

## SMITH, F. W. D.

Francis (Frank) William Douglas Smith was the fourth child of Charles Ansell Smith and Helen Malvena Mackenzie, born at Melbourne East on 16 October 1898.

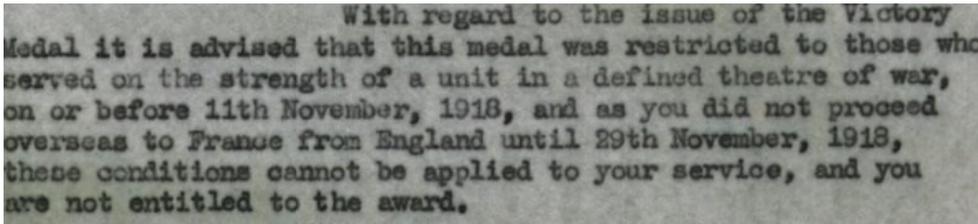
Four of Charles and Helen's sons enlisted in the AIF and are all listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll; they are F W D Smith, H M Smith, K A Smith and R M Smith.

Frank was a salesman before he enlisted on 31 October 1917, two weeks after he turned 19. His parents gave their consent in writing, and he embarked on 1 May 1918. Frank later said that he saw service ..."a few days after the Armistice ..." On 25 October 1919, Frank disembarked in Australia. There is no AIF Project entry for Frank William Douglas Smith, but his Service Record is available.

Frank lived at 22 Northern Avenue East Brighton in 1941 when he applied for a Victory Medal; he found he was not eligible (see extract below). His death in 1972 at Prahran was recorded as Francis.

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Extract from F. W. D. Smith's Service Record, SERN 16226, p. 13/26.



With regard to the issue of the Victory Medal it is advised that this medal was restricted to those who served on the strength of a unit in a defined theatre of war, on or before 11th November, 1918, and as you did not proceed overseas to France from England until 29th November, 1918, these conditions cannot be applied to your service, and you are not entitled to the award.

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**A** 204813 **AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

No. 16226 Name { Surname SMITH  
 in full { Christian Name Frank William Douglas  
 Unit Reinforcements 2nd Detachment  
 Joined on 23-1-18

**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**  
 You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

1. What is your Name? SMITH Frank William Douglas

2. In or near what Town were you born? CARLTON  
 In the State or Country of VICTORIA

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

4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 19 years  
16<sup>th</sup> October 1898

5. What is your Trade or Calling? Salesman

6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No

7. Are you married, single, or widower? Single

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) Mr Charles A Smith  
"Devon" Vincent Street  
SURREY HILLS VICTORIA

9. What is your permanent address in Australia? "Devon"  
Vincent Street  
SURREY HILLS VICTORIA

10. 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. Yes C Forces 2nd Surrey Hills

11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes

12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? Yes Physique

13. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
 Do you or (if single) had an agreement reference will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per week? Yes

14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Frank William Douglas Smith 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\*† wife and children.

Date 13-11-17

*Frank 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 16 years of age.  
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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