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TRALIAN**10<sup>th</sup> Bn**MILITARY FORCES.****AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.****ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD**No. 2794 Name SMELT Charles HaroldUnit 10<sup>th</sup> BnJourney on 10<sup>th</sup> Bn6th. Reinfr's.  
27th. Battalion.**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your Name? Charles Harold Smelt
2. In the Parish of Rosewater in or  
near the Town of Rosewater  
in the County of Sth Aus
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a  
Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—In the latter,  
papers to be shown.) yes
4. What is your age? 25 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? Mill Hand
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) Sister) M<sup>rs</sup> Beatrice Young  
Ottawa Place  
Rosewater Sth Aus
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 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, 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? yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against  
smallpox and enteric fever? yes

Charles Harold Smelt 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 27. 7. 15Charles H. Smelt  
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.

Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number 2794 B

## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 6/27th Battalion, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.  
 Rank Private Surname S M E L T Christian Name C. H.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months  
 Enlisted (a) 2-8-15 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 2-8-15  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended ( ) Re-engaged ( ) Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Officer, \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.103, 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.103, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked			
27-2-16	O.C. 7th Tng. Bn.	Alotted and proceeded to join 10th Bn.	Zeitoun	27-2-16	AP4616.
28-2-16	C.O. 10th Bn.	Taken on strength from reprints 27th Battalion	Serapeum	28-2-16	D022/3985
3-4-16	O.C. Troops "Saxonia"	Embarked to join B.M.F. Disembarked at	Alexandria	27-3-16	AP6499
1-6-16	C.O. 10th Bn.	Reported Missing	France	19/23-3-16	BE13 AQ4650 VL.75.13-6-16
19-6-17	Court of Enquiry	KILLED IN ACTION	do	19/23-3-16	VL.395.5-7-17 Corri. B046/4037 19/403/5 A.B.S.
ARMED SECTION, 3rd BATTALION, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.		(B.G.D.)	H.E. WAWN	Captain, Officer i/c Records.	

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

FORM W. 12-11/11/17 L.A. 1026 11/7 MAR 27/14 FORM B.103/4 (G. 500)

(P.V. 6)

*Charles H. Smelt*  
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Adelaide in  
 the State of Sth Aus  
 this 2 AUG 1915 day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

19, before me—

*A. J. Corp & Co*  
 Signature of Attesting Officer.

\* 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 initialled by the Attesting Officer.



# FIELD SERVICE

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS 10th. BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Late 27th. Battalion A.I.F.  
 OR CORPS 2794b. Rank Private  
 Regimental No. 2794b. Rank Private  
 Surname SINGH Christian Names C.H.  
 Date 19/23rd Aug. 1916. Place In the Field, France.  
 Died Killed in Action  
 Cause of Death

Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry dated 19th. June 1917.  
 By whom made

\* 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.

Particulars not yet received  
 Burial Place Date  
 By whom reported

State whether he leaves (c) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Received  
 a Will or not (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 F.I.L. Discharge Office, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). ANZAC SECTION 3rd. Echelon. G.H.Q. B.I.F. 25th. July 1917. Signature of Officer in charge of Section Officer i/c Records.  
 Station and Date 25th. July 1917. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

(452) W 2090A 500,000 10/16 JFW (E328) Forms B2090A/2

neatly, 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 27. 7-15

Place Adelaide

J.P. Bunker  
R.D. Bunker Capt  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer. same

## 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 Q. Group. Base Inftry.

Date 2/8/15

Place Exhibition

Commanding La

CAMP COMMANDANT

Description of Charles Harold Smith on Enlistment

25 years 9 months

ht 5 feet 9 inches

wt 129 lbs.

Measurement 32 1/2 34 1/2 inches

Complexion Fair

Hair Grey

Eyes Brown

Religious Denomination Prof Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis. R 1/6 L 1/6  
Vacc NIL

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

WE 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 limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate venereal 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 render him unfit 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 27. 7-15

Place Adelaide

J. P. Duncan  
R. D. Brown  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer. Capt Adams

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Commanding Lt

Major  
CAMP COMMANDANT



Statement of Service No. 2774 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
Groat Esch Boy 3rd D. Batt 6/27 Det		2/8/15. 16/8/15. 1/9/15	15/8/15. 31/8/15-	
Transferred from 10th. Batt. 28 <sup>th</sup> Div. to 1st Bn. 10th. Batt. 28 <sup>th</sup> Div.	Reported MISSING in action France 19/23.8.16  Now reported. Killed in action France 23.8.16			Placed in 49/7061 15/8/15 CIBL 1581
	Ref 120 49/7061. Delete completely as missing in action. In Lieu thereof paid. Killed in action 19/23.8.16			W.O. 16/ACSY. 12 7-1
	SEE COPY A.F. 8103 ENCLOSED			Cof E Ref: 8103/123 Missing.

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

W. W. Bell Corp  
for Major

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		Disembarked at	Marseilles	3-4-16	LR5179
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					VL.75.13-9-16
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ANZAC SECTION, 3rd ECHELON, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.					
			Officer i/c Records.		

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(b) Signaller, Shipping-Smith, &amp;c.

42310 W. 11/11/17 1400200 1/17 MAA &amp; VC 1.16 Forms B/1034 (H. 228)

[P.T.O.]

FH/GB.

25th January, 1921

25 JAN 1921

DESPATCH

Dear Sir,

I understand you are the only surviving brother of the late No. 2794 Private C.H. Smelt, 10th Battalion, his parents being deceased, and I shall be glad to learn whether communications addressed as under will reach you, as it is desired to forward deceased's war medals etc., to you, as they become available, through the Military Commandant, Headquarters, Francis Street, Perth.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favor of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. Frank Smelt,  
French Polisher,  
C/o Bon Marche,  
PERTH, ..W.A.



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OR CORPS ( Battery or Company }  
Regimental No. 2794b. Rank Private  
Surname SMELT Christian Names C.H.  
Died Date 19/23rd. Aug. 1916. Place In the Field, France.  
Cause of Death\* Killed in Action  
Nature and Date of Report }  
By whom made } Court of Enquiry dated 19th. June 1917.

\* 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 Particulars not yet received Date  
By whom reported

State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base)  
a Will or not received  
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Station and Date 25th. July 1917. Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Captain. Officer i/c Records.



LE/CM

26th March, 1917.

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Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter (undated), I regret to state no further information has been received concerning your brother, No. 2794 Private G.H. Smelt, 10th Battalion, since he was reported as missing between 19th and 23rd August last.

The overseas authorities are doing everything in their power to trace missing men, and should any definite news be received concerning the abovenamed soldier it would be promptly communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. B. Young,  
Ottoway,  
ROSEWATER, S.A.

To Officer in charge  
Barr  
Melbourne

Dear Sir

Could you give me any information  
concerning my Brother

No 2494

Private Charles Harold Smelt

10th Battalion

D Company

3rd Brigade

A. I. F.



who was officially reported missing between Aug<sup>1916</sup> 23.  
He left here on October 24<sup>th</sup> 1915 with 6<sup>th</sup> reinforcements  
2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion & was transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Batt  
while in Egypt

Yours faithfully

Beatrice Young

Ottawa

Rosewater

CORRESPONDENCE  
SECTION

MAR 26 1917

RECEIVED

March 21 1917

Mr McCulloch

24/3



MK

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 25th June, 1921.

Mrs. B. Young,

Ivy Street,

Ottoway, ROSEWATER, S. A.

Dear Madam,

I regret very much that, notwithstanding the efforts of our Graves Services Unit, we have so far been unable to obtain any trace of the last resting place of

your son the late No. 2794 Private

C. H. Smelt, 10th Battalion,

and, so that no possible source of information shall be overlooked, I shall be much obliged if you will let me have on loan any letters or communications that contain any reference to the circumstances surrounding his death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen alive. Of course any information you may have received as to his burial would be of the greatest assistance. The reason these steps are being taken is to identify, if at all possible, those bodies that are being recovered but which have nothing on them to definitely establish identification, and thus obviate the necessity of interring them in the new Military Cemetery under the heading "An Unknown Australian Soldier."

Only those portions of any letters having a direct bearing or reference to the above need be forwarded. They will be carefully preserved and returned without delay.

If you have nothing that will help, would you kindly let us know, so that we can advise the overseas authorities.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

*J. McLean*

MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

Formal ack  
send a document to  
returned 5.5.21

To the Officer in Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place)

(Date)

I am posting the only letter that contains any reference to the <sup>resting</sup> place of the late 2794 Private C. H. Smelt

I have also seen his personal friend who was with him. Private E. G. Pearman who was taken prisoner, he said he ~~was~~ was killed just out of Pozers at Mouquet Farm Private

Pearman never seen him. He said he looked up the late Private C. H. Smelt want to see him

I am sorry it is all the information I could ever get from anyone

I remain  
yours faithfully  
Beatrice Young.

DECEASED

SECTION

JUN 1 1921

RECEIVED

BASE RECORDS

JUN 1 1921

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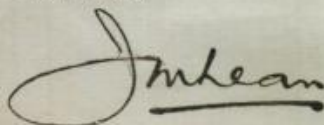
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MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

DESPATCHED

To the Officer in Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*W. J. P. exact for 48 London*

*Filed 19.23.8.1916.  
at Moquet Farm.*

*See 19.23.8.1916*



COPY KC/

SOUTH AUSTRALIA,

In the Supreme Court

Testamentary Causes Jurisdiction.

THIS IS THE LASTWILL AND TESTAMENT of me Charles Harold Smelt of Rosewater in the State of South Australia Soldier a member of the Expeditionary Forces about to depart for parts beyond the Seas I give devise and bequeath all my estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto my brother and sisters absolutely and equally and I appoint my brother-in-law William Hurtle Kintore Young sole executor of this my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this eleventh day of October one thousand nine hundred and fifteen

(Signed) Charles H. Smelt.

Signed by the said Charles Harold Smelt as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses.

(Signed) Jos. Ashton Solr. Adelaide

(Signed) Oswald Hunter Solr. Adelaide.

Estate sworn  
not to exceed  
in value  
£120....

THE ABOVE WILL of Charles Harold Smelt late of Rosewater in the State of South Australia Wood Machinist a Private in the 10th Battalion Australian Imperial Forces deceased who died at Posieres in France between the 19th and 23rd days of August 1916 having been killed in action was proved in the Supreme Court of South Australia on the fifth day of December 1917 by William Hurtle Kintore Young of Rosewater aforesaid Railway Porter brother-in-law of the deceased the sole Executor therein named

Dated this 5th day of December 1917.

(Signed) W. L. Stuart

Registrar of Probates.

Account Finalized.

10 JAN 1918

EMR

No 2794B

Private Charles Harold Smelt

10th Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force

XXXXX was killed in action

between  
(no record available) --- 19th & 23rd August 16

Cable No C.I.B.L. 1581

from the Commandant, A. I. F. Headquarters, dated London 6th July  
1917, confirmed by Mail from Commandant A. I. F. Headquarters  
dated London 10th July 1917.

8th November 17 .

Major.



Transferred to

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2794 B

Rank Private Name S M E L T, C. H.

Unit 10th Battalion (late 27th Str)

Casualty Missing 19-23.8.16 C2132 450/7109<sup>D</sup> Dd. London 20.9.16

*Previously reported missing*

*now reported killed in action* 19-23/8/16

898 9537 dated London 6-7-17 Ruc

DATE.	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
27.9.16	M.C. 4 ADVISED, MISSING. 19-23.8.16	
5.10.16	<b>COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS</b>	
JUL 9 1917	M.C. 4 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 19-23/8/16	
16.7.17	4th & 6th Pensions advised re casualty in the Statement 790 43 NOK asking information re above	
26.3.17	copy sent	
13.7.17	DRAG 4 MD find change of add of NOK	M 18/687
24.8.17	<b>PERSONAL EFFECTS EX</b> CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. <u>8284 158148/273 D d 20/2/17</u>	
4.12.17	copy of inquiry proceedings received - B.R.M. 23/4/88 <u>Probable copy of Will in file</u> Circular B.R.M. 48/1988 & Booklet re Graves despatched 22.12.1948 1014/1814 B.R.M. 48/1229/27/61 NR 22437	
4/3/21	To Comdt. <u>5th</u> M.D. B.R.M. 62/807 376	
16/7/21	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <u>5th</u> M.D.B.R.M. 63/1252	

**MEMORIAL SCROLL**

Brother

M. F. R. Smelt

326997

4/10/21

LIST.

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Pamphlet sent to *Mr. F. R. Smell* on 28.9.21 *W.H.*



30 JAN 1923  
VICTORY MEDAL to *Brother* *(to F. R. Smell)* *S.R.P.R. 42*  
Registered Post No. *7826* *G.P.O. Melbourne.*

*10/1/36*  
REGISTER ORDER FORM despatches  
*W.H.*



. J.	SHEEHY W. P.	WINEFIELD
	SHIERS W. H.	WISE G. V.
	SHIPLEY A. E.	LCE. S.
P.	SIMMONDS J. A.	LATHBY
J. W.	SLATER S. G.	CORP
L.	SMELT C. H.	ATKIN
	STEVENS C. J.	BURGE
	STEVENS R. C.	DEL-R
	STEWART G.	ELVIS
F. W.	STREETER W.	FOSS
	SUTCLIFFE W.	HARD
	SWANSON A. W.	INGL
	THOMAS H. J.	JON
A. J.	THOMPSON J.	LYON
	THOMPSON P. J.	POA
	THORN R. S.	