

William was born in Marrickville, New South Wales on 13th Jan 1889, the son of William John and Mary Edith Kilpatrick, nee Campbell. On his enlistment into A Company of the AN&MEF he stated that he was a fireman and that his next of kin was his mother at Amy St Campsie. He also stated that he was single, although he had married Annie Elizabeth Bernauer earlier that year.

William returned from Rabaul on 4th March 1915 and was discharged, term expired, having served 206 days.

William enlisted in the AIF on 6th March 1915 as part of the reinforcements for the 6th Light Horse Regiment and left Sydney with the regiment aboard the SUFFOLK on 25th July 1915. He found himself on Gallipoli Peninsular on 2nd October 1915 where he remained until the Battalions withdrawal aboard the ANCHISES and the BELTANA of the night of the 19th December 1915.

He was promoted to Corporal on 20th Feb 1916, to Sergeant on 14th April 1916 and became Squadron Sergeant Major in 1918. In March 1918, William was awarded the Military Medal.

“During operations at Amman on the afternoon of March 27th No 1167 SSM Kilpatrick, W.S. was commanding a troop supporting ‘C’ Sqdn in the attack on some enemy trenches. The enemy by counter attacking the 7th L.H. Regt was able to occupy some and bring some enfilade fire onto ‘C’ Squadron. SSM Kilpatrick without hesitation led his men forward under a murderous M.G. fire and assisted in the withdrawal of ‘C’ Squadron and displayed great gallantry in carrying wounded out of action. For his gallantry and example I consider his N.C.O. well worthy of reward.”

William arrived home on 21st April 1919 aboard the PORT SYDNEY.

On 17th December 1942, William enlisted into the 1st Aust Water Transport Group, Royal Australian Engineers as an Acting WO1 and served in New Guinea from 6th Jan 1943 till his return to Townsville on 15th May 1943.

William was discharged from the Army on 20th August 1943 as medically unfit (over age).

William died in 1966.