

Ernest was born at Nowra on 12th September 1895, the son of Andrew Dahl and Elle Jane Dahl, nee Harris. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the Company, AN&MEF stating that he was an engine driver and single, giving his father at White Bay Power House, Rozelle as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 181 days service.

On 4th May 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 9th Reinforcements, 53rd Battalion and left Australia aboard the ARGYLLSHIRE on 30th Sept 1915. He was taken on strength by the battalion then in Egypt on 4th Feb 1916. He was promoted temporary corporal and then on 8th May 1916 promoted sergeant. In June the battalion moved to France and Ernest was wounded on 20th July, receiving a shotgun wound to the buttocks. He was evacuated on the Hospital Ship SAINT GEORGE and hospitalised in the UK.



Ernest 2nd on Left probably taken late 1916.

On 10th October whilst recovering, he was posted to the 14th Training Battalion and promoted ER CSM on 5th May 1917. On 13th September 1917 he rejoined his unit in France and on 19th November he was appointed 2nd Lt. Whilst on leave he married Margaret Annie at the Holy Trinity Church, Weymouth on 19th Feb 1918.

On 7th April 1918 he was promoted Lt and spent several periods on sick leave over the next 8 months. He embarked on the MORVADA for return to Australia on 4th Jan 1919.

In 1931 his wife, Margaret divorced him and he married May Meiklejohn Jewekes on 8th October 1932 in South Australia.

Ernest died as the result of an accident in Darwin on 18th Jan 1940 as a result of which his wife was granted 600 pounds compensation.