

Clarence was born on 24th Feb 1895 in Newtown, the son of Bridget M A Dunn. On 11th August 1914 he joined E Company, AN&MEF stating that he was single and gave his foster mother Mrs Hovenstein, Gloucester St, Hurstville as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 18th Feb 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 3rd Reinforcements, 18th Battalion and sailed for Suez aboard the RUNIC, departing Sydney on 9th August 1915. He was taken on strength by the battalion on Gallipoli on 11th October and arrived back in Alexandria on 9th Jan 1916 following the withdrawal from Gallipoli.

On 27th June 1916 in France he was wounded in the shoulder and evacuated to the UK, returning to France on 17th October 1916. On 3rd Feb 1917 he transferred to the 3rd Light Railway Operating Company and on 29th December he was hospitalised with Malaria, returning to his unit on 17th Feb 1918. On 30th December 1918 he was promoted 2nd Corporal and returned to Australia on the ZEALANDER leaving the UK on 12th May 1919.

On 20th October 1919 he joined the Royal Australian Navy as a stoker, number 11761, signing up for 7 years. On 27th December 1923 he was listed as a deserter from HMAS BRISBANE. Over the next few years, he had several run ins with the law including being found guilty of burglary and having insufficient means of support.

On 24th March 1936 he joined the 46th battalion in Victoria, number 323244, resigning on 30th August the same year and then on 12th December 1940, having moved to Queensland, he joined the army again as a Lance Sergeant, service number Q54756 and serving in various units until discharge on 7th October 1948. He continued his connection with the Military serving in the Regular Army Special Reserve from 1948 until 1952, number 1/9662.