supply it.

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