

Norman HAMILTON-SMITH

DO YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS STORY?

Norman Hamilton-Smith has been at times difficult to locate in the archival record. While probably born in Australia, he attended school in England and undertook university studies at both Melbourne University and Cambridge University, where he completed his degree. He was admitted to practice in Victoria in October 1907.

He was in Melbourne in 1908, when the birth of his son was recorded and was living at Fulton street, St Kilda. He had married Shirley Hogg in England at St Mary's Abbott Church in High Street, Kensington, the previous year.

The Argus reported in July 1915 that he had received a commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery and other information indicates he had a distinguished War Record, ending the War as a captain, mentioned in despatches and receiving a Croce di Guerra, an Italian award that indicates he was at the Italian front.

Norman Hamilton-Smith does not appear to have returned to Australia after the War and instead forged a career in business and possibly the law in England. His wife died in 1946 at Cheniston, Sunningdale, Berkshire in England. We have not been able to discover a date of death for Norman Hamilton-Smith.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



A French villager enjoying a cigarette with members of 1st Australian Tunnelling Company, France. October 1918