

Archibald enlisted into E Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 and stated that he was born in Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland, was 29 years old, a labourer and single. He gave his mother, Mrs Jean Anderson, 15 Grosvenor St, Edinburgh, as his next of kin. He also stated that he had previous military service with the Edinburgh Royal Volunteer Artillery Garrison.

Archibald returned from Rabaul and was discharged, termination of engagement, on 18th Jan 1915, having served 161 days.

On 8th March 1915 he enlisted in the 18th Battalion, A Company, regimental number 73. He left Australia aboard the CERAMIC on 25th June 1915, finally arriving on the Gallipoli Peninsular on 16th August 1915. Shortly after arriving, on 27th August he received a gunshot wound to the knee and was evacuated, ending up in King George Hospital, England, rejoining his unit just prior to the unit leaving the Middle East on 18th March 1916 for France.

On 27th July 1916, Archibald was killed at Pozieres, France. He is remembered at the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux and on Panel 84 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.