

Charles was born on 30th April 1895 at Dubbo, the son of Harry George Grace and his wife Lily, nee Wallings. He was served with a Cadet Battalion and qualified for first appointment as a 2nd Lieutenant in March 1913. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in C Company AN&MEF stating that he was clerk and single. He was promoted corporal on 18th August, the day before sailing for Rabaul and returned to Sydney and was discharged on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 16th March 1916 he was appointed a Lieutenant with B Company, 35th Battalion and left Sydney on 1st May 1916 aboard the BENALLA, arriving in Plymouth on 9th June. He left the UK for France on 21st November and was evacuated, sick, from France on 12th March 1917. On discharge he was taken on strength by the 61st Battalion and attended the Bombing School, Clapham from 18th to 30th June.



With Capt Frederick Roberts, tent pegging, Salisbury Pains, 1917.

He returned to the 35th Battalion on 15th September 1917 and was wounded with a gunshot wound to the right leg on 6th May 1918. He was evacuated on the WEST AUSTRALIA to the UK and admitted to the 3rd London General Hospital. He was promoted Captain on 14th May and resumed duty with his battalion on 1st July 1918.

Between 11th June and 11th Sept 1919 he attended a course in Accounting and Secretarial Work at Clarke's College, Chancery Lane and left the UK aboard the NESTOR on 1st November 1919. Charles had his appointment to the AIF terminated on 6th June 1920.

On 25th November 1926 he married Pauline Elizabeth Holliman, the marriage ending in divorce on 11th November 1937.



Newspaper Photograph of Charles

On 15th September 1942, Charles was appointed as a Major, service number NX115782, to the 16th Garrison Battalion, from which he was discharged on 30th May 1945.