

William was born in Melbourne in 1893, the son of Joseph Churchill and Hilda Olive Churchill, nee Lloyd.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in D Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a mechanic and gave his mother at 19 Ferris St, Annandale, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 4th April he enlisted in B Company, 17th Battalion as a driver, regimental number 521, and left Sydney with the battalion aboard the THEMISTOCLES on 12th May 1915. He landed on Gallipoli on 20th August and remained with the battalion there until its evacuation in Dec 1915.

William remained as a driver with the battalion in France which was involved in the battle at Pozieres and then later at Bullecourt in France and Menin Road and Poelcappelle in Belgium. It was also involved in the battle at Mount St Quentin and Montbrehain and was training out of the line when the Armistice was declared on 11th November 1918. Seven days after this, William was admitted to hospital at Rouen with influenza and was discharged on 31st December.

He returned to Australia aboard the NESTOR, departing the UK on 20th May 1919, and arriving home on 4th July. He was discharged from the AIF on 3rd September 1919.

William died in Victoria in 1947.