

Charles enlisted in F Company, ANMEF, on 11th August 1914 and stated that he was 30 years old, was born in Templemore, Tipperary, Ireland and a clerk. He also stated that he was single and gave his sister, Miss G Bentley, Mountland, South Rd, Taunton, UK, as his next of kin. He further stated that he served in Egypt and South Africa, in the British Army, possibly the 3rd Battalion, Yorkshire Hussars.

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

On 15th Feb 1915 he joined the 19th Battalion under the name Charles Thomas Bentley and on this occasion listed his brother, W Bentley of Cairo, Egypt, as his next of kin. It would appear that he joined the AIF prior to his discharge from the AN&MEF. He sailed with his battalion on 25th June 1915 aboard the CERAMIC and was on the Gallipoli Peninsular until the battalion withdrew in December 1915.

On 3rd April 1916 he was granted a Commission as 2/Lt transferred to the 56th Battalion. On 9th September 1916 he was promoted Lieutenant in France and was evacuated sick, on 11th December 1916, not rejoining his unit until 3rd March 1917. On 5th May 1917 he joined the 14th Training Battalion. He resigned his Commission on 11th October 1918, in consequence of being medically unfit (Albuminuria) and requested his discharge take place in the UK stating that – “My wife is residing in England and is dependent on me and has no desire to go to Australia. I have no dependents or engagements in Australia necessitating my return there.”

Some time after the war he moved to ANZAC Farm, Rose de Lac, Manitoba, Canada.