

David's place of birth is not certain. On his AN&MEF enlistment he stated that he was born in Dundee, Scotland, whereas on his AIF enlistment he stated Eltham, Kent. He enlisted in C Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a carpenter and single, giving his father, Mr J Greig, 34 Gouroch, Rd, Eltham, Kent, as his next of kin.

Whilst in Rabaul he was attached to the Garrison Fire Brigade returned to Sydney and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 16th March 1915 he joined the 15th Company, Army Service Corps, regimental number 6118, and left Sydney aboard the MEDIC on 2nd June 1915. In Egypt he was taken on strength by the 5th Australian Divisional Train on 13th March 1916 and moved to Marseilles in June.

On 26th August 1916 he faced a Court Martial for striking a superior officer and sentenced to 12 months hard labour. The sentence was later reduced to three months by the General Commanding the 2nd Army. David had several more run ins with authorities before leaving the UK on 13th April 1919 on the WYREEMA and arriving home on 3rd June.

He was discharged from the AIF on 31st Jan 1920.