



Lieutenant Commander Arnold Beverley SMITH

[1901 – 1946]



Name: Arnold Beverley **SMITH**
Rank: Lieutenant Commander
Unit: *HMAS Penguin*

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Service: Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve

Born: 27 July 1901; Toronto, Canada

Enlisted: 3 September 1939; Sydney

Date of Death: 25 September 1946 (aged 45 years)

Place of Death: Concord; NSW

Cause of Death: Illness

Buried / Commemorated: Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney, NSW
 [Forces Memorial Wall niche 49SA]
 Australian War Memorial [panel 5]

Next of Kin: Son of Thomas Beverley and Isabel Smith
 Husband of Bessie Isabel Beverley Smith of Blackheath, NSW

In Civilian Life:

At enlistment, lived at Blackheath, NSW with his wife; and was a “foot specialist”

Military Service:

November 1933 Lieutenant RANVR (5'9””, black hair, brown eyes, fair complexion)
 September 1939 Full time duty. Anti-submarine and harbour defences. Postings to
 HMAS *Penguin*, *Swan*, *Bathurst*, *Rushcutter*, *Melville*, *Kookaburra*

June 1942 Lieutenant Commander; postings to HMAS *Rushcutter*, *Kuttabal*,
Basilisk, *Lonsdale*, *Launceston*

May 1945 Medical discharge with 80% war pension

Circumstances of Death:

Lieutenant Commander Smith was admitted to 113 Australian General Hospital, Concord, NSW and died of cardiac failure, and long-term hypertension.

Sources included:

- Australian War Memorial
- National Archives of Australia
- Sundry web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents