

Louis was born 6th May 1885 in Walton, Liverpool, the son of Michael John Butler and Mary Ann Butler, nee Cookson.

On 11th August 1914 he joined F Company, AN&MEF stating that he was an Electrical Engineer, single and gave his mother at 22 Dane St, Walton as his next of kin. Louis returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 20th June 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 1st Reinforcements to the 2nd Battalion. On 16th Feb 1916 he was promoted sergeant and was transferred to the 36th battalion on 15th March. He departed Sydney on the BELTANA on 15th March, arriving in Liverpool on 9th July. On 12th August 1916 he was appointed 2LT and was hospitalised with malaria on 6th Jan 1917. He was returned to Australia, leaving on 17th March aboard the BELTANA, to recover.

On 19th December 1917 he again left Australia on the ULYESSES, arriving in Southampton on 13th Feb 1918. He spent much of the next 4 months with recurring bouts of malaria which affected his ability to be effective. Finally, on 7th July 1918 his CO recommended that he be discharged as he was not fit to hold his commission. He returned to Australia aboard the CARPENTARIA, arriving home on 19th Oct 1918 where his services were terminated with effect from 4th October 1918.

On 20th June 1930 he married Ethel Julia Matthew in St Andrews Sydney and died in Melbourne in 1937.