

Ernest was born in London in Feb 1880, the son of John Fraser Kempton and his wife Ann Harriet Kempton, nee Bourne.

In 1911 he married Lillis McGoldrick and on 11th August 1914 enlisted in the AN&MEF. He stated that he was a wharf labourer by trade.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 18th Feb 1915 having completed 192 days service.

On 29th December 1915 he enlisted in the AIF and was assigned to the 16th Reinforcements of the 13th Battalion with the service number 5117. He left Sydney on 31st March 1916 aboard the *Star of Victoria* and after a period of training in England joined his battalion in France on 7th July.

He had numerous periods in hospital suffering from Malaria and Synovitis, before being evacuated to England and then returned to Australia aboard the Berrima, arriving back in Sydney on 13th December 1917. He was discharged as medically unfit (Rheumatism) on 22nd June 1918.

Ernest again enlisted on 19th July 1918 with the Concentration Camp Guard unit and assigned the service number 3119. He was finally discharged from the Army on 10th June 1919.

Arthur died at the Concord Repatriation Hospital on 7th August 1951 and is remembered at the Eastern Suburbs Cemetery.