

Stuart was born at Willoughby, NSW, in 1894, the son of Edwin Hickey and Mary Ann Hickey. He enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a mechanic and single, giving his mother at Lane Cove Rd, Pymble as his next of kin. On 2nd October he was attached to the Garrison Fire Brigade and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 5th August 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 15th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion and left Sydney on 8th March aboard the STAR OF ENGLAND. Shortly after arriving in Egypt, Gordon transferred to the 54th battalion and move to Marseilles with the battalion aboard the CALADONIAN on 19th June. On 19th July he received a gunshot wound to the hand and rejoined his unit from Hospital on 29th August.

On 9th May 1917 he was evacuated to UK with trench fever, and was discharged from hospital on 25th June, rejoining his unit in France on 28th November. On 25th April 1918 he received a gunshot wound to his right thigh and was evacuated to the 2nd Military Hospital, Frensham Hill, UK.

On 19th Feb 1919 he boarded the ORCA, arriving in Sydney on 9th April 1919 and then being discharged on 29th May 1919.

In 1926 he married Hannah Smith.