

William was born at Newcastle on 1st June 1888, the son of William Bullock Gordon and his wife Rebecca, nee Robinson. On 23rd March 1905 he joined the NSW Teaching Service as a clerk and was transferred to the Office of the Director General of Public Health on 19th December 1908.

On his enlistment into E Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 he stated that he was a clerk and single. For some reason he gave his birthplace as Petersham and his next of kin as Elizabeth Russell Gordon, 4 Marshall St, Stanmore. He was promoted sergeant on 18th August and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 28th Jan 1915 having completed 171 days service.

On 9th August 1915 he joined C Company, 36th Battalion, regimental number 1376, this time identifying his mother, Rebecca, as his next of kin and stating his birthplace as Newcastle. On 16th September he was appointed CSM. He left Sydney on 13th May 1916 aboard the BELTANA, arriving in Devonport on 9th July 1916. On 12th August 1916 he received his Commission as a 2nd Lt and proceed to France on 22nd November. He was Mentioned In Despatches (MID) twice and promoted Lieutenant on 21st March 1917.

On 6th Jan 1918 he was promoted Captain and was awarded the Military Cross – “For conspicuous ability and consistently devoted service during the period September 22nd, 1917 to February 24th, 1918.”

On 30th April 1918 he transferred to the 33rd Battalion and was wounded with a gunshot wound to the left leg on 6th June 1918 and admitted to the 2nd RC Hospital at Rouen before being transferred on 15th June to the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth.

William returned to Australia on the TRASOS MONTE, leaving the UK on 8th April 1919. His appointment was terminated on 27th September 1919. He resumed his service with the Department of Health and on 21st July 1937 was a Manager at the Prince Henry Hospital.

On 22nd August 1920 he married Kitty Josephine Lenton and on 9th November 1942 he was appointed Captain in the Regimental Supernumerary List, Australian Army Medical Corps, service number NX144767. He was discharged on 7th Jan 1944.

William died at Manly on 9th Jan 1970.