Captain Louis Lionel Smith  (XC 1897-99)

Roll of Honour
Louis Lionel Smith

Rank: Captain
Unit: 51st Australian Infantry Battalion
Date of death: 02 April 1917
Place of death: France
Place of burial: Nreuil, France
Age at death: 28
Marital Status: Married
Place of association: Melbourne, Australia
Cemetery details: H.A.C. Cemetery, Ecouch St Mein, Arras, France

From “The Xaverian” 1917 p. 19
“Looking Backwards” Section
By Michael Gibney-Roche

“... Talking about Eton suits, you remember Louis Smith (R.I.P.), when he came to school on his pony, and his tall hat, Eton coat, and long trousers? That poor hat! The Eton suit was replaced by short knickers and sailor jumper, otherwise Louis would have been dead long before he became a man...”

From “The Xaverian” 1917 p. 76

Captain Louis Smith — Leading his men over a sweep of open ground in a charge on the enemy’s position, Louis Smith fell wounded to instantaneous death on Good Friday, 1917. It was a grand death, and met on the grandest of days. May He whose death first made the day Good comfort the mother and wife sorrowing for the loss of one who had so endeared himself to them and to all whose good fortune it was to meet him, gallant soldier and kind-hearted gentleman as he was.

Details from Roll of Honour Circular
Louis Lionel Smith:
- Posted to AIF 38th Battalion as Captain 1 May 1916;
- Taken on strength 10th Training Battalion 19 August 1916;
- Transferred to 51st Battalion 31 October 1916.

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