

## The AIF Project



### Clarence Smith JEFFRIES

Date of birth	26 October 1894
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Surveyor
Address	Abermain, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21.6
Height	5' 10.5"
Weight	136 lbs
Next of kin	Father, Joshua Jeffries, General Manager, Abermain Collieries, Abermain, New South Wales
Previous military service	Served in the 14th (Hunter River) Infantry Regiment, Citizen Military Forces; still serving at time of AIF enlistment.
Enlistment date	1 February 1916
Rank on enlistment	2nd Lieutenant
Unit name	34th Battalion, C Company (/showUnit?unitCode=INF34CC)
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/51/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A20 <i>Hororata</i> on 2 May 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	34th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 12 October 1917
Age at death from cemetery records	23
Place of burial	Tyne Cot Cemetery (Plot XL, Row E, Grave No.I), Passchendaele, Belgium
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	124
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: Joshua and Barbara JEFFRIES, Abermain, New South Wales. Native Wallsend, New South Wales
Medals	Victoria Cross

'For most conspicuous bravery in attack, when his company was held up by enemy machine gun fire from concrete emplacements. Organizing a party, he rushed one emplacement, capturing four machine guns and 35 prisoners. He then led his company forward under extremely heavy enemy artillery barrage and enfilade machine gun fire to the objective. Later, he again organized a successful

attack on a machine gun emplacement, capturing two machine guns and thirty more prisoners. This gallant officer was killed during the attack, but it was entirely due to his bravery and initiative that the centre of the attack was not held up for a lengthy period. His example had a most inspiring influence.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 57

Date: 18 April 1918

Other details

War service: Western Front

Medals: Victoria Cross, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Sources

NAA: B2455, JEFFRIES Clarence Smith

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