

Cyril was born in Cape Town, South Africa on 27th August 1886, the son of Alan de Leyburn Burne and Alice Edith, nee Bidewell-Edwards. On his enlistment into the Machine Gun Section of the AMN&MEF he stated that he was employed as an Overseer with the Evening News in Sydney. He also stated that he was single whereas he had married Carrie Whittell at St Leonards earlier in that year. He also stated that he had spent from 3rd Jan 1901 till 5th June 1908 with the Cape Town Rifles.

Cyril returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 19th June 1916 Cyril enlisted in the AIF and was made an Acting Sergeant in the Dubbo Depot Battalion, regimental number N32367. He was discharged from the AIF on 20th November as medically unfit due to defective vision in both eyes.

He enlisted again on 22nd March 1942 during World War 2, service number N172404, but nothing is known of his service.

On his death on 10th July 1946, he was a Newspaper Inspector. He is buried at the Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens.