

Arthur was born in Sydney on 20th November 1892, the son of Henry Patrick Charlton and Hannah Charlton, nee Marshall.

He enlisted in G Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a Cart Driver and single, giving his mother at 114 Campbell St, Surry Hills as his next of kin. Arthur was invalided home, leaving Rabaul on 5th January 1915 acting as a prisoner escort aboard the MATUNGA arriving home and being discharged, time expired, on 18th Jan 1915.

In 1916, Arthur married Gladys Winifred Dunn before joining the AIF on 19th July 1916 as part of the 22nd Reinforcements for the 4th Battalion, regimental number 6827. He departed Sydney on the PORT NICHOLSON on 8th December arriving in Devonport on 10th Jan 1917.

He moved to France to join his battalion on 4th March and on 4th April he was admitted to the 8th General Hospital at Rouen suffering from Myalgia and trench fever. He was repatriated back to England aboard the WESTERN AUSTRALIA on 27th April. He went AWOL on the June till 24th June and was charged with this offence and several others over the next 8 months whilst in England. He returned to France on 24th April 1918 and went AWOL several more times culminating in him being court martialled on 3rd August and receiving 28 days field punishment.

He again was hospitalised and returned to England on the St David on 30th September. On 31st Jan 1919 he was returned to Australia on the KHYBER, arriving home on 14th May, and was discharged on 30th October 1919.

In 1921 he divorced Gladys and married Hilda Augustine Bisby and around this time he began using the surname Charleston. He died in the Prince of Wales Hospital on 1st July 1944.