

Richard was born in Carlisle, Cumberland, England in 1891, the son of Richard and Jane Alice Beeby. He immigrated to Australia in 1913, arriving in Sydney in Feb, aboard the SCHARNHORST.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF, stating that he was single, a clerk and gave his mother, at 38 Aglionby St, Carlisle, as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915, having served 206 days.

On 4th May 1916 he enlisted in the 1st Light Trench Mortar Battery, regimental No. 1110 and embarked aboard the EURIPIDES on 9th September 1916, arriving at Plymouth on 26th October 1916.

He went to France on 13th March 1917, joined the 3rd Battalion and received a gunshot wound to his right leg on 3rd of May, resulting in his evacuation, not rejoining his unit until 8th August 1917. He was, at this time with the 1st Light Trench Mortar Battery, attached to the 3rd battalion and on 8th May 1918, at Morbecque, near the Belgium border, he was fatally wounded, dying next day at the 15th Casualty Clearing Station.

Richard is buried at the Ebblingham Military Cemetery, France and is remembered on Panel 35 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.