

Keith was born at Braidwood on 26th Jan 1891, the son of Richard Mitchell Higgins and his wife Elizabeth Clara, nee Stoyles. On his enlistment in D Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 he stated that he was a Mercer and single, giving his sister, Inez J Higgins, Commercial Stores, Braidwood, as his next of kin. On 28th September he was temporarily attached to the Fire Brigade and returned from Rabaul and was discharge, term expired on 4th Marc 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 18th Jan 1916 Keith joined the Ordnance Depot, regimental number 2375 and on 15th March transferred the Light Horse Brigade as Acting Quartermaster Sergeant. On 2nd November he resigned to join the AIF as part of the 11th Reinforcement, 29th Battalion, regimental number 4409. He departed Sydney on 3rd Nov 1916 aboard the AFRIC, arriving in Portsmouth on 9th Jan 1917. Over the next few moths Keith acted variously as corporal, sergeant and CQMS, without being promoted to any of these ranks.

On 22nd March 1917 he was taken on strength by the 29th in France. He was evacuated from France with trench fever and on 30th July admitted to the 5th Southern General Hospital, Portsmouth. He was discharged from hospital on 17th August 1917.

On 1st August 1919 he was finally promoted to the substantive rank of corporal. On 22nd September he left the UK on the PORT SYDNEY, arriving in Melbourne on 13th November 1919 and was discharged in Sydney on 8th Jan 1920.

In 1923 he married Eleanor Laverick at Katoomba.

On 13th Feb 1929 Keith died at Bulli as a result of a motor accident. T the time he was a member of the Thirroul Fire Brigade and left his widow, Eleanor and two children.