

Sidney was born Sidney Horace Dutton on 17th Jan 1893 at Croydon, England, the son of John Pocock Dutton and his wife, Annie, nee Venables. On his enlistment into A Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 he stated that he was a boiler attendant and single. He also stated that he served in the St George's English Rifles from 1901 to 1902. What he did not disclose was that he was a deserter from the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery in 1913, which may explain why he enlisted under the name Sidney Dutton instead of his full name.

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

On 22nd March 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 10th Reinforcements, 3rd Battalion, regimental number 3083. In May he attended Officers School at the Showgrounds and on 1st July was appointed temp Staff Sergeant. He sailed for Suez aboard the WARILA, departing Sydney on 8th October 1915. He was taken on strength by his battalion at Tel-El-Kabir on 5th Feb 1916 and reverted to private.

On 12th March 1916 he transferred to the 1st Machine Gun Company and then was appointed, in the field, 2nd Lieutenant on 5th March 1916 and transferred to the 4th Battalion. On 29th November he was transferred to the 1st Auxiliary Machine Gun Company and promoted Lieutenant on 29th December 1916.

On 2nd October he was recommended for a Military Cross as follows: -

"During the operations South-east of YPRES between 19th and 24th September, Lieut. DUTTON displayed conspicuous courage and devotion to duty. Under fire he has proved himself a capable and fearless leader and his personal example has inspired all ranks under his command in no small degree. This battery has done excellent work while in the Line which is largely due to this Officer's gallantry, enthusiasm and determination."

There is no record of a MC being awarded.

On 6th May whilst with his unit on the Hindenburg Line he accidentally stepped on a bayonet injuring his left ankle. He had numerous sickness episodes over the next few years finally embarking on the YPRINGA on 15th May 1919 and arriving in Melbourne on 5th July. He travelled overland to Sydney where his appointment to the AIF was terminated on 22nd July 1919.

Sidney committed suicide in Brisbane on 29th November 1923.