

RAYMOND CECIL SMITH

Private
54044

2nd Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment
died on
Wednesday 16th October 1918
aged 30

RAYMOND CECIL SMITH
is buried in
GREVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY
France

*. Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*

Son of Charles and Elizabeth Smith, of Kemerton. Born at Kemerton, Tewkesbury, Glos.

The village of Grevillers was occupied by Commonwealth troops on 14 March 1917 and in April and May, the 3rd, 29th and 3rd Australian Casualty Clearing Stations were posted nearby. They began the cemetery and continued to use it until March 1918, when Grevillers was lost to the German during their great advance. On the following 24 August, the New Zealand Division recaptured Grevillers and in September, the 34th, 49th and 56th Casualty Clearing Stations came to the village and used the cemetery again. After the Armistice, 200 graves were brought in from the battlefields to the south of the village. There are now 2,106 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery.

Raymond Smith is buried in Plot XVI. Row C. Grave 15



Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
SMITH	RE Durham Light Infantry	1st Lt	234991
Raymond C.			85493
			54044
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	F/101B/17	2/08	
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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The listing in the Hereford Times in 1919 of those killed in the First World War from Colwall includes Raymond Cecil Smith. There is only one Raymond Cecil Smith who died in WW1; the following are his details. It must be assumed that he worked as a gardener in Colwall before enlisting.

Raymond Cecil Smith was born in Kemerton, Tewkesbury the son of Charles and Elizabeth Smith. Raymond was a domestic gardener in 1911 and living at home. He enlisted in Birmingham into the Royal Engineers. He served with the Durham Light Infantry and the South Staffordshire Regiment. He died in October 1918 and is buried in Grevillers British Cemetery.