

Carlyle was born in Sydney on 2nd April 1887, the son of Edward Hely and his wife Rosanna, nee Larkin. His grandfather had run away from home and joined a circus and eventually settled in Wagga Wagga. His father served as a policeman in Sydney, later working for the Eveleigh railway works. Carlyle spent some of his childhood in Wagga Wagga attending the Christian Brothers school there.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF stating that he was a packer by trade and single, giving his mother at 74 Glenmore Rd, Paddington, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 16th March he joined the AIF, regimental number 563 but for some reason did not embark. It may be that he had health issues, but this is not documented. Eventually, on 31st December he was enlisted in the 11th Reinforcements, 17h Battalion and assigned the new regimental number 4445. He left Australia on 9th April 1916 aboard the NESTOR, changing ships to the MEGNATIC at Alexandria before arriving in Plymouth on 4th June. He went to France, joining his battalion on 11th August 1916. He was admitted to hospital on 11th November with trench feet and repatriated to the UK on 19th Nov. He was discharged from hospital on 2nd March 1917, rejoined his battalion on 21st June and was appointed lance corporal on 25th Sept 1917.

On 27th Oct he was gassed and admitted to hospital in England, rejoining his unit on 20th May 1918. In July, the battalion was engaged in the battle for Mont St Quentin, during which Carlyle was killed. The exact manner of his death on 31st August is not recorded. His body was initially buried in an isolated grave some 7kms from Peronne. His body was recovered after the war and reinterred at the Hem Farm Military Cemetery, France.

He is remembered on panel 83 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.