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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 5926 Name SMITH William George
Unit 24 70 Depot 50th Bn
Joined on 16.5.16 30 5.16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... William George Smith
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... in or near the Town of Broken Hill, State New South Wales
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 21 1/2 yrs
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Shop Assistant
6. Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father, George Smith, Railwaying, East Higgins, N.S.W.
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 ... 85A still serving
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 and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which, together with pay, would reach eight shillings per day ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, William George 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 16/5/16

W G Smith
Signature of Person Enlisted.

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* 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.

Specimen Signature.

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Signatures

Date

each

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Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William George Smith swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 16/5/16 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.

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Perth in the State of West Australia this 16th day of May 1916, before me—

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 initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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.

~~I have examined his naturalisation papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

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

Date... 16/5/16

..... C. W. Cover Lieut
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William George Smith swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 16/5/16 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.

..... W. G. Smith
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Perth in
the State of West Australia
this 16th day of May
1916, before me—

..... C. W. Cover Lieut
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES.

5TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

Unit 85^a

CERTIFICATE OF RETURN OF EQUIPMENT.

This is to certify that No William G. Smith, quota 1895, of this Command, is not in possession of any arms or equipment on charge to this Unit, and is free to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place Perth

W. Miller 22nd Bn. for Lt.

Date 16.5.16

Commanding Brigade Major, 22nd Brigade.

i 8950/16

Eyes Brown

Hair St Brown

Religious Denomination Baptist

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 16/5/16

Place Perth.

John Cuthbert
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

16/24 17/28 Reinforcement
to

Date 21/6/16

1 Lt Ogilvie, Capt

Place Belmont

Commanding Lt Long Path

Description of William George Smith on Enlistment.

Age.....21 years.....4 months.
 Height.....5 feet.....8 inches.
 Weight.....148 lbs.
 Chest Measurement.....34 1/2 inches.
 Complexion.....Dark
 Eyes.....Brown
 Hair.....Light Brown
 Religious Denomination.....Baptist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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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.....16/5/16
 Place.....Perth.

John Cuthbert
 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

16/27 17/28 Reinforcement
 to.....

Date.....21/6/16

Place.....Belmont

1st Lt Ogilby Capt
 Commanding the Long Path

Name _____

Name Smith W. G.

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

89.		(1) PRESENT UNIT		30th BATTALION.		(2) Regtl. No. 5926.	
A.I.F. m B103 Part I, and Casualty m.		(3) Present Rank		Pte.		(4) SURNAME SMITH.	
KATOOMBA.		(5) Decorations				(6) Christian Names. William George.	
Particulars.							
(7) Date of Enlistment		16.5.16.		(8) Place of Enlistment		Perth, W.A.	
(9) Age on Enlistment		21 Years 4 Months		(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate		Years / Months /	
(11) Birthplace		Broken Hill, N.S.W.		(12) Religion		Bapt.	
(14) Trade or Calling		Shop Assistant.		(13) If Married		No. Yes	
(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia		30.10.16.		(15) If an Apprentice		No.	
(18)				(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad		AUST. abroad	
(19)				(21) Special Notification Card No.			
(20)							
(22)							

Nothing to be written in this Margin.

CHRISTIAN NAMES

SURNAME

Regtl. No.

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Army Form

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Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Rank Capt. Surname SMITH Christian Name William George

Regiment or Corps 16/21st Batta. Both Battalions A.F.

Regimental Number 5726

Religion Bapt. Age on Enlistment 21 years 4 months.

Enlisted (a) 30.5.16 Terms of Service (a) Indefinite Service reckons from (a) 30.5.16.

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.

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents
Date	From whom received			
	O.C. Troops 16th Port Melbourne	<u>Threanville</u>	<u>30/10/16</u>	<u>(ER 8976)</u>
		<u>Devonport</u>	<u>28/12/16</u>	<u>30/12/16</u>
<u>29.12.16</u>	<u>7th Tug Bn</u>	<u>Rollstone</u>	<u>29.12.16</u>	<u>ER 8997 to 3/1/17</u>
<u>11.2.17</u>	<u>O.C. 7th Tug Bn.</u>	<u>Rollstone</u>	<u>7.2.17</u>	<u>ER 9834 to 1/12/17</u>
<u>14.6.17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Shampton</u>	<u>14.6.17</u>	<u>ER 3861 to 2/8/17</u>
<u>18.6.17</u>	<u>2nd ADBD</u>	<u>Havre</u>	<u>15.6.17</u>	<u>AX9183</u>
<u>27/7/17</u>	<u>C.O. Bn. 50th</u>	<u>in the Field</u>	<u>B. 213</u>	<u>22/27-2027/3000</u>
<u>3.6.18</u>	<u>do.</u>	<u>do.</u>	<u>3.6.18</u>	<u>53/4/15/3. 6/18</u>
<u>7.3.19</u>	<u>Fmls</u>	<u>2de</u>	<u>5.3.19</u>	<u>do.</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, Sholing Smith, &c.

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PLEASE FORWARD MEDICAL SERVICE DOCUMENTS OF SMITH WILLIAM GEORGE

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Administrative Headquarters,
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CERTIFIED EXTRACT OF A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE RELATING TO:-

5926

SMITH

50th Bn.

Wm.Geo.

BRIDEGROOM

BRIDE

Surname..... SMITH
Christian Names..... Wm.Geo.Maiden Surname..... SIMPKINS
Christian Names..... Theodora MinnieAddress (at time of Marriage)
Ballaying, E.Wagin, W.Aust.Address (at time of Marriage)
Sandleigh Cottage, Sandleigh Rd.
WestoliffOccupation.....
Age 21 Condition BachelorOccupation.....
Age 28 Condition SpinsterName, Address and Occupation of Father
Geo.Smith, FarmerName, Address and Occupation of Father
Deceased

Registration District..... Rochford

Marriage solemnized at..... Parish Church, S.Saviour, Westoliff

Ceremonies of..... Church of England

Married by..... H.M.Rose

Date of Marriage..... 31.5.19.

Registrar's Reference (i.e., Entry No., etc.).....

Verified by General Registry Office.....

F.A.Cooper.

7. 4.6.19.

Extracted from Marriage Certificate by..... Date.....

Certified correct and checked by.....

Checked with Records..... Date.....

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CERTIFIED EXTRACT OF A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE RELATING TO:-

5926	SMITH	50th Bn.
	Wm. Geo.	

BRIDEGROOM

BRIDE

Surname SMITH Maiden Surname SIMPKINS
 Christian Names Wm. Geo. Christian Names Theodora Minnie

Address (at time of Marriage)

Ballaving, E. Wagon, W. Aust.

Address (at time of Marriage)

Sandleigh Cottage, Sandleigh Rd.Westcliff

Occupation

Age 21 Condition Bachelor Age 28 Condition Spinster

Name, Address and Occupation of Father

Geo. Smith, Farmer

Name, Address and Occupation of Father

DeceasedRegistration District RochfordMarriage solemnized at Parish Church, S. Saviour, Westcliff according to the rites and
on Sea, EssexCeremonies of Church of England by licenceMarried by H.M. Rose Date of Marriage 31.5.19.Registrar's Reference (i.e., Entry No., etc.) 148

Verified by General Registry Office

Extracted from Marriage Certificate by F.A. Cooper. Date 4.6.19.Certified correct and checked by Moses

Checked with Records Date

Defence advised by List No. Dated Ref.

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SMITH, W.G.

(5)

50th Battln.

Detd "Katoomba"

(TEE)

Disc. 30/10/19

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15.9.19.

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LIST No.

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Mrs Lynne

Reg'tl No.	Rank and Name	Unit	Born	At t e t e d	Entered	Age	Trade	Religion
2664	Pte. HALL, Fredk.	A.G.B.L.	England	Kelbourne	4. 7.16	2.10.16	22.8	Farm Hand C.E.
6530	" HALL, James	8th Bn.	Kingston	"	29. 5.16	2.10.16	21.11	Farmer "
5030	" HALL, Walter Henry	A.A. Post-C.	Richmond	"	4. 8.17	22.12.17	18.6	Postal Empl. "
3394	" HAMILTON, Cuthbert Wm.	A.I.B.D.	Melbourne	Geelong	2. 2.17	11. 5.17	23.1	Gym-Instruc. Meth.
4054	" HAMMOND, James	32nd Bn.	England	Melbourne	12. 8.16	21.10.16	20.7	Laborer C.E.
2331	2-AM. HANLY, Jos. Killeen	Fly-Corps	England	Brunswick	13.10.17	9.11.17	26.5	Motor Mech. R.C.
1555	L-Cpl. HANSFORD, Rupert Gregory	11th FCE.	Middle Park	Prahran	2. 3.16	6. 6.16	22.11	Mech-Draftsman C.E.
54913	Pte. HARRIS, Gustav Miles L.	59th Bn.	Fairmsdale	Daylesford	6. 9.17	5. 6.18	18	Laborer C.E.
14627	Dvr. HASTIE, George	2nd PARde.	Melbourne	Melbourne	4. 1.16	20. 5.16	18.6	Clerk "
1882	" HILLS, Percy	2nd DACol.	England	"	27. 7.15	20. 1.16	24.9	Steward "
4809	Pte. HODGETTS, Walter Cazimar	7th Bn.	Landsborough	"	20. 7.15	7. 3.16	21.5	Butcher "
5693	Cpl. HODGSON, Robt-Jas. "MM"	7th "	Winstown.	Brunswick	14. 3.16	3. 7.16	21.11	Driver "
5356	Pte. HOLDING, Samuel Philip	24th "	England	Prahran	17. 2.16	1. 8.16	21.5	Clerk "
11765	Dvr. HOUGHTON, Walter James	2nd PARde.	Mcroolbark	Melbourne	24. 7.15	28. 1.16	19.10	Farm Labr. "
1659	Pte. HOWSE, Albert	59th Bn.	Morang	"	22. 2.16	4. 5.16	35.11	Meat Inspect. R.C.
4416	" HUDSON, Albert	23rd "	Eaglehawk	Bendigo	12. 1.16	21. 3.16	20.4	Laborer Meth.
60692	" HUDSON, John Charles	7th "	Fairmsdale	Sale	13. 4.18	23. 7.18	36.3	Farm Labr. R.C.
51597	T-2-Cpl. HULME, Saml. Edgeley	A.P. HQ.	W-Melbourne	Melbourne	8.10.17	5. 6.18	24.5	Clerk Meth.
2200	Pte. JACKMAN, Ernest Gains	59th Bn.	England	Prahran	3. 5.16	1. 8.16	25.11	Farm Labr. C.E.
3857	Dvr. JACKSON, Duncan James	1st LROC.	Windsor	Melbourne	5. 7.15	8. 2.16	29.9	Laborer Meth.
561	2-Cpl. JENKINS, Stan. Caunter	4th MGBn.	Stratford	"	20.12.16	11. 5.17	18	Grocer "
6841	Pte. JENNER, Albt. Francis	46th Bn.	Omeo	"	23. 9.16	16.12.16	23.4	Driver "
4560	L-Cpl. JOHNSON, Duncan Wm. "MM"	21st "	Bendigo	Ouyen	4. 6.17	21.11.17	42.11	Butcher Pres.
6942a	Pte. KAY, Robert Scott	R.S. Kay, 1st	Rmt. Unit.	Emb.12.11.15	Retd. "Seang Bee"	31.5.16		
13139	S-Smth. KELSALL, James	2nd MfCo.	Fitzroy	Melbourne	16. 9.16	22.12.16	27.2	Blacksmith C.E.
3667	Mt-Dvr. KNIGHT, Claude Roland	3rd MTCo.	Footscray	Hawthorn	2. 1.18	7. 3.18	19	Salesman Meth.
2546	Pte. LAMBERT, Arthur	59th Bn.	Sydney NSW.	Melbourne	25. 7.16	25. 9.16	30.6	Laborer Pres.
960	Pte. LANG, Matthew Douglas	A.G.B.D.	Yackandandah	Wangaratta	12. 1.15	7. 5.15	18.5	Mechanic "
61420	" LEAHY, Wm. Rupert	5th D. Trn.	Leongatha	Melbourne	23. 4.18	31. 8.18	18.7	Farm Labr. C.E.
852	T-Sgt. LEES, Norman	8th LHR.	Kew	"	6. 1.15	13. 4.15	21	Plumber Pres.
3672	Dvr. LENNOX, Donald Jas.	3rd MTCo.	Devenish	Footscray	11.10.17	7. 3.18	18.2	Laborer R.C.
20313	Gnr. LEVY, Leopold Leo	8th PARde.	Carlton	Melbourne	8. 1.16	20. 5.16	18.8	Bootmaker Pres.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 5926.

Rank *Plt*

Name *SMITH W G*

Unit *50th Bn.*

LIST.

Casualty

*Relg. to Aust. per H. T. "Katoomba" embarked 8/8/19 with wife
C.I.D.L. 3596/6500, did Lon. 14/8/19 Rec. B.N. 18/8/19*

*Returned to Australia per "Katoomba"
Disembarked 15.9.19 M.D. List 342 CLK*

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Form B 103 received

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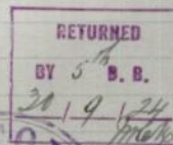
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N.O.K. Advised returning to Australia, Form 116

Discharged *6th* M.D.

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B.R.P.F. 44 DESPATCHED — *% H. G. Smith.*