

William was born in St Leonards, NSW in 1894, the son of William and Annie (nee Waugh) Abbott.

On his enlistment into E Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, William stated that he was a van driver and single and gave his mother, at 67 Mount St, North Sydney, as his next of kin.

William returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 26th Jan 1915, having served 171 days.