

## The AIF Project



### Hunter Lawrence SMITH

Regimental number	5092
Place of birth	Wallsend, New South Wales
School	Newcastle High School, New South Wales
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Clerk
Address	Manly, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Father, Hunter Bowie Smith, Macquarie Street, Wallsend, Newcastle, New South Wales
Enlistment date	28 February 1917
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	30th Battalion, 14th Reinforcement (/showUnit?unitCode=INF30REIN14)
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/47/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A74 <i>Marathon</i> on 10 May 1917
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	30th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 23 June 1918
Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll)	*Lawrence spelt Laurence
Place of death or wounding	Morlancourt, France
Age at death	19.8
Age at death from cemetery records	19
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	<p>Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France          Villers-Bretonneux is a village about 15 km east of Amiens. The Memorial stands on the high ground ('Hill 104') behind the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Fouilloy, which is about 2 km north of Villers-Bretonneux on the east side of the road to Fouilloy.</p> <p>The Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux is approached through the Military Cemetery, at the end of which is an open grass lawn which leads into a three-sided court. The two pavilions on the left and right are linked by the north and south walls to the back (east) wall, from which</p>

rises the focal point of the Memorial, a 105 foot tall tower, of fine ashlar. A staircase leads to an observation platform, 64 feet above the ground, from which further staircases lead to an observation room. This room contains a circular stone tablet with bronze pointers indicating the Somme villages whose names have become synonymous with battles of the Great War; other battle fields in France and Belgium in which Australians fought; and far beyond, Gallipoli and Canberra.

On the three walls, which are faced with Portland stone, are the names of 10,885 Australians who were killed in France and who have no known grave. The 'blocking course' above them bears the names of the Australian Battle Honours.

After the war an appeal in Australia raised £22,700, of which £12,500 came from Victorian school children, with the request that the majority of the funds be used to build a new school in Villers-Bretonneux. The boys' school opened in May 1927, and contains an inscription stating that the school was the gift of Victorian schoolchildren, twelve hundred of whose fathers are buried in the Villers-Bretonneux cemetery, with the names of many more recorded on the Memorial. Villers-Bretonneux is now twinned with Robinvale, Victoria, which has in its main square a memorial to the links between the two towns.

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	117
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: Hunter and Elizabeth SMITH, 10 Military Road, Newcastle, New South Wales
Family/military connections	Corp Hunter Sinclair No 213 Railway Unit.
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

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