

SMITH, James Alfred Sidney

Rank: Private

Service Number: 4226

Unit: 25th Battalion, 10th reinforcement

Place of Birth: Melbourne, Victoria

Date of Birth: c. 1890

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld, on 15 September 1915, aged 26 years 5 months.

Next-of-kin was father, Mr James Smith, Chelsea, Victoria.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 3.25 inches and weighed 11 stone 4 lbs. His chest measurement was 35-37.5 inches. His occupation was waiter. Served previously for two (2) years, Victorian Scottish Regiment. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT *Commonwealth* on 28 March 1916. Served France. Admitted to hospital with mumps on 28 December 1916, discharged to Base 27 January 1917. Admitted Myalgia 13 February. Transferred to England 28 February 1917. Lumbago. 31 August 1917 – on HMAT A64 - had an accident while taking a bucket of slops from the mess (C deck) up to deck to throw them overboard. Slipped on the steps and injured his shoulder. He reported sick the following morning. There was a Court of enquiry held on 6 September 1917 to examine witnesses and take evidence. It was determined that the injured man was on duty at the time, and that he was not to blame for the accident. Returned to Australia 27 July 1917. Discharged 16 November 1917.

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Paulette Flint, 2024