

Arthur was born at Woolloomooloo in 1878, the son of Edward Hart Gates and his wife Marian Emily, nee Stewart. In 1901 he married Nina (aka Lorrie) Lock. Arthur was in the 3rd Australian Infantry Regiment (CMF) and served 15 months in South Africa during the Boer War with the 1st NSW Mounted Rifles, regimental number 46.

On 12th August 1914 he joined the Army Medical Corps, AN&MEF, stating that he was a Tram Driver and gave his wife at 174 Francis St, Leichardt as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 205 days service.

On 16th March 1915 he joined the No3 Military Hospital, regimental number 4390 and was promoted corporal on 1st May. On 13th May he left Sydney aboard the MOOLTAN. He arrived in Alexandria on 23rd May 1916 from Mudros aboard the OXFORDSHIRE and admitted to hospital with "wasting and loss of power in left thigh." At this point in time, he was a lance sergeant and on 27th May 1916 the Nepean Times in Sydney published a letter written to the paper by Arthur describing conditions in Abbassia. (Copy available on TROVE)

He was repatriated to Australia aboard the PORT SYDNEY, leaving Suez on 26th June and arriving in Melbourne on 17th July 1916. He was discharged from hospital and certified fit for duty on 24th August where he was allocated as part of the reserves for the 16th Field Ambulance and appointed lance sergeant.

He left Australia on the 9th September aboard the EURIPIDES, disembarking at Plymouth on 26th October. He was taken on strength with the 16th Field Ambulance on 24th March 1917 and promoted sergeant on 29th May 1917 before proceeding to France on 27th October.

On 2nd May 1918 he was evacuated to the UK suffering from Ostia Arthritis of the hips and knees and returned to Australia on the BOONAH, departing on the 21st July and arriving in Sydney on 21st September. He was discharged, medically unfit, on 23rd December 1918.

After the war Arthur returned to his employment with the railways where he remained until he retired. He died on 10th August 1954 and is buried at Sutherland, NSW.

His son, Arthur Thomas Gates who was born in 1902, served in World War 11 where he was a WO11 in the Army, service number NX79649.