

Robert was born at Marrickville on 10th March 1896 the son of Thomas George Elliott and his wife Mary Ellen, nee Kenny. When he enlisted in the Transport Section, HQ, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 he was only 18 whereas he stated on his attestation papers that he was 22. He also stated that he was a Sanitary Engineer and single, giving his father at "Grenfell", Notting Hill Rd, Lidcombe as his next of kin.

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

On 17th May 1915 he joined A Company, 18th Battalion and left Sydney aboard the CERAMIC on 25th June 1915. He landed with the battalion on Gallipoli on 22nd August and was wounded with a gunshot wound to the shoulder on the same day. He was evacuated to Mudros and then transferred to the 3rd London Hospital, Wandsworth on 7th September. He rejoined his unit in France on 10th July 1916 and on the 30th July at Poziers, sustained a gunshot wound to the right hand. On 2nd August 1916 he was admitted to the Leeds War Hospital and on 4th May 1917 left Devonport on the THEMISTOCLES, arriving in Sydney on 5th July. He was discharged from the AIF, medically unfit, on 4th Jan 1918.

On 3rd April 1918 he again enlisted, number N87263 and whilst initially being passed as medically fit for active service, he was subsequently discharge as medically unfit on 24th April.

On 31st July 1941 he made a Statutory Declaration, declaring that his "... discharge papers were lost in the sinking by enemy mines of the North Cape of N.Z. of S.S. WIMMERA on 25th June 1918 in which I was a passenger".



SS WIMMERA

Robert moved around Australia after the war eventually settling in Auckland, New Zealand where he died on 21st April 1956. He is buried at the Waikumette Serviceman's Cemetery in Auckland.