

Esmond was born in 1894 at Carlton, Victoria, the son of Valentine Reid and his wife, Jane, nee Gordon.

On his enlistment into the AN&MEF, he stated that he was single and a warehouse assistant. He was posted to H Company and, on 29th August 1914 he was appointed lance corporal. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 18th Jan 1915, having completed 161 days service,

On 11th September 1915 he enlisted again and was posted to the Holsworthy Concentration camp, regimental number 38910. He remained there until he enlisted in the AIF on 11th September 1916 as part of the 23rd reinforcements, 13th battalion, regimental number 7066.

On 25th November 1916 he left Sydney aboard the BELTANA, disembarking in Devonport on 29th Jan 1917. After a period of training in England he went to France where he was taken on strength by the 13th battalion on 18th March 1917.

On 30th May 1917 Esmond was appointed lance corporal and was fatally wounded on 9th July 1917 in Belgium.

Esmond is buried at the Trois Arbres Military Cemetery, Belgium and is remembered on Panel 70 at the Australian War memorial, Canberra.