

Whilst Keith stated on his AN&MEF enlistment form he was born in Calcutta, he was in fact born in Sydney on 6th May 1893, the son of Frank Henry and Hermonnie (Minnie) Bayley.

He enlisted in D Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was an engineer, single and gave his mother at 219 Lane Cove Rd, Nth Sydney, as his next of kin. He was appointed Lance Corporal on 5th October and promoted to Corporal on 30th October.

He returned from Rabaul aboard the SS NAVUA, disembarking on 18th Feb 1915. He was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having served 206 days.

On 16th September 1915 he was appointed 2Lt and posted to the 3rd Battalion and was part of the 13th Reinforcements. On 20th May 1915, he left Australia aboard the AENAES. He was wounded in France on 3rd April 1916 receiving a gunshot wound to his hand and injuring his shoulder. He was repatriated to the UK eventually rejoining his unit on 16th September. He was again repatriated and hospitalised from 4th Nov 1916 till 4th Feb 1917 with trench feet.

On 12th April 1917 he was promoted Lieutenant and returned to Australia aboard the DURHAM CASTLE in March 1918 and his appointment was terminated on 9th August 1918.

On 6th December 1941 he again enlisted, Service Number N82285 and was appointed as Lt Col in the 1st Cav Div, Australian Army Service Corps and served until discharged on 19th August 1944.

Keith died on 26th Feb 1947 and is buried at Wentworth Falls Cemetery.