Arthur was born in Lismore on 19th June 1891, the son of James Clark and Emma Clark, nee Edwards. On 24th Feb 1913 he was appointed a Probationary Constable (#9614).

On 11th August 1914 he joined A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was single and giving his mother at Pacific St, Bronte as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 15th Feb 1917 he enlisted as a Sergeant in the AIF as part of the 25th Reinforcements, 1st Battalion, regimental number 7470. He sailed for England aboard the MARATHON, leaving Sydney on 10th May, arriving in Devonport on 20th July 1917. On 20th July he transferred to the 1st Training Battalion and on 15th September he was appointed Sergeant on Command, Candahar Barracks School of Instruction.

On 11th November 1917 he transferred as Sergeant on Command, Jellalabad Barracks, Tidworth, where he remined until he was diagnosed with Myalgia and returned to Australia on the BORDA on 5th April 1918, arriving back in Sydney on 1st June.

Arthur was discharged from the AIF as medically unfit on 2nd July 1918.

In 1919 he married Ruby Alice Scotting and dies at St Leonards in 1973.