

Leslie was born on 31st March 1894 in Sydney, the son of Richard William Cross and Emily Eleanor Cross, nee Harte.

Leslie's father died in 1904 and his mother married William Turner in 1908.

On 11th August he enlisted in G Company, AN&MEF stating that he was an iron moulder by trade and single, giving his mother at King St, St. Peters as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

In 1922 he married Doris Hubbard.

Leslie died on 5th October 1943 at Marrickville. He was a herbalist at the time.