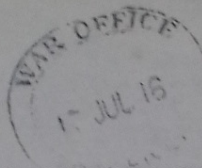


First World War Service Record of Raymond Smith

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 339/21844

Register No.



41503

Minute Sheet No.

Captain R. Smith,

11th Bn. Border Regiment.

"Killed in Action, ^{1st} 3rd July, 1916".

B. 20902.

Next of Kin:-

F.P. Smith Esq., (Father),
Greystone,
Haltwhistle.

M.S.3. Cas.
11.7.16.

*Effect of 2nd form
of certificate*

*T.E. Warner
captain*

2
G.W. Send Form 51 to Agents & circulate for claims

*Mr. J. H. P.
to J. H. P.*

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Credit Co. & Co. (7.51) £19. 6. 1.

RECORDED

X

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Accounts 1a
Accounts 4
Debit Vote 1 F F - £116. 5. 0
Credit Vote 1 C 1 ¹⁶ / ₁₇ £15. 15. 0
(pay overissued 2-3/17)
<i>29/8</i> <i>J. Smith</i>
Accounts 1b

*One hundred & sixteen
pounds five shillings*

10/3

Credited Effects 1916-17 £96. 19. 9

RECORDED

22/8
aks. a.

[P.T. OVER]

MINATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION
IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The information asked for below must be given in full.

1. Name in full	Surname: <u>Smith</u> Christian names: <u>Raymond</u>	SI 350
2. Date of birth (a birth certificate to be forwarded later)	<u>May 31 1889</u>	(25)
3. Whether married.	<u>No</u>	
4. Whether of pure European descent.	<u>Yes</u>	
5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.	<u>Not British born</u>	
6. Permanent address.	<u>Grey Stone Walk, Heston</u>	
7. Present address for correspondence.	<u>Longdale Bath?</u> <u>Blackhall Camp, Carlisle</u>	
8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars	<u>2 years Volunteer, 5 years 4th</u> <u>Bat Westumberland Fusiliers, India</u> <u>3 years Indian Cavalry Corps</u>	
9. Whether able to ride.	<u>Yes</u>	
10. Details of previous military training and military experience.	<u>As above. Passed 1st Lt. Examination</u> <u>2nd Lt. Exam. marks secured "15" Exam.</u> <u>188 Field Service Regulations</u> <u>194 Military Law</u> <u>190 Organization</u> <u>192 Infantry Training</u>	
11. Whether application for a commission has been previously made. If so, state date and branch of the Service.	<u>No</u>	

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Total Signatures of Candidates

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been in a college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, or a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate during the period).

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Mr Raymond Smith
for the last four years
Signature J. N. M. M. M. M.

†Rank, office or occupation Managing Director

Date 8 October 1914 Address London

To be filled in
when the above
certificate does
not cover four
years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from _____ to _____

Signature _____

†Rank, office or occupation _____

Date _____ Address _____

†Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education.

If the candidate has:—

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912. Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be stated;

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu thereof, the Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that Mr Raymond Smith has attained a good standard of education.

State here educational position, e.g.,
Head of a College or School, etc.

†Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, etc.

The Commanding Officer nominating the candidate will sign the following certificate:—

I certify that I am well acquainted with Mr Raymond Smith
and can recommend him as a suitable candidate in all respects for appointment to a temporary
commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war in the rank of Captain

Commanding

P. M. M. M. M.
Lonsdale Batt. The B.
Regiment

Perwith
October 1914

22nd July, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Military Secretary to acknowledge your letter of the 18th July, and in reply to state that he regrets that you should have misinterpreted the memorandum which was sent to you on the 15th July in his name.

Sir Francis Davies desires me to assure you that there was no want of sympathy intended.

As in many other very sad similar cases, the War Office receive in the first instance no information other than the initial casualty report as to whether the Officer is killed, wounded or missing, and it is very much regretted that no further details have been received respecting your son. The suggestion that you should write to the Officer Commanding 11th Battalion, Border Regiment, was made in all good faith. It was known

how heavy the casualties of this Battalion has been in officers, but the chain of Command remains the same, and an officer would have immediately been appointed in place of the Commanding Officer who was killed.

I am further to explain that it is not in the interests of the Campaign that Commanding Officers should be officially asked by the War Office to render information at a time when their whole attention has necessarily to be devoted to the action in progress, and you can readily understand how distracting such official enquiries might become.

On the other hand, for you as a father to make private enquiry by wire or letter is a totally different matter.

In conclusion I am to express the

sincere

sincere regrets of the Secretary of State for
War in your anxiety.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Lieutenant Colonel,
Assistant Military Secretary.

Dear Sir :

I wired you asking particulars of the death of
my Son Cap Raymond XI Border Reg beside Albert
as your information said " he had been killed
action " . His body has not been found nor bur-
ied as we had this information from the Chap-
of the Reg & we cannot get any other informat-
Now in your last communication you say " if
will write to the Officer commanding you MAY
some information " .

I do not know what you think about this sort
thing but I will it absolutely insistent . you be
evidently have made NO inquiries whatever in
matter . If so you could know that the C O of
Reg was killed & All the officers either killed
or wounded & sent to England & yet you could
" write to the Commanding Officer & he MAY be
to get you the information " .

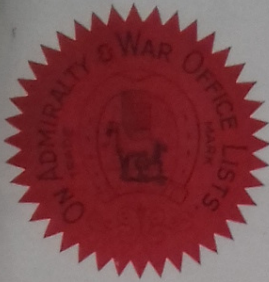
Please make inquiries at once & let me know as
soon as possible .

Yours truly

J.P. Hunt

Telephone No 14 HALTWHISTLE.
Telegraphic Address "SMITH-HALTWHISTLE"
ABC CODE 5th EDITION.

ESTABLISHED 1850.



From

John Smith & Son.

Varnish & Japan Manufacturers.

Haltwhistle,

ENGLAND.

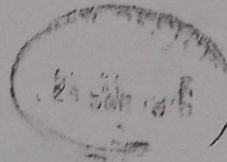
July 18th 16.

CONTRACTORS TO H. M. GOVERNMENT.

FOR HOME OR EXPORT.

M.S.3.as .

To the Military Secretary
War Office Whitehall S.W.



Dear Sir .

I wired you asking particulars of the death of my Son Cap Raymond xl Border Reg beside Albert as your intimation said " he had been killed in action " . His body has not been found nor buried as we had this information from the Chaplain of the Reg & we cannot get any other information . Now in your last communication you say " if you will write to the Officer commanding you MAY get some information " .

I do not know what you think about this sort of thing but I call it absolutely inhuman ,you have evidently have made NO inquiries whatever in the matter ,if so you would know that the C O of this Reg was killed & ALL the officers either killed or wounded & sent to England & yet you coolly say " write to the Commanding Officer & he MAY be able to get you the information " .

Please make inquiries at once & let me know as soon as possible .

Yours truly

J. P. Smith

ES RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

M.S.3.Cas.

16th July, 1916.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. F. P. Smith, and in reply to his telegram begs to say that no details have been received concerning the death of Captain R. Smith, 11th Border Regiment. He would suggest that Mr. Smith should write to the Officer Commanding the 11th Border Regiment, ^{B.E.F.} as he might be able to supply him with some particulars.

Ist Inst. -
We have been making enquiries & from a L/O Slater whom my sister saw at Etaples (where she is working in a Canteen) & who said he was with him in the German trench & that a shell came & killed him instantaneously he told her this twice.
He advertised in the Carlisle papers & had a reply from a Private who said that he was with him in no man's land & that he was shot & fell, he said his tunic etc & as he did not speak again & was breathing heavily he left him. Now either of these men must be saying what is not correct & what I want to know how do you get your information, that my son was absolutely killed, the Chaplain says he has not been found nor buried. Do you take these news word for it, if so which? or have you his identification disk.

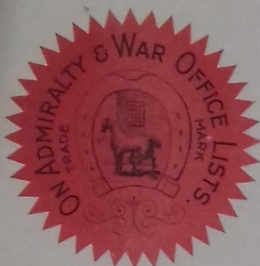
Yours truly .

F. P. Smith.

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A.B.C. CODE 5TH EDITION.

ESTABLISHED 1850.



From

John Smith & Son,

Varnish & Japan Manufacturers,

Haltwhistle,

ENGLAND.

July 29 th 16.

FOR HOME OR EXPORT.

CONTRACTORS TO H. M. GOVERNMENT.

M.S. 3.Cas

To the Military Secretary
War Office Whitehall LONDON .

Dear Sir .

I am sorry to trouble you again but if you are a
Father you will perhaps excuse me .

Your intimation that my Son Cap Raymond Smith of
the) xl Border Reg was killed in action on the
1st Inst .

We have been making enquiries & from a L/c Slater
whom my sister saw at Etarples (where she is working
in a Canteen) & who said he was with him in the German
trench & that a shell came & killed him instantaneously,
he told her this twice .

We advertised in the Carlisle papers & had a reply from
a Private wh said that he was with him in no mans land
& that he was shot & fell ,he undid his tunic Etc & as
he did not speak again & was breathing heavily he left
him . Now either of these men must be saying what is
not correct & what I want to know how do you get your
information, that my Son was absolutely killed ,the
Chaplain says 'he has not been found nor buried' .
Do you take these mens word for it ,if so which ? or
have you his identification disk .

Yours truly .

J. P. Smith.

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RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

M.S.3. Cas.)

31st July, 1916.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. F. P. Smith, and, in reply to his letter of the 29th instant, begs to inform him that the report that his son, Captain R. Smith, 11th Border Regiment, had been killed in action on the 3rd instant, was received from General Headquarters. No details have been received, and the Military Secretary would suggest that Mr. Smith should write to the

Officer Commanding,
11th Battalion,
Border Regiment.
B.W.F..

as he might be able to supply him with some particulars.

If any report of burial is received, it will at once be communicated to Mr. Smith.

Barthole

RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

Kd

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POST OFFICE  TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix Ao Code (Inland Official) (Telegrams only.) No. of Telegram 673/2

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. O. H. M. S. M. S. 3 C. A. S. Words. Sent

At M. To By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the H. O.

(Signature) M. Kern

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Smith - Greystone Haltwhistle

<u>Deeply</u>	<u>regret to</u>	<u>inform you</u>	<u>Capt. R.</u>	<u>Smith</u>
<u>Border Regt.</u>	<u>was</u>	<u>killed in</u>	<u>action</u>	<u>July 3rd</u>
<u>The Army</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>express</u>	<u>their</u>	<u>sympathy</u>
<u>Kindly</u>	<u>telegraph</u>	<u>name</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>relationship</u>
<u>of next</u>	<u>of kin</u>			

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

Register No. 47503/3.

Extract from Letters of Administration.
~~Probate of Will.~~

Dated 16th Jan'y: 1917. Granted at The P. F. P.

1. Estate of Raymond Smith of Greystone Dale, Haltwhistle in the Co: of Northumberland. Capt: 11th (S.) Bn. Border Regt.
2. Date and Place of Death Died on the 1st of July 1916, in France. Killed in action - intestate - a bachelor.

3. Grantees Francis Paul Smith, lawful father and next of kin of the d. intestate.

4. Gross value, £ 4444. .. 19. .. 11.

5. Disposal of Medals

Exp^d by } Produced by } Blackburn & Main. Sol^r
40. Lowther St. Carlisle.

and to whom returned by RP 10/3/17.

From,

The Standing Committee of Adjustment,

General Headquarters,

3rd Echelon,

British Expeditionary Force.

To,

Messrs. Cox & Co's., Shipping Agency, Ltd.,

16, Charing Cross,

London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects for the late
Capt, R. Smith. 11th Bn. Border Regt.

are forwarded herewith, per registered post.

Inventory.

- 1 Pair of Field Glasses.
- 1 Revolver.
- 1 Electric Pocket Lamp.
- 1 Compass. (Pocket)
- 1 Whistle.
- 1 Camels.
- 1 A.B. 153.
- 1 Platoon Roll Book.
- 1 Note Book.

1 pencil

Copy.

In the High Court of Justice,
Probate Divorce and Admiralty.
(Probate)

The Principal Registry.

In the Estate of Raymond Smith deceased
Temporary Captain of the 11th (Service)
Battalion Border Regiment.

I Francis Paul Smith of Greystonedale
Haltwhistle in the County of Northumberland Parent and
next of kin of the above named Raymond Smith deceased
who was killed in action in France on the first day of
July One thousand nine hundred and sixteen Do Hereby
Apply to you for the remission or repayment of the
Estate Duty to which this Deceased Officer is liable.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1916.

(sgd) F.P. Smith.

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State for War,
The War Office,
Whitehall,
London.

note sent
7.7.16

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20 JUL 16
RECEIVED

Noted

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G. H. Q. 3rd ECHELON
O.L.G.
18 JUL 1916
INF. SECTION NEW ARMIES

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FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS { 11th (Lonsdale) Battn Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company { "A"
The Border Regiment

Rank Captain

Name R. Smith

DIED { By whom reported O.C. Battn
Date of Death 1/7/16
Place or Hospital France
Cause of Death Killed in Action
Place of Burial Not forthcoming

State whether he leaves a will or not. { Do.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. { *[Signature]* Captain,
for Officer i/c New Army Infantry Section No. 1.

Station and Date G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,
July 17th, 1916.

Register No.

Minute Sheet No.

Captain R. Smith,

11th Bn. Border Regiment.

"Killed in Action, 3rd July, 1916".

Next of Kin:-

F.P. Smith Esq., (Father),
Greystone,
Haltwhistle.

M.S.3. Cas.
11.7.16.

J.E. Warner
Captain

Effects Br 10964

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Send 126 & 126 a to Father
27/7.

Chapman

Auth desb. Capt. Chapman

