

Walter was born in Sydney on 2nd April 1892, the son of Walter L Dodson and his wife Amelia, nee Tucker. On 12th August 1914 he joined the Australian Medical Corps, AN&MEF stating that he was an electrical engineer and single, giving his mother at "Genella", Arthur St, Croydon as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 205 days service.

On 26th May 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 8th Field Ambulance, regimental number 6710, and left Melbourne for Suez on 10th November aboard the ASCANIUS. In June 1916 he moved with his unit to France. He remained with the unit until he returned home on the DURHAM, departing Liverpool on 22nd May 1919. He was discharged from the AIF on 22nd September 1919.

In 1920 he married Nellie N Miller and died at Balmain on 28th Jan 1946.