

Peter was born in Bairnsdale, Victoria in 1889, the son of Allan Symonds and Martha (nee Tomlin) Anderson.

He enlisted into G Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a tram conductor and single. He gave his mother, Mrs O Love, of 67 Charles St, Richmond, Vic as his next of kin, his father having died in 1909 and his mother having remarried.

Peter returned from Rabaul and was discharged, time expired, on 4th March 1915 having served 206 days.

On 11th May 1915, Peter joined the AIF, Regimental Number 6607, and was assigned to HQ, 2nd Division and worked at the Field Hospital, Liverpool. He was transferred to the 8th Field Ambulance and left Australia aboard the ASCANIUS on 10th November 1915 for Suez. With the withdrawal of Australian troops from Gallipoli, Peter moved with his unit to France in June 1916.

On 30th October 1917 he was transferred back to HQ, 2nd Division before moving to the 13th Field Ambulance on 7th November 1918, a few days before the cessation of hostilities.

On 27th April 1919 he boarded the RUNIC for return to Australia as part of the Nursing staff, arriving back home on 11th June.

Peter was discharged on 4th August 1919.

On 24th July 1920 he married Nelly May Dayton and died in 1966. He is buried at Burwood.