

Gilbert was born in Suva, Fiji, in 1889, the son of Joseph Forth and his wife Emily Fleurette, nee Spence. On 11th August 1914 he joined F Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a clerk and single and gave his mother at 62 Ebley St, Waverley as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 27th March he joined the 20th Battalion, regimental number 1204 and sailed with the battalion on 25th May on the BERRIMA. After training in Egypt, he landed on Gallipoli on 22nd August and returned to Alexandria, via Mudros on 9th Jan 1916 following the withdrawal from Gallipoli. He was hospitalised on 6th April with a hernia rejoining his unit on 31st May.

On 24th Jan 1917 he transferred to the 2nd Divisional Salvage Corps where he remained until leaving Devonport on 21st March 1919 aboard the KILDONIAN CASTLE, arriving in Sydney on 9th May. He was discharged from the AIF on 9th June 1919.

Gilbert died at Manly on 29th July 1942.