

George was born at Surry Hills on 19 July 1883 and christened George Evelyn Drysdale. He was the son of George James Drysdale and his wife Sarah, nee Lowe. In 1905 he married Minnie Newlyn and on 11th August 1914 enlisted in E Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a cab driver and giving his wife at 338 Bourke St, Surry Hills, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 1st September 1915 he enlisted in the 20th ASC and was discharged, "unsuited for the duties of the Corps", on 5th October 1915. He again enlisted on 23rd April 1918, this time with the 4th Australian General Hospital, again being discharged early on 28th May. Both these discharges could well have been related to his malaria, contracted in Rabaul, resulting in him gaining a service pension.

George died on 19th Jan 1952.