

Samuel was born in Sydney on 17th March 1882, the son of Joseph and Emma Baylis.

In 1908 he married Sarah Jane Drane and enlisted in H Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a Brick Burner by trade and gave his wife at Wallace St, West Kogarah, as his next of kin.

Samuel returned from Rabaul aboard the MATUNGA as a prisoner escort and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

He enlisted in the AIF on 11th September 1915 (#4741) but was subsequently discharged on 5th Feb 1916 as medically unfit. He again enlisted on 30th October 1918 (#95783) but was demobilised on 2nd December following the cessation of hostilities on 11th November.