

Charles was born at Cambridge, England, in 1880 the son of Frederick Gregory and Mary Ann, nee Harwood. His father, Frederick died in 1885 when Charles was just 5 years old. He migrated to Australia, arriving at Fremantle aboard the SEYDLITZ in December 1913.

Charles joined A Company, AN&MEF, on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a labourer and single, giving a Mr Brigatti at 28 Forrest St, North Perth, as his next of kin. He was posted to HQ, as a signaller on 12th December and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 14th April 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 7th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion and left Sydney on 14th June aboard the ORSOVA, joining his battalion on Gallipoli on 4th November 1915, returning to Alexandria on 28th December following the withdrawal from Gallipoli.

On 15th Feb 1916 he was appointed lance corporal and left Alexandria for Marseilles on 22nd March. On 23rd July 1916 he was wounded with a gunshot wound to the arm and evacuated to England where he was hospitalised in Liverpool. He returned to France and his unit on 29th May 1917 and, on 10th August reverted to private at his own request.

On 8th Feb 1918 he was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, with deafness. On 7th August 1918 he married Louisa Maud Gladys Carter at Weymouth Parish Church and left the UK with his wife on 23rd July 1919 aboard the MAIN, disembarking at Perth on 27th December 1919. He was discharged from the AIF in Perth on 21st December 1919.

Charles died in Perth on 7th September 1948 and is buried at the Karrakatta Cemetery.