

Wilfred was born in St Kilda in 1891, the son of Theodore Percival Crampton and Kathleen Dora Crampton, nee Plumbly. He enlisted in C Company AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was an Electrical Mechanic and was single. He gave his mother at "Gundaroo", Evans St Waverley as his next of kin.

On 19th August 1914 he was promoted sergeant and he returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 22nd March 1915 Wilfred enlisted in B Company, 18th Battalion, regimental number 501. He was again promoted sergeant and left Sydney on 25th June 1915 aboard the CERAMIC, eventually landed with his battalion on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 22nd August 1915 where he remained until the withdrawal in late December. Whilst there he was appointed Company Sergeant Major (WO11) and whilst at Pozieres was appointed 2nd Lt on 16th August 1916.

On 10th October 1916 he suffered an attack of Malaria and was evacuated to the UK. Whilst there, on 9th December he was promoted LT and on 2nd July 1917 he was classified as fit for Home Service only. He remained in the UK until repatriated to Australia aboard the BAKARA, leaving England on 20th December 1918.

In 1933 Wilfred married Winifred H Holliday and died in Mittagong on 9th July 1957.