

Donald was born in Kempsey in 1891, the son of Josiah Dennis and Margaret Ann Dennis, nee Miller. On his enlistment into F Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 he stated that he was a Tram Conductor and single, giving his mother at Hastings Rd, Port Macquarie as his next of kin.

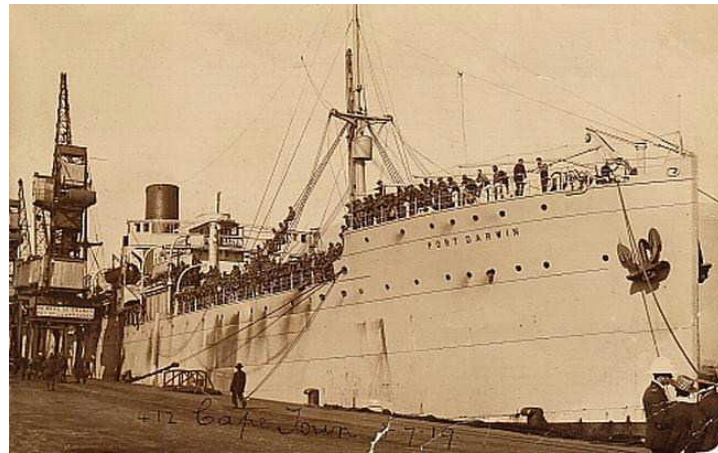
He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 18th March 1915 he joined the 7th Light Horse reinforcements, regimental number 108, and was one of four brothers to enlist in 1915. Hastings enlisted in the 54th Battalion, regimental number 473, Edgar in the 7th Field Company of Engineers, regimental number 6651, and Kenneth in the 56th Battalion, regimental number 5082. All four brothers shared the "Miller" middle name, and all returned from overseas.



Donald left Australia aboard the CHILKA on 7th June 1915 and joined the 7th Light Horse on Gallipoli on 2nd October. He contracted influenza and was evacuated to Cairo on 22nd November, rejoining his unit on 22nd Feb 1916 after they had withdrawn from Gallipoli. He was again hospitalised from 30th March till 23rd June. On 20th Feb 1920 he was appointed lance corporal and then promoted corporal on 1st June and later, on 5th May 1918 to Sergeant.

He was court-martialled on 20th July 1918 for being AWOL and for conduct prejudice to good order and military discipline and was reduced to private. He returned to Australia aboard the PORT DARWIN, leaving Suez on 15th November 1918 and arriving home on 26th December. He was discharged from the AIF on 24th Feb 1919.



SS PORT DARWIN

On 14th Jan 1919 he married Frances Newman Miller at St Martin's Wingham, NSW and in the same year he joined the NSW Police Force. In 1928 he was promoted Constable 1st Class and on his death on 9th December 1939 at Burwood, he held the rank of Sergeant.

Donald was cremated at Rookwood Crematorium.