Peter was born in London on 26th May 1890, the son of Reginald Maddox Corey and Marguerite Frances Corey, nee Buxton. He arrived in Australia aboard the MAMORA on 19th Feb 1912 and was soon in trouble with the police. He was convicted of stealing in early 1914 and received a suspended sentence under the provisions of the First Offenders Act.

On 11th August 1914 he joined the AN&MEF stating that he was a Salesman and gave his mother at 48 Albany St, Regents Park, London as his next of kin. He also stated that he had served one year in the Hereford Yeomanry.

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

On 21st August 1915 he married Beatrice Frances Wood, who divorced him in 1925. In 1927 he married Eva Ellen O'Callaghan. In 1930 a warrant was issued for his arrest as a result of unpaid child support.

Peter moved to Queensland where he died on 9th March 1964.