

Benjamin was born on 9th August 1884, the son of Lawrence Lewis Parker and his wife Hannah. Nee Myers.

In 1910 he married Sarah Victoria Levi.

On his enlistment he stated that he was a Tailor and he was assigned to a Company. He transferred to the Medical Corps in Rabaul on 2nd November 1914 before returning to Australia where he was discharged on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

After returning to Rabaul he enlisted 4 times in the AIF. The first occasion was on 8th March but he was subsequently discharged "At his own request" on the 205h March.

The second occasion was on 23rd May 1916, where he enlisted as part of the 4th Reinforcements, 56th Battalion, regimental number 2179. He left Sydney on 4th September 1916 aboard the PORT SYDNEY, arriving in Plymouth on 29th October 1916. He arrived in France on 1st Jan 1917 and joined his unit.

Benjamin left the UK on 19th March 1918 aboard the DURHAM CASTLE. The ship went via Cape Town where he failed to board it for his journey to Australia and he was charged with being AWOL. He eventually boarded the BORDA on 24th May 1918 to complete his voyage to Australia for discharge.

On 4th November 1918 he enlisted for the third time, regimental number 377 and was discharged on 4th July 1918 again "At his own request"

His final enlistment was on 18th September 1919, when he enlisted in the Special Services, number 86334, a unit raised to act as guard for POWs returning home.

Not satisfied with his WW1 service, on 12th December 1941 Benjamin enlisted in the 11th Anti-Tank Regiment, service number N283408, lying about his age, giving his date of birth as 9th August 1898 instead of 1884. He was appointed a Staff Sergeant and was discharged, medically unfit, on 6th October 1944 aged 60.

Benjamin died on 3rd October 1958 and is remembered at Rookwood Cemetery.