

Ernest was born on 12th Jan 1887 at Ramsgate, Kent, the son of Samuel Goodenough and his wife Eliza Jane, nee Tolhurst. In the 1891 census he is shown as living with his parents in Ramsgate but by 1901 they had moved to Hornchurch, Essex where Samuel was employed as a Brewery Manager.

Ernest was a Marine Engineer in the employ of Samuel Hodge when he was visiting Australia at the outbreak of war. He enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was single and giving his father at Hornchurch as his next of kin. He was promoted corporal on 5th October and then sergeant on 20th October. He returned to Australia on leave on 18th Jan 1915 and transferred to the 3rd Battalion, on 1st Feb, AN&MEF, regimental number 212. He was hospitalised with malaria and did not take up this transfer, as a result he is listed as being discharged from the AN&MEF on 18th Jan.

On 23rd March 1915 he joined D Company, 19th Battalion and was promoted corporal on 16th May. He left Sydney on the CERAMIC on 25th June, arriving in Alexandria on 23rd July. He was promoted sergeant on 18th September and landed on Gallipoli the next day. On 17th December 1915 he was hospitalised on Gallipoli with Nephritis, before being transferred to the Bombay Presbyterian Hospital, Alexandria on 23rd December and then to the UK aboard the SALTA, departing Alexandria on 26th Jan 1916.

On 16th March 1916 he married Amy Beatrice Clark at the London Registry Office.

On 6th August he transferred onto the staff at Wandsworth Prison, before transferring to the Australian Provost Corps on 30th June 1917 and made staff sergeant on 15th December 1917. He was acting RSM from 26th November 1918 before his promotion to WO1 (RSM) on 25th March 1919.

He was discharged in London on 24th November 1919 and returned to his employment with Samuel Hodge and Company.

On 20th May, with his family, he migrated to Canada and died in Edmonton on 26th September 1959. He is buried at the Beechmont Cemetery, Edmonton.



