

Harold George SMITH



Pre-enlistment:

- Harold was born in January 1894 at Daylesford, Victoria, Australia
- He attended school at Charters Towers State School, Qld
- His home town was Ayr, Burdekin, Qld
- His occupation on enlistment was that of a farmer
- He took great interest in anything connected with the Military

Military Records

- Service Number: 194
- Harold George SMITH enlisted on 21 September 1914 as a Private in Townville, QLD in 15th Infantry Battalion, aged 20 years
- On 1 October 1914 he was promoted Sergeant, 15th Infantry Battalion, prior to embarking
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Ceramic, from Melbourne
- On 7 May 1915 he was promoted 2nd Lieutenant in the field at Gallipoli
- He was a brother of William Charles Smith who returned to Australia on 23 June 1919 having served with the 31st Battalion who had been recommended for Military Medal but was not awarded.
- 2nd Lieutenant Harold George was wounded on 10 May 1915 at Quinn's Post, Gallipoli while with the 15th Infantry Battalion. He died of those wounds that same day on the Hospital Ship Lutzow and was buried at sea.
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 43), Gallipoli,
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 77
- Ayr War Memorial
- Lone Pine Memorial to the Missing

Honours & Awards

- 1914/15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Harold Smith was an excellent rifle shot winning many medals and such prizes

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/DetailsReports/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=1779819&isAv=N>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=279891>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/363154>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1662512>