

Albert was born at Dewsbury, Yorkshire in 1893, the son of Jethro Henry Daniel Gallafent and his wife Rosalie Emily, nee Watson. Albert migrated to Australia in 1913, aboard the THEMISTOCLES which left London on 19th June 1913 and arriving in Brisbane. He is listed as a farm labourer.

On 11th August 1914 he joined D Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was single and a labourer, giving his father at 33 Eastwood Yard, Dewsbury, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul on the MATUNGA as an escort for prisoners and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915.

On 20th Feb 1915 he joined the AIF, in D Company, 17th Battalion and departed from Sydney on 12th May 1915 on the same ship he migrated to Australia, the THEMISTOCLES. Prior to the battalion landing on Gallipoli, he was returned to Australia aboard the WILTSHIRE, leaving Suez on 31st August 1915, and arriving in Sydney on 25th September. He returned to duty on 21st Feb 1916 after being discharged from hospital and deserted the AIF on 8th March.

On 27th June 1916 under the name Albert Edward Burns he reenlisted in the AIF this time as part of the 5th Reinforcements, 38th Battalion. On this occasion he stated he was born in Dunedin, New Zealand and gave his sister as his next of kin. He left Sydney on 9th November 1916 aboard the BENALLA, arriving in Devonport on 9th Jan 1917. He went to France on 5th April and was taken on strength on 8th April. He suffered various illnesses finally being hospitalised in Birmingham with otitis media after being evacuated from France on 12th December 1917 aboard the H.S. WARILDA.

On 2nd Feb 1918, following a period of furlough, he was transferred to the 2nd Convalescent Depot before leaving the UK on 12th May 1918 aboard the GAIKA and arriving in Melbourne on 5th July. He travelled overland to Sydney and was discharged on 3rd August 1918 as medically unfit.

Albert died on 24th December 1964.