

Daintree was born in Townsville in 1889, the son of Edwin De Vere and Lilly De Vere, nee Duvall. On 5th September 1910 he married Maud Larkins in Sydney and on his 1915 attestation papers he stated that he had been separated from his wife for 3 years.

He enlisted in E Company, AN&MEF and served in Rabaul until his return, leaving Rabaul on the SS NAVUA on 19th Feb 1915 and arriving home and being discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915.

On 15th March 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 3rd Reinforcements, 18th Battalion and sailed from Sydney on 9th August 1915 on the RUNIC and was taken on strength by his battalion on Gallipoli on 11th October the same year.

Following the withdrawal from the peninsular Daintree arrived back in Alexandria, via Mudros, on 9th Jan 1916 and moved to France with the battalion on 18th March 1916. He was hospitalised with influenza from 14th May to 23rd May 1916 before being promoted to driver on 19th October.

On 26th October 1917 he was injured in the field, suffering a compound fracture of the Tibia and Fibular. He was repatriated to the Kitchener Military Hospital in Brighton and was then sent back to Australia on the BORDA, leaving on 5th April 1918 and arriving home on 1st June and being discharged as medically unfit on 26th July 1918.

In 1919 he married Phyllis M M Munro and died on 22nd July 1970 aged 81.