

Joseph was born on 20th October 1886, in Mulhouse in Alsace Lorraine, the son of Louis and Caroline Deroubaix. He was a naturalised Australian on 11th August 1914 he enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a hairdresser and single and gave his mother at Rue Cleber 13, Mulhouse, as his next of kin.

He was mentioned in the Special Garrison Order dated 14th October 1914 in connection with the capture of KGS Komet and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

In 1917 he married Ethel Mary Steiner and they had four children.

He died t Kogarah on 30th August 1952 and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery.