George was born in May 1886, at Shirehampton, Bristol, the son of William John and Ellen Bryant. He shows up on the 1901 UK Census as a gardener, living with his parents. On 11th August 1914 he joined C Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was a labourer and single, giving his farther at High St, Shirehampton, as his next of kin.

George returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 20th March 1915 he joined the 20th Battalion, regimental number 494, and sailed with the battalion for the Middle East on 26th May 1915 abord the BERRIMA. He served with the battalion on Gallipoli returning to Alexandria following the evacuation, on 9th Jan 1916.

He served in France and at the end of the war suffered a severe bout of Influenza. After being discharged from hospital, he returned to Australia aboard the PLASSY, leaving the UK on 17th March 1919 and arriving back in Sydney on 30th April. He was discharged from the AIF on 2nd July 1919