Percy was born in Marrickville in 1893, the son of John and Florence (Jessie) Berry. He enlisted in F Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, stating that he was a bricklayer, single and gave his mother, at Hopetown St, Kurri Kurri, as his next of kin.

Percy returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired on 18th Jan 1915, having completed 161 days service.

On 7th August 1915, Percy joined the 11th Reinforcements of the 6th Light Horse, regimental number 1378, and left for Egypt aboard the HAWKES BAY on 23rd October 915. On 21st May 1915 he was transferred to the Anzac Provost Corps and saw service in Egypt for the remainder of the war, being appointed an ER Corporal on 14th November 1918. He left Egypt aboard the BURMA on 26th July 1919, arriving home on 1st September.

Percy married Annie Chalmers in 1920 and died at Wallsend on 4th October 1962