

Edward was born in Sydney in 1892, the son of John Connelly and Ellen Connelly, nee Donnelon.

He joined F Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a drover, giving his mother at 18 Park St, Rozelle as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 22nd October 1915 Edward joined the AIF as part of the 15th Reinforcements for the 1st Battalion, regimental number 4754, and left Sydney for Egypt aboard the STAR OF ENGLAND on 8th March. On 20th April 1916 he was taken on strength by the 53rd Battalion, shortly after the battalion moved to France where he was appointed a Lance Corporal on 2nd May 1916.

Edward spend some time away from action in July 1916 suffering from shell shock before he was transferred back to the UK on 10th October with a Hernia and admitted to the Military Hospital at Herne Bay, Kent. On 4th May 1917 he was returned to Australia aboard the RUNIC for "Home Service".

He arrived back in Melbourne on 5th July 1917, travelled overland to Sydney where he was discharged, medically unfit, on 21st August.

On 15th Feb 1919 he married Mary Jane Amelia Snedden and died in Sydney on 5th July 1948.