Ronald was born in 1894 at Randwick the son of Archibald Campbell and Louisa Campbell, nee Mitchell. Ronald joined G Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was an electrical engineer, single and gave his mother at "Karala", Grenville St, Randwick as his next of kin.

Ronald returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 20th March 1915 he joined the 17th Divisional Ammunition Park, part of the Australian Service Corps, regimental number 6951, as a motor driver. He left Australia for the UK aboard the ORSOVA on 14th July 1915 and then proceeded to France on 4th October. He transferred to the 1st Australian Div Column on 12th July 1916 and then to the 1st ASC Repair Shop on 28th November.

Ronald spent the rest of the war in France suffering several periods of bronchitis some requiring hospitalisation. On 18th Feb 1919 Ronald married Gladys Daisy Clements at Lambeth St Alban's and he and his wife left England on 30th May 1920 aboard the KIGOMA, arriving home on 18th July. Ronald was discharged from the AIF, medically unfit, on 24th May 1920.

Gladys died on 12th June 1946 and Ronald on 16th March 1964. He is buried at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.