

Arthur was born in Ormskirk, Lancashire, England on 17th July 1896. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in B Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was single, a “motor engineer” by trade and gave a Edith Lewis of 11 Halsby Rd, Aintree, Liverpool, UK as his next of kin.

Arthur returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 13th September 1916 he enlisted in Melbourne in the Army Service Corps, 1st Divisional Supply Column as a driver, regimental number 12996. On his enlistment he gave a friend, a Miss Lillian Blanche Jacob of 97 Leicester St, Fitzroy as his next of kin. (Arthur went on to marry Lillian in 1921).

Arthur left Melbourne on 25th October 1916 aboard the ULYSSES, landing in Plymouth on 28th December. On 27th Feb 1917 he was charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline and sentence to 28 days detention. He was further charge by court martial on 7th July 1917 with the theft of a bicycle and sentenced to 6 months detention and again on 5th Jan 1918 he received 28 days field punishment.

He finally arrived in France on 2nd Feb 1918 and was evacuated back to England on 1st June suffering from Pyrexia. He returned to Melbourne aboard the GAIKA, leaving England on 8th November 1918, arriving on 29th December and then was discharged as medically unfit on 23rd February 1919.

Arthur enlisted again on 7th October 1939, service number V83845 and served with the 3rd Motor Training Regiment as a motor driver, being discharged as medically unfit on 7th July 1942.

Arthur died in 1962.