

Patrick enlisted in C Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was 29 years old, born in Redfern, a painter by trade and single. He gave his sister, Laura Cosgrove, 171 Wells St, Redfern, as his next of kin.

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

On 8th March he joined B Company, 18th Battalion and sailed for Egypt aboard the CERAMIC, leaving Sydney on 25th June 1915. He arrived in Egypt on 4th August and on the 12th was transferred as a sapper to the 4th Field Company (Engineers) and joined the unit on Gallipoli on 28th September.

On 26th November he was admitted to hospital with frostbite and on 1st December was transferred to the hospital in Alexandria, rejoining his unit at Tel-el-Kabir on 20th Jan 1916. He was again hospitalised at the Red Cross Hospital, Montazah on 23rd Jan not rejoining his unit until 5th March.

By November he was in France but again was hospitalised, this time with rheumatic fever and transferred to England where he was admitted into the Voluntary Aid Hospital in Cheltenham. He rejoined his unit on 24th May but was again hospitalised on 31st March 1918 suffering from nephritis. Again, he was evacuated to England not returning to his unit until 15th September 1918.

As well as the many visits to hospital, Patrick had several bouts of malaria, which undoubtedly contributed to his general unwellness.

On 3rd March 1919 he returned to Australia aboard the EURIPEDES, disembarking in Sydney on 25th April and was discharged as medically unfit on 14th September 1919.