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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. ~~509~~

Name Smith Harold Thomson

4474

Unit 5th FIELD COY. ENGS

Joined on 28. 4. 15.

Admitted  
M. 10. 1915

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Harold Thomson Smith
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
 In the Parish of ... in or  
 near the Town of North Melb.  
 in the County of Bourke Vic.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Nat. Born Brit. Subject
4. What is your age? ... 18 yrs. 8 mos.
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Warehouseman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...  
Father. David Smith  
17 Donald St  
Graham  
VIC.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... Since last June in 7th Field Co of Engineers. Three years (Service previously).
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes.
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
 Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes.

I, Harold Thomson Smith do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 16/3/15

Harold T. Smith  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.  
I consent to my son joining the Expeditionary Force Harold T. Smith  
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CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

*cd* I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1915

*Bas Dalton*

Signature of **HON. LIEUT. A. & I. STAFF.**

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Harold Thomson Smith swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

*Harold T. Smith*

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in

the State of Victoria

this Twentysecond day \_\_\_\_\_ of

March 1915, before me—

*Bas Dalton*

Signature of **HON. LIEUT. A. & I. STAFF.**

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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Description of Smith Harold Thomson on Enlistment.

Age 18 years 8 months  
Height 5 feet 11 5/8 inches  
Weight 114 7 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 35 1/2 inches  
Complexion Fair  
Eyes Gray  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination Pres.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

3 Vac. L.  
Small Moles on back

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula ; phthisis ; syphilis ; impaired constitution ; defective intelligence ; defects of vision, voice, or hearing ; hernia ; hæmorrhoids ; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent ; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle ; inveterate cutaneous disease ; chronic ulcers ; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C. ; contracted or deformed chest ; abnormal curvature of spine ; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye ; his heart and lungs are healthy ; he has the free use of his joints and limbs ; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 16. 3. 15.

Place Melbourne.

Andrews Capt aame.  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 1st Batt.

Date 28.4.15

Place Broad meadows

Richardson Capt  
Commanding 1st Co

Statement of Service of No. 509 Name Smith Harold Thomson

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
7th Field Coy of Engineers Civil Service Depot B Coy - 24 Batt.		9 months		
		3 years		
	Transferred to	22.3.15	28.4.15	
<b>5th FIELD COY. ENGS</b>		28.4.15		
		7/8/15	11 Dec. 1915	24/7/15. B.R. 25/10
	Transferred to S. Field Coy Engrs. Cable from Gen Burwood.	28/2/16	Defence	28/4/1/113
S Field Co. Eng	appointed Lt Col	16/8/15		MEFO 9/2 15/11/15
" " " " " "	" " " "	16/8/15		B.R. 30/35

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

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## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 509  
4474

Name Smith Harold Thomson

Unit B. Coy. 24 Bde.

Joined on 28. 4. 15.

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Harold Thomson Smith
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
In the Parish of ... in or  
near the Town of North Melbourne  
in the County of Bourke Vic.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Nat. born British subject
4. What is your age? ... 18 yrs. 8 mos.
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Warehouseman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...  
Father. David Smith  
17 Donald St  
Prakran Vic
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... Three years in Comp. Service & since June in 7<sup>th</sup> Field C. Engineers
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes.
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes.

Harold Thomson Smith do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 16/3/15

Harold T. Smith  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/1.15.—C.602.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

I certify to my son joining the Expeditionary Force David Smith  
National Archives of Australia Harold T. Smith NAA: B2455, SMITH HT

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CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

*ad* I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.  
(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1915

*Ed Dalton*

Signature of Attesting Officer  
HON. LIEUT. A. & I. STAFF.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Harold Thomson Smith swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

Harold T. Smith  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Milbourn in the State of Victoria this Twentysecond day of March 1915, before me—

*Ed Dalton*  
Signature of Attesting Officer  
HON. LIEUT. A. & I. STAFF.

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 5TH DIVISION  
 or } AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS  
 CORPS } Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } 8TH FIELD COMPANY

Regtl. No. 4474 Rank Lance Corporal

Name SMITH H.T.

Died { Date 19/7/16  
 Place FRANCE  
 Cause of Death\* Killed in action

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B. 213, 21/7/16

By whom made O.C. 8th Field Company, Australian Engineers.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Not yet to hand  
 Date --  
 By whom reported --

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet to hand  
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) --  
 (c) as a separate document --

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } *H. H. Jones* Lieutenant,  
 For O.C. Australian Records Section,  
 3RD ECHELON, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date ROUEN, FRANCE 13/9/16



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Description of Smith, Harold Thomson on Enlistment.

Age 18 years 8 months  
Height 5 feet 11 7/8 inches  
Weight 11 st. 7 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 35 1/2 inches  
Complexion Fair  
Eyes Hazel  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination Presby.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

3 Vac L.  
Small Mole on Back

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :-

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 16 - 3 - 15

Place Melbourne

[Signature]  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

Capt. A.A.M.C.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 2nd Lt. Buss

Date 28.4.15

Place Broadmeadows

Commanding [Signature]

Entitled to 1914/15 Star *Smith*  
**CARD CHECKED**

*4474*<sup>4</sup>

Statement of Service of No. *529* Name *Smith Harold Thomson*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>of the Field Coy of Engineers Civil Service Depot B Coy - 24 Batt.</i>			<i>9 months 3 years 22.3.15 - 25.4.15</i>	
	<i>Trans to 8th Field Coy Engineer</i>	<i>25.4.15</i>	<i>15.8.15</i>	<i>R 76 4.13.15</i>
	<b>PROMOTED</b> <i>Lance Corporal</i>	<i>16/8/15</i>		<i>P/H 9/230 15/10/15</i>
<b>DECEASED</b>	<i>Killed in action</i>	<i>19-7-16</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>" 36 346 416 C No 265 + 846</i>
<i>Entered from Form B 185</i>	<i>Proceeded to join M. G. F. Gallipoli</i>		<i>3/9/15</i>	
	<i>Disemb. ex Mauritius Alexandria</i>		<i>9/1/16</i>	<i>03394</i>
	<i>Embarked overseas B. G. F. Alexandria</i>		<i>14/6/16</i>	<i>QP 9062</i>
	<i>Disembarked Marseilles</i>		<i>25/6/16</i>	<i>LR 5932</i>
			<i>108</i>	<i>P. S. F.</i>
				<i>108</i>

*Re 652/39/10 no report of award 9/18.0.c. unit.*

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

7th ENGINEERS.

DEPÔT—ALEXANDRA AVENUE,

Melbourne,

16/3/1915

FROM  
C.O. 7th Field Coy. A.E.

TO  
Enrolling Officer Broadmeadows

This is to certify that  
No. 216 Sapper Lt. J. Smith, has returned  
to State all articles of Equipment  
property or issue to him from  
7th Engineers.

J. J. Lecker C.M. A.E.  
for C.O. 7th Engineers

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4Ard/2652/39/10.

12th March, 8

No. 20345, Dvr. A.L. Smith,  
108th Howitzer Battery, A.F.A.  
A.I.F. FRANCE.

No. 4474, L/Cpl. SMITH, H.T., 5th Div. Engineers.  
Deceased.

Enquiries have been made with a view to ascertaining the burial place of the above-mentioned deceased N.C.O. and the O.C. 5th Div. Engineers, states that "No. 4474, L/Cpl. Smith, H.T., was killed on the night of 19th-20th July 1916, during the attack on the German lines at Frouvilles. He was digging a C.T. across No Man's Land, when he was sniped through the head, death taking place almost instantaneously. Owing to our retirement in the early hours of July 20th, his body, which was lying near the enemy's lines, was not recovered".

for Officer i/c Records.

Army Form B. 103.

8th Field Company, Aust. Engrs, Instrumental Number 4474  
6074  
**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps Lance Corporal  
8th Field Company - Aust. Engrs  
24th Div - Engrs - 6th - 1st - 2nd - 3rd - 4th - 5th - 6th - 7th - 8th - 9th - 10th - 11th - 12th - 13th - 14th - 15th - 16th - 17th - 18th - 19th - 20th - 21st - 22nd - 23rd - 24th - 25th - 26th - 27th - 28th - 29th - 30th - 31st - 32nd - 33rd - 34th - 35th - 36th - 37th - 38th - 39th - 40th - 41st - 42nd - 43rd - 44th - 45th - 46th - 47th - 48th - 49th - 50th - 51st - 52nd - 53rd - 54th - 55th - 56th - 57th - 58th - 59th - 60th - 61st - 62nd - 63rd - 64th - 65th - 66th - 67th - 68th - 69th - 70th - 71st - 72nd - 73rd - 74th - 75th - 76th - 77th - 78th - 79th - 80th - 81st - 82nd - 83rd - 84th - 85th - 86th - 87th - 88th - 89th - 90th - 91st - 92nd - 93rd - 94th - 95th - 96th - 97th - 98th - 99th - 100th

Rank Pte. Surname SMITH Christian Name H.T.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Enlisted (a) 22/3/15 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 Mths Service reckons from (a) 22/3/15

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported to Army Form B. 213; Army Form A. 36; or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
<u>30/10/15</u>	<u>O.C., Coy.</u>	<u>Appointed Lance Corporal</u>	Embarked ... Disembarked ...	<u>Anzac</u>	<u>16/8/15</u>	<u>B.213 O/9/230</u>
<u>3/9/15</u>	<u>Proceeded to join</u>	<u>M.E.F.</u>		<u>Gallipoli</u>	<u>3/9/15</u>	
<u>9/1/16</u>	<u>Nom Roll</u>	<u>Disemb.ex Manitou</u>		<u>Alexandria</u>	<u>9/1/16</u>	<u>D3397</u>
<u>17/6/16</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	<u>Embarked overseas BEF</u>		<u>do</u>	<u>17/6/16</u>	<u>AP 9062</u>
<u>25/6/16</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Disembarked</u>		<u>Marseilles</u>	<u>25/6/16</u>	<u>LR 5932</u>
<u>21/7/16</u>	<u>O.C. 8th Fld. Coy.</u>	<u>Killed in action.</u>		<u>"In the field</u>	<u>0/36/846 VL 2/8/16</u>	
				<u>France "</u>	<u>19/7/16</u>	<u>AQ 1339</u>
				<u>Lieutenant,</u>		
				<u>For O.C. Australian Records Section,</u>		
				<u>3RD ECHELON, G.H.Q., B.E.F.</u>		

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c.

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87 Coy Engrs.  
Casualty Form - Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps ~~87 Coy Engrs~~ **Field Coy Engrs**  
Rank ~~Private~~ **Private**  
Name ~~Shoing Smith~~ **Shoing Smith**  
Enlisted (a) **27/3/15** Terms of Service (a) **for months after Service reckons from (a)** **27/3/15**

Date of promotion to present rank }  
Date of appointment to lance rank }  
Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }  
Re-engaged } Qualification (b) }

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case <b>Form B. 213</b>	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
30/10/15	O.C. C.	<b>Presented to form B. 213</b>	<b>Galdipoli</b>	3-9-15	
9/1/16	Tom Ball	App'd Lance	Angas	16.5.15	P. 27/9/200
17/6/16	Manitou	Disembarked v. Manitou	Alex. Alex.	9-1-16	D 3297
25/6/16		Embarked Overseas B.E.F.	x Alex.	17-8-16	AP 9602
		Disemb.	Marseilles	25/6/16	LR 5932
24/1/16	O.C.	Killed in Action	France	19/7/16	AP 1339 8/36/546 v. 2/4/16
Army Form B 2090a forwarded to Head quarters, A.I.F., London, 13.9.16.					

*AKH*  
Officer in Records  
Lieut.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.





RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 4474 Lance Corporal H. T. SMITH, 8th Field Company Engineers.



Signature *David Smith*

Date *14-11-92*

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One MEDAL for No. 509

Rank

Name

Unit

24/2w

David Smith

(Signature)

Schedule No.

19917/20

(Witness)

E. E. Smith

Place

Reg Post 6/12

History Card completed

Date

6/12/20

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FORWARDED BY THE MILITARY DISTRICT

Please return this receipt as soon as possible,  
duly signed and witnessed, to—

**Medal Distributing Officer,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.**

*Handwritten signature and scribbles*

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A.

Being unable to attend in person, I hereby authorize  
*Arthur Henry Smith* to collect the Memorial Plaque on  
my behalf.

Date *Sept 4 1942* Signature *David Smith*

they are to be sent to Base Records.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. *321985*

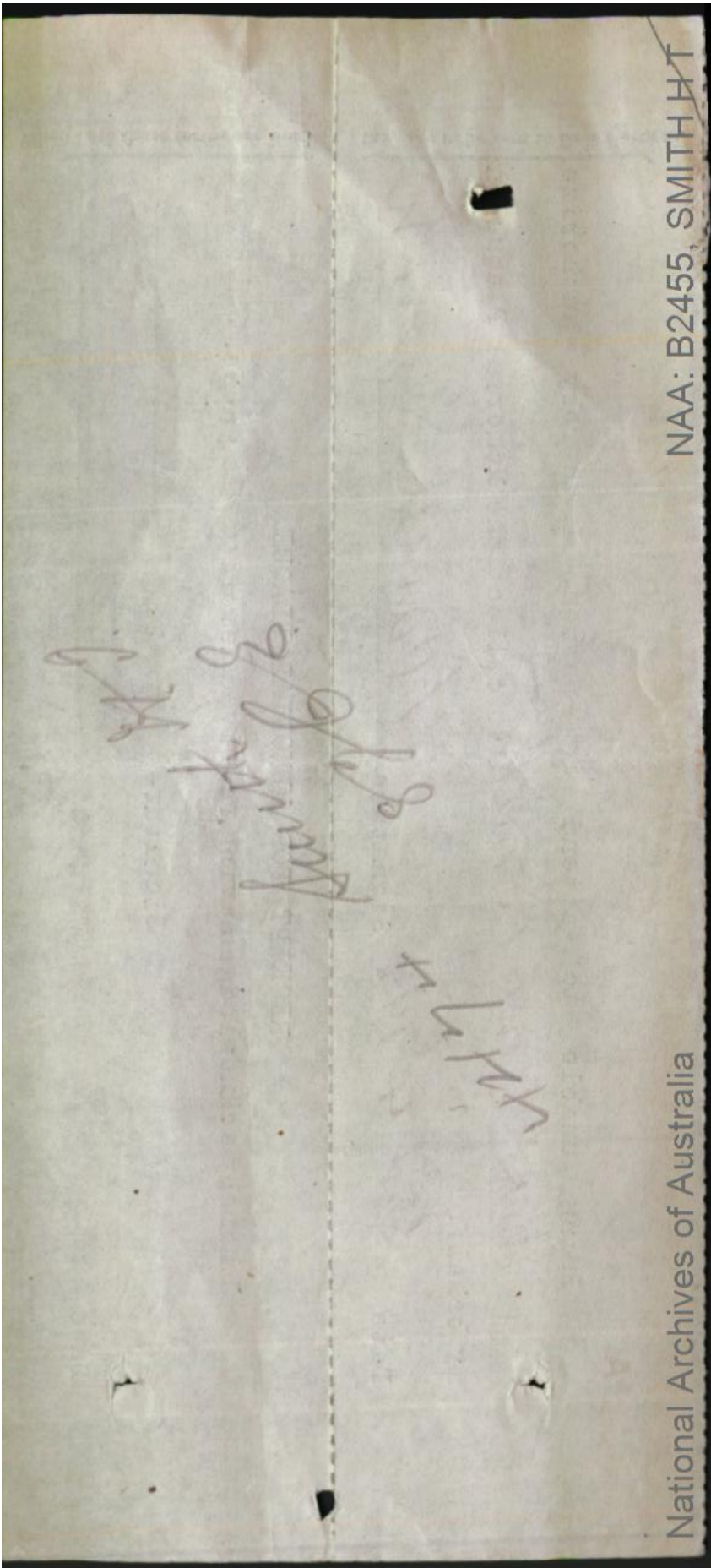
Signature *D. Smith*  
Witness *A. L. Smith*

Date *11/9/72*

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When both these forms are used



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Card.

Country ... England  
Name ... ~~XXXX~~ H.T. Smith  
Rank ... Pte. Identity Disc 4474  
Unit ... 8th Field Co. Engineers  
Identity Disc handed over by Intelligence Officer of 6th Army Hd.  
Qrs. through Central Office for Deceased Estates. 12/10/16

Voucher.

Australian Soldier Harold Thompson Smith, Identity Disc 4474,  
8th Field Co. Engrs., fell in the neighbourhood of Fromelles 19/7/16

Confirmed Berlin, 1st Nov. 1919.

**RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.**

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late No. 4474 I/Cpl. H.T. Smith,

8th Field Company Engineers.

*David Smith*  
(Signature)

*12 8 21*  
(Date)



This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

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Land Engl. Totenlisten Nr. 10536/73/W.

Abschrift.

Name S m i t h, H.T.

Dienstgrad Sold. Nr. der Erf. Marke 4474.

Truppenteil 8th Fld. Coy-Engr.

Zeit u. Ort der Gefangennahme Erk. Mrk. überwiesen v. NQ. A.O.K.6. dch. M.A. (Zentral-

Aufenthaltort stelle für Nachlasssachen. 12.10.16.

Bemerkungen  
Verwundung N.  
Erimasson

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Land Engl. Toten-Listen Nr.10536/73/W./

Abschrift.

Name	S m i t h, H.T.		
Dienstgrad	Sold.	Nr. der Erf.-Marke	4474.
Truppenteil	8th Fld.Coy-Engr.		
Zeit u. Ort der Gefangennahme	Erk.Mrk. überwiesen v.N.O.		
Aufenthaltort	A.O.K.6. Geh.M.A.(Zentral- stelle für Nachlassachen.		
Bemerkungen	12.10.16.		

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Nachrichtenoffizier,  
beim A.O.K.6.

A.H.Qu. den 2.8.16.

An das

Kgl. Preuss. Kriegsministerium, Medizinal Abtlg.  
Zentralstelle für Nachlasssachen.

B e r l i n,

austr. Sold. S m i t h, Harold, Thompson, Erk.Mrk. 4474,  
8th Fld.Coy-Engr.  
am 19.7. in Gegend Fromelles gefallen.

Hauptmann u. Nachrichtenoffizier,  
Unterschrift.

Beglaubigt Berlin, den 1. November 1919.



*Jacobi!*  
Lt. d. Res.

TRAINEE SECTION.

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Record Book compared )  
and attached. )

Endorsed by

Checked by

Initials	.....	Date	.....
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29/10/19  
30.10.19  
31 OCT 1919

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EMR

1st May 1918

96020

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of the 22nd ultimo regarding your son, the late No 4474 Lance Corporal H.T. Smith, 8th Field Company Engineers, late 24th Battalion, I have to advise you that no personal effects have been returned to this Office and as such a length of time has elapsed since his decease it is not probable that any will now come to hand. You may rest assured, however, that any parcels coming to hand will be promptly transmitted to, <sup>you</sup> or in accordance with other testamentary instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. D. Smith,  
17 Donald Street,  
PRAHAN,  
Victoria.

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred  
to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 7.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.  
MELBOURNE.

DEAR

I am in receipt of cable advice to the effect that

is returning to Australia on the Hospital Ship  
in about the and is due

It is to be noted that owing to possible mutilations in the cabled advice  
and other causes this notification may not be correct pending verification from the  
roll on arrival of the Hospital Ship.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,

*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

D. 135/3.17.—0.3414.

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~~James Sec~~

14 Bourall St  
Plymouth  
22-4-18

The Secretary of Defence

Sir.

On July 19<sup>th</sup> 1916, my  
son 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal H. J. Smith No 4474, ~~was~~ 8<sup>th</sup>  
Full Coy of Engineers, was killed in France, I am  
writely to enquire, if the Personal effects  
have come to hand yet, as we have not  
received same, if there has been carelessness or  
neglect in forwarding same I shall be glad if  
you will have the matter attended to at  
your earliest convenience

Yours truly  
David Smith.

DEPARTMENT  
RECEIVED  
23-APR-18  
OF DEFENCE

Mr Morgan  
24/4  
BASE RECORDS  
24 APR 18M  
RECEIVED

CAMP. Hunt  
Paul Hiew  
Bunbury Rd  
Langford  
Koo

D. B.

31st July, 1917.

98816

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 24th instant, and to state that no personal effects of the late No. 4474 L/Cpl. H. T. Smith, 8th Field Company Engineers, late 24th Battalion, have been returned to this office to date, but any coming to hand will be promptly transmitted either to you, or in accordance with other testamentary instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. D. Smith,  
17 Donald Street,  
Prahran, Vic.





14 Donald St  
Prakran  
24-9-14

The Officer in Charge Base Records

Sir

Some 4 months

ago I wrote you in reference to Personal effects of  
the Late <sup>2nd</sup> <sup>4414</sup> Capt. A. J. Smith 8<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers who  
was killed in Action in France July 19<sup>th</sup> 1916.

I received

a card in reply that you had no advice of the effects at that  
time. I have not received or heard anything of effects  
yet. Would you kindly have the matter inquired into  
as it is now 12 months since my son fell and we  
have not heard any thing of his belongings. I have  
heard of several whose lads fell on the same date having  
received some of their sons effects. Is there carelessness  
or what is the reason of delay? Kindly have the matter  
looked into at your earliest convenience and

oblige

Yours

Daniel Smith.

D. B.

76176

9th June, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 6th instant, and to state that no personal effects of the late No. 4474 L/Cpl. W. T. Smith, 5th Divisional Engineers, have been returned to this office to date, but any coming to hand will be promptly forwarded either to your or in accordance with other testamentary instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Smith,  
17 Donald Street,  
Pracan, Vic.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.



1<sup>st</sup>/ Donald St  
Prabhaw  
6-6-17

The Officer in Charge Base Records.

Sir

Would you kindly inform me if  
the Personal effects of the Late V04444  
Corporal H J. Smith 8<sup>th</sup> Field Company  
Engineers Australian Imperial Force. The  
Above Soldier my son, was killed in action  
in France on July 19<sup>th</sup>. And I have not received  
any effects of any kind although people whose  
sons fell on same date, have received effects. I shall  
be glad if you will inform me when the above  
effects are likely to arrive, and when & where they  
can be obtained.

Yours faithfully  
David Smith.

Gus Morgan  
7/6

RECEIVED  
16/3/17

14 Donald St  
Prattman  
13.3.17.

To The Secretary Defence

Sir

On Sat 21<sup>st</sup> I wrote you asking when I should be likely to receive personal effects of Late 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal H. J. Smith 204474 8<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers late 24 Battalion. I shall be glad if after a lapse of 1 month you are in the position where my sons belongings are. I should be glad to have same, as I am hopeful there may be a document which will be necessary in settling up his estate. By attending this and favouring with an early I shall be greatly obliged

Your truly  
David Smith  
Father of above Soldier.

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14-MAR-17  
DEFENCE  
BASE RECORDS  
17 MAR 17 AM  
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6/3/17  
SMA Morgan  
B. J. Eric  
14/3

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AIF. 272/4/948.

re No. 4474, 2nd Corporal H. T. Smith, deceased.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
BASE RECORDS.

With reference to the attached letter could you  
furnish me with following information, please:-

- (a) Information concerning the late soldier's personal effects, also the letters mentioned.
- (b) Any information concerning the place of interment of the deceased.

FINANCE MEMBER.  
/2/1917.

JML/VD. Finance Member.

No advice of the despatch of any personal effects has yet been received, nor has the report as to the place of interment yet come to hand. It is the practice of this Branch to advise all concerned immediately upon receipt of advices in this respect.

Melbourne,  
1/3/17.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } **5TH DIVISION** Squadron, }  
 or } **AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS** Troop, Battery }  
 CORPS } } **8TH FIELD COMPANY**

Regtl. No. **4474** Rank **Lance Corporal**

Name **SMITH H.T.**

Died { Date **19/7/16**  
 Place **FRANCE**  
 Cause of Death\* **Killed in action**

Nature and Date of Report **Army Form B.213, 21/7/16**

By whom made **O.C. 8th Field Company, Australian Engineers.**

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place **Not yet to hand**  
 Date **--**  
 By whom reported **--**

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) **Not yet to hand**  
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) **--**  
 (c) as a separate document **--**

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge } *W. H. Jones* Lieutenant,  
 of Section Adjutant-General's }  
 Office at the Base } **For O.C. Australian Records Section,**  
**3RD ECHELON, G.H.Q., B.E.F.**

Station and Date **ROUEN, FRANCE 13/9/16**

BO'L.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In communications regimental number, rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred to, is to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE. 29th October 1916.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 18th instant, and enclose herewith, as requested, certificate of report of death of the late No. 4474, 2/Corpl. H.T. Smith, 8th Field Company Engineers, (late 24th Battalion)

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LITMAN, Major  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. D. Smith,  
17 Donald Street,  
—PRAHRAN—VIC.

No. 4474,

*Temporary* 2/Corporal Harold Thomson Smith,  
8th Field Company Engineers,  
Australian Imperial Force.

XXXXXX was killed in action.

(No record available)

19th July

16.

Cable No. C.I.B.L.

265, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,  
10th August 1916, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.  
Headquarters, dated London, 18th August 1916.

29th October 16.

Major.



7/15  
1910

14 Donald St  
Prattville  
18-10-16

To the Base Records Officer

Sir

Re No 4444

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. H. J. Smith 8<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers  
late 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion reported killed July 19<sup>th</sup>.

I should be obliged if you could kindly forward  
certificate of death as soon as possible.

Two months has now elapsed and I  
received for it notice of his death. I made  
enquiries at your Office for certificate  
and was informed that same would  
be sent in about 6 weeks. I might mention  
I require certificate in connection with  
his private affairs. Hoping that the matter  
can be attended to at once.

I am yours

Sincerely

Harold Smith



M. S. G. Jones  
19/10

Transferred to

DEFENCE B.R. D 11294 X

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4474  
 Rank Private Name Smith H. T.  
 Unit 6th Bn Cable 67649 8th F. Co. Coy late 24th Btn  
 Casualty 201 Killed in Action 18/7/16 265/67649 Old London 10/8/16.



DATE	A.F. B. 103 received	PURPORT.	A.F. B. 2090A Received.	REF. NO.
16/8/16		M. C. 3 Advised killed 19/7/16.		
6.9.16		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
18 10 16		NOK asking for Eff. & Part.		27/10
29 10 16		CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF		
		Table for <u>CLM 273 &amp; 278 s.d.</u>		
- 2 17		F.M. asking re Eff. & Particulars		
1 3 17		Reply sent to F.M.		
13 3 17		NOK asking for Eff. & Part.		14/3
16 8 17		F. Ack. sent		
6 6 17		NOK asking for Eff. & Part.		9/6
9 6 17		Reply sent to b. b. 17		
24 9 17		NOK again asking for Eff. & Part.		9/17
31 OCT 1919		Identity disc see <u>scrip</u> to ask		
		C. R. Form 7 Returned to Unit 2 Comgrs Vic 7/1/1998.		
		Order B.R.M. 48/1999 & Booklet despatched 20/12/19		
15/10/20		1914/15 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/19917		
22/1/21		To Comdt 3rd M.D. B.R.M. 52/72		
		BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 3rd M.D.B.R.M. 53/864 896		
		"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to <u>M.H. Smith</u> on <u>28.7.21</u>		
		MEMORIAL SCROLL To Father		
		<u>Mr D Smith</u>		
		<u>321985</u>		
		<u>5.8.21</u>		

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LIST.

14 NOV 1922

VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B. R. P. F. 40

Registered Post No. *4818* G. P. O. Melbourne

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE

To  
*Jacky (M) (3 D B)*  
*Mr D. Smith*  
*321 986*  
*9. 8. 120*  
*Q. 18/18/22*

12-7-26 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched

To *T. C. Corner Cem. Ew.*

1 CEMETERY REGISTER

Despatched *22 8 24*