

Patrick enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was 29 years old, born in Cork, Ireland, a storeman and single, giving his daughter, Nora Mary Hayes, at "Meyee", Garners Ave, Marrickville as his next of kin. He also stated that he had been in the Royal Marines. On 18th August he was promoted corporal and then appointed lance sergeant on 1st Feb 1915. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March having completed 206 days service.

On 21st April 1915 he joined the 19th Battalion, AIF, regimental number 1024. He sailed for the Middle East with his battalion on 25th June 1915 aboard the CERAMIC, landing in Alexandria on 23rd July. They arrived on the Gallipoli Peninsular on 19th August and Patrick was granted a Commission as a Second Lieutenant on 18th October. He was evacuated to Egypt on 4th December with colitis and jaundice.

He transferred to the 14th battalion on 15th March 1916 and was promoted Lieutenant on 10th April. The battalion moved from Alexandria to Marseilles, France on 1st July and he was wounded with a gunshot wound to the right shoulder on 10th September. He was transferred to the UK on the ST DAVID and returned to Australia on the KAROOOLA, departing Southampton on 16th Oct. He arrived in Melbourne on 2^{oth} December before proceeding by train to Sydney.

After recuperation he resumed duties on 19th Jan 1917 and was appointed ships adjutant on the WILTSHIRE, leaving Sydney on 7th Feb and arriving in Devonport on 11th April. On 4th May he rejoined his battalion in France and on 11th May was promoted Captain. He accidentally injured his forearm and was hospitalised from 26th July 1917 until 30th August.

On 7th April 1918 he was Mentioned in Despatches (MID) and at the war's end, on 15th July 1919 he travelled to Denmark on the PRIMOLA for a course on Agriculture and Dairy, returning to the UK on 1st September. On 29th December he married Ethel Minnie Garland at the Parish Church, Brandon Hill with them both returning to Australia on the OSTERLY, leaving on 24th Jan 1920 and arriving in Melbourne on 5th March.

On 31st March 1920 his appointment to the AIF was terminated.

In 1930 he is shown as working in the Naval Stores Branch, Garden Island.