

George was born in Goulburn, NSW, in 1891, the son of James and Sarah (nee Flood) Richards. Georges father, James, died in 1903 when George was just 12 years old.

George enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 and on 8th November he was appointed Lance Sergeant. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915.

On 30th March 1915 enlisted into the 5th Brigade Headquarters, AIF, service number 1. Shortly after on 7th April 1915 he was promoted Sergeant and left for the Middle East aboard the THEMISTOCLES, leaving Sydney on 12th May 1915.

On 16th August the HQ boarded the ALUNIA in Alexandria, arriving first in Lemnos on the 18th and then at ANZAC Cove on 20th. On 22nd September, whilst the Brigade was based at Monash Gully, Gallipoli, George was appointed 2nd Lieutenant. On 8th October George was transferred to the 5th Light Trench Mortar Battery within the 17th Battalion.

On 9th Jan 1916 the Battalion was evacuated from Gallipoli to Alexandria and George was promoted to Lieutenant on 15th March 1916. The Battalion left Alexandria for Marseilles on 17th March 1916.

On 27th June the Battalion was at Bois Grenies and, whilst an Acting Captain, George received a Gunshot wound to the right and was evacuated to hospital in the UK, rejoining his Battalion on 14th November. George was awarded the Military Cross. In his recommendation, the CO, 5th Brigade, noted; "he has been O.C. 5th Aust. L.T.M. battery since July 1916 and his work throughout has been excellent. At all times has he been most dependable and could always be relied upon to do whatever task was set him, even under the most trying and dangerous conditions."

On 13th Feb 1917 he was promoted Captain and on 29th June 1917 whilst the Battalion was at Wippenhoek, he sustained a wound to his thigh, from which he later died on 23rd September.

George is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, near Poperinge, Flanders and is remembered on Panel 20 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.