

CORPORAL SCOTT JAMES SMITH - NURIOOTPA

Solomon Islands and Afghanistan

Scott James Smith was born in the Barossa in 1988 to parents Murray and Katrina. Scott was educated at Faith Lutheran College and Nuriootpa High School and played for Nuriootpa Football Club and Greenock Cricket Club.

Scott joined the Army in February 2006 and upon completion of his initial employment training, was posted to the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment in Darwin. He deployed with 1 CER in August 2006 to the Solomon Islands as part of Operation ANODE, the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). He was also a key member of Rifle Company Butterworth 79.

Scott first deployed to Afghanistan with Operation Slipper as part of Special Operations Task Group (SOTG) XII from February to July 2010 and in 2011 completed the Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance course (EOR) and was promoted to the rank of Corporal later that year. He deployed again, with Operation Slipper, to Afghanistan as part of SOTG XVIII from July 2012.

On 21 October 2012, while removing explosive ordnance from an insurgent compound during a clearance operation in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, Scott was killed when a device exploded. Scott was aged 24 years.

Corporal Smith was an exceptional soldier who possessed all the qualities and charisma of a great junior leader. He was described by his unit as a genuine, honest and a resolute member who was one of the best Junior Non-Commissioned Officers that the unit had seen. His loss is deeply felt.

Corporal Smith has been awarded the following honours and awards:

- Australian Active Service Medal with clasp International Coalition Against Terrorism
- Afghan Campaign Medal
- Australian Service Medal with Clasp Solomon Islands
- Australian Service Medal with Clasp – Counter Terrorism Special Recovery
- Australian Defence Medal
- NATO International Stabilisation Assistance Force Medal with Multi-Tour Indicator 2
- Army Soldiers Medallion
- Army Combat Badge
- Returned from Active Service Badge
- Commendation for Gallantry

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