

William was born in Sutton, Surrey, UK in 1884, the son of Edward Fuller and his wife Alice Mary, nee Matthews, and was baptised on 3rd November 1884. He spent some 5 years in the 1st Battalion, West Surrey Cadets where he rose to the rank of sergeant and then in the Princess of Wales Own, Surrey imperial Yeomanry for 3 years where he rose to a gun section corporal.

William joined A Company, AN&MEF on 11th August stating that he was a salesman and single, giving his mother c/- A M Matthews, Church Rd, Croydon, Surrey as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.