

Albert was born in Bethnal Green, London in 1887, the son of John Charles Collins and Hannah Sophia Collins, nee Morgan.

On 11th August 1914, Albert enlisted in C Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a Tram Conductor, single and gave his mother at 55 Sidney Rd, Homeston, NE, London.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 23rd March 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 5th Reinforcements for the 4th Battalion, regimental number 1972. He sailed from Sydney aboard the KYARRA on 13th April 1915. After a short period in Egypt, he joined the battalion on Gallipoli on 17th June 1915. On 20th July he received a gun shot wound to the hand and was evacuated from Gallipoli and transferred to Malta aboard the DUNLUCE CASTLE, being admitted to the St Elmo Hospital in Valletta.

He was discharged to duty on 14th March 1916 and sailed to Egypt aboard the BOHEMIAN and rejoined his unit at Tel-el-Kabir on 14th April 1916. The battalion moved to France from where he was evacuated on 8th June 1916 to Plymouth Hospital, rejoining his unit on 29th October the same year.

He was again evacuated on 12th Jan 1917 suffering from Trench Feet and remained in the UK until he was repatriated to Australia on 21st April 1918 aboard the SUEVIC, arriving in Melbourne on 7th June and then travelling overland to Sydney, where he was discharged, medically unfit due to bronchitis on 30th July 1918.

On 18th Jan 1919 he married Ada Jubilee Eales, a young lass from Leicester, UK. At the time he was employed by the Post Office.

Albert died in Manly on 29th October 1956.