

Charles was born at Wanganui, New Zealand, on 7th April 1886 the son of Walter George Coker and Susan Hearne Coker, nee Nathan.

On his enlistment he stated that he was a traveller and single, giving his mother at New Plymouth, NZ, as his next of kin. He was, in fact, married having married Sophia Cook McQueen in New Plymouth in 1908. He also had two children, a daughter born in 1909 and a son in 1911.

Charles returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service. He had been assigned to work in the Dry Canteen from 30th October 1914.

In 1920 Sophia filed for divorce which was granted in August in New Zealand.