

William was born in Milton, NSW, the son of Samuel Davey and Annie Davey, nee Addicoat. In 1914 he married Lillian A Gresley and then enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a Carter and gave his wife at Kavalla, Bedford St, Willoughby as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul aboard the NAVUA and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 21st July 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 9th Reinforcements, 13th Battalion, regimental number 2817. He was now separated from Lillian and stated he was an Electrician. Prior leaving Australia he applied to be discharged so that he could join the Garrison Military Police. This was refused and around the same time a Warrant was issued for his arrest on a charge of failing to provide support for his wife.

He left Sydney aboard the ARGYLLSHIRE on 30th September 1915 and on 8th Jan 1916 in Egypt he was taken on strength by the battalion. On 18th Jan he was admitted to hospital in Moascar and then transferred on 2nd Feb to the N0 2. General Hospital at Heliopolis, suffering from epilepsy.

Leaving Suez on 11th April 1916 aboard the RUNIC he returned home and was discharged, medically unfit on 16th August 1916.

William and Lillian were divorced in 1923 and on 21st May 1924 he married Pearl Eliza Horman, at which time his occupation was listed as Tram Conductor. Pearl died in 1933 and William remarried Lillian in 1934.

William died at North Sydney on 22nd June 1954.