No. 661 Pte. L.J. SMITH, 14th Battalion.

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NOTED ON H. R. CARD

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

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier SMITH, Leslie Jack.
2. Unit and Number (if known) 14th Battalion, No. 661.
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) Ballarat West District ..... State Victoria
4. What was his Birthplace FINDLEY, N.S.W.
5. Date of Death 27th. May, 1915.
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Gallipoli.

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Pastrycook.
2. Age at time of Death 19 years
3. What was his School .....
4. What was his other Training .....
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) .....
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

   As per attached statement.

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name Mrs. M. Smith
   Relationship to Soldier Stepmother.
   Address Cr. Charman & Beach Roads, Mentone, Victoria. S.11.
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name .....
    Address .....

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

D.1904/7.24.—C.1000G.—5M.

Relationships

Late Leslie Jack Smith
No 661

14 Batt. 4 Bridge

Leslie Jack Smith who was killed on Monash Valley
The 27th May 1916. Drawing water for wounded & Dying.

Great Grand Mother was a Miss Hood came to Australia in the earliest day & Melbourne, she married Mr. Graham also in Melbourne
The 8 ons were Born (4) & one Daughter of the marrage all sons living one is 81 and the other 3 getting old The Daughter married Leslie Jack & Smith & Father & Father - Leslie Jack Smith being her Grandson.
Leslie Jack & Father married Miss Corlass Her brother Ted Courlass He was supervisor of Naranga Basin Vic.
Leslie Jack Smith's Mother died.
I married Leslie Jack Smith & Father and They lived with me in my Late Mother & Home. and from There he enlisted He was a good sport & man. with his other mates in the Team won prizes at Stawell. Cpt. Holthain was There Instructor Ballarat — Leslie Jack & Brother was exempt from War &

Step Mother & Relationships &

Mother & Father & Son & Daughters & my Father came to Australia in 41 Landed at Geelong & Journeyed to Ballarat in a Bullock Waggon. My Mother could not get out to Australia through sickness of 2 children but a few years later Her Father went to Scotland and brought her and 2 children to Australia my Mother & Brother was director in Albion mine Ballarat He and Mr. Mcafferty with others took Lady Sutton & Suite down That mine I can get a photo of same to Hand this day also The Duke of Edinghbrough & Suite
My Fathers people are (Scottish) His Father a Crimeman Vetran Last Battle Indian Mutiny survived a spear wound & at 90 years died in his chair.

Mother & Father was born in Ireland but brought up in Scotland He married a Miss Greenless. Her brothers had the Greenless Distillery Ages ago in the Highlands. My Grandmother & Grandfather had one son 4 Daughters all Born in Ayrshire Scotland My parents had 12 children 6 sons & 6 Daughters only 3 remaining now Mr. Andrew Ireland Born in Ballarat 71 years ago. also one Sister Born in Ballarat 66 years ago. & my self Born at Adair St Ballarat 61 years ago — my only surviving Sister & Son Sargent David Nelellick was on service 5 years. Gilling Palestine & Jerusalem last man Home in his Home Town Sexton) via Ballarat.

Here to Best of my Belief & Knowledge

Tenthpolly

M. Smith

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May 24 1929
Charman & Beach Rds
Cheltenham $11

Base Records Office

Dear Sirs,

I the undersigned do write you concerning the Life History of Leslie Jack Smith 14 Batt. 4 Bragde = No. 661

Leslie Jack Smith was killed drawing water for the wounded & Dying on Monash Gully on 27th May 1915 at 4 p.m.
The report came Throng by Telegram to my old Home Adair St. Ballarat West I received the sad news from there, His Father being in Melbourne.

I am his Step mother took him when a little boy I can proudly say he was a fond loving & most Obeunt child and grew to a Splendid & Noble & one of Nature & Gentleman And I Think you will agree with me (It was so) I took a mother & part and kept that Trust, untill the last, and his memory is sweet to me.
The 27th May this year our Thoughts are on Noble Deeds done by the anyac Brave Noble & Good
I will as far as my Knowledge & Belief can convey me to relate you with the Links of the Past & present
It is enough Distinguishment for one to give his Life while drawing water for the wounded & Dying
The Officials of the department gave all particulars where he is Laid to rest
Also the Parda Cpt. Gillisson who fell so soon after wrote to his Father a most Beautiful Letter. Oh it gave us much relief & comfort.
He intested from the old Home I was born in. and he was so full of promise and one of the Brightest and Best. His Father cannot write you He Has not quite recovered from a serious Illness He is very shaky & not fit. He is away in N S W. so I must say I fell strong enough to give you particulars

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Please excuse delay in forwarding this History card. It being missed could not find same so am enclosing Telegram & other papers. so trusting that History will be complete Leslie Jack Father is at Wagga N.S.W. He has not quite recovered from operation as been unable to work for over 2 years. The climate there seems to suit him.

My Sister & I aquired this place after we sold our old Home & now I am trying to battle through.

Mr. Smith received all measles and Plague for the Life of his son, excuse delay.

Yours Faithfully
His affectionate
Step mother,
M. Smith

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