

Cornelius Allen (Alan) was born in Lambton in 1885, the son of Denis Francis Driscoll and his wife Mary Jane, nee Lahy. He joined D Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a compositor and single and gave his mother at High St, East Maitland as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 13th September 1916 he joined the AIF as part of the 5th Reinforcements, 35th Battalion, regimental number 2570. He left Sydney for the UK on 25th October aboard the ASCANIUS, arriving in Devonport on 28th December. On 25th Feb 1917 he boarded the GOLDEN EAGLE for France and was taken on strength by the battalion on 15th March. On 7th June he received a gunshot wound to the right foot and was evacuated to the UK and admitted to the London General Hospital. He was discharged and rejoined his unit in France on 14th December. He was wounded a second time on 4th April 1918, this time suffering from shell contusions and was again evacuated to the UK this time being admitted to the 5th Southern General Hospital. He rejoined his unit on 19th September and then returned to Australia aboard the ZEALANDIA on 11th May 1919 and was discharged in Sydney on 8th August 1919.

After the war he continued his profession as a compositor, dying at Granville on 15th September 1945.