

Frederick was born at Greenwich, Kent on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1876, the son of John Fleming. He joined the Royal Artillery, service number 7877 and in the 1901 census he is shown a gunner at Golden Hill Ford, Freshwater, Hampshire. On 15<sup>th</sup> October 1902 he married Elizabeth Jane Bartlett at Freshwater and both are shown on the 1911 census, he as a manservant and she as a cook at Freshwater.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October 1912 Frederick left London aboard the GEELONG for Australia. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he joined D Company, AN&MEF. On his attestation he stated that he was a Man Servant and single, giving a James Bartlett, RMC, Duntroon as his next of kin. It is interesting that James Bartlett shares the same surname as Frederick's wife. Perhaps he was a brother of Elizabeth and Frederick came to Australia as his manservant.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 1914 he was promoted corporal and appointed lance sergeant. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 20<sup>th</sup> April 1915 he joined the Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, regimental number 11, and left Sydney aboard the THEMISTOCLES on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1915. He landed on Gallipoli on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1915 and was evacuated onto the hospital ship, GLOUCESTER CASTLE, on 20<sup>th</sup> September with a gastric ulcer. He arrived in Malta on 1<sup>st</sup> October and left on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 1916 aboard the MAURETANIA to the UK.

He left Plymouth on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1915 aboard the EURIPIDES and on his return home was discharged, medically unfit, on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

He returned to the UK and in 1939 is shown as a male companion to a retired civil servant, Harold Barnes, on the Isle of Wight.