

Emerson was born in North Sydney on 24th December 1883, the son of George and Lucy Catherine Bullock. On his enlistment into E Company, AN&MEF, he stated he was a bank clerk (he worked for the Bank of Australasia), was single and gave his brother, Dr Howard Bullock, Macquarie St, Sydney, as his next of kin. He had another brother, Charles Cyrus who has served as a Major in the 3rd NSW Mounted Rifles in South Africa during the Boer War. Charles went on to serve in the British Army in WW1 as a Temp Major in the 11th West York Regiment.

Emerson returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th January 1915, having completed 161 days service.

He enlisted as part of the 8th Reinforcements of the 56th battalion in early 1916 having applied for a commission which was granted on 20th September 1916 when he was appointed as a 2nd Lieutenant. He left Sydney aboard the SUEVIC on 11th November 1916, arriving in Devonport, England on 30th Jan 1917. He was promoted Lieutenant on 28th May 1917 and wounded at Peronne. His wounding, along with others, is noted in the War Diaries for the 56th Battalion.

Emerson returned to duty on 4th November 1918, just a week before the cessation of hostilities. He returned to Australia aboard the YPIRANGA in late 1919 and had his commission terminated and appointed to the Reserve of Officers on 23rd February 1920.

Emerson served as a Captain in World War 2 from 8th March 1943 till 28th October 1943 with the 21st Garrison Battalion, service number NX149386