

Edward was born in Redfern on 11th May 1888, the son of George Edward Cooke and Alice Bridget Louise Cooke, nee Smith. Edward's father, George, died in 1893 when Edward was just 5 years old.

On 11th August 1914 Edward joined the Machine Gun Section of the AN&MEF, stating that he was in the Furniture Trade and had done a 5-year apprenticeship. He was single and gave his mother at 28 Albert Rd, Redfern as his next of kin.

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

On 8th April 1916 he married Florence Elizabeth Pantlin and later that year they had a daughter Edna Violet. At his wedding Edward was recorded as being a "Chair Maker".



Edward died on 22nd November 1950 and is buried at Waroona Cemetery.