



Mark Alexander SMITH

Regimental number	1092
Other Names	SMITH, M A
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Address	c/o J E Smith, Hill Rush, Inverell, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Cousin, J E Smith, Hill Rush, Inverell, New South Wales
Enlistment date	19 September 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	4th Battalion, D Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/21/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board Transport A14 <i>Euripides</i> on 20 October 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	4th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 06-9 August 1915
Date of death	06-9 August 1915 ; secondary dod: 08/08/1915
Age at death from cemetery records	21
Place of burial	No known grave
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	42
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	See "Smith", the true family name. Parents: Jane MCMULLIN (formerly SMITH), Coolibah, Fladbury, New South Wales, and the late James SMITH. Native of Inverell
Other details	War service: Egypt, Gallipoli Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal



Commemoration details

The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 23), Gallipoli, Turkey

The Lone Pine Memorial, situated in the Lone Pine Cemetery at Anzac, is the main Australian Memorial on Gallipoli, and one of four memorials to men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Designed by Sir John Burnet, the principal architect of the Gallipoli cemeteries, it is a thick tapering pylon 14.3 metres high on a square base 12.98 metres wide. It is constructed from limestone mined at Ilgardere in Turkey.

The Memorial commemorates the 3268 Australians and 456 New Zealanders who have no known grave and the 960 Australians and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea after evacuation through wounds or disease. The names of New Zealanders commemorated are inscribed on stone panels mounted on the south and north sides of the pylon, while those of the Australians are listed on a long wall of panels in front of the pylon and to either side. Names are arranged by unit and rank.

The Memorial stands over the centre of the Turkish trenches and tunnels which were the scene of heavy fighting during the August offensive. Most cemeteries on Gallipoli contain relatively few marked graves, and the majority of Australians killed on Gallipoli are commemorated here.

The death occurred in action between August 9 and 10 of Private M. A. Drice, of Inverell. The deceased soldier was a member of B company of the 4th Battalion, and was 22 years of age. He enlisted in Inverell, and was one of the first batch to leave the town, so that he has seen a good deal of fighting in Gallipoli. The late Private Drice was a nephew, and adopted son of Mrs. G. T. McMullin, of Oaklyn, Ashford.

