

Samuel was born at Bendigo, Victoria, on 2nd November 1873, the son of James New and his wife Rebecca, nee Wormes.

Before coming to Australia, he served in the British Army with the 1st Brabants Horse as a trooper and was in South Africa during the Boer War, from 20th dec 1899 till 12th October 1901.

He enlisted in the AN&MEF and was posted to G Company. He stated that he was 35 (he was in fact almost 40) and gave his mother as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 28th July 1915 he enlisted in the 13th Light Horse as a driver, Regimental Number 1402, and embarked on 25th November 1915 aboard the CERAMIC,

He spent a considerable amount of time in hospitals and transferring between France and England. He left England aboard the SOMERSET, disembarking in Melbourne on 15th Jan 1919. He was discharged, medically unfit – “Premature Senility and effort syndrome.”

Later that year he married Mary Jane Poynton.

Samuel died at Cheltenham, Victoria, on 15th May 1962 and is buried at the Cheltenham Memorial Cemetery.