

Albert was born in 1889 in Southover, Sussex, the son of George Earl and his wife Fanny, nee Edwards. He joined the Royal Regiment of Artillery Horse in 1904 at aged 14, regimental number 6517. He served for 6 and a half years before leaving Liverpool aboard the WAIMANA on 23rd December 1911 for Australia.

He enlisted in B Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a labourer and single and gave his older brother John, at Herring St, Eastwood as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 31st December 1915 he enlisted in the AIF, in B Coy, 3rd Battalion and was appointed acting corporal on 10th Jan and then acting CSM on 22nd March. He was discharged as medically unfit on 29th March suffering from varicose veins.

On 3rd December 1916 he again enlisted, this time as part of the 6th Reinforcements, 34th Battalion and left Sydney on the BELTANA on 25th November, arriving in Devonport on 29th Jan 1917. He was taken on strength by the battalion on 6th July 1917 and was in and out of hospital on a number of occasions mainly associated with his varicose veins.

On 18th November 1918 he was promoted corporal and on 23rd May 1919 he married Kate Frances Walpole at St Ann's Church, Lewes. He then engaged in some non-military employment, gaining experience in farming with Mr W.K. Morse, Rise Farm, Lewes from 4th June till 4th September 1919.

Albert was discharged from the AIF in London on 9th October 1919 and returned to Australia with his wife and two children on the DEMESTHENES, departing London on 28th Feb 1923.

Albert died on 27th August 1955.