

William enlisted into H Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914. He stated that he was 24 years old, born in Cape Town, South Africa, was a seaman and single, giving his sister, Miss Esta Barrington, 24 Victoria Road, Cape Town as his next of kin.

On 5th November 1914, William was sentence by a General Court Martial to 6 months with hard labour and to be discharged "with ignominy". He returned to Australia as a military prisoner aboard the MATUNGA, having served 79 days in the AN&MEF.

On 20th April 1915, he enlisted in the 2nd Battalion, 6th Reinforcements, under the name George Barrington. At this time, he stated he was 32 years of age and gave his brother in law, a Mr J Beal, of 127 Alexandria St, North Fitzroy, as his next of kin.

He departed Australia on 9th August 1915 aboard the RUNIC and moved to the Gallipoli Peninsular on 3rd October 1915. Shortly after he arrived in France in 1916, he was hospitalised with Shell Shock and eventually returned to Australia aboard the BELTANA, arriving on 15th May 1917 and subsequently discharged, medically unfit, on 10th August 1917.

William died in South Australia on 22nd October 1949.