

Charles was born on 13th sept 1891 at Dulwich Hill, the son of James Gallagher and his wife Julia, nee Cronin. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in E Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a labourer, single and giving his father at Kentall St, Dulwich Hill as his next of kin. He also stated that he had spent three years in the Australian Navy. Records indicate that he joined the Navy on 7th Feb 1913, number 2638, and deserted on 5th July 1913. He was sentenced to 42 days detention and was discharged after serving his time on 25th August 1913. His period of service in the AM&MEF was the only period he completed without desertion.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915.

On 10th Feb 1915 he enlisted in B Company, 2nd Battalion but was listed as a deserter on 20th March.

He again enlisted this time as part of the 14th Reinforcements, 4th Battalion, regimental number 4500. He sailed from Sydney aboard the WANDILA on 3rd Feb 1916, arriving in Alexandria on 7th March. He moved to France where he was taken on strength by the 1st Pioneer Battalion on 11th June 1916. Over the next twelve months he spent many visits to hospital with Otitis Media.

On 19th October 1917, a Board of Enquiry was held which found that Charles had absented himself without leave on 2nd September and was still absent. On 23rd June 1919 he was apprehended at Exeter and on 9th July he was sentenced to 2 years detention. He was returned to Australia aboard the RARANGA, departing the UK on 8th September and arriving in Sydney on 29th October 1919.

Charles died on 15th Sept 1958.