Unni was born in Sydney on 5th Feb 1895, the son of Alfred Sydney Carpenter and Phoebe Carpenter, nee Parker. He enlisted in E Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was single and gave his mother as his next of kin. At some stage he was promoted Corporal and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, possibly medically unfit, on 18th Jan 1915.

On 20^{th} Jan 1916 he married Dorothy Olivera Cornish at the Pitt St Congregation Church. In 1917 he was granted a service pension for himself, wife and daughter Dorothy Jean at which time they were living at 35 Kurraba Rd, North Sydney.

Unni died on 24th Oct 1973 at Concord, Sydney.