

Charles was born in Edithburgh, SA on 31st March 1891, the son of William Henry Dare and Mary Anne Dare, nee Cawte. On 12th September 1906, at 15 years of age, he joined the Royal Navy as a Boy, 1st Class, lying about his age so that he could get in. (He stated his birthday was 31st March 1890). He initially served on the PSYCHE and then on the CHALLENGER. There was an issue with him not having any parental consent to enlist, but by the time it was noticed he had turned 18 (according to his stated date of birth), and such consent was not required for 18 year olds.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in E Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was a Tram Guard and single and gave his mother at Edithburgh as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 28th Jan 1915 having completed 191 days service.

Charles died in Adelaide on 4th June 1975.