

Smith, Lionel Francis Watson.

ASC 1904

Cemetery or memorial details: Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

War Grave Register notes: Smith, Tpr. Lionel Francis Watson, 519. 2nd Australian Light Horse Machine Gun Sqdn. Killed in action 5th Aug., 1916. Age 29. Son of Harry and Adelaide Louisa Australia Smith, of Brundah, Nancarrow Lane, Wellington, Native of Dubbo.

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12TH. L.H. Regt
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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *517*

Name *SMITH Lionel Francis Watson*
Unit *6th Lt*
Joined on *23rd January 1915*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *Lionel Francis Watson Smith*

2. In the Parish of *Dubbo* in or near the Town of *Dubbo* in the County of *N.S.W.*

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *Yes*

4. What is your age? *27 years & 10 months*

5. What is your trade or calling? *Clark*

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) *Mother M.P. J.A. Smith
St. M. M. Gubb, ~~Concord~~
Concord, West Sydney
New South Wales*

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 Incorrigible 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 *No*

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 and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? *No*

Lionel Francis Watson 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

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Imperial War Museum

NOTED ON H.C. CARD

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier: Lionel Francis Watson Smith
2. Unit and Number (if known): 12th Light Horse - 579
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
 Town (if any) Wellington District Wellington State New South Wales
4. What was his Birthplace: Bumboogie Station near Dubbo, N.S. Wales
5. Date of Death: 5th day of August, nineteen hundred & sixteen
6. Place where Killed or Wounded: Romania - Egypt

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling: Bank official
2. Age at time of Death: Twenty nine years
3. What was his School: All Saints College Bathurst, New South Wales
4. What was his other Training: Banking
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia: _____
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars): No
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
Served in Gallipoli - was there at Evacuation -

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
14th Battalion - Uncle - Killed - Harry Bacchus & descendant Bacchus New Zealand Rifles
cousins - Killed - Lieutenants Fred Frederick Berkeley Fitzhardinge - Cavalry Corps
1st Lt. Bacchus - killed - Henry James Hibberd - killed - Harry Bacchus & descendant Bacchus New Zealand Rifles
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9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
 Name: Harry Smith
 Relationship to Soldier: Father
 Address: "Brands" Wasseman Lane Wellington, New South Wales

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
 Name: Mrs. H. Smith (mother)
 Address: 1930 -> "Willaha" Warne Street, Wellington NSW

Change Race Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down

Note in above, he was the cousin of Old Boy Brian Barton, also killed.

Description of SMITH Lionel S.

Age 27 years 10 months

Height 5 feet 5 inches

Weight 94 1/2 lbs.

Chest Measurement 33 - 35 inches

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue

Hair Brown

Religious Denomination C of G

~~Regiment or Corps~~ 12th LIGHT-HORSE REGIMENT. A.I.F. A.I.F. Regime

Rank Troop or Surname SMITH Christian Name Lionel

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____

Enlisted (a) 23-1-15 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons _____

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance _____

Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b) _____

_____ or Corps Trade and _____

_____ Signature _____

Date	Report		Place of Casualty
	Date	From whom received	
		Embarked ...	
		Disembarked...	
9-15	O.C. 6th.L.H.	Trans to 6th.L.H.Regt.	Anzac Cove
	Regt.	& Posted to "D" Squadron	Gallipoli
	HMT. "Anchises"	Disembarked at	Alexandria
1-16	O.C. Regt.	Absent without Leave from IOPM to 11-15 PM. 13-1-16.	Maadi
		Awarded:- Admonished.	
2-16	O.C. Regt.	Trans to 12th.L.H.Regt. &	Maadi
	B213/9	Mohd. out to Oasis Camp	
		Heliopolis ex	
	"	Marched in	Tel-el-Keb
	Regt.	" "	Dueidar
6-16	12th.L.H.Regt	Detached to M.G.School of Instruction Zeitoun	"

(c) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement.

16-8-16	Nom. Roll 2nd. L.H. Bde. M.G. Sqn.	Taken on strength	Et-Maler
16-8-16	O.C. M.G. Sqn.	Killed in action	"

Embarked at Sydney per A29 "Suevic" on 13/6/15.
22/2/16 reabsorbed on sta. of 12th L.H. x 1st L.H.
F.M. 24/6/16 Detached to Machine Gun School of Ins. Zeitou
F.M. 24/7/16 Trans. to 2nd L.H.B.M.G. Sqn. ex 12th L.H.R)
22/2/16 Tfd. to 12th L.H. Regt. (VE)

29.8.15 Transfd. to 6th L.H. Regt
BURIED IN GRAVE No 16 Bir-et-maler Cemetery (Pte Memorial
Erected) MS

TROOPER L. F. W. SMITH.

Trooper Lionel Francis Watson Smith is reported to have been killed in action in Egypt between August 4 and 6. He was the only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, formerly of Dubbo. Deceased was educated at All Saints' College Bathurst. He took part in the Gallipoli campaign.

SMH 16/8/16

Romani, an action fought on 4-5 August 1916 in the Sinai Desert 35 kilometres east of the Suez Canal, took place amid towering sand-dunes astride the old caravan route to Palestine skirting the Mediterranean Sea. After Turkish raids had inflicted some damage to British outposts in this area during April, Romani was occupied by the 52nd (Lowland) Infantry Division and the Anzac Mounted Division, the latter at that time comprising two brigades of Australian light horse under Major-General Harry Chauvel. From here the mounted troops undertook a vigorous program of desert patrols, aimed at keeping the enemy away from this route to the canal and detecting any approach that was made.

From "Desert Column" internet.

War Diary account of the 1st LHMGS, AIF.

The transcription:

4/5 August

Sections out with 2nd and 3rd Light Horse Regiments and one Section in reserve with Brigade Headquarters. Attack by Turks early in morning. Took up position with Reserve guns and covered withdrawal of Regiment from neighbourhood of Mount Meredith, after which guns were withdrawn and accompanied Brigade Headquarters and remained with it all day. Moved out at night and bivouacked. Marched out at 0400. Struck Hod el Enna. Saw results of previous day's engagement. Afternoon, Machine Gun Section Two ordered up to support 1st Light Horse Regiment and Machine Gun Section One in the attack on Katia. Objective attained and Brigade withdrew at dusk.

SMALE W. H.
SMITH C. A.
SMITH L. F. W.

AWM



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THE ORIGINAL MEMORIAL BORE THE INSCRIPTION "ERECTED BY THEIR COMRADES AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE, THE NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED RIFLES, THE IMPERIAL CAMEL CORPS AND THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN EGYPT, PALESTINE AND SYRIA 1916 - 1918"

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UNVEILED BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. G. GORTON, M.P. PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA ON 19TH APRIL 1968

