

George was born at Clifton Hill, Victoria on 26th October 1887, the son of William Griffiths and his wife Rosa Augusta, nee Petherick. He enlisted in E Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a fitter and single, giving his mother at "Rosebank", Clarendon St, Est Melbourne as his next of kin. He left Rabaul aboard the MATUNGA on 10th November 1914 suffering from Malaria and was discharged, medically unfit, on 23rd December 1914 having completed 135 days service.

On 18th Jan 1915, in Melbourne, he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 5th Reinforcements, 5th battalion, regimental number 2064. He left Melbourne on the HORORATA on 17th April 1915 for the Middle East. He did not make it to Gallipoli, becoming ill –presumably, a recurrence of his malaria, and left Egypt on the PORT LONCOLN on 4th August 1915, arriving back in Melbourne on 2nd September.

He was discharged from hospital on 8th October 1915 and was reassigned as part of the 12th Reinforcements, 6th battalion, given a new regimental number of 3978 and left Melbourne on 23rd November 1915 aboard the CERAMIC. He was taken on strength by the 6th at Serapeum on 23rd November 1915 and transferred to the 1st Pioneer Battalion on 2nd March 1916.

At some stage, his regimental number was changed from 3978 to 4014, and this could well have been on his transfer to the pioneers.

On 6th March 1916 he went to Marseilles and was admitted to hospital on 24th July with debility (Shell Shock). He was hospitalised in the UK returning to France on 5th December, where he was hospitalised again with "deformed toes", rejoining his unit on 5th March 1917.

On 10th August he returned to the UK where he remained until boarding the PORT SYDNEY on 22nd September 1919 and returning to Melbourne where he disembarked on 12th November. He was discharged from the AIF, end of period of engagement, on 11th Jan 1920.

George died on 23rd July 1962 and is buried at the Mildura Cemetery.