

PRIVATE

ALFRED JESSE SMITH (SMEETH)

Service Number:	10549
Regiment & Unit/Ship	Royal Berkshire Regiment 5th Bn.
Date of Death	Died 03 July 1916 Age 24 years old
Buried/commemorated at	THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Pier and Face 11 D. France

Born:	17-Feb-1892
Baptised	03-Apr-1892 at St John the Baptist, Halling.
Parents	James and Rose Emma
Address	New Town, Halling

1916 - 5th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment

The first few months were spent either in the trenches or training for the 'big push' They were transferred to III Corps on 16th June 1916 and made their debut at the Somme on 3rd July at Ovillers fighting over ground strewn with the bodies of men from the 2nd Battalion who attacked two days before. This engagement won them 6 MCs, 6 DCMs, and 17 MMs but the Battalion was reduced to 340 men. They came under severe counter-attack on the 8th August winning another 14 MMs. 300 reinforcements joined them in October and they retired to Arras to recover. The winter of 1916 was spent in and out of the trenches and training.

[Source: thewardrobe.org.uk]

Memorial: (WMR 88176) Halling, Kent

1911 Census								
Dwelling	Surname	Name	Status	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Born	County
Halling	Smeeth	James	Marr	Head	45	Cement Labourer	Horyal	Hampshire
	Smeeth	Rose E	Marr	Wife	48		Frindsbury	Kent
	Smeeth	Harriett L	Single	Dau	20		Halling	Kent
	Smeeth	Ethel A	Single	Dau	16		Halling	Kent
	Drake	Thomas	Wid	FIL	88	Platelayer on Cement Work	Cossey	Norfolk
1911 Census								
Dwelling	Surname	Name	Status	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Born	County
West Malling	Smith	Alfred J	Single	Servant	19	Footman	Halling	Kent
1901 Census								
Dwelling	Surname	Name	Status	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Born	County
Halling	Smith	James	Marr	Head	37	Cement Labourer	Horyal	Hampshire
	Smith	Rose E	Marr	Wife	38		Frindsbury	Kent
	Smith	Harriett L		Dau	10		Halling	Kent
	Smith	Alfred J		Son	9		Halling	Kent
	Smith	Ethel A		Dau	6		Halling	Kent