

COLLECTION TITLE	Papers of Francis Smith
COLLECTION IDENTIFIER	MSS 202
INCLUSIVE DATE(S)	1978 to 1979
EXTENT	1 box
CREATOR	Smith, Francis, 1854-1915? -- Archives
RELATED ENTITIES	Smith, Francis, 1854-1915? -- Archives
RELATED COLLECTIONS	Papers of Francis Smith
ACCESS POINTS	Army officers Zululand (South Africa) -- History -- To 1879 -- Sources

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Francis Smith was born on the 14th August 1854 and died in 1915?. He was promoted to lieutenant on the 2nd December 1874, captain on the 29th September 1880 and major on the 23rd May 1892, and retired from the military on the 7th April 1897. He served with the 90th (Perthshire Volunteers) Light Infantry from 2nd December 1874, Scottish Rifles from 29th September 1880, and The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) from 19th July 1882. His staff service included Adjutant, Volunteers from 1st November 1887 to 31st October 1892.

Major Smith served in South Africa from February 1878 to May 1879, including in the operations against the Galekas in 1877-1878, and in the engagement at Kambula where he was severely wounded in the arm when he, Captain Aubrey Maude and 2nd Lieutenant Henry Lysons rescued a wounded soldier. He was mentioned in despatches, and awarded the South Africa Medal (with clasp).

References:

The new annual army list, militia list, and yeomanry cavalry list, for 1894

The official army list, January 1894

The quarterly army list, April 1915

Anglo-Zulu War : Battle of Khambul. Retrieved from the History net 24 September 2009.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection has been arranged in box then folder order.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

The collection is available for research.

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION

The collection was purchased from Julian Browning in April 1985.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

Special Collections, UNSW Canberra

Collection Contents

Papers of Francis Smith (MSS 202)

1978 to 1979 (Inclusive date(s))

Box 1 (MSS 202.B1)

Folder 1-2 (MSS 202.B1.1-2)

1878 (Inclusive date(s))

Correspondence from Lieutenant Francis Smith to his father in England describing military life and British military operations in South Africa, 13 February 1878 - 4 May 1879
