

Edward enlisted in D Company, AN&MEF, on 11th August 1914 stating that he was 25 years of age, born in Brisbane, a Loco Driver and single, giving his sister, Doris, at 57 Rawson Chambers, Rawson Place, Sydney as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 5th April 1915 Edward joined the AIF as part of the 1st Reinforcements, 17th Battalion. On 1st May he was promoted corporal and sailed from Sydney on 12th May on the THEMISTOCLES. Not long after arriving in Egypt, on 22nd June he attended a Medical Examination at Heliopolis where he was deemed unfit for service due to chronic rheumatism. He departed Egypt on 25th August aboard the HORORATA and was discharged as medically unfit in Sydney on 13th November 1915.

In 1915 he married Rose A Smith and in 1916 had a daughter, Gwendoline Alicia.