

Smith Let 25/1/1918

France  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1918

Dear Miss Evans (Julia Mary 'Minnie' Evans)

In answer to your letter written on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1917 enquiring about your brother (sic Pte Francis Evans, KIA 13/10/1917), I am very sorry to tell you he was killed on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 1917 near Zonnebeke, Ypres. During our attack at that date mentioned, he was shot through the heart by a bullet, so suffered no pain whatsoever (*sic not consistent with official reports of him being killed instantly by a shell*). He was buried on the same night at Zonnebeke and a cross put up.

Your brother was one of my Coy Signallers and very brave chap he was. At any time I happen to be back on that front, I will have his grave photo taken and send it along to you.

This war has cause a lot of worry. I have lost three brothers and it is very hard writing home and telling one's mother about them, but still it is war. I don't know that there is any more I can tell you about your brother. All parcels are returned to base, I do not know what will become of them then.

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F Smith, Capt.

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